



### **SENIORS' LUNCHEON** *Wednesday December 2*

We invite all mature adults to celebrate **Eucharist at 11:00 am** then move to the Auditorium for fellowship & lunch. For logistic & staffing purposes, please let us know if you are coming by contacting Jean Challoner. If you are able to give a ride on this Wednesday please let Jean know.

### **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

This is a gentle reminder that

- **Cash/cheque** (payable to Holy Trinity Church, write CAP on memo area) donations are to be in the Church Office **by Sunday, December 6.**
- **Non-perishable food items** can be placed in the collection boxes **no later than Monday December 14.**

Sign-up sheets are available during Coffee Hours as we need your help on Dec ember 17, 18, 19.

### **FIRE DRILL** *December 6*

The safety and well being of everyone who comes into our building are of paramount concern. There will be a Fire Drill on Sunday, December 6 at the 10:00 service. Arrangements will be made with the Fire Department and sidespersons.

### **REMEMBRANCE & HOPE** *Wednesday December 9*

You are invited to our *Remembrance and Hope* service on **Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.** Please consider joining us. Hang a white dove on Christmas tree in memory of your loved ones.

### **FELLOWSHIP & STUDY TOGETHER (FAST)** *December 13*

FAST is an opportunity for the gathered community to reflect on the Gospel reading as we seek to discern, at the individual or corporate level, what God may be calling us to do in light of the gospel read. This happens in place of the sermon. Our next opportunity for this experience will be on **December 13.**

### **STEWARDSHIP 2016**

The Wardens have begun formulating our 2016 budget and will make a special presentation on **Sunday, December 6. Please return you pledge card by December 13.** You may place it on the offertory plate. Please collect your Stewardship Package from the boxes in the auditorium.

### **HTS CAROL SERVICE** *December 16*

Holy Trinity School's annual Carol Service will be held here at **7:30 p.m.** on Wednesday December 16. Everyone is welcome, this is not only for school families.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Dec. 20	10:00 a.m.	Service of Lessons & Carols
Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Family Eucharist
	7:30 p.m.	Eucharist with full Choir
	10:00 p.m.	Eucharist with small Choir
Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Dec. 27	8:00 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Jan 3	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Christmas Pageant

### **WELCOME TEAMS - Sidespersons/Greeters**

If you are able to assist as a Greeter/Sidesperson at any of the Christmas services, please speak to Peter Paterson. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you!

### **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

Holy Trinity Church School, Judith Sinclair & Linda Robertson wish to thank all who supported the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox project. We delivered 63 boxes for needy children in developing countries.

Our **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be presented on Sunday, **Jan. 3** during 10:00 service. Please advise Judith or Hazel if you will have visiting children to participate on that day. We need extra actors, who will be costumed in Room B on the lower level at 9:30 am. Thank you for supporting the Church School.

### **GOSPEL THERAPY – the perfect Christmas gift!**

Be sure to order your copy of Bishop Bill Hockin's new book, a daily devotional resource combining the wisdom of the biblical text with the struggles of human experience. A sign-up sheet is outside the auditorium, or contact John Carrington. Expected price about \$16. Available later in December.

### **THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE**

A new Chairperson is needed for the Archives Committee as of Jan. 2016. Please consider this important ministry to serve your Church. We welcome someone with enthusiastic interest in history and a commitment to the preservation & accessibility of the archives. Please express your willingness to Canon Stephen, the Wardens, or Swan Li. Judy Fleming would be happy to discuss this with anyone who is interested.

### **2015 TAX RECEIPTS**

To qualify for 2015 Tax Receipts, please ensure your contributions arrive in the church office by **December 30.**

## HEALING and WELLNESS MINISTRY

As Advent starts and with all activities for Christmas preparations, remember to take time for yourself. Don't forget the Remembrance & Hope service for all of you that are missing loved ones this season. I have handouts with "Strategies for the Bereaved over the Christmas season" and a "Christmas Memorial" available at the back of the church.

Please contact me now if you would like to have the **purse-sized Health records** or a **pedometer** as a Christmas gift.

