

Wesley Announcements—January 8, 2012

Wesley Activities this Week

Sunday: Worship, Adult Study Grp (9am), Junior Choir (11:30 am)
Monday: Admin & Finance Mtg (7pm)
Tuesday: Council Mtg (7pm)
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), New Comer's Luncheon (Noon), Junior Choir (11:30am)

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

Website: www.wesleyuc.sk.ca

Ministerial Staff Work Schedule

Kim is taking a 3 month sabbatical. During this time she is not available to do any ministry work. She returns April 1, 2012.

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.

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.

2012 United Church Calendars

There are a couple of 2012 United Church Calendars in the church office. If you would like one they are \$5 each.

The United Church Observer Magazine

Every household that gives over \$50 per year to Wesley is eligible to receive a yearly subscription to the United Church *Observer* magazine, paid for by Wesley. If you are receiving the *Observer* and do not wish to continue receiving it OR if you are not receiving it and would like to, please call Yvonne in the office.

Some people make a donation towards the cost of the subscription; if you wish to, there are special offering envelopes available on the back desk or you can write it on your regular envelope. The yearly cost is \$20.00.

Shinny Update

There will be **no Shinny** until further notice!



Offering Envelopes for 2012

If you have not picked up your 2012 offering envelopes they are in your church mail box. Be sure to take them with you after the service today.

Annual Financial Meeting February 5, 2012

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

Wesley & Other Announcements/Events

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wed, Jan 18 from 7-8:15 pm

There will be a combined Worship Service to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in First Presbyterian Church, 2170 Albert St. We hope that some people from your congregation will be able to attend.

Our theme reflects on the unified service of the church to the world, as we hope for the coming of our Saviour in glory. Sponsored by the Regina Council of Churches.

For information contact:
Rev. Charles Kooger, or
Linda Lelond

Mitten Tree

Our mitten tree has been plentiful!

We received:

14 Hats/Toques,
2 Toque/Mitt Sets
6 pair of Gloves,
2 pair of Socks,
24 Scarves, and
115 pair of mitts.

All of these gifts
have been taken to
Carmichael Outreach.

We extend a special thank you to everyone who donated, and knit items for the Mitten Tree. Especially to Millie Barber for the 49 pair of mittens, and 1 toque she knit; and to Louise Alexander for the 13 scarves she knit.

Bless you all for your generous hearts!



Stewardship Update Jan 2011

Approximately 275 pledge request packages were distributed in October 2011 either at church information sessions or through the mail. As of Jan 4, 2011, 140 pledges have been returned. Thanks to all who have completed and returned pledge packages. Through your generous contributions, Wesley continues to put its Mission in Motion and make a difference in our lives, our community, and the world.

Results of pledges

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>% Change</u>
# of pledges	147	140	- 4.7%
M&S-\$	45,310	50,707	+ 11.9%
Capital-\$	6,290	8,117	+ 29%
Local Operating-\$			
	<u>168,653</u>	<u>187,110</u>	<u>- 7.6%</u>
Total \$	220,053	245,934	+ 11.7%

A fewer number of pledges have been returned compared to Jan 3 last year, however the total amounts pledged are approximately 11.7% higher than 2011.

Pledges are still being accepted. If you haven't returned your pledge, please return it to the office. If you have already pledged but feel you can be more generous, please notify the office or June Blau, the financial coordinator. Your generosity and personal support are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Newcomers Luncheon January 15

If you are someone who has made Wesley their church home in the last year or so, you are invited to join the Newcomer and Welcoming Committee, and others, for a special luncheon just for you. The luncheon will take place following worship and last until about 1 pm. This is an opportunity to get to know the ministry staff and others who volunteer in the welcoming ministry of Wesley. Please RSVP to the office by calling 586-5220 or email Yvonne by Wed., January 11th. wesleyuc.yvonne@sasktel.net