

# St David's United Church

## Dec. 9 Newsletter

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*Growing & Deepening our Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community*

### Upcoming Events

December 13, 2018

Coffee & Muffin

7:00 am

December 15, 2018

Flower Arranging  
Course

10:00 am

December 16, 2018

Advent Brunch

11:00 am

Evening Compline

7:00 pm

December 21, 2018

Blue Christmas

7:00 pm

Take a break from the hectic season and unwind in the serene and prayerful setting of an

**Advent Evening Compline service.**

Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Pre-service organ recital by Winnifred Hume at 7:00 PM.



**The Church Office will be closed from**

**December 21 at noon until January 2.**



### Christmas Poinsettias

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honour of a loved one, and help decorate our Sanctuary this holiday season, please fill out the form provided in the worship folder and drop off, along with your donation to the Poinsettia table in the lobby on November 18, November 25 and December 2 and December 9. All donations must be in by December 10 and the list of names will be mentioned in the December 16 and 23 Worship Folders.



### **HEALING TOUCH:**

**First Wednesday of every month. Book your appointment by calling the office. \*Please note that there will be no Healing Touch in January\***

Lessons and Carols at St. David's  
**December 23 at 10:00 am**  
Special organ music along with carol  
singing prior to the service.

### *The Giving Tree*

It's that time of the year again. This Advent season, we are supporting two organizations:

### **McMan Calgary & Brenda's House**

More information about each of the above programs can be found on an insert in your worship folder.

Starting **November 25**, please take a gift tag from the tree in the foyer. Each tag has a gift suggestion on it but any gift you offer is gratefully received. Place the gift and the **gift tag** in a bag and place it under the tree in the foyer.

In order to give us time to sort and deliver we request that all gifts be placed under the tree by **no later than December 17**. We deeply appreciate your continued generosity and compassion that will touch and bless the lives of others this Christmas.



## **United Church 2019 Calendars** \$15/each

Proceeds go to St. David's  
Available now in the church  
office.

### **Coffee & Muffin**

**In the foyer of St.  
David's from  
7:00 am to 2:00  
pm on  
December 13**

**Everybody  
welcome!!!!**

**Come and enjoy a  
muffin, coffee  
and some  
conversation.**

### **Annual Christmas Brunch**

**December 16 at  
11:30am**

Tickets can be purchased in the foyer after service. Tickets are \$3.00 per child or \$5.00 per adult.

### **BLUE CHRISTMAS**

December 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm

A meditative service that honors the challenges of experiencing the Christmas season while living with difficult life events.

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# Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop

A Fundraiser for St. David's

**Saturday December 15th**  
**Robertson Hall**  
**10:00 am to noon**  
**Donation of \$20**

Bring your own vase and a low container for oasis suitable for your holiday table, plus a mixed bunch of flowers for your vase and strong scissors.

Christmas greenery and the oasis will be provided.

Any questions or to register, please speak to June Martin after church at coffee, or email [junemartin@shaw.ca](mailto:junemartin@shaw.ca)

**FUN IS GUARANTEED!**

## Youth Group Schedule

All youth welcome!

**Sunday, December 16**  
**1:00-2:30**

Youth Christmas Party

Contact Alison or  
the Church office  
for more  
information

## BAPTISM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**January 27, 2019**

On Sunday, January 27 we are planning to have a worship service honoring and celebrating the sacrament of baptism. In preparation for this exciting event we are inviting people to consider if they would like to be baptized on that Sunday morning. This will be a baptism service celebrated by the entire community.

If you would like to be baptised or have children baptized or would like to reaffirm your faith, please contact Peggy McDonagh, Alison Demeter or the office.



## Food Bank Donations

We will be collecting donations for the food bank on White Gift Sunday on December 16, 2017.

***The following items are in demand:***

***Baby formula with iron  
canned soup  
Baby food in jars  
pull top soup  
canned tomatoes  
canned beans  
canned meat & fish  
pull top cans  
mac & cheese  
canned veggies  
pull top meats***

***pasta  
canned fruit  
pasta sauce  
oat bars  
quinoa  
rice  
peanut butter  
juice (1 L)  
rolled oats***

We ask that all donations be placed in a WHITE BAG.

**Thank you for your  
Christmas generosity.**

## United Church Observer

**Faith, Justice and Ethical Living**

**It's time to renew your subscription, or become a new subscriber, for 2019.**

This year the group rate subscription cost is \$25\* per year, which includes 11 issues.

If you wish to begin receiving the **OBSERVER**, or continue with your current subscription, please complete the special envelope in the worship folder, or contact the church office by December 15, 2018 (Phone: 403-284-2276 x 107 or Email: [accounting@sduc.ca](mailto:accounting@sduc.ca)).

\*This amount will not qualify for a tax receipt as it is being used to purchase something of value for you, with the money donated.

### **WANTED: Administrative Assistance Coverage**

We are looking for somebody who may be interested in learning the ins and outs of the office administration position. This will be a paid, casual position for office coverage at times when Chantal is out of the office and other office coverage is not available.

If interested, please contact Chantal in the Church office.



## ACTS

**ACTS Winter Study Book Sales/  
Registration**

December 9th & 16th, January 6th & 14th.

### **Book Study**

Monday Nights 6:30-9:00 PM from  
January 14th thru March 27th.

### **Bible Study**

Thursday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 AM.  
January 17th thru March 28th

## Calling All Singers

Anyone who is interested in joining the Choir for the 8 PM Christmas Eve service, please speak with Brent. Come raise your voice in praise!

### **Christmas Eve Worship Services**

**4:30 pm**  
Family Service

**8:00 pm**  
Candlelight Service