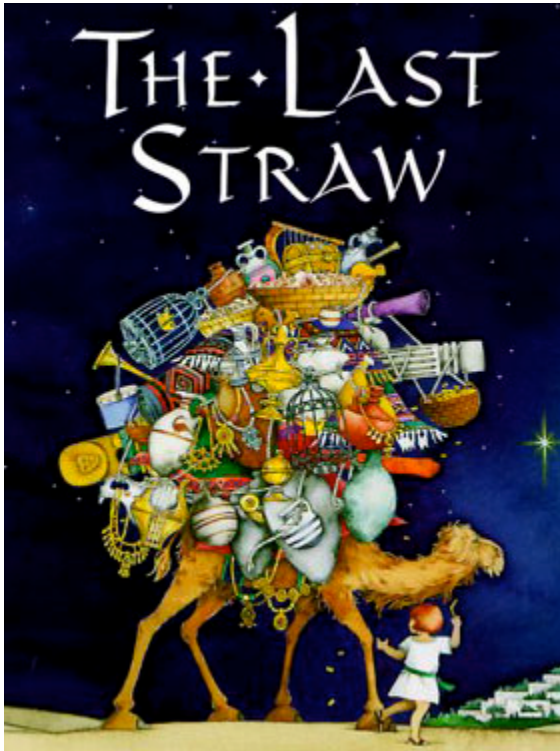


St. James' -Rosemount United Church

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

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Sunday December 26, 2010

10:30am

* CLOSING HYMN **Joy to the World** VU# 59

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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.

Thank You to our Volunteers

THIS WEEK - December 26, 2010

Greeters	Bob & Betty Morrow, Luella Crawford
Ushers	Cindy Kratky, Ellen & Ed Edwards
Counters	Cindy Kratky, Ellen & Ed Edwards
Gather 'n Gab	Evelyn Shantz & Vikki Tait

Church Office Hours for Christmas/New Year's

The Church Office will be closed from 12noon December 24 until 9:30am on January 4, 2011. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year's. See you in 2011!

Stewardship Seconds

Praise the Lord! Praise the names of the Lord! Let us praise God through offering our gifts to do God's work in the world.

Pastoral Care Needs

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



Next Week Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Psalm 147,
Ephesians 1: 3-14, John 1: 1-18

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

Located at William & King in Waterloo, First United Church began in 1925 when St. Paul's Presbyterian and St. James Methodist churches amalgamated. This 400-member congregation operates on a very wide front and is supported by the ministry team of Felicia Urbanski, student supply intern and Minister of Worship; Kellie McComb, Minister of Family Ministry and Eva Mezo, Minister of Pastoral Care. Music fills a large part of life at First with a handbell choir, a junior choir, a teen choir and a chancel choir.

THANKS!

A heartfelt Christmas Thank You to all who helped make December 12th Turkey Christmas lunch a success, and so much fun! We are thrilled to report that \$500 will go to Olivia Curtis for her T.C.O.W. trip to Nicaragua.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing and boots to the Out of the Cold- Ray of Hope Site. Your generosity is a real Christmas outreach.

The Leprosy Mission Stamp Project

Christmas is the best time to obtain used stamps from parcels & cards. A half inch cut around used stamps is ideal for this project. Post cards, especially old (1920 & prior) are also very useful, with or without stamps. Please place your stamps in the caring bin in the cabinet in the cloakroom. If you have any questions please contact Jim Oliver at 519-893-4092.

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.

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 members 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 member 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

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

Our volunteers have the day off. However, you may still borrow books today. Instructions are on the desk. Happy Holidays to all.

Minutes for Mission 2010
The Street Kids Project

The teenage boys who had gathered around us at the Street Kids project had almost as many questions for us as we had for them. They wanted to know: Are there drugs in Canada? Do kids live on the street there? Do cops bother the kids?

The Street Kids project, in partnership with The United Church of Canada and the **Mission and Service Fund** for more than 25 years, operates in a suburb of São Paulo, Brazil. São Paulo is a city of 11 million, where *favelas* (shantytowns), cement, and gated homes are the norm. The kids we met were the lucky ones. Staff from the project had found them on the streets and offered them safe haven. The project supports children from infants to 16-year-olds fleeing domestic violence, alcoholism, sexual abuse, and persecution by the police.

In São Paulo 100,000 children work to support themselves and their families, many in high-risk situations. Fifteen thousand children are in jail. As these numbers continue to rise, the Street Kids project has become an essential part of the São Paulo landscape. It looks for incentives to get kids off the streets and away from the drugs that are an inevitable part of that life. It supplies kids and families with meals and a safe alternative to the streets. The project advocates for human rights and empowerment for children and families. The project brings hope to those trapped by poverty and violence.

Please give generously to **M&S** to support kids living on the streets of Brazil, and their families, so they can build a better life.

We are a united church! *This week, remember our partners around the world who are working with children. Also remember in your prayers the children of the United Church in Canada and in Bermuda.*

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