

Thank you's and Christmas Greetings

We've received several calls, notes, and cards of appreciation and Christmas greetings over the past few weeks (you can view the full cards and e-mails on the bulletin board):

~"Greetings and Fond Memories of Harrow Church. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely, **Louise Mills**"

~"To the Choir & Congregation at Harrow United. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Miss you all! From **Karen Castelein**"

~"Hello Harrow United. Just a note to wish you all a Happy Christmas & Blessings in the New Year. Peace and Love. **Rupert & Vivette Francis**"

~Harrow United Church: May the beauty of this special season bring you peace and happiness. **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**(MB 4451), signed by all their members"

~"Season's Greetings to all the great staff and sincere good wishes for happiness all through the new year. **Kathryn McGuire (Ballroom Dancing)**"

~"Let it Snow! Wishing you peaceful moments to reflect on the beauty of the season. Happy Holidays. Season's Greetings from the staff at **Crescentwood Electric (Brent Wilde)**"

~"Dear Friends, This Christmas, may peace and joy fill every heart. Joyeux Noel. **The Board and Staff of KAIROS**. Thank You!"

~"Wishing you a holiday season of time spent with those you love doing all the special things you love. **Jennifer Howard**"

~Peace on Earth! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From your **Admissions team, Booth University College** (Chantel, Ed, Alla, Lucy, Heather and Sherrie-Lee)

~"Thank you for the Christmas cookies. They were wonderful. Thanks very much for baking them for me. I appreciate them very much. Have a Merry Christmas. (Phone call from) **Joyce Mann**"

~"Thank You. Jack and I can't thank you enough for the plateful of Christmas goodies. We are certainly enjoying them. What a difference between those and store bought. Thanks again for thinking about us.

Bev and Jack Allston"

~Christmas shines in the prayers of a child, the love of a friend, the faith of a heart that believes in miracles...and Christmas shines in very special people who bring joy to the world all year—like you. Wishing you a Beautiful, Holy Season. "Thank you for the cookies. I am enjoying them. Love to all. **Kathleen McCrie**"

~"Thank you. To the children of the Harrow Sunday School: Thank you so much for the cookies. **Lloyd** really enjoyed them. He ate several as soon as I brought them home. Sincerely, **Violet Rumsey**"

~"Dear Harrow United Church/Children of Sunday School: I just want to take time to thank you all so much for donating the toothbrushes to our newly arrived refugees. We had just run out of toothbrushes about a week before receiving the big bag that you donated! The toothbrushes are always well received by our clients. We use the children's toothbrushes for teaching children 2 to 5 how important it is to brush their teeth after they have their snack in our Child Life Skills Training Program. Our Life Skills trainers teach personal hygiene to the clients and after we talk about oral hygiene we give them each a donated toothbrush. Thank you so much for helping us to continue to be able to do this activity! Sincerely, **Janet Steep, Life Skills Counsellor, Welcome Place**"

Harrow Happenings ~ January 8, 2012

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Connecting our faith, our passions, our church, our community

TODAY - Sunday January 8th

~Baptism Sunday—We welcome **Ben Edward Thomas** into our family of faith.

~"Christmas Is Not Your Birthday"

group discussion after worship. All welcome. (see details page 2)

~Over the next few weeks, the Sunday School will be exploring the theme "Growing up with Jesus" and doing activities that Jesus might have done as a child.

Mondays

~Yoga—9:30 am in the Upper Hall (\$50 for 10-wk session or \$7/class drop-in)

Tuesdays

~Zumba—9:30am in the Upper Hall (\$64 for 8-wk session or \$10/class drop-in)

~Choir practice—7:00pm in Sanct.

Fridays

~Rhyme & Storytime—9:30am in the Lower Hall (free program, 0-5 yrs & caregivers)

Tuesday January 10th

~Visitation Ctee Mtg 1:30 in Narthx

Wednesday January 11th

~Property & Finance Ctee Mtg 9:00am in the Balcony

Thursday January 12th

~Council meeting 7:00pm

Saturday January 14th

~Digital Photography Club 9:00 am in the Parlour

Sunday January 15th

~Communion

~UCW meeting—after worship in the Parlour

Tuesday January 17th

~Choir practice & MEETING 7pm

Saturday January 21

Convalescent Home worship 3:00pm

Prayer Concerns

- † Manitoba Youth Centre
- † Debra Kowlessar
- † Mehret Tedla
- † Mary Young
- † Fumi Okumura
- † Ben Edward Thomas and his parents Laura and Aaron Thomas.



