

FUNDSCRIP

A lot of people are beginning to pick up Christmas gifts for their sons, daughters, grandchildren and/or friends. We're asking the congregation for their continued support and trust that you will think of Fundscrip when making your Christmas list, if gift cards are being considered.

There are many stores from which to order, such as Toys R'Us, Home Sense, Pier 1 Imports, Bath and Body Works, Banana Republic, PetSmart, American Eagle, La Senza and many, many more. We can provide you with a list, if needed. We do not have orders going in every week, so we would ask that you order well enough in advance to ensure delivery well before Christmas. Orders sent in on any Tuesday will be delivered to us by Friday. We have never had any back-orders with Fundscrip.

This is an important time of the year for Fundscrip, because we make the greatest percentage of profits in the next two months. It doesn't cost you anything extra out-of-pocket to buy these gift cards, and it gives us a return of at least 3%, sometimes up to 5% and more, depending on the retailer. Remember especially our Tim Horton supplier that gives us a 5% return year-round.

We are appealing to the congregation to consider stopping at our table downstairs after church to buy or to order these cards. It is such an easy way to raise funds to put towards any of our current debts —and at no additional cost to you.

We thank you so much for helping us achieve a worthwhile goal.

Connie Gaucher & Gail MacDougall
FUNDScrip Convenors

WOC Sponsored Birthday Party

The WOC sponsored the November birthday party at Glen Stor Dun Lodge in the Tea Room on Thursday, November 23, 2017.

Joan Painter and Darlene McMartin presented 9 male residents and 5 female residents with birthday cards and gift certificates to have their hair cut at the resident salon. In addition, there was entertainment, birthday cake and a lovely afternoon was enjoyed by one and all. St. John's has carried on this November tradition for many years

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Christmas Medley:

Away in a Manger
God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
The First Nowell
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Once in Royal David's City

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The First Candle of Advent Liturgy – The Candle of Hope
The Plant Family

Opening Hymn Come, thou long-expected Jesus 110

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

Creator God, thank You for forming us in your image at the day of our creation, and for re-forming us anew each and every day.

Help us to be attentive to your presence.

Open our ears to hear You.

Open our eyes to see You.

Speak to our hearts and shine in our lives, that your presence may simmer in our lives and that your love may emanate from us, now and forevermore.

This we pray through Christ and in His name, we now pray as we have learned, Our Father ... (debts)... Amen.

Praise Song Here I am 592

Children come forward after the singing of the last verse.

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by: Alex Plant

Responsive Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 OT. Pg. 549
Deuteronomy 15: 1-15 OT Pg. 175
Matthew 6: 9-14 NT Pg. 5

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

Hymn of the Month The angel Gabriel from heaven 156

Sermon

“The Holy Mumble”

(Deuteronomy 15:1-15; Matthew 6:9-14)

Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Choir Anthem

Wonder Star - Hopkins/Klein

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn Lord, thy word abideth 502

Commissioning (Unison)

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling
as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

Benediction

Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ

**We are here joined in Christ,
called to serve and adore Him.**

**Give us peace, perfect peace,
patience and hope everlasting.**

**Send us to serve in our Master’s name,
and to glorify Him.**

**Joined with Christ, and through Christ,
praise our Father forever.**

Please join us in the MacLellan room for a time of fellowship.
Coffee hour is courtesy of **John Adams**

News for the Pews

Library News

I would like to thank Les Foulds for donating his copy of the Bible study. It was written and compiled by Rev. Fred Rennie. We encourage you to come in and sign out these and other amazing selections.

CORRECTION

Re: December 16TH—Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Please be advised that an error occurred on the December calendar of events.

December 16th

The pageant dress rehearsal will be held from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Norma Johnston & Lois McCartney in the loss of their sister Connie Harris. The funeral will take place in Glenburnie United Church on December 9th.

Religious Stamps

Religious stamps are available at the post office for your Christmas cards.

Classiqu’ Arts

Christmas Concert
to be held at

St. John’s Presbyterian Church
28 Second St. E.

December 09, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Cost \$25.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Church office.
or online

www.classiqarts.ca

White Gift Sunday

White Gift Sunday is planned for December 10th this year. Items that would assist the residents of Baldwin House include hair conditioner, slippers for women and children, journals, hygiene products, and fun foods such as hot chocolate and popcorn. The Agape Centre is always in need of non-perishable food items, such as salmon, meat (ham), coffee, tea, juice and vegetables.

We need the help of our children that day to collect the gifts and to place them under the trees. Please mark your calendar, and come and enjoy this special event.

