

Charleswood Mennonite Church is entering into a joint venture with Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship to purchase a house which will be used to house refugees on an ongoing basis. This is not a CREST project but future CREST sponsored refugee families may be able to use this home. They are looking for potential donor/partners. If this project is of interest to you please speak with Michael Wilson for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS + EVENTS

The Bell & The Bard: Concert with Steve Bell & Malcolm Guite | Sun., Nov. 2, 7pm | West End Cultural Centre, 586 Ellice Ave. | concert with Steve Bell & Malcolm Guite | tickets stevebell.com

The Lewis Letters: Heritage Lecture Series | Mon., Nov. 3, 7pm | CH. Historical Society, 5006 Roblin Blvd. | Pam McKenzie, former head of Library & Archives, Royal Aviation Museum, will speak on Alexander Lewis, 20th Century aviator & adventurer | parking at the back | wheelchair accessible | refreshments | silver collection | charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca

Kairos Blanket Exercise | Sat., Nov. 8, 10am | Transcona United Church, 209 Yale Ave. W | experience a smudge, drum song, storytelling, sharing circle & a timeline to gain an understanding & awareness of Indigenous people & the impact of the Residential Schools, The Indian Act, the Sixties Scoop & more | admission by donation | registration: 204-222-1331 | refreshments

Christmas Bazaar | Sat., Nov. 8, 10am-12pm | North Kildonan United Church, 174 Pentland St. | crafts, baking, deli table, perogies | free admission

Concert for Peace | Sun., Nov. 9, 2pm | St. Paul's Anglican Church, 830 North-point Rd. | presented by St. Paul's Anglican & Fort Garry United | in a world filled with unrest & uncertainty, we pause to lift our voices in hope & harmony | St. Paul's Music Ministry, the Bison Men's Chorus, soloist Olivia Steadman | freewill offering in support of Doctors Without Borders.

Juxta-Composed | Sun., Nov. 9, 3pm | Lutheran Church of the Cross, 560 Arlington St. | concert of the music of Brahms, Gabrieli & Mozart with the Mennonite Community Orchestra, conductor Andrea Bell, soprano Julia Norris | tickets: \$20/adults, \$10/students, free/12 & under with an adult available from Zeffy, CMU orchestra members or at the door

A Moment's Peace | Wed., Nov. 12, 7:30pm | First Presbyterian Church, 61 Picardy Place | in the middle of a busy week, take time to pause, rest & encounter peace at this contemplative service of scripture, prayer, music & communion. All are invited, including those who have carried hurt, who have felt on the margins of church & who long for the grace of God | led by Rev. Matt Brough, with musicians Ashley Boychuk & Rachel Colman

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale | Sat., Nov. 15, 10am-3pm | St. Charles Headingly United, 110 Bridge Road, Headingly | homemade baking & crafts

The Life and Work of Our Church

Nov. 2, 2025

Minister: Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

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Reader: Lorrie Martindale

HeBrews Café:
Valerie Chatain-White
Brad Griffiths
Janice Hamilton
Larry Hamilton
Joyce Riddell

Offering Collection:
Brenda Kennedy
Russ Thompson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *the family of Darius Hartshorne, Marnie Manerch, Rich Milne, Ron Poettcker & family, Bob & Phyllis Preston, Bev Russell, Bob Van Den Berg, Harvey Waterman*

On the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week, our thoughts and prayers are with: Canada & The United States of America and The Counselling Centre, Red Sucker Lake (Red Sucker Lake, MB) & Russell-Silverton (Russell, Silverton, MB) Pastoral Charges

NEWS + EVENTS

A Place At The Table – The 2026 Stewardship Campaign: In the entrance hall, you will find an envelope with your name on it, containing your third quarter statement with information for our 2026 Stewardship Campaign. Please read it carefully and respond in the way that is best for you. We are thankful that we can turn to our community and ask for financial support. Together we make a difference in hundreds of lives as we have done for over a century. Feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. We kindly ask that you take your envelope today - help us save postage! Thank you.

Mark your calendars! **Super Saturday Sundae** is ...
Saturday, November 29th, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

All ages begin their Advent season with crafts, carols, the Advent/Christmas story & of course, ice cream sundaes.

We are currently looking for craft leaders, craft elves, kitchen elves & drivers plus anyone who wants to be a part of this fun day! No experience is required to volunteer ... just a jolly spirit!

Come and share in this highlight of the Advent season at CUC.
For more information, please contact Rosalie, rosereflex86@gmail.com or coolschool@charleswoodunited.org

Tickets: \$6 crafts + supper
\$3 crafts only
\$3 supper only

Ticket on sale from November 2nd to 23rd, both after worship and in the office during the week. Tickets will not be sold after November 24th to allow for sufficient preparation time.



The deadline to drop-off your knitting for the hampers/Christmas Cheer is Wednesday, November 26th for dedication on Sunday, November 30th. We are deeply grateful for your attention to this ministry. Please be aware that the Cheer Board no longer provides yarn to partner organizations. If you have yarn suitable for mitts & toques, please contact the office. Thank you.

Join us on Saturday, November 22nd, 10am-3pm for a **Christmas Craft Market** featuring a variety of local craft vendors. Admission is free with a lunch available for purchase, \$10.00/person. All proceeds will support the boiler fund. Please contact Sandra Sinclair 204-333-7356 or the church office for more information. *Are you a craft vendor?* Please contact the church office to book your table (\$25.00) for this sale.



