

# Wesley Announcements—January 22, 2012

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## Wesley Activities this Week

Sunday: Worship, Adult Study Grp (9am),  
Junior Choir (11:30 am)  
Meditation Group (7:30pm)

Monday: Craft Group (10am).  
Monday Night Study Grp (6pm)

Tuesday: Susanna Wesley (2pm)

Wednesday: CGIT (7pm)

Thursday: Bell Choir (6:30 pm), Senior Choir  
(7:45pm); Play Rehearsal (7pm)

Friday: **Office Closed**

Saturday:

Sunday: Worship, Adult Study Grp (9am),  
Junior Choir (11:30am).  
February House (11:30am),  
Meditation Group (7:30pm)

Check the Wesley Website Events Calendar for  
all events, meetings, etc.

**Website: [www.wesleyuc.sk.ca](http://www.wesleyuc.sk.ca)**

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## **Ministerial Staff Work Schedule**

**Kim** is on sabbatical until April 1st.  
During this time she is not available to  
do any ministry work.

**Doug** is in the office, or making calls,  
**Wednesday through Saturday**, with  
days off Monday and Tuesday (back for  
Tuesday evening meetings only).

**For after hour Pastoral Care needs  
Sunday through Tuesday** call Doug in  
Yorkton; and from Wednesday through  
Saturday call Doug at home in Regina.

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## **Annual Fiscal Meeting**

**February 5, 2012**

Please be advised that Wesley's Annual  
Fiscal Meeting will be held **Sunday,  
February 5th right after church.**

## **Attention Newcomers!**

If you would like to make Wesley your  
church home, please fill out the back of the  
white envelope that can be found in the  
black welcome folders that get passed down  
each row on Sunday morning. Then either  
place it in the offering plate or hand it to one  
of the ushers following the service.

This will allow us to make you name tags  
and a mailbox at the back of the worship  
space where you can receive newsletters  
and other important information.

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## **Lumsden Beach Camp**

### **Musical Fundraiser**

#### **"It's Cool In the Furnace"**

We continue to welcome new people and  
hope more will keep coming! We decided to  
begin our rehearsals at 1:30pm Sundays  
starting next week, January 22, to give  
ourselves more time to get there after  
church. We will continue at Sunset United  
Church until further notice. Rehearsals will  
finish by 3pm.

If you have the music or CD please practice  
"Tra-La-La" and "Show us the Dream" for  
next week. We hope to have more CD's  
next week. See you then!

To get on the e-mail list contact Russell  
Mitchell-Walker.

For more information contact Corinne Groff

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## **February House**

The February House will meet in the  
Kitchen Lounge after church on **Sunday,  
January 29th.**

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## Ladies Curling

Linda Paul is looking for women who are interested in curling on Wednesday afternoons.



Beginners to experienced curlers are all welcome.

If you are interested please call Linda.

## Bridge Lessons



Amber MacLeod will be teaching a fun-filled five weeks of Bridge Lessons beginning in February.

If you are interested call Amber.

For more details see the poster on the bulletin board.

## Dessert Theatre—Help

Work sheets and Food Donation sheets have been posted on the easel at the back of the church. We need lots of help, and lots of donations. Wesley is hosting Friday night March 9, and Sunday March 11. Please consider helping with this fundraising effort.



## Sharing the Work Load

April House is in need of a leader. We have two new couples that have joined the April House, but we need a leader. Please call Lee or Gordon Beck if you are interested in taking on this role.

## Susanna Wesley Group

Susanna Wesley Women's Group will be visiting the Regina Early Learning Centre on **Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**. We will meet at 1:00 pm at the church in order to carpool to the Centre. If you are not a member, but would like to join the group for this interesting tour, please call Norma Quinn by Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Wesley Word Deadline—Feb 12

It's that time already! The next newsletter will be ready for the end of February. Please have your reports, and/or articles to Yvonne **no later than February 12<sup>th</sup>**. You may send them by email to: [wesleyuc.yvonne@sasktel.net](mailto:wesleyuc.yvonne@sasktel.net) or handwritten, or typed and drop them off at the office. Thank you!

## Minutes for Mission

Sign-up to Present a Minute for Mission  
There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium for upcoming Minutes for Mission. If you would like to present one of them, please sign the sheet and take a copy of the Minute for that Sunday that is attached to the sheet. Thank you!

## Report Deadline for Annual Fiscal

**Meeting** is **TODAY**. If you haven't sent your report to the office please have it in today. Thank you!

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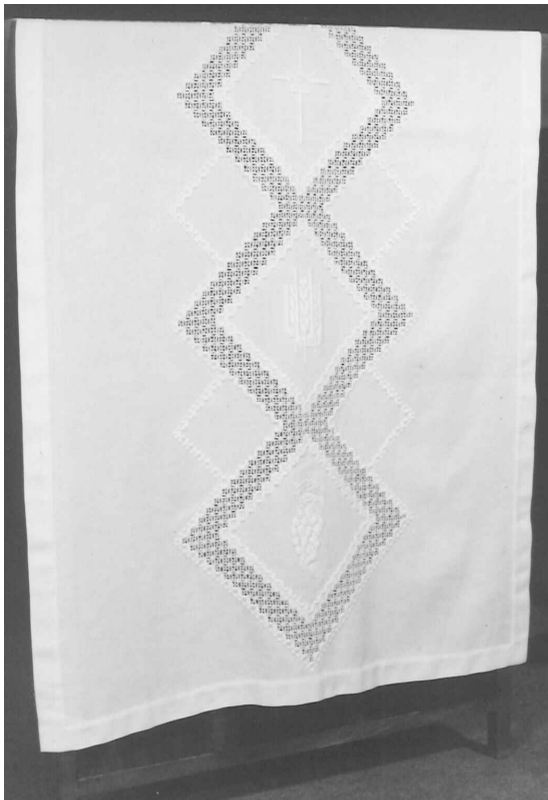
## Paraments

Historically, Christian art has been used as a teaching tool, as well as a source of delight and inspiration.

