



# Connect in Service & Community

**Calling all bakers!** Please bring baking on Dec 23rd so it can be made ready to serve at our Christmas Eve services on the 24th.

**Christmas Eve flyer's** are ready in the foyer. Please pick up a bundle of these Christmas Eve service invites and deliver them to your neighbours and friends.

## Mclvor's Most Wanted

Here are the top service needs Mclvor is facing, and ways you can get involved!

- Dishwasher Operators
  - Small Group Leaders
  - Coffeehouse Baristas
  - Elementary and Preschool Teachers
- Please go to the Connect Centre in the foyer to learn more about these roles.

**Mclvor Women's Bible Study** will begin Mondays evenings, January 7, 7-8 PM. We will be using the video series by Mary Jo Sharp, "Why do you believe that?" (7 sessions) All who are interested in deepening their faith in God and connecting with other women at Mclvor are welcome. Sign up Sunday mornings at the Welcome centre, email or call the church office: 204-339-1691.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Union Gospel Mission** is looking for 31 volunteer groups to help us through the Christmas holidays. Many of our volunteers take time off over Christmas and to help give them a break from volunteering on a daily and weekly basis we need your help. Duties (depending on the size of the group) are, kitchen help, dish duty, dining room set-up, sorting donations (clothing and dry goods), assisting with chapel (meet & greet), sweeping & mopping floors, and assisting with the afternoon drop-in program. Please email [volunteer@gospelmission.ca](mailto:volunteer@gospelmission.ca) to schedule your preferred slot. Thank you in advance.

**Enroll in a CMU Winter Semester evening course** – for credit or audit. Options include: History of Indigenous Peoples in Canada; The Art of Preaching; Fundamentals of Marketing; The Detective in Fiction and Film; Principles and Paradigms of Youth Ministry... Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to [cmu.ca/timetable](http://cmu.ca/timetable) for details.

## Save the Date!

Mclvor Women's Retreat is January 18-20 at Pinewood Lodge.

**Jake Schmidt and the Octet** are serving at Donwood Dec. 23rd. *Would you like to join us to sing carols for the residents?* We meet at 9:00 AM for prep. The service is 9:30-10:00 AM. If interested, call Lilly at 204-667-0759 so she can have music ready for you.

## The Well: Young Adult Open Bible Study

No meeting this month. Enjoy your holidays! We'll meet back up in the new year. :)

Tuesday at 11:45 am **Seniors' Christmas Luncheon**. \$10 tickets available after the service in the foyer.

We are excited about our **Mid-Week program "Finder's Feast"** which will be starting up in February! This will take place on Wednesdays from Feb. 6 - March 27, and include a potluck and community groups for all ages. Sign-up sheets have been set up in the foyer, and we encourage you to come check out how you can be involved. Volunteer options include:

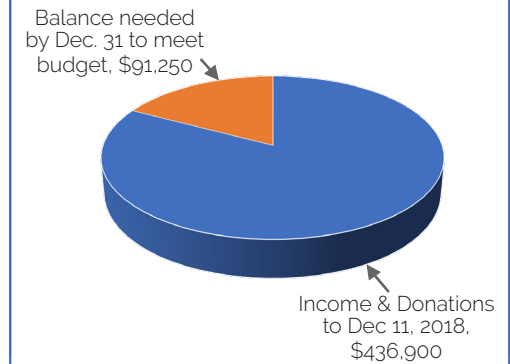
- Adult/youth/kid small group leaders
- Coffee service
- Meal setup/clean up

This Christmas, give a gift that gives twice! Through **MCC's Christmas Giving projects**, you can bring joy to the people you love and transform lives around the world. Each gift comes with a card that explains the gift you've given. Choose from a variety of gift options that will be meaningful to friends, teachers, co-workers or family! Visit [mccmb.ca/christmas](http://mccmb.ca/christmas) today.

Join MCC in Nepal for our first trekking learning tour – April 1-19, 2019. This isn't your average trekking trip. You're invited to come, see and be inspired by the resilience of the Nepali people. Come ready to experience the beauty of the mountains and to learn from the stories of the people living there. For more information visit [mccmb.ca/nepal-learning-tour](http://mccmb.ca/nepal-learning-tour).

## Financial Update

2018 Approved Budget - \$528,150



## How to Text Your Donation

- Text the amount you want to give, *example: "mclvor \$100"*
- Send text to #73256 in order to give to the General Fund.

**Mclvor Men's Retreat:** Gentlemen of all ages, mark your calendar for the annual Men's Retreat on March 1-3, 2019 at Red Rock Bible Camp. Contact Ed Giesbrecht or Rod Badgley if you have questions.

## Prayer, Praise & Missions

### Missionary of the week:

**Justin Koop**, Geekdom (Winnipeg)

Pray for **Sherryl Koop** as she shares personal stories and spiritual insights on "A Skoop of Life", Square One World Media's new radio program that begins airing on CHSM1250 in January.

If you would like to be part of the **prayer e-chain** fill in the yellow form for the prayer chain at the Connect Centre and hand it in at the office.

### Community Prayer

On the first Wednesday of each month, the Fellowship Room is open from 10-11 AM for all to come, offer, and/or receive prayer. The next prayer meeting is January 9.