

# Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church  
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Epiphany 1

January 12, 2003

## Welcome

If you are new to our Community of Faith,  
A Special Welcome!

### TODAY: January 12, Epiphany 1, Sunday

- ★ 10 am for Worship, Youth and Circle Groups, Baby-care - **Baptism Renewal Sunday**
- ★ Meeting for parents/guardians of Teens will take place immediately following Worship. This is for YOSS families as well as any other interested persons. Meeting will be approximately 45 minutes (Small Hall).
- ★ LGBF Second Sunday Brunch: going to Boston Pizza on 111St and 23 Ave at 11:45 a.m. All welcome.
- ★ Children's Choir practice right after Worship (in the evening be at Church at 6:30 pm for Choir Festival)
- ★ Silvertones (Senior Choir) practice after Worship

### THROUGH THE WEEK:

#### Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 am
- ★ Outreach Committee, 3:15 pm
- ★ Finance Committee, 7:00 pm
- ★ Property Maintenance Committee, 7:15 pm

#### Wednesday:

- ★ Congregational Care Committee, 1:30 pm.
- ★ Presbytery Youth Network Meeting, 7:00 pm
- ★ Wednesday @ 7, Labyrinth

#### Thursday:

- ★ Parents' Morning Out, 9:15 am.
- ★ Adult Choir, 7:15 pm

#### Friday:

- ★ YOSS. 7:00 pm

### NEXT SUNDAY: January 19, Epiphany 2

- ★ 10 am for worship, Youth and Circle Groups, Baby-care - **Celebrating Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- ★ Seniors' Luncheon after Worship
- ★ Drama Group meeting after Worship

### SUNDAY, January 26, Epiphany 3

- ★ 10 am Worship, Youth, Circle Groups, Baby Care
- ★ Home meeting, after Worship

#### Notice of Annual Meeting: February 02, 2003

The Board will present a recommendation to increase the 0.5 ministry time to 0.75. time.

### Silvertones Choir (For Senior Adults)

Jan 19: Practice following Seniors' Lunch.  
Feb 4-20: **Director is away**  
Feb 23: Practice following Seniors' Lunch  
New members are welcome! We try to practice 1st and 3rd Sundays after church, depending on events.

Contact: **Bonnie Berg 435-8646**

## TONIGHT

CHOIR  
FESTIVAL  
SUNDAY  
JANUARY 12  
7 PM - Free!



Area Church Choirs of all ages present their favourite selections of Christmas Choral Music

**Southminster-Steinhauer United Church**

### It's "Home Meeting" time again.

#### Home Meetings schedule:

Church Home: Wednesday January 22 at 7:30 PM  
Church Home: Sunday January 26 following the Church Service

Private Home: Monday January 27 at 7:30 PM  
Private Home: Thursday January 30, at 7:30 PM

Home Meetings provide information and opportunities to discuss the decisions we will need to make at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday February 2 following the Church Service. The Home Meetings are also a good place to meet new people and to socialize over "tea and coffee". Watch for further details.

Contacts are Jim Robertson [434-6054] & Sandi Lockhart [434-4797]

## HOW CAN WE BE OF SERVICE TO YOU?

*Please drop this in the offering plate, hand it to a greeter or leave it in the Church Office.*

I would be interested in having more information about:

- this congregation and the United Church of Canada
- membership in this congregation (confirmation/transfer)
- current programmes at our church or Committee Membership
- how this church and the people in it might help me on my Christian faith journey
- how I could get help dealing with a current personal problem or crisis in my life
- marriage/covenant, baptism
- children's faith development and youth and young adult ministries
- committee membership

My name is:

My phone number is:

The best time to call me is \_\_\_\_\_  
or

I will call the Church Office

### AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Southminster-Steinhauer is an **Affirming Congregation**, a designation that signals our commitment to be a Christian community that is inclusive of all people, including gay, lesbian and bisexual people, their families and friends. For more **information**, please call **Charles Bidwell, 436-8774** or **Mieke Wharton, 435-1219**.

On the second Sunday of the month, a special opportunity for fellowship is offered, referred to as the "**LGBF Luncheon**." All are welcome.



#### CHRISTIANITY 101

Friday, Jan. 24, 7 - 9 pm  
Sat., Jan. 25, 9:30 am - 3 pm

This program is for persons interested in adult baptism, confirmation into church membership or enquiring into United Church teaching & perspective. For more information, contact Bob. Tentative date for next opportunity is March 14/15, 2003.

