

John Black Memorial United Church

Ph: 661-2579 Church office hours: Mon – Fri.

9:00 a.m. – noon (temporary)

Ministers' Office Hours:

Ken DeLisle Tues & Thurs 10 – 12 am

Cathy Maxwell Wed & Fri 10 – 12 am

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November 19, 2017 Announcements Continued

- Mon Nov 20 - FIG 6:00pm
- Thurs Nov 23 – West Broadway Hot Lunch
- Tues Nov 28 - TRIG 7:00 pm
- Wed Nov 29 - LT Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sat. Dec 2 - Christmas Tea & Craft Sale 10-3
- Sun. Dec 3 - 1st week of Advent /Holy Communion
- Wed Dec. 6 - Blue Christmas
- Sun Dec 10 - White Gift Sunday
& Congregational Meeting after worship
- Covenanting Service 7:00pm

Our next **West Broadway Hot Lunch** is this coming Thurs. Please check the signup sheets in the Narthex for donations of time and food. Thank you for your ongoing support. Also, West Broadway has put out a plea for new or gently used mittens or gloves, since the weather has turned colder and they have none to give. Some groups donate at Christmas time, but the need is now for warmer hands!

Sobeys/Safeway Gift Cards orders may be placed today through Dec. 3 for your Christmas grocery shopping with delivery of the cards on Dec. 10th. This is a good fund raiser as the church benefits from your support and you get your complete investment in groceries. Thanks again for your continued support

The John Black Truth & Reconciliation Interest Group invites you to attend a presentation by Dr. Mary LeMaitre on Tues Nov. 28 at 7 pm. at the church. Dr. LeMaitre, a professor at the University of Wpg, will speak on the topic “Beyond the Colonial Stereotypes and Structures We Have Inherited.” Please join us on our learning journey.

John Black Christmas Tea & Craft Sale - Sat. Dec. 2 10am – 3 pm
Please use the signup sheets in the Narthex to volunteer your time and food items to make this a wonderful time of fellowship & fundraising. Bring all your friends, family & neighbours!

The Christmas Craft Sale committee is requesting items for the silent auction baskets. The last day to donate is Wed. Nov. 29th. Items

may be dropped off at the church office, mornings only. If 2-3 people wish to help support the Sobeys Gift Cards as well as the silent auction, please inform Ken Bradshaw that you are purchasing a Sobey's card for the Christmas Craft Sale Silent Auction. Thanks, Luella Stephens

Please note the Leadership Team has called a short, but important, congregational meeting for Sun. Dec. 10th, after the morning service. The purpose of the meeting is to formally accept the members of the MPS committee as it begins the process of searching for a pastoral relationship beyond our present interim period with Cathy Maxwell and Ken DeLisle, which ends on June 30th, 2018.

All interest groups are reminded to submit to Pat in the office their budgetary requests for 2018 as soon as possible, as the process of setting the budget has begun.

Reports for the Annual Report are being accepted by Wanda McConnell. Wanda has graciously agreed to publish the report for us once again, and would appreciate receiving them as early in December as possible.

You are invited to attend!!!
A Covenanting Service with Cathy Maxwell and Ken DeLisle will take place on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00pm in our sanctuary. Please join in for this special service with our ministry team.

REPORT OF LOCAL DONATIONS

| | Aug | Sep | Oct | Year to Date |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Actual | \$6,980 | \$11,603 | \$14,155 | \$106,352 |
| Budget | \$8,370 | \$10,091 | \$12,165 | \$105,749 |
| Difference | -\$1390 | \$1512 | \$1990 | \$ 603 |
| 2017 Budget is based on 2016 Actual Givings | | | | |

The Affirming Ministries of Winnipeg Presbytery invite you to Affirm Talks on **Wed. Nov. 29**, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Transcona Memorial United Church (209 Yale Ave., West). This is a free event and all are welcome! Please see the poster for more information.

The United Church is accepting donations to help Mission & Service partners provide relief to the Rohingya people fleeing Myanmar. The Canadian government is matching eligible donations designated for responding to needs of the Rohingya people until **Nov. 28**. & all donations to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help the Rohingya refugees will receive our regular 4:1 match. **This means that every**

\$100 donated to the Foodgrains Bank for use by our members generates \$600 in aid.

Come join the World Village Gospel Choir for crowd and choir favourites at our upcoming concert, WVGC Greatest Hits! As we enter our 6th season, we're taking the time to look back on all the great music we've learned, and we've put some of our faves together in one concert. Sat. Nov. 25th 2:00pm at Knox United Church, 400 Edmonton St. Tickets are \$15 at the door, kids 12 and under free. We are so looking forward to performing for you!