

Cambridge Street United Church

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No matter who you are, or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Welcome - We're glad to have you with us today and would like to make you feel connected. If you are a visitor, please take a few minutes to fill out one of the envelopes found at the end of the pews and place it on the offering plate.

Whether you'd like more information about our programs, want to request offering envelopes or a visit from the minister, have a question about becoming a member, or whatever else is important to you, we'd love to hear from you. Please also feel free to speak to an usher or call the office.

A LIVE STREAMING of Cambridge Street United worship service is available for those unable to join us in person. The service is accessed from our website www.theunitedchurch.com. This is a live broadcast beginning 5 minutes before worship begins and ends following the postlude.

Our Mission Statement

"We, as members of Cambridge Street United Church, seek to follow Jesus Christ through word, music, and social action; thereby nurturing our personal faith and supporting the faith journey of others. We promise to be stewards of our living earth, to share with those in need, and to be welcoming to all."

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Thank you to those serving us today:

Greeters: Karen Martin and Ella Martin

Ushers: Carl Kimmett, Carole Glass, Joanne Johnson,
Judy Gillis, Ray Smith, Bill McAlpine

Scripture Reader: Carole Tully

Fellowship Time: Property Team

Driver: Floyd Walden

Counting Team: Irwin Brown, Elaine Kell, Barb Alldred

Audio Visual: Mike Puffer, Mike Warren, Walt Radda,
Bob May, Jonah Grignon, Chris Morasse

LIFE AND WORK OF CAMBRIDGE ST. UNITED CHURCH

MONDAY, December 10

5:00-8:00 p.m. - 1st Beavers - Gym
5:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting - Parlour
5:45-7:15 p.m. - 1st Sparks/3rd Brownies - Lower Hall

TUESDAY, December 11

10:30-11:30 a.m. - 3F Exercise Group (Fellowship, Fitness & Fun) - L.H.
1:30 p.m. - UCW Executive Meeting - Upper Room
6:15-8:15 p.m. - 1st Cubs - Gym
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Christian Education Team Meeting - Parlour
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Finance/Stewardship Team Meeting - Small Kitchen
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Worship Team Meeting - Library
7:00-8:30 p.m. - 1st Pathfinder/Rangers - Lower Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 12

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - CAS Christmas Party - Lower Hall
9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group - Upper Room
9:30-11:00 a.m. - Ukulele Lessons - Choir Room
5:00-6:00 p.m. - Stroobach Music Lessons - Choir Room
6:15-8:45 p.m. - 1st Scouts - Gym
7:00-9:00 p.m. - PFLAG Meeting - Parlour
7:00-8:00 p.m. - Meditation Group - Upper Room

THURSDAY, December 13

10:30-11:30 a.m. - Refuge Recovery - Upper Room
4:00-5:30 p.m. - VOV Full Choir Living Christmas rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m. - 6th Brownies - Lower Hall
6:30-8:00 p.m. - 1st Guides - Gym
7:00-8:30 p.m. - Cantata rehearsal for both choirs - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. - Property Team Meeting - Parlour

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FRIDAY, December 14

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Community Living Christmas Party - Gym
6:00-8:00 p.m. - LGBTQ+ Taco Dinner - Lower Hall

SATURDAY, December 15

9:00 a.m.-12 noon - Choir Cantata Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, December 16

9:00 a.m. - Seekers - Upper Room
9:45 a.m. - Cherubs - Parlour
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service - Advent III - Joy
Christmas Cantata - Sunday School Classes
7:00 p.m. - Youth Group Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY - White Gift Sunday is TODAY and the children are bringing in a brand new toy that will be given to the Kinsmen Toy Drive. You can give a monetary donation with the special White Gift envelopes found in the pews that will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

MUSIC AT CAMBRIDGE ST

- Tues., Dec. 11, 7:00 pm Cambridge St Bellchoir playing at Extendicare
- Thurs., Dec. 13, 4:00-5:30 pm VOV Full Choir Living Christmas rehearsal
- Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:00-8:30 pm Cantata rehearsal for both choirs in the sanctuary
- Sat., Dec. 15, 9:00-12:00 noon - Cantata Rehearsal for instrumentalists in the sanctuary, 10:15-12:00 noon Choir & instrumentalists

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

Join the special presentation of Pepper Choplin's new Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 16 during the morning worship service.

A 60 voice choir (combining Voices of Victory Youth Choir, Cambridge St Singers and guests) with full orchestra!

UCW EXECUTIVE MEETING - A reminder that the UCW Executive Meeting this month is on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 1:30 pm in the Upper Room.

