### St David's United Church Nov 24 Newsletter www.sduc.ca

Growing & Deepening our Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community

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#### **HEAVEN & NATURE SING! ADVENT SERIES**

This is an invitation for the congregation to join together on a community spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas providing a strong connection within community and a deeper knowing of our own individual spiritual lives.



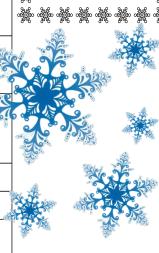
"Joy to the World," a beloved Christmas classic, turns 300 this year. Composer Isaac Watt's interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a "new song" – and it is a powerful cosmic performance of all creation being renewed and freed. Rather than "joy" being yet another word for "happiness," we will discover that the depths of joy can be found especially in the midst of suffering, the work of justice, and the presence of compassion – all part of the coming of Jesus' renewing love to this world and a message the world still so desperately needs.

Please join us this Advent and Christmas to reflect on and deepen the presence of joy in your life.

### St. David's Week at a Glance

Sun. Nov 24	10:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Church School – Robertson Hall
	11:00 am	Refreshments – TM Room
	2:30 pm	Avant-Garde Recital – TM & Sanctuary
Mon. Nov 25	9:00 am	Foundation Meeting – TM Room
	12:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall
	5:30 pm	Sparks – TM Room
	5:30 pm	Brownies/Girl Guides – Robertson Hall
	7:00 pm	ACTS Book Study – Tm Room
	7:30 pm	Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues.	6:00 pm	Iglesias Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM
Nov 26	7:00 pm	Council Meeting – Robertson Hall
Wed. Nov 27	9:30 am	Oisses TM Dasses
		Qigong – TM Room
Thurs. Nov 28	9:30 am	ACTS Bible Study – TM Room
	1:30 pm	Pastoral Care Meeting – TM Room
	6:30 pm	Qigong – TM Room
	7:00 pm	Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri.	4:00 pg	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons –
Nov 29	4:00 pm	Lacombe
Sat.	7:00 am	Iglesias Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM
Nov 30	2:00 pm	Stoney McDougall Society - TM Room
Sun. Dec 1	8:00 am	Nov SS Team Breakfast – Rob Hall
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Church School – Robertson Hall
	11:00 am	Refreshments – TM Room

The Church Office will be closed from December 20 at noon until January 2.



Offering envelopes will be available for pick up at the back of the sanctuary from December 1 to December 29.

Please pick yours up when possible.

# BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

December 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm

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

# The Giving Tree



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

### Miskanawah



### **Closer to Home**

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

Starting **November 24**, 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 18. We deeply appreciate your

continued generosity and compassion that

continued generosity and compassion that will touch and bless the lives of others this Christmas.

# Coffee & Muffin

In the foyer of St.
David's from
7:00 am to 2:00
pm on
December 12

Everybody welcome!!!!

Come and enjoy a muffin, coffee and some conversation.

# Annual Christmas Brunch December 15 at

11:30 am

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

### HEALING TOUCH:

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December 4, 2019
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Healing Touch on
January 1.

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# Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> Carol Sing! Come 15 mins prior to worship and request your favorite carol

# **Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Lesson & Carols.

Pre-service Organ recital

9:40 AM -10:00 AM

# St. David's Friendship Club Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

You are invited to join us for *FRIENDS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS* at the Confederation Senior's Centre on December 6, 2019. Doors open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. There will be a group sing along of familiar Christmas Carols followed by dancing to the Badlanders Orchestra. Members of congregation and friends are welcome. Join us for a fun filled evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. Tickets will be for sale at the church on November 3, 17 and 24.

If you desire, Donations to the Calgary Food Bank will be accepted (preferable by cheque as they are able to bulk purchase

### **Memorial Poinsettias**

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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 provided in the worship folder and drop off, along with your donation to the Poinsettia table in the lobby on November 17, November 24 and December 1 and December 8. All donations must be in by December 11 and the list of names will be mentioned in the December 16 and 23 Worship Folders.

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### Food Bank Donations

We will be collecting donations for the food bank on White Gift Sunday on December 15, 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.

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### Gift Card Fundraiser

St. David's is entering into a new Fundraiser Venture with Fundscrip. Fundscrip allows you to purchase gift cards directly through St. David's and have them conveniently delivered to the Church!

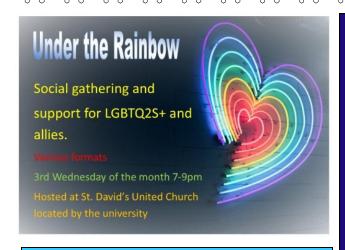
#### How does it work?

- 1. Grab an order form from the table in the front hall.
- 2. Fill in the order form to purchase gift cards for popular retailers at face value. Spend \$25 and get a \$25 gift card in return.
- 3. For each gift card sold, a portion of the proceeds (ranging from 2-10%) come directly to St. David's.

It's really that simple! We get paid for the shopping that you already do!

More information is included on the order form available in the Church office or in the front

Take a break from the hectic season and unwind in the serene and prayerful setting of an **Advent Evening Compline** service. Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Pre-service organ recital at 7:00 PM.



# ACTS Annual Winter Book Sale December 1

# **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