

St. James' -Rosemount United Church

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

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



It's time to change

Matt 3:1-12

Sunday December 5, 2010
2nd Sunday in Advent

10:30am

WHITE GIFT DRAMA – **Michael Mouse** Collin Ebel
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A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

(Please use the paper found in your bulletin and write an
idea for “What will you offer to the Christ child this Christmas
to bring about peace in the world?”)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC **Wait for the Lord** VU#22
(The congregation is invited to join the choir on the Chorus)

*DOXOLOGY **What Can I Do?** MV# 191

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us pray

O God, beginning and end, by whose command time runs its
course: bless our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we
await the fulfillment of your promises, grant us hope in your
Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 3: 1-12**

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ, the Word

SERMON

It’s Time to Change

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN **Make Me A Channel of Your Peace** VU# 684

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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN **Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

VU# 481

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL 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

By Nancy Price & Don Besig

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.

TODAY! Sunday, December 5th – Congregational Meeting following the Service to consider the approval of the 2011 Budget.

Thank You to our Volunteers

THIS WEEK - December 5, 2010

Greeters	Fern & Ted Youngs; Olive Fair & Rose Young
Ushers	Vikki & Jim Tait; Joan & Don Stafford
Counters	Cam & Ann MacNeish; Bev & Les Houston
Gather 'n Gab	Jessie Millar & Michelle Sarre

NEXT WEEK – December 12, 2010

Greeters	Evelyn Shantz, Roy Knight, Fern & Don Ward
Ushers	Gillian & Jim McNulty, Sandra & Terry Jardine
Counters	Gail Campbell, Jim McNulty, Terry & Sandra Jardine
Gather 'n Gab	Ellen & Ed Edwards

Unified Board Update regarding Church finances~

The 2010 Budget was set at \$265,241.

The Estimated Actual is \$246,720.

That's the good news....The challenge is that...excluding money owed to the Manse Fund, we have a projected deficit of \$41,620.

To cover this short fall in revenue we will borrow the money from the Manse Fund. There will be about \$5,000 left in the Fund.

The Unified Board is asking you for your prayerful support and your donations in December to the Operating Budget so that we will need to borrow less from the Manse Fund and still continue the work started here at St. James'-Rosemount more than 50 years ago.

Looking at the 2011 Budget - we have 340 households who have contributed time, talent or treasure at points over the past three years.

With a Total Expenditure Budget of \$242,624 that means that if each household gave \$713.60 per year or \$60 a month we will meet our 2011 Budget. Not all have the same talent, the time to volunteer or the same treasures. God has blessed us differently. If, as a family, we all give the best of our time, talent and treasure we will achieve our goals.

Cec Omand - on behalf of the Unified Board

Stewardship Seconds

We are all branches in Christ. Let us offer a portion of what God has provided us to bring glory and praise to God.



Harriet Archer, one of SJR's founding members, celebrated her 96th birthday on November 30. If you would like to call or write her with best wishes, please call/e-mail the church office for her contact info.

Prayer Cycle for the churches of Hamilton Conference Emmanuel United, Waterloo in Waterloo Presbytery

This church was started in the early 1800's by a group of Mennonites who worshipped in homes. A larger house which is still standing was purchased in 1850. In 1871, the first church was built. The building on the present site – on Bridgeport St. just west of King – was erected in 1905, with an addition in 1938. As evangelicals, this church joined the Evangelical United Brethren in 1948 while the EUB in turn joined the United Church in 1968. Rev. Bruce Sweet, in his fifth year as minister, tells of an afternoon drop-in centre, and of Women of Worth which helps people who are new to Canada. Nancy Martin directs the music.



Pastoral Care Needs

Please contact Val Pitt, our Minister of Pastoral Care, if you know of someone who needs Pastoral Care.



Next Week (Advent III) Bible Readings

Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 146; Luke 1: 47-55
James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

Would you like to deliver Poinsettia plants to our members who are in retirement and nursing homes?

Plants will be available TODAY Sunday, December 5 with names and addresses of where to deliver them and to whom. Please see Rev. Val, if you have any questions.

Advent Calendars are available in the narthex or in the pews for a special advent donation. When you have filled the calendars you can place them on the offering plate on a Sunday morning.

Mid-Week Morning Hymn Sing & Prayer

Every Wednesday morning at SJR 10:30am

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



Sanctuary Christmas Flowers – To remember a loved one by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund, please fill in your information on the form in the Narthex or on the bulletin board by the church office door. Please put your donation of \$10.00 in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” and place it on the collection plate before Sunday December 12, 2010. A tax receipt will be issued. Please call Anne Willcox, if you have questions 519-744-5074.



HEY KIDS!

Who wants to be in the Christmas play on Christmas Eve December 24? All ages welcome!

Please see Rev. Val.

Are you willing to drive a senior church family member to and from some of our exciting evening programs? A few minutes of your time would mean a lot to those who aren't comfortable (or can't) drive at night. If you are willing to be a driver – or if you would like a ride to a specific program – please leave your information with Linda in the office.

