

# ***St. James' -Rosemount United Church***

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

*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



**Mending our ways.**

Sunday February 13, 2011

10:30am

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: Jesus is the Light of the World

**All: May He shine on us every day.**

#### PRELUDE

**Andante**  
J. Rheinberger

\*HYMN **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** VU# 220

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119:1-2)

L: How sacred are those whose path is honest and just,

**All: who boldly stride out in the Spirit of God!**

L: Sacred are they that pay attention to Wisdom,

**All: seeking God's inner voice with all their heart.**

L: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, be joyful in the kindness of God.

**All: May the Spirit lead us further into the ways of costly love.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. And grant us the help of your Holy**

**Spirit, that we might be conformed to you  
in heart, mind, and will; so that our lives might be  
blessed and be a blessing to others. Amen.**  
*(Silence for personal confession.)*

LITANY

VU# 947

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, hear a word of grace:  
God is our sure hope, and steady font of healing.  
Be free in God to live, choose, and love with passion  
and unbridled joy at home and a play in your hearts  
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **COVENANTING OF THE CHURCH BOARD**

Members of the Unified Board of SJR for 2011- Peggy Schott, Cec Omand, Scott Willcox, Jessie Millar, Hong Seang, Jan Omand, Charmian Patrick, Dana Moore, Krista Hotson, Christine Wardell, Kenan Schieck, Fran Crandell, Carol Snelgrove, Ed Edwards, Chris Moore, Brian Madill, Grace Alton, Marion McCarter, Ted Youngs, Rosemary Ambrose, Willie Amos, Maureen Dennie, Vivian De Giovanni, Ena Arnot, Susan Cressman, Marg Bingeman, Steve Howitt, Bruce Parkin, Muriel Steeb, Gordon Ambrose, Dave Bird, Keith Schott, Jim Carse, Joan Kaehler, Matthew Carse, Kevin Curtis, Crystal Fallis, Teresa Carse, Don Willcox, Norma Mosgrove

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE

CHARGE TO THOSE BEING COVENANTED

COVENANT QUESTIONS AND PROMISES

### **To the Board Members**

L: As disciples of Jesus Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving and be diligent to frame and fashion your lives according to the teaching of Christ?

**Members: I will, God being my helper.**

L: Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lies in your power, harmony, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those of this congregation?

**Members: I will, God being my helper.**

### **To the Congregation**

L: Will you, the members and adherents of St. James'~Rosemount, honour the leadership of your Church Board, Foundation, and Committees? Will you assist its members through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

**All: We will, God being our helper.**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE BEING COVENANTED

DECLARATION AND BLESSING

COVENANTING HYMN **God of Grace and God of Glory**

VU# 686, Tune VU# 651

(Members of the Sunday School will go to their classes during the singing of the last verse)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**But the Lord is Mindful of His Own**

F. Mendelssohn

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE    **What Can I Do?**

MV#191 (sung twice)

**What can I do? What can I bring?**

**What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**

**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share!**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us pray: God, the words you speak have power:

Power to create, power to disturb, power to heal.

Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.

FIRST READING    **Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

Reader:    This is the Word of God.

**All:            Thanks be to God.**

PSALM(responsively) **119 (Refrain 3, Part 3)** VU# 839

GOSPEL READING    **Matthew 5: 21-30**

Reader:    The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**All:            Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON    Mending Our Ways

QUIET REFLECTION

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN    **O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**    VU# 560

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

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.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN **Go to the World** VU# 420

\*COMMISSIONING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION AND CHORAL 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**

By Nancy Price and Don Besig

POSTLUDE

**Grand Choeur Alla Handel**

A. Guilmant

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*Our Worship is Over – Our Service Begins*

**Large Print Bulletins** and **Hearing Devices** are available  
(please ask an usher)

## **Stewardship Seconds**

Generosity brings the abundant life.



### **Cambodian Lunch**

**TODAY Sunday February 13, 2011 at 12 noon**

Please join us! Net proceeds will go to Two Countries One World participant, Olivia Curtis, who will be making her trip to Nicaragua in March. Tickets: Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$5 and Children under 5 free.

