

Sunday, November 12 2017

Prelude: “Gabriel’s Oboe” - *Ennio Morricone*
“Ninrod” - *Edward Elgar*

***Call to Worship**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn 711:** Sleepers, Wake

*Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

***Sanctus** (p. 315 VU)

(Children are invited to move to the front during the singing of the Sanctus.)

Circle Time

Announcements

Anthem – Parish Quire: “Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him”– *Michael Burkhardt*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Forgive us, Lord, when we put You last in our lives. Forgive us when we let our lamps burn out. When we run too fast, when we work too hard, when we stretch ourselves too thin, forgive us and renew us. Let Your Spirit flow through our lives, filling our lamps, that we might shine for others in need. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Psalm 78 (page 792)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offertory

Our Invitation to Invest in God’s Mission

Offertory Anthem: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” - *Edward Bairstow*

***Creed** (p. 918 VU)

***Doxology**

Hymn #560: “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon: “They Thought They Could Buy Time” - Dr. Jeff Crittenden

Hymn 574: “Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love”

Choral Response:

Postlude: “Sleepers Wake, a Voice is Calling” - *Johann Sebastian Bach*

** The asterisk indicates where those who are able are invited to stand*

TODAY

A donation has been made to the glory of God and to the Ministry of Metropolitan United Church for the blessing of 61 years of marriage by Fred and Pat Gray.

MONDAY

8:30 a.m. 11th Step Group in the Parlour
12:00 p.m. Chew Chew Club at the Red Lobster
4:30 p.m. MUCCS

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Group in the Parlour
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting in the Guest Conference Room
1:30 p.m. Board of Trustees
4:30 p.m. MUCCX

WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. mCamp
7:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach in the Library
5:30 p.m. MUCCS
7:00 p.m. Yuletide Fair Setup

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m. Hospitality Meal Prep in the Vineyard kitchen
5:00 p.m. Hospitality Meal (brown bag pickup)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY

The recommended book this week is **Amish Cooking Class: The Seekers** by *Wanda Brunstetter*. When the main character, Heidi Troyer, offers cooking classes, five very interesting people become her students. Each one has a personal problem that draws them to her classes, and each one benefits from the Scripture verses that Heidi includes with her recipes. Important life lessons are learned along with the cooking lessons.

Please note that the Library will not be open on **Thursday, Nov. 16**. Those preparing for the Yuletide Fair will need all available parking spaces.

YULETIDE FAIR

Count Down is on!! Set up will commence week of November 13th.

Thanks to all who donated items but, unfortunately, due to space constraints, we cannot accept any more items, particularly Christmas decorations, **after November 13th**. Candy and perishables should arrive **no later than 8:30 am on Friday 17th**. Baked goods **no later than 9:00 am on Saturday 18th**. Silent Auction or expensive items should be left with Office or Custodian. If purchasing Shepherds Pies or other perishables, please bring cooler bag as they have to be taken with you at time of purchase.

Unit 2000 will meet in the vineyard on **Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 pm** to prepare cookie tins for the Yuletide Fair. Please bring your best homemade Christmas baking for the tins. Questions? Please contact Anne Jeffery 519-y685-6527.

TOE TAPPING MUSIC !

Join us on **Sunday November 19th at 3:00 pm** at Metropolitan for a Western University Jazz and Orchestral performance. Cost is \$10 at the door. You won't want to miss this energetic, dynamic, and refreshing experience !

PANTRY BOOTH

Remember the fruit you bought and froze to be made into jam or jelly? How is the time to fill those FREE jars? Prepare and label these for the bazaar – thanks !

CHEW CHEW CLUB

Next Luncheon: **Tuesday, November 20th – 12:00 pm – Red Lobster.**

UCW CHRISTMAS DINNER

The U.C.W. annual Christmas dinner will be held **Monday, November 27th** in the Great Room. This is a catered meal, punch will be served at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. **Tickets** will be on sale **until November 19th**. Please join us for an evening of good food, seasonal entertainment, and Christian fellowship.

FIRST ST. ANDREW'S UCW POT LUCK LUNCHEON

First St. Andrew's UCW invites the ladies of Metropolitan to join them on **December 5th** for their Pot Luck Luncheon - gathering at 11:30 am with lunch at 12:00 pm. Musical entertainment will be provided by Allister Smith, their Bass Soloist. He will be doing music that is light and interesting music to our ears. If you are interested in attending, please contact Henrietta French by December 1st: 519-343-7370

LINDEN TREE

We need your help in letting people know why the large Linden tree on the north side of the church is being removed. The primary reasons that the Church and the City of London agreed that the tree needed removal are:

1. the tree was not properly pruned over the years resulting in a poor branch structure causing it to be vulnerable to breakage with heavy rain, high winds or accumulations of ice;
2. the stem rot in the tree is continuing to spread;
3. during our restoration project, the consultants indicated that the tree was preventing the north facing bricks to dry properly contributing to the deterioration of the brick and mortar joints. The City Forester has confirmed this assessment.

We are all disappointed that the tree will be removed. In consultation with the City, we proposed, in its place, that we create a planned public space for the community that will include beautiful landscaping, clear signage of the church, lighting of the north face of Metropolitan, seating areas for rest as well as a labyrinth (*an ancient form of Christian walking prayer*) so that everyone may enjoy this space together!



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Our Mission: inviting all to know God through Jesus Christ.

*We are a congregation who value Hospitality,
Outreach and Discipleship.*