

ADVENT NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

St. George Wakefield Anglican Church

Mission Statement
Our Purpose is to serve God, be spiritually fed and provide guidance to the community.

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Visit our Website:
www.stgeorgeswakefield.ca

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St Georges Wakefield Anglican Church

Sunday Morning Worship
9:15 a.m.

Sunday School
Contact: Rhonda Jolicoeur at
204-738-4502

Bible Study
Thursday 10:00 a.m.

Young People's Association (YPA) - contact
Rhonda Jolicoeur at 204-738-4502

Anglican Church Parishioners (ACP)
contact Brenda McRae at
204-738-2789

Woodland Courts
This is a shortened regular church service held the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. for the residents at Woodland Courts.

Our Sister Parish is St. Clements Mapleton at 1178 River Rd, St. Andrews, MB R1A 4A1: Office Phone: 204-482-9486

Our Lind Parish is Bukandula, Diocese of Central Buganda, Uganda. The Parish Priest is The Rev. Geresom Baraka Ssali

Diocese of Rupert's Land:
Toll Free Phone - 1-866-693-4418
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Please join us for Worship
and Fellowship

All Welcome

*Glory to God
in the Highest, and on
earth peace,
goodwill toward men
Luke 2; 14*

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MAWEJJE

This Advent season is the beginning of Year A in the Church Calendar. Advent is time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, Jesus the Christ (God incarnate). Advent helps us to look up to Christmas, a season that reminds us of God's unwavering love with which God's grace draws all of us to Godself. In response to such love, I invite you to

quicken in your love and service for God and others, and I invite you to include your Church (St. George, Wakefield) and its faith community in your Christmas plans. God is counting on you and be assured that you are in God's plan too. May God's blessings be with you and all you value and care for. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent Lessons and Carols
November 27—10:00 a.m.
(joint service)
St. George followed by Pot Luck Lunch

Carols, Candles & Cookies
Tuesday, December 13
7:00 p.m.

Sunday School Pageant
Sunday, December 18

YPA Caroling
Sunday, December 18
Meet at the Church for 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting
February 26, 2017
Pancake Breakfast

Bingo Bowl
TBA

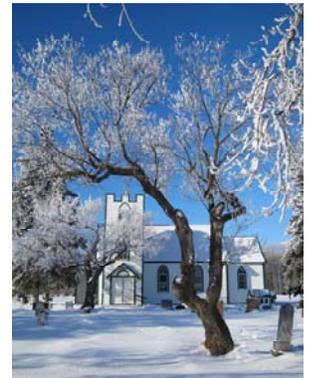
Christmas Eve Service
December 24 at 7:15 p.m.
St. George
5:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
St. Clements

Christmas Day Service
December 25 at 11:15 a.m.
St. Clements (Joint Service, No service at St. George)

New Years Day Service, Epiphany
January 1 at 9:15 a.m.
St. George

St. George's Day Appeal
TBA

We Will Thrive 2017 Fundraiser
January 1—December 31, 2017



Gift Ideas? Consider a donation in lieu of a gift:

- General Church Fund
- Building Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Selkirk & District Community Foundation (St. George's Anglican Church, Wakefield Endowment Fund)

HAMPER

As usual, we will provide a hamper to a family in need. We are accepting donations of non-perishable foods, gifts and cash donations. More information on the family will be available shortly. Contact Brenda McRae or Maureen Petersen for further information.



*When they saw the star
They were overjoyed
Matthew 2; 10*

FUND RAISER "WE WILL THRIVE 2017"

The church will continue to survive and will THRIVE if we can embrace new ideas and participate fully in a new and exciting fundraising campaign. As the church is aging, we also have tremendous upkeep. This year alone, we have re-shingled the roof of the church and Parish Hall, painted, replaced the back door lock and installed a new toilet. We also need to replace the flooring and windows in the Parish hall and build a wheelchair accessible ramp to provide access to the Parish hall.

