### Acton churches invite all to celebrate

All are invited to the following services in churches in Acton this holiday season. The services include:

#### Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Dec. 24 – 6 p.m. – "THE Promise Keeper" Christmas Eve Program – the timeless Christmas message told in a contemporary way through Scripture, drama, carols, and new songs

Dec. 25 – 10 a.m. – Christmas Worship Celebration

#### Churchill Community Church

Dec. 24-7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

#### Crossings Community Church

Dec. 24 – 7 - 9 p.m. – Christmas Eve Open House at The Roxy (6 Mill. St. E.) – Carolling, contemporary music by Nabi and Friends, free refreshments. Celebrate Christ's birth in a

casual setting with family, friends, and neighbours

Dec. 25 – 10 a.m. – Christmas Worship Celebration

#### Evangel Family Church

Dec. 24 – 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carol Service

#### Knox Presbyterian Church

Dec. 24 – 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Worship Celebration

New Apostolic Church Dec. 25 – 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Worship Cele-

#### Salvation Army Church

Dec. 24 – 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 25 – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Worship Celebration

#### St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church

Dec. 24 – 5 p.m. – Children's Service and Cake to Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

7 p.m. Contemporary
Family Service

 11 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Choir

Dec. 25 – 10 a.m. - Christmas Worship Celebration

#### St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, Catholic Church

Dec. 24 – 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 midnight – Christmas Eve Mass

Dec. 25 – 11 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass

#### Trinity United Church

Dec. 24 – 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service

Dec. 25 – 10 a.m. - Christmas Worship Celebration



NEW BOARD: The newly elected board of Heritage Acton continues ambitious fundraising plans for an expansion of the Town Hall Centre, which will include an elevator. The Board includes, from left: Chair Ron Birrell, Vice-chair Norman Humphreys, Treasurer Kathy Sanford and Secretary Lloyd McIntyre. – *Ted Tyler photo* 

## Giving on a tight budget

lives in a cold weather region

Many consumers exercised some restraint this holiday season, sticking to a budget when buying gifts for family and friends. With help, holiday shoppers can stick to their budgets and still enjoy a happy holiday season.

\* Get creative: Gift-givers with unique talents can create their own gifts and save some money along the way. Skilled woodworkers can create a personalized wood carving for a friend or family member. Good at knitting? Knit a scarf, mittens or even a blanket for a loved one who

\* Set limits: Establish spending rules with family members before the shopping season begins. In an effort to reduce some of the financial burden of the holiday season, many families have begun to place spending limits on holiday shopping. This saves everyone money and ensures no one finds themselves with

\* Do a gift exchange: Many larger families do a gift exchange rather than asking members of the family to buy

substantial debt come the New

gifts for each and every member of the family. Draw names out of a hat and buy a gift for that specific person.

\* Start early: The earlier you begin your holiday shopping, the more you can spread out your spending. This reduces the financial stress of the season while still allowing shoppers to get something special for everyone on their shopping list.

Holiday spending may or may not increase this holiday season. But savvy shoppers can still make the most of their spending without breaking the bank

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

All the best in the New Year

- Mark & "The Crew"

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