

MORNING MESSENGER

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(deadline for announcements is noon Wednesday)

Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA) News

GEA is a network of nearly 40 organizations of faith, labour, community and small businesses that work together to organize citizen's power so that we can act effectively and with impact on issues that matter to us all. Mill Woods United is a member of GEA along with many other United Churches, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Moravian and other denominations. Many of our congregation members have taken leadership training through GEA and have been part of the actions and work that GEA is focusing on.

Presently GEA is working in four area

- Seniors Care
- Local Foods Production and Security
- Sustainable Works – An Innovative Housing Retrofit Cooperative Venture
- Affordable Housing

Mill Woods United is currently searching for individuals who have a passion for Seniors Care issues or making our homes more energy efficient (Sustainable Works). For more information about GEA please help yourself to the printed material on the table in the entryway or speak to any of the following people: David or Linda Baker, Carla Janzen, Nancy Siever, Don Grabinsky, Kathy Poechman, Armand Houle

Senior Care Team Meeting

The purpose of this group is to talk about the issues facing seniors and then sharpen the focus to one or two of the issues to discover how we can be part of the solution. For more info contact Pat Seale of Southminster-Steinhauer United at 780 435 3057 or speak to any of the above named MWUC members.

GEA Team Member Needed from MWUC – Sustainable Works Team

For the Sustainable Works team – to understand and promote the sustainable works projects GEA is undertaking, and to communicate the initiatives to those in our community who may benefit from affordable energy efficiency retrofits. Usually a meeting every six weeks, do some critical thinking and promotion of energy efficiency in homes and transport, communicate benefits of sustainable works programs. David Baker will be attending to support you. Start immediately. david.gwnorth2@gmail.com or 780 469 8529

GEA Sustainable Works – Sign up to Investigate Eco-refits & Utilities Savings

Eco-refits are to be done on a large scale through a non-profit community co-op. The goals are to reduce energy use to homeowners through affordable building eco-refit, organize the process of evaluation and project management to create jobs, and to contribute to the solution of greenhouse gas production.

How? We intend on using the expected utility bill savings to cover the initial costs, thus encouraging more people to do eco-refits. Governments, and utility providers in BC, Manitoba, and Ontario have been helping people finance their eco-refits this way.

You can pledge to support this - contact Omar Yaqub omar@greateredmontonalliance.com - at no cost or risk to yourself; this gets you the information you will need to make a decision. Our interim contact with the Sustainable Works Team at GEA is David Baker - david.gwnorth2@gmail.com or 780 469 8529

Upcoming Sunday Events

Sunday, November 15

Armand away – Guest Preacher Adelina Pecchia

Sunday, November 22 – Infant Baptism

Six Ways to Grow Your Faith - #5 Generous Giving

Sunday, November 29 - Communion

Six Ways to Grow Your Faith - #6 Bible Study

Book Club

The next book club get together is scheduled for November 12 at 1 pm in the church lounge. The book we will be discussing is *The Cello Suites* by Eric Soblin. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Dot Lobreau at 780 487 6746.

Christmas Craft Fair

Mark **November 28 from 10 am – 4 pm** on your calendars as you will want to be sure to get over to the church that day to check out the Christmas Craft Fair. The entire church will be filled with vendors who want to help you with your Christmas shopping. Heavenly Hospitality will be present serving lunch in the lower hall and you just know that is something you won't want to miss. Admission is by donation – the proceeds being split between The Bissell Centre and Mill Woods United Church. See you there!

Christmas Dinner Potluck – Sunday, December 6 at 5:30 P.M.

Although we have just finished our Thanksgiving turkey, it isn't too early to think ahead to Christmas. We are in need of 3 – 4 people willing to coordinate this annual congregational event. You will have a head start as the turkeys have already been purchased. All the details for planning are outlined well and available for your use. For more information or to volunteer please contact Carol Kelly (780-463-6299) or Kathy Poechman (780-463-7750).

Sunday School Penny Project

The grand total for this project was - \$144.92 – thanks to all who generously donated their pennies. A cheque will soon be on its way to UNICEF.

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.

November 15

Welcome Team: Nora Tebbutt, Jane Ward, Brian Sampson, Brian Hudson, Audrey Murray, Barbara Maclean

Children's Time: Laura Goss

Counters: Celia Conway, Linda Burt

Announcements: Paul Verdin

Reader: Brian Sampson

A HUGE 'thank-you' from your Affirming Team

We would like to thank all those who stayed for the "Lunch for our Church Family" last Sunday. What a wonderful family you are to us and to each other! Also, thanks to everyone who helped us in one way or another -- the teens who helped set up and take down the tables, Lynda Colgan who stayed until the 'bitter end' operating the dishwasher, so many who helped carry items back into the kitchen, etc. Everything was clean and put away by 12:45 pm!!!

