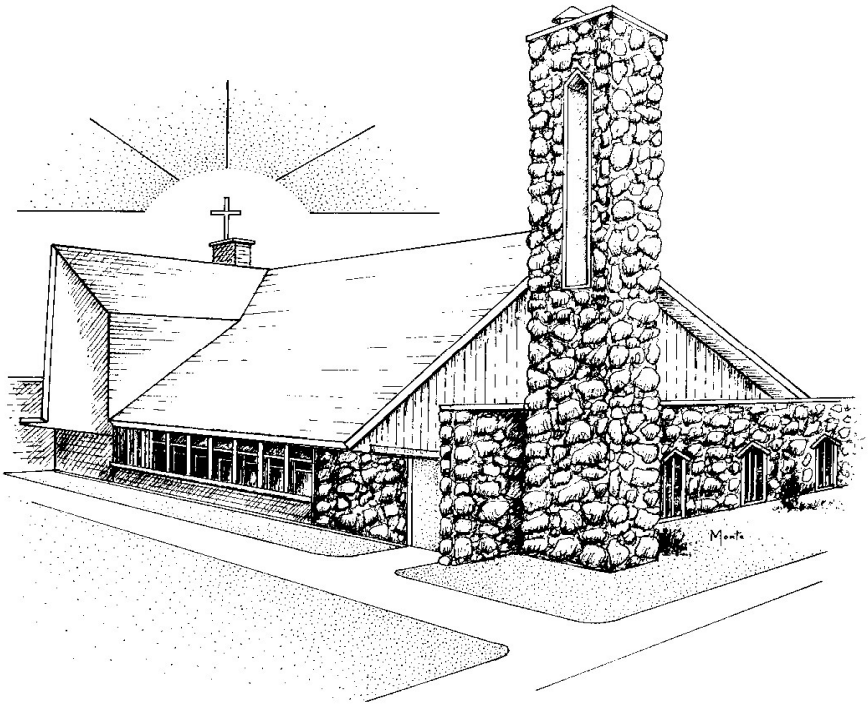


# St. James' -Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave., Kitchener, Ont. N2B 1K2

**God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith**



**January 24, 2010**

**10:30am**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends**

## THE APPROACH

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute People – Peggy Schott, Dorothy Hibbard

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### **Hymn to Joy**

By Ludwig van Beethoven, Arr: Jack C. Goode

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

**All: We come to celebrate God's presence,**

One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

**All: We come remembering Christ's life and  
ministry,**

One: and the life we are called to live.

**All: We come as a pilgrim people searching for  
ways to live out our faith.**

One: We come seeking the strength...our journey.

**All: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

240

### **Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven**

Flute Descant – Crystal Fallis

### OPENING PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

One: Forgive us, O God.

**All: And grant us Your Peace!**

CHOIR

**Feuille – O (Kyrie)**

Haitian Traditional

Arranged and adapted by Andrew Donaldson

Courtesy of RCCO organization and Lutheran Seminary WLU

LORD'S PRAYER (said in unison)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE

**Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

\*HYMN

714 **Come, We That Love** (First tune)

CHILDREN'S STORY

PSALM

**19** VU740 (refrain two)

GOSPEL

**Luke 4: 14-21**

ANTHEM

**For Where Love Is, There is God**

Adapted by Charlotte Lee from Ubi Caritas et amor, 9<sup>th</sup> century

Douglas E. Wagner, Tune: BEACH SPRING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**Galliard**

By John Dowland, Arr: Jack C. Goode

\*OFFERTORY HYMN

537

**Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share  
**Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON

The Surprise of Scripture

**THE RESPONSE**

PRELUDE TO PRAYER

599 **Living Christ, Bring us Love**  
(Verses 1, 4)

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

242 **Let All Things Now Living**  
Vocal Descant – Margaret Shoosmith Jr.

\*COMMISSIONING

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true  
Know He will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen

POSTLUDE

**Fortitude**

By Walter E. Young, Arr: Jack C. Goode

**Large Print Bulletins** and **Hearing Devices** are available.  
Please ask an usher.

**\*Please stand, as able where indicated by the \*  
To allow those who wish to remain in the Sanctuary to meditate and pray, we ask others to make their way out quietly.  
All are invited for conversation and refreshments in the Rainbow Room immediately following the service.**

**The Choir of St. James'-Rosemount United Church is keeping the people of Haiti in their thoughts and prayers by singing the traditional Haitian melody arranged into Kyrie.**

**PRAYER CYCLE for the Churches of Hamilton Conference –  
Bloomingdale in Waterloo Presbytery**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** - We kindly ask that you incorporate non-contact greetings when Passing the Peace. A wave, a warm smile, a friendly "Hello, Peace be with you" are all safe, effective ways of greeting one another and are appropriate, responsible reactions to the current H1N1 Pandemic.

