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Claiming God's Promises

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. Lord."

(1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

A Word of Encouragement

"In Bethlehem, God chooses something small, quiet, out of the way, and does something there that changes the course of history and eternity."

~ John Piper



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The 3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 16, 2018
10:00 AM



**"DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?: ADVENT PROPHECIES ~
OUT OF BETHLEHEM"**

**READING
MICAH 5:1-5**

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:37-38)

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Ministering @ Living Waters Today

Greeters: Ken & Mary Wyllie

Reader: Ann Edwards

Prayers of the People: Tucker Carrington

Chalice Bearers: John Telgmann & Pauline Bettney

Computer: Ross Underhill

Prayer Team: Tucker Carrington & Margo Hyde

Puddle Jumpers: Holly Whiteknight & Katie Dove

Wave Riders: Gracie Doering

Teen Café: MJ Dove

Fellowship: Josianne Roy & Margo Hyde

Counters: Barb Lutz & Scott Young

Set Up: Ross & Shirley Underhill

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Kingston Toy Drive

Once again, we are participating in the **Kingston Toy Drive** sponsored by the Salvation Army and Fly FM. This is a huge undertaking and each donation contributes to providing a memorable and joyful Christmas for families in our city who are in need. Last year, the Toy Drive provided toys for over 2800 local children.

There is a table at the back of the gym holding gift tags identifying a child's age and gender. Please take a tag (or 2!) and purchase an age-appropriate gift. **Toys must be new and unwrapped. The value should not exceed \$50.** Popular toys this year are: Lego, Star Wars, Barbie, sports equipment, craft supplies, board games, and remote controlled vehicles. Please avoid toys that promote violence. **Unwrapped gifts must be returned with the tags by today, December 16.** For more information, please speak to the Rector.



KIDZ ZONE -- Children & Youth Ministry

All children from infant to grade 12 are welcome to join the **Puddle Jumpers, Wave Riders or Teen Cafe**--our Sunday morning children and youth program. Young people and crew are dismissed after the reading and return at Communion. Our children have started a new & exciting curriculum: **God's Big Story**; and the teens are using the **Faith Weaver Now** curriculum. For more information about children and youth ministry at LWF, or how to serve in this important ministry area, speak to Kathy Doering. Please keep our children, youth, and leaders in your prayers.

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem



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Reverse Advent Calendar



A typical Advent calendar is used during the Advent season to help count down the days until Christmas. Each day, from December 1-25, a door is opened on the calendar revealing a small toy, chocolate, or bible reading. This year, as part of our Advent preparations, people are invited to share in a new outreach project known as a **Reverse Advent Calendar**.

The *Reverse Advent Calendar* is a different kind of Advent calendar. Based on Acts 20:35; “**Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive,’**” the premise of the *Reverse Advent Calendar* is simple: Instead of getting something yourself, you give to someone else. This is a great way too look beyond ourselves this Advent and Christmas season and to help others who might be in need at time of the year when money often runs short.

How Does it Work?

- **Reflect** ~ Think about God’s provision and all of the blessings that you have received by His hand.
- **Give** ~ Every day in Advent put one non-perishable food item into a box or basket.
- **Pray** ~ Offer up a prayer to God for those individuals in our community who are in need, and who will benefit from basket.
- **Return** ~ Bring your filled basket to church in January and it will be delivered to the Salvation Army Food Bank for you.

Suggested Food Items

pasta and sauce
canned soups, pasta, beans, meats and fish, fruits and vegetables
dried beans and lentils
rice –brown and white
peanut butter and jam
sugar
Crackers, cookies, and cereal
coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice



For Your Prayers

Please hold the following people, places, and petitions in your prayers this week.

The World: Pray for an end to all violence and unrest; for countries in conflict and for the people who live in them--that the whole world would know the peace, justice, and freedom of God.

- For Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and parts of Africa.
- For the vulnerable: for women, children, those in slavery, refugees, prisoners, and captives.

The Church: Pray for Christians throughout the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel--that Jesus would be known, worshipped, and obeyed.

- For the persecuted church: for Christians in the Middle East, Pakistan, China, and parts of Africa.
- For our Province (ACNA) and Primate, Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison).
- For our Diocese: for our Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy); Suffragan Bishops: Stephen Leung (& Nona), Trevor Walters (& Dede); Missionary Bishop, Andy Lines (& Mandy); retired Bishops: Don Harvey, Malcolm Harding and Ron Ferris.
- For ANiC congregations in **Ontario:** for the Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Catharines; the Rev. Jim Carriere; and for all who work and worship in that parish.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ ministering with us in Kingston.
- For our parish & the families of Roy & Ferne Vopni, Jennifer & Carl Walcott, Warren & Holly WhiteKnight, Ken & Mary Wyllie, Hong Yao.
- For missionaries at home and abroad--for their safety and protection, as they spread the good news. Pray for the Madagascar Mission & Mary Sherwood.
- **Province, and City:** Pray for all those in authority--that they would lead with righteousness and truth. Pray for Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, and Mayor Bryan Paterson.

The Sick and Suffering: Pray for all those who cry out for healing in body mind or spirit.

- Pray for those in our parish: Marion, Carol, Rick, Joe.
- Pray for our family & friends: Larry, Carolyn, Lowell, Brenda, Lisa, Shirley, Bill, Ruth, Donald, Cathy, Wally, Phil, Susan, Andrea,
- Pray for the homebound: Shirley Murray, Harry MacDonald, Juliet Cavadias.





MADAGASCAR MISSION & MARY SHERWOOD

Living Waters supports two schools in Madagascar: Akany Tafita, a school serving children in the slums of the capital city and Akany Famonjena, an orphanage. We have been asked to pray for the staff and children in both of these schools and especially to pray for: Tsiaro, a graduate now studying theology; Naina, a graduate at university who is having stomach issues; Armand, their driver and staff helper, who has heart issues and needs medication and for wisdom in buying a desperately needed new truck for the orphanage. Pray also for Mary Sherwood, Executive Director. For more information, speak to Ross Underhill.



Ugly Christmas Sweater & Tie Competition

Next Advent 4, Sunday, December 23, our KIDZ ZONE will be presenting their annual Christmas presentation, with the help of some adult members of the congregation. This is definitely something you do not want to miss!

As part of our celebrations, we will also be holding our 2nd annual Ugly Christmas Sweater and Tie Competition.

If you own a Christmas sweater or tie, show your Christmas spirit and wear them on December 23-- you may win a prize! And remember: **The uglier the better!**



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Christmas at *Living Waters*

Sunday, December 23, 2018 ~Advent 4

10:00 AM - Children's Pageant & Holy Communion

Monday, December 24, 2018 ~ Christmas Eve

5:00 PM - Family Service with Candle Lighting

Sunday, December 30, 2018 ~ Christmas 1

10:00 AM - Christmas Lessons & Carols & Holy Communion



Sunday, January 6, 2019 - Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM - Holy Communion

Soup & Spirituality



Our Soup & Spirituality group, which ministers to clients of Frontenac Community Mental Health Services, resumes Friday, January 11. If you are able to make a pot of homemade soup, chilli, or stew for 12 people, please add your name to the sign up sheet or speak to Kathleen Young. Thank you to everyone who provided wonderful tasting soups this past fall. This is a very important outreach into the Kingston community and your support is very much appreciated. For more information about Soup & Spirituality, please speak to the Rector.