

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

- * First Reading, Sirach 50:1, 3-4, 6-7
- * Psalm 148:7-14
- * Galatians 6:14-18
- * Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30

We Welcome the Rev. Dr. Stuart Mennigke

Father Shawn is taking some time off, and we are pleased to welcome the Reverend Dr. Stuart Mennigke as our guest celebrant. He was born in South Africa and moved with his family to Canada in 2011. Stuart has served as an Honorary Assistant Priest at Christ Church Cathedral since 2014. At the Cathedral, Stuart participates in various liturgies with the clergy team, helps lead the men's breakfast program, and is developing a new leadership program centered on spiritual coaching within the Cathedral and the wider city.

Soup and Buns and Conversation Returns -

Soup and Buns and Conversation lunch returns Wed Oct 7 at 11:30 am in the lounge. It will be happening the first Wednesday of each month through to May 2027.

Feel free to invite your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there!

It's helpful to know how many people are coming, so please let Donna in the office know if you're planning to attend and how many others are coming with you (email Donna at stjohnnv@telus.net or call 604-986-1151).

We're looking for volunteer soup makers, table setters, and dish washers to assist with these events. We're also grateful for any new crowd-pleasing soup recipes you'd like to share. Contact Diane Johnson at ddjohnson@shaw.ca if you can help!

Jean's Box Outreach - Jean's Box collects items all year long for **North Shore Crisis Services, Lookout Shelter, and the Mission to Seafarers**. Needs include toiletries & feminine hygiene products, treats and more. With Autumn on its way, warmer clothes and layers are most welcome - flannel shirts, long sleeves, long pants. Socks, underwear and seasonal clothing are needed.

We ask that you only donate new clothing or cleaned almost-new clothing.

Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship Update -

Some good news to report: after waiting for over 2 years, the refugee family have finally been invited to interviews at the Visa Office abroad. This is a big step forward in their application process. These interviews are to determine whether they are eligible and admissible for resettlement to Canada and whether resettlement to Canada is the best solution for their situation. Please pray for the family members as they prepare for this important event.

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Fundraiser -

Every year at Thanksgiving St. John's Church collects food and money for the Harvest Project food bank in North Vancouver. The need continues to be great, and we know you want to help.

Non-perishable, not expired food donations can be brought to church on Sunday Oct. 11.

This year we are making giving easier than ever! You can donate online by scanning the QR code. All money received through this campaign will be donated directly to the Harvest Project.



If you prefer to donate by cash or cheque, you can put an envelope on the collection plate on Sunday, stop by the Welcome Table, or you can contact Donna in the office.

St. John's Anglican Church

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Vacation Alert

Kathryn Atkinson will return after October 5th.

Father Shawn will be away for several days in September and October.

- Sept 23 - Oct 2, Oct 5 - Oct 11

In case of a pastoral emergency during Father Shawn's absence, please contact church wardens Alison or Kathryn.

Flu Shot Clinic Returns - Sunday Oct. 18

After the great success last year, we are partnering once again with TravelVax / Pharmasave to bring a seasonal flu shot clinic on site. Parishioners and their families can sign up to get the flu shot, Covid shot, and other available vaccines. The clinic will begin as soon as the service ends, so you can get a shot then sit and have your coffee. **Sign up in advance at the Welcome Table** to ensure we have enough vaccine available. Email Donna in the office for more information.

Chair Yoga with Andrea - Fridays at 10 am in

the Lounge. Chair Yoga is a drop in by donation group. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Donations are kindly accepted at the door. Come and fit in a fun and effective way with chair yoga!

Quote of the Week

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both.

*'If I choose relationship with
Word, Creator and Spirit,
then I choose light shining into darkness
and oneness with them
because they want relationship with me.'*

—The Rev. Dr. Stuart Mennigke

Our guest celebrant Father Stuart spoke these words in his sermon at Christ Church Cathedral on September 6.

The Word, the Creator, and the Spirit want a relationship with us. How will you respond?

September 30 - A National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

- The church office will be closed on Wednesday, September 30.

We encourage everyone to wear their orange shirt in solidarity with the victims, and to spend some time learning about the tragic legacy of Canada's Residential School system.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Sept 27 * *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service* * AA Group (Lounge) 6pm-9pm

Monday, Sept 28 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * AA Meeting (Sanctuary) 7pm - 9pm

Tuesday, Sept 29 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday, Sept 30 * *Church Office is CLOSED - A National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm

Thursday, Oct 1 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7pm

Friday, Oct 2 * *Church Office is Closed* * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am *

Saturday, Oct 3 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * Memorial Service for Dolores Steele 11am

Sunday, Oct 4 - The Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of Animals