### ***Thank You to our Volunteers***

#### **THIS WEEK –February 13, 2011**

AV Crew	Sam Boyd
Counters	Chris & Dana Moore, Gord Ambrose, Ted Youngs
Greeters	Marg & Jack Hockney, Donna & Glenn Thompson
Lay Reader	Don Willcox
Nursery	Margaret Shoemith
Ushers	Terry & Sandra Jardine, Luella Crawford, Freddi McLarnon

#### **NEXT WEEK –February 20, 2011**

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim Carse
Counters	Keith Schott, Bob Snelgrove, Sandra & Terry Jardine
Gather 'n Gab	Shirley & Gordon Double
Greeters	Cubs & Scouts
Nursery	Margaret Shoemith
Ushers	Cubs & Scouts



### **Next Week's Bible Readings - February 20**

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119:33–40

1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23; Matthew 5:38–48

**Prayer Cycle for the Churches of  
Hamilton Conference**  
**Korean United Church, Hamilton**



This church is located on Pearl St. in west Hamilton and shares the building with Zion Church. It is one of nine Korean United churches across Canada. They are a large active congregation which greatly outnumbers Zion. Services are held in both Korean and English. Rev. Yonge Kim became minister 1994 but recently retired and they are now between ministers.

**Baptism & New Members Sunday**

We will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism and welcome New Members on Sunday February 27. Baptism Orientation will be held February 22 at 6:30pm. Please contact the church office if you are seeking Baptism or Membership in St. James'~Rosemount 519-742-1002 or [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca)

**We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday March 6.**



**The family of Vera Reilly** gathered together January 23rd to honour and celebrate Vera's milestone of reaching 95 years of age on February 1, 2011. May she have many more celebrations with her family.

**Nutrition For Learning (Breakfast Program)**

At the Unified Board Meeting on February 8, 2011, a motion was passed to be a part of this special Outreach Project. This programme has been running in Ontario for many years and provides breakfast for school children. It has long been proven that children who go to school without breakfast do not perform well. We would be working with Smithson School staff, parents, the community and volunteers from our own congregation. As we are in the early stages of this project, please stay tuned for more details regarding planning meetings.

**ART AT STIRLING!** This week Rev. Val had the chance to visit the Art Centre at Stirling Place. An upcoming auction will sell some of their pieces. Stirling Place is in need of art supplies if you have any to offer. They use old paintings and re-do them...I'm sure many of us have pictures that we no longer like that can be transformed. Talk to Rev. Val if you have any to donate please!

**Pastoral Care** is a ministry of listening, supporting, and offering comfort while being open to the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit. Pastoral care is not about “fixing” anything or anybody. It is about honouring, validating and empowering. In this world where we seem to be consumed by busyness many of us are searching for spiritual meaning in our life’s journey. **Would you prayerfully consider being part of a Lay Pastoral Care Team at St. James’~Rosemount?** This would be a great opportunity for us to grow and learn together as we seek ways to bring wholeness and wellbeing to God’s people. Information and education sessions will be offered in the near future. Please speak with Rev. Val if you have questions.

**Good News!** Our Sunday School is growing which means... we could really use some more help with teaching. If you would like to be part of this exciting movement please speak to Christine Wardell or Charmian Patrick OR sign the sheet in the narthex.

**THANK YOU** so much to Chris Moore for making such an amazing puppet theatre for our Sunday School and to Norma Mosgrove for making the curtains that finish it off. Drop by our Sunday School to check it out and to see what’s happening with our young people’s program. If you have any puppets at home that you would like to donate they would be much appreciated.

**Lectionary Bible Study** – Please speak with Rev. Christina and/or sign the sheet in the narthex if you would be interested in attending a Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday mornings.

### **Meditations and Faith Stories for Lent 2011**

We would like to request submissions for a small publication to have available for the season of Lent. We would like personal reflections (max. ½ page) on “What is Faith?” Your submissions could include Lenten reflections, your faith at SJR, stories of tested faith, lives lived in faith or faith lived through prayer. These are just a few suggestions. Please submit your “stories” to the church office by e-mail (preferred method) or left in Rev. Christina or Secretary’s mailboxes. Deadline for submissions is Sunday February 27, 2011. Submissions can include your name or be submitted anonymously.

**Copies of Sermons** – Several people have expressed interest in a written copy of Sunday's sermon. Mailbox #51 has been set up with a few copies of each week's sermon. Please help yourself.



