



Advent and Christmas 2017 at Parkdale United

In the middle of this busy holiday season,
God blesses us with many gifts.

The seasons of Advent and Christmas give us opportunities
to reflect on these blessings and be grateful.

OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – “*In the middle of it...*”

Advent 1 Sunday December 3

In the middle of it – Stillness! Luke 1:8 – 23

Advent 2 Sunday December 10

In the middle of it – Surprise! Luke 1:26 – 45

Advent 3 Sunday December 17

In the middle of it – Sanctuary! Matthew 1:18 – 25

Advent 4 Sunday December 24

In the middle of it – Sacred! Luke 1:46 – 55

New Year’s Eve Sunday December 31

Christmas Carols and New Year Blessings

CHRISTMAS EVE – Sunday December 24...

Children, Carols, Chaos – 4pm

A Christmas Moment

Candlelight, Carols, Calm – 7pm

A traditional service of song, story and symbol



CHRISTMAS – A TRADITION OF GIVING!

In the Christmas Season we celebrate God birthing love and hope, joy and peace in our lives and world, daily. And daily there are people who are in need, facing adversity and dealing with emergencies. Our special “**Christmas Giving**” this year is directed toward two great programs – the United Church of Canada Emergency Relief Fund and the Christian Medical College, Vellore India. Your “**Christmas Givings**” contributions will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$4,000 for each program from the Mary Fund.

ADVENT SUPPER & CRAFTS – Sunday, December 3, 4:30 pm...

This event is open to all our Parkdale United Church family – adults, children, grandchildren, friends. Joelle, Robert, Kathryn, Ken, Leslie and Sophie have developed Christmas theme crafts that will appeal to our youngest and our oldest members. In addition to pizza (gluten free and vegetarian will be available), we will be serving traditional French Canadian Tourtière and of course, dessert. In order to plan properly, we need to know how many will be attending, ages and gender of the children. If anyone needs transportation, we will try to arrange a ride for you.

SANDWICHES FOR HUNGRY NEIGHBOURS...

Friday, December 8, 9 – 11:30am – We are assembling sandwiches that will be distributed as lunches for hungry men and women through the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre. Sue Brodrick will make sure all the sandwich making supplies will be ready for our work session. There’ll be good conversations and playful comradery as we work together creating sandwiches for those who need a helping hand. Please sign up!

SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIE...

All are welcome to gather on **Sunday, December 10, 6:30pm** to enjoy dessert, fellowship, and to watch the “Queen of Katwe.” Following the movie, we engage in stimulating conversation about the movie.

MINISTRY TEAM

MINISTER – Rev. Murray E. Laverty, D.Min.

MUSIC – Michael Coburn

CHILDREN – Jenn Razzo, Maria Ramirez & Thomas Unruh

NURSERY CARE – Emily Flood, Claire Perrella

FACILITIES – Tim Alton

ADMINISTRATION – Ruth Jacques

HELPING IN WORSHIP

USHERS – Don & Diane Gillies

GREETERS – George & Irene Norton

SCRIPTURE READER – Catherine Lebel

SCREENS – Beth & Jim Balshaw

SOUND – Ken Coburn

COFFEE – Sheila & Sandy Navrady

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Irene & George Norton

COMMUNION SERVERS – Ida Wyllie, Sue Brodrick, Teeya Scholten, Vergensie Ward de Boer