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WELCOME TO 2014

Another year has gone beyond recall. A new year dawns! Some folks still make resolutions at the beginning of each year. We are invited to resolve to continue being faithful to our God and our church community: faithful in gathering for worship, faith in scattering for service. We are invited to make use of every opportunity to grow deeper in our love for God and God's work. Happy New Year!

OUR THANKS to RON TOLHURST

In his role as Chairperson of Property Committee and a devoted member of HTC, Ron was at the premise daily to inspect and monitor how our building cope with no power during the historical 2013 ice storm. If it was necessary, Ron would also put on his skates or snowshoes to reach Brooke St. and ensure the water pipes aren't frozen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

There are several Christian Education opportunities available in our parish during the year. Here are two. You may attend.

The 20 Minute Bible Workout (20BMW) For 20 minutes between our two Sunday services, members gather in the Reception Room to talk to each other about one of the readings of the day (usually the Gospel). They may also reflect on the Homily heard at 8 a.m. or contribute insight or thoughts that are shared during the 10:00 service. Here are a few comments from participants.

"..a wonderful opportunity to discuss the Sunday's gospel text from two vantage points – what it might have meant to the original hearers and what it might mean to us today. Short and sweet – no prior knowledge required". (John C.)

"It's 20 Minutes to pick up Bible Wisdom of what the Gospel to be read in the service means, who wrote it, when they wrote it, and - most importantly - why!" (Rebecca J.)

Tuesday Bible Study ... On Tuesday afternoons, a growing number of members, facilitated by John Carrington, meet in the Reception Room for Biblical and Theological reflection. Important theological questions are raised and discussed. It is now a trend that the group does a Book study. They are currently reading "The Way" by Adam Hamilton. Prior to this book, they read "God Has A Dream" by Desmond Tutu and "Christian Speaking" by Marcus Borg, to name a few. Sessions resume on January 7. Everyone welcome, no registration required.

ENVELOPE GIVINGS/OFFERINGS

In order to ensure accuracy, please note the following: if your envelope/account # is

- **2 to 120**—please **discard 2013 and past years' envelopes**. Start using your 2014 (blue print) envelopes this month. If you have not done it, please collect your 2014 box envelopes from the auditorium.
- **800 or 900** series—please continue using your existing supplies as they are not dated and let the office know if you need more envelopes.

We would like to encourage you to consider joining the monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) as they are:

- Simple one time set-up, minimal print (save our trees)
- It is constant, regular and does not require you to make a trip to the church

PAG form (yellow leaflet) is available at the back of the church or contact the office if you have any questions.

ACW AGM & POTLUCK

Tuesday January 14

We invite all women in the parish to the annual ACW (Anglican Church Women) **Annual General Meeting & Potluck Dinner. Punch starts at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm.** Please bring either a main course OR dessert enough for 6-8 persons.



There will be two guest speakers from Jessie's (the June Calwood's centre for young women).

It is a fun evening of fellowship and marvelous home-made cuisines. If you have never attended and aren't sure about it, please contact Linda Robertson.

ACW Ingathering Service will be held on **Sunday January 26 at 10:00 am**

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION ...

Is your New Year's resolution to pray each day? If so come and join a small group at St. John's convent. Meeting on **alternate Thursdays at 10:00-11:30 am on January 16 & 30, and February 13 & 27.**

We will be using Joyce Rupp's book, *The Cup of Our Life*, as a guide to daily prayer and will meet to enjoy sharing our joys and struggles over a cup of coffee and a muffin. Cost is \$25 for book & refreshments. Rides available. Contact Jane Winstanley

HEALING AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

4-week **Seniors' Fitness Class** will be held at HTC on **Tuesdays January 21 - February 11 from 10:00 - 11:00 am**. Forms need to be completed beforehand, so please see Susan Rodgers for them. The cost is \$10/session. We hope to have this on-going so if the day and time don't suit you, but you're still interested let Susan know.

Also we're planning a **'Physical Activity Challenge'** to help keep us active over the winter. It starts Sunday January 19 and finishes at the end of March Break. To take part, keep track of your activity over the week. Walking, yoga, tai chi, skating, hockey, curling, snow-shoveling, weights, it all counts. Simply keep track the number of minutes or hours over the week and submit them to Susan by e-mail, letter, or phone message. I need to know your age and gender. We have different age categories and there will be prizes for the top two. Physical activity is beneficial for all ages and for all aspects of our health. Let's make 2014 a healthy year!

Please mark **Saturday February 15** on your calendars. We will have another **CPR/First AID and AED training**. It's highly recommended for wardens, sidespeople, Sunday school and youth work. Often the person we would help is a relative or colleague. Let's be prepared to help or save a life.

OUT OF THE COLD

January 10

The Out of the Cold dinner & shelter 10-week program, located at Thornhill United Church, begins Friday January 10.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed for guest registration, meals & kitchen duties, provision of medical services, clothing etc. Please contact Linda Gould at 905 731 3981.

The following clean and new/gently used items are needed:

- Warm socks. Toques - no balaclavas.
- Men's underwear, T-shirts & briefs, sizes L, XL
- Pants, jeans, cords, sweatpants sizes 34 and up
- Outdoor jackets, men's or women's
- Sweatshirts, hoodies, lightweight sweaters, fleece tops
- Gloves, warm, waterproof, split palm gloves
- Shirts – long sleeves, warm, no dress shirts
- Shoes and boots – men's or women's walking shoes or boots, no rubber boots
- Women's comfortable street wear, underwear
- Small packages of unopened toiletries, personal hygiene items, razors. Gym bags, back packs

Please NO dress clothing or hand knitted articles.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

January 11

Our Area Bishop will be making his pastoral visit to our parish on Sunday, May 11, 2014. He will administer the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation at that time. Confirmation classes for young people, Grade 8 and up, will start on Saturday, January 11, 2014. Class time will be from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

January 19



Joy Lapps, Princess of Pan, will make a special presentation during our 10:00 am service as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will hear some fresh words from Dr. King and the music of the civil rights movement on steel.

Joy Lapps is the founder and program director of the Steel Pan Experience. Joy began playing the steel pan in 1997 at

Malvern's Church of the Nativity under the direction of Vince Cato. As she realized her love for the instrument, her solo career soon came alive, earning her the title "Princess of Pan".

VESTRY MEETING

February 9

Our annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9 at 11:45 a.m., following the 10:00 a.m. service. The Vestry Report will be available by February 2.

COMING IN LENT

March - April

Bishop Bill Hockin's new book *"Searching for a Deeper Well"* is out! We will be using this book for our Wednesdays in Lent series, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Books may be order through John Carrington. Cost:\$ 15

FOOTLIGHTS

Friday to Saturday March 27-29

The Footlights club is pleased to mention that rehearsals are beginning now for a production scheduled for March 27, 28, and 29. This is an original play by Malcolm Shiner entitled "Playing at Politics". In spite of what you might think, this is a comedy, so please plan to come out and enjoy.

LIBRARY

We thank everyone who has supported the library in the past year. We received many donated books and we are getting some of them ready for borrowing. Stamps and books for the Christian Salvage Mission will be delivered in the spring.

Thank you to Judy Douglas and Angella Smith who will run the library while Barb Lespérance is away this winter.

There will be a display of newly purchased books once they have been catalogued.

Don't forget to sign out any books that you borrow and to return them on time. If you want to renew a book, just fill in a new date on the book card, write "Renewed" and take a new "Date Due" card.

INTERNATIONAL POT-LUCK LUNCHEON

Coming on February 2. Save this date.... Details to follow!!!