

Third AveNews February 8, 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 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: Dr. Ian Holmes is responsible for opening and closing the church.

Feb. 15: John Parry will be responsible.

Hosting Coffee After Church:



Today: Last names beginning with S - Z.

Feb. 15: names beginning with A - F.

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

Mon – Wed. inclusive: Donna will be away at Winter Refresher at St. A's.

Tues: 7:00 pm Worship & Education meeting

Wed: 10:30 am Staff meeting

Thurs: 10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Choir Practice

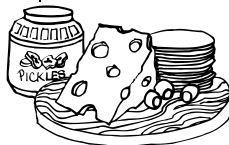
Fri:

**CHURCH
POTLUCK**

6:00 pm

**Congregational
Potluck and Fun**

Night. Bring your favourite dish and join in the fun. Supper will be at 6:00 pm, followed by games for the adults and fun activities for the children.



Next Sun:
Stewardship
Celebratory
Luncheon

catered by Grandma Lee's,
following the service.

Upcoming Events at Third Avenue

Feb. 22: Oliver Lodge DVD will be shown. Please support them by placing your Cookie Dough order on this day.

Feb. 24: 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday: pancake supper.

Feb. 28: 7:30 pm Chamber Orchestra performing here.

The Saskatoon Children's Choir has very kindly offered our congregation "first choice" (following family) on tickets for their concerts. If you are interested in attending their concert in April, and wish a choice of seating before tickets are sent to McNally Robinson, please leave your name with Lavine at the office.

Rose Bouquets and Thank You's

Debbie Adams has retired from being our decorator of the sanctuary. Many thanks for her many years of dedicated, excellent service. She has given us a 'job description' and we would be delighted to have someone consider taking over this act of love. If you would like to check it out, please see the Nominating Committee: Rosanna and/or Ian.

Ten members attended our first drop-in for board games & Mah-Jong last Tuesday. A fun time was had by all.

"Ask not what your church can do for you....ask what you can do for your church."

Ian Holmes and Rosanna Parry are on the Nominating Committee to recruit new members for our committees. Please consider offering your time and talent.

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our love and prayers to the family of Janet Schnell who passed away Wednesday night. Her funeral will be held here on Monday.



Very Important

Reminder: EVERY SUNDAY, following the social time downstairs, the tables and chairs need to be cleared away, except for 3 tables and 8 chairs, which must be behind the pillars nearest the kitchen.

Camp Christopher

Future leaders take note: Camp Christopher is offering you a wonderful opportunity to develop your leadership skills. If you are **in Grade 9 or older**, take advantage of our Skills Week. Our "NEW" Leader-in-Training program will be offered July 2-10 at beautiful Camp Christopher. Please visit campchristopher.ca for a registration form. Enrolment is limited so register today! You can find brochures on the bulletin board.

The Church School Children

are still collecting towards their 7 miles of pennies. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. This has been a successful project and we encourage you to bring in those loose coins! Help our kids accomplish their goal.

- Debbie Beye

Your offering envelopes

for 2009 are in the Narthex at the back of the church. Please pick yours up.

Notices

- ❖ The Saskatoon Adlerian Society is sponsoring a series of events called "Nurturing With Rhymes" beginning in January, for parents and their young children. More info about this FREE program is posted on the bulletin board.
- ❖ Saskatoon Council of Aging has posted their new Fall/Winter Programs for Older Adults. See the bulletin board.
- ❖ Neighbours Helping Neighbours: this is a fund set up to assist farm families that are experiencing immediate, severe financial hardship. See pamphlet on bulletin board.

Bulletin Board

(The Wider Community)

Today from noon – 5:00: Heritage Festival at the Western Development Museum. Free admission.

Tuesdays, Feb. 3-24, at 7:15 pm Bethel United will hold a four-session seminar on the theme "Finding Stillness in a Hectic Life". See bulletin board.

Feb. 8: 7:30 pm Jazz & Reflection, at Mayfair United. Free admission. See poster.

Feb. 10: 7:30 pm at Grace Westminster United Church. St. Andrew's College Alumni/ae Association is proud to present "An Evening of Song". See bulletin board for details. Donna is selling tickets.

Feb. 11: 7:00 pm Mayfair is presenting a program on **Planned Giving**, with speaker Kathryn Hofley.

The S'toon Council of Aging needs your favourite family stories/recipes and any photos you may have to accompany them. Your submissions will appear in a cookbook called *A Taste of Time* to be published in October 2009. Please send your entries by March 31. Call 652-2255 for more info, or email your entries to karen.heise@sasktel.net. See bulletin board for poster.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time Caretaker/Custodian. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 20. See poster.

Don't be disappointed!!

If you wish to book the church for an event, please let the office know, well in advance.

Attention Guests & Members

If you are on canes or walkers, please feel comfortable to use our elevator entrance on Third Avenue. It is much easier than the stairs to enter or exit the building.

Marjorie Smith will be replacing Edna Korpan as a phoner on the Prayer Chain.

Thanks Edna and Marjorie.



Looking Ahead:

A sign up sheet for Scripture Readers has been posted next to the kitchen. Please sign up now. Thanks!

Humour

A Sunday School teacher asked the children "and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Little Johnny jumped up and yelled, "Because people are sleeping!"

Great truths that little children have learned:

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.

If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

The best place to be when you're sad is on Grandma's lap.