



Calendar of Events for

Christmas 2017

December 3rd Sunday - 10:30am First Sunday in Advent – Communion Service
6:30pm kick-off to Advent!!

December 9th Saturday – 9:30-10:30am - packing and delivery of Thinking of You Baskets

December 10th Sunday -10:30am Second Sunday in Advent – Contemporary Service, White Gift Sunday

December 16th Saturday - packing and delivery of Christmas Hampers

December 17th Sunday - 10:30am Third Sunday in Advent
1:30pm Carolling at St. Boniface Hospital
7:30pm Young Adults get together

December 19th Tuesday - 7:00pm Carolling at Windsor Park Place

December 20th Wednesday - 7:00pm Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service

December 24th Sunday - 10:30am Fourth Sunday in Advent
7:30pm Christmas Eve Service; Candlelight and Communion

December 31st Sunday - 10:30am New Year's Eve Day service

OUR MISSION

Windsor Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming community. Based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, we nurture our faith and spiritual life by: worshipping and learning together, caring for each other, embracing our diversity, reaching out to those who live around us and working together in service to Creation.

THE LIFE & WORK OF WPUC

November 26th – Dec 3rd, 2017

Today	11:30am	Special Congregational Meeting *
	11:50am	Praise Team Practice
Monday	6:15pm	Sparks & Brownies
	6:30pm	Worship Council Meeting
Tuesday	1pm	Art Group
Wednesday	9:30am	Tot time
Thursday	9:30am	'Follow' Study Group
	7:45pm	Worship <i>Christmas</i> Choir Practice
Saturday	9am	Alzheimer's Workshop
Next Sunday	→	First Sunday of Advent
	11:45am	Praise Team Practice
	6:30pm	<i>Advent kick-off event</i>

Thank you **Membership & Pastoral Care Committee** for serving coffee during the month of November!

We need coffee service for December 17th!

Please sign-up for Welcome Ministry on the bulletin board by the office!



All are welcome to our family friendly 2017 **kick-off to Advent** on Dec.3rd Doors open at 6:30pm here with the **bonfire singing** to start around 6:45. Indoor **carols** will also be available for those who enjoy a warm nose to go with their warm heart. Hot chocolate and other beverages will be served throughout the evening. Cookie decoration starts around 7. We have a wonderful collection of CHRISTmas stories which will be read by a 'special' guest once we have settled down with our beverages and cookies. The event will go until around 8pm. Please bring friends and neighbours along with your family.



There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for Christmas Hamper and Thinking of You Basket delivery drivers! Please help if you can!

***“Notice of Special Congregational Meeting TODAY.**

This meeting will be immediately following Worship Service in the sanctuary. It is to officially appoint the Ministry Profile Committee (used to be JNAC) and its members. So far we have the following people willing to serve on the committee: Laurie Ringaert (Chair), Doug Waldron, Nancy Sulkers, Gloria Saindon, Peter Czehryn, Anne Thoroughgood, Carol Belsham, and June Kaan. If other people would like to join the committee, please speak with Laurie Ringaert. The Ministry Profile Process is needed as Patrick is changing his status from Student to Ordained Minister in 2018.

With the support of many friends, your Outreach Council will be preparing Christmas hampers for 20 families this season. The Christmas Cheer Board provides guidelines for the perishable/non-perishable items to be included in each hamper and the average cost is \$100.00 (not including gifts). On Nov. 26th and Dec. 3rd, envelopes will be included with the Sunday bulletins. **If you wish to make a donation, please insert it in that envelope, noting the amount and the # of your regular offering envelope.** Your donation can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in Heather’s office. Thank you for any support you can offer.

On Thursday, Nov 30th at 6:30pm, here at WPUC, Patrick will be presenting his Graduate Research Project, in partial fulfillment for the Master of Divinity Degree from the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, NS. It is How a non-monogamous individual’s sexual expression impacts their experiences of and/or perceptions of the Christian Faith and Christian Faith communities in a North American context.

Our Thinking of You Baskets will be packed and delivered on Saturday Dec 9th and we are in need of a few items to add to them. We welcome donations of hot chocolate packets, cup of soup packets, Christmas oranges, baking, and individually wrapped candies. Please contact Pat Todd to make arrangements! Many thanks!

OUT & ABOUT!

- Westworth United Church presents: ‘Future Present: An Elleston Liddell Mystery’ radio play. TODAY, Nov 26th at 2:30pm. 1750 Grosvenor Ave. Tix available at their church 204-489-6974 ext. 20
- Young Adult Games Night! **Young Adult Recreational Gatherings** is open to all people post high school to 30s, come with your favourite board or card game and a snack that doesn’t require plates or cutlery! Friday Dec 1st, 8:30 – 10:45pm at Knox United Church, 400 Edmonton Street.
- Steve Bell & the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert, with special guest UK poet Malcolm Guite. Tuesday, Dec 12th at 8pm. Tix at WSO Box Office call:204-949-3999 or wso.ca
- Handel’s Messiah will again be performed on Dec 15-16th this year, but this time with an all-Manitoban cast of soloists! Use code: WINDSOR for 20% off the ticket price. Tix start at \$25 contact the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at 204-949-3999 or wso.ca
- Oakbank United Church presents its 25th annual dinner theatre: ‘Spy on the Line’, running from Jan 18th- Feb. 10th 2018. Tix: \$50 each, with a \$25 tax receipt. Call Barb @ 204-805-1687

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Beverly Baker
Viola Cowan
Cameron Fidler
Betty Rodgers
Derek Seadon

Alexandra Burnett
Lia Drawson
Dayna Jeanson
Raymond Rybuck
Ernie Zacharias

George & Beverly Baker