St. John's Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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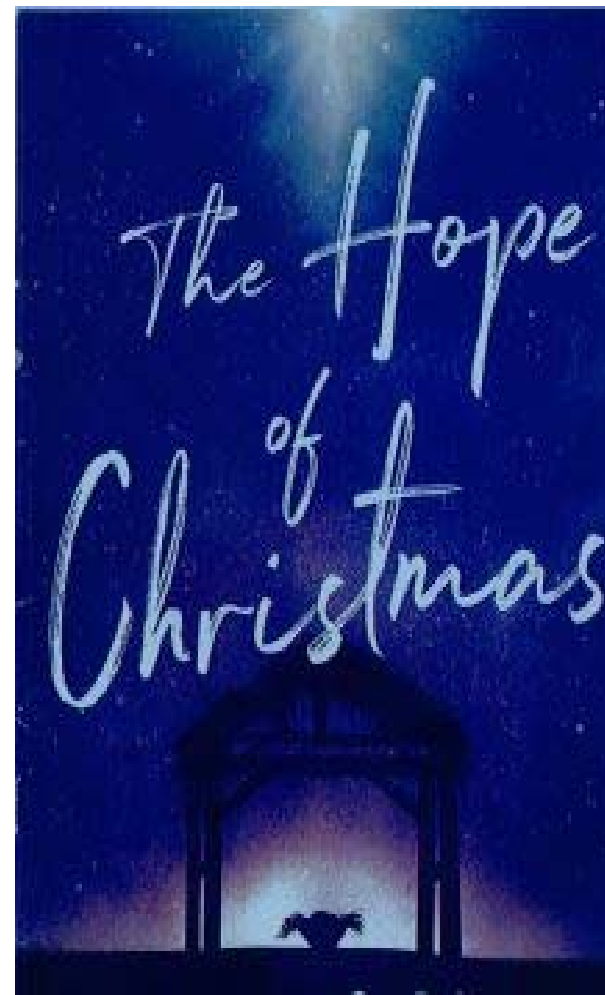
Sound Technician

Cameron Forrester

Today's Greeters: John Adams, Brenda Aikman

Today's Ushers: Nick Cox, Jennifer Adams

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News for the Pews

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

***Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's.

Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day

Isaiah 64: 1-9;
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9;

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19
Mark 13: 24-37

A PCC Mission Moment for December 3rd

Combating Racism in Japan

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Tokyo, which was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet primarily targets people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups.

The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan, in collaboration with other Japanese churches, Christian organizations and international church partners.

David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God's call.

Presbyterians Sharing walks with vulnerable people

Please pass the friendship folder! Thank you !

Christmas in Canada

As part of our Mission and Outreach, the Session has approved that we ask you, the congregation, to contribute money as a Christmas present for our refugee families.

This collection is separate from our commitment to the Presbytery for support of the Syrian refugee project. We would like the families to have "spending money" to be able to purchase Christmas gifts or other items that Canadians enjoy at this special time of year. If your heart is calling you to make someone's Christmas a little happier, please donate to our coffee hour freewill offering or through your envelope under "specials," and mark it Christmas Present. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

On December 3rd and 10th, two Christmas cards will be on the small table beside the library in the MacLellan Room. These cards are for our two Syrian refugee families. Please be sure to take the time to sign both cards. Reverend Johnston will be personally delivering our gifts to the families. Thank you.

GLOW

The Centennial Choir of Cornwall will present **GLOW !**
A Christmas Concert
@ Aultsville Theatre
Friday, December 8th @ 7:30.

We hope to leave you glowing with memories of all Christmas means.

Tickets are available at the following locations:
Home Hardware, 10 Thirteenth St. E., Cornwall
The Lottery Kiosk 2nd Floor/Cornwall Square
and from the Choir Members

Cost: Adults \$20
Children 12 and under/ \$10

2018 Envelopes

The 2018 envelopes are available for pick up on the tables by the west door. It is important that you DO NOT use your 2018 envelopes until January 2018 because many of the box numbers have changed.

For example, in 2017 the person who had Box #185 may now be assigned Box #117. We hope to have all envelopes picked up by the end of December. If you would like a box for your weekly givings, and there isn't one there for you, please write your name on the sheet provided and your box will be there next Sunday. Thank you so much for helping with the distribution.

Big Band Sound Christmas Concert

St. Matthew's Ingleside
December 10th at 2:30 p.m.
featuring the band **Night Train.**

This is a great band from various regions around the area
and we promise a great afternoon of Christmas music.

Free will offering and light snacks provided

Hope to see everyone out for this wonderful afternoon.

Seaway Winds

Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 6th @ 7:00 p.m.
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
South Lancaster
Free-will Offering

Fellowship hour will be held in the church hall
following the concert.

A warm welcome is extended
to everyone to attend this Yuletide service.

Alone Christmas Day?

4th Annual Christmas Dinner
December 25th
12:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.
Agora Hall (Nativity Hall)
301 McConnell St. South, Cornwall

No Charge
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