

Our Week at a Glance – December 20, 2020

The flowers today are placed by congregation members, in loving memory of a loved one.

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

Today, 7pm “Blue Christmas” Service, online only

Upcoming Worship Services:

Today, 10am Advent Four: Carols & Lessons Service

Today at 4pm Christmas Carolling on the lawn. We'll gather for half an hour of socially distance carolling. Song sheets will be provided. Bring a lawn chair if you like.

Today at 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.

2021 Offering Envelopes: The 2021 offering envelopes are now available, on the table in the Narthex – please pick up your envelopes at your earliest convenience.

Magical Bells of Renfrew: “Renfrew’s Magical Bells” takes place on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) at 6pm. Step outside and ring a bell (any bell) for two minutes, and join the spirit of Christmas by waving and wishing your neighbours a Merry Christmas!

T.S.A. and U.C.W. Donations: The TSA Bookkeeper and U.C.W. Treasurer request that all final donations for the year 2020 be left in the Church Office (or dropped into the outside mailbox) by no later than Monday, December 28, in order to have them included in the Charitable Donation receipt issued to you by the Church at the end of the year.

From the Sunshine Coach: The Sunshine Coach has advised that, effective January 1, 2021, in-town rates will increase to \$7.50.

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.