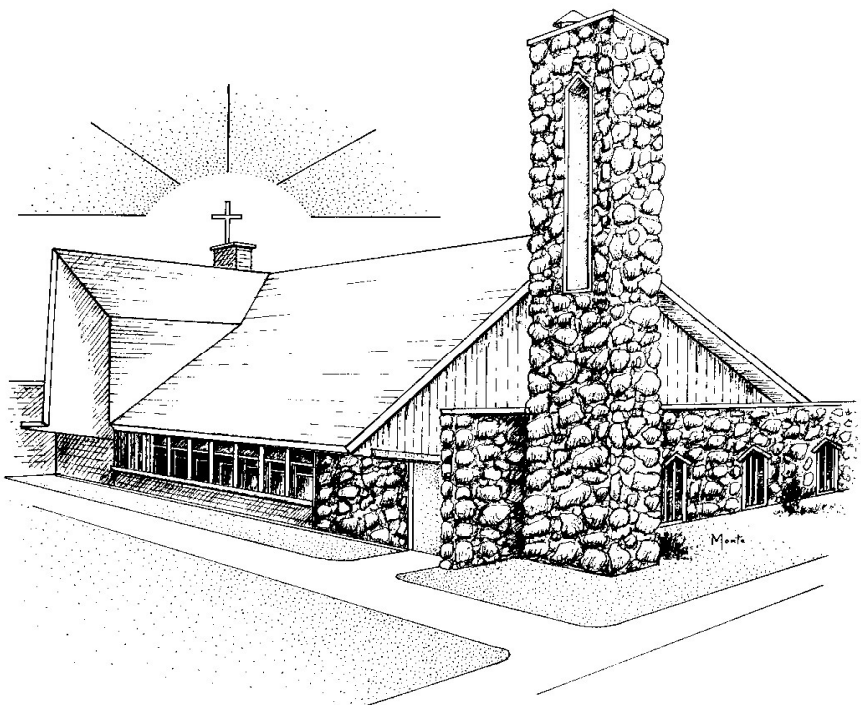


St. James' -Rosemount United Church

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

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



January 17, 2010

10:30am

Guest Worship Leader: Diaconal Minister Marilyn Shaw

THE APPROACH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute Person – Peggy Schott – “Have a Heart for Haiti”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

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By William H. Monk, Arr: Jack C. Goode

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling...”

All: “One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

One: “It is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem...”

All: “We are the witnesses of these things.”

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

389 **God is Here**

OPENING PRAYERS

O risen Christ,

On the road to Emmaus you were the disciples’ companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life’s pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our eyes to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our sisters and brothers may know you through us and that we may know you through them.

SILENT PRAYER

One: Forgive us, O God.

All: And grant us Your Peace!

LORD'S PRAYER (said in unison)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE **1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**

*HYMN MV 154 **Deep in Our Hearts**

CHILDREN'S STORY

PSALM **36 VU762**

GOSPEL **John 2: 1-11**

ANTHEM **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

Prayer of St. Francis by Sebastian Temple

Arranged by Mark Barnard

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **Epsom**

from Arnold's *Complete Psalter*, 1756, Arr: Jack C. Goode

*OFFERTORY HYMN 537

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON

We are Witnesses

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 691 **Through Ancient Walls**

*COMMISSIONING

*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

POSTLUDE

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By C. Christiane Hoffman, Arr: Jack C. Goode

Prayers have been adapted from the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

***Please stand where indicated, by the ***

To allow those who wish to remain in the Sanctuary to meditate and pray, we ask others to make their way out quietly.

All are invited for conversation and refreshments in the Rainbow Room immediately following the service.

**PRAYER CYCLE for the Churches of Hamilton Conference –
Bethel-Cook's Mills (Niagara Presbytery)**

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.

We welcome and thank Marilyn Shaw for leading us in worship today.

THIS WEEK – January 17, 2010

Counters	Gail Campbell, Ann&Cam MacNeish, Jack Hockney
Greeters	Tillie & Harvey Murphy; Olive Fair, Rose Young
Ushers	Bob & Gail Campbell, Bill & Millie Wilson
Layreader	Dennis Wylie
Gather & Gab	Elizabeth Templin, Lois Chambers

NEXT WEEK – January 24, 2010

Counters	Candy Dillman, Bob& Marg Hibbard, Stephen Howitt
Greeters	Ena & Bob Arnot; Gillian & Jim McNulty
Ushers	Candy Dillman, Lois Chambers, Terry & Sandra Jardine
Layreader	
Gather & Gab	Shirley & Gordon Double

Food Bank Needs for January – Peanut Butter and Canned Beans

Congregational Update

- The Joint Search Committee is in the process of reviewing the applications received in response to the call put out for a new minister(s) in November. We will be conducting initial interviews over the next few weeks. Continue to pray for this committee and these candidates that we may find the one that God would have for us.

