# Third Ave News

*December 18, 2011*

from the Pews … and beyond

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 to worship this morning.

If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances. If you would like information on the church activities,

contact us at
306-652-6812
304 3rd Avenue N.
Saskatoon, SK S7K 2J1

Please visit our websites at
www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.org
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## Friends and Guests!

If you use a cane or walker, please use our elevator entrance on Third Avenue. It is much easier than the stairs.

There are head sets at the back of the Sanctuary for those who need assistance hearing the service.

There are visitor offering envelopes folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our beautiful church.

## Hosting Coffee After Church

This Week: Last names beginning with A - F.

January 1: Last names beginning with G - L.

Please bring a donation of baking or goodies for snack to allow us to continue this great time of fellowship.

Please try to come early to set up if you are able (by 10:00 a.m.) or help serve coffee & clean up.

After coffee on Sundays, please put all tables/chairs away.

## Harvest Supper

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| Revenue | $ | 3525.85 |
| Expenses | $ | 659.75 |
| Profit | $ | 2866.10 |

## Lectionary Readings for December 25

**Isaiah 62:6–12**
Prepare the way for the people.

**Psalm 97 (VU p. 817)**
Let the earth be glad.

**Titus 3:4–7**
Saved by grace; heirs of hope.

**Luke 2:(1–7), 8–20**
Shepherds and angels.

## Church Duty Roster

Today: Darren Hannah

Christmas Eve: Jim Start

January 1: John Parry

are responsible for opening and closing of the church.

## Offerings

**December 4, 2011**

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| General (Local) | $ | 3124.00 |
| Mission and Service | $ | 195.00 |
| Building | $ | 39.00 |
| Benevolent | $ | 100.00 |
| Bridging | $ | 100.00 |
| Christmas | $ | 100.00 |
| Coffee | $ | 15.50 |
| Loose | $ | 262.50 |
| **Total Offering** | **$** | **3936.00** |

**December 11, 2011**

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|---|---|---|
| General (Local) | $ | 1939.00 |
| Mission and Service | $ | 101.00 |
| Building | $ | 14.00 |
| Benevolent | $ | 20.00 |
| Church School | $ | 25.00 |
| Sanctuary | $ | 25.00 |
| Bridging | $ | 200.00 |
| Coffee | $ | 39.37 |
| Loose | $ | 248.00 |
| **Total Offering** | **$** | **2411.37** |

## This Week at 3rd Avenue - December 18 to 25

| Today | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| 10:30 a.m. Service: Advent 3 Canticle of Joy<br>3:00 p.m. Michelle's Students Piano Recital | Church Office Closed<br>6:30 p.m. White Birch Ballet (Ross) | 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting<br>12:00 p.m. Walking Group | 11:30 a.m. Weight Watchers |
| **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** | **Next Sunday** |
| 12:10 p.m. Free Noon Hour Concert #4 The Bestvaters - Piano, organ & violin<br>7:00 p.m. Choir | 11:30 a.m. WW | **Christmas Eve**<br>7:00p.m. Family Service<br>11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Guy Few & Charlotte Schmidtke | **Christmas Day**<br>**10:30 a.m. Service at Knox United** |

# Christmas Happenings at Third Avenue

## Thursdays at Third Avenue

Free Noon Hour Concert - Program will start at 12:10p.m.

Dec. 22: Diane Bestvater - piano & organ with Carole & Amanda Bestvater - violin

Please feel free to bring a bagged lunch. There will be coffee and tea available.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Candlelight Family Service**
**7:00 p.m.**
**Come hear the special children's story and join in the singing of carols and the lighting of candles to celebrate Christmas. Cookies and refreshments to follow.**
**Great for all ages**

**Isaiah 9:2–7**
A child has been born for us.

**Psalm 96 (VU p. 816)**
Sing to God a new song.

**Titus 2:11–14**
Live a godly, upright life.

**Luke 2:1–14, (15–20)**
Jesus' birth.

**Candlelight Service**
**11:00 p.m.**
**with**
**Guy Few & Charlotte Schmidtke**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff of Third Avenue United Church, the Unified Board and the Centre for Community Enrichment Board.

## GENEROSITY

### Egadz Christmas Tree

The trees are now up in the Narthex and in the lower hall. Please help to fill the tree with homemade or purchased mitts, scarves and toques as well as toiletries and other items for ages 12-20.

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### Gifts for Baby Jesus

On Epiphany Sunday, January 8 we will have gifts for baby Jesus. All children's items can be left under the Christmas tree in January. On the 8th the church school will open all the gifts and then they will be delivered to the Saskatoon Crisis Nursery.

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### The food bank

Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in bin in the Narthex.

### The Good Food Junction

When buying groceries, and your food bank donations in the month of December try putting a twoonie aside each time for the Good Food Junction. Third Avenue will collect everyone's twoonies throughout December to make one large donation. Donation Bucket is on the communion table.

A Huge Thank you goes to Gerry Tarko from Midtown Appliance for the very generous donation of a new refrigerator.

## Bulletin board *(The Wider Community)*

***A Service of Lessons & Carols with***
***The Saskatoon Brass Band***
***Bandmaster: Terry Heckman***
***and***
***the Choirs of Grace-Westminster United Church***
***Choir Director: Janet WIlson***
***Narrated by: Rev. Daryl Woods***
***Freewill Offering with proceeds to:***
***The Saskatoon Food Bank***
***505 - 10th St. E.***
***December 18 at 7:00 p.m.***

*Saskatoon Fireside Singers*

Saskatoon Fireside Singers
**"39 Years of Christmas Memories"**
performances on **Tuesday, December 20th and Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.**
TCU Place.
Tickets are available at www.tcutickets.ca.

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The ladies of the UCW St. Martin's would like you to know that they still have mincemeat available for sale. A one pound tub is $4.50. Folks can call Brenda 343-7101 about picking up and paying.

Lyell Gustin Recital Series 2012
Carissa Klopoushak, violin
Deborah Buck, pianist
Sunday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Pre-concert chat 6:45 p.m.
Tickets: $30 regular, $25 students
Information 343-0542
available at McNally Robinson, Darren's Music & Yamaha Piano.