THIS WEEK – January 24, 2010

Counters	Candy Dillman, Bob & Marg Hibbard, Stephen Howitt
Greeters	Ena & Bob Arnot; Gillian & Jim McNulty
Ushers	Candy Dillman, Lois Chambers, Terry & Sandra Jardine
Gather & Gab	Shirley & Gordon Double

NEXT WEEK – January 31, 2010

Counters	Cindy Kratky, Anne & Don Willcox, Roy Knight
Greeters	Anne & Don Willcox, Terry & Sandra Jardine
Ushers	R. Knight, E. Shantz, Cec & Jan Omand
Gather & Gab	Jessie Millar & Michelle Sarre

**Food Bank Needs** for January – Peanut Butter and Canned Beans

## **Congregational Update**

- The Joint Search Committee is in the process of reviewing the applications received in response to the call put out for a new minister(s) in November. We will be conducting initial interviews over the next few weeks. Continue to pray for this committee and these candidates that we may find the one that God would have for us.
  
- Last year our Stewardship Campaign focused on considering our time, talents, gifts and financial resources. Again, as we look at the gift that we have been given of another new year, let us reflect on our beliefs, our vision and commitment within our church and how we collectively and as individuals contribute our time, talent, gifts and financial resources to achieve what we believe God has in mind for us to achieve.
  
- In 2010 we are committed to enhancing our focus on Pastoral Care and Membership. This is part of Stewardship. The Pastoral Care and Membership Committee have already begun to implement strategies in these areas. Please consider using your time, talents and gifts to help with these initiatives and be the ambassadors for St. James' by bringing someone to church and build our congregation so that even more may be accomplished.
  
- As of December 31, 2009 we had contributions of \$14,800 in "Christmas Gifts" to St. James'. Your prayerful consideration and your action made this possible.
  
- The "Eat to Give" program is still a focus for us and you will hear more about this later.
  
- Along with your 2009 tax receipts you will receive information regarding your previous estimate of givings for 2009 if available. As well, there will be an estimate of givings form for the year 2010. Please complete and return this form by Sunday, February 21, 2010. People often ask "How much should I give to the Church?" A chart will be included that shows how much your weekly gift would be if you chose a percentage of your net income. Another chart asks if you could consider moving your givings up one step in 2010. This really does help us with planning for the year. If we have not heard from you by Sunday, February 21st someone will call to see if they can pick up your estimate of giving form. Note: These forms are confidential and seen only by Jessie Millar our Envelope Secretary.

•All members and adherents are asked to contribute \$30.55 per person to cover individual fees related to being members of the United Church of Canada. These fees are a major funding source for the United Church of Canada to support its many initiatives undertaken on our behalf. Recognizing that not all members and adherents may not be able to afford this fee, please donate what you can to offset this expense. Please make your cheque out to 'St. James'-Rosemount United Church' and clearly identify your contribution as your individual Conference/Presbytery fee. This amount will be included as part of your offering to St. James'-Rosemount United Church.

•The Board is again requesting that you sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) if you have not already done so. You are also encouraged to place a PAR card - which is found in a small box on the Narthex table - on the plate each Sunday. This can be a bit of a reminder to those who have not signed up for PAR to consider doing so. PAR forms are available in the Narthex and Jessie Millar can help you if you have any questions.

•February 7th is the Annual Congregational Meeting following the Sunday Service and will be held in the gym.

•February 9th at 8:00 pm is the first meeting of the Unified Board of St. James'-Rosemount United Church. All are welcome to attend.

Cec Omand, Chairperson,  
On behalf of the Unified Board

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***(Please see bulletin boards for more events)***

**Congratulations** to James and Gillian McNulty on the birth of their first grandson (2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild), William James (son of Tim and Lisa) on Friday January 15, 2010.

**Happy Birthday!** – Congratulations to Jack Wilson on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday

**UCW Unit II** – Meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday January 26, 2010. Our speaker will be from Ray of Hope.

