

Our Week at a Glance – November 29, 2020

The flowers today are placed by the UCW, in loving memory of deceased members.

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

- Mon. Nov. 30** Thrift Shop sorting & donations, 9-2
- Wed. Dec. 2** Thrift Shop sorting & donations, 9-2
Bible Study – Online/Marian Roffey, 11:00
Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:30
Candy Packing – kitchen, 2-6pm
- Thurs. Dec. 3** T&T Treats Room set-up – Chapel, 1pm
Thrift Shop Open, 12-6
Candy packing – kitchen, 2-6pm
- Sat. Dec. 5** T&T Treats Sale – Chapel, 10-2
Thrift Shop open, 10-2
T&T Silent Auction Closes at 2pm – on Facebook at “Trinity-St. Andrew’s T&T Silent Auction”

Upcoming Worship Services:

- Saturday, Dec 5 at 7pm Online only concert with LMJ
- Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10am Advent Two: White Gift Sunday
- Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5pm Christmas Carolling on the lawn. We’ll gather for half an hour of socially distance carolling. Song sheets will be provided. Bring a flashlight, and a lawn chair if you like.
- Sunday, Dec 13 10am Advent Three
- Sunday, Dec 20 10am Advent Four: Carols & Lessons Service
- Sunday, Dec. 20 7pm Blue Christmas Service- Not everyone is having a Merry Christmas this year. This online only service will be a source of comfort for those who are dealing with grief, anxiety and loss.
- Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec 24 7pm. This service will feature special music and communion, and will end with candle lit carols sung out on the front entrance of the building.
- Christmas Day, Friday, Dec 25, 10am. This online only Christmas Day service will offer some special music and some joy to celebrate this wonderful day.
- Sunday, Dec 27, 10am. This worship service will be led by members of the Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee. Rev. Murray will be taking a week of vacation.

Each of the Sunday morning services will be live and in person, as well as carried on Facebook live.

2020 Christmas Treats and Treasures Sale: Please mark these dates and times in your calendar.

December 5th 10:00 – 2:00 – Treats portion of the sale which includes candy and the bake table along with any leftover frozen turkey dinners and the closing of the online Silent Auction.

Help is required for set up of the Treats portion of the sale starting Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm in the Chapel. You have probably received you call asking for donations for the Candy and Bake Tables. Ellen is looking for help to package the candy on Wednesday December 2nd from

2:00 to 6:00 pm and again on Thursday December 3rd from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Please call Ellen if you are able to help.

Bake Table: With your help this is always a huge success. Please contribute your favourite baking, muffins, cookies, cakes, soup, pickles, jam, beans, bread/buns, loaves and pies to fill up our tables. Please drop off your goodies anytime between 9:00 – 2:00 on Wednesday, December 2nd to Friday, December 4th.

Candy Table: Our team will once again be calling looking for homemade candy or a monetary donation. Please drop off your candy before 2:00 pm on Wednesday December 2nd. Candy will be packaged on Wednesday December 2nd and Thursday December 3rd.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please call Ellen Groenewoud at 613-432-9790.

White Gift Sunday, December 6: The "White Gift Sunday" tradition comes from our Methodist forebears. In 1904, a mother and her children realized that, while they had lots of gifts under their Christmas tree, there were children in their community who didn't have any. They collected gifts and wrapped them in white tissue to give to these children. Rather than collect gifts, we gather monetary donations and give them to the Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN) to help children in need. Cheques (payable to TSA) or cash may be put in a white envelope, to keep our "white gift" tradition (or otherwise marked "White Gift") and placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

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Upcoming Blood Donor Clinic: Canadian Blood Services is holding a blood donor clinic on Tuesday, December 8 from 1:00 to 6:00pm at the Renfrew Legion. Please book at 1-888-2-DONATE or online at blood.ca.

Family & Children's Services Request for Shelters: Youth homelessness is an increasing issue in Renfrew County. Many of the youth who need a place to live may be experiencing conflict with family members, striving to cope with an addiction or facing mental health challenges. Through the FCS's partnership with Columbus House Pembroke, some youth gain the housing support they need, but there is a struggle to find appropriate places for all youth who need it. The hope is to engage interested community members who may be willing to act as a home host to provide accommodation – for either short terms or longer terms. This involves welcoming youth into your home if you have an extra bedroom or provide them use of a separate apartment space. Renfrew County Safe Shelter for Youth provides training, ongoing support and compensation for our home hosts. If you are interested, please contact the Renfrew County Safe Shelter for Youth through Family & Children's Services of Renfrew County.