

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

November 29, 2015

Coming Up In the Parish

Tuesday December 1st - Clergy Advent Quiet Day at the Anishinabe Centre.

Wednesday December 2nd, 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible study.

Noon: City wide lunch with Jim Gordon for groups interested in sponsorship of refugees.

4:30pm: Messy Advent Event! All welcome.

Thursday 3rd December: 5:30pm ACW Christmas dinner at MIC.

Friday 4th December: Clergy Christmas party.



Revised Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal Times

Saturday, November 21 – 2:30 PM: Practice at Epiphany; Spaghetti Supper; Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, November 28 – 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM: Practice at Ascension; Lunch to follow

Saturday, December 5 – 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM: Dress Rehearsal at Epiphany

Sunday, December 6 – 9:30 AM: Morning Pageant at Epiphany, luncheon and special guest to follow

Saturday, December 12 – 2:30 to 4:30 PM Dress Rehearsal at Ascension

Sunday, December 13 – 4:00 PM: Potluck followed by 6:00 PM Pageant at Ascension

ACW News

Cathy Dionne, President of the ACW and all the women of the parish would like to thank you for your support of their Snowflake Tea on Thursday evening. It was a great evening of fellowship, great eats and treats and fun was had by all. The women use all their fundraisers for Outreach. There is still space to join the dinner on Thursday evening at MIC. Please let Cathy Dionne know and bring a Kris Kringle gift for \$5.

Gifts of Story and Song

Only a week to go until the evening of Story and Song. Get your ticket today and enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas stories and songs.

Newsletters

The Christmas newsletters are ready to be taken home. Please take yours home with you today, and any friends or neighbours who live close by. Inside is a Christmas offering envelope for your donation to the Outreach fund in 2016. Thank you to those who came out on Friday to stuff en-

velopes!

Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee are looking for a couple of new members. If you are interested in being part of this committee please speak to Kath Greenidge. Parish Life is concerned with a ministry of welcome and hospitality and ensuring that our new members, guests and visitors feel at home in our midst. Parish Life is also involved in

The Ascension is striving to be a nut free and scent free parish, due to the many nut and scent allergies.

times of fellowship within the parish so that members may get to know each other.

Christmas Outreach at the Ascension

Our hearts and minds will soon be set towards Christmas and the season of giving. Every year the Ascension supports several worthwhile causes and we invite you to participate in one or all of them.

1. Barrydowne College Christmas Stockings - This is the third year we will be making Christmas stockings for the students at Barrydowne College. We are joined in this by St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church and St. John's Catholic Church in Garson. Each church will provide 25 stockings for the students. If you would like to contribute something for the stockings you will find gift tags hanging on the Christmas tree. Please return your gift and tag to the Ascension by the last Sunday in November. A group of women will be gathering to make Christmas cloth 'bags' which can be used as shoe bags after Christmas.
2. For over thirty years we have been

Thought for the Week

"It does little good to wring our hands and lament the inroads of television, ball games, and other attractions on our church attendance. If we do not have enough vitality to compete with all this, maybe it doesn't matter much whether we have our meetings or not. If the gospel means so little to us that it can be side-tracked by every sideshow that blows into town, it wouldn't mean much if such people did gather to go through the hollow motions of a dead faith. It is certain that the answer does not lie in stubbornly holding on to the form when the power has departed. We seem to be preaching and promoting something while most of its adherents wouldn't miss it much if they lost it! There is something frightfully wrong when we have to beg most of our crowd to come to church to hear about it."- Vance Havner

providing Christmas hampers for families in need at Christmas. These are families within our congregation, or people who contact the church at Christmas time. We provide a full Christmas dinner for these families as well as sufficient food for two weeks after Christmas. You can help in many ways here - by bringing non perishable food items, grocery store gift cards, or money for the turkeys and fixings. Please speak to Anne Trimmer to let her know where you can assist. We hope you will bring these items on the last week of November and the first two weeks of December so that we can prepare the hampers for the week of December 18th. If you know of a family who might need a Christmas hamper,

please speak to Rev. Anne. This is all held in the strictest of confidence.

