

# Third Ave News

December 27, 2009  
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.

## Welcome!

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 any of the church activities, please call the church office at 652-6812.

Please join us downstairs for Birthday cake, refreshments and fellowship following the service.

We invite you to visit our websites at  
[www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.org](http://www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.org)  
[www.sanctuaryonthird.org](http://www.sanctuaryonthird.org)

## Church Duty Roster

Today: Philip Bray is responsible for opening and closing the church.

Next Week: Dr. Ian Holmes is responsible for opening and closing the church.

Hosting Coffee  
After Church



Today: Last names beginning with A - F.

Next Week: Last names beginning with G - L.

Come early to set up if you are able (by 10:00 a.m.), or help serve coffee and clean up, or bring baking or goodies for snacks.

Don't worry! Someone will be here if you have questions and instructions will be posted in the kitchen.

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

## This Week at Third Avenue

Today: 10:30 a.m. Worship  
Service followed by  
Cake to celebrate  
December Birthdays  
12:30 Violin Recital  
of Maura Noonan

Mon: Church office closed

Tues: Church office closed

Thurs: No Choir Practice

Fri: New Years Day  
Church office closed

Sat: Men's Breakfast at the  
Parktown Hotel

Next Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Epiphany Service and  
Baby Shower for Jesus



Jan 3 lectionary readings:  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
or Sirach 24:1-12  
Psalm 147:12-20  
or Wisdom 10:15-21  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9), 10-18



### Pastoral Care

**Please inform the office if you know of someone who is ill or in need of a visit.**

### Friends and Guests!

Please note - there are visitor offering envelopes folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our beautiful church. If you are not wearing a name tag, please take one from the basket at the back, fill in your name. Then return it to the basket for next week.

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

## Weekly Offering

December 20	
Local	\$1055.50
Mission and Service	\$ 169.50
Building	\$ 55.00
Sanctuary on Third	\$ 200.00
Loose	\$ 63.00
Total Offering	\$1543.00

It is the time of year to review your pledge commitment and do the best that you can to meet your pledge for 2009. This is a reminder that in order for a donation to be issued a charitable receipt for the 2009 tax year, the gift MUST BE RECEIVED by the church or POSTMARKED on or before midnight Dec. 31, 2009 as per the Canadian Revenue Agency. If you have any questions or concerns call Philip in the office.



## A Message from Kathryn Hofley

Did you know that you can transfer non-registered shares or mutual funds to the church, receive a charitable tax receipt for the full value of the securities as of the date they are received by the church, and pay no income tax on the capital gain? For more information please contact Kathryn Hofley, Prairie Region Financial Development Officer at [khofley@united-church.ca](mailto:khofley@united-church.ca) or 204-943-4844. Rosanna Parry would be happy to assist you. Please call her at 229-8289.



**Ushers needed.** Please sign the sign-up sheet which is posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

## Things to look forward to in the New Year

Baby Shower for Jesus  
on Jan. 3  
Gifts for the Crisis Nursery

Cup of Soup Sunday  
on Jan 10  
Sample 5 delicious soups for lunch

Sanctuary on Third Sock Hop  
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
on January 30  
Judy of Dance with Class DJ's  
Bring your family and dance with us!



### Violin Recital Today after service.

Maura Noonan will be performing today in the sanctuary at 12:30. Please feel free to come and listen to one of our talented children after coffee and cake.



## BULLETIN BOARD

*(The Wider Community)*

Dec. 27 - Organ Concert  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Location: St. Paul's Cathedral  
(720 Spadina Cres. E.)  
Music for pipe organ: Bach, Balbastre, Dupre and Manz.  
Renee De Moissac, organist

Jan. 5 - Left Behind by Suicide  
*A Monthly Support Group*  
*Affiliated with Suicide Support Saskatchewan*

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Location: W.A. Edwards Family Centre  
(333 Fourth Ave. N.)

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information call 249-5666 or e-mail leftbehind@sasktel.net

Jan. 8 - Gustin House presents a recital by pianist Timothy Steeves and violinist Nancy Dahn.

Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: St. James Church  
(607 Dufferin Avenue)

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 students  
Available from Darren's Music, Yamaha Piano, McNally Robinson, and at the door.

For information please call 343-0542 or visit the website www.gustinhouse.ca



**Our NEW tree is up and lit  
but we still have to pay for it.**

Donate Canadian Tire Money to our Christmas Tree Fund. Donation a box will be set up in the Narthex or can be left at the church office. We have raised \$15.20 so far.



Jan. 13 - Hand-Drumming Workshop  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Location: St. Martins United Church  
(2617 Clarence Ave. S.)  
Facilitators will be Brenda and Katie Curtis.

If you own your own hand drum please bring it..if not, instruments will be provided.

Registration forms available at the church office or from Keith Hall at [Keith.st.martin@shaw.ca](mailto:Keith.st.martin@shaw.ca)

Registration Deadline is Wednesday January 13, 2010



Feb. 6 - Children's Ministry Conference  
Location: Circle Drive Alliance Church  
(3035 Preston Ave S.)  
For information or to register: [www.cnetsaskatoon.ca](http://www.cnetsaskatoon.ca)

Feb. 6 - Third Annual United Band Blast  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Grace-Westminster United Church  
(505 10<sup>th</sup> Street East)  
Admission at the door: \$10 Adults, \$5 Students, under 10 yrs. free  
All funds collected will be donated to: River Bend Integrated Community Ministries



### Church Calendars

Church calendars are available from the office.

### Baby Shower for Jesus:

Come and help us celebrate the Wise Men coming to honour the baby Jesus at our Annual Baby Shower for Jesus. Bring a baby gift for him.

Donations given to the Saskatoon Crisis Nursery and can be placed under the Christmas tree for January 3.

All baby items such as food, formula, diapers, wipes, clothes, toys, blankets are needed.



