

This Week in the Life and Work of our Church

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

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The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Choir - Thursdays 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary & Sunday 9:45 a.m. in the Choir room
 K.U.C.I.E. – Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
January House Meeting	Dec. 16 th , after service	Res. Room
<i>Kincardine Brass Band</i> Spirit of Brass Christmas Concert	Dec. 16 th , 3 p.m.	Sanctuary
Lighthouse Christmas Dinner Meeting	Dec. 17, 6:00 p.m.	Ainsdale Golf Course
Children's Christmas Pageant	Dec. 24 th , 4 p.m.	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carol service	Dec. 24 th , 7 p.m. <i>(K.U.C.I.E. prelude starts at 6:30 p.m.)</i>	Sanctuary

(*F. Hall = Fellowship Hall, Res. Room = Resource room)

JANUARY HOUSE MEETING TODAY

Attention January House Members: January is coming up fast. Jodie Ostrowski would like to have a quick meeting after service today during coffee hour in the Resource room.



Kincardine Youth Brass Band & Kincardine Brass Band *present*



A Spirit of Brass
 Christmas

**Sunday, December 16th
 at 3 P.M.**

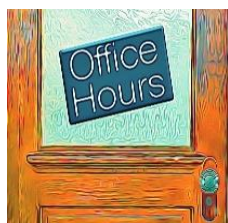
in the Kincardine United Church Sanctuary

Admission by donation

AV MINISTRY TEAM 📺	Sean Crawford-Thompson, Mary & John Phillips
COUNTERS 💰	Mary-Ann & Ralph Knowles
DECEMBER HOUSE LEADER 🏠	Sheila Bauer
MUSIC 🎵	David Hamilton, KUC Choir
NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦	Catharine & Cate Crawford
SCRIPTURE READER 📖	Randy Norris
SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦	Sarah MacKenzie
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦	Diane Clubb
WORSHIP ✝️	Gord Dunbar, Kerry Stover



GORD'S OFFICE HOURS *Week of December 17*



Monday 1 – 5 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m. – noon
Wednesday 9 a.m. – noon



GORD WILL BE AWAY ... Gord will be taking holiday from Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 to Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 inclusive. For emergency pastoral care while Gord is away, please contact Kerry Stover at 1-519-854-0469. Thank you.

PROGRAMME CALENDAR

- SUNDAY, DEC. 23** **ADVENT 4** **Worship:** Kerry Stover
Meditation: "Blessed Is Your Name"
- SUNDAY, DEC. 24** **4 P.M. CHILDREN'S "COME AS YOU ARE" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**
7. P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
-K.U.C.I.E. PRELUDE STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.
- SUNDAY, DEC. 30** **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**
Worship: Kerry Stover **Meditation:** "A Witness to the Light"
- SUNDAY, JAN. 6** **EPIPHANY SUNDAY**
Worship: Kerry Stover **Meditation:** "Overwhelmed with Joy"

Why So Early?



Come on Christmas Eve to bring the birth of the baby Jesus to life. Young families on Christmas Eve have little time and the kids have short attention spans.

For no more than 30 minutes beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24th, come for a children-friendly worship.

Costumes for those interested will be provided.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE

**December 24th at 7 PM
in the Sanctuary.**

KUCIE Prelude starts at 6:30 PM.



UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES



THE DEADLINE FOR DEC. 23rd ANNOUNCEMENTS
Tuesday December 18th at 4 p.m.

THE DEADLINE FOR DEC. 30th ANNOUNCEMENTS IS
Thursday December 20th at 2 p.m.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS the office will be closed to the public
Dec 24 – Jan 1st and will reopen Jan 2nd.

BOXED ENVELOPES ARE READY



The 2019 boxed numbered envelopes are ready for pickup at the back of the church for those that used them last year. Anyone wanting envelopes or to be setup to PAR (pre-authorized remittance) to contact John Phillips, Envelope Steward via Email: kucesteward@bmts.com

ANNUAL REPORTS

As the year draws to a close, the time has come once again to submit your Annual Reports for 2018. Write them now while your memory is fresh! Please submit them to Sarah MacKenzie in the office either electronically (preferred) or in print. The **deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 8th, 2019.** Thank you.

BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GORD'S REFLECTION



Would you like to receive Kincardine's United Church weekly bulletin, announcements and Gord's reflection by email? It's easy to do. You can call the office and give Sarah your email address or you can email your request to kuchurch@bmts.com.

Christmas Day Community Meal



Tuesday December 25, 2018

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. with Dinner at 1:00 p.m.

