

Third Ave News

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From the Pews . . . and beyond

The Mission of Third Avenue United Church is to reach out with love and provide a welcoming place, especially for downtown people. We offer strength, courage, and support in a safe nurturing environment.

We welcome everyone to worship this morning. If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances. If you would like information on the church activities, contact us at: 1-306-652-6812 304 3rd Avenue N. Saskatoon, SK S7K 2J1 secretary.thirdaveunitedchurch@sasktel.net www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.com Like us on Facebook

To Make Your Experience Here Even Better



If you use a cane or walker, please use our elevator entrance on 3rd Ave.



There are head sets at the back of the Sanctuary for those who need assistance hearing the service.



Please remember to shut off your cell phone during the service.



There are visitor offering envelopes folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our ministry.

Coffee and Conversation

Please join us for coffee in the Narthex before service or downstairs after the service for lunch.

If you are able bring baking or goodies for snack to allow us to continue this time of fellowship on the week corresponding to the start of your last name.

This Week: Last names starting with A - L.
Next Week: Last names starting with M - Z.

Please try to come early to set up if you are able (10:00 a.m.). We can also use help with clean up and dishes. Thank you for all your help.

Readings Nov 27

Isaiah 2:1-5
Swords into ploughshares.

Psalms 122 (VU p. 845)
"With joy to God's house."

Romans 13:11-14
Wake up! The day is near.

Matthew 24:36-44
No one knows the hour.

A Giving Ministry

Communion

Next Sunday is our Advent 1 - Communion Service and Recessional Offering. This offering is used to replenish our Benevolent Fund. The Church office has an average of six requests a week for assistance. The fund is used to buy grocery gift cards and bus fare for those in need.

Countdown to Kindness

This Christmas we are planning on helping those in need from our own congregation as well as those in the greater community through a fun giving activity. We are calling it Countdown to Kindness. It is like a reverse advent calendar. Instead of getting a treat each day you can give toward a Christmas Basket. If you would like to participate, please pick up a giving string from the cork boards and open one each Sunday, Nov. 20 & 27 and Dec. 4 & 11.

Inside you will find each weeks list of items to collect. You don't need to collect everything, but the more we collect the more people we can help. Each Sunday you can bring your items to the church to add to the hampers. Items will include food, toiletries and small personal items.

*If you are in need of a basket please let Rev. Dr. Donna know



This Week at 3rd Avenue - November 20 - 27

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Church Office Closed 9:30a.m. Choir Practice 10:30a.m. Contemporary Service 11:45a.m. Soup Lunch	Church Office Closed 7:00p.m. Knit and Crochet	Minister's Hours 10:30-1 Office Hours 9-4 10:30a.m. Staff Mtg.	Minister's Hours 1-4 Office Hours 9-3 11:30a.m. WW
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Minister's Hours 10:30-3 Office Hours 9-3 12:00p.m. Walking Group	Minister's Hours 9-1 Office Hours 9-4 2:00p.m. Sale Set up And Christmas Decorating	Church Office Closed 2:00p.m. Book and Bake Sale	Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Advent 1 Communion Service 12:00p.m. Free Lunch

Our Ministry

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Knit & Crochet	Walking	Thursdays at Third Ave
<p>Every Monday Night 7:00 p.m. till we drop . . . a stitch Bring a friend Coffee and Tea</p> 	<p>Nov 24 & 29 Dec 6, 13 & 20 Come in out of the cold and walk the sanctuary at noon for exercise. Bring your walking shoes and water bottle</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday's at Third Ave Free Noon Hour Concerts December 1, 8, 15 and 22 At Third Avenue United Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Admission is by donation. Please bring your lunch to enjoy during the performance. Coffee and tea will be served.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 1 Dean McNeill, Silas Friesen, Colin Grant & Michelle Aalders (trumpet/piano/organ)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 8 Alysse Sailor – Harpist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 15 Chelsea Mahan (soprano) Kerry Agnew (pianist)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 22 Darcy Hildebrandt & Darla MacDiarmid (pianist)</p> 
Set Up and Decorating		
<p>We need help setting up for the book and bake sale and decorating the sanctuary for Advent on November 25 starting at 2:00p.m.</p> 		
Book and Bake Sale		
<p>On Saturday, November 26 we are having a Book and Bake Sale from 2:00-4:00. Please let any of the staff know if you are able to donate something and/or volunteer. Items may be dropped off at the church office during business hours.</p> 		
Advent Study		
<p>Rev. Donna will once again be holding an Advent Study. It will take place on Thursdays before the noon hour concerts on December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:30a.m. for an hour. It will also be offered Sundays after the lunch.</p>		
Barn Service	Fundraising	
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Barn Service on the Lawn Dec 4 at 6:30 p.m. Come experience the Christmas Story in a stable Live Animals, Sleigh Rides and Hot Chocolate.</p>	<p>Two fundraisers that you can participate in: Donna is selling the <u>Canadian Church Calendars</u> \$6. We are selling <u>chocolates</u>. They will be \$3 a box. If you would like to buy or sell some, please ask the church office. Flavours are crisp bars, milk bars, chocolate almonds, pecans & raisins, mint melts and caramel whirles.</p>	
In The Community		
<p>Oliver Lodge Annual Christmas Pudding Sale Call Kristen Smith at 306-986-5471 to place your order. Large - \$15 (Approximately 10-12 servings) Small - \$10 (Approximately 5-6 servings) Mini - \$5 (Approximately 2-3 servings) Limited Quantity Available First Come – First Served</p>	<p>Knox United Chili Lunch, Bake Sale, and Sale of Christmas Treasures will be held on November 26, 2016 from 11 am to 2 pm. Free parking available. For information call (306) 244-0159.</p> 	
<p>Celebrating Spirit – Women's Lunch Saskatchewan Conference Women's Network is hosting a noon luncheon on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 with guest speaker, Lynn Lancaster, B.C. Conference UCW President. Lynn will speak about "Celebrating Spirit", the theme of the 55th Anniversary Gathering of National United Church Women, taking place at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. on July 10 – 14, 2017. <i>Location:</i> St. Martin's United Church, 2617 Clarence Avenue in Saskatoon, 12:00PM. <i>Cost:</i> \$5.00 Please RSVP to Mary Mohn at d.mohn@sasktel.net or phone 306-749-3446 by Friday, November 25.</p>		
<p>Getting Sara Married Dinner Theatre - Mayfair United Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 3 Tickets: Dinner & Show \$29.00- 6:00pm Show Only-\$15.00- 7:30pm For tickets call: 306-382-6446</p>	<p>Saskatoon Children's Choir Sing Choirs of Angels Concert December 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. Knox United Church Tickets at McNally Booksellers \$30/\$15</p> 	
<p>Mayfair United Church Christmas Baking Walk Saturday, December 10th 10:00am to Noon A huge selection to choose from. Come Early to avoid disappointment.</p>	<p>Kids of Note and The Notations present "All I Want for Christmas" — our 12th annual Christmas Concert at Grosvenor Park United Church, Sunday, November 27 at 2 pm. Pop vocalist Heidi Munro will be our special guest. \$10 TICKETS are being sold through Picatic.com, and at the door if not sold out in advance. (6 and under free.) Come early to park: this is a well-attended event! For more info: KidsofNote.com. (There will not be a reception, but rather a "Meet & Greet" after the show, with music provided by our band.) For further info: Brenda Baker, Publicist - (306) 653-3245</p>	

