

# Third AveNews November 30, 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](http://www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.org)

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

## This Week at Third Avenue

Tues: 10:30 am Staff meeting

Thurs: **Beginning on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, for 4 weeks, Bible Study will begin at 10:30 am.** A study on the New Testament beginning with the Gospel of Mark. This week it is Chapter 9. All Welcome!

12:10 Free Noon Hour Concert #2 – Cara Wilson, handbells; Janet Wilson, piano/organ

7:00 pm Choir practice

Sat: 8:30 am Men's Breakfast at the Park Town

Next Sunday: ADVENT II Communion & Recessional offering

## Your offering envelopes for 2009

are now ready. They are in the Narthex at the back of the church, in alphabetical order. Please do not use them until the new year.

As year end approaches, we need to search our hearts as we contemplate our annual givings. If you would like to know what your givings are to date, and perhaps *top them up*, please call the office.

## Upcoming Events at Third Avenue

Dec. 6: 7:30 pm Chamber Orchestra performance

Dec. 7: Advent II – Communion and recessional offering

Dec. 10: International Human Rights Day. Folks are invited to either send a card, letter, or to make a donation towards postage. See Rosanna.

Dec. 13: 7:30 pm Saskatoon. Symphony concert

## Church Duty Roster



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

Dec. 7: Barry Duncan will be responsible.



C95 is sponsoring a **Toy Soldier Christmas Campaign.** Third Avenue will be collecting (*new only*) toys for children of all ages to be given to the Salvation Army for Christmas gifts. There is a RED bin at the back of the church where you can leave your "unwrapped" gifts. Thanks to everyone for sharing your love through this worthy cause.



## Friends and Guests take note:

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

## Hosting Coffee After Church:

Today: Last names beginning with G - L

Dec. 7: 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.

Help needed with the Noon Hour Concert Series. Are you willing to make coffee and help with ushering? Please contact Michelle for details.

Donna is selling Church Calendars at \$6.00 each. Proceeds for the Benevolent Fund. See her after church.



## Very Important

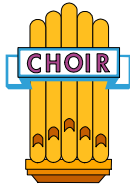
**Reminder:** EVERY SUNDAY, following the social time downstairs, the tables and chairs need to be cleared away, except for 3 tables and 8 chairs, which must be behind the pillars nearest the kitchen.

## Looking Forward in April/May 2009

We will undertake the study entitled "Of Love and Justice Toward Civil Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage."



Are you interested in singing with our Choir during Advent? We have begun practicing our anthems and would love to have you join us. Practices are Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



## Looking Ahead:

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

## Bulletin Board

(The Wider Community)

Oliver Lodge Angels of Care Campaign: they are selling cookie dough, place & bake items, & Chef Redi foods. They order all of them on a regular basis. Please see poster for details.

- ❖ Nov. 30: 3:00 pm **Kids of Note Christmas Concert** at Grosvenor Park United. Please join them for a 40 minute free concert followed by a reception & carol sing-along. Kids of Note is for children who love to sing and is inclusive of those with cognitive challenges. The choir is led by children's entertainer Brenda Baker, with pianist Ken Neitz. For more info call 653-1201.
- ❖ Dec. 1: 6:30 pm World AIDS Day. A Candlelight Vigil to remember those who have died of, or are living with HIV/AIDS, at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Bishop Klein School. See poster.
- ❖ Dec. 3-28: Persephone Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens. A classic for the whole family. Box Office #: 384-7727.

Mayfair United is looking for a **Youth Leader**. Preference will be given to young adults/post secondary students. Work expectation is roughly 6 hrs/week. Avg. salary of \$250/mth. Please contact Rev. Deb Walker @ 382-6446 for more info.

McClure Place Assoc. is looking for a casual RN to provide care to seniors when the regular nurse is away. Applicants must have current registration with the SRNA. Knowledge of community resources is an asset in order to advocate for residents. Send resume to: [mcclurexecdir@shaw.ca](mailto:mcclurexecdir@shaw.ca), or call Judy at 955-5420.

## EGADZ Christmas Party gift donations request.

### Suggestions:

- \* Toiletries (toothpaste/toothbrushes/shampoo/soap/deodorant/disposable razors)
- \*Brushes/combs, hair accessories
- Gift packs (teen)
- \*Mini gloves, mitts, socks (boys & girls)
- t-shirts, sweatshirts, toques
- \*small picture frames, art supplies,
- \* alarm clocks
- \*books, coloring books comics, journals
- \*youth/child appropriate DVD/VHS movies
- \*toys & stocking stuffers *anything else teenagers & toddlers would need.*

**To Read more on how EGADZ supports youth, see the bulletin board.**

If you are interested in reading **Gustin House News**, and/or making a donation please check out the bulletin board.

## Would You Believe it!

The United Church of Canada launched its own YouTube Channel. You can find it at [www.youtube.ca/unitedchurchofcanada](http://www.youtube.ca/unitedchurchofcanada).

## 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

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## Bits of Wisdom

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.

If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

There is a sure way to double your money; fold it in half and put it back into your pocket.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old... you grow old because you stop laughing!

*Worship With Us*