

This Week in the Life and Work of our Church

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

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The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Choir – Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 K.U.C.I.E. – next practice is Jan. 16th

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol service	Dec. 24 th , 7 p.m.	Sanctuary
Council	Jan. 7 th , after worship	TBA
Loaves and Fishes dinner	Jan. 8 th , doors open 5:30 pm	F. Hall
UCW North unit	Jan. 8 th , 1 p.m.	TBA
Program	Jan. 9 th , 7-9 p.m.	Res. room
U.C.W. Sunshine Unit	Jan. 10 th , 1-3 p.m.	Choir room
Membership and Mission	Jan. 16 th , 7-9 p.m.	Liz Dillman's

(*F. Hall = Fellowship Hall, Res. Room = Resource room)

**CHRISTMAS EVE
 CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE**

**December 24th at 7 PM
 in the Sanctuary.
 KUCIE Prelude starts at 6:40 PM.**

CHILDREN'S COATS LEFT BEHIND AT CHURCH

Found: A red parka, child's size six, with a fur trimmed hood and a Minion hat in the sleeve. And a children's medium black Ecko Red parka with a fur trimmed hood. If they belong to your child please come to the office to claim.

SECOND TO LAST CHANCE FOR DONATIONS ... if you are unable to attend church on Sunday Dec. 31st, you can bring your donations to the church between 1-3 p.m. on December 29th. Room location will be posted.

**Holiday Hours**

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS the office will be closed to the public Dec 25 – Jan 1st and will reopen Jan 2nd.

GORD'S STUDY LEAVE

Gord will be away on study leave from Monday, December 25th, 2017 to Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 inclusive. While Gord is away, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Janet McDonald at 519-389-5675 (minister at Underwood-Wesley United Pastoral Charge). Gord will be reading three books during that time:

- "Time: From Famine to Feast" by Donna Schaper,
- "Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You" by John Ortberg, and
- "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" by Richard Rohr

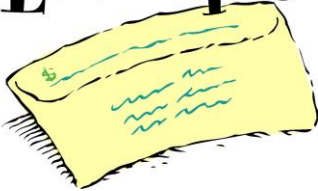
GORDS OFFICE HOURS

Gord's office hours will resume the second week of January.

ANNUAL REPORTS (SIGH...):

As the end of 2017 looms, it is time to begin writing your annual reports to summarize the accomplishments, the challenges and the joys of your committee's or your group's mission and ministry for the past year. While it's fresh, jot a few ideas down in preparation for writing your report. An announcement about the deadline for your report will be coming in the New Year. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes



2018 BOXED OFFERING ENVELOPES Boxed offering envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up in the Narthex. Some different envelope numbers have been assigned for 2018. Please continue to use your remaining 2017 envelopes before starting 2018! If you didn't receive your envelopes and/or wish to receive a set of envelopes for 2018 and/or changed your mind and wish to become a PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance subscriber), please contact the Envelope Steward or the church office. Thank you!!

Effective January 1, 2018, John Phillips will be the new Envelope Steward. He may be contacted via email (kucesteward@bmts.com) or through the church office. Please welcome John to this new role.

BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GORD'S REFLECTION

GET ON the LIST

Would you like to receive Kincardine's United Church weekly bulletin, announcements and Gord's reflection by email?

It's easy to do. You can call the office and give Sarah your email address or you can email your request to kuchurch@bmts.com.

FELLOWSHIP HALL BATHROOM FINALLY COMPLETED

The Fellowship Hall Bathroom is finally completed with the installation of the base cove moulding.

A big "Thank You" to Kendra Zurbrigg for selecting the colour coordination, Ralph Knowles and Bill McTavish for the difficult task of removing the old floor, Wayne Palmateer for the removal and reinstallation of the toilet etc. and Ralph Knowles for the excellent painting job. Another successful project carried out by the members of Kincardine United Church.

