

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SSI UNITED

December 4th, 2011

This Week at the Church:

Wednesday: Choir: 3 to 5 pm.
Thursday: Quilters: 9:30 am. - Lower Hall
Bridge: 12 pm. - Lower Hall
Blue Christmas Service: 2 pm.
Saturday: Cookie Walk: 9 am. to 12 pm.

Office Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Social Justice Committee

Today, Lynda Turner a representative from SOLID - Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development - will be at church and coffee hour to tell us about an alternative gift opportunity to provide a life-giving goat to HIV+ women's groups in Kenya. Since 2008, more than 1000 goats have been presented, along with educational workshops. Lynda is hoping that Salt Spring Islanders will help to send 100 more this year, at a cost of \$57 each. In previous years, the church has worked with SOLID in bringing the fair trade products of 10,000 Villages to Salt Spring.

All women of the congregation
Are invited to the annual
United Church Women's Christmas Luncheon,
Wednesday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m.
At the Golden Island Chinese Restaurant.
The cost is \$12.00.
Please give your payment to
Anna Camping or Marilyn McDowell.



The next* Bridge will be Thursday, December 8th, from 12:45 to 3 p.m., in the **Lower Hall**.
Please call Mary Fraser to sign up: 250-537-9849.
The cost is \$4.00.
*Future games will be held at 'Seniors for Seniors'.
Please contact Mary for details.



The **Cookie Walk** is Saturday, December 10, starting at 9 a.m. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to help. Recipe suggestions are there as well. Cookies should be brought to the downstairs kitchen Friday afternoon. Questions? Call Lori: 250-931-8034.
Thank you!



Next Sunday, December 11, is our regular **Food Bank Sunday**. The folks at the Food Bank will be preparing Christmas hampers for families so your contributions will be very welcome.



Don't forget to pick up an angel from our tree in the sanctuary. Gifts need to be brought to the Church by Sunday, December 11th, please.



Once again our Church is sponsoring the Christmas Day Community Dinner started by Gary Fletcher 11 years ago. Many of you have contributed to its success over this time, and again this year, volunteers are needed to ensure that everyone who wishes can enjoy a holiday feast in a context that reflects the true spirit of Christmas. Please contact Diane Lugsdin (250-537-0284; [johndiane.lugsdin@gmail.com](mailto: johndiane.lugsdin@gmail.com)) or Tom Mitchell (250-653-4353; [tommymitchell@shaw.ca](mailto: tommymitchell@shaw.ca)) to discuss how you can contribute. Needed are: advance cooks for turkeys, lasagna, ham; December 24th set up and kitchen prep; Christmas Day kitchen crew, servers and take down, and a myriad other tasks. Thank you for helping make this well appreciated event a reality for one more year! The Social Justice Committee

The Life Story Project is ongoing. To date, we have 8 completed stories. The Life Story Project box is in the office under the counter if you want to participate.

For more info, contact Lori: 250-937-8034



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

Eileen Wttewaall	2nd
Eileen Botham	4th
Bryan Adderley	10th
Ruth Cairns	11th
Bob Francis	12th
Marg. Lowther	22nd
Tom Mitchell	29th
Linda Doucette	30th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!

The November issue of "Mandate" magazine has arrived. There are several copies; please help yourself.



Please note: the deadline for submitting announcements is Noon on Thursday.



Please remember to write your **December** celebrations on the sheet of paper on the Library door!
