

ANNOUNCEMENTS
For Sunday, December 1, 2024

FOLKS TAKING PART IN THIS WEEK'S SERVICE:

Organist: Tracy Marek

Scripture Reader: Karen Poole

Greeters & Offering: Ray & Lois Stephens

Hospitality: Karen Poole & Roxy Barnes

Communion Servers: Jon Arnold, Jennifer French, Pat Kennedy,
Andy Nguyen, Kay Moore

Don't be embarrassed ... turn off your cell before it rings!



THIS WEEK

EMPIRE CHEESE ORDERS Today is the last day for Cheese orders. Cheese will be available for pick up on Sunday December 15th. Please contact Roxy Barnes at 905-623-5327 or email her at roxyrcb@gmail.com for further information.

CARRIE'S MITTEN TREE: Our Mitten Tree began many years ago in honour of one of our members, Carrie Roberts. Carrie loved to knit and donate her knitting and so began the idea of putting warm things on a Christmas Tree to be donated to those in need. New mittens, hats, scarves, and other warm items for children or adults will be gratefully received and taken to the Salvation Army in Bowmanville after our service on December 8

A HUGE THANK YOU - to all who helped with the Men's Canadian Club Dinner - pie bakers, prep workers on Tuesday afternoon and those who served and worked Wednesday evening, including the Ebenezer men who stayed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs. . As usual, the roast beef dinner was a success and netted just over \$1,000.00 profit. Our United Church Women's group uses catering profits by donating to local charities, United Church Mission and Service Fund, keeping our

kitchen current so it passes Durham Region's Health Department annual inspection and if needed our Ebenezer general funds. This was a successful congregational effort.

FUNDSCRIP: There will be a Fundscrip order on December 1st. There will be a table set up at the back of the CE Hall and paper order forms will be available. The cards will then come in time for the following Sunday to be distributed to you. This month's specials are attached as there are too many to list.

COUNCIL MEETING: Council meeting is December 3rd at 7pm.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: This week we celebrate the birthdays of Samantha Barnes (2nd), Ella Bourgeois (7th) and Leah Bourgeois (7th).

LOOKING AHEAD

NEXT SUNDAY: December 8th we mark the Second Sunday of Advent with two readings from the Gospel of Luke (1:68-79 and 3:1-6) as we continue our preparations for the birth of Emmanuel - God with us. December 8th is WHITE GIFT SUNDAY so please bring a gift card (which you can purchase today from at the Fundscrip table) or a small gift (gifts for teens, art and craft items are needed). These will be given to the Salvation Army in Bowmanville. Also Dec. 8th will be the last Sunday to put mittens, hats, scarves on Carrie's Mitten Tree located in the auditorium.

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Calling all CLASSICS: If you are of a certain age, meaning the age of wisdom and that you have seen more Christmases than you can remember then you are welcome to join us for our December gathering of "The Classics". Wednesday, December 18th join us at 2:00 for Christmas stories and singing over a cup of tea and a Christmas cookie. Feel free to bring a friend

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: Instead of enjoying chocolate each day, we'll be giving to those in need. Pick up an advent calendar and collect

the items. Then bring it to church on January 5th. Let's make a difference in our community this holiday season!

Calling all Women!: Save the date – January 18th for our Women's Retreat Day. There will be great speakers, fun activities and lunch too! Be sure to save that date and invite a friend to come along with you. Registration forms are now available.

ICELAND: Rev. Nancy Knox will be leading a tour to Iceland next year. The tour will be May 31 to June 10, 2025. This incredible 'Land of Fire and Ice' is blessed with truly amazing geography, featuring lunar landscapes, hot springs, geysers, grand vistas and, best of all, warm friendly people. Brochures are available on the church bulletin board and on the Craig Travel website <https://www.craigtravel.com/>

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DROP-IN PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE in the church auditorium each Friday at 7 pm to 9 pm. \$5 per person. No partner necessary. Bring family, neighbours, and friends.

CHOIR PRACTICES Thursday at 7:00 pm. New members are welcome.

SHARE SUNDAY: Our Sunday School collects donations for the Food Bank the last Sunday of the month

OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS: Anyone wanting to give their offerings by PAR, e-transfer or cheque, please contact Joan Pickell

MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Joan Greenway has volunteered to send cards on behalf of our church family to any among us who are experiencing illness or bereavement. If you know of anyone who might appreciate a card, please contact Joan

DID YOU KNOW that Rev. Nancy Knox writes a Blog? She writes entries on an occasional basis reflecting on faith and life. You can check it out at www.irreverendramblings.com

NAME TAGS: If anyone would like a name badge to wear on Sundays, please contact Cindy Duffey.

HOSPITALITY TIME VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed so please sign up. Any questions please speak to Roxy Barnes.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE: If your committee has an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it to the church office no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Thank you.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT: There are people who are sensitive or allergic to perfumes, aftershave, scented lotions and other toiletries. Therefore, in consideration of this, we wish to create a scent-free environment here at Ebenezer.

PRIVACY NOTICE: Please be aware that our services are recorded on ZOOM and posted on Ebenezer's website. At many events photographs are taken and pictures may be posted on our website and social media.

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“Learning, Living and Loving, Following in Jesus’ Footsteps

VISION STATEMENT

“A Welcoming Community of Faith Serving God in Love and Harmony”