

Third AveNews December 28, 2008

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 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 fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office at 652-6812.

We invite you to visit our web site at

www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.org

And please, join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs following the service.

Church Duty Roster



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

Jan. 4: Barry Duncan will be responsible.

Hosting Coffee After Church:



Today: Last names beginning with G - L.

Dec. 21: names beginning with M - R.

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.

This Week at Third Avenue

Thurs: New Year's Day
OFFICE CLOSED

No Choir Practice

Jan. 4: Epiphany – Shower for Baby Jesus. Please bring your gifts for the shower and leave them under the tree.



Jan. 10: 6:00 pm Come out and enjoy a Ukrainian New Year with a Ukrainian supper.



Tickets: Adults \$10;
Children 5-10 yrs \$6;
Under 5 no charge.
The money raised will help offset the cost of the 2009 Vacation Bible School.

UC Observer Renewals

It's time again to renew your Observer subscription for \$15. Please leave your payment at the church office. This monthly magazine features photos & stories that inform and inspire. New subscribers are welcome! The Observer On Tape is available free of charge to the sight-impaired.

Third Avenue United Church Received \$661.02 from the proceeds for the four Noon Hour concerts. This money will be divided equally between the Benevolent Fund, the Barn Service and the General Fund.

Pastoral Care

Please help us to help you, by informing the office if you know of someone who is ill or in need of a visit.

You're Invited:

On January 4th, the Rev. Wayne Knouse will be having his retirement celebration at Knox United. He and Isabel will perform the service jointly, followed by a pot luck lunch. Although their service is at the same time as ours, they invite you to attend their potluck immediately following the service.

Rose Bouquets and Thank You's

I would like to send my appreciation to all those folks who sent me cards and called by phone. I appreciate the prayer chain for their many prayers, and the card signed by the congregation.

Thanks to Donna for her visits to the hospital and Parkridge and her recent visit to my home.

Special thanks to Rosanna for her pictures of the stained glass windows and the pelicans. Thanks to Lavine for her visits.

In closing, I wish to send my sincere wishes to everyone in the congregation for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Lawrence Litvenenko

Friends and Guests!

If you're not wearing a name tag, please take one from the basket at the back, and fill in your name. Then, before you go home, put it back in the basket for next week.





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Gratitude:

As we walked around the church, watching those angels who silently perform duties of love, we began making lists. Our list is long, yet we are aware that there are many others who are not named here.

For everyone, we are grateful!.

Some Of Our Angels Are:

1. Helen Few – for managing the lawn signs so efficiently.
2. Alan Few for graciously giving tours of the church.
3. Debbie Adams – for decorating our beautiful church for every occasion and season, along with her faithful assistant, Bruce.
4. Crystal Stenerson - for looking after the maintenance and the cleanliness of the church, and putting up with the rest of us as we repeatedly mess things up.
5. Roger and Sandra – for many things: working in the kitchen, cooking, helping with the Barn service.
6. Carrie Stephen – for always being available on Sundays to help (or take over) making coffee, for helping with the Barn service, and thanks also for donating the small coffee pot now located in the kitchen.
7. Florence for faithfully arranging greeters for Sundays, as well as leading the Bible Study Group every Thursday.
8. To all the ushers who turn up early every Sunday to meet and greet our guests.
9. To all the scripture readers who volunteer each Sunday.
10. Rosanna for so enthusiastically reading our announcements on Sunday mornings, and for being our in-house photographer.
11. All the volunteers who made the Vacation Bible School a success.
12. Glenn Hannah and Jim Start for setting up our Christmas Nativity scene each year.
13. Jim Start for arranging Fire Marshalls for each of our rentals, and always being there to receive our endless questions and complaints.
14. Nancy Goldak for coordinating the amazing costumes for the Children’s Christmas Pageant, and to Brandi LaPointe for assisting.
15. Philip Bray for building the stable for the pageant, and more.
16. Debbie Beye for an amazing concert, as well as leading our Church School each week.
17. All the Church School teachers for all the extra work:
Roger Monson,
Nancy Goldak,
Brandi LaPointe, and
Philip Bray.
18. The Children - awesome!
19. The Prayer Chain – for praying for us!
20. Audrey Downey and Isabel Smith for assisting Willa with her wheel chair each Sunday morning.
21. All the Board Members and Committee Members & the UCW who dedicate so much of their time & support to us.
22. Dr. Ian Holmes for his inspiring leadership as our Chair of the Unified Board.
23. Michelle for amazing music and talents
24. The Choir members for dedicating their musical talents.
25. Jim Start and Bruce Adams who would show up at the office on a moments notice to sign cheques.
26. The men of the church who volunteer to set up tables for such functions as the Ladies Salad Fiesta and the suppers: Jim Start, Glenn Hannah, Roger Monson, Keith Douglas, Darren Hannah. And those ladies who helped set up: Edith Pincemin, Phyllis Ivanochko, Mary Ellen Hannah, Debbie & Bruce Adams, Eleanor & Arlene Wowk, and especially Lavine for many extras including Cheese Cake.
27. Darren Hannah for his many acts of kindness in and outside the church.
28. The ladies & gentlemen who helped make coffee for our noon hour concerts, and the ushers who handed out the programs: Agnes Samson, Phyllis Ivanochko, Glenn & Mary Ellen Hannah, Kay McDonald, Jewel Reid, Edith Pincemin, Florence Parkinson, Darren Hannah, Philip Bray.
29. Agnes Samson for donating a large coffee pot to the church.
30. Alicia, Molly and Hannah for being “patient” children as their parents are at meetings.