



THIRD AVENUE UNITED CHURCH

Advent & Christmas 2022



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I had hoped to be more settled into the life and work of the congregation by now but this move is taking a lot longer than I anticipated. Once again I must admit my husband Don was right and I should have maybe started with a few weeks of holidays in order to concentrate on unpacking. This became a reality when the weather turned colder and I still had not found the box with pantyhose or tights and actually shoveled the drive way without winter boots because I still had not found them.

So please don't be surprised that meetings, worship, funerals are the only thing that seems to be up and running. Yes, I did get the Tuesday morning bible study going for October and invite those who have not checked it out to give it a try. We meet for about an hour Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM and take the time to examine one of the scriptures that we will read on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to attend. At this point with using the lectionary if you can't come every week that is OK. If we were to do what I call a faith study for a 4 to 6 week period it is helpful to be able to attend most weeks as it builds from one week to the next.

I would like to start doing some home visits so if you are shut in and would like me to come to your home for a visit if you could call the church and discuss a good time for me to come for a visit we could set that up. Please let us know if you are in hospital and I can make a hospital visit as well. Now these are priority visits but if I have time I am interested in doing other visits so please do not hesitate to let me know if you would like me to come to your home for a visit. This also helps me learn your names.

As the month of November begins to fly by we are entering into a very busy church season with Advent beginning November 27th. This will be a very busy Sunday as it will also be the covenanting service with me and the church and the region. We decided to do this special service as part of regular Sunday worship so that service will be full with it being the first Sunday of Advent, covenanting, and communion with a lunch to follow. This is what I call a full meal deal. I hope to see as many people as possible out for this special service and time.

So as we move closer to Advent and the Christmas season it is a time to remember what Christmas is all about. Which means one really does need to experience the season of Advent where we anticipate and wait for the coming of the Christ child once again.

Thus I leave you with this thought: "Wake up! God is near. Wake up! God is HERE." Let us prepare for the coming of our Lord and know that God is HERE and we are called to worship the God that created us and loves us.

Blessings,

Rev. Jo-Ann Hills

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR – Brian Welford

We need your help!!

We are looking for people to help us on a fundraising committee at Third Avenue. The purpose of the group would be to help develop and co-ordinate ideas on how we can generate excitement within our church while producing some extra funds to keep our church vibrant. We have an initial meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 16th at 5:00 P.M. at the church. Please feel free to attend, but if you can help but can't attend, please call, or contact Brian @ 306-441-0722 or Karen @ 306-441-9174. Thank you for your consideration.

Save The Date
Covenanting Service

for our new minister, Reverend Jo-Ann Hills

Sunday, November 27th 10:30

Potluck lunch to follow with a silver collection. (Proceeds from the silver collection will go to the Mission & Service fund.)

Please join us to extend a warm 'official' welcome to Reverend Hills!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ~ Lorna Reimer

Thank-you to the Congregation for the donations made to the Food Bank in October. The need is great and we filled ten extra-large recyclable grocery bags with food.

Sunday School Calendars, highlighting November and December activities, were sent to Sunday School families this week. Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, 2022. We look forward to the Advent Season and the blessings of Joy, Hope, Peace and Love that are given to us all.

Sunday School classes will continue until December 18, 2022 and restart after the holidays on January 7, 2023.

We are collecting warm mitts, toques, scarves and socks of all sizes to be donated to the Friendship Centre.

Toys for the Empty Stocking Fund need to be collected early. We are hoping you can bring them by Sunday, December 4th.

Hampers with Christmas food and toys are delivered by the Food Bank on December 12th so we need to deliver our donations on Monday, December 5th.

The Youth Activity Club (YAC) is hoping to resume basketball games on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Our committee is planning a Kid's Camp Day in the New Year.



We hope your family has a wonderful Christmas filled with many blessings!

Advent Season Services at Third Avenue United Church



Nov. 27 - 10:30 am
1st Sunday of Advent – *“Hope”*
“Covenanting Service for Jo-Ann Hills with communion

Dec. 4 - 10:30 am
2nd Sunday of Advent – *“Peace”*
bring gifts of toys and/or clothing for the Empty Stocking Fund

Dec. 11 - 10:30 am
3rd Sunday of Advent – *“Joy”*
“White Gift Sunday”
bring non-perishable food items and monetary gifts for the food bank

Dec. 18 - 10:30 am
4th Sunday of Advent - *“Love”*

Dec. 24 – 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
“Christmas Eve Service”

Dec. 25 – NO SERVICE



Jan. 1 – 10:30 am
“New Years Day service”

Keep an eye on the bulletin for any changes to the above listed services
and any details for a Pot Luck Agape Service for Jan. 15, 2023.



Administrative Support Committee

November 2022

Committee Members: Raymond Humenny – Chairperson/Board Member; Merv Zulynik, Ray Hoover, Ken Holiday – Committee Members; Karen Wharington – Treasurer; Barb Truemner – Office Coordinator

The purpose of the Administrative Support Committee is to provide necessary Administrative Support to the life and work of Third Avenue United Church. This shall include fiscal management, maintenance of the church and property and utilization of the church building.

Activities are beginning to pick up here at the Church again as we move into the winter season. Hopefully the restrictions will say away

It is kind of looking like possibly a long cold winter with lots of snow to start. Ken is sure making use of the snow blower. Our utility costs are always rising. We can't seem to get a break from those costs. The Underground Pipe and Asphalt Replacement (UPAR), which was postponed last summer, has now been completed just in time before the snow hit. Access to the ramp through the park and use of the lift left a bit to be desired but we are past that now. There were a few added costs that we were responsible for because of the work that was being done in front of our building and property as well.

Our phone system suffered some damage this past summer during a storm and we had to replace it as well. Thank fully there were a couple of cell phones that were used during the time that it took to get a new phone system.

Many of the groups are back in our building making use of our different areas which is great to see again. Welcome back!

Sunday brunches are starting again so please support them when they are on and invite some friends to come join you for a meal and fill the dinning hall.

Many thanks again to all for the support that continues to come in. With out your help it would be a very hard battle.

We continue to work steadily on regular maintenance of our church building. Thank you for supporting us in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted by Raymond Humenny

Sunday Brunches – every third Sunday of the month

November 20, 2022

December 18, 2022

11:30 AM ~ 1:00 PM

Lower Wesley Hall



Adults: \$10.00

6 ~ 12 years: \$6.00

5 years & under: FREE

YOUTH ACTIVITY CLUB (YAC)

We are in our eleventh year of the Youth Activity club, YAC, as it is called. The program, staffed by church and community volunteers, is open to all young people at no charge. YAC meets Tuesday nights, 7:00 to 9:00 PM, in the Logie Hall Gym at Third Avenue United Church. This program provides young people an opportunity to interact with each other in activities which include: Volleyball, Basketball, Floor Hockey and Dodgeball. (Ken Holliday and Graeme Hoover)