3. Seniors Cookie drop - Every Sunday we pray for those who are unable to join us for worship. Many of our seniors and shut ins no longer bake for themselves. Every year we provide a basket of homemade baking and sweet treats to our seniors - in years past we have packaged up 25 -30 baskets. As you are preparing your Christmas baking, please

remember our seniors. Don't forget that we are trying to be a nut free church so refrain from baking with nuts.

Messy Church

The December Messy Church "Advent" takes place on Wednesday December 2nd at 4:30pm. If you've never attended Messy Church you will find a warm welcome, fellowship, worship and prayer, and a community of faith gathered together in a relaxed setting.

Message from the Principal of Barrydowne College

I wanted to share some special news with you. Today I had an 18 years old male student attend school and he confided that he is struggling financially on his own and cannot make ends meet. When I explained to him that we have food in our vault donated from caring adults that he could take home he began to cry. This young man lives with two cats and they are the only positive aspects of his life. He has been spending the little money he has left at the end of the month on cat food. He is touched by your generosity. Thank you again from Barrydowne College.

Kristina Rivard Gobbo
Principal
Barrydowne College

Refugee Sponsorship Luncheon invitation

Dear Friend,

In recent days I have been impressed and inspired by the love, compassion and generosity of Sudburians regarding the global refugee crisis. In many conversations I have heard similar questions about process, resources and opportunities. In discussion with Jim Gordon (former Mayor), we decided a community luncheon might be helpful to share information and look at the "big" picture locally. To this end I am sponsoring a lunch on Wednesday, December 2nd 2015 at 12 noon in the downstairs hall at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church on Notre Dame Ave. Jim Gordon will be the presenter with help from municipal, provincial and federal representatives. There is no charge for the lunch. The meeting is scheduled from 12 noon – 1:15 p.m. all are welcome. To assist with seating and food preparation please call Lougheeds at 705-673-9591 or email lougheeds@lougheeds.ca with your confirmation of attendance and number of people. Take care and continue to take care of others.

Gerry Lougheed Jr.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 17th - 24th, 2016)- plans are underway

Mon. Jan. 18/16, 7 -8:30 a.m. a Prayer Breakfast is being planned to be held at St. Patrick's. The focus - on the day that honours the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr- .will connect to the scriptural theme: "CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD" (1 Peter 2:9). Any revenue generated will go towards the Sudbury refugee efforts. You are asked to give a 15 minute talk-reflection that ties into the prayer time that will be prepared. This is one of several events happening that week throughout the city when Christians come together in a spirit of mutual concern about the disunity that still exists among the followers of Jesus. Praying and working together for issues of common concern is one way to break down the barriers that still divide us. Common witness in prayer and action is one way to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

There will be two services in our area during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

On Thursday 21st January at 6:30pm there will be a service at St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church with the Rev. Stewart Walker preaching.

On Sunday 24th January at 7pm there will be a service at First Baptist Church in Garson.

On Wednesday 20th January we will be hosting a lunch for Barrydowne College students.

A youth event is being planned for Friday 22nd January at Glad Tidings Church.



Services of Worship at the Ascension

Sunday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am. Sunday school takes place at the 11am service and there is also a nursery for babies and toddlers.

Wednesday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9:30am followed by Bible Study. All welcome!

We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

Please call the church office at 705-566-2790 and we will be happy to make arrangements..

Membership at the Ascension

We love it when people say that they are a member of our church, and we want to keep track of our parishioners so that we can send you mailouts, newsletters, and keep you posted on parish events. If you are a new member and wish to be on our parish list, please fill out the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office, or put it in the offering plate today. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please fill out the form. Your email address is also important as we have an enews group. We do not give out parishioner's emails to any other group.

Agnus Day



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Your privacy

Every week the church bulletin and news and announcements is posted on the Church of the Ascension's website. Sometimes these items include names of individuals within the parish. If you prefer not to have your name on the website, or photos of yourself posted, please let Rev. Anne know so that she ensures your privacy.

The church website address is www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.ca

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