- Last year our Stewardship Campaign focused on considering our time, talents, gifts and financial resources. Again, as we look at the gift that we have been given of another new year, let us reflect on our beliefs, our vision and commitment within our church involves and how we collectively and as individuals contribute our time, talent, gifts and financial resources to achieve what we believe God has in mind for us to achieve.

- In 2010 we are committed to enhancing our focus on Pastoral Care and Membership. This is part of Stewardship. The Pastoral Care and Membership Committee have already begun to implement strategies in these areas. Please consider using your time, talents and gifts to help with these initiatives and be the ambassadors for St. James' by bringing someone to church and build our congregation so that even more may be accomplished.

- As of December 31, 2009 we had contributions of \$14,800 in "Christmas Gifts" to St. James'. Your prayerful consideration and your action made this possible.

- The "Eat to Give" program is still a focus for us and you will hear more about this later.

- Along with your 2009 tax receipts you will receive information regarding your previous estimate of givings for 2009 if available. As well, there will be an estimate of givings form for the year 2010. Please complete and return this form by Sunday, February 21, 2010. People often ask "How much should I give to the Church?" A chart will be included that shows how much your weekly gift would be if you chose a percentage of your net income. Another chart asks if you could consider moving your givings up one step in 2010. This really does help us with planning for the year. If we have not heard from you by Sunday, February 21st someone will call to see if they can pick up your estimate of giving form. Note: These forms are confidential and seen only by Jessie Millar our Envelope Secretary.

- All members and adherents are asked to contribute \$30.55 per person to cover individual fees related to being members of the United Church of Canada. These fees are a major funding source for the United Church of Canada to support its many initiatives undertaken on our behalf. Recognizing that not all members and adherents may not be able to afford this fee, please donate what you can to offset this expense. Please make your cheque out to 'St. James'-Rosemount United Church' and clearly identify your contribution as your individual Conference/Presbytery fee. This amount will be included as part of your offering to St. James'-Rosemount United Church.

- The Board is again requesting that you sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) if you have not already done so. You are also encouraged to place a PAR card - which is found in a small box on the Narthex table - on the plate each Sunday. This can be a bit of a reminder to those who have not signed up for PAR to consider doing so. PAR forms are available in the Narthex and Jessie Millar can help you if you have any questions.

- February 7th is the Annual Congregational Meeting following the Sunday Service and will be held in the gym.

- February 9th at 8:00 pm is the first meeting of the Unified Board of St. James'-Rosemount United Church. All are welcome to attend.

Cec Omand, Chairperson,
On behalf of the Unified Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please see hallway bulletin boards for more events)

Wayne and Susan Stevens, long time members of SJR have recently transferred their membership to Drayton United as they moved to that area in 2009.

Moderator's Message re: Copenhagen Climate Talks – A few copies of a letter from our moderator, Mardi Tindal, that she is reading at her home church in Brantford, this morning, are available on the table in the narthex. You can also view the 1400 word letter on the United Church website www.united-church.ca or as soon as possible after her reading; it will be available on YouTube.

Reel Theology - Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Join us for supper at 6pm, movie at approx 6:45pm. We'll be watching "*for the BIBLE tells me so*". This award-winning documentary brilliantly reconciles homosexuality and Biblical scripture, and reveals that much of the religious anti-gay bias is based almost solely on misinterpretation of the Bible. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or online. There will be a nominal fee for supper.

Prayer Shawls - join us for a good ole' fashion stitching session on Saturday, January 23, 2010 @ 10:00AM, 111 Dooley Drive, Kitchener. This quiet ministry continues to spread God's love through the creation, blessing and distribution of shawls -tangible hugs from God! Skill level is not important! We have plenty of donated yarn, needles/hooks; patterns so why not join us for a chat, a coffee and a stitch or two. For more information call Teresa Carse, 519-894-5757

UCW Unit II – Meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday January 26, 2010. Our speaker will be from Ray of Hope.

Variety Night – Please sign the sheet on the board in the narthex if you would like to “perform” in the 2010 SJR Variety Night. The date is Saturday February 6, 2010

On **Sunday, January 31, 2010**, the Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden - President of Hamilton Conference - (and Paul's son) will be at SJR as a guest member of our ministry team to lead us in worship. The Cooperating Churches in Kitchener (the nine United Churches who joined together for the picnic in June) have been invited to come and "worship as one body" with at SJR. Special music is planned, and we'll be serving lunch for one and all after the service. A free will offering will be collected for the lunch, with net proceeds going to the M&S Fund. You won't want to miss this exciting service ~ a full house, a gifted speaker, great music, and food! Please let us know you will be staying for lunch by signing the sheet in the Narthex OR signing up online (one or the other, not both please).

