

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 MEETINGS & EVENTS

Choir – Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 K.U.C.I.E. – Tuesday 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Parables	Nov. 26 th , 1-2 p.m.	Choir room
UCW General Meeting	Nov. 27 th , 1 p.m.	F. Hall
Dory Lunch	Nov. 28 th , 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	F. Hall
Property Administration	Nov. 28 th , 9 – 10 a.m.	Res. Room
Big Brothers & Sisters	Nov. 28 th , 10 a.m. – noon	Res. Room
Christmas Yard Sale	Dec. 2 nd , 8 am – 11 a.m.	F. Hall
Drop off for donations	Dec. 1 st , 3 – 7 p.m.	F. Hall
Loaves and Fishes dinner	Dec. 11 th , doors open 5:30	F. Hall
UCW North	Dec. 12 th , 12-3 p.m.	Joyce Neyvatte's
Roll call Christmas verse & gift exchange		
UCW Sunshine Christmas lunch	Dec. 13 th , 1-3 p.m.	F. Hall
Questers	Dec. 14 th , 6-8 p.m.	Kitchen

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



UCW GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 27, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

THE DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

is now Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Thank you.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW ... Shirley Harris is at Trillium Court Room #101.



**GORD'S OFFICE HOURS
FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 26**
Monday 1-5 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. – noon
.... *Drop by and say hi!*

THANK YOU

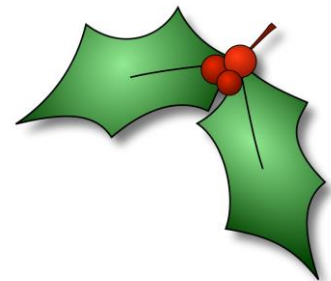


The Festive Gifts and Goodies Committee (Pat Jennings, Mary-Ann Knowles and Dianne Henkenhaf) would like to thank everyone who donated baking and crafts for our sale. Also many thanks to everyone who brought in food for our luncheon, and all those who volunteered to work. We had a very successful Christmas sale with a profit of \$2098.95.

**I expect to pass through this world but once.
Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show my fellow
creature, let me do it now.
Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.
– William Penn**



Loaves & Fishes
FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN



DATE: December 11, 2017
SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm
DINNER: 6:00 pm

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks to God and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied.” Matthew 14:18-20

Each month Kincardine United Church hosts a Loaves and Fishes dinner. **Everyone** is invited – to share fellowship, laughter and food. There is always a great variety to eat. No one goes home hungry! Unlike Jesus, we may not feed 5,000, but all who attend leave satisfied.

Bring a friend. Bring a stranger. Even bring family! Come alone and make new friends. Don't cook, not enough time to cook or shop? Come anyway. You're always welcome!
UPCOMING DATE: January 8, 2018



DECEMBER 6TH VIGIL

To raise awareness about violence against women, there will be a vigil in the sanctuary on Wednesday, December 6th between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Stay as long as you need. Come for as short a time as you want. Be part of the light.



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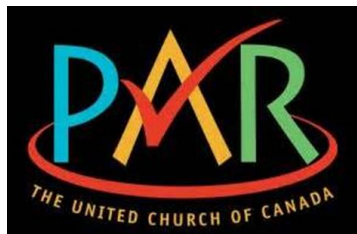
Thank you to everyone who donated to the Alzheimer Coffee Break that we had after church on November 5. We raised \$260.55 for the Alzheimer Society in our community of Grey-Bruce! Your generous support for this project was very much appreciated!!!

GIFTS WITH VISION



“...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:31, NRSV)

We have received the “Gifts with Vision” catalogues. It is full of ideas for gifts that bring God’s compassionate presence into people’s lives throughout Canada and across the world. Consider purchasing a special Christmas gift for the people on your list. To select a gift and to read inspiring stories of how “Gifts with Vision” is changing lives, visit the website giftswithvision.ca or pick up a catalogue in the stand outside the office.



2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES & PAR ... With the new year only two months away, it’s time to begin planning for 2018. For those in the congregation presently using weekly offering envelopes, the envelopes will be available in mid-December. The 2017 envelope number assignments will be updated and changed for 2018, so if you have grown fond of a specific number we can only offer you the promise of change. ☺

If you do not presently use offering envelopes and would like to do so, please contact the Envelope Steward (Rod Coates) or the church office.