FROZEN BEEF PIES - There is a small quantity of large frozen beef pies still available \$13/each. If interested, contact Pam in the office.

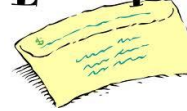
CHRISTMAS EVE'S NATIVITY - Sign up sheets are posted at the Bond Street entrance for all those interested in taking part in this year's Christmas Eve Nativity, the *Living Christmas!* Guards, Townspeople, Innkeepers, and Census Takers are needed. We are also searching for those willing to operate lights. Participants must commit to a rehearsal from 4:30-6:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 20. Help is also required with Costumes, set up and tear down of the manger. See Jessie Kennedy for additional information.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR SHUT-INS are ready for delivery. If you can help, please pick-up calendar gifts in the Bond St. hall today and during the week. Thank you for helping spread the *Spirit of Christmas* from the Community, Friendship & Flower Committee of the U.C.W.

MITTEN TREE: The Mitten Tree in the lower hall is set up. Please add new mittens, hats and scarves to our tree. We will collect items until Sunday, Dec. 30 and then make their way to King Albert P.S.

Offering Envelopes



2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Dec. 16. If you don't currently have Offering Envelopes and would like some for 2019, please contact Pam in the office. This is an excellent time to consider monthly PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittances) for your offering starting in January -- it means regular contributions throughout the year. Contact the office for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Please note that Sunday School classes will not be running during the Christmas Holidays - Dec. 23 & 30. There will be colouring sheets with the Ushers for children to use during the service. If you need to take your child to a quiet setting, feel free to visit the lower hall or nursery where screens will be on to view the service. We thank all our teachers, volunteers and Sunday School youth superintendent Sam Henry for the hard work and compassion you have for the growth and development of our children. Teachers are needed - please sign up on the Bond St. entrance bulletin board for the winter session. Thanks - Gabby Simpson.



DONATE TO YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY - There is a *New Book Wish List* on the Bond St entrance bulletin board, along with instructions on how to DONATE! Thank you from the Christian Education Team.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS - There are Christmas Puddings available to purchase: \$4.00 for small and \$7.00 for large. Contact the church office if you'd like to purchase some.

REFUGE RECOVERY is a community of people who are using the practices of mindfulness, compassion, forgiveness and generosity to heal the pain and suffering of addiction. Meetings are held Thursday mornings 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Cambridge St United Church and are open to anyone in, or interested in, recovery from any form of addictive behaviour. No registration is required, just drop in!

SHOPPING CARD ORDERS - Do you have someone hard to buy on your Christmas list? Take advantage of our Shopping Card Program. Order forms are available in the Bond St hallway and include all the regular stocked cards (shown by *) but also all the other cards that we can order. Every card you purchase gives us between 3%-5% back. Cards are available in the gym after Sunday services or from the office during the week.



Ordering for Christmas delivery: Due to the shopping card popularity at the companies end, we are experiencing longer then regular delivery times. It is taking up to a week and a half for us to receive a delivery. Please get your orders in early and beat the rush. Cut off delivery date is December 17, 2018. Thank you.

KAWARTHA LAKES CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Cambridge St. United Church at 2:30 pm. The Kawartha Lakes Singers are excited to be joined by the Cobourg/Port Hope-based Northumberland Orchestra and Choir. Tickets available at the door \$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.

KAWARTHA LAKES FOOD SOURCE NEEDS FOR DECEMBER: diapers (all sizes), canned meat (flaked ham and chicken), canned fish, canned vegetables. School Program Items: whole grain Gold Fish crackers, Breton crackers (multigrain and veggie bites), individual fruit cups in water or lite syrup, individual cups unsweetened apple sauce, Rice Krispies, Cheerios original, Quaker Chewy Super Grains Oats & Honey granola bars, My First Bear Paws (vanilla or oatmeal). Items can be placed in the shopping cart at the main doors and outside the office door. Thank you for your generosity!

PASTORAL PRAYERS - Prayer requests can be placed in the Prayer Box located in the narthex prior to the start of Sunday's service. The Ushers will bring the box forward during the offering and prayers will be included it our pastoral prayers.

SEEKER'S CORNER - For those who are following the Seeker's Journey through Bishop Spong's book "Unbelievable", next week's topic is: Thesis 11: Life after Death. If we are to talk about eternal life with any degree of intellectual integrity, we must explore it as a dimension of transcendent reality and infinite love that, when experienced, let us share in the eternal. Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Upper Room.