## **Stay tuned for more information on our Lenten Pilgrimage!**

### **Reel Theology** **Friday February 18, 2011**

Movie: "A Cry in the Dark" -Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm; Movie 6:45pm with discussion to follow. Movie starring Meryl Streep; based on the true story of Lindy Chamberlain. Please let us know you are coming by signing up on our website ([sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca)) or on the sheets in the Narthex.

### **Men's Club Breakfast** **Saturday February 19, 2011 8:30am**

At our January meeting we had a guest speaker. Attendance was not very good. The men who were there want the club to continue, but if the numbers continue to decline then we must consider the future. At this point we don't know if a guest speaker will be available for this February meeting. We will contact you the week of the breakfast to ascertain your involvement.

### **Prayer Shawls** **Saturday, February 26 from 10 AM to Noon**

Come knit with us! or crochet, or weave ... at 111 Dooley Drive. Our gatherings are very casual. Skill level not important, and those wanting to learn the craft of knit/crochet are always welcome. Materials and patterns available. For info call Teresa at 519-894-5757 or email [prayershawls@sjruc.ca](mailto:prayershawls@sjruc.ca)

### **SJR Reads** **Sunday, February 27, 2011 12pm-2pm**

"Putting Away Childish Things" by Marcus Borg  
Bring a bag lunch and join us in the Parlour, after Gather 'n Gab (coffee time), for a lively discussion.

### **Book Nook**

**The Five Love Languages of Children** written by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell, M.D. Learn your children's love languages and you will discover how to express unconditional feelings of respect, affection and commitment that will resonate in their souls. On display – borrow for 3 weeks.



## COME AND GATHER AT THE WELL!!

March 5, 2011 from 9am - 3:30pm

You are invited to a Women's Sabbath Retreat Day on **March 5, 2011 from 9am - 3:30pm**. Elaine Graham(Parkminster United), Joan Bird and Valerie Pitt(St. James-Rosemount United)and Kellie McComb(First United), invite you to "**COME TO THE WELL**", to Rest, Renew and Restore as we prepare ourselves for the Journey through Lent. The retreat will be held at **St. James'-Rosemount** and there will be time to walk the beautiful outdoor Labyrinth if the weather co-operates. This is an event for **all** women who wish to come and gather at the well. Registration forms are available at the back of the church or call the church office. Attendees are asked to contribute \$20 to help cover the cost of catered lunch and snacks. Registration is limited so please register early.

### Youth Group Schedule

Friday February 18 7pm-9pm at St. James'~Rosemount

Friday February 25 6pm-8pm (note time change) at St. James'~Rosemount

Please let Meghan Witzel know if you are providing snacks. Call or e-mail her at 519-880-6532 or [youth@sjruc.ca](mailto:youth@sjruc.ca) or [mwitzel@hotmail.com](mailto:mwitzel@hotmail.com)

Friends are always welcome!

### Youth Canoe Trip

**May 14-15, 2011**

Mark your calendars for this event that will take place in conjunction with the Trinity United Youth Group. Stay tuned for more details!



### Elmira Poultry Fundraising Campaign

(sponsored by the Membership and Pastoral Care Committee)

Please pick up your order forms today. Fundraising campaign ends (last day for orders) February 27. Return your order form and money (Cheques payable to: St. James'-Rosemount United Church) to Steve Howitt or place in his church mailbox. Pick up your orders at St. James'~Rosemount on Thursday March 24 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. There will 12 items to choose from: Boneless Chicken Breasts, Wings, Nuggets, Chicken Burgers, Breaded Chicken Breasts, Fillets, Strips, Swiss Melt, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Divan, JD Sweid Tender Beef Patties

**THE GO PROJECT** is a United Church Mission experience for young people from grade 9 – age 18. There are four GO PROJECT sites to choose from based in Toronto, Halifax, St John's and Vancouver. Youth who attend will live in community for eleven days and learn more about poverty, outreach and social justice. The Toronto based program runs from July 31 – August 11. Want to learn more? Please speak to Val and check out the website at [www.islingtonunited.org/goproject/](http://www.islingtonunited.org/goproject/)

**A Speaker Series on Global Justice Issues** at Trinity United Church (74 Frederick St., Kitchener), **Sundays Feb 13 & 20, March 6 & 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Join us as our four speakers raise global awareness locally. For details call Barbara Bitzer, 519-743-2554, or visit [www.tuckitchener.org](http://www.tuckitchener.org). See brochure on bulletin board.