#### STEWARDSHIP NEWS

- ☺ to request offering envelopes, to inquire about PAR (pre-authorized remittance) or to verify contribution status, please contact Ann Didluck, Envelope Steward, 435-2288.
- ☺ There are boxes of offering envelopes for 2003 in the foyer.
- ☺ Thank you for your faithful stewardship during 2002, and for your commitments for 2003.

#### CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

In this ten-week, peace-based course, you'll learn skills to help you interact with family members, co-workers and volunteer associates in a positive manner. You'll be able to speak effectively with confidence as you develop leadership and presentation skills.

This course will be offered at Southminster-Steinhauer starting Monday, January 27th, 2003. Register for this fun-filled course and gain the tools you need to be an effective communicator; contact **468-6498** for more information.

#### HEART OF THE MATTER

We remember:

- ? The Mooney family, at the recent death of Curt's father
- ? The Wright family, as Cameron continues to be in and out of hospital.

#### Publicity Committee Creative Opportunity

The Publicity Committee is looking for new members to assist with their work in promoting the activities of the congregation. Examples of activities include developing and placing ads in local papers, preparing & coordinating the delivery of flyers, development of a youth webpage & brochures. If you have special skills in promotions or graphic arts, or you just want the opportunity to contribute to the work of this interesting committee, please call Bob O'Hara of the Nominating Committee at 434-3741.

#### A CHANCE TO HAVE A ROLE

The Nominating Committee is hard at work preparing a slate of names to present to the congregation for Board and committee members for 2003. If you have a particular area of interest and would like to submit your name, please call Grant Frame at 434-8573, or Bob O'Hara at 434-3741.

#### Outreach - Families' Needs

- Bedroom curtains
  - Boys' clothes; sizes 2x -3, 5 or 6
  - Bunk beds & twin bed frames/ box springs
  - Chests of drawers or dressers
  - Car seat for a pre-school child (can pay a small amount for the last three items)
- Call Carol Allen - 434-1294

#### Book Club




Book Club will meet on Monday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge. We will be discussing "The Stonecarvers" by Jane Urquhart. Call Marg Robertson, 434-6054 for more information.


#### SENIORS' NEWS

**Pot Luck Luncheon**—Sun. Jan. 19, 2003 following Church. Persons whose surnames begin with **A-H** please bring sandwiches or veggies, and the remainder bring dessert /fruit.  
**Pasta Luncheon**—Sun. Feb. 16, following Church. Cost \$4 per person. For more information, Call Jacky Boruk 434-4309

The Children & Youth Circle Groups thank all those who contributed mittens, scarves, gloves and hats to the Advent Mitten Tree. Your gifts of "warmth" were greatly appreciated. All gifts will be distributed to McKee Elementary School and the Inner City High School.

 **Note from Presbytery**  
An open **DRUM CIRCLE** in solidarity with the United Church's **BEADS OF HOPE** campaign will be held at Grace United Church, 7:00 pm this Sunday, January 12. Hand drummers of any and all stages are welcome.

#### DRAMA GROUP

 Charles Bidwell and Marg Archibald will meet with all those interested in a drama group immediately after church on January 19 (before the Seniors' Pot Luck Luncheon)

#### YOSS MEETING

YOSS will meet January 17th in the Small Hall. Youth are asked to bring a pillow or cushion from home to sit on, and a picture of their family/ special friends.  
The evening will run from 7-10 pm.

#### Office Hours for the Half-Time Ministry:

Marg will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday this week.

#### A Special Note of Thanks

We thank those volunteers who are now providing interim coverage in the office. Their dedicated assistance has allowed the church work to continue without interruption. Steps are underway to fill this staff position, with Elisebeth Checkel, Marilyn Darwish and Louise Adams (chair) appointed as the Search Group.

#### Church Office Administrator Position Vacancy

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church is seeking a part-time Church Office Administrator for a multi-task position requiring excellent communication skills and the ability to work independently within the role of the job as a ministry enabler. The successful candidate will have experience working with volunteers, the ability to function in a team setting, good organizational skills, excellent computer skills, and sound knowledge of office procedures and practices. (S)he must fully support the concept of team ministry, the Church's Mission Statement and Board Policy. Salary commensurate with skills and experience. Deadline for Applications is January 28, 2003. Contact Louise Adams at 435-9117 for additional details and an application form.