

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Prelude: “Ubi Caritas” - *Jeanne Demessieux*

***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: 888** “Earth and All Stars”

***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: “I Sat Down” – *Edward Bairstow*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Lord, we confess that sometimes we cannot see what is in front of our faces. We fail to recognize You in the things around us: in a beautiful sunset, in the brilliant colour of the fall leaves, in the sparkling eyes of a child, or in the smile of an elder. And so we despair and think that You have abandoned us. Forgive us when we seek Your presence on our terms - creating golden calves, gods we can manipulate and control. When we are too quick to turn aside from Your ways, when we are a stiff-necked people, bring us back to Your precepts. Teach us anew who we are and whose we are, that we might live out Your call to be a people of justice, mercy, love, and faithfulness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm: 106 (pg. 830)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offertory

Our Invitation to Invest in God’s Mission

Offertory Anthem: “The Lord is My Shepherd” – *John Rutter*

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

***Doxology**

Hymn: 457 “As We Gather at Your Table”

Scripture Lessons: Philippians 4: 1-9

Sermon: “Something Just Like This” Dr. Jeff Crittenden

Hymn: 448 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

Benediction: 963 (VU)

Postlude: “Trumpet Tune in D” – *David N. Johnson*

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

TODAY

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of brother, Tom, sister, Marion and earlier generations of the Browne, Fitzgerald, Scandrett and Tanton families by Ted and Gail Browne.

Prayer Group asks us to pray: "Father, thank You for not waiting until we have our moral life in order before You start loving us. Help us to live worthy of your love, putting on more and more of the new life in Christ." - Max Lucado

MONDAY

- 8:30 a.m. 11th Step Group in the Parlour
- 12:00 p.m. Chew Chew Club at the Red Lobster
- 1:00 p.m. Growing in Faith in the Parlour
- 4:30 p.m. MUCCS
- 7:30 p.m. UCW Unit 7 in the Parlour

TUESDAY

- 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Group in the Parlour
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Parlour
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting in the Guest Conference Room
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch & Learn in the Great Room
- 4:30 p.m. MUCCS
- 6:30 p.m. Unit 2000 Pot Luck & Games Night in the Great Room
- 7:30 p.m. Benefit Concert for Ken Fleet choral Conducting Scholarship Fund at Banting Secondary School

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd
- 6:00 p.m. mCamp OKTOBERFEST
- 7:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells

THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Knit Wits in the Parlour
- 5:30 p.m. MUCCS
- 7:00 p.m. Fall Bible Study in the Great Room
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

FRIDAY

- 12:30 p.m. Hospitality Meal Prep in the Vineyard kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Meal in the Vineyard
- 5:00 p.m. Choristers Festival

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY

The recommended book is **The Farmer's Market Mishap** by *Wanda and Jean Brunstetter* - a sequel to **The Lopsided Christmas Cake**, continuing the story of the twins, Thelma and Elma. A romance develops between Elma and a man named Ben, after he knocks over her basket of fruit. The only problem is that they live 50 miles apart, and neither wants to move to the other's town. A hound dog and a tornado help bring them together.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN Please return your Stewardship form to the office once you have had a chance to consider your planned givings for 2018.

KNIT WITS meet Thursday, October 19th at 9:30 am in the Parlour – all are welcome.

"DOUBLE FEATURE" !

Unit 7 meets in the parlour tomorrow at 7:30 pm for a "Double Feature"!! Our new Office Administrator, Cathy Bear will tell us a bit about herself and Marj Frankel will take us on a Baltic Cruise that she enjoyed recently. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

The Benefit Concert for the Ken Fleet Choral Conducting Scholarship Fund

Will be held on **Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30 pm** at Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School. Admission by donation. All proceeds go to the Ken Fleet Choral Conducting Scholarship Fund.

CENTRE FOR PRACTICAL THEOLOGY AT MET

BISHOP LINDA NICHOLLS

Confidence in the Gospel in an age of competing 'truths'

Date: Saturday, Oct 28th

Time: 9:00 am- 11:30 am (Coffee, tea and snacks provided)

Cost: \$25 (after Oct 15th).

Bishop Linda Nicholls has served the Anglican Church as a priest and bishop for over thirty years. She is committed to ecumenical dialogue with an emphasis on Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue both within Canada and globally.

YULETIDE FAIR As this year's Fair is fast approaching (**November 18th** – doors open at 9:30 am), please be sure all donations are clean and in working condition. For more information, please contact Joan Turner, Fair Convenor, msjaytee@execulink.com 519-673-4535.

UCW FALL EVENT will be held at White Oaks United Church the morning of **October 21st** with registration at 9:00 am. The speaker will be from the London Food Bank. Donations of practical items for women shall be gathered for distribution to various organizations and left at our Church office.

THE OBSERVER It's time to renew (or begin) subscriptions to this excellent United Church magazine. Annual cost \$25 -- Art Frankel will be available in the Great Room before and after the 11:00 am service October 15th and 22nd to receive your payment in cash or cheques (made payable to Metropolitan United Church).



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Pastoral care and discipleship.