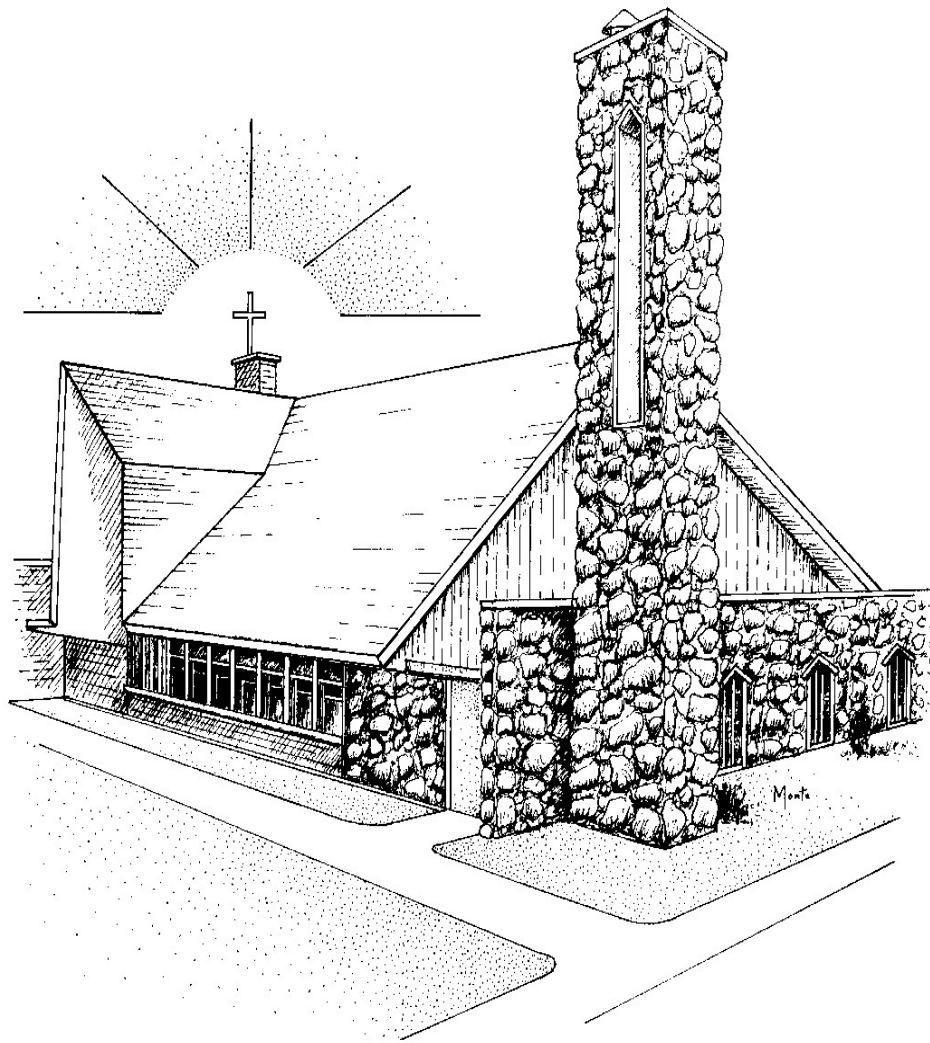


**St. James' - Rosemount United Church**  
171 Sherwood Ave., Kitchener, Ont. N2B 1K2

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



**October 18, 2009      Mission & Outreach      10:30am**



LORD'S PRAYER (said in unison)

(Paraphrased Debra Azadi)

Our Creator, our Lighthouse  
Who harbours our spirit's home.  
Sacred is thy light  
Bring in the great jubilee  
In this life  
and forever more  
Nourish our hearts and body this day  
And pardon our misdeeds  
As we lift up in prayer those who  
cause harm and hurt to us.  
Guide us away from bad choices  
And turn us back toward your light  
For you are the Light of Safety and Truth  
The Wisdom and Our Salvation  
Now and through Eternity. Amen

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Job 38: 1-7, 34-41

\*HYMN                      VU #579 The Church is Wherever

CHILDREN'S STORY

PSALM                      104: 1-9, 24, 35c

GOSPEL                      Luke 14: 1, 12-24

\*HYMN                      VU #595 We are Pilgrims

OFFERING





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We extend a big welcome this morning to our guest preacher Marilyn Shaw. Marilyn is a Diaconal minister and has been working in the partnership outreach ministry of Calvary Memorial United and St. Mark's Lutheran churches for the past nine years. Prior to entering ministry, Marilyn was a Registered Nurse and worked at the Hospital for Sick Children, her training school, and at Oshawa General Hospital. She is trained as a spiritual director. The mother of three, she is also grandmother to three wonderful grandchildren with whom she loves to spend time.**

**UCW Unit II** will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 pm in the church parlour. Our theme is "Show and Tell." (what I did on my summer vacation) Come and share your memories for a light hearted evening of fun. All are welcome!

