Congregation Announcements

Sun Dec 01 - First Sunday of Advent

<u>Sun Dec 01 - Mitten Tree</u> – Please bring warm mittens, hats, etc. to be collected and put on our Mitten tree.

<u>Sun Dec 01 - Christmas Family Project</u> – We are collecting money for a family in need this Christmas (through the Food Bank). Advent Project -Worship and Nurture are sponsoring a family of four: a single mom with three daughters ages 5, 7 & 9. <u>Donations will be accepted</u> <u>until Sunday, Dec. 15.</u> <u>Mark your envelope "Christmas Family".</u> We are also accepting donations of food for the foodbank

<u>Sun Dec 01 - Santa Claus Parade</u> – Theme: Christmas Characters. See Janice Terry if you have ideas and or can join us on the float.

Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service

This service is a time for family members and friends dealing with grief and loss at Christmas to remember and honour their loved ones. Whether the loss is that of a parent, a spouse, a child, a sibling or a friend, we can light a candle in their memory. The service will be led by Fr. Jim Bussanich of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and will take place at:

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Elmvale 7:00 pm Sunday, December 1, 2024

Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special evening. Sponsored by: Lynn-Stone Funeral Home

<u>Advent Study – Mon Dec 02 at 7 pm</u> - Sarah Covey is leading the study with the book "Shadow and Light" by Tsh Oxenreider. (Continues for the next 3 Mondays in Dec (9th, 16th & 23rd.) <u>Books are \$25</u>

Wed Dec 04 – Craft Group at 9 am

<u>Wed Dec 04 at 7pm</u> - You are invited to come and sing carols Wednesday, December 4th at 7pm. There will be a short time of refreshments and fellowship at intermission. A donation to the Food Bank would be appreciated.

Thurs Dec 06 – Choir at 7pm.

Fri Dec 06 – Sunday School Christmas Play Practice at 7pm

Sun Dec 08 – Second Sun day of Advent & Inductions of New Elders at 11 am

Important Future Dates

Mon Dec 9 - Willing Workers will be packing Christmas Cheer boxes on Mon Dec 9 at 9:00 a.m. Cookies and candy donations would be greatly appreciated. They may be left at the church on Sunday, December 8 or brought to the church by 9:00 a.m. on Mon Dec 9th. Money donations may be given to Dollie Moulden or Joan Snedden

Thurs Dec 12 - "Lets do Lunch" 11-1pm

Sun Dec 15 - "Where's Christmas?" Our young people will be presenting this play on Dec. 15. Come and bring your family and watch these young people help us find the true meaning of Christmas. We will join in fellowship after the service with a pot luck lunch so get your favourite pot lunch recipe ready.

Tues Dec 17 - Knox Flos & Elmvale - The Gardens of Wasaga Beach – Carol Service at 2pm.

Wed Dec 18 – Sara Vista Service of Remembrance at 2pm.

Tues Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service - 5.30pm at Knox Flos and at 7pm at Elmvale Presbyterian

Sun Dec 29 - Regular Services Knox, Flos 9.45am and Elmvale Presbyterian at 11am

Happy New Year!

We ask you to hold in your hearts and pray for anyone who may be sick, for those feeling lost or lonely and for those who need the healing and encouraging presence of Jesus Christ in their lives at this time.

We pray for peace throughout our troubled world, for the people of Gaza, Israel and the Ukraine.

We pray for our Church and Presbytery, and for all peoples of Faith, to be guided by the Spirit of Wisdom. Truth, Love and Peace that brings tolerance, understanding and compassion to All.

Peace be with you all.

<u>Monetary Donations</u> can be auto-deposit to: <u>donatetoepc@rogers.com</u> Please comment where to direct the donation; 1) General 2) Presbyterian Sharing 3) PWS&D 4) other missions such as - Food Bank, We Care etc.

Food Bank – Thanks you for all of the plastic/recycling grocery bags. Food needed.