

Third AveNews January 4, 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: Barry Duncan is responsible for opening and closing the church.

Jan. 11: Dr. Ian Holmes will be responsible.



Hosting Coffee After Church:

Today: Last names beginning with M - R.

Jan. 11: names beginning with S - Z.

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

Today: Epiphany – Shower for Baby Jesus.



Mon: 5:15 Meeting of the Steering Committee

Thurs: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

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.

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.

Today! You're Invited

to the retirement celebration of the Rev. Wayne Knouse at Knox United. They invite you to attend their potluck & entertainment immediately following the service.

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.

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



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.

Seasons Greetings

from Judy Rayfield, who has recently moved back to Ontario.

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.



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

Friends and Guests

take note: there are **visitor offering envelopes**, folded in the pews where you can make a donation to our beautiful church.

Bulletin Board

(The Wider Community)

Jan. 9: Gustin House invites you to two 125th Anniversary Events:

Trounce Tea Party, celebrating the Trounce Family's Arrival in 1884, at Grace-Westminster at 3:00 and

Violin Recital – Celebrating Saskatoon's First Concert in 1884 at 7:30 at Grace-Westminster.

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.

Your offering

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



Looking Ahead:

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

Don't be disappointed!!

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

Announcing

- ❖ The New Executive Secretary, Rev. Bill Doyle, for the Saskatchewan Conference beginning July 1, 2009. See bulletin board.
- ❖ In January, Kristen Smith, Oliver Lodge's Director of Recreation and volunteers, begins providing staff support for the angels of Care Campaign. Heather MacDonald's term as Expansion Services Coordinator at Oliver Lodge Special Care Home has wrapped up.

Attention – Guests and 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.

Would You

Believe it! The United Church of Canada launched its own YouTube Channel. You can find it at www.youtube.ca/unitedchurchofcanada.

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Prayer

Chain:

There are 22 members on our Prayer chain. If you are in need of prayer or would like to assist with pastoral care, please contact Rosanna Parry at 229-8289, or Donna at 652-6812.

"Where love is, God is also."

- Leo Tolstoy



For your

information: outside Donna's office you will find a binder outlining the Sexual Abuse Policy of the United Church of Canada.

Steering

Committee members are

- ❖ Rosanna Parry
- ❖ Mark Fachada
- ❖ Raycine Spence
- ❖ Philip Bray and
- ❖ Sandra Monson

Humour – Pun Intended

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.