

HAPPY Thursday!

Here are some things you should know

Attached is the Territory Bulletin – the final one for 2017!



The Dean, Wardens, Church Committee and Staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Hopeful New Year. For those travelling or unable to attend visit the Territory webpage at

<http://www.territoryofthepeople.ca/news/christmas-at-your-cathedral> for all our Christmas bulletins and the Dean's Christmas Sermon.

2018 Envelopes



The envelopes for 2018 will be available at the back of the church on Sunday, December 24th and 31st.

Because your envelope number may change from year to year, please remember **as of January 1, 2018, do not use your 2017 envelopes.**
(Throw them into recycling).

Children, Youth and Young People Ministry



Children's Ministry - there is NO Children's Sunday School during the 10am service this week. The children's play area will be accessible for little ones who join their families for the Advent 4 service. Join us at 4pm for our Christmas Eve Family Eucharist Service and Pageant.

Youth Ministry and **Young Adults Ministry** will meet again in 2018!

Christmas Pageant needs you to be part of it! Let Melissa know if you and your family are planning to be there! 4pm on Christmas Eve - all are welcome!

Children's Sunday School Gives Back





On December 17th in Sunday School our young people went through the "World of Gifts" gift guide through the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, Anglican Church of Canada and made decisions on how to spend the \$295 the group had collected through their Sunday School offerings over the past year and a half.

This is how our young people choose to spend their offering:

"Ducks in a row" - the gift of \$30 supplies 15 ducks to an aspiring duck farmer.

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"Chick it out" - the gift of \$40 supplies a farmer with 40 chicks.

"Special Deliver" - the gift of \$40 allows 40 babies to be born with a new delivery kit.

"Wonder Woman" - the gift of \$50 supports women in Guatemala.

"The Peanut Butter Project" - the gift of \$25 will help produce 500 jars of peanut butter.

"Hunger Relief" - the gift of \$50 will help meet people's immediate food needs during disaster.

What wonderful decisions!!

What great giving!!

Thank you to our St. Paul's young people - you are a gift to us and teach us so much about giving and being present!

If you would like to be on the email list for children, youth and family ministry programs please email Melissa.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the mentioned programs please contact Melissa Green at stpaulscathedralyouth@gmail.com or call/text [250-682-4866](tel:250-682-4866).

A note from Sorrento Centre Gifts of Welcome

December is upon us and the snow that arrived in early November is long gone. We find ourselves sitting with the promise of the snow that will soon arrive to cover the site with a gentle blanket; bringing with it the arrival of winter. Our last retreat group was on site just last weekend and we now work to close up the site and take part in a deep clean of this holy space. We are grateful to each of you that joined us at this holy place of Sorrento Centre this year.

Sorrento Centre has been a gift that God has continued to provide to the world and to us. Over 4000 people received a holy welcome at Sorrento Centre this year. Each with our own story have received part of the gift Sorrento Centre offers. The gift of learning, the gift of rest, the gift of belonging, the gift of healing, the gift of friendship, the gift of deep pause and on and on and on. We invite you to reflect on the gift that Sorrento Centre has shared with you this year.

As you plan your giving this coming Christmas and Epiphany, we invite you to consider giving the gift of Sorrento Centre to someone on your list. The practice of Alternate Gift Giving has become a lovely way to support a meaningful ministry or organization. Below you will find a list of some of the needs that Sorrento Centre presently faces that could, through your donation, be a gift given to someone special in your life. Or, you could simply make this a direct contribution to the Centre. The list is quite varied, ranging from the seemingly small to the rather large. All of them are Gifts of Welcome. All of them will help this “holy place of transformation” continue to be a place of hospitality, openness, rest, learning, renewal and refreshment. If one or more of these identified “gifts” are something you would like to support financially, information about how to give is listed below. A card to give to your recipient can be sent to you by email. Contact the Sorrento Centre office at

reception@sorrento-centre.bc.ca

Thank you so much for your support.

Gifts of Hospitality

Children’s Books for Program Spaces: 15 books at \$15/book

White Plastic Hangers: need 12 packages of 18 hangers at \$28/package

Glass Wall Shelf for Richardson Lodge room 13: \$55

Metal Bed Frame: need 5 at \$99/each

6 foot tables with folding legs: need 32 at \$60/each

Toilet Paper Holders: need 10 at \$9/each

Accordion door: need 2 at \$85/each

New lamps in Richardson Lodge rooms: 13 rooms at \$50/room

Water Crock for conference rooms: need 2 at \$50

Gifts for the Kitchen

Commercial Wooden Spoons: need 5 at \$20/each

Silverware Caddy for Dishwasher: need 3 at \$26/each

Sharpening Steele: \$30

Large Coffee Urn: \$200

Gifts of Space

10'x10' canopy for the farm: \$290

10'x20' snack tent: \$255

Paint for Caritas Conference Room: \$300

Tent for our Outdoor Dining Room eating area: \$5000

Gifts of Supply

4lb sledge: \$30

Chop Saw: \$250

Office Supply Storage: 2 at \$350/each

Flip Chart: \$199

To Make Your Gift

Gifts can be sent to Sorrento Centre by cheque or called in with a credit card number. Please clearly mark in the memo line what gift(s) you are purchasing. For more information please contact the office:

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