

This Week in the Life and Work of our Church

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Choir –Thursdays 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Sundays 9:45 in the Choir room

K.U.C.I.E. – meets Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
A Capella Chamber Choir Concert	Dec. 1 st , 3 p.m.	Sanctuary
Council	Dec. 3 rd , 7 – 9 p.m.	Kitchen
Come and Go Vigil for National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Dec. 6 th , 7 – 9 p.m.	Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting	Dec. 8 th , after worship	Sanctuary
Kincardine Community Concert Band Christmas Concert	Dec. 8th, 3 p.m.**	Sanctuary
Loaves & Fishes Advent Potluck	Dec. 9 th , doors open 5:30	F. Hall
UCW Sunshine Christmas Lunch	Dec. 11 th , 12 – 3 p.m.	F. Hall/Kitchen
Christmas Tree of Remembrance Service	Dec. 11 th , 7 p.m. (<u>register by Dec. 6th</u>)	Sanctuary
Dory Christmas Lunch	Dec. 13 th , 10 am – 2:00 p.m.	F. Hall/kitchen
Kincardine Brass Band Christmas Concert	Dec. 16 th time TBA (evening)	Sanctuary

(**please note correction) (*F. Hall = Fellowship Hall, Res. room = Resource room)

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.



A **congregational meeting** is called for **Sunday, December 8th, in the sanctuary immediately after worship** to consider the budget for 2020. The 2020 Budget and Financial statements with the full breakdown of information are available in the Narthex if you would like a copy.

On Sunday, December 8, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. the chairs of Administration, Membership and Mission, Programme and Ministry and Personnel (or their representatives) will be available in the Fellowship Hall to answer your questions about the 2020 budget.

ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS



As the year draws to a close, the time has come once again to submit your Annual Reports for 2019. 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 10th, 2020.** Thank you.



Thank you... to all of you in November House for a wonderful team effort again this year. Your dedication is so very much appreciated.
Catharine & John

GORD'S OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF DEC 2nd



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

PROGRAMME CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Dec. 8th	<u>10:30 AM</u>	Advent 2 Worship: Gord Dunbar Meditation: Dirt or Soil?
SUNDAY, Dec. 15th	<u>10:30 AM</u>	Advent 3 Worship: Gord Dunbar Meditation: Waiting on Hold
SUNDAY, Dec. 22nd	<u>10:30 AM</u>	Advent 4 Worship: Gord Dunbar Meditation: Rebellious Hall Monitors
SUNDAY, Dec. 24th	<u>4:00 PM</u>	YOUNG CHILDREN'S "COME AS YOU ARE" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (4-4:30 p.m.)
	<u>6:30 PM</u>	K.U.C.I.E. PRELUDE
	<u>7:00 PM</u>	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & CAROL SERVICE

WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION
IS **TUESDAY AT 4 P.M.**



*Director: Meghan De Jager
Pianist: Adrian Little*

Here's To Song

Celebrating 25 Years of Singing Together

7:30pm Saturday, November 30th at Port Elgin United Church
3:00pm Sunday, December 1st at Kincardine United Church

Admission by Donation

Reception to Follow



SHARING GENEROUSLY OF OUR TIME, OUR TALENT AND OUR TREASURE

Everything we have is a gift from God. When one of us joins the choir to sing God's praises – and to enjoy lots of fun and laughter along the way – time and talent is cultivated. When one of us staffs the nursery or the Sunday school – challenged yet enjoying the agile mind and spirit of each young one – gracious leadership is given as a gift. When one of us organises the Dory Lunch – serving the wider community with generosity of welcome – wellness is multiplied. When one of us visits a friend or a neighbour – representing the congregation as a caring presence – relationships are deepened. When many of us donate money for the mission and the ministry of Kincardine United Church – despite all the other demands on our resources – the congregational whole becomes greater than the sum of the parts. We make a difference. We experience joyful, living faith – faith rooted in the abundance God gives to each of us.



Over the coming weeks of this year's stewardship programme, stories will be shared about why we give, about how our generosity makes a difference here at Kincardine United Church, about how we have an impact on the community around us, and about how through the United



Church's Mission and Service we help heal many.

By early November you will receive a letter in the mail from our stewardship programme team. In that letter will be resources to help you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give of your time, of your talent and of your treasure within our family of faith. Once you have made your decision, there will be a stamped, self-addressed envelope to mail back with your Response Card, informing the Envelope Steward how God is guiding you to give.

We hope this will be a rich opportunity for each of us to reflect on the blessings of life, discerning we can live out our response.



Thank you in advance for everything you share for the ministry we proclaim in Jesus' name.

SAFE COUNTRY? NOT ANY MORE...

The United States is no longer a safe country for refugees. "Canadians have seen... how refugees are treated heartlessly in the U.S. under President Trump: children separated from their parents, long-term detention in horrific conditions, criminal prosecution of people just for crossing the border to seek safety, new policies closing the door on women fleeing gender-based violence," said Claire Roque of the Canadian Council for Refugees (a United Church of Canada partner agency). If you wish to take action on this issue, there is a resource with suggestions available at the back of the worship space to take home and use.



These actions are supported by the United Church of Canada and by our Membership and Mission committee.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: A TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE, AWARENESS AND ACTION



Join us for a

“COME AND GO” VIGIL

between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 6th, 2019

at Kincardine United Church



Pay respect to the 14 women murdered at
École Polytechnique, Montreal in 1989.

Pay respect to the women murdered this year
by their intimate partners.

Pay respect to the women victimized this year by femicide.

This is a safe place for women and for their male allies.

No offerings. No sermons.

Just a quiet, respectful and peaceful space.



