

CAN YOU HEAR ME??

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REPORT ON THE HEARING LOOP

The opportunity to hear worship services better has improved significantly for anyone using a hearing aid which is equipped with a **T-switch**. That is true thanks to the recent upgrade of our "LOOP System", made possible by a federal grant. Hearing aids which have a *tele-coil* which is activated by a T-switch, will connect quickly and easily to the upgraded system and receive superior sound reception.

This is true for persons sitting in virtually any part of the main sanctuary seating area. As a part of the recent upgrade, several individual portable *Loop Listener* units are also available on loan at each service to allow those without hearing aids, but who could use a little boost in their hearing, to benefit from these improvements. The LL units are distributed in the main entrance area before each regular service, and collected back after, for maintenance and storage.

Users of these LL are encouraged to have their own *earbuds* for use with these borrowed units, and to bring their earbuds to each service. In fact, **free sets of earbuds**, like those used on aircraft, **are being given away** to the extent of our present donated supply.

Those LL units can also be used without earbuds by using a set of headphones (also available on loan, or bring your own ones, equipped with a mini-plug) which, if desired, can go right over your ears with hearing aids still in place.

It is worth noting that some hearing aids which do not have a tele-coil **may** also have the ability to connect with the loop system. You can find out from your hearing aid provider if this can be achieved with your current hearing aid.

Efforts continue to upgrade hearing possibilities in the sanctuary and other parts of the church. The Fellowship Hall now has a much improved sound system installed, thanks to the work of members of your Audio Team. The new basement audio support system has an array of 6 powered speakers that cover the entire space with quality sound and with sufficient power for many requirements that could arise in the Hall, including regular services, receptions, funeral overflow, weddings and concerts. Stay tuned for other hearing improvements to be announced!

PS - more volunteers are needed to help distribute LL! Contact the audio team @ 902-434-2482 for further information.

Regular Weekly Programs

Please check with groups to confirm holiday closings.

MONDAY

Tai Chi 6-9 PM BH
Sparks 6:15 - 8:00 PM HC-LH
Pathfinders 6:15 - 8:00 PM HC-S

TUESDAY

YMCA Fitness 9 AM - 1 PM HC-S
Time Out for Seniors 1-4 PM BH
New Horizons Band 5 PM HC-S
Polyphony Singers 6 PM S
Rovers/Venturers 7- 9 PM RM D

WEDNESDAY

Food Bank Set Up 8 - 11 AM HC
Bible Study 9:45 - 11:15 AM RM A
Tai Chi 9:00 AM- 12 PM BH
Time Out for Crafts 1 - 3:30 PM BH
Staff Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM RM A
Beavers 6:30 - 7:30 PM HC-S
Cubs 6:30 - 8 PM HC-LH
Brownies/Guides 6:15 - 8 PM BH
NS Woodcarvers 7:00—9:00 PM RM D

THURSDAY

EDC Foodbank 8 - 11 AM HC
Dun-Gen 9 AM - 12 PM HC
Kiwanis 9 AM - 12 PM BH
YMCA Fitness 1 -3:30 PM HC-S
Beavers 6:30 - 7:30 PM HC-S
Cubs 6:30 - 8 PM HC-LH
Scouts 6:30 - 9 PM BH
Woodlawn Choir Practice 6:30 PM
TGIT - 7 - 9 PM A & B

SATURDAY

Dun-Gen 9 AM - 12 PM

SUNDAY

Music Practice Time 7:30 AM
Choir Practice 9 -10 AM
WORSHIP 10 AM
New Horizons Band 12 PM HC-S

Brick Church

S: Sanctuary
BH: Brick Fellowship Hall
K: Kitchen D: Room downstairs
A/B: Upstairs room

Heritage Centre (White Wooden Church):



Woodlawn Messenger

December 2019



FündScrip

Great Christmas Gift Ideas

What an easy way to give to Woodlawn United. This program is **win-win**. You get the full value for the gift card you buy and the church earns 2-10% of each sale.

