

Life & Work of St. Aidan's

November 27, 2016

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"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness" ~Desmond Tutu

Exploring Belonging Workshop TODAY from Noon - 2 pm

This is an opportunity to further explore your relationship with God and with St. Aidan's. **TODAY from noon – 2 pm.** The following **Sunday Gathering on Dec. 4** will include a 'Ritual of Belonging' (formerly called "confirmation" or "membership").

Angel Gifts

St. Aidan's will once again be participating in the Angel Gift program, organized by the staff at Our Place. TODAY after the service, you will be invited to take a card with the name of someone who comes to Our Place and buy a Christmas gift for him or her.



The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to St. Aidan's by Dec 11. More information, including gift suggestions, will be available soon. Questions? Contact Maureen Koch 250-388-9896 or Andrea Hubbard 250-721-2661.

Women's Advent Potluck Lunch

Friday, Dec. 2nd, 12 noon

Come at 11 am and enjoy shopping as knitting, sewing, jewellery, books, linens, preserves, will be for sale. It is an opportunity to browse and buy as most of us were too busy on Bazaar Day. Potluck lunch will be served at 12. This lunch is for all women of the congregation. The men do the dishes. So come along Bring your favourite, appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert and join in the fun and fellowship.

Mt. Tolmie Hospital Service– Nov. 27 at 3 pm

St. Aidan's is responsible for this service the 4th Sunday of each month.

Mary Kennedy and Lynne Wildfong will be leading this service and would appreciate helpers to visit with, and turn pages for the residents. The service is about 30 minutes. Any questions, phone Moira at 250-477-7689.

University Student 4th Monday Supper

TOMORROW, November 28 from 5-7 pm @ the home of Mary Kennedy. Please email or text to confirm:

Email: makenn@uvic.ca Text: 250-532-1480

See you there!

During this season of Advent we are especially mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves. What is becoming a tradition, you will find in the Narthex a festively decorated shopping cart that is designated for donations of non-perishable food items for the **Shelbourne Community Kitchen**. Your donations will be gratefully received during this Christmas season.

Coming in December:



2nd Annual "Crèches

Around the World" Exhibition

Friday, December 16 (4-7 pm) & Sunday, Dec. 18 (11 am -1 pm and after the 7 pm Carol Service)

WE HAVE APPROX. 30 CRECHES BEING LOANED BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION + REV. CHERYL'S 25! IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO LET MARY KENNEDY KNOW YOU HAVE ONE(S) YOU WOULD SHARE.

For all, see instructions below:

1. Bring your creche(s) to **Church on Sunday, Dec. 11 OR to the office between Dec. 5 and Dec. 15: TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITION THIS YEAR, CRECHES MUST BE AT THE CHURCH BY DECEMBER 15 @ 3 PM**
2. Put your **NAME** on the box/bag that the crèche is in.
3. Provide a **TYPED** description with your **name, where** the crèche comes from and **its meaning for you**. If you cannot type this, then provide it in handwriting and we will type it for you.
4. Creches will be ready for pick-up from the office on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 @ 12 noon.**
5. If you need someone to pick-up and/or return your crèche, please let Mary Kennedy know. **makenn@uvic.ca**

The Friendly Octopus 1/2 Price Sale



You are invited to the thrift shop next Wed., Nov. 30 for a special sale. There will be 50% off on all wall mirrors, men's wear and foot baths. VCR movies will be 5 for \$1 and we will have our Women's Glitz and Glamour clothes for the holidays featured.

November is Stewardship Month

You may have already received the Stewardship brochure and forms through our *Pass the Pouch* method. If you haven't, drop by the office to pick up a Stewardship package or contact the church office (250-477-2089). Please complete and return your 2017 Pledge Form ASAP. Thanks for your generosity!

Weekly Activities

Sundays	9 am Meditation 10 am Sunday Service
Mondays	10 am Parent & Tot Drop in 10:30 am Drop-in Discussion Group 7 pm Band Practice (See L&W for dates)
Tuesdays	10 – 11:30 am ESL Class 10:30 am Moira's Meditation
Wednesdays	10am-2pm & 4-8 pm Thrift Shop OPEN 2 pm Seniors Gathering 5:30 pm Children's Choir practice (4 yrs +)
Thursdays	10 – 11:30 am ESL Class CHOIRS 4:30 pm Practice for women's voices 5:15- 6:30 pm -- Mixed voices (men & women) 6:30 pm Ted Boulden Singers
Fridays (2 nd & 4 th)	6:30 pm SAYES Youth Group
Saturday (last)	10 am-2 pm Thrift Shop OPEN

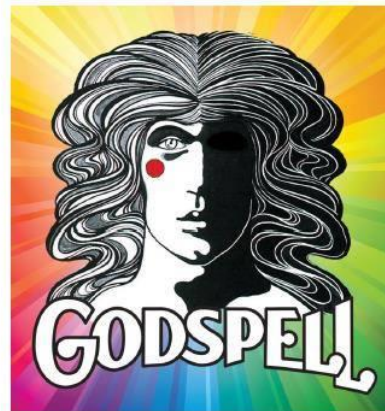
Dates to Remember

Nov. 26	7 pm Documentary Night – <i>A Friend Indeed</i>
Nov. 27	noon-2 pm Exploring Belonging Workshop 3 pm Mt. Tolmie Hospital Service
Dec. 2	12 noon Women's Advent Potluck Lunch
Dec.3	9:30 am Bus trip to Chemainus - Lunch & Matinee
Dec. 5 & 12	7 pm Sunday Band practice
Dec. 16-18	Crèches Around the World Exhibition
Dec. 18	7 pm Carols by Candlelight
Dec. 24	7 pm All Ages Service 10 pm Candlelight Service
Dec. 25	10 am Cadboro Bay United & St. Aidan's Celebrate Jesus' Birthday

GODSPELL INFORMATION

Meeting **TODAY** after church/during coffee time for all those interested in learning more about Godspell AND being part of the show in any way—in the cast, backstage, publicity, tickets, front of house, costumes, etc. You will be treated to a viewing of the 1997 St. Aidan's Production!!

St. Aidan's United Church presents



April 12, 14, & 15 @ 8 pm & April 15 @ 2 pm
2017

AUDITIONS FOR PRINCIPALS AND CHORUS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9: 6-10 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10: 2-6 PM
St. Aidan's Church
3703 St. Aidan's Street

for more details and to book an audition time
<http://www.staidansunited.ca>

2017 Winter/Spring Guide (Jan.-May) Submissions

Please have any events or information that you want in the new planning guide emailed to the office by **Dec. 14th**.

2016 Annual Report Submissions

Please have your reports emailed to the office by Jan. 18th. Pictures are a welcome addition to your reports.

Canadian United Church Calendars for 2017

They are available at the church office for \$5 where there is a copy on display.

Ted Boulden Singers & the Doukabour Choir Annual Christmas Concert

Dec. 4th at 7 pm at the Pacific Forestry Centre.

Admission is free – Bring a non-perishable food item for the Mustard Seed.

Winter's Night with WUSC- Dec. 6 – UVIC Student Refugee Sponsorship Fundraiser – tickets on sale after the service.