

COMMUNITY NEWS + EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 10th, 7pm, Westworth United Church, 1750 Grosvenor Ave. invites you to a *Lessons and Carols service*, featuring the senior choir with special guests WSO Principal Harpist Richard Turner & Vocal Ascent Community Choir. This family-friendly service will include traditional readings, carol singing & selections by the Cherub Choir. A freewill offering will be taken, with proceeds divided between the Westworth Choral Scholar program and Westworth.

Tues., Dec. 12th, 2pm, Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Ave. will host a *cooking class* with Ira of Ira's Deli. Come learn how to make challah bread and tomato, basil & rice soup. RSVP 204-885-9715.

Tues., Dec. 12th, 8pm, *Steve Bell* & the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will be in concert with UK poet, Malcolm Guite. Tickets available at WSO box office, 204-949-3999 & wso.ca

Dec. 13th & 14th, 4-7pm & Dec. 15th, 10am-1pm, St. Matthews Maryland Community Ministry will be hosting their annual *Christmas Store*, which offers their guests an opportunity to purchase gifts for their families with dignity. Needed items include children's & teen's books, games & toys, personal hygiene items for Mom, Dad & kids, candies, coffees & warm winter clothing. Donations of gift cards, wrapping paper & gifts bags are very welcome. **TODAY is the last day to leave items in the church office.** Extra help before & during the sale is always welcome. Please contact volunteers@stmatthewsmaryland.ca

Sun., Dec. 13th, 7pm, The Church of St. Stephen and St. Bede, 99 Turner Ave. invites you to a *Christmas Carol Singalong Jam*, featuring traditional carols, snacks & socializing. Musicians welcome. Freewill offering.

Sat., Dec. 16th, 11am, Young United Church, 222 Furby St. invites you to a *Christmas Luncheon & Bake Sale*, featuring a craft table. Tickets \$10/person, \$5/>12 available from Young UC 204-783-0128 or at the door. Luncheon 11:30am.

Sun., Dec. 17th, 2:30 & 7:30pm, Harrow United Church, 955 Mulvey Ave. invites you to a *Christmas concert*, featuring traditional carols. Tickets \$10/person, available from Harrow UC 204-284-0079 or Christy 204-880-9566. Doors open 30 mins. prior to show time.

Sun., Dec. 17th, 3pm, Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, 955 Mulvey Ave. The Winnipeg Singers invite you to *A Medieval Christmas*, a concert featuring medieval music, costumes & refreshments and guests Laurel Ridd, Caitlin Brooms-Jacobs, Vincent Ellin, Victoria Sparks & The Hammers. Tickets \$30/adult, \$25/senior, \$15/30 & under & free/6 & under, available at winnipegsingers.com, 204-944-9100, from McNally Robinson or at the door.

Augustine United Church, 444 River Ave. is seeking a part time *office administrator*. Successful candidates must be able to work well with volunteers, clergy, music director, property manager and treasurer. Prior knowledge of Church Watch, ADP (pay roll), Word, Simply Accounting & Excel would be an asset. Confidentiality and openness to a wide diversity of people are essential. Specific work hours (15/wk.) & salary are negotiable, with an expected start date of late January 2018. Applications, with three references will be received at gloirad.dow5@gmail.com until December 31st, 2017.

The Life and Work of Our Church Dec. 10, 2017

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson
Rev. Noelle Bowles

Senior Choir Director: Shauna Sperry
Organist: Carla Plosz
Musician-in-Residence:
Brendan Thompson

Children's Ministry Director:
Rosalie Finch

Youth Co-ordinator: Leah Wilson

Office Administrator: Janet Ammeter
Bookkeeper: Nancy Jeffrey

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204-832-3667

Our Scripture Readers this morning are:

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Bill Trimble
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Gabriel Wendt

Our Greeters this morning are:

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Sharon Gordon
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Joanne Moore
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Our Prayers of the People readers this morning are:

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Neil McMillan
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Mary-Anna Nayak

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Kim Belfry, Helen Boyer, Dave English, Marg English, the family of Wendy Graham, Olga Hembroff, Martha Houston, Aferdita Hyseni, Neil McEwan, Karen Poborsa, Ethel Scarrow, Pat Slobodizian, Hal Thiessen*

Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who is in need of a pastoral visit or a card.

