

Third Ave News

from the Pews . . . and beyond
November 29, 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:
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This Week
November 29 -
December 6

Third Avenue United Church Information

Coffee & Lunch

Givings

This Sunday

Church Office Closed
 10:30a.m. Advent 1 Hope
 Opportunity
 Sunday
 11:30a.m. Free Lunch

Please join us for coffee in the Narthex before service and for a free community soup lunch downstairs after the service. We would love to get to know you better.

November 22, 2015

General (Local)	\$ 1033.06
Mission & Service	\$ 5.00
Special Services	\$ 100.00
Loose	\$ 146.00
Coffee	\$ 9.70
Total Offering	\$ 1293.76

Monday

Church Office Closed
 7:00p.m. Knit & Crochet



Tuesday

10:30a.m. Staff Mtg.
 5:30p.m. Ross Rental
 6:00p.m. Class Rental
 6:00p.m. Aids Prayer Vigil

Affirming



If you missed a session please feel free to borrow a copy of information for a couple of days, these are to be shared. It will be in the Affirming Ministry mailbox in the lower hall.

Barn Service

The Annual Barn Service on the Lawn Sunday, December 6 at 6:30p.m. Come and experience the Christmas Story in a Stable Setting. Live animals, hot chocolate, caroling, sleigh rides and family fun.

Wednesday

11:30a.m. Weight Watchers

Thursday

12:05p.m. Noon Hour Concert (various artists)
 5:30p.m. Ross Rental
 6:00p.m. Class Rental
 7:30p.m. Choir Practice

Volunteer Bakers Needed

We need bakers to make 3 rectangular chocolate cakes before Dec 18. This is for a Refugee supper Knox is hosting jointly with us and St. Andrew's.

We will need donations of Christmas baking to add to the event. Baking may be dropped off at the church during business hours or on Sundays before December 6. Please label tins with barn service and your name.

Friday

5:30p.m. Slavic Preschool

Saturday

Church Office Closed
 8:00a.m. Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday

Church Office Closed
 10:30a.m. Advent 2 Peace
 Baptism Service



11:30a.m. Free Lunch
 11:30a.m. Congregation meeting about Refugees
 2:00p.m. Michelle's Piano Recital

Free Noon Hour Concerts

THURSDAYS AT THIRD AVENUE
 Third Avenue United Church

December 3 – Maribeth Gauthier & Shelby Cosens (Clarinet), Zachary Senick (Bassoon), Jerry He, Hannah Lissel-Decorby & Brandon Johnson (Violin) and Michelle Aalders (Piano)

December 10 – Chelsea Mahan (Soprano) and Kerry Agnew (Piano)

December 17 – Cara Wilson (Handbells) and Janet Wilson (Pipe Organ and Piano)

Each program will begin at 12:05 p.m. Donations Appreciated. Please feel free to bring a bagged lunch! Coffee and tea available.
 304 3rd Avenue North – Saskatoon, SK – 306-652-6812

Other Things You Should Know



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



Please remember to shut off your cell phone during the service



Visitor offering envelopes are folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our ministry. Tax Deductible receipts are available at year end if you fill out the envelope.



Headsets at the back of the Sanctuary for assistance hearing the service. Ask an Usher for help.

Church Duties

Opening and Closing
Today: Barry Duncan

Next Week: John Parry

Baking and Cleanup

This Week:
Last names starting with A – L.

Next Week:
Last names starting with M - Z.

If you are able, please come to help get ready for lunch or stay after to help with dishes and clean up.

Readings

December 6

Malachi 3:1–4

A refiner's fire and a launderer's soap.

Luke 1:68–79 (VU pp. 900–901)
Zechariah sings, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel."

Philippians 1:3–11

I thank God every time I remember you.

Luke 3:1–6

A voice calling in the desert.

(These readings are not always used in the service.)

Egadz Mitten Tree



The mitten tree will be set up in the Narthex where donations of socks, toques, mitts, scarves, toiletries (deodorant, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, boxers, socks, Christmas Candy, and items for baby bags (receiving blankets, baby shampoo, lotion, baby bottles, thermometer, baby wipes, baby bath towels, teethers, baby nail clippers and soothers) donation to Egadz. Donations needed by December 13.


Humor from the Pews


A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In January he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L."



Community Events

Kids of Note and The Notations present "Text Me Merry Christmas" — their 11th annual Christmas Concert at Grosvenor Park United Church, Sunday, November 29 at 2 pm, with a public reception to follow. The Cecilian Singers, a 35-voice choir, will be their special guests. This one-hour well-attended concert is FREE, so come early to park. For more info: KidsofNote.com.

 **World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil**
Tuesday, December 1
Third Avenue United Church
Refreshments to follow
Sponsored by
Persons Living with AIDS Network

 Maybee Productions
A Bad Year for Tomatoes by John Patrick
Dinner Theatre Directed by Dennis Beerling
At Mayfair United Church (902 33rd Street W)
Dec 2, 3, 4, 5 @ 6:00p.m.
Dinner and Show \$29
Show only @ 7:30p.m. \$15
For Tickets call 306-382-64446

Knox United Church
Bake Sale and Chili Lunch
Saturday, December 5
from 11 am to 2 pm.
Lunch is \$8.00.
Wheelchair accessible.
All are welcome!



"NOT NECESSARILY MERRY CHRISTMAS"
SERVICE AT GPUC
(Called "Blue Christmas" in past years)
On Sunday, December 6, there will NOT be the usual 10 am service. Instead, at 12 noon a Potluck Lunch will be supplied by GPUC congregants; followed at 1:30 pm by an inter-generational worship service which will include skits featuring our own GPUC talent! This service will be affirming that it's okay to not have the picture-perfect Christmas depicted in story books and TV; it's okay if yours is not necessarily a Merry Christmas.

In celebration of 55 years!
Orpheus 60 Chorus
(A group of Seniors who love to Sing)
Presents "SAY IT WITH A SONG!"
(Secular & Christmas)
Monday, December 7th at 7:00 PM
NEW LOCATION: THE BENTLEY. 1622-B
Acadia Drive (Enter off Acadia Dr
-Behind Emmanuel Baptist Church)
FREE WILL OFFERING
(A donation to Salvation Army)

Mark your calendar for December 8, 8 p.m.!
The Saskatoon Brass Band invites you to "Tis the Season", a joint presentation with the Magic City Chorus.
Erindale Alliance Church, 310 Perehudoff Cr.
Date: December 8 at 8 p.m.
Admission: \$15 (advance tickets available; Marg 306-934-8992)

CHRISTMAS ON 20TH
St. Thomas Wesley – H & 20th
Friday, December 18, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
FREE COME & GO CONCERT
Musical Variety
FREE Turkey Buns & Hot Chocolate
COME IN FROM THE COLD
WARM YOUR SPIRIT

