

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:** December 3 – December 9, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Service:</b> Pastor Anne Telford <b>Service Assistant:</b> Lynne Tedder <b>Scripture Reading:</b> Isaiah 11: 1-10 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Book Club Genesis U.I.B.	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	U.C.W. Meeting	1:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Prayer Shawl	1:30 p.m.



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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Service – Music Ministry Team</b> United in Bronze, Genesis Ringers & SAUC Choir <b>Scripture Reading:</b>  <b>Carol Singing with Donna Graham</b>	10:00 a.m.   11:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	UCW Potluck Dinner and Vesper Service <b>Outreach???</b>	6:00 p.m.  <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	L.I.R.R. Finance Worship & Education	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Games	1:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir	7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.

## Grapevine: December 3, 2023

**PASTOR ANNE TELFORD: 780-458-8355**

**Cell: 780-938-8981**

*Wednesday December 6:*

**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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**LAURIE SYMBALUK (Office Administrator): 780-458-8355**

*December 5: VACATION DAY*

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

**office@stalbertunited.ca**

**SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:** Dec. 3, 2023

**Service:** Pastor Anne Telford

**Service Assistant:** Lynne Tedder

**Ministry of Music:** Donna Graham, Margaret Ward-Jack & SAUC Choir

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

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Community Refugee Committee of St. Albert** would like to thank those of you who have contributed items to help one of our sponsored families settle into their new home.

The family is still looking for four single beds and linens for those beds.

If you can help with this, text Judy at 587-599-5176.  
Thanks!!

## 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.

It is with great sadness we announce that a couple of dear friends have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families during this difficult time.

† **Shirley Sooley** passed away on October 31, 2023. Her family will have a memorial service in the spring at St. Albert United Church.

† **Reverend Barbara Bea Wagner** who was a minister at St. Albert United Church from 1986 – 1990 passed away on November 17, 2023 in P.E.I. Her obituary can be found at:

[https://www.peicanada.com/island\\_deaths/rev-barbara-bea-wagner/article\\_0ea8b5e6-785d-5fd9-a1f2-037ca9b3ce19.html](https://www.peicanada.com/island_deaths/rev-barbara-bea-wagner/article_0ea8b5e6-785d-5fd9-a1f2-037ca9b3ce19.html)

## 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. 780-458-8355 or [office@stalbertunited.ca](mailto:office@stalbertunited.ca)