**NEXT ORDER DATE IS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST**

Complete the order form and post date your cheque for the order date, and pass in on FundScrip Sunday, and your Gift cards will be available the following Sunday or you can pick up from the office at any time. Someone from Fundscrip team will be available at the Welcome table before church if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

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Easy as 1...2...3 !

- 1. Fill out the form**
- 2. Write your cheque**
- 3. Pick Up your gift cards**

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT

There are just a few things the Ministry and Personnel Committee would like to comment on at this time.

Rev. Phillip has been back from Sabbatical now for a couple of months. He has settled back into life at Woodlawn United.

As a result of Phillip returning Shannon has successfully completed her role of filling in for Phillip's sabbatical. We want to thank her for the great job she did. Shannon has settled back into Youth Ministry and everything is on track.

We also want to mention that M and P has completed the performance reviews for Rev. Phillip and Rev. Mary Lynne. Thank you to all those who assisted us in completing these reviews.

GIFTS WITH VISION

The United Church of Canada developed Gifts with Vision in response to member requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of the church's Mission & Service partners. The United Church of Canada provides Mission & Service support to partners all year long for their ongoing work around the world. The new Gifts with Vision catalogue is available on the Welcome table.

- 1 SUNDAY DECEMBER 1**
Advent 1 (HOPE)
• **10:00 AM Worship**
• 7:00 PM T'weens *1 Grandview Drive
- 2 MONDAY DECEMBER 2**
• 1:30 PM UCW Connie Clarke Unit, *B
• 1:30 PM UCW Farquharson Unit, *BH SS
- 3 TUESDAY DECEMBER 3**
• 12:00 PM UCW Naomi Unit *20 Freshwater Trail.
• 2:00 PM UCW Miriam Unit *21 Stuart Harris.
- 4 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4**
• 9:45 AM Bible Study *A (last session for 2019). Starts in 2020 on January 8th.
• 1:00 PM Time Out for Crafts will have their Fall closing. At this time, there will be a display of all the crafts that have been created during the season. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to come and join in the fellowship. Next session for Winter 2020 will be on January 15th.
• 7:00 PM Be Longing Part 1 of 2. *Aor B - An Advent Study: Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem because they belonged to "the house and lineage of David." In this Advent Study, we create space to explore belonging: the longing to belong in an age of loneliness, the nature of belonging, and the challenges and joys of belonging in a community of faith. Please join Shannon and Vicky for this time of reflection, conversation, meditation and music.
- 5 THURSDAY DECEMBER 5**
• 7:00 PM CD Committee *A
- 6 FRIDAY DECEMBER 6**
• 11:30 AM Chowder Luncheon and Bake Sale *BH/K. Join us for Woodlawn United's famous seafood chowder (Gluten and Shellfish free). \$10 includes chowder, roll, beverage, and dessert! Best lunch in town! Plus, today, a special bake sale brought to you by the Naomi Unit of the UCW, a table of Christmas decorations, and on sale today, Terry Kelly's CD.

- 8 SUNDAY DECEMBER 8**
Advent 2 (PEACE)
8:00—8:45 AM Santa Claus Breakfast & Mystery Friend Reveal *BH/K. Join the Youth Committee for a pancake breakfast with Santa. Pancakes will be served from 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM! If you have been involved in the mystery friends program.... you will meet your friend at the breakfast! Cost is only \$3 per person and available at the door! (Gluten Free pancakes available).



- 10:00 AM Worship & White Gift Sunday led by Sunday school *S**
- UCW AGM & Dinner *BH/K**
• 3:00 PM UCW registration and greeting
• 3:30 PM UCW AGM
• 5:00 PM Refreshments
• 5:30 PM Meal served

- 7:00 PM Country Classics Concert *S
- 10 TUESDAY DECEMBER 10**
• 10:00 AM Outreach Meeting *B
• 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee *B
• 7:00 PM A&M Meeting *A
• 7:00 PM Senior Youth Group * 1 Grandview Drive
- 11 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11**
• 11:00 AM Kindred Spirits *B
• 7:00 PM Be Longing *A&B - Part 2 of 2. You are welcome to join us even if you missed Part 1. Please join Shannon and Vicky for this time of reflection, conversation, meditation and music.

