

ESSEX

Salvation Army

For a ride to Sunday school call 776-4628. We also have a chair lift.

Dec. 24 Candlelight Service will be at 6 p.m. The Sunday school are doing a special pageant. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Holy Name

Thank you from the K of C, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Local 444 for supporting the Benefit Pasta Dinner for the late Chris Jackson family.

New Year's Eve Benefit will be on Sun. Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall in Maidstone. Proceeds to W.E. Care for Kids Campaign at Hotel Dieu Grace and Windsor Regional Hospitals. For tickets call 776-8902.

Tickets will be available for our Almost New Year's Eve Semi Formal party to be held on Fri. Dec. 29.

Grade 6, 7 and 8 dance will be on Fri. Dec. 15 from 7-10 p.m. in the parish hall.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Sat. Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to noon and from 4-4:45 p.m. Tues. Dec. 19 from 7-9 p.m. with six priests available.

Brentwood tickets are available in the parish office and will be drawn on Jan. 12, 2007.

Advent play will be on Fri. Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. at Cardinal Carter Secondary School.

If you are going to be at the 5 p.m. children's mass on Christmas Eve, why not come join in the choir? We will have practice on Saturdays from 6-7 p.m. for the next two weeks.

St. Paul's Anglican

A Christmas potluck supper will be on Fri. Dec. 15 starting at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending,

please sign the list at the back of the church.

Thank You Bank contributions for December will be given to the Essex Food Bank.

There will be no congregational council meeting for the month of December.

Advent Food Drive for the Essex Food Bank will be as follows: Sun. Dec. 17 Advent III - hot/cold cereals; Sun. Dec. 24 Advent IV - pasta and sauce. Please leave your donations at the back of the church.

If you know of someone who should be added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the office.

If you wish to have Christmas flowers placed in the church in memory of loved ones, please add your name to the list posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For further information please speak with Terry Murdoch.

Sun. Dec. 24 Advent IV and Christmas Eve - 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP), 11:10 a.m. lessons and carols, 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion.

Christian Reformed

You are welcome to attend our church on Sun. Dec. 17, the third Sunday of the Advent season, beginning at 10 a.m. with Pastor Fred Heslinga. Sunday school for children 3-11 yrs. and nursery is provided. Join us again at 6 p.m. for our Sunday school Christmas program.

Upcoming services for the Christmas season are Sun. Dec. 24 at 10 a.m. and Sun. Dec. 31 at 10 a.m.

Make plans to attend our Christmas Day Dec. 25 service beginning at 10 a.m. Also we will be having a New Year's Day service on Jan. 1, 2007 beginning at 10 a.m. Come and join us as we celebrate together the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ.

GEMS and Cadets meet

Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m.

Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Nursery is provided.

For information call 776-5071.

Essex Retirees Social Club

On Fri. Dec. 22 the office will be closed at 1 p.m. and will remain closed Dec. 25 and 26 and will reopen on Dec. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

With New Year's fast approaching, you might consider taking yoga lessons. This form of exercise is excellent for stretching and toning and no previous experience is needed. The class will run from Jan. 10 to Mar. 7. Please call 519-776-7305 for further details.

Starting in January, a university student will be available on Tues., Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for computer lessons. Please call 519-776-9000 to book your lessons.

Some of our retirees are looking to start up a group to play scrabble on Tues. around 12:30 p.m. Please call 519-776-6689 if interested.

Monday Pepper winners were Vera Rupert, Eileen Ames and Cecile St. Denis tied for most Peppers and Cecilia Edwards won the booby prize.

Tuesday Pepper winners were Lois Tapping, most Peppers went to Cecilia Edwards and booby prize to Betty Fields.

Wednesday Pepper winners were Gerry Garon, Bob Matthew and Doug Fields tied with most Peppers and Cecilia Edwards won the booby prize.

WOODSLEE

Golden Links card game winners on Fri. Dec. 8 were Patty Sylvester, Cecile St. Denis, George Diesbourg, R. Mogyorodi, JoAnne

Diesbourg, Bob Mattheu, Marion Fuerth and Don Sylvester. Door prizes went to Madeline Diesbourg. The next card games will be on Fri. Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Woodslee Friendship Club welcomed 125 guests at their Christmas dinner last Friday evening. Seven "War Brides" ladies who were present were Louise Bastien, Cecilia Burling, Eileen Lebert, Ruby Robertson, Margaret Smith, Eileen Stowe and Betty Wilton. They received several honours plus a token horseshoe - a remembrance of English tradition that many of them included a horseshoe in their wedding bouquets.

Also honoured were Mary Cathcart, Joyce Eberle, Ada Martindale, Ellen Myers, Rose Stanley, Mary Tessier, Anneke Thompson, Betty Beleritz, Vera Garrod, Marion Haines, Margaret Plant, Constance Salmons, Edna Slote, Audrey Trepanier and two special WWI brides named Dorothy Chevalier and Blanche Morgan. On behalf of the ladies Ruby Robertson thanked the Friendship Club for inviting and honouring them.

Everyone enjoyed singing some of the 40's songs, viewing the great displays of memorabilia and the neat pictures and stories of the ladies. Special thanks to each and everyone who helped to make this a wonderful, memorable evening.

