

*Faith
in
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Mission and Service Fund



St. James' -Rosemount United Church

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

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

Sunday October 24, 2010
Outreach Sunday

10:30am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit when you see this symbol ()

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you!

PRELUDE

*HYMN

Let Us Build a House

MV# 1

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**All: Jesus is the Light of the World
May He shine on us every day."**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: To each is given the power of the Spirit for the good of others.

ALL: We lift up the gift of wisdom from our elders, and the gift of vision from our youth.

ONE: We celebrate the ministry of overseas personnel and the work of the Mission and Service Fund

ALL: We pray for the ministry of the United Church of Canada: a church with a social conscience;

ONE: A church that celebrates opportunities to share with others; a church that enables people of all ages to live and to learn with one another. A church that encourages new ways to form community and mutual support, with Canada and beyond.

ALL: May Christ's light lead us with confidence, and with hope. May we be the hands and feet of Christ within our time and within God's world. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

We are thankful, O God that we are a part of the world that you made. Help us to see that ministry and mission are really about partnership and service. Be with us in our own journey of faith. May we seek to understand the needs of others, and attempt to meet their needs with love and respect. As we journey together in life may we hear Christ's message of hope for all people. Encourage us to be present with you and our neighbours -- fellow travellers throughout the world. Amen

***HYMN We Are Marching (Siyahamba) VU# 646**

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE
AND THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL**

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peggy Schott

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC **Listen, God is Calling** MV# 97

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Your Work O God** VU# 537

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.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

KENYA PROJECT

Les Houston

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

As food is for the body, as sun is for the leaves, as rain is for the earth, so your word is for our lives, nourishing, replenishing, refreshing, healing. For this we thank you, loving God. Amen.

Susan Lukey, High River U.C., Alta.

SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 3: 1-8**

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON **God's Promise – Our Response**

Reflections on Africa

QUIET REFLECTION **Sing Amen (Asithi: Amen)**

VU# 431

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

We Are Pilgrims

VU# 595

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

L: May God be with you

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

CHORAL PREPARATION: (#400, VU)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

[Leader continues.....] Gracious God hear our prayer,

All: And in your love, answer.

*CLOSING HYMN **Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

VU# 512

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION & AMEN

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

Our Worship is Over – Our Service Begins

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



Please join us for Gather and Gab (Fellowship and Coffee) in the Rainbow Room following the worship service.



Next Week's Bible Readings:

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

Stewardship Seconds

Few of us would brag about our mediocrity! Then why do we settle for enough from God, and therefore enough for God?

Congregational Information Meeting

NEXT Sunday October 31, 2010 following Gather n Gab in the gym. Please join us. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thank You to our Volunteers

THIS WEEK - October 24, 2010

Greeters	Anne & Don Willcox; Ileen Darasch
Ushers	Ed & Ellen Edwards Bob Morrow, Luella Crawford
Counters	Linda & Tom Smith Terry & Sandra Jardine
Gather `n Gab	Lois Chambers & Elizabeth Templin
Lay Reader	Les Houston
Candle Lighter	Norma Mosgrove

NEXT WEEK - October 31, 2010

Greeters	Ellen & Ed Edwards Evelyn Shantz & Roy Knight
Ushers	Vikki & Jim Tait Sandra & Terry Jardine
Counters	Ann & Cam MacNeish, Marge Costin
Gather `n Gab	Lorene Hay & Nancy Ebel
Lay Reader	Dorothy Hibbard
Candlelighters	Emily & Avery Moore



Prayer Cycle for the churches of Hamilton Conference

CARLISLE-KILBRIDE CHARGE
Carlisle Church is about 1km

south-east of the Hamilton Conference office. Kilbride is about 10 minutes farther east. Carlisle began in 1852 when Methodists formed "The Eaton" which met in private homes. The church was built in 1891. Kilbride is of similar age. Worship in Carlisle averages around 50-55, in Kilbride it is about 25-30. Rev. Diane Blanchard is in her 9th year as minister. The churches are about to celebrate the 20th anniversary of her ordination. We are asked to pray for the continued health of the congregations.



Congratulations to Peggy and Keith Schott on the birth of their 2nd granddaughter. Ella Ruth was born on October 20 at 2:31am and weighed 8lbs.

SJR's Olivia Curtis is off to Nicaragua during March Break, 2011, with 17 other youth from Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery as part of TCOW (Two Countries One World).