**A T-shirt Design Contest – deadline March 7, 2011**

The Planning Committee for Youth Forum 2011 wants YOU to design the t-shirt that all YF participants will wear and take home. The theme is "Right Here, Right Now". Send your designs to Diane Matheson [cyfm@fiveoaks.on.ca](mailto:cyfm@fiveoaks.on.ca) or 1 Bethel Rd, RR#3 Paris, ON N3S 4Y1

Do you live or work in the downtown area? Would you like to meet for a brown bag lunch and discussion during lent? **You are invited to join us at Trinity United Church (74 Frederick St) Wednesdays at noon, for one hour, from March 9 to April 20.** We'll be using the book "Personal Journeys" by Rev. Dean Salter as our discussion guide. For more information, or to register, please call Joan Gugeler at 519-743-9681. Please register by Wednesday, Feb. 16 so that books can be ordered. All are welcome!

**HAM & BEAN SUPPER** **Saturday, March 5th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** for our 175th Anniversary. Please join us at Norfolk Street United Church, corner of Norfolk & Cork Streets, Guelph. Entertainment to follow by Guelph Wellington Men's Club Choir. Tickets: \$12/person, \$6/children 5 – 12 ~ Call 519-822-6165 or email [info@norfolkchurch.on.ca](mailto:info@norfolkchurch.on.ca)

**Wills and Estate Planning Thursday March 10th at 11:00a.m.**

at Christ the King UC, 167 Thaler Ave. We need you to register in order to plan for the luncheon. You can call the church at 519-748-6208 and leave a message or register on-line at our web site, [ctking.net](http://ctking.net) (click on upcoming events)

## For the Young People

### Forgiving and Forgiven

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."  
Matthew 5:23-24

Based on Matthew 5:21-24



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OFFERING	FIRST	FOOL	JUDGEMENT	GIFT
BROTHER	HELL	DANGER	RECONCILED	FIRE

## **About Taize Worship**

**By Tarcia Gerwig**

The Taize community was started by a young Swiss Lutheran named Roger Shutz in 1944 during World War II. Brother Roger founded a monastic community beginning with seven Lutheran men.

Each year thousands of young people from every country in the world flock to Taize in their search for the richness of the Christian tradition. In Taize they find strength for their journey and are encouraged to return to their home churches to be a leaven, sharing the gifts they receive in the prayerful atmosphere of the Taize community.

The Taize service is a service of song. This is a gift Brother Roger himself brought from his home: his mother's musical gift helped him to discover that music is often the bearer of the Spirit. It is a mantra-type song, a tradition we all received from the ancient desert Fathers and Mother's –simple repetitions. Let it enter deeper and deeper into your heart.

The presence of the cross, and the symbolic gesture which accompanies the prayer, is a gift of the Russian Orthodox church in Moscow where Brother Roger first saw it enacted. Beautifully ecumenical – many traditions coming together.

## **WHAT IS LECTIONARY?**

One of the fundamental features of Jewish and Christian worship, since the very beginning, is the public reading of the scriptures. Until the nineteenth century, books were too expensive. The only exposure ordinary people had to God's Word was hearing it read aloud in public.

Obviously, just starting at one end of the Bible and reading sequentially won't do. We might end up reading about the Crucifixion on Christmas Day! So someone has to think out a plan to make sure that passages are read at appropriate times, that the entire Bible gets read, and that nothing is neglected. The result is called a "lectionary," a word that means "schedule of readings."

Today, most denominations that use a lectionary have agreed on the same one, which goes through the entire span of the Bible in three years, which are called Year A, B, and C just so we can tell them apart. The lectionary year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. For the gospel readings, Year A uses Matthew, Year B uses Mark, and Year C uses Luke. Readings from John fill in the gaps, particularly during Year B, because Mark's gospel is so short.

The lectionary omits duplicate stories in the Old Testament, most of Leviticus and Chronicles, and all the genealogies. The purpose is not to cover every verse, but to cover the entire message.

The concept of the lectionary was inherited by Christianity from Judaism. The Jewish lectionary calls for the Torah to be read aloud in its entirety once each year. The end of the lectionary is marked by the holiday called *Simchat Torah*. In our church we are using the revised common lectionary and we are in Year A.

To learn more please speak with Rev. Christina and/or sign the sheet in the narthex if you would be interested in attending a Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday mornings.

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