

Winter 2019 Email Blast

Winter greetings! What a month January was,
how wonderful to know that February has fewer days 😊

This email blast updates you about events taking place at Princess Street United Church and other information about life at 484 Albert St.

A reminder about the upcoming concert featuring the **Bronze Foundation Handbell Choir** from Bowmanville. It takes place on Saturday February 9 @ 7pm, tickets are \$20. Please plan to attend and enjoy an evening of wonderful music while supporting the ministry of the church. Invite your family, friends and neighbours too, it's an event you don't want to miss.



Annual Meeting

Come one, come all, to the most exciting event to take place this year at Princess Street United Church! It is important that you attend on Sunday February 10 following worship, as your presence, your voice and your vote matters. Scintillating discussion, succulent dining and sincere company are guaranteed. We look forward to seeing you at the Pot Luck lunch and meeting.

The Food Bank

With the excessive cold weather we have been having, many in our community are struggling with high heating bills and other related expenses. Often, the food budget is hardest hit and people of all ages go hungry. Princess Street has been supporting the Food Bank for many years and this year, we are asking you to consider a food or monetary donation over and above your normal support of this necessary outreach program. Food may be placed in the bin in the narthex, and financial donations may be placed in the offering plate in the Food Bank envelopes. Please prayerfully consider assisting individuals and families at this difficult time in the calendar year.

February Bible Study

Inquiring Minds Want to Know! In response to requests for a study at a different time, we are pleased to announce that a four week series titled 'What's the Bible All About?' will begin on Thursday February 7 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Led by Rev. Susan, the series will continue on Thursday Feb 14, 21 and 28 and will provide an opportunity for you to learn more about our Holy Book and ask the questions you've always wanted to ask. Plan to join in this educational and faith deepening conversation, and of course, refreshments will be available.

Thursday Morning Book Study

Starting on Thursday March 7 @ 10am – 11:30am and for as many Thursdays as needed, the group will discuss the book 'What God Has Promised You' written by Rev. Dr. Stephen McAllister. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about God's presence and promises in your life through conversation, reading and reflection as you discuss each chapter with the author and each other. The book is available from Rev. Susan at a cost of \$20.

Thursday Morning Quiet Prayer

"Be still and know that I am God"

Psalm 46:10

A reminder that the sanctuary is open on Thursday mornings from 7:30 – 8:30 for a time of quiet prayer. Sit in the silence and spend time praying, reflecting, reading or simply being. Sip a cup of coffee and revel in the stillness and peace of the One who loves you unconditionally.

Need a Hat or Scarf? Take a Hat or Scarf

For the past two winters we have offered free hats and scarves to the local community. Since the inception of the program which involves tying the scarves on the railing at the corner of Princess and Albert and attaching the hats to a string with clothespins, we have given away over 50 items. Each item has a note attached to let the recipient know that the article is from Princess Street United Church and is keeping them warm with God's love. If you are a knitter or you are cleaning out your winter closet and have an adult sized hat or scarf or several to donate, please leave it/them with Rev. Susan or Kevin.

A Timely Message after Two Sunday Worship Services Are Cancelled due to Snowstorms

"If you regularly give to your church's budget that helps with outreach, mission, payroll, keeping the lights on and the building cleaned, those bills are due whether you gather and give an offering or not. As an act of faithfulness to your commitment to your congregation, please give what you would have given had you been present. Our church has an online option, you can mail in a cheque, or you can drop by the office during the week. Please give in gratitude and in worship." **From a Facebook post.**