**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.

**BOOK NOOK** The Young Learner's Bible Storybook written by Dr. Mary Manz Simon. Each story includes: Bible truth, Learning for fun, Memory Verse, Easy to do Activities, Tips for Parents, Detailed Artwork. Make time with God's Word memorable for your young learners! Suitable for ages 3 – 7 years. Found in the Children's Library (20B section.)

**THE PASTORAL CARE GROUP** is planning an informative and helpful evening on Alzheimer's Disease November 2, 7:00-9:30 pm in the Rainbow Room. Charlotte Sider, the Education Coordinator from the Alzheimer's Society of Kitchener-Waterloo will be the presenter. This gathering is open to the community.

**PLEASE CONSIDER** volunteering to be a Layreader for one (or more) of our worship services. Please use the signup sheet in the Narthex, or contact Teresa Carse (519-894-5757), [worship@sjruc.ca](mailto:worship@sjruc.ca)

**Food Bank items for October are rice and dry pasta.**

**Mission and Outreach Committee** is once again having a book sale! Our “Curl up this Winter with a Good Book” sale will take place in the Rainbow Room after church on November 15, 2009. This time we would like to offer used VHS videos and DVDs, as well as books but we need your donations! Please bring your used books, videos and DVDs to the Rainbow Room, where there are boxes for this purpose. Hope you will join us on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. You are bound to get a bargain as prices are “A Buck or More” just like the store! (Books: \$1.00; Videos: \$2.00; and DVDs \$4.00 – what a deal!! I can’t wait to get started on my next “favourite book!”

### **PREPARE FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

You are invited to read the scriptures . . . see how God’s living Word will become alive in you: Job 41:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) or Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

**PRAYER CYCLE** - (Halton Presbytery) Tansley, Burlington.

**Are you –  
Creative, Kind, Loving?  
Then it is time to join the Sunday School as  
a helper, musician, storyteller, teacher...  
Rewards – *unlimited***

## **2010 Budget Timeline**

October 25	Congregational Information Meeting following the Service
November 3	Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
November 10	Unified Board Meeting 8:00 pm; Committee Meetings 7:00 pm
November 22	Congregational Information Meeting following the Service
November 29	Congregational Information Meeting following the Service
December 1	Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
December 1	Unified Board Meeting 8:00 pm
December 6	Congregational Meeting following the Service to consider the 2010 Budget

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Today	Mission & Outreach Sunday
Sunday, Oct. 25	Informational Meeting after service
Sunday, November 1	Peace Sunday
Sunday, November 8	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday, November 15	Book Club & Bag Lunch
Sunday, November 22	Reception of New Members & Baptism
Saturday, November 28	Dickens' Christmas Carol
Sunday, November 29	Advent One
Sunday, December 6	Congregational Meeting

**BOOK STUDY** – Bring a bag lunch and join us in the parlour after worship on November 15 to discuss our next literary selection **28: Stories of Aids in Africa** written by Stephanie Nolen. Nolen is a foreign correspondent for The Globe and Mail. In late 2008, she ended a five-and-a-half year posting covering Africa. She had a special mandate to cover HIV-AIDS in Africa, and it was that reporting that led to **28**: an unprecedented, uniquely human portrait of the continent in crisis. Through riveting, anecdotal stories, she brings to life men, women, and children involved in every aspect of the pandemic, making them familiar to us in a way they never have been before. In the process, she explores the effects of an epidemic that well exceeds the Black Plague in scope, and the reasons why we must care about what happens. Please let us know that you intend to join us by signing the sheet in the Narthex, or by registering online at [www.sjruc.ca](http://www.sjruc.ca).

*Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol** will be produced on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in our sanctuary at 7 o'clock. Be sure to mark the date on your calendars. Readers include Tara Connors, (CHYM), George Michaels (CHYM), Kyle Christie (CKCO), Leslie Gordon (CKCO), and Kitchener Mayor Carl Zehr. Watch this bulletin for further information.*

## What Is M&S? Not Just Another Charity

As I was reading a United Church congregational brochure one day I was surprised to see a mention of collecting gifts for the Mission and Service Fund charity.

I looked around the empty hall wanting to say, "The Mission and Service Fund is not a charity." Since no one was in earshot, I saved my response for here.

Many organizations work for a better world by addressing one cause or another. The Mission and Service Fund, on the other hand, is the unique way we as United Church witness to God's love, whether it be with overseas partners, in Canadian outreach, in hospital or university chaplaincies, in supporting small congregations, or in assisting intern ministers. It is not really possible to compare the M&S Fund to any charity—it is much bigger, more encompassing than any of these. It is the church.

The M&S Fund represents our collective way to be God's presence in the world—to be the church, to love and serve, to seek justice, to live with respect in creation. It gives us a collective voice in advocating change, justice, and peace, whether through the Canadian government or in work with our ecumenical partners. The M&S Fund ensures that we are participating together in all of this work and more.

It has been said that "for Christians giving isn't an option," and for United Church members, M&S shouldn't be. We all make decisions about which charities we want to support. For United Church members, the M&S Fund should not be part of that decision. M&S is not a charity; M&S is who we are.

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