



# The Morning Messenger

December 23, 2018

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Deadline to have information included in Morning Messenger is Wednesday Noon

**Worship Team** - Teamwork helps to make each Sunday run smoothly. If you would like to be part of the team, please call the church office at 780-463-2202.

## December 23

**Welcome Team:** Linda Mair, John Mair, Pat Semrok, Darlene Hayward

**Projectionist:** Brian Sampson

**Announcements:** Francisco Rico

**Scripture Reader:** Carol Hickman

**Offering Counters:** Celia Conway, Nancy Ehrman

**This is Us:** Lindy Mair

## December 30

**Welcome Team:** Cal McCulloch, Celia Conway, Dave Borynec, Linda Burt

**Projectionist:** Linsay Langstone

**Announcements:** Brian Sampson

**Scripture Reader:** Linda Baker

**Offering Counters:** Laine Pickle, Roger Webster

## Activities for Dec 23 - 29

Sun	10:30 am	Worship	Entire Church
	12:30 pm	Worship ZUMC	Entire Church
Mon	10:00 am	Al-Anon	Lounge
	7:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve	S
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Communion	S
Tues		Christmas Day	
Wed		Boxing Day Canada	
Thurs	12:15 pm	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	7:00 pm	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
Fri	10:15 am	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	7:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat	8:30 am	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	8:30 am	Bread Run	Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	ZUMC (Zumba)	Sanctuary

Office will be open Thursday December 27 and Friday December 28 from 8:30 am—1:00 pm

## Next Sunday

On December 30, the **First Sunday After Christmas**, we will gather to hear a story about what happened immediately after the First Christmas (*Luke 2:21-40 – Jesus presented at the Temple*), and share stories about our own Christmases – Ian

## What's the Buzz

Is a weekly e-newsletter sent out via email that informs of the upcoming service and events.

If you are not receiving it but would like to, please contact the office at [mwuc1@telus.net](mailto:mwuc1@telus.net) and you will be added to the mailing list.

This mailing will also allow you to receive a copy of the Connections newsletter via email.



## Christmas Giving

This year the council of **Mill Woods United Church** has decided not to designate any one group or charity for our Christmas special offerings.

If you are in the position to give a special financial gift at this time we would like to suggest the following:

- ◆ Make a gift to a charity of your choice which you feel is doing good work and you want to support
- ◆ Consider giving an additional gift to Mill Woods United Church's local operating fund. This is the fund that allows our congregation to support the many, many outreach projects we are involved in within our community.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the good work being done in our community.

Christmas at  
**Mill Woods United Church**

Please consider joining us as we journey  
through Advent to Christmas

**Advent 4**

Sunday, December 23 @ 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas Eve, Family Service**

Monday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve, Communion**

Monday, December 24 @ 10:00 p.m.

**First Sunday after Christmas**

Sunday, December 30 @ 10:30 a.m.



## Worship at Seniors Residences

Ian leads a United Church worship service at three different seniors residents:

1) at **Laurel Heights** Seniors Residence (3110 22 Avenue NW) on a Friday morning once each month, with the next one on **Friday, January 4**, at 10:00 a.m. in the 4th-floor Chapel;

2) at **Allen Gray** Continuing Care Centre (5005 28 Ave.) on a Wednesday afternoon once a month, with the next one on **January 9** at 2:30 pm in the main floor chapel;

3) **Sakaw Terrace** (5815 Millwoods Road S.) on a Thursday morning once a month with the next one on January 10 at 11 am in the multi-faith room on the 2nd floor

## Tax Planning for 2018

**The Government of Canada provides a generous tax credit for your donations to Mill Woods United Church!**

Did you know that Alberta has one of the highest charitable tax credits in Canada? For every dollar you donate over \$200, you receive a non-refundable tax credit of 50% (29% federal and 21% provincial).

To make sure you get your tax receipt for all donations, please contact the church office to get assigned envelopes or sign up for PAR.

## Upcoming social events

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** and join us in these fun—filled activities!!

- **Saturday January 19:** See you at the Movies: Movie and Dessert Party: about 7:00 pm: Theatre and home, cost \$10-\$12 a person to cover cost of movie and some people asked to bring a dessert item
- **Friday February 8:** : **Small Villages of Southwestern France and a Stan's Adventure:** An evening of travel memories. Time: 7:00-9:00 pm. Sanctuary. Join the Rays and McPhees as they share photographs of two trips from 2018. No cost. Regional snacks to follow
- **Saturday May 25:** The Great Western Barbecue, 6:30— 10:00 pm, A home to be determined, no cost, everyone brings their own food to barbecue and drinks, and then one shared food item
- **Sunday June 23:** : **An Old Time Family Picnic after Church:** Time: 12 noon. Outside on the east side of the church. Bring food for a shared picnic lunch and enjoy great food, a few old fashion games and summer sunshine – snow not permitted.

## News from the Bread Run

Bread run stats for November 2018

243-family units  
403-adults  
263 - children



## Support local business & people in the Community

If you have a recommendation for the following services please let Liliana Angel in the Church office know mwuc1@telus or (780) 463 2202.

- Electrical repair
- Plumbing repair
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- Glass replacement
- Exterior door & lock repair
- Rug cleaning
- Floor waxing
- Furnace duct cleaning
- Electrical appliance repair
- Refrigeration appliance repair