

# Whitehorse United Church Weekly Newsletter



December 17, 2025



*... what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love  
kindness, and to walk humbly with  
your God.*



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Church Office is open:

Monday-Friday, by appointment

## Minister's Schedule

Rev. Frances' regular schedule is  
Wednesdays to Sundays

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Emi is Off – December 22 – January 2**

No newsletter will be issued during her absence.

## **Extra Greeters needed for Christmas Eve services**

No coffee or snacks, just welcoming everyone, passing the plate and lighting candles.

One or two people for the 4 pm toddler service

Two or three people for the 9 pm carol service

Please sign on the bulletin board or see Sheila Maissan.

## **Volunteers to deliver greenery arrangements**



We need 5 teams to deliver greenery arrangements to members of our church family in different neighbourhoods. Timing is flexible.

Sign up sheet on narthex bulletin board.

Contact Linda Talbot for

details: [lindatalbo@gmail.com](mailto:lindatalbo@gmail.com)

Year-end (Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>) is fast approaching - so if you have any receipts for which you wish reimbursement, please submit to Emi in the office as soon as possible.

Thanks everyone!

Jan Mann, Treasurer



## **Volunteers needed for Dec 28 after service**

Our carpet will be cleaned professionally between Dec 30-31, we need your help moving stuff into linoleum area or on top of furniture in Narthex, all of the offices, choir room and library.



## **Sundays, December 21 – Carol Singing before the Service**

Barry will take requests to sing any hymns or carols before the service around 10:15am.



## Learning about Turn Debt Into Hope - Part 2

The idea of ecological debt speaks to you and you would like to get a better grasp of it, understand its interplay with the debt crisis and the role Canada could play?

KAIROS Canada has invited three experts, Beth Lorimer, Anjali Appadurai and Soomin Han to unpack the topic of ecological debt in a webinar called "The Global Debt Crisis: Restoring Justice: Ecological Debt and Canada's Fair Share". You can watch this 1-hour webinar on

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45TrE1sXMUE>.

If you haven't signed the petition, it is not too late. Know that your voice matters <https://kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada>  
Thank you for your support!

Jubilee blog post about Marie-Alexis and Stephanie:

[Acknowledging with humility and gratitude that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.](#)

## Christmas Dinner at the Shelter

Janette Hume, who is connected to our church, is preparing and serving a Christmas dinner to over 100 people at the Alexander St shelter. She is looking for donations of food and winter clothing. If you can help, please call her at 334-1709.



## Church Family Christmas Dinner – December 25@5pm

Please see attached poster for detail.

Bev will be in Yellowknife for the Advent/Christmas season with that congregation, she will be leading a Bible Study on Zoom each Tuesday at 3 pm, and anyone



who would like to join is most welcome.

Let Bev know at [bcsbrazier@live.ca](mailto:bcsbrazier@live.ca), and you'll be sent the zoom link.



## Sunday Nursery

We have been so fortunate to have Katharine Grenier looking after our littlest ones in the Nursery during time of the service. Heather MacFadgen is

also helping with this some Sundays. We also need a few more people to be spares for this so please let us know if you can help.

## Invitation to consider strategic planning

Between January and May of 2026, our church will put together a strategic plan to guide our work and ministry in the short- and medium-term. Would you be interested in taking part? The time commitment is



<https://kairoscanada.org/jubilee-momentum-builds-at-whitehorse-united-church>

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## Sunday Church School

Frances and Diane would like to thank the strong team of volunteers who have come forward to lead church school for the 5 to 12 year olds on Sunday mornings including Krista Tweed, Liz Laforme, Robyn Burns and Amy Sinclair.

We believe we need a second adult for these mornings that can assist the leader. This is not only for smoother operation but also safety. Please let Diane Emond [emond.diane@gmail.com](mailto:emond.diane@gmail.com) or 867-335-7009 or Frances know if you can be an adult helper once a month or once in a while.



three weekend workshops between January and May, plus some work in between. Please take some time to pray and discern if this is right for you. Questions? Interested? Please contact Frances!

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Braeburn Fundraising link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/140249>



### Braeburn Camp's aging stove needs replacing!

Help us raise \$8000.00 so that our cooks can keep creating the healthy, energizing meals that we are famous for. Your year-end donation can make this happen! It is very easy to do: scan the QR code or click on the link below to access the donor form. A tax receipt will be send to you.

[HTTPS://WWW.CANADAHELPS.ORG/EN/DN/140249](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/140249)



An Ecumenical  
Service

Readings  
And Carols



**WEDNESDAY DEC 17th at 7 pm**

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

**311 Elliott St**

**876-668-5530 for more info**



# Church Family Christmas Dinner

**CHRISTMAS DAY – DEC. 25, 2025**  
Starting at 5 pm in Lewis Hall.

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**This is a planned potluck so let us know if you are interested  
and depending on the number of people we will get the  
dinner organized for food.**

**RSVP TO: Lynne Morris or Ruth Stebbing or sign up at church**