NEXT SUNDAY! **January 31, 2010**, the Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden - President of Hamilton Conference - (and Paul's son) will be at SJR as a guest member of our ministry team to lead us in worship. The Cooperating Churches in Kitchener (the nine United Churches who joined together for the picnic in June) have been invited to come and "worship as one body" with at SJR. Special music is planned, and we'll be serving lunch for one and all after the service. A free will offering will be collected for the lunch, with net proceeds going to the M&S Fund. You won't want to miss this exciting service ~ a full house, a gifted speaker, great music, and food! Please let us know you will be staying for lunch by signing the sheet in the Narthex OR signing up online (one or the other, not both please).

**Unit I UCW** – Tuesday February 2 at 1:30pm. Ladies will meet in the Parlour and our guest speaker will be our own Rev. Wendy. She will tell us about her time spent at Curve Lake Indian Reserve and will also tell us about the symbols on her stoles, that she wears on Sundays over her gown. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

**This is it! Variety Night!** Saturday February 6, 2010 at 7:00pm. Enjoy our own talent from SJRUC plus Special Guests. Music, comedy, refreshments, family fun and fellowship. Tickets will be on sale soon. Adults \$10.00, Family (one parent & children - \$15.00 or two parents & children - \$25.00)

**Book Nook:** Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado. Focus on Giants – You Stumble; Focus on God – Your Giants Tumble. Borrow for 3 weeks.

## **PREPARE FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES -**

You are invited to read the scriptures. See how God's Living Word will become alive in you: Jeremiah 4:1-10, Psalm 71, John 3: 1-17

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tues. January 26	UCW Unit II
Wed January 27	Cooperating Congregations
Sun. January 31	Lunch with Rev. Jeff Crittenden
Tues. January 2	UCW Unit 1
Tues. February 2	Board Executive Meeting
Sat. February 6	Variety Night
Sun. February 7	Annual Meeting following worship
Tues. February 9	Committee and Board Meetings

### **Upcoming Services**

January 31 at 10:30am	Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden lunch to follow the service. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex
February 7, 2010	Communion

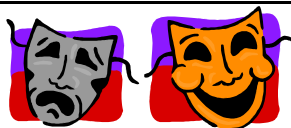
**Have a Heart for Haiti – Make a donation here at SJRUC and receive a heart to place on our banner!**

**Curling Bonspiel – February 20, 2010** Three Willows United Church in Guelph invites churches to enter a team! 2 Draws – 2 Six-end Games at Guelph Curling Club. For further information contact Doug Sloan at 519-824-4922 or [joysloan@allstream.net](mailto:joysloan@allstream.net). Registration forms available at the church office.

**Retreat & Lecture Series – Jesus: The Misunderstood Jew – March 26-28, 2010** at St. Paul's United Church, Orillia. Learning grant of \$125/person available from UCC to a max of \$1250 per group [www.united-in-learning.com/ajlevine](http://www.united-in-learning.com/ajlevine). Please contact St. Paul's United Church in Orillia for more information on this series and/or to register [ajlevineorillia@gmail.com](mailto:ajlevineorillia@gmail.com) or 705-325-3648. Register by January 31, 2010 and save!

**Knowing Our Neighbours – Sunday January 31 7:00pm** at St. John's on the Hill United Church, Cambridge. 519-623-1820 for more info.

# An Invitation of a Theatrical Nature



A small group of United Church people in Kitchener has plans to stage a production of:

## *Church Union: A Romance of 1924*

Written by:  
Rev. Douglas Wright

We are going Waterloo- Presbytery-wide in our search for;

### Actors and Production Assistants

Including people interested in lighting, props, costumes, advertising and promotion, stage managing, etc. This is the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church Union and what more fun way could there be to observe this milestone with the production of a play which captures some of the intrigue and even *romance* of that event.

### PLAY SYNOPSIS

It is the summer of 1924 and the Rev. Clarence Woodside is the newly-settled Presbyterian minister in a south-western Ontario village named Chiselhurst. Not only is his congregation pressuring him from all sides to commit himself to a position in favor or in opposition to church union, but he is also faced with a choice about another union - which one of several potential suitors he could 'marry up' with.

The tentative performance date is **Friday, May 28, 2010** in Kitchener Please respond with your interest to Randy Banks at"

[olivet47onward@gmail.com](mailto:olivet47onward@gmail.com) or [minister@olivetunitedchurch.com](mailto:minister@olivetunitedchurch.com) or 519-742-7291 (church) or 519-744-1230 (home)

If you do become involved, you will be asked to join a Google Group and be part of all conversations regarding the play and its production.

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