Book Club – Our new selection is Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell. We will be meeting for discussion on Sunday February 28, 2010 following the worship service and Gather and Gab (approx 12:00noon) Please bring a bag lunch. All are welcome!

Book Nook: Money – Want to Make the Most of Your Money? by Barbour Publisher. Of course you do! Borrow for 3 Weeks

PREPARE FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES -

You are invited to read the scriptures. See how God's Living Word will become alive in you: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

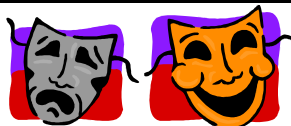
DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. January 19	Reel Theology
Sat. January 23	Prayer Shawls
Tues. January 26	UCW Unit II
Sun. January 31	Lunch with Rev. Jeff Crittenden
Sat. February 6	Variety Night
Sun. February 7	Annual Meeting following worship
Tues. February 9	Exec., Committee and Board Meetings

Upcoming Services

January 24 at 10:30am 3rd After Epiphany,
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends
January 31 at 10:30am Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden
lunch to follow the service. Please
sign up on the sheet in the narthex
February 7, 2010 Communion

An Invitation **of a Theatrical Nature**



A small group of United Church people in Kitchener has plans to stage a production of:

Church Union: A Romance of 1924

Written by:
Rev. Douglas Wright

We are going Waterloo- Presbytery-wide in our search for;
Actors and Production Assistants

Including people interested in lighting, props, costumes, advertising and promotion, stage managing, etc. This is the 85th Anniversary of Church Union and what more fun way could there be to observe this milestone with the production of a play which captures some of the intrigue and even *romance* of that event.

PLAY SYNOPSIS

It is the summer of 1924 and the Rev. Clarence Woodside is the newly-settled Presbyterian minister in a south-western Ontario village named Chiselhurst. Not only is his congregation pressuring him from all sides to commit himself to a position in favor or in opposition to church union, but he is also faced with a choice about another union - which one of several potential suitors he could 'marry up' with.

The tentative performance date is **Friday, May 28, 2010** in Kitchener
Please respond with your interest to Randy Banks at
olivet47onward@gmail.com or minister@olivetunitedchurch.com or
519-742-7291 (church) or 519-744-1230 (home)

If you do become involved, you will be asked to join a Google Group
and be part of all conversations regarding the play and its production.

Special Taize Worship Service – Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 7:30 pm (Opening Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
Hosted by St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive,
Kitchener, ON (parking lot off Franklin ST. near corner of Ottawa St. N.)

Curling Bonspiel – February 20, 2010 Three Willows United
Church in Guelph invites churches to enter a team! 2 Draws – 2 Six-
end Games at Guelph Curling Club. For further information contact
Doug Sloan at 519-824-4922 or joysloan@allstream.net.
Registration forms available at the church office.

**Retreat & Lecture Series – Jesus: The Misunderstood Jew -
March 26-28, 2010** at St. Paul's United Church, Orillia. Learning
grant of \$125/person available from UCC to a max of \$1250 per
group www.united-in-learning.com/ajlevine. Please contact St. Paul's
United Church in Orillia for more information on this series and/or to
register ajlevineorillia@gmail.com or 705-325-3648. Register by
January 31, 2010 and save!

Haiti Earthquake Appeal – from the United Church website

In response to the humanitarian crisis provoked in Haiti by the
[serious earthquake](#) on Tuesday, January 12, The United Church of
Canada is appealing for donations to support relief and
reconstruction efforts. The church has already committed \$20,000 to
relief efforts by partners in the region. Hundreds, maybe thousands,
of people were buried alive when a major earthquake struck Port-au-
Prince, the capital of impoverished Haiti on Tuesday. Members of
ACT Alliance [ACT Alliance](#) (the network of churches and Christian
aid agencies that enables global responses to emergencies) are
already in place, assisting those affected by the earthquake.

In response to the disaster, Canada has pledged \$5 million in humanitarian aid to Haiti and deployed a reconnaissance team to the region to determine whether to send the military's Disaster Assistance Response Team, known as DART.

How United Church People Can Help

Pray: From the General Council Office, our thoughts and prayers go out to our sisters and brothers who have been affected by the earthquake. United Church members across Canada are urged also to pray for the people who live in affected communities.

Donate: Support the [Emergency Response Fund](#) of The United Church of Canada. Or designate a gift for the "Haiti Appeal." Funds collected will be shared directly with networks in the region. Cheques and [online donations](#) should be made payable to The United Church of Canada and marked "Haiti Appeal." The funds will be treated as "designated gifts." Please note: Designated gifts cannot be counted as M&S Fund credits. However, they are eligible for tax receipts. Congregational treasurers may receive and receipt individual cheques and then forward one congregational cheque to the United Church.

Have a Heart for Haiti – Make a donation here at SJR and receive a heart to place on our banner!

More information on this donation initiative during the Minute Message at the beginning of the service.

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