

AVCRC exists to reach people, bringing them to a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian Community; helping them to grow in their faith, guiding them to serve in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.



Sunday December 8, 2019

Welcome to this second Sunday of Advent. We wait and prepare for Jesus. We clear away the clutter that keeps us from seeing that Jesus comes to us, right in the middle of history, in the middle of injustice, in the middle of sorrow, in the middle of the noise of the season. In the middle of where we need him most, he can be found. As you prepare this week for next Sunday, take time to reflect on Matthew 11:1-11. John is in prison and wondering if Jesus really is the one he was waiting for; Jesus was working so slowly and quietly. Have you ever wondered the same thing? It's okay to wonder; John did. Jesus offered encouragement, subtly sending John back to Isaiah 35.

Songs of Praise

Advent Candle Lighting

Song: "King of Kings"

Song

Lord's Supper

Song of Thanksgiving

Offering (Bread of Life)

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Message: "Jesus in the Middle of the Turn"

Prayer

Song

Blessing

Please keep these matters in your prayers:

-The young man who died in a car crash on Arrowsmith last week, Connor G, was Anne B's grandson. Pray for Anne and all touched by this terrible tragedy. A celebration of life will be held at the Italian Hall tomorrow at 2:00pm.

-This past Friday was the 30th anniversary of the mass shooting at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. Pray that our world will be marked by respect and care between genders. Pray that women will have no reason to fear violence simply because they are women.

- Give thanks for Christmas celebrations at Young Life and Wyld Life this week; pray that young people will hear and believe the Good News.

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip: During Advent, we light the candle of Peace. Through Jesus Christ, God gives us peace. In what area of your life do you most need God's peace? How might you be a peacemaker this week? Wonder and talk about that this week.

Christmas Kettles

If you are able, please contact the Salvation Army and take a turn at a donation kettle this season. Phone 250-723-6913

Weekly Calendar

Tonight: 6:00 – 7:15 pm Youth Bible study

Wednesday: 10:00 am Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study

Friday: 7:00-9:00pm City Wide Youth Event, "Nailed It!" at Jericho Road

Christmas Eve, December 24: 6:00 pm Candlelight Service

Church Camp 2020 ... has been booked for Sunday, July 26 (arrival after 1 pm) through Sunday, August 2 (depart before 2 pm). This seems early to be talking about camping for next summer, but for those who work they need to get their next year's holidays booked soon. Any questions? Please speak with Jacob C.

Advent Means Hope: With World Renew's 2019-2020 Gift Catalogue, *you* can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, give a child get the food they need to grow with a nutrition kit, or provide shelter to a disaster survivor. Choose a gift that gives someone who is poor and hungry the opportunity for a better life today and hope for the future.

Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 888-WRLD-RNW to order

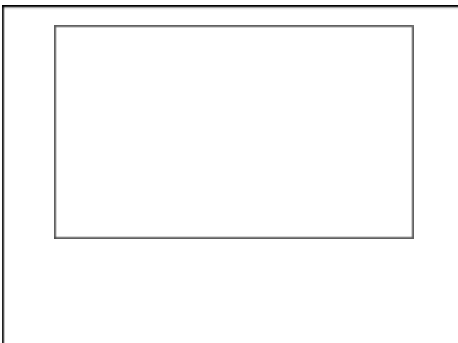
November Giving

Budget	\$19,510.25
Free a family.	\$200.00
Chaplaincy Care.	\$170.85
Seafarers.	\$700.00
Food grains	\$2086.00
<u>Umrans</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total	\$22,697.10

You are invited: Bethesda Christmas Open House

Celebrate the joy and blessings of Christmas with us! Our Open House is on December 12 from 4 - 7 pm at 105-2975 Gladwin Road in Abbotsford.

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
December 8 – Bread of Life		Bert & Pat B
December 15 – Free a Family	Patty T	Renger D & Margrit D
December 22 – ACAWS	Pete B	John K & Elaine V
December 29 – Shelter Society	Janay	Kim M & Lois L
	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
December 8	Bert & Pat B	Pat B, Erin K, Sarah
December 15	Bev & Brian H	Pam S, Carol D
December 22	Bev & Brian H	Roy K, Yvonne C, Curtis
December 29	Alice & Theo V	Jessica O, Anita B
<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>	<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
December 8	John & Margrit D	Bev H
December 15	John & Erin K	Joan W
December 22	Bob & Joan W	Anita B
December 29	Roy & Joanne K	Alice V
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