

Calendar of Events for

Christmas 2017

December 3rd Sunday - 10:30am First Sunday in Advent – Communion Service 6:30pm kick-off to Advent!!

December 9^{th} Saturday -9:30-10:30am - packing and delivery of Thinking of You Baskets

December 10th Sunday -10:30am Second Sunday in Advent – Contemporary Service, White Gift Sunday

December 16^{th} Saturday - packing and delivery of Christmas Hampers

December 17th Sunday - 10:30am Third Sunday in Advent 1:30pm Carolling at St. Boniface Hospital 7:30pm Young Adults get together

December 19th Tuesday - 7:00pm Carolling at Windsor Park Place

December 20^{th} Wednesday - 7:00pm Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service

December 24th Sunday - 10:30am Fourth Sunday in Advent 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service; Candlelight and Communion

December 31st Sunday - 10:30am New Year's Eve Day service

OUR MISSION

Windsor Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming community.

Based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, we nurture our faith and spiritual life by: worshipping and learning together, caring for each other, embracing our diversity, reaching out to those who live around us and working together in service to Creation.

THE LIFE & WORK OF WPUC

| Dec 3 rd – Dec 10 rd , 2017 | | |
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| Today | 10:30am | Communion service |
| | 11:45am | Praise Team Practice |
| | 6:30pm | Advent Kick-off Event! |
| Monday | 6:15pm | Sparks & Brownies |
| Tuesday | 1pm | Art Group |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Tot time |
| | 1pm | UCW Unit 2 Meeting |
| Thursday | 9:30am | 'Follow' Study Group |
| | 1:30pm | Little Moccasins |
| | 7:45pm | Worship Christmas Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 9:30am | Thinking of You Basket packing & delivery |
| Next Sunday | 10:30am | 2nd Advent / White Gift Sunday |
| - | 11:45am | Praise Team Practice |

Thank you **Membership & Pastoral Care Committee** for serving coffee during the month of November!

We need coffee service for December 17th!

Welcome

Please sign-up for Welcome Ministry on the bulletin board by the office!

All are welcome to our family friendly 2017

kick-off to Advent on Dec.3rd Doors open at 6:30pm here with the bonfire singing to start around 6:45. Indoor <u>Carols</u> will also be available for those who enjoy a warm nose to go with their warm heart. Hot Chocolate and other beverages will be served throughout the evening. Cookie decoration starts around 7. We have a wonderful collection of CHRISTmas stories which will be read by a 'special' guest once we have settled down with our beverages and cookies. The event will go until around 8pm. Please bring friends and neighbours along with your family.



There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for Christmas Hamper and Thinking of You Basket <u>delivery</u> <u>drivers!</u> Please help if you can!

"A huge Thank You to everyone who helped with the Cookie Walk. Numerous people helped decorate the basement and set up tables for the cookies Thursday evening. Then there were people who helped to clean up after the sale. We made \$1,624.90! Many

Thanks, we couldn't have done it without you!" ~Deanna K.

The Mitten Tree will you are able, please purchased mittens, place on the tree December. After donations will go Knowles Centre.

be up again this year! As
donate hand-made or
scarves, and toques to
all through
the Holidays, the
to the Children at

Our **Thinking of You Baskets** will be packed and delivered on <u>Saturday Dec 9th</u> and we are in need of a few items to add to them. We welcome donations of hot chocolate packets, cup of soup packets, Christmas oranges, baking, and individually wrapped candies. Please contact Pat Todd to make arrangements! Many thanks!

With the support of many friends, your Outreach Council will be preparing <u>Christmas hampers</u> for 20 families this season. There is a full write up about this in the insert for one of today's hymns, please check it out! Save the Date: Saturday **Dec 16**th!

A REMINDERI Your donations for 2017 need to be received by Dec 31st, 2017 in order to qualify for a receipt in 2017. Donations received after Dec. 31st, 2017 will be receipted in 2018. Thank you for supporting your church!

There will be another Congregational/Board Meeting after worship service on Sunday January 7th, 2018. The **Ministry Profile Process Committee** will be making a recommendation that only members of WPUC can vote on. If you are unsure of your membership status *or wish to become a member before then* please contact the office.



The New SouthWinds is here! Many thanks to Mel Braun for all her hard work over the years publishing this 'zine for us! And a huge Thank you to John Lwiwski for taking it over! It's on our website, and there are 50 copies - more will be printed if we need them - in the lobby as well! Enoy!



Please sign up for our 2 caroling events this month! We will be headed to St. Boniface Hospital again on Sunday Dec. 17th at 1:30pm, meeting here at WPUC to car pool at 1pm! The second one is at Windsor Park Place the evening of Tuesday, Dec 19th at 7pm, meeting here at WPUC at 6:30pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Trista Closen Len Kernaghan Vivian Munro Christopher Saindon Brent Sunley Robin Ethier Richard May Flo Robinson Stefan Schneider Tim Tebbe

Bert & Betty Andrews