

St. Andrew's NEWSLETTER

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Winter Edition



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

SAUC,

Each morning in 2020 when I light a candle to pray for us, the people of St. Andrew's, this Franciscan Blessing is the prayer that I will be praying for you and for me:

May God bless you with discomfort,
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships
So that you may live
Deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression,
And exploitation of people,
So that you may work for
Justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,
To shed for those who suffer pain,
Rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand
To comfort them and
To turn their pain to joy

And may God bless you
With enough foolishness
To believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
What others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
To all our children and the poor.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Katherine Selby

Let's
ALL
Celebrate

| 2020 Calendar | | | | | | |
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| January | February | March | April | May | June | July |
| August | September | October | November | December | | |

Mark Your Calendars For Ongoing Group Meetings and Events

Mondays: Searching For Meaning group resumes
10 am-12 noon Resource Room
United Church Women UCW meet every 3rd Monday of the month
Chair Yoga 10am on Mondays Tuesdays & Thursdays in the Upper Hall
Crafts Workshops: resume from
9:30 am - 11:30 am on **2nd & 4th Monday** each month
Isabelle, Genie, Beth, Yvonne or John

Tuesdays: Connect Group 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Wednesdays : Knitting Our Faith group resumes 1 pm in the Friendship Room

Want to Become a Member of SAUC?!
Want to make it official?! Membership at SAUC is open to all who are interested.

If you are interested, please contact Vivienne Tod (Membership & Pastoral Care Committee) at vivtod@rogers.com or 905-294-7853."

Birthday Cheers!

SHARED MILESTONES

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| January 24 | Olive Zeggill |
| January 27 | Mary McLean |
| January 29 | Jean Clark |
| February 5 | Don Brodie |
| February 16 | Phyllis Burton |
| February 29 | Jean Wilson |
| March 4 | Isabelle Bruce |
| March 11 | Betty Moir |
| March 14 | Fritz Schmidt |
| March 17 | Mary Walker |
| March 25 | Helen Ilott |



St. Andrew's Website
www.standrewsmarkham.com

Church Office
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 1:30pm
905-294-0351

Committee Reports & Announcements

OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mrs. Claus "Angels"

The Outreach Committee extends our sincere thanks for your generous support of this Christmas initiative. Many families will be able to celebrate the holidays with gifts for their loved ones they could otherwise only dream about.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas, with blessings for the New Year.

Bev Davis, Genie Gilchrist, Mary Bell and Bill Graber, Louise Marshall, Dorothy Middleton, Marilyn Webster, Betty Young



Our UCW plays Santa Claus with a donation of art supplies for Chapter 21!



Newsletter Publication schedule:
Next issue: **March 29th**

EMERGENCY ALERT PROCEDURES: SUNDAY SERVICE CANCELLATION



In the event of severe weather or a disaster situation that requires the cancellation of Sunday Service or any other event, an email, via Mail-Chimp, will be sent to everyone whose emails are in the church's official records.

We ask that you ignore the option to "unsubscribe" as this will result in your name being removed from all emergency email alerts.

Anyone who does not use emails will receive a phone call in as timely a manner as is possible.

In addition, you may search social media sites or phone the church where a recorded message will be updated to provide any cancellation information.

Please ensure that the office has all your current contact information at all times.

We also suggest that you check your email or call the church office before leaving home if you are aware of severe weather warnings. Please note that no response is required to notices.

**For questions, please contact
Yvonne Weston or Vivienne Tod**

Photos from the Christmas Pageant

The children and youth at SAUC have had a busy fall. Our school year began with a fun filled evening at our potluck pool party. We followed that up with a haunted Halloween party which was open to both children from SAUC and the local community. The children had fun playing games, making crafts, touring the haunted room, and of course eating candy.

Over the past month, the students have created Christmas cards for our members who are unable to attend service and worked on preparing our annual Christmas Pageant. The pageant was a wonderful celebration of the talents and personalities found in our congregation. This year we encouraged the audience to participate as we sang some popular carols as part of our service. A special thank you to the parents and members of the congregation who worked so hard to make this service possible. We will be planning some social events for the youth in the new year. More information will be available after the holidays.



PAR, (Pre-Authorized Remittance), is a convenient way to support St. Andrew's, especially during the summer months and when on vacation.

For details on how to participate or increase your donations, please contact the office.

HERITAGE FUND

The Heritage Fund is St. Andrew's "rainy-day" fund for those major expenses that we know will occur sooner or later; for example, replace the furnaces or shingle the roof. A healthy Heritage Fund will allow us to react quickly when the needs arise. As you are able, please consider making a donation. Heritage Fund envelopes are available from the Greeters or the Church Office. We will distribute Heritage Fund Envelopes on Anniversary Sunday (October 20, 2019).

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