*For planning purposes and to save your spot
please call Sam or Heather at 519 - 396 - 2001
by Friday December 21st*

Homemade Turkey Dinner With All The Trimmings

All Are Welcome

No charge (freewill offering)

Meal Location

**St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church Hall
749 Russell Street, Kincardine**

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE CHOIR

Love to Sing?

Always wanted to join the choir but Thursday afternoon rehearsals don't work for you??

From now on, the choir is doing an additional rehearsal at 9:45 AM Sunday mornings, in the Choir room.

It is not a full rehearsal, but will provide the opportunity to learn the anthem of the day and some upcoming anthems.

WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING THEM TO THE CHURCH OR TO CHURCH LADIES. THANK YOU.



PROJECT WISH LIST

The Project Wish List has been updated. Check out the completed and pending projects on the list:

http://www.kincardineunitedchurch.org/sites/default/files/project_wish_list_-_november_2018.pdf

The list includes capital improvements to increase the function & appearance of our church, as well as its mission & ministry. If you have an idea for an improvement you would like to see happen, please drop your suggestion into the office, put it on the offering plate or send it to the church in an email at kuchurch@bmts.com.



CONTACT OUR INTERN, KERRY STOVER

If you would like to contact Kerry, you can call **519-396-2391 x 3** or email kerry.kuc@bmts.com



DATE: January 14, 2019
SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm
DINNER: 6:00 pm

We invite everyone to join us for our Advent Potluck Dinner and share friendship, laughter and food. Please bring friends, family and what you are able for food. As those who attend our monthly Loaves and Fishes Potluck know, there is always a large variety of food and more than enough to feed all who come to our table. If you are not able to bring something you are also welcome you at our table.

If you are unable to carry your dish into the Friendship Hall there will be a cart at the side entrance you can put it on and we will bring it down. If you need assistance carrying it from your car just let us know and we will bring it in for you.

Future Dates: February 11, 2019, March 11, 2019 & April 9, 2019

**SHARING MEDITATION (Revisited)
in the Chapel starting January 16, 2019**



Meditation can be a beautiful place of prayer and where you can be closer to the Lord but sometimes it can be a difficult technique. Two Parishioners of KUC, Randy Norris and Charles Ludlow are long time meditators who have agreed to teach and to share their experiences. Randy, has been meditating for over 35 years and will share methods of meditation in 4 week course and help interpret your experiences. Beginning on January 16th to February 6th from 6 pm to 8 pm. in the Chapel.

ELMER ISELER SINGERS THURSDAY MARCH 28th, 2019

The Kincardine Community Singers are delighted to host the Elmer Iseler Singers on their 40th Anniversary tour. The concert will take place March 28th 2019 at 7:30 pm in Knox Presbyterian Church, 345 Durham Street, Kincardine.

The Elmer Iseler Singers is a professional chamber choir based in Toronto, Ontario. The twenty-voice choir, conducted by Artistic Director Lydia Adams, founded by Dr. Elmer Iseler in 1979, is one of Canada's leading choral ensembles and is highly acclaimed throughout North America.

Tickets are \$25 and they are available for sale on the Community Singers website or at Harbour Rose in Kincardine as of January 7th. If you are interested in pre-ordering tickets for Christmas please get in contact with Paula Smith, Smithm@tnt21.com or at www.kincardinecommunitysingers.ca.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

DECEMBER 16, 2018

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of community ministries like Our Place Society in Victoria, British Columbia.

In a nurturing atmosphere of home and family, Our Place serves Victoria's most vulnerable: people who are addicted and homeless, the working poor, those who are mentally and physically challenged, and impoverished elderly people. This remarkable inner-city centre relates to the people who use it as family members, not clients, with an emphasis on creating a compassionate, caring community.

Our Place tends to its family members' physical needs, serving over 1,600 meals a day and providing hot showers, clothing, health care, and an overdose prevention site. It also cares for people's spiritual needs. "For people who live on the streets, there is a lot of grief and death," says Grant McKenzie, a staff member. "We need to be able to connect with people on a spiritual level."

In 2017, Our Place hired a First Nations spiritual leader who can better connect the centre to the 30 percent of its members who identify as Indigenous. Don Beacham is a Cree man from Norway House reserve in Manitoba who is steeped in Indigenous spiritual teachings and traditions. He connects with the Indigenous population through hosting healing circles and smudges, through drumming and song, and through his warm, caring presence. With the smudges, he says, "people feel lighter" because "they know they are cherished, cared for, and prayed for in that moment."

With your support, Our Place Society is able to focus on creating sacred and healing community.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.