

**December 2, 2018**

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## First Sunday of Advent

### Thank you to the following people for their participation

#### Greeters

9:30 a.m. - Don & Bunny Pfeifer  
 11:00 a.m. - Lucille Larson & Peter Geres

#### Readers

9:30 a.m. - Helen Thomas  
 11:00 a.m. - Judy Thomson

#### Communion Servers

9:30 a.m. - Eunice Kleppe, Bunny Pfeifer, Garnet Harmon, Len Wudrick, Helen and Bob Thomas, Liza & Kevin Edeen  
 11:00 a.m. - Don & Donna Cook, Cline Family, Lisa Labrecque & Amy Hamilton, Gladys Kemmer & Elaine Crocker

#### Cup Washers

11:00 a.m. - If you are able to volunteer to wash cups after the 11 a.m. service, please sign up

### Happening This Week

#### Sunday, December 2

**Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

SAI 2:00 p.m.

Sounds of the Season 7:00 p.m.

#### Monday, December 3

PD DAY 9-4PM

Taiko (Lg) 6:30 p.m.

AA (LL) 8:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 4

Prairie Songstress (Ch) 4:00 p.m.

Yoga (Lg) 7:00 p.m.

AA (LL) 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 5

Widows Support Group (Lg) 9:00 a.m.

Prairie Songstress (Ch) 4:00 p.m.

Foxy Kick Boxing (San) 6:00 p.m.

Worship Band (San) 7:00 p.m.

NA (LL) 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 6

Blades Christmas Party (San) 4:00 p.m.

Outreach (M)) 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir (Ch) 7:00 p.m.

AA (LL) 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, December 7

Taiko (Lg) 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 8

Indian Dance (LL) 9:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, December 9

**Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

SAI (San) 3:00 p.m.

SCCW Christmas Party 2:00 p.m.

### St. Martin's United Church Music Ministry Presents "The Sounds of the Season"

December 2

7:00 p.m.

St. Martin's United Church  
 Doors open 6:15 p.m.

All seats rush.

Admission: \$10.00

Refreshments to follow

All proceeds to support the "Fellowship Bell Choir" and "Band Together."

Hope to see you there!



\*Sunday, December 2nd – Sounds of the Season Concert, 7:00 pm (doors open 6:15 pm) Admission \$10

\*Sunday, December 9th – Children's Christmas Pageant, during morning worship @ 9:30 am & 11:00 am

\*Sunday, December 16th – "Hard to Be Merry" Service, 7:00 pm

\*Monday, December 24th –

**Christmas Eve Services:**

**5:30 pm** – Child-oriented Service

**7:30pm** – Family Service

**10:30 pm** – Candle Light Communion Service

### Retiring Offering!

This Sunday is the last Sunday in 2018 for you to get in your donations to the Food Bank. Nutrien has generously offered to match all donations made, so for every dollar you donate, the food bank gets two!! Your generous donations help them continue to support those in our community who are most vulnerable and in the greatest need. Please place your offering in the flower pot just outside the Sanctuary as you leave the service. Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this wonderful cause.



### 2018 Senior Youth Group Poinsettia Sale

Proceeds to Quest Mexico Trip February 2018

A variety of plants will be available for purchase at the church on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Choices

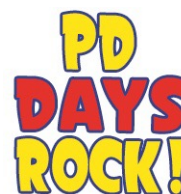
\*6.5-inch pot - \$20.00\*(red, ice crystal, red glitter)

\*8-inch pot - \$30.00\* (2 plants per pot-red, tricolour and red glitter)

\*10-inch pot - \$40.00\* (three plants per pot –red or tricolor)

### PD Day Camp at St. Martin's!

The next PD Day for Saskatoon Public schools is December 3 and we at St. Martin's have a place for your children, grandchildren or



neighbourhood friends to have fun and learn about the birth of Jesus! From 9am to 4pm your children (and their

friends!) are welcome to bring a donation to the Saskatoon Food Bank and a lunch and we will explore bible stories, make some crafts and play some games. Please contact Darren (darren@stmartinsuc.com or 306-343-7101) to register your children or you can do so on this website:

<https://vbspro.events/p/dec3>

Please send weather appropriate clothing as we will be outside for some of the day.

