

# Third Ave News

from the Pews . . . and beyond  
December 11, 2016



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 joining us this Sunday.**

If you would like information on the church activities, contact us:

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## This Week

**December 11-18**

### This Sunday

*Church Office Closed*

9:30p.m. Choir Practice  
10:30a.m. Advent 3 Joy Church School Service  
11:30a.m. Free Lunch  
12:00p.m. Advent Study  
3:00p.m. Michelle's student Piano Recital

### Monday

*Church Office Closed*

7:00p.m. Knit & Crochet Group

### Tuesday

Church Office 9-4  
Minister's Hours 9-1  
10:30a.m. Staff Meeting  
5:30p.m. UCW Christmas

### Wednesday

Church Office 9-3  
Minister's Hours 1-4  
11:30a.m. Weight Watchers

### Thursday

Church Office 9-3  
Minister's Hours 9-1  
10:30a.m. Advent Study  
12:05p.m. Free Noon Hour Concert

### Friday

Church Office 9-4  
Minister's Hours 9-4  
12:00p.m. Staff Christmas Lunch

### Saturday

*Church Office Closed*



### Next Sunday

*Church Office Closed*  
9:30p.m. Choir Practice  
10:30a.m. Advent 4 Love Lessons & Carols Service  
11:30a.m. Free Lunch  
12:00p.m. Advent Study

## Our Ministry

### Coffee & 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.



Set Up, Clean Up and Donations  
This Week:  
Last names starting with M - Z.

Next Week:  
Last names starting with A - L.

### Readings

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

The sign of Emmanuel.

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (VU p. 794 Part One)**  
Shine forth and save us.

**Romans 1:1-7**

Paul states his authority and belief.

**Matthew 1:18-25**

Joseph's dream.

## Fundraising

Two fundraisers that you can participate in:  
Donna is selling the Canadian Church Calendars \$6.

We are selling chocolates. They are \$3 a box. If you would like to buy some, please ask the church office. Flavours: mint melts, crisp or milk bars, milk chocolate almonds or pecans and caramel whirls.

## Giving Ministry

Countdown to Kindness is in full swing. Each week we are collecting items for at least 7 Christmas hampers to help those in need, from our congregation as well as the greater community. We have one more week to go but still need some items from the first few weeks. What we need is listed below.

There is a sign up sheet on the Countdown table if you are able to help finish a previous week like bringing the last jar of jam.

All items must be in by Dec 18.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
1	Jam	5	Shampoo	5	Cereal	New Socks
4	Canned Fruit	4	Conditioner	2	Stuffing	Baking
		2	Laundry Soap	3	Canned Vegetables	Apples or Oranges
					Grocery Gift Card or cash donation	Small Gift
						5lbs Potatoes
						Toilet Paper

## The Mitten Tree

The mitten tree will be set up in the Narthex where you can place donations of socks, toques, mitts, scarves, etc for those in need who come to our door this winter.

Come to the Knit and Crochet Group to make donations and have fun at the same time.



# Upcoming Events during Advent

**December 11**



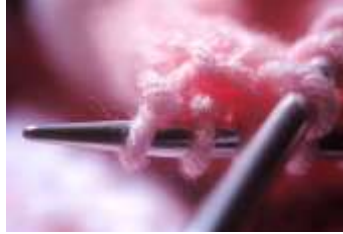
Church School  
Service  
10:30 a.m.



**Michelle  
Alder's  
Piano  
Student  
Recital**  
3:00 p.m.

**Dec 12 & 19**

**Knit and Crochet  
Group**  
Monday - 7:00 p.m.  
till we drop  
... a stitch  
Free for all ages  
Bring a friend  
Coffee and Tea



**December 15**



Thursday at  
Third Ave  
Free Noon  
Hour Concerts  
**Chelsea  
Mahan  
(Soprano)  
Kerry Agnew  
(Piano)**

**December 16**

**YOUTH GAME NIGHT**  
7:00P.M.  
**FREE TO ALL YOUTH**  
**POT LUCK SNACKS**  
**GIFT EXCHANGE**



**December 18**



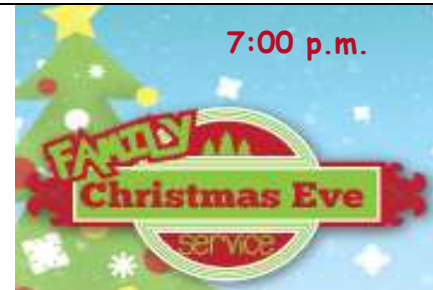
*Lessons &  
Carols*  
10:30 a.m.

**December 22**



Thursday at  
Third Ave  
Free Noon Hour  
Concerts  
**Darcy  
Hidebrandt &  
Darla  
MacDiarmid  
(Piano)**

**Christmas Eve December 24**



7:00 p.m.  
**FAMILY  
Christmas Eve  
SERVICE**



*Christmas Eve*  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
11:00 p.m.

## Givings

General (Local)	\$ 1715.00
Mission & Service	\$ 225.00
Bulletins	\$ 100.00
Coffee	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 145.35
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 2189.35</b>

## Observer

Observer Magazine Subscriptions are now available to order, renew or to purchase as a gift. Please see Philip Bray in the church office to order your copy.


## Gifts

The United Church of Canada developed the giving catalogue Gifts with Vision for members to be able to give gifts to friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of the church's Mission and Service Fund partners across Canada and around the world. If you are seeking new gift ideas or perhaps would rather not give family and friends the same old clothes/toys/chocolates, Gifts with Vision presents a new way to celebrate special occasions. Give a gift that can help change people's lives! Visit the website at <https://www.giftswithvision.ca>

## Community Events

Christmas On 20<sup>th</sup>  
  
St. Thomas Wesley  
United Church  
Avenue H. & 20th Street West  
Friday, December 16  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
\*Free \*Free  
\*Come & Go Musical Concert  
\* Turkey Buns & Hot  
Chocolate  
Bring Your Family & Friends

The Cathedral of St. John  
the Evangelist presents  
A Festival of Nine  
Lessons & Carols  
For the City of Saskatoon  
Tuesday, Dec 20  
7:00 p.m.

  
Join nine of our civic leaders,  
along with guest musicians  
and choirs in this beautiful  
traditional service.

A Service of Lessons and Carols  
with The Saskatoon Brass Band  
Guest Conductor: Robert Gibson  
The Choirs of Grace-Westminster  
United


Choir Director: Janet Wilson  
Narrated by: Rev. Daryl Woods



Grace-Westminster United  
505-10<sup>th</sup> St E

Sunday, Dec 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
Freewill Offering with proceeds to  
the Saskatoon Food Bank

### Oliver Lodge Annual Christmas Pudding Sale

  
Large - \$15 (Approx 10-12 servings)  
Small - \$10 (Approx 5-6 servings)  
Mini - \$5 (Approx 2-3 servings)  
Limited Quantity Available  
First Come – First Served.  
Call Kristen Smith at 306-986-5471  
to place your order.

