

Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
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Epiphany 3

January 26, 2003

Welcome!

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

TODAY:

- ★ 10 am worship, Youth and Circle Groups, Baby-care
- ★ Home Meeting—following Worship
Muffins & beverage will be served
Child Care will be available.

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Monday:

- ★ Christopher Leadership Course, 7:00 pm
- ★ Healing Pathway –7:15 pm

Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 am
- ★ Edmonton Presbytery meets at Robertson-Wesley U.C. at
7:00 pm

Thursday:

- ★ Parents' Morning Out—9:15 am
- ★ Adult Choir, 7:15 Pm

Friday:

- ★ Drama group, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: February 2, Epiphany 4

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

SUNDAY, February 9, Transfiguration Sunday

- ★ 10 am Worship, Youth, Circle Groups, Baby Care
- ★ LGBF Luncheon after Worship

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. To register for this fun-filled course call **468-6498**.

Home Meeting Schedule

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

Discussion topics will include the recommendation to increase the .5 ministry position to .75; the proposed 2003 budget; and the use and maintenance of our facility. Please advise the hosts of your intention to attend. Contacts are Jim Robertson [434-6054] & Sandi Lockhart [434-4797]

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

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

A potluck lunch will be included: People with last names beginning with A to M please
bring sandwiches or veggies; N to Z bring dessert or fruit.

The Annual Report for 2002 is available today in the foyer.

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.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The **moratorium** on facility bookings for "outside" community use was **lifted**. Availability to members continues as usual. The Board recommended that an **Ad Hoc group** be appointed to oversee "**licensed fee for use**" (rental) arrangements, to be reviewed in 6 months. Please contact Anne McCracken, Grant Frame or Bob Glover if this is an area to which you can offer your skills.

In the meantime, bookings will be taken on limited basis of our ability to provide the arrangement and care-taking needs required for this type of facility use.

Thanks to Larry Hurrell for mounting the "label" hardware on our kitchen cupboard doors this past week!

Special thanks to the volunteers who shovel our parking lot!

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Christmas Givings

Your generosity during the Christmas Season is sincerely appreciated by Operation Friendship (foot clinic) for \$1337.40 and Room at the Inn \$1948.80

☺ 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.

SILVERTONES CHOIR

(Senior Adults)

No Choir during February

Mar. 2 – practice following church, Bag lunch.

Mar 15 – Irish Social and Supper
Silvertones will sing some Irish and Scottish tunes

Mar. 16 – Senior Luncheon with practice following.

Mar. 30 – Sing in Church today – "Evening Hymn".
Meet at 9:15 am

New members are welcome! We try to practice 1st and 3rd Sundays after church, depending on events.

**Contact: Bonnie Berg
435-8646**

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.

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.

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 brakes
- Infant clothing and Crib blankets
- Maternity clothes
- Car seats less than 10 years old and not involved in an accident
- 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**.



SENIORS' NEWS

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

GIFTS IN KIND

Details of the Board's Gift in Kind Policy are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. The policy ensures that our procedure is within Canada Customs and Revenue Guidelines.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Craig Krupa Jan. 22, 1997
- Trista Helgesson, Jan.14, 1997
- Mitchell Holmes, Jan. 31, 1994
- Corey Schmidt, Jan. 15, 1991
- Garrett Plester, Jan. 20, 1993
- Kieran Frame, Jan. 6, 1997
- Andrew Grey, Jan. 11, 1990
- Kaida Kolbylka, Jan. 12
- Erin Toma, Jan. 21
- Becki Bartlett, Jan, 6



CONCORDIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT SEASON

Sunday, February 2, at 3:00 pm
Robert Tegler Student Centre



HATS OFF FOR A GREAT JOB!

The 2002 Annual Report is available today, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Rosemarie Cunningham and Beth Brown for producing it, and to the Assembly Crew who braved the cold weather to come in to put it together: Wilda Hurst, Mieke Wharton, Vi Neufeld and her sister Pat.

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

L'Arche Edmonton – one of many communities founded world-wide for the developmentally-disabled to fulfill Jean Vanier's vision – is looking for addition members on its Board. If you are interested in a personally rewarding role furthering a worthy, ecumenical faith-centred community, please contact Shawna at the L'Arche Edmonton office at 465-0618, Ext. 230.

SEARCH GROUP

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

IN THE OFFICE THIS WEEK

Half-time Minister:
Marg Archibald will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday this week.

Front Office:
Mon:-Tues Beth Brown
Wed: Rosemarie Cunningham
Thu: Louise Adams
Fri: Rosemarie Cunningham