

Announcements for Sunday, January 7

Readings for next week

1 Samuel 3:1-10	Psalm 139:1-5,12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51

Christmas Attendance: 232 Livestream: 87

Last Week's Attendance

815: 33 10:00: 49 Livestream: 62

Givings

On the plate: \$ 18072 Auto Debit: \$2445

St. Andrew's Cupboard

St. Andrew's cupboard again this year. For the month of January, they are suggesting peanut butter, cereal and toilet paper. They will take anything we want to donate but these are the things that were suggested for January.

Men's Breakfast

January 20 9am at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St W

Jacket Left Behind

If you are missing a black Spring/Fall jacket, there is one hanging downstairs.

Evangelism Retreat

January 20 from 9am to 12 pm. A lively interactive discussion about the meaning of evangelism. And why it's important that our church has this discussion. Coffee and snacks provided.

Parish Council

January 23 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.
Topics: Budget and Building Proposals for 2024.

Outreach Initiatives for January

Collecting NEW OR GENTLY USED items for people experiencing homelessness in our community

YWKW has an urgent need of the following NEW OR GENTLY USED items:

Single size bed blankets, Single size bed sheets, Shower towels
A box has been provided in the Narthex for these new items and we will be accepting donations from Sunday January 7th to Sunday, January 28th.

Eye Glasses for those in Need

We are collecting used eye glasses for those in need. A box has been placed in the Narthex of the church to deposit them. This box will be available all year long.

Thanks to all for supporting these important Outreach initiatives.
The Outreach Committee

Thank you for your continuing support! Your generosity has been amazing!!

Just a reminder, new members are always welcome. If you would like to get involved in Outreach, please contact Heather Murphy (519-998-4975) or Dianne McCandless (519-807-9205).

Monthly Offerings by Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

This is a convenient way to make your donations to St George's. You don't need envelopes and your offering will be deducted from your bank account on the 25th of each month by the Diocese of Huron, and deposited to St. George's bank. The offerings are recorded by St. George's and included on your annual tax receipt.

Changes can be made to the amount of the offering by notifying the office either by e-mail or in writing before the 10th of the month, or by filling out the form and putting it on the collection plate or handing it in at the office.

Forms to set up a PAD are available from the office.

Vestry

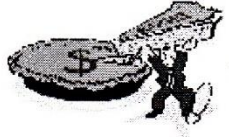
The annual Vestry meeting is on January 28 after a 9:00am service. If you plan to submit a vestry report, please have that to the office as soon as possible.

Ladies Lunch

The first Ladies Lunch of 2024 will be at Country Boy Restaurant, 5 Manitou Drive, Kitchener. We will gather on Friday, 26 January at 12 noon. Please confirm your attendance with Sue at suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com by 24 January. Let's get this year started!

Our Budget... is it a Faith Statement?

What does your church's annual budget represent?



Is it a proud menu of the hopes, dreams and missionary ministries your congregation wants to accomplish in the year to come?

Or is it a life-support prescription for how the congregation expects to pay the staff, keep the lights burning, the sanctuary heated the roof fixed and the grass mowed?

If we view the budget – and present it to our congregations – as an administrative necessity to ensure proper financial management, then we shouldn't be surprised to wind up with bare-bones measures that are grudgingly funded. If funded at all.

But if we present the budget to our congregations as opportunities to invest in the Kingdom of God and stretch ourselves to see how much we can do with even the nickels and dimes God has given us, then the possibilities increase.

In the end, a budget is a statement about how a congregation views the future. Do your people trust that ours is the God of abundance who rewards faithful stewards; a God that will stand behind servants who proclaim the Kingdom? Does your budget reflect the means by which we make the most of the abundance the Lord is giving us. Or, not? Put it this way: If an outsider looked at your budget, what would he or she conclude about your congregation's faith?

—Rob Blezard (edited from SOLI)



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