Many of the congregation have opted to become Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) subscribers. In fact, more members of the congregation now use PAR than offering envelopes. While any time is a good time to consider how you support your church, now is an especially good time as offering envelopes are being assigned and distributed. Some of the advantages of PAR are:

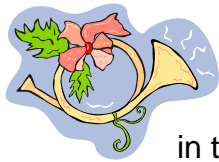
- PAR allows members & adherents to give faithfully to the church even when they are not able to be there in person.
- PAR offerings are transferred automatically to the Kincardine United Church bank account monthly, which makes budgeting and planning easier.
- PAR donations can be changed or cancelled at any time.
- PAR avoids paperwork for the Sunday offering counters and the envelope steward. (Yes, it’s all about us, isn’t it?) This reduces carbon footprint and management of used offering envelopes, which must be retained for 7 years. There is no paperwork involved once PAR is set up.
- Anytime anyone is up to PAR it’s a good thing!

Please consider PAR as one of the ways in which you can support Kincardine United Church.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS! Earlier this year, Council asked the congregation for suggestions targeting various improvements that would increase the functionality or improve the appearance of our church. Many suggestions were submitted, and Council has subsequently obtained cost estimates for most of these suggestions. The updated Project Wish List will allow Council to allocate funds as they become available and permit members of the congregation to target donations for a project they would like to see completed. This also allows us to manage bequests in accordance with our Memorial Gifts Policy. This list will be updated periodically as projects are completed and new ones are identified.

Kincardine United Church
Project Wish List

Project Name	Description	Cost Estimate	Classification	Priority	Status
Fellowship Hall Washroom Floor	Replace washroom floor with new tile flooring	\$1000	Maintenance	High	Complete
Paint Sanctuary	Repair damaged plaster, prime and paint.	\$32,00-\$40,000	Maintenance	Medium	
New Choir Gowns	Replace current 1994-vintage gowns (20).	\$2,000-\$3,000	Improvement	Medium	
Replace Sanctuary Carpet	Replace the sanctuary carpet	TBD	Maintenance	Medium	
Replace North Roof	Remove existing shingles, replace with metal roof matching South Roof	\$50,000-\$60,000	Maintenance	High	
Washroom Upgrades	Replace fixtures in all washrooms	TBD	Maintenance	High	
Choir Seating	Re-arrange choir seating and provide new seats. Possible movement of choir pews	\$120-\$130 per chair	Improvement	Medium	
Second monitor for A/V booth	Second video monitor to allow viewing of service recording		Improvement	High	In Progress
USB Splitter for A/V booth			Improvement	High	In Progress
Learning Centre 2 nd Floor Washroom Doors	Re-hang washroom doors such that they swing open and improve accessibility		Improvement	High	
Electronic Sign	Install 2-sided electronic billboard-style sign on Princes Street to communicate church news and events	\$10,000-\$15,000	Improvement	Medium	



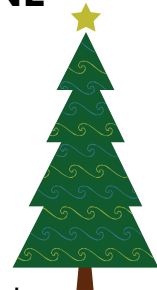
**DECEMBER 3, 2017 AT 3 PM
KINCARDINE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

in the Kincardine United Church Sanctuary. Freewill admission



**BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF KINCARDINE
CHRISTMAS YARD SALE**

**Saturday Dec. 2nd
8 a.m. – 11 p.m.**
in KUC Fellowship Hall



Wanted: Donations of your unneeded Christmas season supplies!

Items **must** be in working/usable condition!!

They accept lights, gift wrap, trees, garland, kitchen items,
interior decor, music, tacky sweaters, ornaments, etc.

Clean out your house and help provide mentoring to youth in your community.

DONATION DROP OFF:

DEC. 1st, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. *

at K.U.C. in the Fellowship Hall (please use ramp entrance on Russell St.)

**You need to make arrangements with Big Brothers & Big Sisters to drop off items before Dec. 1st @ 3 pm. Call 519-396-3565 or email bbrosis@bmts.com. Thanks!*

Program Calendar



Sunday Dec 3 Advent 1, Communion
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon: “Blowed Up Real Good!”

