



Up and Coming News and Noteworthy

December 2019

Mark Your
Calendar!

Upcoming Dates at a Glance

Sun. Dec. 1st - 1st Sunday in Advent and following the 10:30 service a presentation on "Exploring Advent" with lunch.
 Fri. Dec. 6th - Christ Church Community Museum Christmas Tree lighting 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. Dec. 7th - Children's Advent Activity morning 10:00 a.m.
 Sun. Dec. 8th - 2nd Sunday in Advent
 Sun. Dec. 15 - 3rd Sunday in Advent
 Sun. Dec. 22nd - 4th Sunday in Advent, one service at 10:00 a.m. of "Lessons and Carols", followed by a Pot luck Christmas Lunch!
 Tues. Dec. 24th - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Pageant.
 Tues. Dec. 24th - 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
 Wed. Dec. 25th - 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service.
 Sun. Jan. 5th - Epiphany Services

Harvest Potluck

A great time was had by all as we feasted on the bounty of the fall harvest at the potluck lunch held on Sunday, September 22nd. A special treat for us were Newcomers to Canada from Eritrea. Mother Tsige, daughters, Betty and Lily along with son, Eseye, arrived in Lakefield June 2017. Their father, Daniel, arrived in May of this year. They thanked St. John's for our part in supporting them.



Chinese Dumplings and Supper Fundraiser

What a joyous day we had at St. John's Saturday, October 5th! At 10.00 a.m. the kitchen was filled with all the ingredients needed to make Chinese Dumplings and salads. Cucumbers, celery, napa cabbage, flour, and various condiments were lined up ready to go. Five women from China, Mary Zhou, Amy Gao, Cloris Tai, Jenny Jiang, and Anna Cong whose children attend the Lakefield College School in Lakefield taught a group of eager women how to cut the vegetables and knead the dough. Conversations were going on in both Mandarin and English to get the directions just right. It became quieter as they settled down to the task of kneading the dough until the right elasticity was achieved before cutting it into tiny pieces and rolling into circles into which the filling was placed and carefully crimped into secure crescents ready to be steamed, fried or boiled.



At 5.00 p.m. more than 50 people from the community came to enjoy the freshly made dumplings and salads. Favourite homemade pies brought by the women of St. John's added greatly to the menu. We welcomed a number of people in the gathering who attended the event because of their



volunteering at The Warming Room Ministries led by Christian Harvey. Mary Zhou's zestful enthusiasm was felt throughout the day as she led the team of dumpling/salad teachers and gave a slide presentation of today's China. Thank you, Mary, Amy, Cloris, Jenny and Anna. The Warming Room Ministries is supported by FaithWorks of the Anglican diocese. The sum of \$1100.00 raised at this

event was sent to the diocese to support this important ministry. We thank God for taking this simple idea making it into an event which brought our church and community together giving us a day of fun and celebration.



Thank you one and all for your support of this event!

Christmas Tree Lighting

Christ Church Community Museum invites you to join them at their annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 6th at 6:30pm. After the lights on the tree get turned on we will go inside and sing some favourite carols followed by special guest musicians. There will be a free will offering collected. Before leaving enjoy some delicious cookies and warm apple cider. For further information call Shirley Twist 705-749-2018.



Exploring Advent

Sun. Dec. 1st You are invited to 'Exploring Advent' after the 10.30 a.m. service. View Max Lucado's video on 'God Is Near'. He will help us to give this time of year a new meaning and bring this Advent season to life! Enjoy a variety of soups and fresh rolls with a sweet. Dairy, gluten free, vegetarian, available. Please join us. Info Rene Jackman 705-652-8479

Potluck Christmas Lunch

Sun. Dec. 22nd at noon. Potluck Christmas lunch after the combined service at 10.00 a.m. with Lessons and Carols. Bring your favourite dish, could be cranberry salad, scalloped potatoes, sweet potato casserole, barbecued chicken on a platter, fruit salad, squares, sliced ham, a jar of pickles, kale salad etc. There'll be a surprise gift for everyone. This is a time when you might like to invite a neighbour or acquaintance who might be alone at Christmas. We welcome them. Would you like to help at this event? Watch for further details. Call Gwen McMullen 705-652-3024.

Children's Advent Activity Morning



Children with their parents or caregivers are invited to come and learn about Advent and prepare for Christmas. Join us for songs, crafts, lunch, cookie decorating and more.

**When: Saturday, December 7, 2019
10 am to 12 noon**

Children are welcome to bring a friend!

Parents are welcome to stay or come back and join us for lunch at 11:30 am.

RSVP to 705-652-8302 would be appreciated.

Questions? Contact Rene Jackman at rene.jackman@gmail.com or 705-652-8479.

<http://www.stjohnslakefield.ca/>

Have you noticed yet? St. John's website has a new look! The website has been updated to give it a fresh, new, clean look. Also, behind what you see on the website, some of the gears, belts, and pulleys that make it work have been improved so that it functions faster and better. One of the purposes of the website is to provide information for members of St. John's. The links to the weekly bulletin, newsletters and our events calendar are displayed prominently making it easy to access this information any time. The home page now includes the same announcements displayed on the monitor in the Regent Street foyer thanks to Marg Henning. Another important purpose of the website is to provide information for visitors and people who are looking for a church to attend. The updated website includes helpful and interesting information about our church. The website is a work in progress so there will be further additions to come. If you have comments or questions contact Ed Peacock (peacock@nexicom.net).



Parish Selection Committee (PSC)

The November 19th, 2019 meeting with Bishop Shaw and the PSC was both prayerful and positive.

NEWS: The profile will imminently be sent to Bishop Shaw and available to you on the St. John's website.

Please, continue to pray that our Lord will send us an incumbent who will walk with us and live and love like Jesus.

Your Parish Selection Committee

