

### ***Our Statement of Purpose***

As a community of faith led by the spirit we welcome all to worship God and live in loving, just and respectful relationship with each other, our neighbours and the earth. Inspired by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ we strive to recognize the light of God in each person regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, economic status or any other category by which the world may seek to divide. We challenge ourselves to deepen our relationship to God, to see the light of the divine in each person and in all creation, and to live the faith we proclaim in every aspect of our lives.

We will live into this statement by encouraging all who make TSA their faith home to participate fully in all aspects of the life and work of this community of faith.

TSA is a place where the gifts of all people are celebrated.

### **Our Week at a Glance – December 1, 2019**

The flowers today are from Harold & Helen Eady,  
in loving memory of Eileen Eady.

#### ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

**Tues. Dec. 3** Treasures Room – Chapel, 9am

**Wed. Dec. 4** Treasures Room – Chapel, 9am  
Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00  
Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00

**Thurs. Dec. 5** Candy Packing – Kitchen, 7:00  
Treasures Room – Chapel, 9am  
Candy – Assembly Room, 9am  
Tea Room – Stewart Hall, 9am

Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00  
Candy Packing – Kitchen, 7:00

**Fri. Dec. 6** Set-up – ALL AREAS – 9am  
Bake Table – Silent Auction

**Sat. Dec. 7** 4:00 Tea & Talent Sale – Entire Building, 1:00-

**Sun. Dec. 8** 2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent – White Gift Sunday

### **Volunteer Corner:**

*Guest Speaker:* Norma Abercrombie, Margo Aubert, Lorraine Belanger, Marion McDonald, Win Stewart, Lynn Stitt – members of the Membership, Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee

*Sound Board:* Geoff Roberts

*Greeters & Ushers:* Lynn Skuce & Jackie Smith

*Guest Musician:* none

*Meals on Wheels:* John & Laura Cooke

*Coffee after Church:* Unit 6

*Offering counters:* Lois Desjardins & Geoff Roberts

*Funeral Lunch Coordinator:* Lynn Stitt

*Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators:* Faye Gagan, Garry Scott & Marg McLeish

### **Upcoming Services:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Advent, Dec. 8, White Gift Sunday – Felicite Stairs

3<sup>rd</sup> Advent, Dec. 15 – Felicite Stairs

4<sup>th</sup> Advent, Dec. 22– Carols & Lessons – TSA Choir

Christmas Eve, Wed. Dec. 24 – Candlelight 9pm Service, officiated by Rev. Sheryl McLeod

## **Tea & Talent Sale Time Again - Saturday, December 7, 1:00**

**to 4:00:** Please mark this date and time in your calendar. Help is always required before, during and after this event. You may be receiving calls asking for help making sandwiches, squares, candy and home baking (including pies, jams and jellies). Donations for the Treasures Room and Silent Auction items are always welcome. For more information, to volunteer or make a donation, please call Marg at 613-717-2022.

**Tea & Talent Set-up Schedule:** Part of preparing for this huge event is the fellowship when working together to make it happen. Your assistance during any of these preparation times would be appreciated. Please just show up, or call Marg at 613-717-2022.

Tuesday December 3    Treasures – Chapel – 9am

Wednesday December 4    Treasures – Chapel – 9am  
                                    Candy Packing – Kitchen – 7pm

Thursday December 5    Treasures – Chapel – 9am  
                                    Candy – Assembly Room – 9am  
                                    Tea Room – Stewart Hall – 9am  
                                    Candy Packing – Kitchen – 7pm

Friday December 6    Set-up – ALL AREAS – 9am - Bake Table – Silent Auction

**Bake Table:** With your help this is always a huge success. Please contribute your favourite baking, muffins, cookies, cakes, soup, pickles, jam, beans, and pies to fill up our table. Frozen turkey dinners will also be available.

