

St David's United Church

Dec. 16 Newsletter

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Growing & Deepening our Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community

Upcoming Events

December 16, 2018

Advent Brunch

11:00 am

Evening Compline

7:00 pm

December 21, 2018

Blue Christmas

7:00 pm

December 23, 2018

Lessons & Carols

10:00 am

December 24, 2018

Family Service

4:30 pm

Candlelight Service

8:00 pm

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

Advent Evening Compline service.

Sunday December 16th 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.**



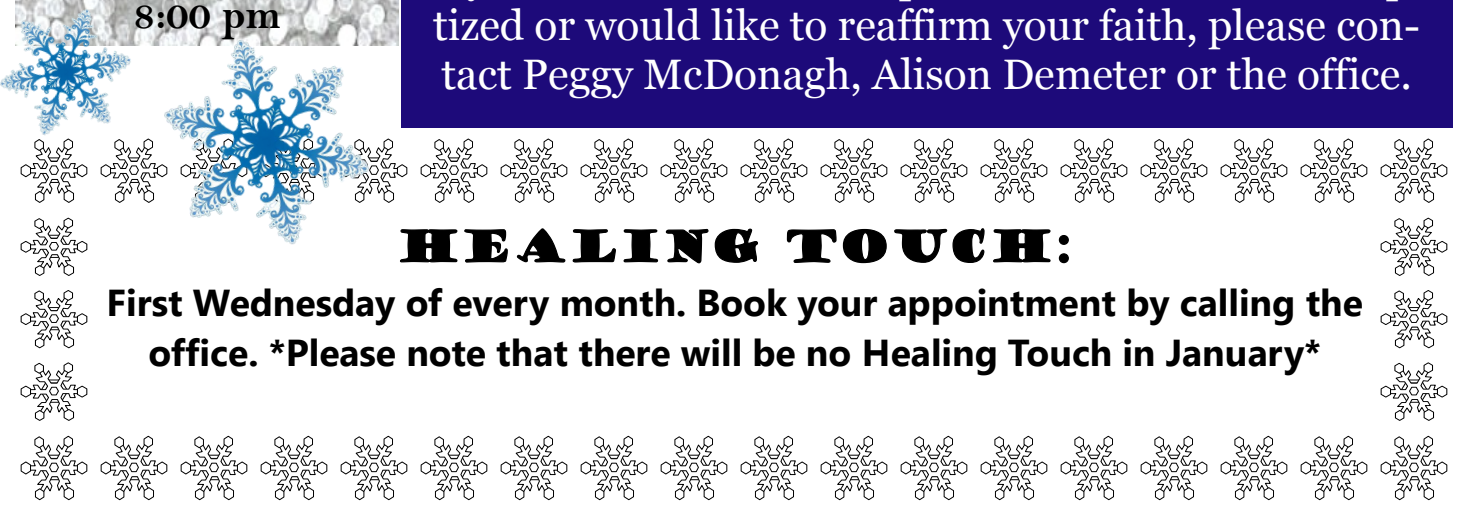
BAPTISM SUNDAY CELEBRATION January 27, 2019

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.

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**

**January 17 &
February 21**

**Everybody
welcome!!!!**

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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**December 21, 2018
7:00 pm**

A meditative service
led by Debbie
Stockdale and the
Pastoral Care team that
honors the challenges
of experiencing the
Christmas season
while living with diffi-
cult life events.



Christmas Eve Worship Services

**4:30 pm - Family
Service**

**8:00 pm - Candlelight
Service**

COMFORT AND LOVE VIA A PRAYER SHAWL

The prayer shawl group invites people to take a prayer shawl, card, and bag to someone who may need some tender comfort, care, love and support this Christmas season. The shawls are displayed at the back of the sanctuary. Donations to the Prayer Shawl ministry are appreciated.

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

♪ Here We Go A Wassailing ♪

On December 31st at 10:00 a.m. we invite you to fill your cups with some warm wassail to sip on while we gather in the sanctuary for an informal Christmas worship experience!

All are welcome to bring a short (1-3 minute) anecdote, story, poem or song to share, a favorite Christmas carol request from the hymn book, or to simply come and receive what the morning has to offer.

If you are able to help out by bringing a batch of wassail in a crock pot that morning, we would be very grateful and would love to provide you with a recipe! Please contact Alison to answer any questions you may have and/or to receive a wassail recipe.

We hope this will be a warm, beautiful Christmas worship that highlights all that makes this season special, touching, and meaningful and we look forward to receiving all who come "a wassailing" on Sunday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m.

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!

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.