



Notices December 15th, 2024 - Advent 3

Readings for this Sunday: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Christmas Services

Sunday December 22nd - 4.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols

Tuesday December 24th - 4.30pm - Family Service

Tuesday December 24th - 8.30pm - Carol Singing

Tuesday December 24th - 9pm - Choral Eucharist

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation in the Sitting Room

Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study in Crump Room

Christmas Holiday Hours

Monday December 23rd - 9am to 4pm

Tuesday December 24th - 9am to noon

Wednesday December 25th - Closed

Thursday December 26th - Closed

Friday December 27th - 9am to 2pm

Monday December 30th - 9am to 4pm

Tuesday December 31st - 9am to noon

Wednesday January 1st - Closed

Thursday January 2nd - 9am to 4pm

Friday January 3rd - 9am to 2pm

Due to the Canada Post strike, we will be putting Christmas Offering envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Please take one on your way in and thank you for your contributions.

From Adam and Emily

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the baby shower last Sunday, to all who gave so generously, and to Meredith Cashion for putting together such a beautiful celebration. It's amazing to be part of such a loving community. Blessings to you all.

Thank you

A little late for this, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who volunteered their time to make our Seniors Lunch another great success. Great food, great music and a great time was had by all. We hope to see you all next year.

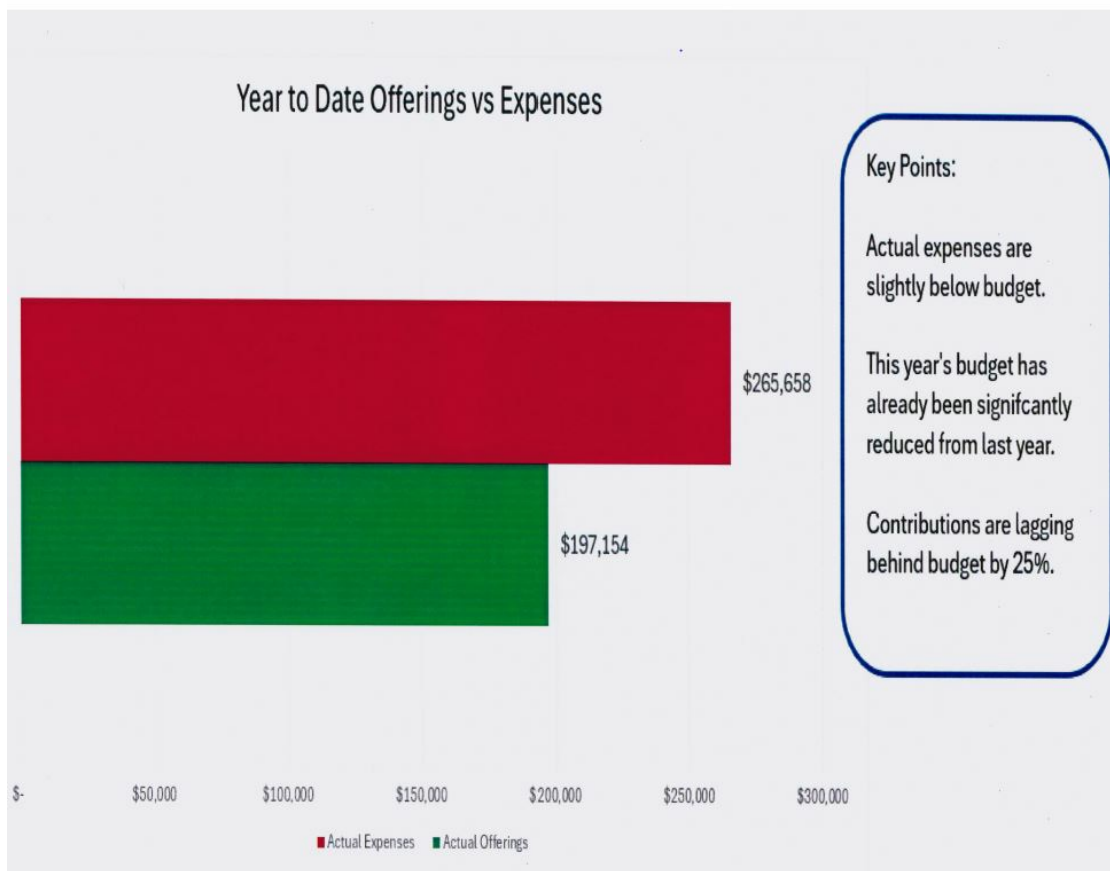




Message from the Treasurer

At the last AGM we shared the ongoing financial challenges that Christ Church has experienced. Such challenges have existed for the last couple of years. Past deficits have been successfully addressed through various funding campaigns, gifts and grants. We have decided there is a need for more sustainable revenue strategies. To this end we have reestablished a stewardship committee that will focus on enhanced financial communications and contribution strategies.

This is the first in a series of regular financial reports to our parishioners.



Please reflect on your current contribution level, and where you can help make a financial difference.

Advent Weekly Devotion Resource

Guide your prayers this Advent season around the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love with this Devotional from Indigenous Pathways: Dreaming of an Indigenous Christmas.

From the Introduction:

"Beyond the beautiful decorations, the delicious food and the family gatherings, there is something extraordinary about the Advent season.

There is space to sit and listen to the ancient dreams and visions throughout Scripture. There is room to hope, to experience joy, to settle into peace and to be enveloped into love. Advent reminds us that there is hope for renewal — that the story doesn't end."

