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Dec 4, 2011

This Weekend at Beach

- December 3 9:00 am** ***St Aidan's Advent Retreat Time - 9am to 1pm***
Join Rev. Lucy Reid of St Aidan's Church who will lead a meditative retreat to draw closer to God using mindfulness breath prayer, centering prayer, and meditation through art/creativity. Call St Aidan's office (416-691-2222) to register for this free retreat.
- 4:30 pm** ***Jazz Vespers*** Carolyn T describes herself as singer, front woman, bandleader, voice coach, motivational speaker, and actor. Her wide-ranging style spans Jazz, Soul, R&B, Pop, and Funk. Check out her web site: <http://www.carolyntband.com/>
- December 4 10:30 am** ***Advent 2: lighting candle of peace.***
Exploring God's comfort: warm blanket or pillar of strength?
Young people explore & lead communion
- 11:30 am** ***Congregational Meeting***
See a presentation on Council's recommended financial plan. Be part of decision-making for our HOME reconstruction budget. Offer your leadership for our future.

Upcoming Worship

- December 11, 10:30** ***Advent 3: lightning a candle of joy***
- December 18, 10.30** ***Advent 4: white gift offering of toiletries for Lunch Program Poinsettias honouring loved one, which will be delivered to those who are homebound.***
- December 18, 4pm** ***Candlelight & Carols (St Aidan's Sanctuary)***
- December 21, 7pm** ***Longest Night: service of nurture and reflection***
- December 24, 4pm** ***St Aidan's Family Service with Pageant (St Aidan's Sanctuary)***
- December 24, 7pm** ***Beach UC Family Service (St Aidan's Sanctuary)***
- December 24, 11pm** ***Ecumenical Candlelight Communion Service***
Shared with St Aidan's
- December 25, 10:30am** ***Ecumenical Christmas Day Service***
Shared with St Aidan's

Is there someone willing to supply a real Christmas tree for Memorial Hall?

What better way to decorate for Advent/Christmas than with a real Christmas Tree. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Please contact Abigail

PAR: Pre-Authorized Remittance Simplify Sunday morning giving by considering PAR, a monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Or, if you currently do not have a set of weekly offering envelopes now's the time to order a set for 2012. Please call the Church Office at 416-691-8082 (Ext. 0) or Amy Truscott at 416-699-7532.

Upcoming Events

Women of Beach UC Save Thurs Dec 8 at 6pm to enjoy each other's company and share in a Christmas program and Potluck Supper. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite (or easiest!) dish.

Music News

Chrys Bentley: Music Guy

Christmas Eve Choir On Christmas Eve, 11pm, Beach United and St Aidan's Anglican will worship together in the sanctuary. A joint choir will offer music and lead congregational singing. Joy Horswill, St Aidan's choir director, warmly invites singers to joint choir rehearsals on December 8 & 15 from 8:30 until 9pm. Joy also adds, "We, of course, would be delighted if they wanted to come for the whole practice." Let us raise the roof with joyous voices.

Service

Beach UCW supply nut free cookies and squares (cut in small pieces) for Christmas parties with **Elizabeth Fry Society** clients, in and out of prison. Will you bake for us? Bring your goodies, packaged to go, on Sunday December 11, for pick-up on Monday December 12. Telephone Jean Collins: 416-694-5969

Inter-faith Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday December 22nd, 11.00 – 1.00 pm. Our guests receive a special gift so please bring donations of toiletries on Sunday Dec 18th at either the 10:30am service or the "Candlelight and Carols" concert at 4pm.

On regular Thursday's we need donations of apples, oranges, bananas and home-baked cakes. Please drop these off at Memorial Hall kitchen at St. Aidan's on Thursday between 8.00 – 10.00am

Out of the Cold The Beach "Out of the Cold" program at St. Aidan's Church need volunteers to donate 3 hours of service once per month on a Monday afternoon/evening or Tuesday morning for the season. To make a difference, contact us at: outofthecold.beach@gmail.com

Learning & Growth

Council Contact: Wendy Johnston

Bible Study – Old Testament with Scholar, Amy-Jill Levine, on **Tuesday, 7-9pm New Location: 9 Boardwalk Dr.** Go to the multi-purpose room. Underground parking is available but check with the concierge. Jan 10 will begin the New Testament study

Christmas Shopping with a Conscience

What do you get for the person who has everything? Does your child's teacher need another "Greatest Teacher" mug? How do you balance seasonal commercialism with a deeper desire to find meaning in

Christmas? Try shopping with a conscience. A number of worthy organizations offer gift buying projects that give food, water, education, and hope to people in various parts of the world.

Check out Ten Thousand Villages, a program of Mennonite Central Committee. From animals to clean water to accessible education for children, you can help ensure communities achieve great self-sufficiency through their Living Gift Festival. www.TenThousandVillages.ca Or consider Plan Canada's *Because I am a Girl* gifts. Whether chicks to start a business, sanitary products and latrines to ensure girls stay in school, clean water or fuel efficient stoves, offer a gift specific to female needs.

See possibilities at:

http://plancanada.ca/giftsofhope/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=4&cat=Gifts+to+support+girls&WT.mc_id=RTFY11GHWEB

Community Care

Council Contact : Jane Dickson

Poinsettias: Anyone wishing to donate \$10 for a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to honour someone is asked to see Danna Fitton or Pat Plue after the service on Sunday. The flowers will be displayed during our church service on December 18 and then delivered to friends who are unable to attend services. We would appreciate any offers to assist with delivery.

St Aidan's Highlights

Wednesdays on Dec 7, 14 & 21

Advent study 7:30pm

Sunday, December 18, 7pm

Annual reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25

Annual Christmas Day Dinner takes place in Memorial Hall. Volunteers needed to help serve & clean-up

Community News

Caroling in the Park Let's sing together on Dec 13, 7:30 to 8:30pm in Glen Stewart Park on Glen Manor Rd.

Charlotte Emery - Is coming to Toronto for a two week period Dec 9-23, in part for work. She is looking for a place to stay, in the beach, for those two weeks. She could pay between \$300-400. If you have a space let the office know. 416 691-8082x0

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