

Third Ave News



From the Pews . . . and beyond
December 20, 2015

The Mission of Third Avenue United Church is to reach out with love and provide a welcoming place, especially for downtown people. We offer strength, courage, and support in a safe nurturing environment.

We welcome everyone to worship this morning. If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances. If you would like information on the church activities, contact us at: 1-306-652-6812 304 3rd Avenue N. Saskatoon, SK S7K 2J1 secretary.thirdaveunitedchurch@sasktel.net www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.com Like us on Facebook

To Make Your Experience Here Even Better



If you use a cane or walker, please use our elevator entrance on 3rd Ave.



There are head sets at the back of the Sanctuary for those who need assistance hearing the service.



Please remember to shut off your cell phone during the service.



There are visitor offering envelopes folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our ministry.

A Time for Community

Please join us for coffee in the Narthex before service or downstairs after the service for lunch.

If you are able, please bring baking or goodies for snack on the week corresponding to the start of your last name, to allow us to continue this time of fellowship. Please feel free to bring extra items that could be frozen for use when donations are slim.

This Week: Last names starting with M – Z.
Next Week: Last names starting with A – L.



Please try to come early to set up if you are able We can also use help with clean up and dishes. Thank you.

Readings for December 27

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26
God blesses the boy Samuel.

Psalms 148 (VU p. 871)
Let the whole creation praise God.

Colossians 3:12–17
Clothe yourselves with compassion and kindness.

Luke 2:41–52
The boy Jesus learns at the temple.

Readings for January 3

Jeremiah 31:7–14
The people return home singing and dancing.

Psalms 147:12–20 (VU p. 869 Part Two)
God's word goes out to the ends of the earth.

Ephesians 1:3–14
Our inheritance through Jesus Christ.

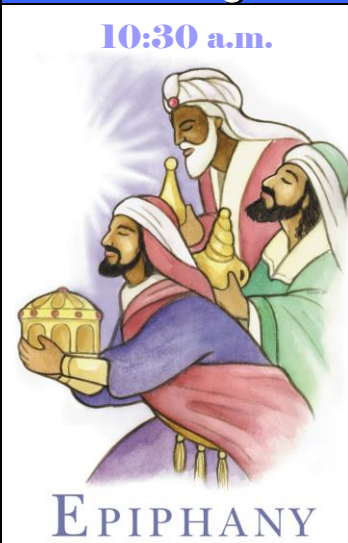
John 1:(1–9), 10–18
The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Upcoming Services





Christmas Eve – Dec 24

December 27


January 3





This Week at 3rd Avenue – December 20 – January 4

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Advent 4 Lessons and Carols 12:00p.m. Free Lunch	Church Office Closed	Church Office 9-3 10:30a.m. Staff Meeting	Church Office 9-4 11:30a.m. Weight Watchers
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	December 27
 Church Office 9-3 Office may close early 7:00p.m. Family Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service	 for Christmas! Merry Christmas Everyone	 Church Office Closed 8:30a.m. Ladies Breakfast	Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Joint Service with Knox United at Third Ave
December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31
Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office 9-4 11:30a.m. WW 4:00p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	Church Office 9-3 2:00 p.m. Wedding
January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4
 Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed Gifts for Baby Jesus 10:30a.m. Epiphany Service	Church Office Closed 7:00p.m. Knit and Crochet Group

Church Information

Thank you	Givings – Dec. 13, 2015	Roster																
<p>Thank you to the LaPointe Family for lighting the Advent Candles last Sunday.</p> <p>Michelle would like to thank Her kitchen angels. Irene Barsky and Glenn and Mary Ellen Hannah for their help at her Piano Student Recital and Reception.</p> <p>Thank you to Michelle Alders for once again organizing the Thursdays at Third Avenue Noon Hour Concerts. Average attendance was 110. \$767.25 was raised for the general fund. Thank you to all those who helped during the concerts.</p> <p>Thank you to the Church School, teachers and Coordinator for putting on an excellent Christmas pageant last Sunday.</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">General (Local)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 3077.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Mission & Service</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Special Services</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Memorial</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Observer</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Loose</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 31.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Coffee</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 9.40</td> </tr> <tr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"> <td style="padding: 2px;">Total Offering</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">\$ 3327.75</td> </tr> </table>	General (Local)	\$ 3077.00	Mission & Service	\$ 45.00	Special Services	\$ 100.00	Memorial	\$ 45.00	Observer	\$ 20.00	Loose	\$ 31.35	Coffee	\$ 9.40	Total Offering	\$ 3327.75	<p>Today: Philip Bray</p> <p>Next Sunday: Barry Duncan</p> <p>are responsible for opening and closing of the church</p>
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Giving at Christmas

Gifts for Baby Jesus	Mitten Tree
<p>On Sunday, <u>January 3</u> we will have gifts for baby Jesus. All donations can be left under the large Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary. The church school will open them after service and they will be delivered to the Saskatoon Crisis Nursery.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="margin-top: 20px;"><i>Wish List: New socks and Underwear ages 0-12, clothing size 2-6, winter cloths, Garbage bags, band-aids, Children's Tylenol, Advil, Hair detangler, Grocery gift cards and stamps.</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>The Mitten tree is a Christmas tree decorated in items that can be for the homeless that come to our door looking for assistance.</p> <p>Please add mittens, toques, scarves and warm socks. They can be homemade or store bought.</p>
Year End Givings	
<p>Those who wish to increase their givings for 2015, please make sure they are dropped off at the church or post-dated no later than December 31, 2015.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We thank everyone who has given this year.</p>	

