

Welcome to Third Ave

from the Pews . . . and beyond

January 8, 2017

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 joining us this Sunday.

If you would like information on the church activities, contact us:

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This Week **January 8 -15**

Third Avenue United Church **Information**

This Sunday

Church Office Closed
 9:30a.m. Choir Practice
 10:30a.m. Epiphany Service
 Gifts for Baby Jesus
 11:30a.m. Free Soup Lunch

Monday

Church Office Closed
 11:00a.m. Kitchen Rental
 7:00p.m. Knit & Crochet Group

Tuesday

Church Office 9-4
 Minister's Hours 10:30-5
 10:30a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:30p.m. Christmas Clean Up
 7:00p.m. Unified Board Mtg.

Wednesday

Church Office 9-3
 Minister's Hours 1-4
 11:30a.m. Weight Watchers

Thursday

Church Office 9-3
 Minister's Hours 10:30-5

Friday

Church Office 9-11:30
 Minister's Hours 10:30-5

Saturday

Church Office Closed
 5:00p.m. Hall Rental

Next Sunday

Church Office Closed
 9:30a.m. Choir Practice
 10:30a.m. Service
 11:30a.m. Free Soup Lunch

Social Time

Please join us for coffee in the Narthex before service and for a free community soup lunch downstairs after the service. We would love to get to know you better.



Thursdays at 3rd

Thank you to Michelle Aalders for once again organizing the Thursdays at Third Avenue Noon Hour Concerts. Average attendance was 110. \$897.35 in donations will be given to the general fund. Thank you to all those who helped during the concerts.

Books for Sale

We still have books for sale. They are located in the Boardroom on the bookcase in the corner. Look at your leisure. Prices are labelled and you can pay any of the staff. Proceeds to the general fund. Donations of books to our ongoing sale can be left at the office.

Offering Envelopes

Your 2017 offering envelopes are in the Narthex for you to pick up. Please have a look for yours. If you would like to start receiving envelopes to ensure you receive a tax receipt, please let Philip Bray know. Thanks.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Advent season go so well. We had lots of volunteers with decorating, reading, lighting candles, playing music, singing, ushering, making coffee, preparing communion, cooking, serving, setting up and closing after worship, cleaning, and the list goes on. This congregation is made up of very giving people who are there for each other and the community. Thank you for being a part of Third Avenue this past Advent. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us in the future.

Annual Report

Our Annual Meeting will be here before you know it. If you are responsible for writing one of the reports on for the 2016 Annual Report please submit it to Raycine's lower hall mailbox or e-mail secretary.thirdaveunitedchurch@sasktel.net **by January 27.** Also if you have photos we could use please let Raycine know. Thank you.

Givings

December 18

General (Local)	\$ 1141.40
Mission & Service	\$ 20.00
Benevolent	\$ 40.00
Hampers	\$ 30.00
Coffee	\$ 9.00
Loose	\$ 23.10
Total Offering	\$ 1263.50

December 24 7:00

General (Local)	\$ 45.00
Christmas	\$ 265.00
Loose	\$ 340.25
Total Offering	\$ 650.25

December 24 11:00

General (Local)	\$ 590.00
Mission & Service	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 433.25
Christmas	\$ 650.00
Total Offering	\$ 1693.25

Upcoming Events at Third Ave

January 8

Today we will have gifts for baby Jesus. All donations can be left under the large Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary.

The church school will open them after service and they will be delivered to the Saskatoon Crisis Nursery. Items will be taken January 18.



Wish List: Grocery Store gift cards, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, Garbage bags (small and large household and outdoor), High Quality Flannel sheets for single beds, Nut Free/Low Sugar Cereals, Children clothing (especially ages 2-6 years), HE Laundry Detergent (Unscented), Fabric Softener (Unscented), Bleach, Dish Soap and Toiletries including: children lotions, children's shampoo, children's liquid soap, children's liquid body wash.

January 9	January 10	January 18	January 19	January 20
Knit and Crochet Group Every Monday Evening @ 7:00 p.m. till we drop . . . a stitch 	Unified Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	FINANCE MEETING 7:30 p.m.	Worship & Ed Meeting 10:00 a.m.	Youth Game Night 7:00 p.m. Free to all youth Pot luck snacks
January 20	January 22	January 24	January 24	January 29
Mom's Night Out 7:15 p.m. Bon Temps Cafe for socializing	In Loving Memory A memorial Service for Betty Holmes 2:00p.m.	Ministry and Personnel Meeting 9:00 a.m.	Unified Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	All Church Meeting Information Session Report by Tracy Murton After lunch

Observer

Renewals and new subscriptions to the Observer magazine may be made in the church office. Cost \$25 for the year.

Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-7

The mission of God's servant.

Psalms 40:1-11 (VU p. 764)
I waited patiently for God.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
I thank God for you.

John 1:29-42
Simon and Andrew become disciples.

Reading sign up sheet is on the bulletin board downstairs

Prayer Cycle

January 8

Prince Albert: Calvary
Quill Plains (Quill Lake, Watson)
Radville (Ceylon, Minton-Gladmar, Radville)

January 15

McClure Place/
Amy McClure House
Prince Albert: Wesley
Redvers (Manor, Redvers)

Humour from the pews

In a small southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing fireman's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left.

At a "Quick Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded into a rage, yelling at me. "You Yankees never do read The Bible!"

I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in The Bible. She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled through some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face, she said, "See, it says right here, 'The three wise men came from afar.'"

Community Events

University of Saskatchewan Amati Quartet
Performing Haydn, Mozart & Tchaikovsky
January 14 at 2p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Knox United Church
Tickets \$35 Adults/\$30 Seniors (+65)
/\$15 Students

Tickets available at the Remai Arts Centre or at the door starting 1 hour before the show. www.amatiquartet.usask.ca

Spivohrai Ukrainian Children's & Youth Choir Christmas Concert
Time: 6:30 p.m. Date: Jan 21, 2017
Location: Third Avenue United Church
Address: 304 3rd Avenue North
Door opens at 6:00 p.m.
Adults \$20.00, Students \$10.00
12 Years and under FREE

ROBBIE BURNS LUNCHEON

Knox United Church
January 29 after the service 11:45 a.m.
Free Will Offering
Fundraiser for the Howard Coad School Breakfast Program

Lyell Gustin Recital Series - Canada 150th
Flute Alors! with Bach'n Jazz
Friday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
436 Spadina Cres. E.
Tickets \$35 (\$30 Student), 12&under free
Available at Yamaha Piano Centre, McNally Robinson and at the door
www.gustinhouse.ca

