

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Harold Munn
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DATES TO NOTE

Today	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Mon. Jan. 13	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Sat. Jan. 18	Kairos Blanket Exercise, 10 am, Garden Room
Sun. Jan. 19	St. Philip's Youth Group: Cross-Country Skiing at Hollyburn, weather permitting
Mon. Jan. 20	Annual Report deadline
Tues. Jan. 21	Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Garden Room
Sat. Jan. 25	All Parish Open Gym & Games, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room and Gym



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SUBMIT A STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

First, thank you to those who submitted a 2020 pledge form before the end of 2019. The information is vital if I am to provide the Finance Committee with an estimate of the expected income for operating costs from our single largest source, you parishioners we call

"identified givers". To date, despite some of you submitting increased pledges and a few parishioners pledging for the first time, **the expected income from pledgers is down almost \$20,000 over last year.** Deaths and departures account for only about 35% of that decrease. The main cause is that **2019 pledges for almost \$40,000 have not (yet) been renewed.**

IF those who pledged in 2019 but have not done so for 2020 **AND** those who contributed in 2019 without pledging all continue to contribute, **THEN** the total expected donations will exceed those in 2019 by about 3%. That would be good news, but is it a reliable prediction? Given the fact that the pledges submitted include several with significant reductions, I don't think it is.

Now, some regular and long-time contributors never submit a pledge. For you, I rely on your record of giving, but I can be surprised when you change your mind and so it would be more reliable if you did pledge.

What about the "missing" pledges? Will you continue to donate at last year's level? Will you respond to the Stewardship Campaign's suggestion of an increased donation? Will your personal circumstances dictate a reduced contribution? If you give through pre-authorized donations from your bank or credit card account, you may have assumed that no new pledge form is needed. However, it's risky for me to make the same assumption; many parishioners change their contribution from year to year.

At present, I am left to make a prediction with too many unknowns. If you can fill in a gap by submitting a pledge form this week, I will be grateful. Please see the Parish Manager, Beth, in the church office.

Paul Harrison, Envelope Secretary

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

Saturday, January 18th at 10 am in the Garden Room

The Indigenous rights history we've never been taught. This powerful workshop is offered by local Musqueam Artist and Artist in Residence at St Philip's, Melaney Gleeson-Lyall and KAIROS. KAIROS is an ecumenical movement for ecological justice and human rights, founded in 2001. Want to know more? Visit the KAIROS Blanket Exercise Website. There is a suggested donation of \$20 for this event.





2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 offering envelopes are ready for collection. They are individually labelled for those who have indicated they would like to use offertory envelopes on their 2020 pledge forms. If you would like to use offertory envelopes, please contact Beth in the office.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for Annual Reports is noon on **Monday, January 20**. Please submit your committee reports to the office no later than noon, so that Beth may begin compiling the report. This deadline is firm. Thank you.



LAY ADMINISTRATORS

We are seeking anyone who might be interested in becoming a Lay Administrator to volunteer their names. We could certainly use more Lay Administrators, as we are quite short now because of attrition and requests for leave (sometimes for several months). If interested, please speak with Stuart or John Dolman.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Neighbourhood Ministry Report for Saturday, December 21, 2019

Gary, Joanne and I met Suzi and her husband at St. Philip's where we picked up lovely filled packages, lots of fruit, sandwiches, eggs and lovely cookies homemade by one of the students, Katie Huber, who volunteers each week making the sandwiches. We also were given extra socks wrapped up in Christmas wrap! And we took some sweaters, a pair of outerwear pants and some jackets. Thanks very much to the indoor team for preparing all these goodies. (Nancy also dropped by with the boiled eggs, so we enjoyed a short chat with her as well!)



We headed off to No Frills where we only met T and W. T is very good to W and is spending quite a bit of time with her as her health worsens. She is so thin and still suffering from a cold. W took some outdoor wear, a long-sleeved t-shirt, a cap, socks and food. T just took food and socks! T advised that it was welfare weekend so most of the fellows would not be around.

We then headed on up to 4th and Balsam. We found N and K camped near the MacDonald's. They are not in good shape. N is very thin and missing her teeth. It was a damp and chilly day so both of them were cold. We gave K a warm jacket and N a lovely warm sweater. We gave them packages, fruit, sandwiches... they accepted everything. They did not know about the Kits Showers, so we gave them an information card. They apparently do have their housing applications in. They visit the Gathering Place Community Centre which is on Seymour and serves vulnerable and low-income people. They are very sweet, and it is hard to see them in this situation.

We walked east on 4th and left a package for P (who was away from his corner) but we saw him later and waved as we drove by.

We then found A and R under the bridge at 7th and Fir. They have a good set up, well covered. A came out and chatted to us. He was well dressed but his girlfriend R was coughing inside the tent and he said she was unwell. They took everything including a warm jacket for R and extra socks. They knew about Kits Showers program.

Between Granville and Broadway, along the lane, we found A, A and F. We have seen them all before. A and F are a couple. They all took food; F accepted a sweater and he and A took a tarp! We also gave them extra socks and gloves. In the lane we also found D (in the stairwell) who took a blue jacket, food and sandwiches. And I came by on a bike and just took food and packet and left.

We hiked up and down Granville and found P who we all know. He travels fairly light but he would have liked an extra jacket which we did not have. We did give him extra socks, scarf and gloves. He took all the food we had with us.

We then headed back up Broadway but did not see anyone, so we headed up to St. Helen's where we left him with a package and some food.

Despite the dismal weather we had an enjoyable outing.

I handed out the last few sandwiches and package to the homeless folks sleeping outside the Bay on Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted by Jane, on behalf of Team 2

DUNBAR HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH IS SAYING GOODBYE

Dunbar Heights United Church, our neighbours since 1914, is closing its doors for the final time on Sunday, January 19th. The congregation has amalgamated with Ryerson United Church and will continue to worship as Pacific Spirit United Church on 45th Avenue at Yew Street. They are pleased that another Christian congregation has offered to purchase the property. All are invited to come to the final worship service at 10 am on Sunday, January 19th at 3320 Crown St, Vancouver, BC