



Family Friendly Potluck Postlude

A very warm thank you to everyone who came out to share food, fellowship, and fun last Sunday evening for our first Family-Friendly Potluck of the year. It was a great time, not just for the kids, but for the adults too. If you feel disappointed that you were unable to make it out, there is good news: Rob is already at work planning when we can do this again. Stay tuned for details.

Sunday School Christmas Pageants at St. Paul's

Advent is here, and Christmas is on its way, which means its time to get ready for our annual Christmas Pageants!

-NEXT WEEK (December 11th) at the 10am service, the young people will be presenting the Christmas skit "Welcome to the Neighbourhood", inspired by the first chapter of the Gospel of John. If your children are involved, please have them put on their costumes in the Hall **before** the service begins. (**Dress rehearsal** will be at 11:00am **Saturday Dec. 10th**, followed by lunch).

-At our **4:30pm Christmas Eve** service, we will be presenting "The Birth of Jesus", a simple but wonderful narration of the nativity story, and a bit of a holiday tradition here at St. Paul's.

-If your children would like to participate, or if you would like to help out (for instance, with costume/set design, stage assistance, rehearsal support, etc.) please connect with Rob Montgomery (see contact info below).

Youth Group Christmas Party

On **Friday December 23rd**, starting at 7pm, St. Paul's Youth Group will be having a Christmas Party here at the Church. Christmas Sweaters, Cookies, Treats, Music, and more! Mark your calendars, and see you there (even if this will be your first time).

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PAUL'S

Activity Bags are available for children remaining in Church

Sunday School welcomes kids ages 3+ during our 10 am service

Our **Nursery Room** is always ready for parents to use if they wish

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Ages 12+ **Friday 7-9pm** at the Church Everyone Welcome

Contact Info

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PARISH NOTES

Holy Land Presentation

This evening Canon Albert, Rev. Wandlyn and Pam Iype will be giving a presentation of their travels to the Holy Land in September. We promise to not keep you too long, and give you permission to use a crook to get us to sit down when you have heard enough. We will begin with Evensong at 7 pm, with the presentation following in the Parish hall at 7:30 pm. The Mission Within committee will serve tea and cookies. Hope to see you tonight.

White Gift Sunday

St. Paul's joins with other local churches in providing assistance to deserving families in our community at Christmas. This effort is coordinated by the KV Firefighters, who collect the toys, purchase the turkeys, box up the parcels for each family and deliver the parcels. We will be collecting toys, books, games etc. for children next Sunday. Please **do not** wrap any of the gifts. If you would prefer to make a financial gift, please mark your envelope **White Gift** and the funds will be directed to the Firefighters. The families in our After School Program will also be participating in this effort this year.

Christmas Bazaar 2016

Over 40 people worked at our Bazaar over the week and helped make it another success. That number does not count those who donated their gently used goods, baked and bottled for the Bake Table, made their crafts, and also those who came Saturday morning to shop and then socialize at our Cafe. Another Parish event supported by many and enjoyed by all. This year we made over \$4900 that the ACW will give to our Christmas charities. Thank you all again!

Christmas Tea at Shannex

Following up on our successful Tea at Shannex in November, we will be hosting a Christmas Tea for members (and friends) of St. Paul's who live in the Shannex Senior's Complex, on **Wed, December 14 at 3 p.m.** Our appreciation to the *Mission Within Committee* for organizing this happy event.

The 2017 offering envelopes are available in St. Peter's lobby. If you do not see a box with your name, please contact the parish office, 847-1812. About 70 households contribute to the parish through e-offering. They find it convenient, simple and steady. Please consider this optional method of making your financial offering. Again, the office can help you.

Christmas Bazaar – Silent Auction

St. Paul's Quilters have a beautiful Christmas quilt for auction. The dimensions are 60"x 91 1/2". You can view the quilt in St. Peter's lobby and submit your bid. Closing date for bids is **Sun, Dec 11** at 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards Christmas flowers in the church in memory of a loved one is asked to please call the church office at 847-1812.

Echo - Advent Edition

The Advent edition of the Echo is available in the lobby today. Thank you to our editor, Heather White-Brittain, our publisher, Greg Fleet, and Marge Seely and her faithful team of folders and stuffers. The Echo is filed by neighborhood, so if someone in your neighborhood is not here today, please consider picking up their copy and dropping it off on your way home.

Romero House Winter Van

It is that time of the year when we collect winter clothing and items for the Romero House Van. The van travels to neighborhoods around the city, in the evenings, with warm food and items for the homeless. Hats, scarves, warm socks, boots, jackets, sleeping bags, blankets are all needed and appreciated. There is a container in the lobby to receive items. Thank you for your support.

Feminine Products for Underprivileged women

The response to this appeal has been heartwarming. Thank you all for your immediate and generous support. We will continue to collect donations of pads, tampons and wipes at the church and deliver them to Heartbreak Boutique who are co-ordinating this effort in the city. Please leave items in the designated box in the parish lobby until **Dec. 17**. Financial donations will also be received through the church. Please contact Dale Cook for more information at 609-1142 or cook.dale@gmail.com

2017 Church Calendars

The ACW are selling 2017 church calendars during coffee time. They are selling the *Book of Common Prayer* edition of the church calendar. The cost is \$7/calendar.



Hope is a Star

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong
And none shall be afraid.*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that that the Saviour is born.

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Sundays in December

December 4 Advent 2

7:00 p.m. Evensong followed by presentation on the Holy Land

December 11 Advent 3

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Pageant

December 18 Advent 4

10:00 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols

December 25 Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist *This is the only service on Sunday, Dec. 25*