We are entertaining a new and exciting fundraiser. It will be a year long campaign / competition (Jan 1 — Dec 31, 2017). The concept is to have as many teams register as possible. We are encouraging team leaders to ask family members and friends to join their team. Teams can be any size. The goal is to encourage participation.

Now for the rules of the campaign. **"There are no rules!"** We are challeng-

ing teams to raise as much money as possible by using their particular ideas, interests and talents. You have one full year. The minimum challenge / goal is \$100.00 per team but the maximum, well, the sky's the limit! This could be a very successful and fun fundraiser with your help!

Here are some ideas that we have thought of :

- 2 liter pop bottle filled with dimes (\$700.00) or regular water bottle filled with dimes (\$100.00)
- Family suppers, have a raffle on the centerpiece or dessert and bring dimes
- Cooking classes / Knitting classes
- Exercise classes
- Craft Party
- Women's / Men's night
- Fishing Derby / Poker night
- Talent show
- Sledding / skating party
- Family fun nights / Kids fun afternoon
- Marathon / Bikeathon
- Luncheon
- Movie night- charge adm or sell popcorn

- 50 / 50 draws
- Garage sale / Auction
- BBQ or Bud, Spud and Steak
- Car wash
- Give up coffee or lunch money once in a while

Keep in mind this is a competition and prizes will be awarded and will be determined by the total funds raised.

The chair person is Bev Lesnick, 204-785-7917 or alesnick@outlook.com Bev will keep track of the teams registered and the amount each team is raising. You can submit your funds each month, quarterly, twice a year or at the end of the year, but we would like to see a monthly update. Please register your team, including a team captain and team name asap.

We will host an information evening on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 to discuss further ideas at the Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

And the angel said to them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.
Luke 2: 10

RED RIVER CHURCHES REFUGEE TEAM

In April, several churches in our area joined together to sponsor and support refugee families. Our initial goal was to raise \$100,000 and start with three families, but with plans to keep ongoing. We now have twenty-one churches and Netley Hutterite Colony active in this ministry.

On July 27th, we welcomed our first two families. They are from Sudan and have been in a refugee camp in Chad, for the past eleven years. The first family is a widow with her three children – son (21), daughter (16) and son (14). The second family is her oldest son, with his wife and baby daughter. We have rented a home in Selkirk, both families live there and they have been welcomed by the neighbors and the community. We have been

blessed to have several volunteers helping them by helping them learn English, adapt to living here, complete all the government registrations and documentation, register for sports activities, shop, go to school and integrate into the community. Many hours have been volunteered for driving the family and babysitting (while the adults take English lessons).

Soon, we will have to help them become employment ready and employed. That will be difficult at first, they need to learn English and, as they have spent so much time in a refugee camp, they have never held jobs. We would welcome any help that would see these folks find employment and enter into their first experience in the workforce.

I'm thankful that our St. George's Wakefield parish family has been very supportive of this very needed ministry. We can always use more volunteers and of course, welcome donations. If you would like to make a donation, please make your cheque out to: St. George's Wakefield and on the memo line, write Refugee Sponsorship. For updates and additional information, we invite you to check out our website: RRCRTeam.com

Take care, **Don Forfar, Chair**

CHANGE TO CHANGE (C2C)

Change 2 Change (C2C) is a Canadian non-profit mission project in Uganda. It is under the direction of Kurt Petersen, a member of St. George Wakefield. Kurt works hand in hand with Soweto "Youth" Fellowship. (C2C). This mission project provides education and various literacy and vocational classes to the youth.

This helps to equip them with Life Skills through their workshops, mentorships, and Discipleship. All programs are firmly based on the Word of God.

On November 3, 2016, our Vestry passed a motion that we accept donations and issue Income Tax Receipts for donations over \$20.00 for the Ministry Project led by Kurt Petersen "Change 2 Change".

and suddenly there was with
an angel
a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God and saying
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill towards
men
Luke 2
13-14

