

# Prayer Prompter

December 10—December 16, 2017



- Praise the Lord for the wonderful times of worship on Sunday mornings as our Auditorium comes alive with voices of praise and the preaching of God's Word, and for the sounds of fellowship in the foyer each week.
- The opportunity to hear how God has been working over the last year as we heard various reports at the Quarterly Business Meeting. Praise the Lord for his continued goodness and faithfulness to us as we look forward to the things he will do in 2018.
- Pray for Paul Gerics, John Maheu and Andrew Smith, who were confirmed by vote to serve as Elders beginning in 2018, that God would guide their leadership. Pray also for the spiritual protection of their families.
- As we enter into the Christmas season, pray for those who find difficulties in this time of year, particularly those who are facing their first Christmas after the death of a loved one. Pray that God would surround them with his love and comfort and that they would find joy among the heartaches.

## Women's Oasis:

- The Evening Oasis events have been gaining momentum over the last couple of months. We are thankful to see more women taking advantage of these opportunities to grow in community with one another
- Pray for more women to be involved in Bible studies in the coming year.

## Church Care Ministries:

- God has brought wonderful new folk to us from numerous backgrounds, some new to faith, new to Hamilton, new to Canada. Pray that each one will have a clear sense of 'home' at West Highland, and that as a church family, we will embrace each one, celebrating the richness of the culture and personalities they bring.
- We are presently moving toward expanding our Stephen Ministry team, asking for discernment as we seek members with the right gifts, an openness as we approach them with regard to this important area of pastoral care service, and then energy and joy as we enter in to the 50 hours of training and development in the new year.

## Christmas Events:

- Pray for those involved in our upcoming production of "Simply Christmas" on December 15. May the message of this presentation bless those in attendance during this busy time of year.
- Those from the community who will be attending our Christmas services.

## Family Ministries

- Our Family Ministry areas as they prepare for a new year: **STAR Kids** (nursery & toddler, Sunday programs, Tuesday evening Quest), **Youth** (Impact—Jr High, Element—Sr High, Student Leadership Team), **Young Adults** (Leadership Team, University & College Students, International Student Outreach), **Family Support** (Marriage & Parenting Courses)
- Pray for more volunteers for various areas of our STAR Kids Ministries on Sunday mornings. More help is especially needed for our 2's & 3's class.
- Pray for all lay ministry leaders who form the backbone of our Family Ministries teams and for the many new families connecting to the church through our programs.
- Pray especially for our young people, that they will not only experience the freedom of God's love but also the joy of His specific call on their lives.

## Care Corner | Pray for...

### Nursing/retirement homes:

Percy & Joyce Aarons  
Lois Booth  
Lemmy Burpee  
Brenda Harkness  
Marshall Parker  
Audrey Roberts  
Max Ross  
Dorothy Shaw  
Willie Welburn  
Kathleen Woods

### On-going health issues:

Audrey Blankstein  
Pat Brown  
Karen Carlton  
Iris Downton  
Pat Fuller  
Dennis & Helen Gould  
Karin Jeske  
Marilyn Kuik  
Doug & Evelyn Lambie  
Barb Redman  
Sylvia Ross  
Lorraine Shepherd  
Riki Strohschein  
Maxine Van Horne  
Janet Wallace

- **Those who are grieving the loss of loved ones**
- **Those suffering from various physical and mental illnesses this season.**
- **Specific prayer concerns this week:**  
- Pastor Jakob Koch (recovering at home)
- **The Missionaries supported by WH as they faithfully serve God around the world**  
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