On the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week, our thoughts and prayers are with: Myanmar & Thailand and Kildonan United Church

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*Please join us at Charleswood United Church in
this Season of Joy*



Christmas Eve 9 & 11 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31st 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7th, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Morning Worship
Family Friendly
Music and Song
Communion
Candlelight Communion
Worship with Holy Baptism
Lights for Lives Service

The **Women's Social Group** will meet on Monday, December 11th, 1pm, for their annual Christmas lunch. Please bring a little something to share. For more information, please call Lily 204-889-7730.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the **Women's Advent service** so meaningful for everyone who attended. Over 150 people took part in this service to celebrate Advent, the season of anticipation. Over \$1525 was raised for 1JustCity, an inner city ministry. Well done!

The **Christmas Hamper Committee** is in full planning mode and we can see the finish line.

If you can spare a few hours this week to pack, move or deliver hampers or wrap presents, your help would be very welcome. For more information, please call Jenna Poborsa 204-999-4201.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of this ministry.



Calling all elves! December 13th 7pm, is gift wrapping for the Christmas hamper children's items. Could you donate about 2 hours of your time to help? This is a way for students to earn volunteer hours.

For more information, please contact Janice Hamilton 204-832-4792 or lhamilton@mymts.net

Do you have new or gently used Christmas gift bags? Please bring them to the church for use in the hampers.

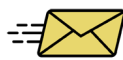
Thank you for your generous and continued support.



Lights For Lives - Volunteers will be available after each worship service until December 24th to record the names of loved ones you wish to remember at the Lights for Lives service. The Remembrance Service will take place on January 7th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Van Roon Hall.

The **Lights for Lives service** will take place on Sun., Jan. 7th, 2018 at 7pm. We are in need of volunteers to help with the refreshments following the service. If you can provide assistance, please speak to Michael Wilson.

Giving envelopes are ready for pick-up. Giving options include weekly & monthly envelopes and automatic monthly bank withdrawals. If you would like envelopes or to enrol in Pre-Authorized Remittance each month, please contact Nancy at finance@charleswoodunited.org or 204-832-3667. Thank you.



THE WEEK AT CHARLESWOOD Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Venture	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Monday to Friday (LL)
Monday	Dec. 11 th 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Social Group (BR) Faith Based (S)
Tuesday	Dec. 12 th 1:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	M & SA Mtg. (BR) Alcoholics Anonymous (LL)
Wednesday	Dec. 13 th 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Baptism Parents' Mtg. (BR) Gift Wrapping (VRH) Al-Anon (LL)
Thursday	Dec. 14 th 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Seekers (BR) Girl Guides (LL) Pathfinders (Loft) Choir (S)
Friday	Dec. 15 th 10:00 a.m.	Hamper Packing (VRH)
Saturday	Dec. 16 th 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Hamper Delivery Rental (N)
Sunday	Dec. 17 th 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship with Brass Quintet Cool School
Third Sunday of Advent		

With deep gratitude, the CUC council would like to acknowledge the donation of \$3,500 from the Care and Community Committee. We thank them for their ministry of hospitality to all who enter this place. We have all been touched by their kindness and caring.

Care & Community will be hosting a **Christmas bake sale** today following worship services. Please stop by to get a head start on your Christmas baking or grab a bite for the ride home!



The **Knitting Dedication** took place on November 26th with an astonishing number of knitted items on display. In total, 146 pairs of mitts, 405 hats, 98 sweaters, and 58 miscellaneous items were dedicated.

We invite you to an evening of **Christmas carolling** on Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7pm. This event is open to all ages. Come for a time of music & fellowship. Please meet at the church at 7pm sharp. Don't forget to layer up!



Please remember that in order to receive a 2017 tax receipt, all donations must be received at the office no later than **Thursday, December 28th, 2017**.

Lights for Lives

"Out of the darkness the light shall shine"

The Advent season is upon us again, so it is time to look at our program for the coming season.

Our memorial lights program will begin on Sunday, December 3rd and conclude Sunday, December 24th. The Memorial Service will take place on January 7th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Last year, your generous contributions were directed to grief support agencies: Compassionate Friends, Hospice & Palliative Care Manitoba and our own Care-Ring program. Thank you for your contributions and support.

This form is used to record the names of those to be remembered. Volunteers are prepared to record your designations following each worship service commencing Sunday, December 3rd. You may also leave your designation at the church office.

May your holiday season be filled with peace, love and wonderful memories.

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Please record the name of the person(s) being remembered and return this form to the volunteers. You may also leave it in the church office.

In Memory Of	Please Print Legibly	Remembered By

To make a donation and receive a receipt for tax purposes, please provide the following information. Print legibly.

Thank you for your support.

Name of Donor _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Mailing Address _____

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