Jack Nancekivell Property Committee

QUESTERS



Questers will meet in the Kincardine United Church kitchen at Jan 18, Feb 15, March 15, April 19, 2018. We will have a short meditation/service followed by a light meal. You do not need to contribute any food. We will watch a 30 minute segment of "Beyond Theology" and finish with a discussion period. Each session is independent of the previous one. Please join us!

Beyond Theology: In this 10 part series noted theologians, scholars and authors reflect upon the fundamental challenges of our time, addressing the roots of contemporary culture wars and global environmental crises. The series focuses on the emergence of a worldview that integrates science and spirituality, while exploring the notion that the guiding myths of modern civilization are in transition.



Loaves & Fishes

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

DATE: January 8, 2017
SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm
DINNER: 6:00 pm

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks to God and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied.” Matthew 14:18-20

Each month Kincardine United Church hosts a Loaves and Fishes dinner. **Everyone** is invited – to share fellowship, laughter and food. There is always a great variety to eat. No one goes home hungry! Unlike Jesus, we may not feed 5,000, but all who attend leave satisfied.

Bring a friend. Bring a stranger. Even bring family! Come alone and make new friends. Don't cook, not enough time to cook or shop? Come anyway. You're always welcome!

Program Calendar



Sunday Dec 24 7 PM Christmas Eve
Candlelight & Carol Service

Sunday Dec 31 First Sunday after Christmas
Guest Preacher – Doug Brown
Sermon: “New Beginnings”

Sunday Jan 7 Epiphany Sunday
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon: “You Light Up My Life”

BOSTON PIZZA



Please continue to bring in your Sunday receipts and place them in the jar on the table in the Narthex or put them into our receipt box in the restaurant.

Our Church receives 10% of Sunday sales – any time of day on any Sunday! Thank you!!!

I DIDN'T KNOW...!



It must be frustrating when you need a visit and no one knows. Kincardine United Church is so blessed to have people who are willing to visit folks who are less able to attend worship, or who are ill or in hospital. Let us know if you want a visit. Let us know if you wish to be one of those visiting. This is how we make our community of faith ever stronger. Contact Melinda Smegal when you want a visit or if you wish to become a trained visitor.

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



If you have a concern, request or suggestion, please direct it to an appropriate volunteer. Thank you.

Chair of Council – Marion Boyd
Chair of Administration - Donna Mowry
Chair of Program - Jackie Clements
UCW Secretary – Dianne Henkenhaf

Membership & Mission committee members (no chairperson)

Liz Dillman
Jean Johnson
Charles Ludlow
Bernd Portz
Ursula Portz
Krista Ritchie
Melinda Smegal

Property Ministry Team

Ron Elliott
Bev Jennings
Ralph Knowles
Bill MacTavish
Dotty McClelland
Jack Nancekivell
Ron Smith
Gerry Stephens

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

DECEMBER 24, 2017

NEW BEGGININGS AFTER CIVIL WAR

Our gifts for Mission & Service support rebuilding after conflicts and natural disasters. Let us hear a story from Guatemala.

The Nebaj region of rural Guatemala suffered through three decades of civil war that ended in 1996. Here, the Guatemala Conference of Evangelical Churches (CIEDEG) is training more than 400 Indigenous women in human rights, citizen participation, and economic empowerment through farming.

The women have seen changes since the training. Their confidence has grown; they are no longer afraid to voice their opinion and some have even run for political office. Training encourages women to not just know their rights but also to exercise them. Says Veronica Gomez, CIEDEG's Gender Equality Program Coordinator, "Not only do they have a voice, but they also have a vote."

The agricultural development project has reduced malnutrition in the community's children and provided a new source of income for families. CIEDEG organizes local women into groups and provides each with seeds and materials for a greenhouse. Through these small cooperatives, the formerly displaced communities are becoming self-sufficient.

We sing thanksgiving that, through Mission & Service, communities are able to rebuild and experience peace!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!