

Third Ave News

from the Pews . . . and beyond
December 18, 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

Our Ministry

December 18-25

Coffee & Lunch

Readings

This Sunday

Church Office Closed
9:30p.m. Choir Practice
10:30a.m. Advent 4 Love
Lessons & Carols Service
11:30a.m. Soup Lunch
11:45a.m. Board Meeting
12:00p.m. Advent Study

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 A – L.

January 8:

Last names starting with M - Z.

Isaiah 62:6–12
Prepare the way for the people.

Psalms 97 (VU p. 817)
Let the earth be glad!

Titus 3:4–7
Saved by grace; heirs of hope.

Luke 2: (1–7), 8–20
Shepherds and angels.

Monday

Church Office Closed
7:00p.m. Knit & Crochet Group (last one 2016)

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

Saturday

Church Office Closed
7:00p.m. Family Candlelight Service
11:00p.m. Candlelight Service with guest trumpeter Barrie Redford

Next Sunday



Merry Christmas
Church Closed

Stocking Stuffers

Why not purchase a calendar or some chocolate to share with family and friends this Christmas season. Donna is selling the Canadian Church Calendars \$6.

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

Giving Ministry

Christmas Hampers

Countdown to Kindness is now over. If you would still like to make a monetary donation please talk to Philip. Thank you all for your generosity.

Don't forget that we always have our donation box for the Saskatoon Food Bank in the Narthex.

The Mitten Tree



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

Congregational Information



UCW will have their Christmas Supper this Tuesday, December 20 at 5:30p.m.

The next Unified Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00p.m.



There will be a congregational information session to discuss the results the last meeting with Tracy Murton. It will be on Sunday, January 22 after the soup lunch



Ladies Breakfast will be at Tomas Cook restaurant on Idylwyld Drive on December 31 at 8:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast will be at Grainfields on Circle Drive on January 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

December 22

Christmas Eve December 24

**Thursday at
Third Ave
Free Noon Hour
Concert**

**Darcy Hildebrandt &
Darla MacDiarmid
(Piano)**

**Family Candlelight
Service**

7:00 p.m.

**Candlelight
Service**


11:00 p.m.

**With Guest
trumpeter
Barrie Redford**

December 25

January 1

January 8


No Service at Third
Ave or Knox
United

Joint service
at
Knox United
at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts for Baby Jesus
Donations for the Crisis Nursery can
be left under the large Christmas tree
at the front of the sanctuary. The
church school will open them after service.



Observer

Books for Sale

Givings

Observer Magazine
Subscriptions are now
available to order for
\$25, renew or as a gift.
Please see Philip Bray
in the church office
to order your copy.



We still have books for sale.
They are located in the
Boardroom on the bookcase in
the corner. Look at your
leisure. Prices are labelled and you can
pay any of the staff. Proceeds to the
general fund. Donations of books to our
ongoing sale can be left at the office.

General (Local)	\$ 1041.35
Mission & Service	\$ 15.00
Hampers	\$ 20.00
Recital Donation	\$ 173.40
Coffee	\$ 3.75
Loose	\$ 2.00
Total Offering	\$ 1255.50

Holiday Office Hours

December 23 9:00-3:00

December 24-27 Closed

December 28-29
9:00-3:00

December 30-January 3
Closed

January 4 – Regular Hours

Community Event

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 (505-10th St E)
Sunday, Dec 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Freewill Offering with proceeds to the
Saskatoon Food Bank

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



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

Humour from the Pews

Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg many years ago was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort - one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."

The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies."

The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion."

The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah, let me give you a little test. How was Jesus born?"

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger."

"That's right," said the hotel clerk. "And why was he born in a manger?"

Mrs. Rosenberg said loudly, "Because a jerk like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"