Are you cleaning out your closets & cupboards? Share the warmth during the upcoming winter clothing drive. Please bring your new & gently used adult & children's WARM winter clothing to the church from November 7th - 12th. All items will be packed and delivered on November 12th. We kindly ask that all gently used items be clean and ready to wear. Thank you for your generous support.

A new printing of Michael Wilson's 2014 book "*A Guided Tour of the Bible in 25 Stops*" is available following requests from its use in this summer's online series. Copies are available in the church office Sundays and during office hours for \$20.

Calling all singers! A choir will be created to sing at the Oak Park High School Remembrance Service. Please speak to Sharon Gordon, 204-691-6359, for more information. Thank you.

The annual **Women's Advent Service** is tentatively scheduled for Mon., Dec. 1st. However, we do not currently have a convenor. If you are interested in the planning of this event, in leadership or support, please contact Michael Wilson.

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	Nov. 3	10:00 a.m.	C & C Mtg. (BR)
		11:30 a.m.	Days for Girls (K, VRH)
			CREST Mtg. (CR)
Tuesday	Nov. 4	9:30 a.m.	Seekers (BR)
		7:00 p.m.	Affirming Event (S, K, VRH)
Wednesday	Nov. 5	11:45 a.m.	Women's Luncheon
		7:00 p.m.	W & E Mtg. (BR)
		8:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (Na)
Thursday	Nov. 6	7:30 p.m.	Choir (S)
Friday	Nov. 7	1:00 p.m.	Rental - Set-Up (K, VRH)
Saturday	Nov. 8	12:00 p.m.	Rental - Bridal Shower (K, VRH)
Sunday	Nov. 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Remembrance Sunday		11:00 a.m.	Cool School (VRH)
		6:00 p.m.	HeBrews Café (K, VRH)
			ES Dancers (LL)

Affirming Ministry Task Group Education Event – Join us Tuesday, November 4 at 7pm for an evening of listening and conversation on our journey towards becoming an Affirming Ministry. Our special guest that night will be Kai Solomon, a trans man who has aided other communities in exploration. Kai will be in dialogue with Michael Wilson as he shares his personal story and we discuss why a public expression of acceptance is of such value for a church that aspires to welcome all into their midst.

November Climate Tidbit: Why Creation is Waiting for the Christians. That was the title of a talk by A Rocha's founder which some folks heard at the end of October. While former UCC moderator Carmen Landsdowne said in the 2023-24 Sustainability Report that the most effective climate justice thing we as a denomination can do is get off fossil fuels for heating and cooling our buildings, the Report also reminds us that understanding our place in Creation involves both our head and our heart.
ACTION TIP: With all your senses, take time to notice and BE AWED by nature, particularly the non-human parts of God's good world.

Christmas is a-comin' and that goose is getting' fat ... please do put a penny or a bit more in the Christmas Hamper hat! **White Gift Sunday** is December 7th, so please refer to the enclosed insert for requested items & opportunities to assist. We could not fill the hampers without the generous support of the congregation. Toys, gift bags and monetary donations are also very welcome!



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY
Sunday, December 7th, 2025
Shopping List



The following items will be included in the hampers. Please **refer to this list** when making your food donations. Items not on this list are not included in the hampers. Please ensure food items are **not past their expiry dates**. We do ask that you purchase whole wheat and low sodium options when possible.

Canned fruit, packed in juice
Canned vegetables
Canned tomatoes, diced or crushed
Canned tuna
Canned or dry soup
Canned or dried beans
Peanut butter
Fruit spread/jam
Quick oats
Boxed cereal, not the sugar-coated variety
Crackers
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Rice
Mashed or scalloped potatoes
Macaroni and Cheese
All-purpose flour (2 kg.)
White sugar (2 kg.)
Pancake mix
Syrup
Cake Mix
Cookies
Jelly Powder



*Thank you for your generous donations to help
those less fortunate in our community.
– Christmas Hamper Committee*



Christmas Cheer Board Hampers 2025

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Charleswood United Church will again be providing Christmas hampers to help brighten the homes of others who are less fortunate.
Your help is needed to fill these hampers.

White Gift Sunday will take place Sunday, December 7th, 2025.

Your gifts of money, groceries and toys are greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the church from November 10th, 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or Sunday mornings until December 7th. If you would like to provide financial assistance, please make cheques payable to Charleswood United Church and include "Hampers" on the memo line. The cost of a hamper varies from \$100 for a single person to \$250 for a household of 6. Any donation is welcome.

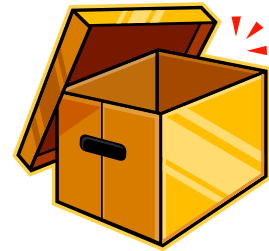
Many volunteers are needed for this endeavor. If you can help, please complete this form and return it to the office. You may also contact the office directly, 204-832-3667 or office@charleswoodunited.org
You will be contacted by a member of the Hamper Committee to confirm your participation.

I CAN: (Please check)

_____ Wrap toys on Wednesday, December 10th, 7pm

_____ Pack hampers on Friday, December 12th, 10am

_____ Deliver hampers on Saturday, December 13th



Name: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____