

## **Our Week at a Glance – December 1, 2024**

The flowers today are placed by Anne Windle, in loving memory of her parents, Harold and Helen Eady.

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

- Sun. Dec. 1**      Rainbow Worship Service – Chapel, 6:30
- Mon. Dec. 2**      Shop Donations, 9:00 – 3:00  
Youth Worship Band – office, 6:30
- Wed. Dec. 4**      Shop Donations, 9:00 – 2:00  
Bible Study – MRR, 11:00  
Mat Group/Crafty Ladies – SH, 1:00
- Thurs. Dec. 5**    Treats Sale Set-up – SH/Kitchen, 9:00  
Shop Open, 12-6  
Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00
- Fri. Dec. 6**      Treats Sale Set-up – SH/Kitchen, 9:00  
Treasures Pre-sale – SH, 1:00-3:00
- Sat. Dec. 7**      Treats Candy Packing – Kitchen, 8:00  
Treats Sale – SH, 10-2  
Shop Open, 10-2

**Guest Music Director:** We Welcome Schroeder Nordholt today as our Guest Music Director.

**Nativity Scene at Low Square, Today at 4:** Rev. James will be participating in the lighting of the Nativity Scene at Low Square, on Sunday, December 1, at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**“Blue Christmas” Service, Tues. Dec. 3:** Christmas is not a "merry and bright" time for many. Some will be grieving, some lonely, some simply struggling with life's burdens. In partnership with friends at Zohr Family Funeral Home, Goulet Funeral Home, and Pinnacle Cremation Services, we are pleased to host a Blue Christmas Community Service in our Kirk

Hall on Tues. Dec. 3, at 7pm. This is a time of healing and hope; it is an opportunity for those of our community to surround others with love and support. This service is open to everyone. All are welcome and come just as you are!

**Camp Lau-Ren Campfire at Grace United, Cobden:** A Camp Lau-Ren Christmas Campfire at Grace United Church in Cobden. Join Friends of Camp Lau-Ren for songs, fun, and Christmas cookie decorating! The church is at 27 Main Street, Cobden ON K0J 1H0.

**Upcoming Advent Services:**

Sunday Dec 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent - White Gift

Sunday Dec 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent

Sunday Dec 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> of Advent

Tuesday Dec 24 – Christmas Eve, 7pm

**Foodgrains Concert:** Thank you to everyone who participated and attended our annual Foodgrains Concert! A cheque in the amount of \$3,230.00 will be sent to the CFGB once the postal strike is over.

**From the Membership Committee:** Our photo wall needs an update to reflect the many new faces in our congregation. We would like everyone to submit a photo to the office by Nov 30 for inclusion in the “Realm” programme and to add to our photo wall. The MPCF committee will print and add or replace the current ones. New photos can be “selfies” of one or two people. If you do not have one to submit, please see Margo Aubert to arrange a time after the service to have your photo taken.

**2025 Calendars:** The theme of this year’s calendar is the United Church’s anniversary: 100 Years of Deep • Bold • Daring. As always the calendar features photos of United Churches from across the country and notes special days and church seasons. Read monthly Bible verses about what it means to be a disciple and keep track of liturgical seasons and colours, significant United Church days, and lectionary dates. Calendars are \$12.00 each, and are now available in the office.

**Frozen Turkey Dinners:** The frozen turkey dinners are now available for pre-order, and during the Treasures Sale. Dinners are \$20 each, or 2 for

\$35. Please call Ellen Groenewoud at 613-883-4023 if you would like to pre-order.

**Mitten Tree**: We have set up our annual Mitten Tree in the Narthex. We are looking for toques and waterproof mittens to donate to needy children and youth in our community. Please leave your donations in the basket under the tree. The tree will be up until Sunday, December 15. Thanks for your support!

**From the Thrift Shop**: It is a busy time in the Thrift Shop. We are receiving lots of donations and are putting out Christmas-themed stock. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Monday mornings and would like to help with preparing the shop for Thursday customers, we have room for you. No experience necessary. Please call Marilyn Lloyd at 613 649-2358.

**Coffee Sign-up Sheet**: The sign-up sheet for December is in the Narthex. Anyone interested in volunteering for fellowship coffee is welcome to sign their names to the schedule.

**Upper Room**: The November/December Upper Rooms are now available in the Office. The cost is \$2/copy.

TSA THRIFT SHOP  
2024 THIRD QUARTER REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION  
For the Period July 1 to September 30, 2024

\$32,500 will be given to TSA United Church (2023: \$30,500; 2022: \$23,000; 2021: \$17,800; 2020: \$0; 2019: \$14,700)

\$3,250 will be given to Charity – Renfrew & Area Food Bank (2023: \$2,050; 2022: \$2,300; 2021: \$1,780; 2020: \$0; 2019: \$1,470)

Number of days open: 27 (2023: 26; 2022: 26; 2021: 23; 2020: 3; 2019: 38)

Average number of customers per day: 117 (2023: 128; 2022: 26; 2021: 86; 2020: 101; 2019: 67)

Average sale per customer: \$11.47 (2023: \$10.29; 2022: \$8.78; 2021: \$10.15; 2020: \$10.68; 2019: \$6.75)

Net sales for Quarter 3: \$36,301 (2023: \$33,478; 2022: \$25,307; 2021: \$19,667; 2020: \$3,124; 2019: \$17,306)

**TSA Christmas Card Campaign:** Our congregation has a number of members who are residents in care homes. In order to share some Christmas cheer with them during this time, we are organizing a Christmas Card writing program. Our Pastoral Care team is inviting you to write a Christmas card to one or more of the residents on the following list. You can drop them off at TSA and we'll deliver them directly.

**BONNECHERE MANOR** 470 Albert St., Renfrew K7V 4L5

Graydon Bernard      Betty Hart      Jim MacGregor  
Norma Riopelle      Esther Seeley      Susan Sidney

**QUAIL CREEK** 450 Albert St., Renfrew K7V 4K4

Jean Ellis      Doris Handford      Doug & June Thomas

**GROVES PARK** 470 Raglan N., Renfrew K7V 1P5

Linda Danyluck      Joan Payton      Ernie Wall

**CARESSANT CARE COBDEN NURSING HOME**

12 Wren Drive, Cobden K0J 1K0

Marion Broome

**COUNTRY HAVEN NURSING HOME**

1387 Beachburg Road, Beachburg, ON K0J 1C0

Beulah Wright

**MARIANHILL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE**

600 Cecelia Street, Pembroke K8A 7Z3

Barry Brush

**THE GROVE NURSING HOME** 275 Ida St. N.,

Arnprior K7S 3M7

Mary Ciphery      Marilyn Wallace