- 14 SATURDAY DECEMBER 14**
• 8:00 AM UCM Annual Breakfast
- 15 SUNDAY DECEMBER 15**
Advent 3 (JOY)
• **10:00 AM Worship**
• 7:00 PM *S Woodlawn United Church Choirs and the Fairview Citadel Salvation Army Band, Present the **32nd Annual Christmas Concert** (Free Will Offering). Best concert of the season!

- 17 TUESDAY DECEMBER 17**
• 7:00 PM Junior Youth Group * 1 Grandview Drive.

- 18 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18**
7:00 PM *S The Longest Night Worship. A service acknowledging the darkness (*previously called "Blue Christmas"*). As we approach Dec 22nd, the longest night of the year, we are reminded of the darkness that sometimes surrounds us. We may find this "joyous" time of year especially difficult, or we may be longing for just a quiet, reflective time to acknowledge that life is not always filled with joy. Perhaps a loved one has died. Perhaps you have lost a pregnancy. Perhaps you're struggling with loss, the state of the world, or illness. This service will acknowledge the darkness as together, we look for little glimmers of hope that shine in that darkness. All are invited to come.

- 22 SUNDAY DECEMBER 22**
Advent 4 (LOVE)
• **10:00 AM Worship**

24 **TUESDAY DECEMBER 24**
CHRISTMAS EVE
(OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON)

- **4:00 PM Child and Youth Led Nativity Worship "Soon A Tiny Child Will Come"**
- **7:00 PM Family Worship**
- **9:00 PM Family Worship with Communion**

- 25 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25**
• **Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!**
• **OFFICE CLOSED**

- 26 THURSDAY DECEMBER 26**
• **BOXING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

- 29 SUNDAY DECEMBER 29**
• **Worship (Celebrate with Song) with Lay Leaders Jerry Jackson and Jim Farmer**

- 31 TUESDAY DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE.**
• **OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON**



SOLAR PANEL REPORT FROM TRUSTEES
Sunshine is making a difference at Woodlawn United. It is now more than twelve months since Woodlawn installed 140 Solar Panels to our rooftop. While the cost of the project may have been scary, turning that challenge into opportunity outweighed our fear. Not only would it make a difference to our long term planning to save on expenses but most importantly, it was necessary for Woodlawn United to take some steps to help contribute to reducing our carbon footprint and to help in some small way the climate change issues before us in the world today.

NS Power installed the new bi-directional meter at the church on November 6, 2018. This meter indicates kilowatt-hours (kWh) sold to WUC by NS Power (reading #1) and kilowatt-hours sold to NS Power by WUC (reading #2). On November 6, 2018 both readings were zero (0). Jim read the meter one year later on November 6, 2019 with the following readings:
Reading #1 is 529 (x 60 = 31,740 kWh sold to WUC).
Reading #2 is 554 (x 60 = 32,700 kWh sold to NS Power).

Therefore, over this one-year period the Church is ahead by about 1,000 kWh or a credit of approximately \$160!!

This good news story was achieved with the help and support of the Congregation of Woodlawn and the support of the United Church of Canada Faithful Footprint Program. The initial cost of the Project was \$139,000. and through fundraising of selling panels or accepting many donations by members of the congregation and the lower interest cost of financing by the HRM's Solar City Program, we were able to make this project a reality. Eighteen months after we started planning the project, we are pleased to say that we have \$36,000 left to pay on the cost of the project.

If you would like to contribute in any way to the outstanding cost of this Solar Panel Project Fund, there are brochures on the welcome table of the Narthex or you can find information on line. Contributions in memory of love ones, in honour of love ones or a contribution to help make a difference in the world are gratefully appreciated. Christmas is a time for celebrating good news. May God and his son Jesus Christ continue to lead the Woodlawn Congregation in 2020 the way he has for the last 135 years on this corner in Woodlawn. Merry Christmas, Thank you for your support and God Bless from the Trustees Team.

