



Mission Corner — Like a Family

Our gifts for Mission & Service create safe spaces where people can come together as family. Bissell Centre in Edmonton is one of these places. The stories in today's Minute for Mission were first shared on its blog.

Bissell Centre offers people living on the margins food, shelter, and a feeling of belonging. Most people who visit the centre can immediately tell that the people there have a special bond with one another. Diane, a long-time volunteer, describes the connection she feels. "When I don't come, I miss the people in the Drop-in Centre. They're always stopping us and talking to us," she says. "It's like a family."

The phrase "like a family" is often used by staff, volunteers, and especially the participants themselves. Here are some of the ways Bissell Centre has shaped people's sense of family.

Kayla shared that "Bissell Centre has given us a sense of belonging, tradition, and foundation to start from. The staff has encouraged us to grow and always gives us something to look forward to."

Judy says, "I don't know what I would have done without all of the staff at Bissell Centre. Look! Now I am sitting in my own home. I consider *all* of the staff to be my family."

The community at Bissell Centre has grown and changed for over 100 years, thanks in part to the support you have provided through Mission & Service.



Faith, Film & Fiction

In celebration of Canada's 150th birthday the Faith, Film and Fiction group are discussing books and films with a Canadian connection during 2017/18. On Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm we will be discussing "Requiem" written by Frances Itani (2011). We meet in the Rainbow Room and everyone is welcome.

The Observer Magazine Subscription Renewal

We are moving through the winter quickly and it is now time to renew your subscription to *The Observer* magazine, or if you haven't got one and would like to receive the award-winning magazine published by the United Church of Canada, please place \$25 in the special Observer envelope included in this bulletin and put it on the offering plate. Cheques should be made out to St. Andrew's By-The-Lake and marked "Observer". All subscriptions are due by March 18.

Lenten Study

Sundays, Feb 18, March 4, 11, 18, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Four Encounters with Jesus: Nathaniel, Nicodemus, the Samaritan Woman and the Lame Man at the pool of Bethesda. Please call or email the office if you plan to attend. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

February is Black History Month

Take time to check out the display in the Library.

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NEWS & EVENTS: February 11, 2018

Pancake Supper – Tue., Feb 13, 4-7 pm

Church Council – Tue., Feb. 13, 7 pm, Friendship Room

New Life Group – Fridays, 8 pm, Lower Founders' Hall

Prayer Chain – Timely, confidential prayer support for individuals, families and situations. To register a prayer request, contact Marg Arpin, 613-634-4052, or Louise Potter, 767-4554. Request forms are available on the Welcome Table.

USHERS, GREETERS, FELLOWSHIP

Ushers: Bev/Al Gough

Greeter: Fran McLean

Coffee Hour: Graham Lodge; Marg Arpin

NEXT WEEK

Ushers: Janny Gaveel; Linda Harrison

Greeter: Anne Aston

Coffee Hour: Kay Langmuir; Carole Leith; Joyce Leslie

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

Welcome visitor, family, friend or newcomer. We are blessed by your presence today. Please join us after the service for refreshments. We have a guest book that you could sign and there is a card for any special requests in the back of your Hymn Book that could be placed on the offering plate. May you know G*d's enfolding grace today and always.

2017 Donation Receipts

Carrie Thompson will be handing out donation receipts before and after the church service this Sunday.

The Fisherman Deadline for Articles

The next issue of *The Fisherman* will be published before Easter and the deadline for articles is March 4. We already have an article and are looking for many more contributions. Please send your submittals to Louise Potter: teaandscones79@gmail.com or leave them in *The Fisherman* mailbox.