

All About the Advent Wreath

Usually made up of evergreen branches or boughs placed in a circle, topped with four candles

The wreath is blessed and one candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent; another candle is lit every Sunday until all four candles are burning brightly

PURPLE CANDLES symbolize our waiting, hoping, longing expectation for the arrival of Christ

The act of **LIGHTING THE CANDLES** banishes the darkness: a reminder of Jesus Christ, the Light who has come into the world through his birth, and who continues to shine brightly through his Church

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.



Used as a prayerful way to reflect the passage of the Advent season

The **EVERGREENS** remind us of the everlasting life promised to us by the gift of Jesus Christ, who came among us to save us from sin and death

A **PINK CANDLE** for the third Sunday reminds us that the time of Christ's arrival is fast approaching and we must prepare

The Season of Advent

The Prophecy Candle



*First Week in Advent
December 03, 2017*

December 03rd, 2017

Today

Welcome to Pathway! We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. If you are visiting we hope that you feel welcome and join us again! Visitor cards can be found in the lobby if you are interested in learning more about Pathway!

Vigil: to remember those who died by SUICIDE

This vigil is held to support family and friends who lost loved ones to suicide. Share in music, poems, prayers and candle lighting. Everyone is invited to bring a framed photograph of their loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Judy Brazil, & Dan Dillon. Individuals are invited to bring along cookies/cake for tea following the vigil. All are welcome!

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: St. Patrick's Church, 6 Patrick Street, St. John's

Christmas Family Resource

Just wanted to share this lovely new resource from Focus on the Family for the Christmas Season. Its an advent calendar that walks the family through the Christmas Story and includes characters for making a manger scene. Share this resource with the families connected to your ministry units. Its free! All you need to do is sign up using an email. Copy and paste the link from the electronic version of the bulletin that will be sent out on Monday.

http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/holidays/advent-calendars/o-holy-night-advent-calendar?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=homefrontSP

Looking for Volunteers to Spread Christmas Cheer

Monday, December 4th at 8:30 am, we will be joining with The Salvation Army in CBS to help assemble the Sunshine Bags for the seniors at Karwood Nursing Home. The residents look forward to these gifts bags of fresh fruit, and always enjoy the Christmas sing-a-long that goes with it. These bags will be delivered the same night at 7:00 pm. All are welcomed to help with assembly and delivery of the bags. For more information please contact Glenda at glendabarow@pathwaycommunitychurch.ca

Christmas Kettles

In the next few weeks Erika Barrow-Barmak, our Kettle Coordinator, will be looking for volunteers to fill the kettle shifts. She will be in the lobby before and after church with sign up sheets. If you or your company would like to help out please contact her at kettles@pathwaycommunitychurch.ca. Every hour counts. Please consider giving of your time this Christmas season and help The Salvation Army assist the less fortunate families in our area.



Christmas Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army Family Services looking to recruit some volunteers to help pack & distribute food/toy hampers to families in the community. They are wondering if we could help out by getting a group together or individuals to help out!

The dates & times for hamper packing are:

Thursday, Dec. 14 from 6-9p

Friday, Dec. 15 from 9-12, 1-4 or 6-9

Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9-12, 1-4 or 6-9

Sunday, Dec. 17 from 2-6

The dates & times for distribution week are:

Monday to Friday from 9-12 or 1-4

*Distribution week is when clients come to the warehouse to "shop" through the toys for their children and pick up their food hampers. They need volunteers around the warehouse to guide and assist anyone who needs a hand!

The warehouse is located on 70 Hamlyn Road, the old Salvation Army thrift store near the Village. Each Volunteer will be provided further direction upon arrival.

If you would be interested in volunteering your time, or would like more information, please contact Janessa Hynes at 579-2022 ext. 243 or sanlvolunteer@gmail.com.

Salvationist

Just to let you know that Bryan and his band, Blue East, and Roger and Glenda, made it to the Salvationist this month. The Salvationist is a monthly publication that The Salvation Army publishes. You can also go online to see the magazine and read the articles. The website for the publication and other information is www.salvationist.ca in case anyone would like to read the articles.