

THIS WEEK AT ST GILES
Sunday December 11, 2022

Welcome to St. Giles! We want you to feel at home. If there is something you need or have any questions, please reach out to the usher at the door and we will assist you in any way we can. You are invited to join us following the service for a time of refreshment and connection in the Gathering Place.

Today we welcome Tessa Catton, and Caitlin Mason as our guest musicians.

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Requests:

Carol as she continues to recover

Please keep **Sydney Vrolyk and family** in your prayers these next weeks. Sydney has appointments in London for further testing. She will endure more poking and prodding with different heart specialists at different hospitals. John and Helen are hopeful these tests and appointments will provide answers and a clear treatment path for Sydney.

George as he continues recovery.

Those in hospital:

John Collins at Bluewater Health,

Bette Fitzpatrick at CEE Petrolia

Those in LTC Homes:

Bill Blake, Wanda James, Ruth Leitch

If you have a prayer request for the bulletin please call the office at 542-2253 or email stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net. Private prayer requests are welcomed by Rev. Roushorne or your Elder.

NEW! If you would like to send a card to someone from our list above who is in the hospital or LTC home, there is a Pastoral Care basket outside the office to drop one off. Please indicate the recipient's name on the envelope.



The Third Sunday of Advent

Barnabas Fund: Our emergency fund for members or people in the community is low. To donate please specify "Barnabas Fund".

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Zoom Tuesday Morning Study Group resume meeting again on January 10th. Our next study will be centred on the book "The Theology of the Book of Isaiah" by John Goldingay. All are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Rev. Becky.

Monthly Book Study: Sabbath as a Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now by Walter Brueggemann Our plan is to read a chapter each month and meet for discussion. Please sign up with Rev. Becky. We begin January 25th, please indicate your presence for an afternoon or evening session.

Saturday Bible Study Workshop Feb. 4th

St Giles will be hosting a free beginners 3 hour workshop introducing the inductive study method. It will be taught by the national director of Precept Canada, Mark Sheldrake. The group will be capped at 20 people and is open to all- from St Giles and beyond. More details to come but please save the date and get ready to be transformed. Leanne, Discipling Committee Chair

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Winter Warm Up donations are being accepted in the World Changer donation bin. **Coffee** and **sugar** will go to the Inn. **Tarps, hats and mittens** will also be collected. Thank you! Any questions or suggestions contact Leanne or Valdene

Christmas Hampers Instead of physical hampers we are providing gift cards to 16 families this year. We are asking for donations of 25\$ to help with this outreach. To donate please specify "Christmas Hampers." We are also looking for help to drop off the gift cares to the families. If you wish to volunteer, please see Valdene Wager.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Reminder from CLC: Cookies must be received by 9am on Wednesday December 14th.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Prepare for Advent Christmas is a busy season. To help your family remember the reason for the season our Family Ministry Team invites you to pick up a fun Advent Package outside the office.

Neighbour Outreach It's the most wonderful time of the year to connect with your neighbours and share the Good News of Jesus. We've assembled small packages for you to deliver, along with something special you'll add (like hot chocolate packages or homemade baked goods!). Pick up packages at the entry to the sanctuary.

St. Giles cares A message to encourage our students away at school is on its way! Recipient's include: Annie Graham, Ben and Will Lee, Kalena McCloskey, Sara Waluchow, Paige and Abby Vrolyk. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ways to Serve If you would be willing to help our Sunday School teachers (or serve as a teacher) please sign up on the schedule outside the office.

COMMUNICATION

Newsletter All committee heads are requested to prepare a report for the upcoming newsletter. Please submit articles and photos to shirleyberdan1@gmail.com by December 11th.

For the **weekly email and quarterly newsletter**, contact stgilesav@gmail.com
For **Sunday School/Family Ministry emails**, contact lorraine.dolbear@gmail.com

Dec 18-Communion, Intergenerational Service

Dec 24-Christmas Eve 7:00 pm

Dec 25-Christmas Day 10:30 am

January 1-New Year's Day 10:30 am

If you are travelling, or feeling unwell, but would still like to join our worship experience, please visit us at [youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia](https://www.youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia) for livestream, or on demand services.