The Woodslee Friendship Club's Dec. 4 card party was well attended with Tom Hayes and Dave McMurren taking the prizes for the men. The winning ladies were Evelyn Murray and Joanne McMurren. Card parties are held every Monday at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Woodslee United

A big thank you to Cindy Palmer for all her work in organizing Sunday's service and to the children for all their work and participation.

White Gift Sunday will be on Dec. 17. Please bring in donations of unwrapped new toys.

Dedication of the new piano, in memory of Dorothy Allison, will be on Sun. Dec. 17. All friends and family members are invited to attend.

On Dec. 24 at the 11:15 a.m. service at Woodslee United, both the Belle River and Woodslee United Choirs will be performing

the cantata "A Celebration of Christmas".

PAQUETTE

Dessert Card party at St. Stephen's will be on Thurs. Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Non-perishable food items for December will go to the Unemployed Help Centre. Help is needed this year more than ever.

Christmas Services: Advent 4 Christmas Eve (day) 10 a.m. Advent Carol Service at St. Stephen's. Christmas Eve 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Sung Eucharist, 9 p.m. Redeemer Sung Eucharist, 11:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Sung Eucharist. Christmas Day 10 a.m. St. Stephen's Said Eucharist 1962 Rite. New Year's Eve (day) 10 a.m. Church of the Redeemer Carol Service Glory to the New Born King.

There will be no mid-week communion services on Dec. 27 to Jan. 3.

The parish is invited to a New Year's Eve Open House at the rectory on Sun. Dec. 31 from 2-4 p.m.

Poinsettia and Christmas plants may be dropped off at St. Stephen's and Church of the Redeemer on Sat. Dec. 23 from 9-11 a.m.

The Nativity Story, join us for a trip to Silver City Cinema on Sun. Dec. 17 for the afternoon matinee at 1:20 p.m. to view the story of Christ's birth.

Youth Group Christmas party will be on Sat. Dec. 16 from 6-8 p.m.

Our sympathies to the Mactier family in the loss of a dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, nephew, uncle Don. May you rest in peace Don.

This year both churches will be supporting the Essex Salvation Army for Christmas gifts for children. Don't forget to get a star (or more) from the giving tree at the front of both churches with details of a child (age, sex) and put that star on the gifts. Donations must be in by Sun. Dec. 17.

BAKERVILLE

Weather has been cold all last week and on the weekend got real mild again. Not bad for almost Christmas.

Happy birthday to Ken Sturdevant on Friday as he celebrates another one, go see him at Jacob's; on Monday Claude Ebbinghaus celebrates another year; on Tuesday to Lorie Manning as she chalks up another year; on Thursday next week to Holly Hickmott who will be #12 and to Anna Simpson and Ron Hanson and also to Joe Fox in California as they all share the day for celebrations.

The Pleasant Valley Community Club held a Pepper party on Tuesday

and the lucky folks were Helen Slavik, Bob Ford, Rose Foldesi, John Simpson, Bob Matthew and Marie Elwood. Come and join the fun on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The regular card party on Saturday winners were Eileen Salter, Keith Dresser, Lynn Will, Nina Towle, Ruth Ferguson and Thomas Allison. Door prizes to Don Ames and Eileen Ames. Everyone is welcome to join friends and neighbours for a great game of euchre.

BROOKER

The church family Christmas dinner and Sunday school concert is this Saturday night. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. followed by the concert. Invite your friends and family to this great event.

The two beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary on Sunday were placed there by Marj Counsell in loving memory of her husband Harry Counsell and granddaughter Cassandra Counsell Ouellette.

Greg Gemmill of Midland spent the weekend with his mother, Norma Gemmill.

Many thanks to those who came last week and helped make pies. Without you we couldn't carry on this project. We especially appreciate the men who came to help.

Continue to remember the Western Association, "Fill the Barn" mission project. We have filled three barns so far. Thank you for your generosity.

COZY CORNERS

Bethel-Maidstone United

The congregation would like to whole heartedly thank Jeff Gorick for his inspirational songs of praise to the Lord.

White Gift Sunday is Dec. 17 with all donations going to the Essex Food Bank. Please wrap all items in white paper.

Ethel MacKenzie welcomes all who know Clifford to stop by to wish him a 90th birthday. Lori is hosting the get-together on Dec. 17 from 1-4 p.m. at 890 Conc. 10, Maidstone Twp.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 24. The Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Get well wishes to Marcy MacKenzie who is in Windsor Regional Hospital West and to Gary Coomber who is having another operation. Please keep all the sick and shutins in your prayers and with cards.



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Christmas is coming.....

FOOD DRIVE FOR SALVATION ARMY - Essex Community Services is proud to assist the Salvation Army Food Bank during this holiday season commencing November 20th. We will be collecting non perishable food items and please help us decorate our tree with mittens, hats and scarves. *Please help us support the community, the need this year is greater than before!!!!*

SAVE GROCERY TAPES, CELL PHONES, PRINTER CARTRIDGES - Here at Essex Community Services, we accept Zehrs & Saders Foodland tapes, used cell phones & used printer cartridges as part of our fundraising efforts. We issue tax receipts for cash donations over \$10.00, as we are a non-profit charitable organization. *Due to financial cutbacks, donations are especially important at this time, in order to continue to offer our many programs and services to the public, such as the Care-A-Van, Foot Care clinic, Community Information and more.*

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