

“The Spirit”

North Kildonan United Church

Christmas 2015



Advent, the four weeks prior to Christmas has been designated by the church as a time of preparation. It is a time of waiting, a time to think about our journey to Christmas. Although our world moves at a rapid pace and we are often caught up in activities that are non essential, it is important for us to consider what is meaningful to ourselves and to those around us. Take the time to read the scriptures, reflect and pray. Take the real Christmas story with you as you journey toward the celebration of December 25th.

North Kildonan United Church welcomes all to worship during the Christmas season and into the New Year. Our services include beautiful Christmas music, significant messages, prayer, time for children and a time of celebration. We are together one family and we welcome you to join us.



Christmas Worship Services

November 29	First Sunday of Advent
December 6	Second Sunday of Advent; Toonie Sunday The Golden Chordsmen Concert – 2 p.m.
December 13	Third Sunday of Advent; Children’s Christmas Pageant followed by Congregation Christmas Party
December 16	Blue Christmas Service - 7 p.m.
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent; Choir Cantata
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service - 7 p.m.
December 27	Worship Service 10 a.m. No Sunday School classes
January 3	Feast of Epiphany: Communion; Toonie Sunday
January 10	Baptism of Jesus; Baptism and Transfer of Membership
January 24	Sunny Sunday (tentative date)



Gifts to give this holiday season.....



Patience – department stores will be crowded, bargains in short supply and lines for check out will be longer at this time of year. While you're waiting, enjoy the special lights and colours, the familiar strains of Christmas songs and the merchandise only seen at this time of the year. Exchange a greeting or smile with the people in line with you.

Compassion – look a little closer at the flyers and brochures that come in your mailbox for soup kitchens and food banks. It only takes a few dollars from everyone to provide the essentials to those less fortunate. Write a cheque or donate food.

Hope – visit someone who may be ill, worried or stressed and feeling overwhelmed. With kind and encouraging words, talk about the blessings around them. If words are hard to find, extend a hand in friendship and pray with them.

Humour – nothing provides a feeling of utter delight than laughter. It warms the body, exercises the face and provides numerous other health benefits. Read a funny story to a child; or tell an amusing story about yourself to a friend or acquaintance.

Peace – a rare commodity in this anxious and sometimes frightening world of ours. Read about world happenings; be aware of issues and events that are current. Write letters or sign petitions to agencies of peace. Pray for peace.

Joy – Commercialism seems to invade Christmas with the shopping, baking, and busyness of the season. Discover the joy as children present their songs and plays at church or school. Open your hearts to the joy in family dinners, visiting friends or enjoying fellowship at church. Volunteer to read the scriptures or light the candles during worship.

Love – the most remarkable gift we can give or receive. The smallest act of kindness may be the most wonderful gift to a stranger, friend or family. God gave us the gift of His Son to show us His infinite love. Pass this love on, not only at Christmas but all through the year.



It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.

-Mother Teresa

NKUC will once again be collecting for the Christmas Cheer Board. Watch for details of items needed.

 With sympathy and love, we remember ...
Fie Schau

Christmas Games

Pass the Parcel

Wrap a gift in several layers of Christmas paper. Play music and begin passing around the parcel. When the music stops, the person holding the parcel unwraps one layer of paper. Start the music and pass the parcel again. Stop and start the music until the last layer of paper is removed. That person gets the gift.

Christmas with the Right Family

Christmas was almost here and Mother Right was finishing the Christmas baking. Father Right, Sue Right, and Billy Right returned from their last-minute Christmas errands. "There's not much left to be done," said Father Right as he came into the kitchen.

"Did you leave the basket of food at the church?" asked Mother Right. "I left it right where you told me to," said Father Right. "I'm glad my shopping is done," said Billy right. "I don't have any money left."

The hall telephone rang, and Susan Right left to answer it. She rushed right back and told the family, "Aunt Tillie Right left a package for us right on Grandma Right's front porch. I'll go over there right now and get it," she said as she left in a rush. Father Right left the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree.

By the time Susan Right returned, Mother Right, Father Right, and Billy Right had begun trimming the tree. The entire Right family sang carols as they finished decorating. Then they left all the presents arranged under the tree and went to bed, hoping they had selected the right gifts for their family.

Now I hope you have the right present for yourself, because that's all that's left of our story...except to wish you a merry Christmas... Isn't that right??



Santa's Reindeer Word Search for Kids

R	X	T	N	Y	M	S	E	Z	S	E
I	U	B	P	R	A	N	C	E	R	B
D	D	D	L	H	C	C	I	L	F	I
A	O	V	O	I	X	U	O	B	Q	S
N	N	I	F	L	T	C	P	M	X	V
C	N	X	B	V	P	Z	X	I	E	N
E	E	E	D	A	S	H	E	R	D	T
R	R	N	H	T	R	Z	C	N	Y	N

BLITZEN	DANCER	PRANCER
COMET	DASHER	RUDOLPH
CUPID	DONNER	VIXEN

The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us—as one of us—give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth
to those with whom He is pleased.

-Luke 2:14

*May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you today and
throughout the New Year.*

