

Announcements and Upcoming Events

DESIGNATED GIVINGS # 215 for the month of **December** will be in support of **Doctors Without Borders**, who speak and act in the language of caring and service. When our hearts go out to faraway places where people are suffering deadly diseases and disasters, these skilled and courageous men and women are the answer to our prayers.



Thank you to all who made Bonnie's funeral service so special. The church looked lovely and to see the quiet ministry of welcome for such a large gathering was heartwarming. Seats were added and refreshments were plenty. Bon found a home here in our time together! Thank you for your prayers and support. Deo Gratias. Canon Greg and family.



ADVENT EVENSONG AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING will be held on **Dec. 2nd @ 4:00 p.m.**
Toys will also be collected at this service.

THE BLANKET EXERCISE **December 5th @ 7:00 p.m.**

Led By The Rev. Frank Tyrrell a deacon serving at St. James, Emily. He has been an Ambassador of Reconciliation for the Anglican Church since 2009, a member of the Kawartha Truth and Reconciliation Support Group.

Advent Session - THE BLANKET EXERCISE IS AN INTERACTIVE EXERCISE using blankets to represent "Turtle Island" (North America) before the arrival of European explorers and settlers. The participants, who represent Indigenous peoples, begin moving on the blankets while a narrator reads from a script and participants read from scrolls tracing the history of the relationship between Europeans and Indigenous First Nations. At the end of the exercise only a few people remain on the blankets which have been folded into small bundles and cover only a fraction of their original area. A discussion of the experience follows. Many participants have said, "I never learned any of this in school."

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG. TODAY December 9th following the 10 a.m. service in the Boardroom

SPECIAL NOTE December 9th  **Youth will be taking part in the 10:00 a.m. Service.**

2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES are at the back of the church

THE KING ALBERT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will take place in the Main Hall **on Monday December 10th and Tuesday December 11th**. We need Program helpers and cookie donations (no nut products please). If you can help with this important ministry please sign up on the sheet in the Main Hall.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - If you would like to make a memorial donation for the purchase of flowers to beautify the church for Christmas. Please have memorial information to the Church Office no later than **Dec. 19th** for the Christmas Eve bulletin. Be sure to clearly mark your envelope "**Donation Christmas Flowers**".

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED – We are looking for two volunteers to assist the Wardens in finding replacements for key Parish positions by our 2019 Vestry meeting? Please contact one of the Wardens.

2019 BUDGETS are now being prepared. All Committee or Group leader are requested to submit your special otherwise we will assume that what was budgeted in 2018 is fine for 2019.



SHOPPING CARDS – Have you bought your Christmas gifts yet???? Having trouble finding a gift for the one who has everything, why not purchase a gift card from St. Paul's Church.

We have several restaurant cards for a special dinner out or for the handyman, there are Home Hardware, Canadian Tire Cards etc. Perhaps a new snow blower is needed.

Don't forget the coffee/donut lovers at Tim Hortons. * * When you buy a \$50 Boston Pizza card you get a \$10 free gift card.

WOMAN'S RESOURCES "Santa's Workshop"



This is the time of year that St. Paul's parishioners share some joy with the residents of the Women's Resource Center. It's a time when we help someone less fortunate by donating personal items + children's toys to the Resources 'Santa's Workshop'

When a woman and her children are fleeing an abused home and arrive at the Women's Resource Shelter for help; these families often flee quickly and take very little with them. The Shelters priority is making sure that the woman and her children are safe.

In November and early December we at St. Paul's make a large donation of personal items and children's gifts to *The Women's Resources* annual "**Santa's Workshop**" (this is a time when mothers choose Christmas gifts for their children and the children are able to choose gifts for their moms). **From November 15th to December 9th** there will be a box placed at the back of the Church and another in the church hall for your donations. *Betty*

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| Mon. | Dec. 3 rd | 1:00 p.m. | St. Francis bible Study |
| Tues. | Dec. 4 th | 4:30-8:30 p.m. | Bottomline Youth Ministry |
| Wed. | Dec. 5 th | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Club |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Blanket Exercise |
| Thurs | Dec. 6 th | 1:00 p.m. | Crafty Ladies |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Choir |
| Fri. | Dec. 7 th | 9:15 a.m. | Happy Cooks |
| Sat. | Dec. 8 th | 9:00 a.m. | Chancel Guild |
| Sun. | Dec. 9 th | 8:30 a.m. | Holy Communion Service |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Communion Service- Youth Christmas Presentation |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach Committee mtg. |



Volunteers needed. ST. PAUL'S NEEDS YOUR HELP!

For many years now St. Paul's has depended on our fund-raising events to maintain our church – and we think we've become pretty good at it. However, as time passes, it is becoming more and more difficult to find enough volunteers to ensure the success of these events.

If not already volunteering at some events, could you assist at our Strawberry Supper, our Fair Booth, Market Day, or some other event? Do you know of anyone who would volunteer – a student, a neighbour, a friend?

We do work hard at these events but we have a lot of fun as well.

Please call Ray Marshall at 705-878-8653, or email to raymarshall53@gmail.com to see how you could help your church.