

Westbourne Newsletter December 2020

News from the Community Centre

The WLCC is closed due to Covid, but is looking forward to being able to open again in 2021 (fingers crossed). We look forward to hosting you all again. We thank all the volunteers who have helped make past events possible.

The work on the Ice Plant for the curling rink is almost complete, not sure if it will be up and running this year, depends on restrictions. Watch for future announcements.

Announcements

We are moved and have settled in pretty well. Its a different kind of life, especially with covid hanging around. We are meeting people and enjoying our little community within our apartment complex. Even some families living here that were seasonals at T.J'S. Lots of old memories, lol. Tom and I want to thank our community of Westbourne for the wonderful monetary gift given to us. We did not expect that.it brought tears to our eyes. Thank you all very much! We will let you know what we purchase with it if (when we can go shopping). When things open up again, we will be back for Friday nights and curling, suppers etc. Westbourne will always be in our hearts -our hometown , our kids hometown. MERRY CHRISTMAS WESTBOURNITES!! When this is all over, come for coffee #310-701 Crescent Road East Portage R1N 0Y2 from **Tom and Judy Breckman**

St.George's Church of Westbourne depends on your yearly donation to keep the church going in our small community. Cheques can be mailed to Cathy Poschenrieder c/o St. George's Church, Box 88, Westbourne, MB R0H1P0

There has been a few new families that have moved into Westbourne, due to Covid I haven't been able to meet them, but "Welcome!" just the same, if you have met the families, please let them know about the newsletter and pass along my email address so I can add them to the newsletter list.

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December Trivia with Arline 2020

At the present I would like to Wish Everyone a Happy Holiday This could be my last trivia unless I may find something simple there are too many things working against me –the 5 senses are wearing out, e-mail still the same

Do Have a Merry Christmas

I don't think Merry will be the right word for it but maybe if you have a good size bottle of Bubbly between a couple (can't have company) it might be Merry by the end of the day?? I have a couple bottles of wine in my closet, next day I will be singing "Wasn't That A Party" or "Grandma got ran over by a rein deer on her way home from the party last night"?

It Is definitely going to be different, but a lot cheaper, have some toys that haven't been seen for a year or two, the kids have forgotten about, wrap them up !!

The Christmas Music is what I am missing ,the Carol & Christmas Eve get togethers. It was always great Evenings. Next Sunday would likely have been the Christmas Carols the whole 16 in all and it was never much over the hour.

Usually around 50 would make it and Christmas Eve the Church has been full @ 120 folks . The Singing I could enjoy, from where I sat, at the organ where I had been on those evenings for the previous 25 some years was great !! The add time they were singing two tunes for the same carol or I was playing the wrong tune for the words they were singing , or Keith forgetting to announce the

message for the evening. Last year, (maybe two) I think it was there were 2 little Lambert (under a year old) were tuning in for singing so invited them back in maybe 10 years for another duet.

“Those are a few of the favorite things. Each Service usually opened with “O Come all Ye Faithful or “Go tell it on the Mountain” were quite often the opening carol closed with “Joy to the World” and closing with “Silent night” sang by Candle light (real ones) and a Closing Prayer & Blessing of Greetings for One and All.

Kathryn always had the Church decorated like a Christmas card , beautifully!! Some of those decorations a left up so This maybe we could have a Christmas Service in July, I old furnace has put out enough heat to warm the place, The Old Church Bell, gave up a couple years ago needs some attention It has been working since about 1928 when the present church was opened.

I will be thinking of everyone Passed Friends and the News Folks of Westbourne who might have had the opportunity to join in for an Evening **of Fellowship and Best Wishes for the Holidays, for Health, Happiness and Good Will**

Through out the Coming Year !!

Another year is coming to an end. I thank all of you for submitting your stories for the newsletter, keep it up! I like to have the submissions by the 14th of the month so I can send out on the 15th. melissabilous501@gmail.com if you want to send me anything for the upcoming issues.

From my family to yours, We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Healthy New Year!