

COMMUNITY NEWS CONT ...

THE NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE: Join us at GPUC for a Nativity Open House. You are invited to come to explore a variety of Nativity/Manger scenes in a family friendly atmosphere, and take your own photo in a life-size Nativity Scene. Be an angel, a sheep, a member of the Holy Family. Come to experience and explore the meaning of Christmas for you, with a cup of hot cider and your curiosity. Admission by Donation. (Thursday, Dec 21: 7:30-9 pm, Friday, Dec 22: 1-3 pm, Saturday, Dec 23, 1-3 pm)

With A Voice of Singing – The Cecilian Singers 2017 Christmas Concert – Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 3:00 pm @ Zion Lutheran Church. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, 12 and under free. Available from choir members or at McNally Robinson.

Saskatoon Chamber Singers – Rejoice in the Lamb – featuring Janet Wilson on organ, Sunday, Dec. 17 @ Knox United Church – 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets available at the door - \$25, Advance - \$20, Students - \$10 or at McNally Robinson and at SASKATOONCHAMBERSINGERS.CA.

Saskatoon Community Bands Presents: *Sound the Trumpets* – Monday, Dec. 18, 2017 @ 7:30 pm- Holy Cross High School Theatre. Adults \$10, Students \$5.

Lectionary Reading Dec. 24, 2017

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

***Coffee: Peter & Joyce Picklyk , Carol Sherdahl,
Cam & Jody Gilbertson***

***Greeters: East Door: Marg Dragon
West Door: Orest Fosty***



Mission Statement

**Grace-Westminster United Church is a caring,
Loving community of Christian faith.
We endeavour to put God's word into action.**

***Today's bulletin is sponsored by
David & Beverley Ledgerwood
in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
on Dec. 23, 2017!***

HAPPENING THIS WEEK.....

- Today – 9:45 am – 10:30 am
(Quiet Time (Chapel downstairs))
- Tues. – Mugs & Muffins @ 10:00 am
Bible Study @ 2:00 pm
- Thurs. – Handbell Concert @ 12:00 pm
Pastoral Care @ 1:30 pm
Harmonics @ 7:15 pm
Sanctuary Choir @ 7:15 pm
Choir Potluck @ 8:30 pm
- Fri. - Women's Breakfast @ 8:30 am (Smitty's)
Youth Group @ 7:00 pm

COMING UP.....

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm
**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 10:30 AM SERVICE
ON SUNDAY, DEC. 24**

- Dec. 28 – Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am (Fuddruckers)
Jan. 03 – Book Club @ 2:00 pm
Jan. 06 - Annual Indoor Cleaning Bee (9:00 am-12:00 pm)
Jan. 07 – Soup & Bun Lunch
Jan. 09 – Admin Team Meeting @ 1:30 pm

GRACE-WESTMINSTER NEWS.....

Lectionary Bible Study - A weekly Bible Study examining the readings for the following Sunday service is being offered on Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm under the leadership of Rev. Don Barss. All are welcome to attend whether it be regularly or occasionally. Meetings are being held in the Upper Lounge on an ongoing basis. For the next few sessions we will journey through Advent together. For further information contact Gladene at sgmr@sasktel.net or 306 - 373 - 5218.

Christmas Joy – Handbells and Trumpets – Cara & Janet Wilson, Barrie & Linley Redford. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 – 12:00 pm @ Grace-Westminster United Church. Admission by donation.

Grace-Westminster Annual Indoor Cleaning Bee – Saturday, January 6 – 9:00am – 12:00 noon. Please join in the annual indoor cleaning bee of our church. Bring your damp dusters, rags, pails, mops, cleaning products and tools for small repairs etc. Coffee and muffins will be served for refreshments.

Daily Bread – Daily Devotionals for December, January, and February are now available in the Sanctuary.

55 Alive Driving Course – Is tentatively set for Tuesday, January 23. Time TBD. Please call Shannon at the office (306-653-1766) if you would like to attend. For those that have previously called with interest in this attending, please call to confirm if you are still interested. Thank you.

2018 Envelopes – The 2018 offering envelopes are in your mailbox in the back of the Sanctuary. Please do not use until the first Sunday in the New Year, which is Jan. 7, 2018. Also, note that your number may change, so it is important not to use 2017 envelopes in the New Year. If you would like envelopes, please contact Shannon at the office.

Church Calendars – 2018 calendars are still available at the office for \$5.

Name Tags – For those of you who ordered nametags, they are in your mailbox in the Narthex.

Book Club – This month the book club is reading, “This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!” by author Jonathan Evison. Part dysfunctional love story, part poignant exploration of the mother-daughter relationship, nothing is what it seems in this tale of acceptance, re-examination and forgiveness. We will meet January 3, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the lounge.

Thank you! – To Mayumi Matsumoto for her contribution to the service today.