Advent Study Wednesdays Nov. 24 – Dec.15 6pm-7:30pm

Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Rainbow Room for a simple supper and some time to “stop the madness” of commercialism and the busyness of Christmas. We will be using a combination of the resources *Who's Birthday is it Anyways* and *Christmas Gifts that Won't Break*. Please sign the sheet in the narthex, if you are interested in attending. **Feel free to attend one or all of the sessions!**

National Day of Action to End Violence Against Women

TOMORROW! Monday December 6 at 7pm

Join us in St. James'~Rosemount United Church's sanctuary for this faith based Candlelight Vigil. Wear a white ribbon. Bring a red rose.

UCW Christmas Potluck Dinner Tuesday December 7, 2010

Dinner 6pm, Annual Meeting 7pm, Candlelight Communion 8pm

There will be a Christmas Gift Shower for the Out of the Cold program. Suggested items for the "Shower" are gloves, hats, men's briefs (sizes Med-XL). The entire congregation is warmly invited.

Family Reel Theology The Polar Express Friday, December 10

Dinner – 6:00pm, Movie – 6:30pm

Come for pizza, popcorn, a great family movie and some discussion after. Kids (of all ages) – come in your p.j.'s, bring a blanket and get comfy during the movie. This movie is suitable for ALL ages!

Turkey Dinner (& all the fixings) Sunday, December 12 at 12 Noon

Join us! Net proceeds will be shared with our Two Countries One World participant, Olivia Curtis. Advance Tickets: Adults \$12, Children under 12, \$6 OR Tickets at the door: \$15, Children \$8. Advance tickets can be purchased from the church office Tues-Fri 9:30am-3:30pm.

An evening of Outdoor Caroling Sunday December 12 at 7pm

Back by popular demand 'round our real Christmas tree

Men's Breakfast Saturday December 18 at 8:00am

Again this year we will have an old fashioned sing along with Gordon Ambrose {keyboard}, Rick McClarnon and Brian Millard {Guitar} and special East Coast star Terry Jardine {fiddle extraordinaire}. If anyone plays the spoons or some other instrument come along, you don't even have to try out. Last year all present had a great time; COME AND ENJOY.

"Love makes the world go 'round" Bible Study

Join us for the first eight Wednesdays in the New Year 2011 as we take a look at – FOUR GREAT LOVES – Loving God, Loving God's Word, Loving God's people in all their diversity and Loving God's purposes in the world. That's an awesome task but this Lifeguide Inductive Bible Study will show us how God promises to equip us for it. We'll meet in the Parlour at 7:00pm beginning Wednesday, January 5th and will finish this study on Wednesday, February 23rd. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table if you plan to attend so that a book may be ordered for you.

Book Nook

Celebrate Christmas and the beautiful traditions of Advent. Rediscover the Joy and Promise of the Holiday Season through Personal Prayers, Heartfelt Stories and the Meaningful Traditions of Advent. Borrow for 3 weeks. On display.

December 2010 Youth Group Schedule

Friday December 3rd: JR. Youth at St.James-Rosemount 7:00-9:00

SR. Youth welcome to join

Friday, December 10th, Both JR&SR:

"Reel-Theology" at SJR. - Movie: Polar Express - 6:00-pizza dinner (please bring \$5) then movie, followed by discussion, and should wrap up by 9:15ish. You're welcome to come in PJ's! All ages welcome! So bring your parents if you'd like!

Friday, December 17th,

"This Christmas" concert in Binbrook 7:00-9:00

Cost: \$10/person or \$25/family. All ages welcome so again bring your parents ☺

***DRIVERS NEEDED* Please let Meghan know ASAP if you know of anyone that can drive, and how many they can take.**

Never hesitate to contact me everyone ☺ Cell: (519) 880-6532

E-mail: mwitzel@hotmail.com

UNICEF urgently needs nurses to work in Haiti to help with the cholera epidemic. If you have friends or family who might be interested please have them send an email with their name and phone number to info@unicef.ca. UNICEF will pay for their flight and living expenses in Haiti. For more information please contact Kimberly Moran, President & CEO (Interim), UNICEF Canada Phone: 416-482-6552 ext 8823 or Fax 416-482-8035

Peace Building, and Conflict Resolution; A Kenyan Experience

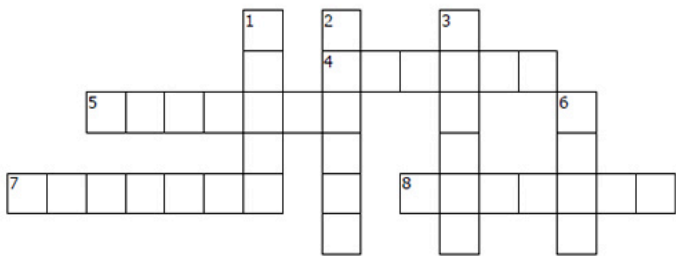
Sunday December 12 at 7pm at Trinity United Church, Kitchener

Speaker: Aggrey Omondi, a co-ordinator for PEACENET - Kenya and involved in the EU funded Partnership for Peace initiative in Western Kenya following the election violence of 2008. More information - phone 519 743 2554.

For the Young People

A Voice in the Wilderness

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."
Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
5. What John did to people in the Jordan River
7. To get ready for something that is going to happen
8. One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future

DOWN

1. The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
2. To deliver a sermon
3. An area where there is little rain and not many plants
6. The man who preached that Jesus was coming

REPENT
JOHN

PREACH
PROPHET

VOICE
DESERT

BAPTIZE
PREPARE

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