To help educate the congregation about the history and symbolism of the beautiful fabric art paraments (banners, falls, communion cloth etc.) that decorate our worship space we are including pictures and descriptions of the various paraments in our announcements. The parament at the front change with the seasons.

Today we have the season of “ordinary time.” The parament that is on the east wall by the front door is Christmas “Peace”.

## Communion Table



**Season:** Ordinary Time  
**Made by:** Laura Grimson  
**Description:** Communion Table Cloth – Fair Linen  
**Size:** 13' x 2'

The Fair Linen on the Communion Table is done in hardanger, a Scandinavian counted thread embroidery. Below is an explanation of the meaning and history of the fair linen and of the symbols on this cloth.

In churches where the people worship at an altar (particularly Anglican, Catholic and Lutheran) this altar is covered from end to end with a white cloth. This cloth, frequently woven of linen, is called Fair Linen. It represents the cloth or shroud in which Jesus was wrapped after his crucifixion. In the United Church we worship before the communion table, hence we treat the table in a similar fashion.

Wheat and grapes, symbols of the Last Supper and communion, are predominant. Interspersed with the wheat and grapes are two symbols of Jesus Christ. These are the cross and the crown and the Chi Rho. The Chi Rho, an abbreviation of the word “Christ,” is an ancient monogram.

In the centre of the cloth are 5 crosses. These are frequently carved into the altar or woven into the fair linen. They symbolize the 5 wounds of Christ suffered at the time of crucifixion. They focus our thoughts on the central symbol of Christianity – the cross.

**History:** Commission by Mrs. D. Dreaver

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## Open House

Clare Parker Homes Inc., under the umbrella of the United Church of Canada, has recently opened a fourth home in Regina for women with intellectual disabilities.

An open house will be held on **Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3pm** at 1103 Dorothy Street. The Social Service Minister, June Draude will be in attendance.

Thank you Wesley, for your support and please come join us to celebrate the opening of our new home.

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## **“Prayer of Silence” Meditation Group led by Bruce MacDonald**

The meditation group will start tonight, **Sunday, January 22. We meet from 7:30 to 9:00 pm** in the Wesley Chapel. We will meet for five Sundays (till Feb. 19) and then have a break. Please use the north door off the parking lot.

If you would like a copy of Bruce’s book, ***The Prayer of Silence***, (\$25.00) you get a copy at the group meeting. (Also available online at many bookstores around the world.) We will be concentrating on “Practicing the Presence of God” (Chapter 6, p. 115) and on healing exercises for body, mind and soul (Chapter 9, p. 163).

In the fall between 21 and 25 people attended. We look forward to seeing you there. All the best for this significant year of 2012. Here is a chance to raise your level of inner awareness to make 2012 a year of positive spiritual change for us all. As Jesus says, “The Kingdom of God is within you.” Here is a chance to become aware of the inner spiritual Kingdom.

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## **Home Stay Family Wanted**

A Chinese family is looking for a local Canadian family to host their son from the beginning of February to the end of June 2012. The boy is studying at Balfour Collegiate, Grade 11. A very quiet and well-behaved boy.

A home located in the south, or east area of Regina, with convenient public transportation is preferred. The Home Stay fee is negotiable.

If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested, please contact Ling.

## **GENERAL COUNCIL WANTS OUR OPINION: THE 2012 REMIT**

From time to time, United Church’s General Council (the national head office) proposes changes to the basic agreements, processes and principles (including church doctrine) of the United Church. Changes of these sorts need general approval.

Approval is sought through remitting the proposal for change to wider elements of the church. Proposals for the most significant changes are remitted to every congregation, every presbytery, and are approved only when a majority of all congregations and all presbyteries agree to the change.

The United Church is currently conducting this level of remit. It involves changes to the doctrine section of the 1925 Basis of Union. As it stands, that section consists of the Twenty Articles (reflecting, one might say, a highly traditional view of Christianity). The proposal is to add three other statements of faith - the 1940 Statement of Faith, the New Creed (1968) and the 2006 Song of Faith - as subordinate standards of faith.

This level of remit is to be approved for each congregation by its Board or Council. The Wesley Council would like to have the views of the wider congregation before making its decision. We are planning an information and discussion session in the next little while. In the meantime if you would like to become more informed about this remit you can find good background material on the United Church of Canada website at:

<http://www.united-church.ca/files/beliefs/statements/our-words-of-faith.pdf>

Alternatively, you can contact:

John Whyte, or June Blau — who will arrange to get background material to you.