**Candy Table:** Candy time again. Our faithful calling team will be calling or have already called looking for homemade candy or a monetary donation to the Candy Room ... you can drop your candy off anytime at the office. All types of homemade candy are needed. We will be packing the boxes on Wednesday December 4 and Thursday December 5 at 7pm in the kitchen. It is a big job so come and help, especially on Thursday when all the boxes need to be sealed.

**Mitten Tree:** We can do it again. Last year we donated over 100 toques and waterproof mittens to needy children and youth in our community. Snowsuits are also accepted. The tree will be up until today, Dec. 1st. All donations are appreciated.

**2020 Canadian Church Calendar:** The 2020 Canadian Church Calendar has arrived, and this year's theme is "We Cannot Keep from Singing", and features stunning photos of United Churches across Canada! Along with colourful photos, this handy calendar notes special days and church season, liturgical seasons and colours, significant United Church days, and lectionary dates. It's also bilingual. With month-by-month inspirational messages and all the important church dates, this is the perfect calendar to keep for yourself or for a Christmas gift. The calendar costs **\$9.00** each and is available in the Church Office during regular business hours.

**Broadview Magazine:** It is time to renew your subscription, or perhaps you may wish to start a subscription for 2020. Broadview (formerly "The Observer") keeps us up-to-date on what is happening in our world, and in the United Church of Canada. Contact Lorraine Belanger in the Narthex, or call 613-432-5928 – she will be collecting during the month of November

until December 2. The cost is \$25.00 cash, or by cheque, payable to T.S.A. United Church. If you are unfamiliar with Broadview, Lorraine has some past issues that you could borrow to read. Also, please consider giving a gift subscription. Website – [www.broadview.org](http://www.broadview.org).

### **Upcoming Concert by Renfrew Childrens/Youth Chorus:**

The Renfrew Children's/Youth Chorus present "Our Journey to Christmas": our Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3:00pm, at Trinity-St. Andrews United Church, Renfrew (291 Plaunt St. South). Tickets \$10.00 sold at the door. The children's and youth combined choirs will share the Nativity story of the journey to Bethlehem with songs about "sleepy shepherds", "little grey donkeys" and finish with the triumphant exclamation "Hodie Christus natus est!" (Christ is born today!) Please join us for a lovely afternoon of beautiful singing! Audience carol sing-along included!

**From the Mat Group:** Do you have a couple of spare hours in the week? The Mat Group that meets on Wednesday from 1 till 4 pm would love some more hands to cut and weave milk bags into sleeping mats for the Third World and homeless. We have plenty of supplies and need to clear out the storage area. Come meet some new friends, share our social time and know you have helped others.

Thanks—Daphne



### **Spiritual Care**

Paul said, "I'm going to die on February 23rd at 10:30 a.m."

Paul has cancer. He was given three months to live but he has already surpassed that timeline by a month. In the meantime, his body continues to waste away and he is in constant pain.

Here is a story from a United Church hospital chaplain about Paul. "I have been visiting Paul for several weeks in the palliative care unit of the hospital. He has called me in on this particular day to tell me that he has requested medical assistance in dying, and the date and time for the procedure are set.

"I sit and listen while he talks about the decision he has made, how he came to it, and how his family members are reacting to it. Our conversation that afternoon is heartfelt and real. There is no place for pretence or false bravado in the presence of imminent death. It is a sacred moment. We say a prayer together. My eyes tear up as we say our goodbyes. I know it will be the last time I see him."

A hospital is not only a place for physical care; it is very much a place for spiritual care. It is here that difficult decisions, life and death decisions, are made on a daily basis. Illness can turn lives upside down. Hospital chaplains are specifically trained to help patients and their families find ways to cope spiritually and emotionally in such times of personal crisis and upheaval.

"My name is Val Cottrill and I work with the South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy of The United Church of Canada helping to bring spiritual care into the hospitals of Regina. This essential ministry could not happen without the generous giving of members and adherents through Mission & Service. Thank you for being a part of our ministry."

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.