

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Sunday morning worship If you, or someone you know, is in hospital, ill, desires a pastoral visit, or would like to speak with Rev Christine, she can be reached at 514-944-5068 or you can leave a message at the church office, at 514-634-2651.

Acadia Nativity Scene Please take a moment to admire the Nativity Scene on the Acadia lawn. Thank you, **Richard Hebert** for putting it up for the **26th** year!

Muir's Scotch Pies Still a few left! Available during the week from 08:00 – 12:00, Monday to Friday from Colleen (Church office) for \$38.00/dozen

Girl Guide Cookies Chocolatey Mint \$6.00/box available to purchase at the church office during regular church hours.

Sunday, December 8 White Gift Sunday Please remember to purchase a gift suitable for the age and gender of the child on your gift tag and to bring the wrapped gift to the **White Gift Sunday**. Along with the gift tag, please be sure to mark on a label attached to the gift what it is. (Ex. Lego, boy 8 years old or jewelry kit, girl 10 years old). Your generous gifts will accompany Christmas Food Baskets for families in the community. Thanks to **Food Bank Lachine** for supplying Summerlea United Church with the gift tags again this year.

December 11, 13:00 – 14:00 Winter Meditation with Rev. Beryl **"The Winter Heart"** (Bring a shawl)

Thursday, December 12, at 19:00h Candlelight Service. Summerlea United Church welcomes the community to a joyful evening of carols, scriptures, meditation, and candlelight to help put the glow of Christmas deep into everyone's heart. Bring your friends and neighbours for a beautiful service of Christmas hymns and music. The free-will offering will be much appreciated by those in need in our community.

Evergreen centerpiece(s) for Christmas- \$20. each These centerpieces are made of fresh evergreen boughs, pinecones and decorated with lots of festive "bling". Each centerpiece is a one-of-a-kind! To pre-order your green arrangements for this Christmas please contact Kim Blatherwick at roywick@hotmail.com or call or text at 514-945-5136 * If you have any Christmas mugs that you could donate the "Green Arrangements Team" would greatly appreciate them. Please leave them at the church during office hours during the week or on Sunday mornings.

Donation Envelopes 2025 2025 donation envelopes can **now be picked up at the back of the church**. If you would like a box of donation envelopes, please speak with John Coffin.

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We would like to thank everyone who donated money on previous Food Bank Sundays. Your generosity enabled us to present the Food Bank with a cheque for **\$1,000.00**. They are very grateful especially during this holiday season with many more families using the food bank.

William Hunter Memorial Fund This fund honours the memory and contribution of William Hunter, a former member of Summerlea, who died suddenly in his first years as a United Church Minister. We collect loose offerings from the Christmas Eve service and special envelopes you will find at the back of the church. These contributions are our only source of funds to support our overseas family. We appreciate all your donations which are tax deductible.

Our annual commitment is \$1584.00, a cost of \$528.00 per person. Noami Abdulai, 23 years old, from Ghana will be graduating November 2024. She is part of the Zagyuri community that is now able to continue great progress with your help since 2004. We will connect with another sponsored child. We also currently sponsor Santiago Ezequiel Duarte Ortiz, 10-year-old boy, and Matias Gadiel Samaniego, 4-year-old boy, both from Remansito program in Paraguay. Thank you for your generous support which impacts the living conditions of children and their families. Children and communities facing huge challenges can break barriers and thrive.

We are grateful for your continued support.

Dale Romagosa

****PLEASE NOTE****

During snowstorm season please check if Sunday Service is cancelled by calling the church office, 514.634.2651, on Sunday morning after 08:00.