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NEWS



Valois United Church
Families Connecting


A season of wonder

It's a beautiful season of wonder and joy, but it's also a worrisome time for those struggling to make ends meet. There are so many ways you can help. **This Sunday, Dec. 14 at 10:00**, we welcome

your gift of toys, food, mitts, hats or money at our annual **Christmas Pageant and White Gift service**, led by the children. Toy gifts can be wrapped in white paper (if possible), and on it

written "girl" or "boy", and the age range. White Gift Envelopes for the **Service & Mission Fund** will be made available during service, and our **Mitten Tree** is ready for donations of hats, mitts and scarves. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Sunday Dec 14  10:00 a.m. 3rd Sunday Advent Children's Pageant/White Gift Sunday	7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service 9:00 p.m. Communion 
Sunday Dec 21  10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday Advent Carols and Readings	11:00 a.m. Service at st. John's United Church 98 Aurora, Pointe-Claire
	Wednesday Dec 24
	Sunday Dec 28

For Sale

The Sunday School is selling handcrafted **SAILBOAT ORNAMENTS** by donation now until Christmas. Money from these cinnamon-scented decorations will go to *Mercy Ships*. Thank you for helping our kids help others!

THANK YOU!!!

To the UCW for their generous donation to Valois United of \$15,000.00! This represents the hard work of many people in the congregation.

To all volunteers, contributors and participants of Saturday's mini-bazaar, which raised over \$1,500.00. Congratulations!

Finance News

Interim statement to October 31 showing \$38,000 deficit.

If Valois United Church could run on the tireless energy of its many volunteers, there would be no bills to pay. But unfortunately life doesn't work that way. This Christmas season, **we need your help**. Your generosity will help us continue to support the spiritual and material needs of many in our Valois Community. Thank you!

CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2009, \$5.00 is now available from the Church office.

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