

Sunday, October 08, 2017

Prelude: Song of Thanksgiving – *Gerald Near*

***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: 291** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***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: The Gift of Love – *Hal Hopson*
Parish Quire

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Generous God, make us aware of Your presence among us, enriching our fellowship, and call us to new sensitivity to the blessings we have received. Forgive us the blindness that enables us to go through life, ignoring the gifts that are all around us. Forgive us the concentration on what we don’t have, causing us to miss the loving generosity that has already flooded our lives with blessings. Free us from the nagging desire for more and more material things, the insecurity that leads us to fear need, even when our needs are well-met. Enable us to embrace with new appreciation the gifts we have received, drawing from them the power to pour out the blessings of Your love into the lives of those around us, from the full reservoirs of grateful lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm: 19 (pg. 740)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offertory

Our Invitation to Invest in God’s Mission

Offertory Anthem: “Lord of the Dance” – *John Barnard*

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

***Doxology**

Hymn: 227 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Scripture Lessons: Luke 17; 11-19 (pg. 741)

Sermon: “On The Road Again” Dr. Jeff Crittenden

Hymn: 217 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Benediction: 963 (VU)

Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God” - *Johann Sebastian Bach*

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

TODAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY **Thanksgiving Day**

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
- 6:00 p.m. Stevens Vow Renewal in the Sanctuary and Parlour

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Pie Group in the Vineyard Kitchen
- 5:45 p.m. mCamp
- 7:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells

THURSDAY

- 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

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN By now, you all should have received your Stewardship pamphlet and a brochure outlining many of the activities at Metropolitan over the coming church year. Please return your Stewardship form to the office once you have had a chance to consider your planned givings for 2018. Please keep your events brochure handy so you don't miss any of the activities you want to attend.

2017 FOOD DRIVE For all the blessings we have received, may we thankfully give to others. Our Fall Food Drive will support the London Food Bank in its fall campaign. You can donate money or any non-perishable foods, but they are in particular need of canned fruits and vegetables. Bring your donations to the church **Sunday, October 15th** to help make this food drive a huge success!

CHEW CHEW CLUB All men are invited to join as on Monday, October 16 at noon at the Red Lobster on Wellington Road. For further information: contact Peter Wroe at 226-663-0192.

UNIT 2000 will hold their Potluck Dinner and Games Night" on Tuesday, **October 17** at 6:30 pm in the Great Room. Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. Lesley is once again in charge of the games!

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: \$20 Early Bird (Until Oct 15th) \$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.

JARS NEEDED FOR PANTRY We are running low on empty jars. We need all sizes of proper Mason or Bernardin sealers - 125 ml, 250 ml, 500 ml. Filled jars of jellies (grape, apple, crabapple) are needed as well as pickles, pepper jelly, chutneys and conserves. Thanks for your continued efforts.

MCAMP OKTOBERFEST Members of our mCAMP program have been studying the art and culture of Germany during September and October.. As part of this project the congregation is invited to join us for a traditional OKTOBERFEST on **Wednesday, October 18th, from 6:00-8:00 pm**. The program will feature food, art, dance and music, with a special performance by The Lyra Choir, directed by Alvin Reimer. A free will offering will be taken to support the mCAMP program. There are only 120 seats available, so please reserve your spot today by emailing: music.at.met@gmail.com

YULETIDE FAIR As this year's Fair is fast approaching (**November 18th**), please be sure all donations are clean and in working condition. This year: no ticket sales, FREE Admission and a Tearoom instead of a Cafe. If anyone is interested in are sked to contact Joan Turner, Fair Convenor, msjaytee@execulink.com 519-673-4535. Proceeds will support the work of the church and UCW outreach programs.

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL"

If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage to Greece/Italy to see where the Apostle Paul and the early church emerged from - please contact Jeff by email at jeffcrittenden@metropolitanchurch.com Total Cost \$5754 per person, round trip, non-stop Toronto/Athens

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 8th, 15th and 22nd to receive your payment in cash or cheques (made payable to Metropolitan United Church).