

Upcoming Events & Happenings:

The **bulletin** will be posted Sunday.
(www.nkuc.ca).

Joanne's Piano Student Recital

– Dec 20 @ 3:00 pm at NKUC. All are invited to attend.

Youth Group Christmas Cheer Board Delivery – December 21

Christmas Eve Service – Dec 24 @ 7:00 pm. Refreshments to follow.

Holiday Office Hours – The office will be closed from Dec 24, 2025 to Jan 1, 2026. Staff will be in sporadically during this time but will check email & voicemail. *The NKUC Weekly News will not be sent out again until the week after Christmas.* If you need to reach Rev. Susan, please feel free to send her an email: susan.reed@nkuc.ca or leave a voicemail at the church.

First Sunday after Christmas – December 28 @ 10:00 am

**NKUC Weekly News**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Weekly at NKUC:**Choir Rehearsal** – **CANCELLED TONIGHT.**

No rehearsals December 25 or January 1. Will resume January 8.
Wednesday AM Study Group – will resume on January 7, 2026.

**Scripture Readings for December 21, 2025**

Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25

Scripture Readings for December 24 & 25, 2025

Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20)

Scripture Readings for December 28, 2025

Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-15

Thank you to the following for their participation in the December 21st Sunday Service:

Worship Leader – Rev. Susan Reed **Music** – Joanne Diplock
Candle Lighter – Terry Munro **Reader** – Scotty McLaren
Greeter – Patti Bews **Usher** – Clayton Gording
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Advent Readers & Candle-lighters – the Franklin family
Sound & PowerPoint – Heinz Goetz
Counters – Patti Bews & Clayton Gording

Thank you to the following for their participation in the December 24th Christmas Eve Service:

Worship Leader – Rev. Susan Reed **Music** – Joanne Diplock
Candle Lighter – Gay Todd **Reader** – Betty Clark
Advent Readers & Candle-lighters – the McMillan family
Greeter – Marvelle McPherson **Usher** – Barrie McPherson
Sound & PowerPoint – Heinz Goetz
Counters – Heinz Goetz & Frank Leskovjan

Thank you to the following for their participation in the December 28th Sunday Service:

Worship Leaders – Marie L. & Gay T. **Music** – Joanne Diplock
Candle Lighter – Paula Thomson **Reader** – Rev. Brenda Gibson
Greeter – Paula Thomson **Usher** – Heidi McIlwain
Sound & PowerPoint – Heinz Goetz
Counters – Grace Atkins & Frank Leskovjan

Prairie to Pine and the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle enables us to journey through every region of the world affirming our solidarity with Christians all over the world. Lord, hear our prayer...please keep the work of the communities of Prairie Vision (Baldur & Cypress River), Winnipeg: Raymond Flett Memorial and Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and the Mainland of China in your prayers this week.



Barbara Wiebe – December 21
Karen Kearney – December 21
Nellie Allen – December 23



Our sympathies are extended to the Gard family in the passing of their mother Myrle Gard. The funeral is Tuesday, December 23rd at 10 am at Chapel Lawn funeral home.

**CARING AND SHARING**

Get well wishes to Jacquie Huselak as she recovers in hospital. She hopes to be home for Christmas.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Betty Hamilton, Lindsay Enns, Jen Babcock, Benjamin (Shirley Codd's grandson), Nora-Rae (Sharon Wiebe's granddaughter) and Kelly (Betty Nazarewich's son-in-law), who has started chemotherapy.

Please keep the Goetz family in your prayers as Heinz's younger brother undergoes cancer treatments.

Offering:

PAR: General Fund \$1671.69

M&S: \$122.88

MCP: \$33.46



December 14th Offering:

General Fund: \$2194.35

M&S: \$95.00

Mordens' Chocolates: \$0.50

Special Appeal: \$15.00

Calendars: \$7.50

Christmas Cheer Board: \$120.00

Advent Schedule

Advent 4 & SS/Youth Christmas Program –

Sunday, Dec 21

Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm This all-ages service will include music, scripture, story, and candle-lighting. Refreshments to follow, for those who wish to stay.

First Sunday after Christmas Service – Sunday, December 28

The Prayer Shawl Group is looking for donations of wool to make hats and mitts. It can be new or partially used - it's amazing what they become. Please see Peggy if you have any questions.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Christmas Cheer Board – please consider making monetary donations for the purchase of perishable foods.

Hats & Mittens – please remember to drop off your donations in the box in the Narthex by Christmas Eve.

PIANO RECITAL – Joanne is inviting everyone to her piano recital on Saturday, Dec 20 @ 3:00 pm.

THE CALENDARS ARE IN

For those who ordered calendars, you have been sent an email with the amount owing. They will be available on Sunday.



It's Hat and Mitten Time

As we head into the holiday season and cold weather, the Outreach and Prayer Shawl Ministries has set up a box (by the west window) to collect knitted and crocheted hats and mitts as well as purchased ones from children to adult sizes. Dollarama & Dollar Tree often have good selections. Donations will be accepted until Christmas Eve. For more information, see Peggy Latimer.

Christmas Cheer Board Collection

The NKUC Youth Group will deliver the hampers to the families after the service on December 21st. We are collecting non-perishable foods, gifts & monetary donations for these families. The list of requested items is posted in the Narthex. Monetary donations (cheques payable to NKUC with the designation "Christmas Cheer Board") can be left in the collection plate or the box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Committee of Stewards are planning to hold a **"Garage" Sale April 24-25, 2026**. We are now accepting larger items you may wish to donate that can be stored in our container until the sale date. Contact Heinz Goetz (204-223-6365) to arrange pick-up/drop-off. **Please DO NOT leave items by the trailer.**



Email Scam - It has been brought to our attention that emails are again circulating which seem to be from "Rev. Susan," saying she has a question and asking for an email reply. **THESE ARE SCAMS.** Please know that neither Rev. Susan nor the church office would ever ask for money or for gift cards and would especially never ask for such by email. Any such emails asking for money or gift cards or saying we're in trouble and need help should be considered spam and scams. Please don't click on any links, please don't reply to the emails, and please delete the emails from your inbox and computer. If you've received suspicious emails from either Rev. Susan's or the church office account, please let us know. Thank you.



For Sunny Sunday in 2026, we will be travelling to the ancient lands of Egypt. In conjunction with this, we will be preparing a short PowerPoint presentation of photos of Egypt. If you have photos of travels to Egypt that you would be willing to have included in this presentation, please contact Peter Latimer.

Please see the notices posted on the bulletin board for other events of interest

- **Blue Christmas Service** – Dec 21 at 7:00 pm at Grey Street United Church.
- **New Year's Eve Family Event** – Dec 31st from 6:30 to 10:00 pm at The United Church in Meadowood.

"On behalf of those with chemical sensitivities and asthma, we would like to thank you for keeping North Kildonan United Church a scent-free zone by **refraining from the use of perfumes and colognes.**"