

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH AND ONLINE

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday	10:30am	Coffee Klatch	Zoom
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Blue Christmas Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday	9:00 am	Thrift Store	Hall
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study in person and zoom	Lounge
Thursday	1:00 pm	Caregiver Cafe	Lounge
Thursday	6:00 pm	Sacred Bronze	Sanctuary
Friday	7:00 pm	Friday Games Night	Zoom
Saturday	6:00 pm	Community Supper: Take Home Meals	Outdoor

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOLDEN EARS

Christmas Eve Dec 24th 7 pm & 10 pm
 Pyjama Church December 26th 10 am

PRAYER REQUESTS

Golden Ears Families Prayer Cycle: Lorna Osborne, Dawn, Anna & Isaac Huber, Pastorek-Edwards family, Ariel Pastorek, and Bette Patterson.

Golden Ears Folk (and others) in specific need:

Lorraine Livesey's family in the flood area, and all farmers and animals in the Sumas flood. Mary McAsh, Sandra Chard, Mary Kienas, Catherine Albert Moore and family, Kirsty Shiels and others not named but asked to be held in prayer.

Prayers will remain listed here for one month unless asked to extend. Please let the office know at 604 463 9611 of any prayer requests or email minister@goldenearsunited.ca

Pacific Mountain Region Prayer Cycle: Mountain View, Mt. Lehman, Mt Shannon, Naramata Centre, Naramata Community, Nelson and North Lonsdale United Churches.

Rev. Leenane Shiels is available for spiritual and pastoral care in the office, hospital or home by appointment. Please contact her minister@goldenearsunited.ca or 604 725 7639

Our Children and Family minister Lesley Fairley can be contacted through the office or at minister.children@goldenearsunited.ca or 604-754-1824.

Thank you for continuing to support the church with your financial offerings. There are offering boxes at the church doors for envelopes, cheques and cash and you can also send your offering electronically to etransfer@goldenearsunited.ca or contact the office to sign up for PAR.



An Affirming Christian community for faith, justice and music

Ministers of the Gospel:

The whole congregation!

Lead Minister:

Rev. Leenane Shiels

Children & Family Ministry:

Lesley Fairley

Music Director:

Diane Lines

Vocalist:

Sam Ellington

AV Tech:

Tony Chamberlist

Office Administrator:

Lesley Fairley

Advent 3 – How Much is Enough?

Life of the Community

The week of December 12th, 2021

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 Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9 am to 1 pm

HELP US TO BE A COVID SAFE CHURCH!

- Welcome – we are glad that you are worshiping with us today. Whether you are worshiping online or in person, please know that you are welcome. We are asking everyone attending in person to be able to show that they are vaccinated. We invite you to continue to worship with us in our livestream online if you are not yet vaccinated.
- If you have questions or need assistance – please ask one of the friendly greeters.
- If you are feeling ill or unwell, please stay home and worship with us online.
- Please wear a mask at all times in the building and maintain physical distance from those not in your immediate family.

TODAY'S SERVICE – in person and livestreamed December 12th, 2021

Greeters: Grace & Joe Freeman **Reader:** Lenore McLean
Counters: Carole Finch & Elaine Dipalo **YouTube:** Tim Killen
Coffee: Grace Freeman
Livestream team: Sharon Valmont and Asher Witwicki Fishman.

All of the prayers and hymns are projected during the service, but if you like to follow the hymns, here is the music we will be singing. VU stands for Voices United – the Red Hymnal and MV is More Voices, the smaller spiral bound hymnal. They are available for your use on bookshelves at the main entrance.

Hymns:

	Joy Waits for Us at Advent
MV 40	Never Ending Joy
	Make of My Heart a Stable
VU 74	What Child is This?
	Go in Peace

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12: 2-6 & Luke 3: 7-18

Next Week's Service:

Greeters: Sue Kellas & Rosemary Eglin **Coffee:** Cathy Ward
Reader: Ann Soucie **Counters:** Carole Finch & Elaine Dipalo

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE Dec 14/21 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary or live streamed. Join us for a contemplative & reflective service, the holidays can be a difficult time for those of us who are dealing with loss of some kind. Even if we've been living with our loss for a time, grief has a way of showing up and crashing over us like an unexpected wave.

ANNUAL REPORTS We understand how challenging it can be to write a really exciting and creative annual report, but we have faith in you. Feel free to include photos. Reports are due in the office by December 31/21. Please send in MS Word format and photos as jpegs or pngs to office@goldenearsunited.ca

SPECIAL GIVING PROJECT: 'Tis the Season . . . At this time of year Golden Ears United traditionally supports one special outreach project. With many in BC and across Canada experiencing floods we have decided to support the Red Cross. During the remaining weeks of Advent donation envelopes will be available during the services.

WARMING-WEAR COLLECTION Instead of putting gifts under the tree, let's put new or extremely gently used mittens, gloves, hats scarves and socks in the decorated boxes located at in the front entrance of the church. These items will be made available to our Community Supper guests and for anyone in need who visits our Thrift store.

COVID LOAN REPAYMENT During the COVID lockdown, we applied for, and received, a special loan from the Federal Government for \$40,000. The **SPECIAL** part is that we only need to repay \$30,000 and that it is interest free if we can complete the payments by the end of 2022. A recent bequest to the church will match funds raised by the congregation, dollar for dollar. We have 12 months to raise \$15,000. Please, will you help? Mark your donation **COVID Loan**. It may be placed in the offering box on Sunday, or sent to the office.

ABBEY RETREAT Save the date. The annual ladies' retreat to Westminster Abbey in Mission is booked for February 18-20, 2022. This popular event was missed last year and we are excited to be able to return. Please let Sue (gskellas@shaw.ca) or the office know if you are considering attending.

XMAS MARKET RECAP – So much fun, and the energy in the area was amazing! Here's how the numbers add up:

Cookies \$260.00	Meridian Meats \$1000.00 approximately	Jams \$765.50	Puzzles \$223.00
Crafts \$355.00	Silent Auction \$1,788.00	Knitting \$250.00	Vintage \$317.00
Home Baking \$1,757.00	Door Prize \$ 179.00	Jewellery \$84.00	Total \$6,978.50

FINANCIAL UPDATE as of November 30, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Total givings:	\$87,223.00	\$97,500.00
Total revenue:	\$178,211.00	\$176,347.00
Total expenses:	\$293,706.00	\$285,030.00
Expenses Over Revenue:	\$ -115,495.00	

Mission and Service	\$8,569.00	\$11,000.00
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