Have a healthy and safe December and enjoy the time with family and friends that Christmas season brings.

Susan Rodgers - Parish Nurse

**W**hy not knit a Prayer Shawl?

**I**t's much easier than you could ever imagine

**N**o time like the present, they say (whoever THEY are!)

**T**rust me, it's a heartwarming way to give of yourself  
(Would I lie to you?)

**E**ach and every shawl makes a

**R**eally BIG impact

In the depths of winter, it will actually keep you warm you as you create it!

Cathy Pearson

## ACW NEWS

### AGM & Potluck Supper

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

Speaker: **Zaida Bastos** from **PWRDF**, will present 'Women & Gender Issues in Africa'. **6:30 pm** for punch. ALL LADIES are welcome. *When women in Africa gain more control over their own lives, remarkable things can happen. Businesses can flourish, children can be educated, and HIV/AIDS infection rates can plummet, as two PWRDF projects show.* - See more at: <http://www.anglicanjournal.com/articles/supporting-the-rights-of-african-women-10880#sthash.tvqLVR1j.dpuf>

**Ingathering, January 31.** The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw, Christ Church Bolton, is passionate about the good news of Jesus, social justice and creating space for the voices of the marginalized peoples. Active listener & witness for the Anglican Church at the seven national events of Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools unfolding over the past six years from coast to coast to coast. Riscylla has Métis and settler heritage.

**Festival of Christmas.** A special thank you to **ALL** who participated in the **Festival** on November 21. By your participation you have donated to 25 organizations both at home & abroad; these range from seniors with mental health challenges to providing bedding for children around the world. On their behalf 25 huge THANK YOU's! We couldn't have done it without every single person who helped.

The **Raffle prizes winners** are:

- 2 Handmade Quilts - Janie Reid & Gail Priestman
- Terra Restaurant Gift Certificate - Gilbert Wong
- Zarpa Restaurant Gift Certificate - Lynn Ziraldo
- Keirstead Print - Marilyn Wang
- Swarovski Napkin Ring - Dany Wong
- Liquor Glass Set - Donna Armstrong

## ELAINE RETIRES

Elaine Pudwell, our organist and Director of Music since 1982, has advised the Wardens & Incumbent of her planned retirement in June 2016. We



congratulate her on her long and illustrious career and thank her for 33 years of service and devotion to HTC. There will be many opportunities over the next few months to express our appreciation, but for now we say "thanks" for her faithful service.

A search committee will soon start its work to identify her replacement

## PASSING THE OFFERTORY PLATE

For many years, the "offering plate" has made its way around churches Sunday after Sunday. In recent times, this practice has been discussed in light of "Pre Authorized Givings" and the desire to provide a welcoming experience for visitors and others who may not understand this practice.

It is being proposed that the offertory plate be put in a secure, accessible location where members and other visitors may make their donations. (*This is the current practice at Holy Trinity on Good Friday*). At the appropriate time in the service, the plate will be brought to the altar with the elements bread and wine.

The Advisory Board, Wardens and Incumbent welcome your comments

## OUT OF THE COLD Dinner & Shelter Program 2016

The 10-week program will start on January 8. We will need warm street clothing (large size) as well as help for the 10 weekends. We will have sign-up table on Sundays. Please hold on to the clothing donation until January. Our space is needed for various Christmas crowds.

## CELEBRATION KING & ALEXANDER

On January 17, 2016, we will again observe the birthdays of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his "twin", Lincoln Alexander. Shania Sammone, a young Gospel Singer and song writer will help us to celebrate this important day in the life of North America.



## OUTREACH

As of Nov. 25, there have been 29 deliveries of canned/ packaged food and personal use items to the Richmond Hill Food Bank (12), All Saints Community Kitchen (8) and Eva's Place (10). There also have been eight deliveries of adult apparel to the All Saints 'Clothing Closet'. Thank you! for your continued interest and support, including financial contributions to purchase food items for Richmond Hill & All Saints. Much appreciated!