Assisting at today's service:

Greeters:

The Carson/Anderson Family

Scripture Reader:

Heather Carson

Collection of Offering:

Ron Anderson, Cheryl Anderson, Heather Carson, Sandra Carson

Refreshments & Clean-Up:

The Carsons



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Thank you to January's House Group:

Gord Reid; Cheryl Anderson & Pat Carson, Heather & Sandra;

Ron Anderson; Joan Bettess; Audrey Bone; Howard & Vicki Elliot;

Pat Kowlessar; Betty MacRae; Len Wilson

Our House Groups help with tasks such as greeting, refreshments & clean-up, collecting offering, reading scripture, serving communion, and generally helping the services run smoothly. **For more information or if you'd like to get involved, please call us at the office 284-0079.**





MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

Children's Rights

Here's a story about a Mission and Service-supported program for children in Kenya.

Forget soccer, drama, or music—it's children's rights that are important to kids in Kenya. There are about 200 Children's Rights Clubs in schools throughout the country focusing on understanding and promoting justice for kids. The clubs are also active in food drives, hospital and orphanage visits, and environmental clean-up days.

The Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children (KAACR) is a Mission and Service partner that represents 12 organizations working directly with children across Kenya mainly through their Children's Rights Clubs. The clubs are making important strides in guaranteeing rights for children at a political and local level, as well as with the kids themselves.

Friendship Gavula Primary School is in the hills an hour outside Kisumu, Kenya. The teachers find that club members are more disciplined and get better grades than other students. Members are also raising funds to help fellow students buy uniforms or pay fees. At nearby Kisumu Girls' High School, club members address the challenges they face as African students: HIV/AIDS, poverty, nutrition, child labour, abductions, drug abuse, and social stigma.

Stella is studying business administration in Nairobi, Emmanuel is studying law, and David is a pastor in a small church in Nairobi. They are all club graduates who maintain ties to the rights movement. The clubs have left an indelible impression on them, and they have become young adults who are already leaders for a better community.

Your Mission and Service gift supports children's rights in Kenya and paves the way for change for kids in the future.



Is it time to rethink Christmas in your household?

We invite you to join with others who are seeking to refresh the meaning and celebration of Christmas.

An event for ALL ages

**Next Gatherings: TODAY—Sunday Jan 8th
noon - 1:00 p.m. here at Harrow**

Author Mike Slaughter: *"Christmas is not your birthday; it's Jesus' birthday! This book will help you reclaim the broader missional meaning of Jesus' birth and experience a Christmas season with more peace and joy than any toy or gadget could ever bring."*

JOTTINGS from the PAST by Linda Bish, Harrow Archivist



*Again, this Sunday we read an excerpt from the Harrow U.C. 1971 Annual Report. Today it is the **Christian Education & Congregational Life Report as submitted by Committee Chair, Mary Yanke.***

"Last February we drew up a list of events to take place during the year:

February – Fun Night,
March – Marion Current Mission Choir Concert,
April – Confirmation Reception,
May – Craft Pageant, June – Congregational Picnic,
September – Talks with 8 neighbouring churches re: Church Union, October – Barbeque – (rained out),
November – Anniversary Service & Reception,
December – Christmas Concert.

Funds were provided to help pay part of expenses to send some Church School teachers to the Prairie Christian Training Centre at Ft. Qu'Appelle to study ways of setting up a Church School Curriculum. We also allocated funds to help any interested persons to attend the Ecumenical courses to be held in the City. A tape recorder was purchased, along with some tapes, and proper housing has been ordered to house this in along with our present audio visual equipment. We have been involved in quite a lengthy study regarding the purpose of this committee, as it was set down when we set up the restructuring of the Church. This we are finding to be a very large task, but we are committed to do our best in the interest of the congregation as a whole. We are open to any suggestions as to how we go about the job of fulfilling our obligation."



Call for Annual Reports

Annual Report time is upon us. We need to get the finished reports out to members of the congregation. Therefore, it is imperative that you start on your reports **NOW**, and send them to Kerry **as soon as possible** via e-mail at: secretary@harrowunited.ca (or typed or hand-written and turned in to the office) but by **ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 27th**. *Thanks everyone for your hard work all year and on the reports themselves!*



Convalescent Home of Winnipeg Worship Services -

*Led by Harrow once every month, our next service is on **Saturday, January 21st at 3:00pm** in the main floor recreation area of the 'Jessie Home', corner of Jessie Ave and Hugo St. Please join Shirley May & others to **help make this a special occasion for the residents.***