### Hymns of the Week

- Hope Is A Star
- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
- All Earth Is Waiting
- Hope Shines As A Solitary Star

## Outreach News!

**A huge thank you from your Outreach Committee!** The response to our request for outerwear was phenomenal! Donations this year went to Dress for Success ( a program which provides low-income women entering the work force with appropriate clothing), St. Mary's Catholic Elementary school, Mumford House (a "safe house" for women and children at risk, run by the Salvation Army, Crocus Co-op, and AIDS Saskatoon).

**Sale of Palestinian products** in support of Palestinian farmers: Once again the Outreach Committee will be selling, at cost, Palestinian products to support Palestinian farmers. Olive oil \$20.00; olive oil soap \$5.00; Za'atar spice \$ 5.00

**Notice of Meeting:** There will be a congregational meeting on December 16, 2018 following the 11am service to discuss the provisional call of Keith Hall to diaconal ministry.

**Affirming Action Committee** will still be meeting on December 16, 2018 but not until after the congregational meeting.

### **Small Gift Items Wanted!**

On the last Sunday in Advent (December 23) the children will be wrapping presents for their loved ones during the Sunday service. If you have small gift items to spare, please contact Darren to donate them. Thanks!

### **Job Jar.... St. Martin's needs your help!!**

Please prayerfully consider filling one of the following much needed roles in the life and work of our church. Job Postings are located on the Job Jar bulletin board on the north wall of the Sanctuary. New postings in the St. Martin's Job Jar for this week are:

- Ushers,
- Christian Education

- Lay Pastoral Visitors,
- 2 people needed immediately for the Long-Range Planning committee
- 2 people needed for the Outreach Committee

Details for these positions are on the job jar board.

\*\* If you are taking a job posting out of the job jar, please provide signed posting to Keith when completed or be in contact with him about a completion date. To speak to Keith, email at [keith@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:keith@stmartinsuc.com); or call 306-343-7101

### **Steps on the Journey to Reconciliation**

(a weekly guide to personal examination of Reconciliation)  
**Understanding what Reconciliation Means to Us**

<https://www.treatytalk.com/>  
*Treaty Talk - Sharing the River of Life* is a 50-minute teaching tool to better understand our collective responsibility to treaty. The purpose of this video is to build understanding, allyship and bridges for better relationship and work together. This film, through the sharing of a traditional Cree understanding on natural law and treaty, will explore and model how indigenous nations and non-indigenous allies in Canada can come together to transform racism and discrimination at a local and systemic level and to build a future of mutual benefit.

### **Advent Tree**

The Junior Youth are encouraging the congregation to help them support Interval House, the Crisis Nursery and Mumford House by providing women's and children's pajamas during the Advent season. Please bring these pajamas to church and put them on the Advent Tree in the lounge. Also, being accepted are



Christmas cookies for these organizations, to provide a bit of Christmas cheer for families who are having a challenging Christmas season. Thank you for your help!

**Welcome Tip:** Don't be embarrassed if you are greeting a member & don't remember their name-or be offended if they don't remember yours. We need to offer grace to one another, just as we would new people.

### **St. Martin's United Church Senior's Hub Club Program Survey**

If you identify as a senior, please complete this survey at your leisure.

If you are a computer user, the survey link is on our website and can be completed online

at [www.st.martinsuc.com](http://www.st.martinsuc.com)

You can also use the link provided here

at <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Z565HiFGE0aMzpb0MHnxLO4KfJZphjhCsw43iUeMaXIUMkk4SIAxQ1FNU1NHSUQ2RVpMWkZVQUZCVC4u>

If you prefer to do a paper survey, they can be picked up at the church. Please deposit your survey in the box provided in the front lounge area or mail to Keith Hall c/o St. Martin's United Church  
2617 Clarence Avenue  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
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Phone 3063437101

Email [keith@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:keith@stmartinsuc.com)

Questions can be directed to Maureen Cline, Maureen McPherson or Keith Hall

Survey due date is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Please plan to attend a Hub Club Community Information Meeting on Thursday January 31, 2019 at St. Martin's United Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you.



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**Welcome!!** If you are visiting with us or new to the congregation; would like more information about our church community or to be contacted by one of our ministry team please fill in the blanks, tear off and place in the offering plate. There are also brochures available at the Welcome Table in the front entry.

**We look forward to being in touch with you!!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