Sunday Dec 10 Advent 2, White Gift Sunday
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Intergenerational Smorgasbord

KDSS KNIGHTS FOOD AND NEW TOY DRIVE ... will occur **Saturday December 9, 2017**. Students will be in your neighbourhood between **9 am - noon**. Leave the items your family wants to donate outside your front door with a Christmas Knights label. Donations from this drive are used for the Christmas Hamper program.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

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



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. 8th between 10 a.m. – noon**. Festive food suggestions: pie filling, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pineapple/tomato juices, cookies/cakes, candy, canned hams/specialty meats, puddings/jellos. 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. 8th.

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, Rhodora Doughty 396-4368.

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



If you have a concern, request or suggestion, please direct it to an appropriate volunteer. Thank you.

Chair of Council – Marion Boyd
 Chair of Administration - Donna Mowry
 Chair of Program - Jackie Clements
 UCW Secretary – Dianne Henkenhaf

Membership & Mission committee members (no chairperson)

Liz Dillman
 Jean Johnson
 Charles Ludlow
 Bernd Portz
 Ursula Portz
 Krista Ritchie
 Melinda Smegal

Property Ministry Team

Ron Elliott
 Bev Jennings
 Ralph Knowles
 Bill MacTavish
 Dotty McClelland
 Jack Nancekivell
 Ron Smith
 Gerry Stephens

**The purpose of life is not to be happy.
It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it
make some difference that you have lived and lived well.**

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

QUESTERS "Questers" will meet in the Kincardine United Church Kitchen at 6 p.m. on **Dec. 14th**. We will have a short meditation/service followed by a light meal. You do not need to contribute any food. We will watch a 20-minute segment of "Living the Questions 2.0" and finish with a discussion period. Each session is independent of the previous one.



THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM?



The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 14th, 2018** during worship. If you know of someone who is thinking about being baptised, please contact Gord at 519-396-2391, extension 2 to make arrangements to explore the possibilities. Isn't it cool how this family of faith keeps growing!



EMILY GORDON'S BABY

Neil Gordon Joshi was born November 14th, 2017, the first child of Rev. Emily Gordon and Nikhil Joshi. See photos here:

<http://www.leasideunited.org/welcome-neil-gordon-joshi/>

ANNUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT PINE RIVER UNITED

Please join us at Pine River United Church for our annual Blue Christmas service on **Dec. 14, 2017, at 7 p.m.** This special Advent service is for anyone feeling a loss of any kind during this season of the year when it seems sometimes that everyone is joyful but us! We all have losses in our lives; losses come in many forms and this is an opportunity for you to come and be in fellowship with others who may be feeling rather blue during the build-up to Christmas. We will light candles to both mark our individual losses (whether it is the loss of a job, a way of life, a relationship, moving, etc.) and also to remember ones who are not here with us. A time of fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome!

I DIDN'T KNOW...!



It must be frustrating when you need a visit and no one knows. Kincardine United Church is so blessed to have people who are willing to visit folks who are less able to attend worship, or who are ill or in hospital. Let us know if you want a visit. Let us know if you wish to be one of those visiting. This is how we make our community of faith ever stronger. Contact Melinda Smegal at 519-396-7184 when you want a visit or if you wish to become a trained visitor.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Training Birth Attendants

Our gifts for Mission & Service support midwives and healthy babies and mothers. Let us hear a story from Tanzania about this important work.

Four hundred and ninety-four women from across Tanzania, East Africa, and 16 training sessions in collaboration with the Tanzanian Ministry of Health: these are the latest totals for training traditional birth attendants (midwives) reported by Mission & Service partner the Morogoro Women's Training Centre. The collaboration, which is made possible with the support of United Church Women, is part of an overall strategy to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in Tanzania.

The women have been named by their community and range in age from early 20s to over 70. Some have worked as traditional birth attendants for decades. Some completed high school, others some grades in elementary school. A few have never attended school. All have developed a wide range of skills on the job and faced many challenges in the course of their career. Some live close to a health clinic or hospital, where they can readily refer high-risk cases. Others live many kilometres from the closest medical centre over difficult and sometimes impassable terrain.

Molen Abdul has been delivering babies for 47 years. She welcomes the additional training and says, "This work is very important to me. It is like it keeps the clock of life ticking."

We sing thanksgiving that Mission & Service is helping to improve the health of women and babies in Tanzania.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!