The TCOW youth will be helping with a variety of projects in a community that was displaced many years ago. The goal is for each participant to raise \$2500 for the materials needed for projects such as installing a portable water system, creating a place for a reading program, restoring the unused health post, and their travel costs. **Olivia is co-hosting a beef dinner at Trinity United Church with the Trinity TCOW youth on Sat., Nov. 6, starting at 5 p.m.** She receives a share of the proceeds to help with her fundraising goal so please join her at Trinity on Nov. 6! See the poster on the website or the bulletin board for more details and sign-up.



**Mid-Week Morning
Hymn Sing & Prayer**

**Every Wednesday morning at SJR
10:30am**

Let's pause and connect with God in our busy schedules

OBSERVER

It is time to consider subscribing to the United Church's monthly magazine, The Observer. Founded in 1829, The United Church Observer is the oldest continuously published magazine in North America and the second oldest in the English speaking world. It has won international acclaim for journalistic excellence and garnered more awards for writing than any other Canadian religious publication. Cost is \$20/per year(11 issues). Please let Muriel Steeb know if you are interested at 519-893-8124

UCW Unit II

Tuesday October 26

7:30pm

Please join us to hear Tracy Jasmins, Marketing and Community Coordinator for the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council speak. Tracy is the daughter of Anne & Don Willcox. All are welcome!

SJR Reads

Sunday October 31, 2010

12:00noon

Please meet in the Parlour to discuss our latest book, "The Story of Stuff" by Annie Leonard. Bring a bag lunch.

An Evening on Depression

Monday November 1, 2010

7:00pm

Here at SJR. Guest Speaker Laura McShane from the Mental Health Association. See posters for more details.

NOTE: We would love some help setting up the Rainbow Room on Sunday (Oct.31), after the Congregational Information Session for this event.

UCW Unit 1

Tuesday November 2

1:30pm

We meet in the Parlour. Come to tour the library with Norma Mosgrove as our tour guide. She will certainly make it enjoyable. All are welcome.

Book Nook

The Geography of Hope

A tour of the world we need by Chris Turner. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.

Youth Group

Friday October 29, 2010 at SJR

7pm-9pm

Halloween Costume Party for both Junior and Senior Youth – wear a costume, bring a peanut-free snack and, as always.... BRING A FRIEND! Contact Meghan Witzel at 519-880-6532 or mwitzel@hotmail.com for more info.



For the Young People

A Rainbow Message

It rained, it poured. The ark that Noah had built rocked on the waves. It rolled in the wind. Noah and his family and all the animals rocked and rolled too. They watched for the sun and wondered if the rain would ever stop. Floating and waiting, waiting and floating. The ark was crowded and it was starting to smell bad. But still it rained and rained; from summer 'til winter it rained. Noah's ark floated across the flooded earth. Noah and the others watched week after week as grey rain fell from a grey sky. They looked across the water as far as they could see with no land in sight. Then one day the rain turned to a drizzle; then the drizzle became a sprinkle. Finally the rain stopped! Noah and the animals came out onto the deck. Slowly the water went down – down until the ark hit land and stuck. It wasn't long until the water dried up and everyone could step out onto the earth. Noah and his family looked up and one of the first things they saw was a beautiful surprise in the sky. It was a rainbow message from God!

The rainbow message is for us too. The message in the rainbow is that even if the weather is stormy, or even if our heart feels sad about something, there will always be a better day. The rainbow message is a promise that, no matter how bad things look, there will always be sunshine after the storm, springtime and fall, summer and winter, day after night. The world will go on as God intends it to be. God is with us always.



The Mission and Service Fund logo has all the colours of the rainbow!

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Minute for Mission

Peace for Life

Last year 50 international delegates from six continents met at the People's Forum in Bogota, Colombia. They listened to the stories of human rights defenders in Colombia, Palestine, Nepal and the Philippines. For many of the speakers it was a first chance to share concerns and experiences without feeling like the sole voice of opposition. One of the meeting's sponsors was Peace for Life, a global partner supported by your gifts to the **Mission and Service Fund**. Peace for Life is a global faith-based initiative, a network of peace advocates from faith communities and social movements. Peace for Life is committed to interfaith and global solidarity, discussion, and action for justice and peace. It provides opportunities for sharing cultural heritage, support, reflection, and different expressions of resistance. Peace for Life works with partners from six continents. These include Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and atheists. Their common purpose is to work toward a world where all may share in the abundance of creation. Your gifts to the **Mission and Service Fund** support the work of Peace for Life in the world.