

St David's United Church

Nov 20 Newsletter

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Growing & Deepening our Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community

Upcoming Events

November 26
Christmas Decorating
10:00 am

November 27
Drama Show
11:30 am

December 4
Blue Christmas Service
7:00 pm

December 5
Medical Assistance in Death

December 7
Healing Touch
7:00 pm

December 11
Advent Brunch
8:00 am

December 15
Christmas Compline
7:00 pm

ACTS Advent Book Sale

After Worship on
November 27th and
December 4th in the
TM room.

Memorial Poinsettias

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, and help decorate our Sanctuary this holiday season, please fill out the form situated with the Poinsettia table in the lobby on November 27th and December 4th. All donations must be in by December 7th and the list of names will be mentioned in the December 11th and 18st Worship Folders.

Christmas at the Park

Friday December 2, 2016

6:00: Doors Open

6:30: (sharp) Dinner

8:00: Entertainment & Dancing

Friendship Club annual dinner
dance at **Confederation Park Senior Centre.**

\$40.00/person

Tickets available after church
on Sunday November 6 &
Sunday November 13

Please bring a donation to the
Food Bank—non perishable
food or money.

For more information, please
contact Ken & Marj Little (403-
282-5232)
or Noelle & Elizabeth Rae
(403-288-3652)

Everyone welcome!

HEALING TOUCH:

*First Wednesday of every month. Book your
appointment by calling the office.*



The United Church Observer

Faith, Justice and Ethical Living

The United Church Observer magazine is published by The United Church of Canada and one of the oldest, most recognized and celebrated publications in Canada. The publication presents varied and interesting perspectives on current faith related topics, keeping us aware of the broader church and current events.

It's time to renew your subscription, or become a new subscriber, for 2017.

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

If you wish to begin receiving the **OB-SERVER**, or continue with your current subscription, please contact the church office for the special envelope by **December 15, 2016** (Phone: 403-284-2276 or Email: accounting@sduc.ca).

Annual Christmas Brunch **December 11 at 11:30 a.m.**

Tickets can be purchased in the foyer after service. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family of 4 or more.

TENDERFOOT

The Chameleon Club, formerly known as St. David's Drama Club, will be presenting the production *Tenderfoot* on November 27th following the church service.

This production is a western about Lin McLean, a young man from down east who finds himself working for the big cattle man, Judge Henry. Lin is a complete greenhorn, which makes it hard for him to measure up in Judge Henry's eyes and makes him an easy target for teasing to boot. He is frequently singled out by the Judge's youngest daughter, Lucy, for scornful rebukes. The Judge's oldest daughter, Suzanne, however, sees the gold in Lin. This is also a story about the Gobel family who is struggling to turn their circumstances around. Destiny brings the two families together in ways neither family could have predicted. If you enjoy adventure, romance, action, and humour, then this is the play for you! Please come join us on the 27th!

A light lunch, including buns, cold meats, condiments, and veggies, will be served prior to the production at about 11:30 am. This will ensure that no one's stomach growls during the production. The play itself should begin about 12:00 pm.

There is no charge for admission; however, donations are gratefully received by the drama club and help to support us.



A Meaningful Evening on Grief

Last Thursday some of us were treated to an evening with Mary Maxwell. Her poems spoke of the grief she has encountered over the course of her life. Her readings evoked memories for those of us in attendance who could relate to some of her experiences: to loving someone going through dementia; living with two thrill seeking siblings who grew up to have struggles with addiction, who died in separate alcohol related accidents; the loss of her dear mother, to a patient who is misunderstood by nursing staff unfamiliar with her former self and life. Mary gently began the conversation about grief and healing. She encouraged us to choose one of the river stones laid out on a table that represented our grief. She instructed us in several movements and questions to consider and to journal thoughts and feelings. Then we were invited to think about what we needed to do with our grief going forward. Some of us gave our grief to God, others took our grief with us for more work and others left their grief behind for the time being. We are hoping to have Mary back next year to repeat this session. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile session please let one of us know.

Dana Young – Chair, Audrey Bridgewater, Jennifer Ferleyko, Janet Larson, Sharon Larson, Kelley Warner

Coffee & Muffin

**In the foyer of St.
David's from
7:00 am to 2:00
pm on
December 15**

**Everybody
welcome!!!!**

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

The spirituality of walking.

11:30 to 1:30 pm

Join us for an easy paced walk and some
guided
contemplation.

Feb. 5, April 12, May 7

Calling All Singers

Anyone who is interested
in joining the Choir for the
8 PM Christmas Eve ser-
vice, please speak with
Brent.

Come raise your voice in
praise!

PARKING!!!!

Just a reminder for
anybody parking
at the Church,
please pull as far
forward in your
parking spot as
possible.