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Week of December 4th, 2011

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Bruce Counce, sadly missed by his wife Carol, his children, and grandchildren

Mary Blankstein, remembered with love by her daughter Carol Counce

John Kennedy, husband of Jean, father of Joanne, Wendy, Gordon & Susan

Sam Lyttle, loved husband of Emilie, father of Brian & Joanne. Remembered with love by all the family

Sydney Marshall, loved husband of Marjorie, father of Richard, Kenneth, James & Jeffery

Sharon Leigh Marshall, granddaughter of Marjorie Marshall & the late Sydney Marshall



Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are in the pews today for those who would like to contribute towards our Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one. The deadline is

December 18th if you wish to have their name printed in the bulletin.

Ginger Group

The Ginger Group will meet tomorrow, December 5th for a singalong in keeping with the Christmas season. For lunch: appetizers(2), shepherd's pie, corn salad, dessert and refreshments. Festivities commence at 11.45am. Retired gentlemen and guests are invited. Contacts: Winston Campbell, 905.336.1397 or Wayne Barnes 905.639.8036.

Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 15th at 11:00am

Seniors, and those who find it difficult to get out are invited to come for worship at 11:00am and join us for a hot lunch and a sing-along of carols. If you require a ride to the service, please let the office know.

Getting Ready for Christmas

There are several tags still remaining. If you are able to help, please take one and return on Monday if possible. Thank you so much for your support! If there are any questions or if you would like to help out, please contact Liz Woloshin or Sue Nicolls.



Christmas Around the World

*December 11th
4:30 & 7:00pm*

Refreshments following each performance.

Tree Lighting and Carol Singing at 6pm. This is our gift to the Community – please invite your friends.



Please remember these people in your prayers:

For confidentiality purposes, the prayer list is no longer printed online.

Church Calendars for 2012

are now on sale for \$6.00 in the Narthex. This year's cover features St. Luke's Church.



PWRDF Christmas

Cards are available for sale today. See Valerie Barnes in the Narthex.

Nativity Scene

On Saturday morning, December 10th, new excited volunteers would be helpful to put up the Nativity Scene on the front lawn. Taking it down would also be helpful. Please call Sandi Smith at 905.336.8063.

St. Christopher's Shopping Bags

These large, reusable bags featuring our logo are available for sale for \$3.00. Look for them today in the Narthex or during the week in the church office. Perfect for promoting our church around town.

Blue Christmas

Thursday, December 15th at 7:30pm

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are an emotionally charged time for some people. The atmosphere of this time can amplify feelings of pain, grief, loneliness, or despair. Join us for this quiet Christmas service.

At our Vestry meeting in February

we will be electing Wardens, Lay Representatives to Synod and Parish Council Members at Large. If you think you might be interested in serving in any of these roles, job descriptions are available in the office. For more information, please talk to one of the Wardens, a member of Parish Council or the Rector.

Open-Enders - December 5th 9:30am

We will continue to discuss two book reviews and interviews with Harvey Cox, Hollis Research Professor of Divinity (Ret.), Harvard University. The books are "When Jesus Came to Harvard", and "The Future of Faith". Also included is a reflection by Giles Fraser on Bethlehem, as it relates to the 'Occupy' controversy. Canon Fraser recently resigned as a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Printouts are available in the Open-Enders' box in the Narthex. All are welcome.

Omega Christmas Party

Come and enjoy Christmas goodies and refreshments at our annual Christmas party on December 12 at 7:15pm. We meet in the Family Room at St Christopher's. Wendy Ernst has kindly offered to demonstrate some easy table top arrangements for the holidays. If you wish to make an arrangement, please see Wendy for a list of supplies. For more information, please contact Gloria Bilous at 905.637.7306 or Marva Worrell at 905.336.2841.

Singles' Group Pre-Christmas Get-Together

At Swiss Chalet on Fairview St. Monday, December 12th at 7:00pm. Contact Shirley at 905.6373.9024 or Ewa at 905.637.8124 by Friday, December 9th if you would like to attend .

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 11th at 4:30 & 7pm

We need lots and lots of cookies for the Tree Lighting - if you can help, please speak with Margie Swire or call her at 905.632.3422.



Youth Group Christmas Toiletries Drive

In Hamilton, many teenagers sleep on the street every night. Often they are at risk and face issues of addiction or the need for special support. The Living Rock Youth Centre seeks to support these young people. Our Youth Groups would like to make a difference too, especially at Christmas, by collecting the toiletries that these young people need.

Next Sunday - Facecloths and Hairbrushes/Combs

Crochet Sleep Mats

Our Crochet group would like to thank all the St. Christopher's folk for donations of outer milk bags and used towels. The sleep mats that we make are packaged with a towel and a bar of soap to go to Haiti, where they are gratefully received. We are taking a short break from the crocheting for the rest of this year, planning to resume meetings the 2nd Wednesday in January, and will welcome new members. Since we have an abundance of milk bags stored, please forego the donations for the foreseeable future.

Birthdays/Anniversaries This Week:

Birthdays

Kathy Hartog
Shirley Case
Emily Johnson
Steve Bate
Liz Woloshin
Mark Bilous
John Reszitaryk
Patti Jo Brooks
Sam Kawazoye

Betty Coombs
Carrie Ford-Jones
Paul Tomlinson
John Brebner
Greg Bilous
Emily Hendrie
Christine Okech
Ben Cosgrove
Fran Taylor

Anniversaries

Elmer & Sheila Sabo (58th)
Martin Pinney & Karen Lock (23rd)

Missing Tablecloths

Do you happen to have at least two dark blue round table cloths in your laundry room? There is a shortage in our inventory and it is assumed that they travelled home with someone and have yet to come back. We use them all and more on Tuesday nights.

Services This Week

Thursday 9:30am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, December 11th - Advent 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 & 11:15 Services

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	9:30am	Open-Enders
	11:30am	Ginger Group Luncheon
	7:00pm	Parish Council
Tuesday	7:30pm	Band Practice
	9:00am	Men's Cooking #2
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social
	4:00pm	Open Doors Free Clothing Store
Wednesday	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Thursday	10:00am	Parent Connection
	10:30am	Bible Study
	4:00pm	SHINE
Friday	6:00pm	Guitar Group
	7:00pm	Senior Choir Practice
	9:00am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Open Doors Free Clothing Store