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BULLETIN for two weeks
December 24th and 31st 2023

SUNDAYS



Children's class and worship time are postponed, resuming Jan. 7, 2024

10:15-10:40 **COFFEE-TIME:** Enjoy visiting over a beverage & snack in the lower hall.
Please do not take drinks into the sanctuary unless using a lidded travel mug - thanks!

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 - noon:

All are welcome to worship together, with Christmas readings, candle-lighting and joyful singing.

- ❖ **ON DEC. 24th** we are led in worship by Myrna with Pastor Ken bringing a message titled, "Of the Father's Love Begotten" focussing on scriptures from Matthew 2:1-6.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE – 6:30 pm:

*You are invited to arrive with family & friends **just after 6pm** to visit over a cup of warm apple cider in the foyer.*

A plate of cookies for sharing would be most welcome.

We will take a **special offering** in support of the McDougall's work with International Student Ministries Canada, at U. Vic. Please consider donating as you are able:
➤ Cash or cheque payable to S.C.C. – memo "McDougall" (place in the white Offering Box); or
➤ eTransfer before Dec. 27th with a memo - McDougall



- ❖ **ON DEC. 31st** we are led in worship by Ben with Pastor Ken bringing a message titled, "I Will Not Keep Silent" (Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3).

SCC FAMILY

Staff Holidays:

Pastor Ken will be taking time off from **Dec. 25 - Jan. 2** (except Sun., Dec. 31st) - he will be available for SCC emergencies on his cell phone.

Our Office Administrator will be away from **Dec. 22 - Jan. 3rd**.

SCC Financial Update from Council: *Again, this past year the congregation has shown generosity in its giving toward the financial needs of the church - including both our general budget and the carpeting/painting project finished in August. We are very grateful for these gifts! As of Nov. 30th we had a **year-to-date deficit** of about **\$12,000** in the general budget. Council asks that you prayerfully consider this information as you make year-end giving decisions.*

Ways you can donate to SCC . . .

- ☒ place donations in the **white Offering Box** (emptied after each service);
- ☒ mail cheques to the church office (*post-dated cheques are also welcome*);
- ☒ eTransfer: discuss our Asst. Treasurer – Allan R
- ☒ via [Canada Helps](#) (*note that they deduct 4% and provide charitable receipts*).

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Our purpose is to worship God with our whole lives, build one another up as a community of faith, and engage in God's mission in the world.



SCC Annual CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING is set for **SUNDAY, JAN. 28th, after the Potluck Lunch.** Please set aside this time as we consider a proposed 2024 Budget, and hear from the Visioning Team. A budget document will be provided by email the week before the meeting. You may attend via Zoom, joining about 1:40pm.

A word of THANKS ... to Ken M and Dale W for arranging with a contractor to remove and prune a few unsafe trees on the property. SCC has retained some of the wood, which will be used towards a fundraiser in 2024.

PRAYER: *We praise God for His love and faithfulness and bring our concerns to Him.*



Please lift in prayer ...

- ❖ Those who are travelling during the holidays, for safety on the roads and in the air.
- ❖ Those who find this season difficult due to sorrow, loneliness and/or other challenges.
- ❖ MB [MULTIPLY](#) - especially the Passi and the Heidebrecht families, who SCC supports (see a Newsletter posted in the church foyer/stair landing).
- ❖ [MCC](#) workers and those who are serving Christ in countries far away are not able to be with extended family during the holidays.
- ❖ The people of Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and other areas where there is so much unrest.

Icy Road Conditions during winter?



If we need to cancel a worship service due to dangerous road conditions – it's easiest to let everyone know via the church website – see www.saanichcommunity.ca homepage, for a Snow Update, if the weather and/or roads seem questionable. If we cannot meet in person, we will instead worship together via 'Zoom'.

BROADER COMMUNITY

Dec. 14 to 23rd - *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*:

A Kaleidoscope Theatre Production at the Roxy Theatre, 2657 Quadra St. Order in-person at Kaleidoscope Arts Ctr., or by phone at 250-90-8163 or via tickets@kaleidoscope.bc.ca.

Fri., Dec. 22nd at 7:00pm – Victoria Philharmonic Choir presents ...

[Sing-Along Carol concert](#) at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Oak Bay. Audience members will join in singing traditional carols, and the choir will offer a few classic choral works.

Tickets: \$20 adults / \$10 for students; free for accompanied children under 13.