PDF Devotional [Click Here](#)

Altar Guild

The Christmas decorations will be taken down after the 10:30 Service on January 05th 2025. Please stay after the service and help, many hands make

it go much more quickly.

Outreach Update

Thank-you to everyone who gave items and gift cards to support our Adopted Family at Radiance Society.

For the remainder of the Christmas Season and into the New Year, we will further be supporting Radiance Society by contributing to their Family Wish List Program. These items are used to build Welcome Hampers for New Families coming to the Radiance building after they have left emergency shelter. Since there is not a time or quantity restriction, you do not need to sign up, and items will be delivered to Radiance in the New Year.

If you would like a tax receipt, please see Cynthia in the Office!

And a gentle reminder to give **NEW ITEMS ONLY**

- Twin Bedding* , Double Bedding, gender and age neutral
- Shower Curtain/Rug Towels
- Dishes, Cutlery, Glassware
- Pots and Pans Tupperware
- **Gift Cards for food and activities**
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toys/Crafts Supplies (Scissors, Glue, Tape Construction Paper)
- Colouring Supplies/Books Board Games/Puzzles LEGO's
- Also "Teen" aged gifts, teens are often overlooked.

Poinsettias

With Advent less than two weeks away it is that time of year to think of decorating the church with poinsettias. If you would like to donate one or more poinsettias in memory of a loved one, in Thanksgiving or to the Glory of God please let Cynthia, our office administrator know. The cost is \$25.00 and as always the tributes will be in the bulletin for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Scan to make your offering - Thank you for your support!!!

*December 15th, 2024 Flower
Memorials*

The flowers at the Altar are

given to the glory of God

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Beattie, from Pat, Meredith and their children and grandchildren

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for November, December and January are available at the office

Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's website: https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020

The Parish Prayer Chain

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Alicia Hampshire, Adam Bedford or Rev. Brandon.

Praying with PWRDF

On the second Thursday of each month praying with PWRDF takes place over zoom at 11am (Calgary time). On the fourth Thursday of each month the PWRDF team in Toronto plans an educational webinar in the same time slot. Please contact Kim Umbach at kumbach@pwrdf.org for the zoom link to be included and for further details.

Prayer Shawls - "Tangible Evidence of Prayer" (ref: "The Prayer Shawl Ministry")

Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-4680, or Barbara Robinson: barbrobinson@gmail.com if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



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