

AGlance@SVUC

Sunday, December 2nd – Sunday, December 9th

Sunday	02	10:30 am	Worship/Communion/Sunday School/Youth Annual Advent Festival following Worship Service
Monday	03	7-9 pm	Quilting Ministry
Tuesday	04	9-3 pm 7-8:30 pm 7-8:30 pm	Quilting Ministry Property and Management Meeting Outreach Meeting
Wednesday	05	12:30 pm 7 pm	Women's Spirit Potluck (<i>Please contact the office for location</i>) Faith Formation Meeting
Thursday	06	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Coffee Talk SVUC Choir
Friday	07	7 pm	Beer and Carols (<i>Location: Mr. Mike's Steakhouse in Creekside</i>)
Saturday	08	6:30 pm	Youth Group
Sunday	09	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Worship/Sunday School/Youth Sandwich Making following Worship Service Book of John



DID YOU KNOW that it takes many helping hands to keep the church running smoothly each week? To make it easier and quicker to volunteer we have created a database of various positions which is available via QR scan or the following website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D2T7N3B>
Through Survey Monkey, you can select any and all areas in which you have an interest in helping. There is no minimum or maximum of areas you can choose!

It is important that you know that by selecting an option you are not automatically signing up to help, you are just agreeing to receive emails when a need in that area arises. When a need does arise, you will receive a detailed email and at that time you can then decide if it is something to which you can offer your time and talents. For more information, please contact Cheryl Ward.



QUILTING MINISTRY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD (7-9PM)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH (9AM-3PM)

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 – EVERY THURSDAY (9:30AM) & HOSPITALITY BAKING GROUP (10:30 AM)

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.
Interested Bakers should contact Joyce Pouteaux to confirm weekly schedule.



ANNUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Join us on **Sunday, December 2nd** for our *Annual Advent Festival*
Following Service there will be a Congregational Lasagna lunch followed by Children's Crafts, Tree Decorating, Carol Singing & Much, Much More!
Be sure to wear your Fabulous (or ugly) Christmas Sweaters!



WOMEN'S SPIRIT X'MAS POTLUCK – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH (12:30 PM)

(at Barb Goodwin's house) – Please contact the office for the address.

All women are invited to join us in this time of fellowship, food & fun.



BEER & CAROLS – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH (7PM)

All Adults are invited to join us on Friday, December 7th at 7pm for this annual evening of singing and festivities!

Location: Mr. Mike's Steakhouse (*12650 Symons Valley Rd, NW*)



SANDWICH MAKING - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

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



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 7PM

A time of reflection, meditation & peaceful music. Often our pre-Christmas preparations leave us exhausted. We may feel even more drained if we are carrying the heavy burden of grief and sadness. Take time for God in this place to refresh your soul and revive your spirit.



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

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– 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. You can also 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 16 people – 15 men and 1 woman.**

- join us at the Advent Festival to decorate stockings and sign cards for the residents. Thanks to Cheryl Vankeeken who made all the stockings! 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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please email dibreakfast@symonsvalleyuc.com to volunteer.

- **Communion Preparation & Serving** 1st Sunday of the month & Christmas Eve Late Service.

Please contact the office for the sign-up link.

- **Symons Valley United Church Board** is looking for people with interest in and skills for:

- chairing the Board of SVUC. The current Chair of the Board, Scot Middleton, will be at his term limit as of February 2019 and we are looking for someone to fill the role of Chair of the Board
- managing the finances of the congregation. In 2020, our current Treasurer, Michelle Middleton, will be at the end of her term limit. As the role of Treasurer requires a significant time commitment and level of accounting skills, the Board is beginning the process now of finding a new Treasurer so that there will be time next year for training.

If you have interest in either of the above roles, please contact Vicki or Stephen. If you have questions about the scope of either role, please contact Scot or Michelle.



FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

BOOK OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY Next Session: Sunday, December 9th 12:30-2:30pm

Join Vicki & Stephen as they explore the Gospel of John, with its mystical tone that conveys the unique relationship between God and Jesus.

Remember to bring a bag lunch! All are Welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, December 14 - Junior Youth Event (Please contact Matthew for more information – youth@symonsvalleyuc.com)

Wednesday, December 19 – Beer with God Location: Mr. Mike’s Steakhouse (12650 Symons Valley Rd, NW)

Wednesday, December 19 – Ladies Night Out