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, November 8

9:00 am Quiet Service – Sanctuary
10:30 am All Ages Service – Sanctuary
2 - 4:00 pm MWFGA Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9

1 – 3 pm Saving Jesus Study – Lounge
5:30 pm AI Workshop Followup - Lounge

Tuesday, November 10

5:30-6:30 pm Food Bank
5:30-6:30 pm Clothing Bank
7:00 pm Council Mtg - Lounge

Wednesday, November 11

5:30 & 7:15 pm Yoga Classes – Sanctuary

Thursday, November 12

5:30-6:30 pm Food Bank
5:30-6:30 pm Clothing Bank
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Saturday, November 14

9 am - 3 pm SDA – Whole Church

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9:00 am Quiet Service – Sanctuary
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Individuals & groups wishing to use the church are reminded to book all space required through the church office at 780 463 2202

Our staff worship with us on Sunday. They have a need for a day of rest from their regular activities, so please contact them during the week for your requests. Thank you.

“Are you on Par?”

PAR stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance. You may not be able to attend services regularly and therefore your church financial commitment is not regular. The PAR program allows you to make your contributions through a monthly electronic withdrawal from your bank account. This allows the church to have a more even cash flow to meet expenses, even in your absence. For questions regarding this program, please talk to Janice in the church office at 780 463 2202.

This week on the **Edmonton Presbytery Prayer List** we pray for Grace United Church. This week on the **Ecumenical Prayer Calendar** we pray for our sisters and brothers in the following countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe. This week in **Other Faiths**: Nov 12 – Birth of Baha'u'llah – Baha'I celebration of the Messiah.

Help At Christmas Time

The Christmas Bureau of Edmonton provides Christmas help with a festive meal, toys for youth aged 0 -12 years, and a gift card for 13 – 17 year olds. If you need help at Christmas, please call their Intake Line at 780 414 7695. The Christmas Bureau provides for families, seniors and singles.

Star of the North St. Albert

Just in Time Fair Trade Christmas Sale

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

@ Star of the North Retreat Centre

3A St. Vital Ave. St. Albert, Alberta

Building justice into our gift giving! Do you want to make your Christmas gift-giving more meaningful? Want to build justice into your purchasing and make a difference in someone's life? Come to Star of the North for 'Just in Time' Christmas shopping. We've invited a variety of development, justice, and Fair Trade organizations to come to the Star, set up displays and sell their fair trade products. Come check out the beautiful & unique handmade crafts, Christmas decorations, coffee & other gift items. Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers. Join us!

Paul Rumbolt, Singer-Songwriter

Saturday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.

Beaumont United Church

4910 – 50 Ave, Beaumont

Tickets - \$10 Adults, \$7 Teens,

\$5 Children \$25 Family

For more info call 780 929 6082 or

beaumontunited@shaw.ca

Events in Edmonton Presbytery

Other Edmonton Presbytery Events...

- Prayer Shawl Day – November 14, 9 A.M. at Beverly United Church, 11910 – 40 Street
- Jellinek Society presents Nellie McClung a One “Person” Play by Kathy Morrell, Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, 8:00 P.M. at the Royal Alberta Museum Theatre, 12545 – 102 Avenue
- Sentimental Journey II – an evening of music - Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm at Ottewell United Church 6611 – 93A Avenue
- Dramatic Evening Service, Sunday, November 15 at 7:30 pm at Knox-Met UC 8307 – 109 Street
- Buchanan Eastwood UCW Fall Tea, November 21, 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. (11905 – 82 Street)
- Yuletide Tea, Bake & Craft Sale – Sat. Nov. 21, Knox-Met, 1 – 4 pm Admission \$8.
- Craft & Bake Sale – November 28 10 -3 at Beverly UC – 11910 – 40 Street

For more information about these events and others check out the bulletin boards in the entryway.

Gala Opening Turkey Supper!

- at Spirit West United Church

7003 – 199 St. Saturday November 14th at 5:30pm

Tickets: \$15.00 Adults; Children 4-12 \$7.00 (under 4

free) Reserved tables of eight available on request.

All Welcome! Call the Church office: 780-481-1406.

Just Christmas

Want to buy Christmas presents that will have a positive social impact? Then check out the “Just Christmas Global Fair Trade Market Place” on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28 to be held at Alberta Avenue Community Hall, 9210 – 118 Avenue. See poster on bulletin board in foyer.