



Annual Christmas Party

Wednesday December 23rd
2-9(ish)pm

Join us for a holiday meal with all the fixin's! Christmas program to start after dinner is finished. Dinner served @ 5:30pm... Don't be late!

5th Anniversary Party

Friday January 29th, 2016
7-10(ish)pm

Can you believe it??? Sanctuary is turning 5 years old! Please join us for a great night of celebration.

We're Open!

Just in case you wondered, all of Sanctuary's Sunday, Monday and Wednesday programs will be running at our regular times all throughout the holiday season and into the new year. Haven't been by in a while? We'd love to see you!

- Sunday Worship 6-8:30pm
- Monday Lunch Drop-in 10-3pm
- Wednesday Drop-in and Family Style Meal 2-8pm, dinner served @ 5:30pm



Carolling in the Park!

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."

John 1:14

At Christmas time, the God of the universe humbled Himself and became a man so that He could walk and talk as one of us, and live in closer relationship with humanity.

To be human means to live in relationship with other people. In relationship we give and we receive from one another. But what happens when we feel as though we have nothing to offer to anyone? This is one of the huge challenges of many of the people in the Sanctuary community. The truth is that they *do* have much to offer, but they have been so beaten up by life that they have lost all creativity and forgotten their worth. (Continued)





100 @ \$100 Campaign

At the end of every month, Sanctuary is left scrambling to come up with enough "one-time" donations to supplement our "monthly pledges", in order to pay our bills. We need to find a more sustainable way to keep going, and we've got a number of ideas in process. One of these ideas is housing, which you can read about on the right.

Until some of these ideas come to fruition, we recognize the need to continue building our monthly pledged donations. We are currently short \$10,000 each month. That is why we launched the 100 @ \$100 Campaign. If we can increase our monthly pledges enough to meet our budget, any one-time donations and other money raised will allow us to continue dreaming towards the following (and more):

- More staff to be in relationship with our ever increasing number of community members
- Health Care Clinic
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Children's Ministry

Will YOU consider being one of 100 people who can give \$100/month? If so, please call Darryl at 519-280-8895. As always, thanks for your support!

At Sanctuary, as we journey together towards home, we try to find ways of encouraging one another to be creative again. Our friend Mike found some creativity; "Do you think we could find something at Christmas we could do for others outside of our own community? You know, like carolling or somethin'."

And so on Sunday night rather than worshipping inside the church, we all bundled up and walked to the park and sang carols. In that moment, The Christ of Christmas, Immanuel dwelt among us.

THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT... Sanctuary Homes!

Since the very beginning, Sanctuary has always had a dream to be *HOME* for people who otherwise feel they have no safe place to really hang their hat. With huge thanks to some amazing donors, Sanctuary now has both sides of this semi-detached house to help eight people from the Sanctuary community work together to create home. Much more than just a house, the people who sign up to live here will commit to living together as a family unit with shared space and shared meals. Sanctuary staff will have the honour of walking along side these individuals, supporting them in every way we can, and the entire community will embrace them. Please join us in wrapping this process with prayer. Pray specifically that God will give wisdom as we discern who to invite into these homes.