Women's House
Serving Bruce & Grey



The office will be closed to the public Dec. 23 – 27th. It will be open Dec 31st from 12-2 p.m. and this will be the last chance for 2019 donations. Regular office hours resume January 2nd, 2020.



Loaves & Fishes Dinner

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 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 food, bring your smiles and friendship.

We will be decorating a Christmas Tree and signing Christmas carols.

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.

Next Loaves and Dishes Dinner: January 13, 2020



A Christmas Celebration

Sounds of the Season performed by

Kincardine Community Concert Band
with special guests
The Lifters Jazz Band

Sunday, December 8th at 3 p.m.
at Kincardine United Church

*Freewill donations gratefully accepted at the door
to be shared by KCCB and Kincardine United Church*

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

This program assists those who are in need at Christmas time!

There are many opportunities & ways to give!!



Your valued donations of non-perishable foods (preferably festive), **new** toys, gifts and/or clothing should be delivered to **St. Anthony's Parish Church Hall** on **Friday Dec. 6th between 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Festive food suggestions: pie filling, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pineapple/tomato juices, cookies/cakes, candy, canned hams/specialty meats, puddings/jellos.



There will also be drop off boxes at The Bargain Shop, Finchers & Canadian Tire from Nov. 15th to Dec. 6th.

Vouchers or gift certificates from local stores would be especially appreciated because the correct size/needs would be better met. Vouchers can be mailed to the treasurer (see below) or brought to St. Anthony's on Dec. 6th.

Please send monetary donations to the treasurer – Rhodora Doughty, Box 527, Kincardine, ON N2Z 2Y9, **Cheques payable to Kincardine Community Services Association**, please. The Christmas Knights drive is part of this program.


Contacts: Heather Finnie, 396-2001, Barb Burgess 396-8345, and Rhodora Doughty 396-4368.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Christmas, for too many, can be a time of deep sorrow. All around people are decking the halls, lighting lights, merrily shopping and trimming trees. To provide a space in which to mark the loss and the sadness during this Christmas season, the Davey-Linklater Funeral Home is hosting a **Tree of Remembrance Service on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Kincardine United Church.** All the people the Funeral Home has served in the past year are invited. So, too, are all those who find this time of year filled with sadness and with loss. The service will be nondenominational and there will be an opportunity to place a remembrance star on our special Christmas Tree, followed by refreshments. **We would ask that you call 519-396-2701 or email daveylinklaterfh@tnt21.com by Friday Dec. 6th**, and confirm the number attending from your family at our Christmas Tree of Remembrance Service.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE



December 24th at 7 PM
in the Sanctuary.
KUCIE Prelude starts at 6:30 PM.

The Festive Gift & Goodies Committee



of Pat Jennings, Dianne Henkenhaf, and MaryAnn Knowles would like to thank everyone who donated baking, crafts and preserves for our sale. Also, many thanks to everyone who supplied food for our luncheon and all those who volunteered to work. A special thank you to Krista Ritchie, Ann Larocque and all their helpers who packed and wrapped all our shortbread tins. We had a successful Christmas Sale with a profit of \$1,716.60.

A Choral Christmas



PRESENTED BY
KINCARDINE COMMUNITY SINGERS
Director Pat Lowry, Accompanist: Jennifer Rauket
SATURDAY DEC 14th at 7:30 p.m.
& SUNDAY DEC. 15th at 3 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church 345 Durham Street Kincardine, ON.
Tickets at Harbour Rose Boutique, from any KCS Choir Member, or
online at www.kincardinecommunitysingers.org
Adults \$20 and Children 12& under \$5

HANDEL'S MESSIAH



Orchestra Grey Bruce and the
Saugeen County Chorus will present
their 21st anniversary performance of
Handel's *Messiah* **December 21, 8:00
pm at the Knox Presbyterian Church,
345 Durham St., Kincardine.**

Soloists will be Nicole Reid, soprano;
Nicole Percifield, alto; Matt Chittick,
tenor; Aaron Dimoff, bass.

Tickets \$20. (Age 16 & under free)

**Ticket outlets: Harbour Rose Boutique, Quinn Florist
Ralph's Hi-Way Shopette, Online at Ticketscene.ca,
at the door, or from any choir member.**



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY In the event of severe or inclement weather or power failure, a decision to cancel the Sunday morning service will be made by two of the following people: Chair of Council, Chair of Program, Chair of Property Ministry. The decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. and then notice given to the radio stations by one of the chairs. (95.5 myFM , FM 102 and AM 920)

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Spiritual Care

Paul said, "I'm going to die on February 23rd at 10:30 a.m."

Paul has cancer. He was given three months to live but he has already surpassed that timeline by a month. In the meantime, his body continues to waste away and he is in constant pain. Here is a story from a United Church hospital chaplain about Paul. "I have been visiting Paul for several weeks in the palliative care unit of the hospital. He has called me in on this particular day to tell me that he has requested medical assistance in dying, and the date and time for the procedure are set.

"I sit and listen while he talks about the decision he has made, how he came to it, and how his family members are reacting to it. Our conversation that afternoon is heartfelt and real. There is no place for pretence or false bravado in the presence of imminent death. It is a sacred moment. We say a prayer together. My eyes tear up as we say our goodbyes. I know it will be the last time I see him."

A hospital is not only a place for physical care; it is very much a place for spiritual care. It is here that difficult decisions, life and death decisions, are made on a daily basis. Illness can turn lives upside down. Hospital chaplains are specifically trained to help patients and their families find ways to cope spiritually and emotionally in such times of personal crisis and upheaval.

"My name is Val Cottrill and I work with the South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy of The United Church of Canada helping to bring spiritual care into the hospitals of Regina. This essential ministry could not happen without the generous giving of members and adherents through Mission & Service. Thank you for being a part of our ministry."

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.