



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Our annual Christmas craft fair will be held on Saturday, November 10th (from 9am till 3:30pm). As always, a big feature is our traditional GSC craft/bake tables run by our Women's Fellowship group. We will need lots of your baking, preserves and craft items – talk with June Wright about this part of the Craft Fair (and they usually also have the “red elf” table of slightly used Christmas decor)!

We always have table rentals to outside vendors (\$30/table) as an outreach to our community. We usually have room for about 30 tables in the gym so I expect we will have room for some new renters. We will continue to have our Noel Cafe and will serve sandwiches as well as desserts, coffee/tea or Apple Cider/Hot chocolate with hot water during the lunch hour.

The success of our fair depends on lots of festive-minded volunteers – like YOU! We need:

Helpers (servers and cashiers) for the Noel Cafe (hopefully some of our youth will help out like in previous years)

Strong bodies to set up and take down tables in the Gym – starting on Friday, November 9th at 4pm; then take down on Saturday at 3:30pm

Flyers to distribute to the neighbourhood and surrounding community

Helpers/Greeters for 7:30am on Saturday to aid our renters with set up of their tables and make them feel welcome (we do have a coffee/tea service for our renters free till 9am)

Please consider helping out and let Ann Tyrell know if you can help with some of these duties. Thanks!



Good Shepherd Senior Social
Friday, November 16th at 1:00 pm

The Senior Social is open to ALL seniors in the neighborhood and congregation. Invite a neighbour and join us for an afternoon of conversation, snacks and entertainment.

**Entertainment by
Rich Stephens**

Come and enjoy his one man band!



Christmas Party

Adult Christmas Party

Join us on **Saturday,**

December 15 at 6:29 pm at the church.

Bring a gift under \$10, your best potluck, your finest singing voice, and your smarts for the Jones quiz.



From Fellowship to Companionship

November 3, 9:30 AM - Noon

In 1945 Johnny Mercer popularized the song, "Accentuate the Positive". Good Shepherd Church's gift is fellowship. We love to play together and share our lives. Is God calling us to accentuate this gift and enhance our ministry? The workshop originally set for Oct has been moved to November 3, 9:30 AM to noon. Pastor Rick is offering a morning workshop that will enhance our ability to listen for the movement of God in our hearts and in the stories people tell. Friends and neighbors are welcome. For more information contact Pastor Rick.

Mission & Outreach

Help The Homeless Christmas Project

M&O will be collecting items to make up personal care kits and Christmas packages for the clientele at the Drop-In Centre until December 9th. Each Christmas package includes a set with a toque, scarf, mitts or gloves and socks for both male and female clientele at the DIC. The silver donation box will be out every week until [December 9th](#).

Although a group of dedicated ladies knit as many toques, scarves and mitts as possible during the year, donations of new items for the Christmas packages are also appreciated.

Many thanks to those who have supported this project with their donations.

If you have any questions please see Pat Lim or phone [403-283-2543](tel:403-283-2543).



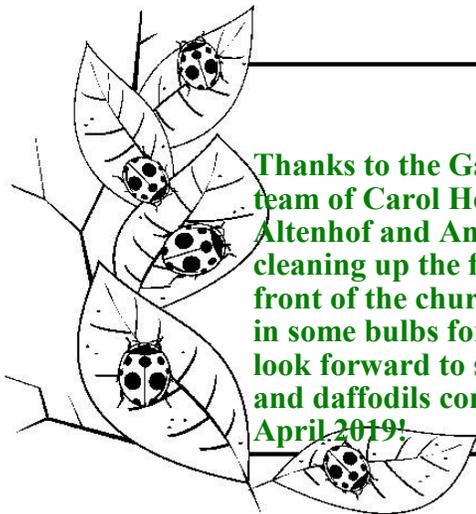
Women's Fellowship

GSC Craft Fair -BAKE and CRAFT tables

Remember donations of baking , jams, preserves and crafts are needed. Please bring your items on Friday at 3:30 or very early on Saturday morning.

RED ELF table - We are looking for gently used Christmas decorations, plates, jewelry. candy dishes etc. to sell at our Craft Table.

It's a fun time - all are invited to come and take your turn to help price, sell items and shop for yourself.



Thanks to the Garden flowers team of Carol Honey, Joan Altenhof and Ann Tyrell for cleaning up the flower beds at the front of the church and putting in some bulbs for the Spring – we look forward to seeing the tulips and daffodils coming up by April 2019!

**Canadian Moravian Mission Society (CMMS)
Annual General Meeting, Conference Call
November 5, 2018, 7pm**

If you are interested in attending and would like to become a member of the CMMS, please email Chair, Donna Gordon at mission@moravian.ca.

This month I share two experiences of worship in other denominations.

A friend was ordained to the ministry in the Mennonite Church. He chose to ask four persons who have been in some way mentors to him to speak—briefly. Two were women. Two were laypersons. Two were racially different from the person being ordained. Two were from other denominations. There was theological variety. Individually and as a group they spoke a clear message (a message that we all need to hear and believe) that as individuals we change and grow in our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

I visited a Lutheran parish, and communion was part of the service. Lutherans generally go forward to the altar rail, often to drink from a common cup or chalice. For some, the common cup is a wonderful symbol of our unity, our family, as members of the Christian church; many claim the alcohol in wine deals with any possible threats to health. Others, mostly with health concerns, are uncomfortable with the use of a common cup. (A few years ago I was a bit surprised, while experiencing communion in a Moravian congregation outside the United States, when they used grape juice in a common cup, passed down the pew from one communicant to the next.)

My experience in this Lutheran congregation appeared to me to be a compromise of sorts. As the line in the center aisle approached the altar rail, each person was given a cup, the same kind of cup most Moravian congregations use for communion. Then, when communicants were kneeling at the rail, wine was poured from a chalice into each communicant's cup. The chalices had a special lip to enable this pouring without spilling. Maybe this was not unusual at all. This clearly was a compromise between those in favor of a common cup and those opposed to a common cup. This is the kind of working together despite differences that we need more of in all aspects of our lives—in the church, in our families, in our legislatures. This seemed to me to be the church showing how it is possible to deal with differences by working together.

I close with a quote from Madeleine L'Engle: "We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it."

Hermann Weinlick
Ecumenical Officer



Men's Fellowship

Nov 17, 9:30 AM

Men as Co-Creators

In October the weather was so beautiful everyone made plans to enjoy it. So, we moved the theme for men's fellowship to this month. The spiritual nature of men is often under-appreciated by our society. Male spirituality has unique gifts to offer. November 17 will be our kick-off date for Men's Fellowship this fall. Come and explore with us what it means to be a spiritual man in church, family and neighborhoods.

Bible Study

Interpreting the Psalms

We continue to explore the Psalms as poetry and as a heart-felt expression of daily life with God. Join us on Friday afternoons on Nov 2, 9 & 23 at 1:30 PM. We will become familiar with the literary writing style of the Psalms while examining their meaning for us today. If you are interested in this study, please contact Pastor Rick.

