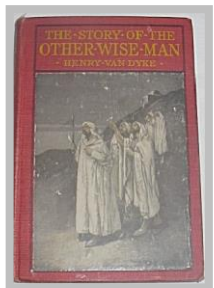


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DECEMBER 15 "THE OTHER WISE MAN" STORYTELLING

Following worship, join us on Sunday December 15th to experience the storytelling of the short story, "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke. The story is about a fourth Magi who also saw the star announcing that a king had been born. Time and time again, the Wise Man is diverted in his travels to get to Bethlehem and then, many years later, to Jerusalem to witness the crucifixion of the man whose birth had sent the star so long before. In the 90-minute gathering, the story will be read and there will be pauses in the storytelling for short times of discussion. People of all ages are invited to attend. Pizza will be ordered for lunch so please let the office know if you plan to attend. Donations of \$5/person will help cover the cost of the pizza.



WHITE GIFT PROJECT – SHARP FOUNDATION – MAKING CHRISTMAS MERRIER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIV/AIDS HOSPICES AND CARE HOMES

Thanks to all those who decorated stockings at the Advent Festival. They look great!

8 Dec (Sunday)

- please stop by the table to **sign Christmas cards** for the residents.
- **White Gift donations are gratefully received.** Please place your White Gift envelope on the offering plate during the service or see someone in the office if you would like to donate using debit/credit. Or donate on the SVUC website – select 'White Gift' as the fund. **Your generous donations will help us purchase gifts from the "wish list" from each resident. This year we are shopping for 13 people – 12 men and 1 woman.**

For more information about the SHARP Foundation: www.thesharpfoundation.com or the Outreach Bulletin board.

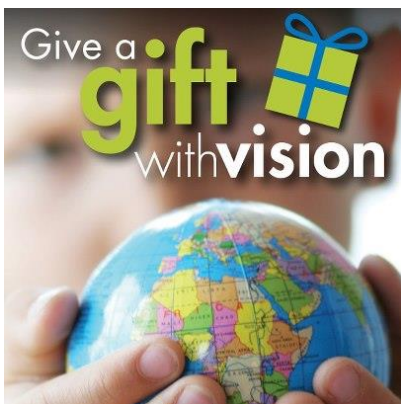


GIVING GIFTS THAT HELP OTHERS ~

SOME IDEAS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Check the Outreach Bulletin Board for a handout with links to a wide range of gift ideas that will honour your loved one and, at the same time, provide a hand up to people, often vulnerable women and children, which allows them to improve their life circumstances. You can choose from a wide variety of gifts that help families feed themselves, improve their health or get an education.

The United Church of Canada "Gifts with Vision" catalog offers choices in Canada and globally. Gifts are available in a range of dollar amounts for many areas of need. With "Gifts with Vision", your gifts help create healthy places to live, promote justice, provide social services, and enliven worship.



SANDWICH MAKING - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 FOLLOWING SERVICE

Join us in the Valley view Room as we make more than 400 sandwiches for the Drop-In Centre.

Please remember to bring your empty bottles and cans OR you may choose to drop off directly at Sage Hill Bottle Depot and let the Staff know it can go towards Symons Valley United Church

Account. The funds collected will go towards the work of the Outreach Committee. *Many Hands Make Light Work.*



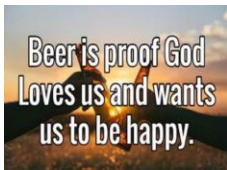
A GATHERING FOR SVUC WOMEN

LADIES NIGHT OUT - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 (7-9 PM)

We know life is busy and there are many distractions that get in the way of just sitting together and having a good conversation. The women of the congregation are invited to take some time out once a month for an evening of discussion, fun activities, laughter, stories, a few snacks and a bit of wine.

Please feel free to invite friends – all women are welcome for this Night Out - hope to see you there!!





BEER WITH GOD – CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER

The next gathering for Beer with God is on **Wednesday, January 8**. The joy of meeting in a restaurant is that you can come hungry and easily be fed or you can come just for a beverage of whatever sort you prefer. The gathering begins at 7 pm. Please call the office and **RSVP by Tuesday, January 7** so that we can make sure that we have enough space reserved.



QUILTING MINISTRY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 (7-9PM) & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 (9-3 PM)

All are welcome to join this ministry! Come when you are able, no commitment required. Bring your own project to work on or help us with a church project.



COFFEE TALK – THURSDAYS (9:30AM)

Join Vicki & Stephen as they lead this weekly time of coffee and conversation about current affairs and how they impact our faith and spirituality. Coffee (and tea) will be provided.

JUNIOR YOUTH & YOUTH GROUP JOINT EVENT - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 (7PM) AT SVUC

For more information contact Matthew youth@symonsvalleyuc.com



DI CENTRE BREAKFAST CREW – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 (6:45AM) FIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP OUT.

We will be serving breakfast at the Drop-In Centre on **Sunday, December 15 at 6:45am**. Five volunteers will be needed to help out. Time commitment is approximately one hour.

If you wish to volunteer, it is important that you sign up and/or contact Janet to let her know. Please sign up early as spots are limited. All volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. Free parking is available on site. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Janet and rides will be coordinated if possible.

Please email Janet if you would like more information or assistance with signing up at dibreakfast@symonsvalleyuc.com or text/phone 403-465-6379. Thank you for supporting the DI Centre!

PRAYER REQUESTS

This week, we offer prayers for:

- Joy Van Dusen who has ongoing health concerns.
- Dorothy Smith undergoing more medical tests.
- Letitia's Uncle Dennis as he continues to recover from brain surgery.
- John Grainger who is recovering from surgery.
- For the homeless, seeking food and warm shelter from the cold.
- For students managing the stress of classes, papers and exams.

We are here to lift you up in prayers. To have prayers included, please email prayers at prayers@symonsvalleyuc.com



This Week at Symons Valley

Week of December 8 – December 15, 2019

Sunday	08	10:30 am	Worship Service/SS/Youth Sandwich Making
		12 pm	Bell Video Sunday
Monday	09	7 pm	Quilting Ministry
Tuesday	10	9 am	Quilting Ministry
		6 pm	Board Meeting
Wednesday	11	7 pm	Ladies' Night Out
Thursday	12	9:30 am	Coffee Talk
		7:30 pm	SVUC Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	14	7 pm	Junior & Youth Group event
Sunday	15	6:45 am	DI Breakfast Crew
		10:30 am	Worship Service/SS/Youth StoryTelling

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