



WESTSIDE'S STORY

December 2023



Join us after the Dec. 3rd service for:




- Carols
- Ugly Sweater Contest
- Coffee 



Westside's CHRISTMAS Services

24TH DECEMBER

SUNDAY - 10:00 AM ADVENT 4

SUNDAY - 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

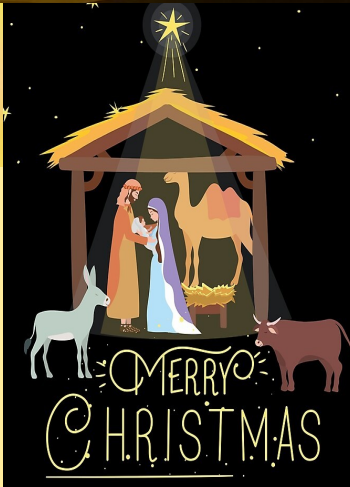
No service on Dec. 25th

WESTSIDE PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR Glen and Jane Christensen, Shawn Hass, Eva Buchhaupt, Jean Andrews, Shirley Sharratt, Kim Shrubbsall and Rev. Brian Jung and family. Please forward prayer requests to Mardie Crosby at 519-219-0783 or at rcmk@rogers.com.

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN.
ISAIAH 9:6

- January BIRTHDAYS**
- Jan. 7 - Tara Gaskin
 - Jan. 8 - Rachel Kang
 - Jan. 8 - Scott Holmes
 - Jan. 13 - Jason Teakle
 - Jan. 24 - Nadine Mahaffy
 - Jan. 27 - Sandra Ridsdale
 - Jan. 27 - Vicky McKenna



- MARK YOUR CALENDAR**
- Sunday, December 3 after 10 am service **Ugly Sweater Contest & Carol Sing**
 - Sunday, December 24 at 10 am **Advent 4 Worship Service**
 - Sunday, December 24 at 7 pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
 - Monday, December 25 - **No Service MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
 - January 14 - Written annual reports due
 - January 21 - Financial annual reports due
 - Sunday, February 18 **Annual Meeting after 10 am service**

IT'S THE MOST
WONDERFUL
TIME OF THE YEAR



May your hearts be filled with peace and faith in God.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and to your loved ones!



What is Advent?

The first Sunday of Advent in 2023 is Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is a season of preparation in the Christian church. We are preparing to celebrate Jesus' coming as a baby in Bethlehem while also anticipating Christ's coming again to usher in the kingdom of God. Let's prepare to welcome Jesus together!



Using PCC
Advent
Devotional
Copies at
back of
sanctuary



ADVENT

Bible Study

TUESDAYS | 10:00AM
NOV. 28 - DEC. 19
(4 weeks)

Closed for the Holidays



Rev. Brian will be on vacation from Dec. 26 to Jan. 8th. If you need urgent pastoral care during this time, please contact your elder.
The office will be closed from Dec 25. to Jan 2.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Deliveries



Can you help deliver Christmas packages to Westside's "at-home" seniors and long-term care residents on Dec. 10th?

Please see Linda Perriman after the service.



WESTSIDE CHRISTMAS **COOKIE DRAW**

≈ PRIZE: TRAY OF ≈
HOME-BAKED COOKIES

TICKETS: 2 FOR \$5.00
PROCEEDS: WESTSIDE NEW KITCHEN

* DRAW DATE: SUN. DEC. 17 *
PURCHASE AFTER DEC. 3 & 10 SERVICES

BAKERS: JEAN HUMPHREY, MARY KNIGHT,
AUDREY MCKENZIE & MARLENE KIVELL



Christmas
Gifts to
Help with
Reno Costs
Nov. 12 -
Dec. 10

WESTSIDE CROWS FUNDRAISER MONEY TREE

- * Choose 1 or more envelopes with denomination(s) you would like to contribute
- * Return envelope(s) by Dec. 12 and place in offering plate or give to Committee member



Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you for givings to date but we find ourselves falling behind in our giving year-to-date by **\$35,000.00** to the end of October.

Actual giving to Oct. 31/23 - \$111,932 (63% YTD of Budget)

Total expenses to Oct. 31/23 - \$142,920 (81% YTD of Budget)

November givings are up slightly but not at a level to correct the deficit. We have held the line on expenses but current givings have not kept pace with our commitment to support our ministries. We still have until the end of the year to show our support for the ministries at Westside where a lot of great things are happening. Please do what you can through the special envelopes that are being distributed. Thank you.

WESTSIDE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Contributions to our regular Renovation Fund year-to-date have been \$22,460.58. Thank you! Our special projects for the kitchen appliances have also brought in an additional \$4,500.00 which is great, so we can get cooking again soon! We do like to eat!! We look forward to your continued support as we complete our renovations.

Westside's Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 18, 2024
after the 10 am service



Please submit your reports via e-mail to:
office@westsidechurchcambridge.com

Written reports deadline - Jan. 14
Financial reports deadline - Jan. 21

Thank
You



A big Westside
"Thank You" to
those who decorated
the sanctuary so
beautifully.



Sunday
School &
Nursery will
break for
Dec. 31st &
Jan. 7th.

The Deadline for
knitted items for
Salvation Army is
Sun. Dec. 10th.
Items will be
delivered by
Christmas. Thank you for
your support! Please see
Sandy Grimwood for more
info.



Joy to the
world,
The Lord
has come!
Let earth
receive
her King.



Tales of Teddies



A big **thank you** to the congregation and friends of Westside too. Your support has allowed our “**Teddies For Comfort**” group to distribute Westie Bears to the following: members of our congregation; Nursing Homes; Firefighters; Dawn Centre; and just recently to babies, new moms and diabetic children at Cambridge Hospital. Thanks to you, we have been able to make **270** Bears since April and we have distributed **160** Westies.



Westie Bears
For Sale **\$15.00 EACH**
PROCEEDS GO TO
WESTSIDE BUILDING RENOVATION FUND
SEE SANDY GRIMWOOD OR JANET MCKENNA

We would also like you to know that Westie Bears are available to purchase for \$15.00. Please see Sandy Grimwood or Janet McKenna. Our group has decided that **proceeds from the sales of Westies will now be donated to the Building Renovation Fund.**

However, we will still be creating Westies to donate to the Community. Support has been financial as well as through donations of stuffing and yarn. Many of the ladies even supply their own yarn and stuffing. Please know that you don't have to knit to join us on Wednesdays from 10:00 -11:00 am at the Church (**Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 cancelled due to holidays**). We have ladies stuffing bears, sewing bears as well as measuring yarn and preparing stuffing. Also, we don't always work on Teddy Bears. We have started to look at different crafts that would interest people who don't knit.

We'd love to see you. Coffee will be on! Janet McKenna & Sandy Grimwood



In the beginning,
Christmas began in the
heart of God before time.
Before starlight, before
snowflakes, before the first
baby's smile. Before it
all...Christmas warmed the
heart of God.
God loved - always.
God loves - always.
And love gives. Always!
"For God so loved the world
that He gave His only
begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish but have
everlasting life." John 3:16



Merry Christmas!

An ordinary stable
An ordinary stall
But here God worked
His miracles
Christ born to save us all

No earthquake,
pomp or splendor
Just cattle standing near
There God unleashed
His mighty love
We need no longer fear