

COMMUNITY NEWS + EVENTS

The Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre would like to invite you to come down and see what we have to offer at 5006 Roblin Blvd. The centre offers a variety of exercise programs, special interest group activities, and a great place to meet with new and classic friends. Stop in and have a look. We think you'll like what you see.

Sun., Jan. 21st, 7:30pm, Westworth United Church, 1750 Grosvenor Ave. will host a city-wide *ecumenical service* to celebrate the week of prayer of Christian unity. All are welcome. "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" Exodus 15:16

Thurs., Jan. 25th, 2pm, 123 Doncaster St. the Rady JCC will host *Embraceable You: Songs of Gershwin*, a concert with Aaron Hutton & pianist Paul De Gurse. Cost \$7/members, \$10/non-members.

Fri., Jan. 26th, 12pm, St. Matthews Maryland, 365 McGee St. invites you to their *Community Café Lunch*, prepared & served by their guests to community members. Tickets, \$1/person or pay what you can up or down, must be purchased in advance. For more information, please call 204-774-3957.

Fri., Jan. 26th, 7:30pm, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. will host *Reconciliation Through the Arts* featuring art by amateur and professional artists, First Nations and Settlers, drumming, dancing, readings by CBC's Rosanna Deerchild.

Fri., Feb. 2nd, 7pm, Booth University College, 447 Webb Place, invites senior high youth, ages 16-21 to a free *concert* featuring Fresh IE with a five-minute spoken word on "What's your better world?" This is a great opportunity for your youth group to have fun, learn a little bit about Booth & start a good conversation about what education for a better world means! Register at BoothUC.ca or text 204-223-6120.

Mon., Feb. 5th, 7pm, Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, 525 Wardlaw Ave. invites you to *Understanding Dementia*, a free information session resourced by the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba. As we age, we become increasingly concerned about dementia. What are the warning signs, the risk factors & protective factors? How do we get a diagnosis? Are there myths and misconceptions that need to be dispelled?

Sun., Feb. 18th, 2:30pm, Westminster United Church, 745 Westminster Ave. will host *Concert #2 of the 2017-18 Organ Series* featuring Raol Prieto Ramirez of Spain & Indiana. Tickets \$25/adult, \$20/>65 & \$10/student with card available at McNally Robinson, at the door, at westminsterchurch.org or 204-784-1330.

The Life and Work of Our Church

Jan. 21, 2018

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 Greeters this morning are:

★ 9:00 a.m. Agnes Cusack
Gale Hume
★ 11:00 a.m.

Our Scripture Readers
this morning are:

★ 9:00 a.m. Jim Melvin
★ 11:00 a.m. Ed Buller

Our Minute for Mission Readers
this morning are:

★ 9:00 a.m. Sharon Gordon
★ 11:00 a.m. Mary-Anna Nayak

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Kim Belfry, Helen Boyer, the family of Irene Baron, the family of Carol Hawkins, Olga Hembroff, Martha Houston, Aferdita Hyseni, the Lavery family, Neil McEwan, Karen Poborsa, Ethel Scarrow, Pat Slobodizian, Cheri Staple, Hal Thiessen, Christopher Warner*

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: Cyprus, Greece & Turkey and the work of North Kildonan United Church

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Mark your calendars! The **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th following a light lunch.

All committees & auxiliaries are asked to submit their report to the office by February 2nd, 2018.

Please send your report as a Word Document. Thank you.

AGM
Annual General Meeting

WE ARE MORE...TOGETHER! Our life together accomplishes many things but it is often done in small pieces by various groups. Have you ever wondered what it all adds up to? In 2017 our life together resulted in just over \$81,000 raised for compassion and healing beyond our walls. The diverse list of recipients included overseas and inner-city UCC mission work, Christmas Hampers, Community Ministries in Winnipeg, Indigenous communities, hurricane relief, poverty in Charleswood, a women's shelter, and Habitat for Humanity to name a few. Together we make a difference in the world God loves. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support.

If anyone knows of or is in possession of original paintings by local artist the late Thelma Shields, and is willing to part with them, please contact the church office. Members of Thelma's family are interested in acquiring any available works. Thank you.

Save the date! All women of the congregation are invited to **Exploring Yoga: Connecting Mind, Body & Spirit**, a morning with Michelle McNeill, Saturday, January 27th, 8:30am. Tickets \$10/person, will be available until January 22nd after worship services and in the office. For more information, please contact Lindsay Melvin 204-488-8805 or lindsaymelvin@mymts.net



The grief process can be difficult and lonely, with many setbacks. CUC will offer a **Bereavement Support Series** for those who are in need of help with this process. Linda Churchill of Crescentwood Counselling will be the facilitator. Linda is a registered Marriage and Family Therapist and a trained bereavement counsellor. Sessions will run for six Thursday evenings from February 22nd to March 29th at 7:00 p.m. The cost for all 6 sessions is \$80/person, maximum 8 participants. All participants must register with the church office by April 3rd. Payment will confirm registration.

FYI from Michael – You may find interest in this recent writing from Catholic theologian Richard Rohr which helps explain the real problem with fundamentalism.

Fundamentalism is a growing phenomenon, not only in Islam and other religions, but within Christianity as well. Fundamentalism refuses to listen to the deep levels of mythic, metaphorical, and mystical meaning. It is obsessed with literalism and exclusion. The egotistic need for clarity and certitude leads fundamentalists to use sacred writings in a mechanical, closed-ended, and quite authoritarian manner. The ego rarely asks real questions and mostly gives quick answers. This invariably leaves ego-driven, fundamentalist minds and groups utterly trapped in their own cultural moment in history. Thus they miss the Gospel's liberating message along with the deepest challenges and consolations of Scripture.

Calling all greeters! Please add your name to the greeter sign-up sheet as your schedule permits. It is so important that each person who enters to worship be greeted personally. Thank you for your attention to this ministry.

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	Jan. 22 nd	1:00 p.m. I. Baron Funeral & Reception (S, CR, VRH, N, K) 7:00 p.m. Faith Based (S)
Tuesday	Jan. 23 rd	7:00 p.m. Musical (BR, S, VRH) 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CR)
Wednesday	Jan. 24 th	7:00 p.m. Badminton (VRH) 8:00 p.m. AI-Anon (LL)
<small>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</small>		
Thursday	Jan. 25 th	9:30 a.m. Seekers (BR) 7:00 p.m. Girl Guides (LL) Pathfinders (L) Musical (BR, VRH) 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir (S)
Friday	Jan. 26 th	9:30 a.m. T.G.I.F. (BR)
Saturday	Jan. 27 th	8:30 a.m. Exploring Yoga - TGIS Event
Sunday	Jan. 28 th	9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Cool School
<small>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</small>		

Upcoming Events at CUC

- January 18-24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- January 27 T.G.I.S. Breakfast - Exploring Yoga
- January 28 Transfer Sunday
- February 2 Deadline for AGM reports
- February 14 Ash Wednesday
- February 18 First Sunday of Lent
- March 2 World Day of Prayer
- March 4 AGM
- March 17 Quiz Nite
- March 20 First Day of Spring
- March 25 Palm Sunday
- March 30 Good Friday
- April 1 Easter Sunday
- April 4-6 20th Anniversary Musical Production
- April 10 Bridge Luncheon
- April 21 Rummage Sale
- May 5 Care & Community Fundraising Concert

