

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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!



Hamper time is coming and gifts will need to be wrapped. We are seeking new & gently used Christmas themed bags for our hamper gifts. Please be aware that the medium sized bags, 10" x 12", work best for our purposes. We kindly ask that all bags be in the building by Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you .

**November Climate Tidbit:** Why Creation is Waiting for the Christians, the title of a talk by A Rocha's founder which some heard in 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, 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS + EVENTS

**Senior Men's Health Fair** | Tues., Nov. 18, 11:30am-4pm | Westwood Community Church, 401 Westwood Dr. | speakers, panels, exhibitions |

**The Psalm Project Canyons Tour** | Fri., Nov. 21, 7:30pm | Burton Cummings Theatre, 364 Smith St. | Signpost Music presents The Mike Janzen Band, Steve Bell & Erin Propp in concert | [www.eventticketscenter.com](http://www.eventticketscenter.com)

**Sisters of the Holy Rock** | Sat., Nov. 22, 7pm | St. George's Anglican Church 168 Wilton St. | tickets: \$25/person | 204-453-5642

**Christmas at CMU** | experience CMU's annual Christmas tradition with one of three concerts: Fri., Nov. 28, 3pm & Sat., Nov. 29, 2:30 & 7pm | Christmas Market Saturday 1-7pm, local vendors & CommonWord's annual Christmas sale | [cmu.ca/christmas](http://cmu.ca/christmas)

**Figures & Portraits** | MHC Gallery, 610 Shaftesbury Blvd. | a new exhibition by the Wpg. Sketch Club, featuring works by professional & amateur artists. | until December 22 | admission by donation | [cmu.ca/gallery](http://cmu.ca/gallery)

## The Life and Work of Our Church

Nov. 16, 2025

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Judy Bell  
Russell Jeffrey  
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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Marnie Manerch, Rich Milne, Ron Poettcker & family, Bob & Phyllis Preston, Bev Russell, Bob Van Den Berg, Shirley & Harvey Waterman*

On the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week, our thoughts and prayers are with: Aotearoa New Zealand & Australia and United Church Halfway Homes Inc. & Shoal Lake United Church

## NEWS + EVENTS

**A Place At The Table – The 2026 Stewardship Campaign:** Please return your stewardship pledge cards by Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you did not have a chance to pick up your third quarter statement, they are available at the church office. If you prefer to have it mailed or emailed out to you, please let the office know. For anyone who would like 2026 weekly or monthly offering envelopes, please contact the church office. Thank you for your continued and generous support of the work and ministry of Charleswood United Church.

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.

### Super Saturday Sundae is ...

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:rosereflex86@gmail.com) or [coolschool@charleswoodunited.org](mailto:coolschool@charleswoodunited.org)

Tickets: \$6 crafts + supper

\$3 crafts only

\$3 supper only

Ticket on sales run until November 23<sup>rd</sup>, both after worship and in the office during the week. Tickets will not be sold after November 24<sup>th</sup> to allow for sufficient preparation time.



The deadline to drop-off your knitting for the hampers/Christmas Cheer is Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for dedication on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. All items will be packed and delivered on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We kindly ask that all gently used items be clean and ready to wear. Thank you for your generous support.



The Assiniboine Community Committee of City Council will meet on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. in the West Committee Room. An agenda item is the proposed development at 4816 Roblin Blvd. The public hearing will begin at 10:30. Your valuable input will shape and influence the final plans. You may register to speak to the hearing body or submit comments [here](#). The City Administrative Report, outlining details of the proposed development and recommendations, should be posted on the city website by City Administration by November 14<sup>th</sup>. Assiniboine Community Committee information can be found [here](#). For more information, please speak to Janet Goddard or Warren Thompson.

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

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Community Venture      | 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. | Monday to Friday (LL)                                                                          |
| Monday                 | Nov. 17              | 11:30 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                                                                        |
| Tuesday                | Nov. 18              | 930 a.m.                                                                                       |
| Wednesday              | Nov. 19              | 8:00 p.m.                                                                                      |
| Thursday               | Nov. 20              | 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.                                                                 |
| Friday                 | Nov. 21              | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.                                                                         |
| Saturday               | Nov. 22              | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.                                                                         |
| Sunday                 | Nov. 23              | 10:00 a.m.                                                                                     |
| Reign of Christ Sunday |                      | 11:00 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.                                                                        |
|                        |                      | CREST Mtg. (BR)<br>Badminton (VRH)                                                             |
|                        |                      | Seekers (BR)                                                                                   |
|                        |                      | Al-Anon (Na)                                                                                   |
|                        |                      | Rental - SCC Mtg. (BR)<br>Choir (S)                                                            |
|                        |                      | Craft Sale Set-Up (VRH)                                                                        |
|                        |                      | Craft Sale (K, VRH)                                                                            |
|                        |                      | Worship<br>Cool School (VRH)<br>Youth (Lo)<br>HeBrews Café (K, VRH)<br>Ena Sutton Dancers (LL) |



The **Women's Advent Service** will take place on Monday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm. All women and girls are invited to this reflective service to celebrate Advent, the season of hope, light and anticipation. A time of fellowship will follow. We gratefully accept gifts of baking, fruit or cheese & cracker trays. Baking can be delivered on Sunday or Monday, clearly marked 'Women's Advent Service'. We ask that all items be plated and ready to serve. Thank you for your support of this event. We look forward to enjoying this evening with you. Should you wish to help with this service, please contact Laurie Messer, 204-296-6730.

The Senior's **Christmas Luncheon** is planned for Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon, doors open 11:30. Our Guest presenter is **Matthew Leibl, Rabbi, and Spiritual Care Director** at the Simkin Center. Registration for food and event planning will take place on Sunday mornings as well as weekdays through the office. Entry will be a donation for meal & speaker costs. Deadline to register: Nov. 23.



From Charleswood Mennonite Church - You are all invited to join Charleswood Mennonite Church at 699 Haney St. for their Annual Community Carol Sing on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship over cookies and cider.



**WHITE GIFT SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Your gifts of money, groceries and toys are greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the church from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or Sunday mornings until December 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

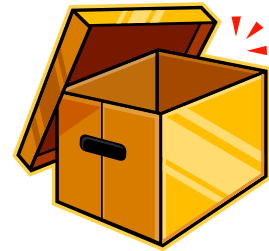
Many volunteers are needed for this endeavor. If you can help, please complete this form and return it to the office. You may also contact the office directly, 204-832-3667 or [office@charleswoodunited.org](mailto:office@charleswoodunited.org)  
You will be contacted by a member of the Hamper Committee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

I CAN: (Please check)

\_\_\_\_\_ Wrap toys on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Pack hampers on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am

\_\_\_\_\_ Deliver hampers on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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