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Christmas isn't always Merry... a Church Service A Candlelight Christmas Service for anyone struggling this Christmas season or seeking a moment of calm

reflection amidst a busy life.

Perhaps this Christmas is your first one without that very special loved one or there are pressing health issues. Perhaps there are struggles with a relationship. Maybe it's limited resources or a change in work. Perhaps this year, it's a tough time to put healthy food on the table or the gifts you most want to leave underneath the tree. Maybe it is difficult for reasons that cannot be easily understood or shared. Whatever the case may be, the truth is...

Christmas isn't always merry. And yet, there is still hope, community, and peace.

Knowing how hard Christmas can be for some, the "Christmas Isn't Always Merry" service will be Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm. It will be a multi-church program, being hosted this year at Deversing

Dayspring.



NCN Christmas dinner...Volunteers needed!! Volunteers needed for the annual Neighbourhood Christmas Dinner with Greenfield and Dayspring. We need help with food prep, cooking, serving of the meal, table hosts, and decor. If you are available to help in any of these roles, please talk with Karen via an email to karen@granvillesoftware.com

Friday morning, Dec 13 9:30 - 12:30 Friday afternoon, Dec 13 1:00 - 4:00 Saturday afternoon, Dec 14 3:00 - 5:30 Saturday evening, Dec 14 6:00 - 8:00 (serving & cleanup) Saturday evening, Dec 14 6:00 - 8:00 (table hosts)

Minister: Rev. Bradley Childs 780 999-3005 Minister@DayspringChurch.ca Office hrs:9am-12pm M-F Church School Coordinator: Lynn Vaughan ChurchSchool@dayspringchurch.ca Office Hours: most Thursdays, afternoon Youth Coordinator: Nahyeni Bassah Youth@dayspringchurch.ca Office Hours: TBA Music Director: Binu Kapadia Music@DayspringChurch.ca Custodian: Jim Matthew Faith filled, Inspiring and Joyful!

December Church Services Dec 15 Advent 3 and pageant at 10:am Dec 22 Advent 4 at 10:am

Dec 24 Christmas Eve candle-light at 7:pm Dec 29 First Sunday after Christmas at 10:am

Please NOTE: the Office will be closed on Wed and Thursday Dec 25,26 and Wed Jan 01.

Would you like to be in our 2025 Phone Directory? Have you had changes to your mailing address, phone number or email address in the last year? Please let me know. You may be on the email distribution list currently but perhaps NOT given the office permission to be in our phone directory, if so please let me know. Linda

The 'Tax preparation assistance program' for 2024 tax

returns, has once again been organized by our Mission and Outreach ministry team. To volunteer as a tax preparer, for the 'Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, contact Sam at:



TaxTime@DayspringChurch.ca

Training and other resources are available. Most of the tax preparations will be done online, however we have booked the Great room for 4 Saturdays in April for **in person** clinics. Once we have enough volunteers, we will spread the word that DPC can help prepare individual tax returns.

Administrative Assistant: Linda Farrah-Basford

Admin@dayspringchurch.ca Office Hrs: W & Th 9am-5pm (Occasionally, office hours change without much notice.) **Envelope Secretary:** Iris R. 780-920-4415 envsecy@dayspringchurch.ca **Dayspring Weekly News & Event Calendar:** Announcements need to be in to the office by Tuesdays at **5pm** in order for them to be in the Sunday NEWS.

Volunteer Centre Unit: Located in the Great Room. **Postings Wall:** The west wall of the Great Room.





Do you use our Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Offertory Cards? If not and you

would like to have your offering sent automatically through your bank, please speak with Iris R.at: envsecy@dayspringchurch.ca



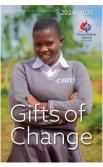
Revised Common Lectionary Readings

(not necessarily Sunday's chosen readings) Dec 15, Zephaniah 3:14–20; Isaiah 12:2–6; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 3:7–18 Dec 22, Micah 5:2–5a; Luke 1:46b–55 OR Psalm 80:1–7; Hebrews 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45, (46–55) Dec 24, Isaiah 9:2–7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1– 14, (15–20)

If you are looking to purchase a different type of Christmas gift

this year you might consider something from the 'Gifts of Change' catalogue. *Make a gift in the name of a friend or family member and they will be sent a card acknowledging the donation.*

Catalogues are available on the **Welcome** table with instructions on how to order inside on the 1st page



Our **Coffee and Usher volunteers** list could **definitely** do with some names being added to it for the next few weeks/months to come. Instructions on how to brew this popular liquid gold are posted in the kitchen and a fellowship member can help too! Iris will help with understanding Usher duties. Thank you, to all of those who have offered their help in the preceding months! You help make Sunday mornings a little PERKIER for everyone!

Stewardship Moment

We can't help but give, because of what Christ has given to us. *Daniel Darling, senior vice president for communications, National Religious Broadcasters.*

SCENT...a word on it

If you wear a scent please be aware that

someone in a pew near you might be quite sensitive to fragrances and perhaps you could choose to not wear it on a Sunday? Thank you



Playgroup & Coffee Time, Dayspring and Family Futures Resource Network

.... Every Friday 10 - 11:30am @ Dayspring Church Come and connect with other parents & caregivers and just let the kids play!

More Ways to Donate at Dayspring -E-transfer to dpc.edmonton.treasurer@gmail.com through your bank's website -Set up a monthly pre-authorized remittance by emailing this completed form https://presbyterian.ca/downloads/55721/ to EnvSecy@DayspringChurch.ca -Mail a cheque to the church at 11445 40 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T6J 0R4 -Donate using a credit card at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16490