

# St David's United Church

## Dec 4 Newsletter

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

### Upcoming Events

**December 7**  
**Healing Touch**  
**7:00 pm**

**December 11**  
**Advent Brunch**  
**11:30 am**

**December 15**  
**Coffee & Muffin**  
**7:00 am**

**December 18**  
**Christmas Compline**  
**7:00 pm**

**December 24**  
**Family Service**  
**4:30 pm**

**Candlelight Service**  
**8:00 pm**

**December 25**  
**Christmas Service**  
**10:00 am**

**January 1**  
**New Year Worship**  
**10:00 am**

**THE OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED FROM  
DECEMBER 24 TO  
JANUARY 3**

### ACTS Annual Advent Book Sale

Special current titles you will  
enjoy  
Personal Treasures &  
Christmas Gifts

Sunday November 27 &  
December 4th

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. All donations must be in by December 4<sup>th</sup> and the list of names will be mentioned in the December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>st</sup> worship folders.

### Coffee & Muffin

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

All are welcome!!!!

Come and enjoy a muffin, coffee and some conversation.

### Annual Christmas Brunch

**Dec. 11 - 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.

### **HEALING TOUCH:**

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

## THE GIVING TREE

Friends at St. David's, last year your spirit of generosity was truly remarkable. Your acts of compassion have resulted in an abundance of gifts for families in need via the Giving Tree. This year again we are supporting three organizations:

### **CUPS - Engage. Motivate. Achieve.**

Calgary Urban Project Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families in Calgary overcome poverty.

Through integrated health care, education and housing services, CUPS empowers people to overcome the challenges of poverty and reach their full potential. Last year,

CUPS worked with over 9,300 struggling Calgarians. CUPS Education programs work together to build and strengthen the brain architecture of our children and parents to create a stronger foundation for success in life.

**Because of your support, we are helping individuals, families and communities thrive.**

### **The Alex Community**

For more than 40 years, The Alex has listened and responded to the needs of Calgarians. We provide primary medical care and housing support to our most vulnerable neighbours, tackling tough health and social issues head-on.

We step in before long-term interventions are needed. Our cost-effective programs save taxpayer dollars and strengthen the entire community.

We believe health is a complete state of physical, mental, emotional and economic well-being; not just the absence of disease. Our priority is to break down access and social barriers, by tailoring our services to meet individuals' needs. From babies to seniors, our clients are as unique and special as the care they receive.

Poverty is a critical determinant of health, and together, we have the power to break the cycle. At The Alex, we're changing health, lives and communities; we want you to be part of the movement!

### **Wood's Homes**

Wood's Homes is a multi-service, community-owned and operated children's mental health centre. We have been helping families for over 100 years.

**We Never Say No. We Never Give Up. We Never Turn Anyone Away.**

### **Help share a little comfort & joy this holiday season!**

The holidays can be an especially stressful time for the youth and families that we work with at Wood's Homes, many facing increased financial challenges during the winter months. You're invited to take part and provide support for those who need a little uplifting this holiday season!

Starting **November 20** 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, along with some wrapping paper if you would like, 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 in on or before **Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and no later than December 18.** We deeply appreciate your continued generosity and compassion that will touch and bless the lives of others this Christmas.

*The Giving Tree Committee*

## BABYSITTING

St David's nineteen year old refugee, Mirna, is available on weekends for babysitting children of any age. She has three younger brothers and connects well with all children, is fairly fluent in English and eager to broaden her experience in Canada. Mirna lives in Ranchlands and is familiar with travelling by bus and train. Please phone:

Mirna at 403-831-6367

## ***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 **OBSERVER**, 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).

## 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 service, please speak with Brent.