

WEEK AT A GLANCE: December 10 – December 16, 2023

Sunday	Service – Music Ministry Team United in Bronze, Genesis Ringers & SAUC Choir Scripture Reading: John 1: 1-14 Luke 2: 13-19 Carol Singing with Donna Graham	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Monday	UCW Potluck Dinner and Vesper Service	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	L.I.R.R.???? Finance	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Games	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	Choir	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Outreach	10:00 a.m.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: December 17 – December 23, 2023

Sunday	Service: Pastor Anne Telford Service Assistant: Michaelangelo Piano-Rolon Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 46-55 OUTREACH: No Room at the Inn - Cider & cookies	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Monday	Genesis U.I.B.	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Broadview ???? Blue Christmas Service	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS: Dec. 10, 2023

Service: Music Ministry Team

Ministry of Music: Donna Graham, Lorna Walker & United In Bronze, Holly Parker & Genesis Ringers, Margaret Ward-Jack & SAUC Choir & percussionists
Kathie Zalasky, Judy Florence & Holly Parker

A.V. Technicians: Wade Hayden, Lionel Larcombe, Ken Hutchinson, Troy Sartison and Luke Sartison



Grapevine: December 10, 2023

PASTOR ANNE TELFORD: 780-458-8355

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Tuesday December 12

9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

and

1:00 p.m.-3:30 pm.

Please drop in for a visit during those hours.

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December 12: VACATION DAY

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

office@stalbertunited.ca

There will be no Bible study for the month of December.

Sanctuary decorating help requested (needed!)

The Ministry of Worship and Education committee is looking for assistance with decorating the church sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please speak to any committee member or contact Holly Parker at 780-458-8772 for more information or to volunteer.

This Christmas we will have a sock tree and give all the socks to Hope Mission.

That's right a sock tree. The number one item needed for homeless people is socks. So please, this year buy (or perhaps knit) a couple of pairs of warm socks and come and place them on our tree. Hope Mission serves impoverished and homeless men, women, and children, so warm socks may be all colours and all sizes.

The sock tree will be at the church when we begin our Advent on November 19th.



Save the date: LADIES you are all invited!

**UCW ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER AND VESPER
SERVICE FOR THE WOMEN OF SAUC**

DECEMBER 11th at 6pm in the Sanctuary. (no stairs)

An evening of appetizers, wine, and dessert – please plan to contribute to this menu.

8pm there will be a Vesper Service organized by the UCW.

There will be a freewill offering collected at the end of the evening that will go to The Jessica Martel Foundation.

Handbells are out in the community this month.

An ensemble performed at the Snowflake Festival on Friday night in City Hall. This same group, the Snowflakes, will be doing outreach gigs at RiverRidge and Ironwood on December 19. In addition, both Genesis and United in Bronze will be doing a full concert at Mission Hill on Monday, December 11. Many thanks to all who carry our name out into the city and spread the good news of Christmas.

Will this year be a Blue Christmas for you?

In the midst of a season when much that we see and hear is focused on brightly colored lights, festive activities, and feelings of joyful excitement, there are many whose reality is far from such expectations.

Some of you find yourselves grieving the death of a loved one as you approach this holiday season for the first time without that special person. Others of you experience that same grief for yet another year – with slightly diminished intensity or maybe just as strongly as ever. For some you may be dealing with the loss of a job or at least the stress of financial insecurity. For others of you there is struggle with ailing health, depression, or another issue of mental health. And for many there seems no good reason for the sluggish, down feeling that will not loosen its grip no matter how hard you try to get into the cheerful jingles being piped through loudspeakers wherever you go.

To honour whatever places, we find ourselves in at this time of year St. Albert United Church would like to stand in solidarity with you by inviting you to a **“Blue Christmas” Service Wednesday, December 20, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome! If you know of someone we should specifically invite, please contact

Laurie Symbaluk at the office.

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