Please note: Spong's thesis are very provocative and thought-provoking, yet they do not necessarily represent the collective theology and thinking of Cambridge St. United Church. However, if they spark your spiritual curiosity, you are more than welcome to attend Seekers to ask your questions and learn together in a spirit of honesty and openness.

GIFT FOR SENIORS - First, the Youth Group would like to say THANK YOU! We are overwhelmed by the support for our project this year. We made over 50 gifts to go out to our elders in the congregation that can't make it to Sunday services. Second, if you are visiting someone please check in the youth room for a gift bag for the person that you are visiting, they are labeled with a sticky note and cross their name off of the list. Thank you - the Youth Group.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL observes Human Rights Day - Dec. 10th -Today there is a candle surrounded by barbed wire at the front of the sanctuary. This candle symbolizes the work Amnesty International does to expose and combat human rights abuses throughout the world. Many thousands of people, guilty of no crime, are imprisoned and often tortured solely for reasons of political beliefs, ethnic background or religious affiliation. Amnesty International systematically and independently researches the facts of individual cases and patterns of human rights abuses. These findings are publicized, and members, supporters and staff then mobilize persistent public pressure on governments, armed political groups, companies and others to prevent and stop these violations.



TALENT AND TREASURES (T&T) EVENT MAY 25, 2019 - What treasures of the heart can you give to our Church for the T&T? Do you have a Talent that you can share? Don't think so? Well, here are some ideas to get you thinking: Can you offer a ride to and from the airport? Do you have a truck that you can use to help with a dump run? What about hosting a summer BBQ? Anything would be a good possibility! Please think about what you have to offer that could be a great auction item. Not sure if your idea fits? .. Call/text Lisa 705-328-4504 or email lisamorasse@cogeco.ca to discuss.

WOMEN'S RESOURCES offers an Elf Express shopping day for women receiving services. Mom gets to choose gifts for her children and the children get to gather gifts for their mom to give at Christmas. They are looking for the following "mom" donations for this program: lip gloss, cream, bubble bath, scarves, chocolates/candy, adult colouring books, oven mitts, socks, \$5 dollar gift cards for Tim Hortons, costume jewellery, etc. Anything else you could think of to make a mom smile, we gratefully appreciate! All donations can be dropped off on or before December 14 at 22 Russell St. E., Lindsay. Monday - Friday - 9am - 4pm. If you have any questions, please call 705-878-4285.

GIFTS WITH VISION - This Christmas give a gift worth sharing that directly supports the church's Mission and Service Fund partners. Gifts are available in a range of amounts as well as for many areas of need: hunger, shelter, education, health, safety, mobility, and more. Help change the world through your gift-giving. Catalogues are available on the table outside the church office or visit www.giftswithvision.ca.



EMPTY CONTAINERS left from The Joys of Christmas cookie walk and lunch room have been placed on a table at the end of the Bond Street hallway. Please claim any containers that are yours.

THOUGHT FOR ADVENT - It is now Advent; a time to suspend all expectations and instead just revel in the mystery.

COOKIES IN A JAR - Still looking for a great Christmas gift? There are still some *Cookies in a Jar* available through the office for \$10 each, Chocolate Chip or gluten-free Chocolate Chip. They are great gifts for a neighbour, Secret Santa or a host gift. The proceeds go to our two foster children that the Sunday School supports through the Christian Children's Fund.

YOU CAN SPONSOR SUNDAY BULLETIN COVERS FOR 2019 - Everyone is invited to sponsor a Sunday bulletin to honour a special person or event (will be acknowledged in bulletin on the Sunday you sponsor) and to help cover the costs of bulletins. Sunday bulletin covers are a great addition to our worship services, providing excellent photos, liturgy, and reflections by United Church people. A sign-up sheet to select a date to sponsor is posted on the Bond St. entrance bulletin board. Bulletins are \$5.50 for 50 - most Sundays we use 200 bulletins = \$22. Payment can be made through your regular offering envelopes and indicate "bulletins" or through Pam in the office.

NAME TAGS - If you're attending church regularly and would like a name tag, you'll find a sign-up sheet on the Bond St. entrance bulletin board. Enter your name and indicate whether you will store you tag on the boards in the Lower Hall or the Bond Street hallway. Tags are numbered and colour coded so you will know where to store it. Check back in a week or so for the list of new name tags and where you will find yours.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE PRAYER CYCLE - As part of the Christian Church, we are invited to pray for each other and for our mission in the world. This week we pray for Burnt River Pastoral Charge in Kawartha Highlands Presbytery.