

# St David's United Church

## December 8 Newsletter

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*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.

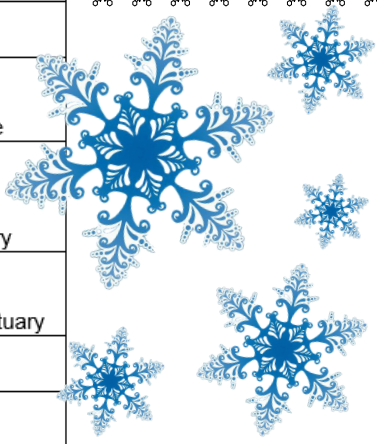
"Joy to the World," a beloved Christmas classic, turns 300 this year. Composer Isaac Watt's interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a "new song" – and it is a powerful cosmic performance of all creation being renewed and freed. Rather than "joy" being yet another word for "happiness," we will discover 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.<br>Dec 8    | 10:00 am | Sunday Worship – Sanctuary                 |
|                  | 10:00 am | Church School – Robertson Hall             |
|                  | 11:00 am | Refreshments – TM Room                     |
|                  | 11:30 am | SS Brunch – Robertson Hall                 |
|                  | 3:30 pm  | Iglesias Ni Cristo – Robertson Hall        |
| Mon.<br>Dec 9    | 12:30 pm | Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall           |
|                  | 5:30 pm  | Sparks – TM Room                           |
|                  | 5:30 pm  | Brownies/Girl Guides – Robertson Hall      |
|                  | 7:30 pm  | Angel Voices - Sanctuary                   |
| Tues.<br>Dec 10  | 6:00 pm  | Iglesias Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM        |
| Wed.<br>Dec 11   | 9:30 am  | Qigong – TM Room                           |
|                  | 6:00 pm  | ARCS – Sanctuary                           |
|                  | 7:00 pm  | LaCocinelle Board Meeting - Lacombe        |
| Thurs.<br>Dec 12 | 7:00 am  | Coffee & Muffin Day – Front Foyer          |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | Qigong – TM Room                           |
|                  | 7:00 pm  | Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary         |
| Fri.<br>Dec 13   | 8:00 pm  | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary      |
|                  | 4:00 pm  | Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe    |
| Sat.<br>Dec 14   | 5:00 pm  | Rehearsal Calgary Girls' Choir - Sanctuary |
|                  | 7:00 am  | Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM         |
| Sun.<br>Dec 15   | 10:00 am | Sunday Worship – Sanctuary                 |
|                  | 10:00 am | Church School – Robertson Hall             |
|                  | 11:00 am | Advent Brunch – Robertson Hall             |
|                  | 7:00 pm  | Evening Compline – Sanctuary               |

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 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:**

There will be no Healing Touch on January

1. Contact the office to book your February appointment



**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**



**Please Help the Stoney Nakoda**  
**Children at Christmas!**  
**December 21, 2019, 2:00PM**  
**Morley Gym | Morley, Alberta**

We have been asked to help host the Children's Christmas Nativity and Feast out at Morley again this year. If you can support us with donations for food and presents, we can give up to 200 children a fun evening they will never forget!

With the restoration of the McDougall Memorial United Church to be completed in the Fall of 2020, this year is going to be huge for Alberta's history. We are also asking if you could help in making this restoration a great success.

Please send donations by e-transfer to [treasurer@mcdougallstoneymission.com](mailto:treasurer@mcdougallstoneymission.com). Indicate if it is for the Nativity and Feast or for the Church Restoration. Alternatively, you can mail a cheque to:

McDougall Stoney Mission Society  
6707 Laird Court SW, Calgary, AB T3E 6G2

If you would like to volunteer your time rather than make a donation, please contact Brenda at [president@mcdougallstoneymission.com](mailto:president@mcdougallstoneymission.com)

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## Under the Rainbow

**Social gathering and**  
**support for LGBTQ2S+ and**  
**allies.**

**Various formats**

**3rd Wednesday of the month 7-9pm**

**Hosted at St. David's United Church**  
**located by the university**



## LET'S LEND A HAND

As a New Year begins we endeavor to become a more caring and connected church community. If you are aware of a member who is ill or needs assistance, please inform the church office so that we may offer our support.

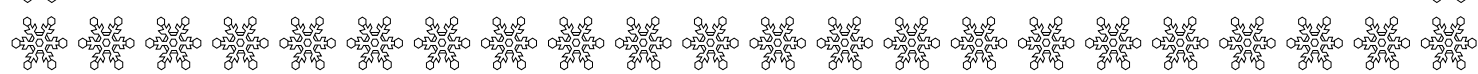
Also, if you know someone in our congregation who has difficulty getting to church, perhaps you could offer them a ride on Sunday. Due to insurance reasons St. David's is unable to establish a more formal ride sharing service, so it's up to us to lend a hand!

**Your assistance is greatly appreciated!**  
**St David's Pastoral Care Committee**



## 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 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 9 and the list of names will be mentioned in the December 15 and 22 Worship Folders.





## 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.**

### ♪ Here We Go A Wassailing ♪

On December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Peggy or Chantal to answer any questions you may have.

The wassail recipe will be available on December 15 & 22.

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 29 at 10:00 a.m.

## 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 foyer of the Church.

**Next deadline:** February 2, 2020

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.

## 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