

Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
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Epiphany 2

January 19, 2003

Welcome

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

TODAY:

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

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Monday:

- ★ Book Club - 1:00 pm am
- ★ Healing Pathway -7:00 pm pm

Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 am
- ★ Church Board 7:15 pm

Wednesday:

- ★ Wednesday at 7—7:00 pm
- ★ Home Meeting—Church Home—7:30 pm

Thursday:

- ★ Patents' Morning Out—9:15 am
- ★ Adult Choir, 7:15 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: January 26, Epiphany 3

- ★ 10 am worship, Youth and Circle Groups, Baby-care
- ★ Home Meeting—following Worship

SUNDAY, February 2, Epiphany 4

- ★ 10 am Worship, Youth, Circle Groups, Baby Care
COMMUNION
- ★ Annual General Meeting—following Worship

Notice of Annual Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting of Southminster Steinhauer
United Church will be held following Worship on
February 02, 2003

The Annual Report for 2002 will be available Sunday, January 26.
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**
Mar. 2 -Prepractice following Worship
Mar. 16 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

Home Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, January 22

Church Home: at 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 26

Church Home: following Worship
Muffins & beverage will be served

Monday January 27 7:30 pm

Home of **Pat & Jim Innes/McFadyen**
#20 Running Creek Point
(Blackmud Creek neighbourhood)
988-5789

Thursday January 30 7:30 pm

Home of **Hazel Tremblay**
10927—36 Avenue
434-1272

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".

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, bisexual and transgender 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 "LGBT and Friends Luncheon." All are welcome.



CHRISTIANITY 101

Fri. Mar 14 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Sat. Mar 15 9:30 am-4:00 pm

Note: ..The January dates are cancelled due to small numbers; the next course is scheduled for March 14/15. For more information, contact Bob.

Outreach - Families' Needs

- Bedroom curtains
 - Boys' clothes; sizes 4 - 6
 - Girls' clothes; sizes 3—4
 - Twin mattresses
- Call Carol Allen - 434-1294

Duggan Health Clinic often has clients who are in need of the following:

- Cribs less than 10 years old
- Strollers with working breaks
- Infant clothing and Crib blankets
- Maternity clothes
- Car seats less than 10 years old
- Youth bicycle helmets - not involved in a fall

Outreach Committee has decided to accept donations of the above on behalf of the Clinic. Please call Lil McEwen at 434-9761 or Carol Allen at 434-1294.



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)



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.

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.

GIFTS IN KIND

Please note the details of the Board's Gift in Kind Policy posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. This policy is to ensure that our procedure is within Canada Customs and Revenue Guidelines.

DID YOU KNOW?

The south side Bissell Centre Thrift Shoppe , located at 9232—34 Avenue, will gladly accept gently used items of clothing, furniture, appliances and other household goods. All proceeds from sales are used to carry out programming at this inner city agency.

For items to be picked up, call the store at 440-1883. Donations can be taken to the store on 34th Avenue (rear entrance).

Many thanks from the Bissell Centre.

SENIORS' NEWS

Pasta Luncheon—Sun. Feb. 16, following Church. Cost \$4 per person. For more information, Call Jacky Boruk 434-4309

SEARCH GROUP

The Search Group appointed for the **Church Office Administrator** position is: Marilyn Darwish, Elisebeth Checkel and Louise Adams (Chair)

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.

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 would like to submit your name, please call Grant Frame at 434-8573, or Bob O'Hara at 434-3741.

Invitation from the Ecumenical Commission Catholic Archdiocese Edmonton

extends an open invitation to attend a **Taize Celebration** marking the end of **Christian Unity Week**. This service will take place on **January 26th** at 7:00 pm at **St. Charles Catholic Church** in Edmonton (**11753—112 Street**), and attendance is open to all the members of your prayer and parish community.

Office Hours for the Half-Time Ministry:

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

AN EXTRA SPECIAL Vote of Thanks

We thank those volunteers who are continuing to provide 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.

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