

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

WORLD LEPROSY DAY 2012

JANUARY 29



A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Mark 1:40-42

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY
SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2012
ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH, CHATHAM
10:30 A.M.

*A family that celebrates God's presence
through people, worship, music and outreach*

WE GATHER AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

*indicates to rise physically or in spirit only
VU – *Our Red Hymn Book, Voices United*

PRELUDE

WELCOME "Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord
with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation."
 Psalm 111:1

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)
Blessed be God who spoke light into creation.
Who calls us to listen and follow.
Who sends us to shine like stars,
Who calls us to be the healing presence of Christ.

*HYMN 223 VU "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

OUR WITNESS, LIFE AND WORK

- Sue Preston

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (in unison)

We come before you O God,
like those who gathered around Jesus to seek healing.
O Holy and Merciful One, we want our lives
to sound in harmony with your song of love.
Yet we confess that we have sinned against others
and against you. Have mercy, O God.
Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings,
that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SENIOR CHOIR "In the Quietness" by Taulman and Kirkland

*HYMN **570 VU** "Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands"

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S CALL

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 111 **833 VU** (sung refrain)

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 King 5:1-14 - Peter Cook

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1: 40-45

MESSAGE "A Call to Heal" - Rev. Johanna, Ann Bouwmeester
Video presentation on Leprosy

*HYMN **358 VU** "When Jesus the Healer" (verses 1,5,6,7)

WE RESPOND AND WE GO FORTH AS DISCIPLES

RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*OFFERTORY HYMN **542 VU**

We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(responsive)*

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ,
let us pray for the church, the whole human family,
and God's good creation.

Wash us in your cleansing grace, as daily we return to our baptism. **Heal your church of the love of power, and humble us to your service for the sake of the hurting world. Hear us, O God.**

Look with kindness on your creation, and restore wholeness to rivers and seas, deserts and forests, farmland and wilderness,
that the hearts of all living things may sing their thanks for generations to come. Hear us, O God.

Open the minds of national leaders to your wisdom.

Give courage and voice to those who are oppressed, unjustly imprisoned, exiled, or disregarded because of gender, color, or creed. Hear us, O God.

Stretch out your mighty and gentle hand to those who weep because of grief, illness, anxiety, or hardship of any kind.

We especially pray for children and families who are affected by leprosy. In your loving kindness, bring them joy in the morning. Hear us, O God.

Give us perseverance in ministering in our congregation, community, and the wider world,

that we will not grow weary or discouraged, but remain confident of your sustaining presence.

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*HYMN **622 VU** "Your Hands, O Christ"

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE (please feel free to leave the sanctuary during the postlude)

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Celebrating God's Presence through People, Worship, Music and Outreach

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE - JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Sunday	*	10:20 am Nursery Open	- Nursery
	*	10:30 am Worship	- Sanctuary
	*	11:30 am Fellowship	- Fellowship Hall
<i>Fundscript Shopping Card Orders</i>			
Monday	*	7:00 pm Ad Hoc Music Committee	- Parlour
Tuesday	*	11:00 am Staff Gathering	- Parlour
	*	1:30 pm Shuffleboard	- Games Room
	*	2:00 pm Kent Pres. Pastoral Relations	- Parlour
Wednesday	*	10:00 am Quilters	- Board Room
	*	7:00 pm Handbell Choir	- Sanctuary
Thursday	*	7:30 pm Senior Choir	- Parlour
Friday	*	9:30 am Friday Folders	- Parlour
Sunday	*	10:20 am Nursery Open	- Nursery
	*	10:30 am Worship	- Sanctuary
	*	11:30 am Fellowship	- Fellowship Hall
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Proclaim the good news! Believe in the good news!

Let us be good stewards of God's good news.

Stewardship Seconds - January 29, 2012

Upcoming Worship Services at 10:30 am

February 5 5th After Epiphany - *Handbell Choir*

February 12 6th After Epiphany

Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship in Fellowship Hall - Chili Lunch

February 19 Transfiguration Sunday

February 26 Lent 1 - *Communion*

CON ED Rev. Mark is away today on a continuing education event regarding youth ministry. Mark will be in the office, Monday, January 30.

FINANCIAL UPDATE From the Administration, Stewardship & Resources Committee: December 2011

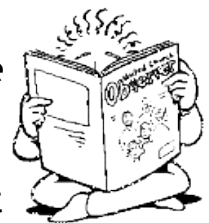
Receipts \$42,725.27

Disbursements \$23,910.16

Operating Gain of \$21,242.10 for the month

What a wonderful display of generosity and commitment made by the congregation in December! Because of the operating gain for the month of December, St. Andrew's was able to close the year with an operating gain of \$14,154.20. It was approved by Council last week that the surplus will be applied to our operating loan from reserves. There are multiple factors that played into the church realizing a surplus. First, receipts from general givings, special offerings, response from the Faith in Action letters and Loonie Tubes were up \$25,200 over last year! Secondly, due to the renovations to the kitchen and the restoration to the brickwork done last year, the church was able to claim \$18,125 in PST/HST rebates. Lastly, at the September Council meeting, the Outreach Committee made the following motion: "That St. Andrew's United Church Council direct the Board of Trustees to forward to the church treasury \$20,000 from the McGeachy Fund and that this money be used to pay part of the Associate Minister's remuneration. This would represent approximately one-third of Rev. Mark's remuneration and would cover that portion that directly relates to the Mission and Outreach ministry." The Committee is thankful for your continuous and generous support.

OBSERVER It is time to order or renew your Observer subscription. Our Church's award winning publication will allow you to be in touch with the wider church in Canada & the world. Subscription rate remains at \$20, but still an excellent value for a magazine with very little advertising and packed full of articles, columns and letters. Please include the \$20 subscription fee in your offering envelope, marked Observer on the third line or drop it off at the office.

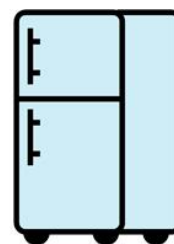


A FEBRUARY "HEADS UP"...

Once again your Outreach Committee is planning to assemble kits for the Homeless of Chatham-Kent in support of the Salvation Army project. We will put the kits together at the beginning of March. If you have any of the following items to donate in **small sizes**, please drop them in the red bins during the month of February. The kits wrapped in a towel include the following items: toothpaste, toothbrush, socks, comb/brush, soap in a ziplock bag, razor, shaving cream, pen/pencil, notepad, facecloth, deodorant, and a small pack of tissues. Optional items include: conditioner, band-aids, lip balm, lotion, hairspray, hair gel, and gum/candies. Last year we completed 53 kits. Let's see if we can do the same in 2012!



OUTREACH REQUEST The Mission & Outreach Committee is looking for a working fridge by the end of February, 2012. Any member of the congregation who might know where such items could be obtained, please contact Eric Waddilove 519-380-9400 or the church office.

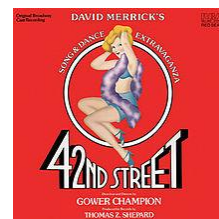


Also of note: AIDS Support Chatham-Kent, a mission that we support, has requested that we add a member of our congregation to their advisory board.

If this is something that may be of interest to you, please contact Rev. Mark or Eric Waddilove.

Thank you.

STRATFORD BUS TRIP UCW is hosting its Annual Bus trip to Stratford Festival Theatre to see "42nd Street" on Friday, September 7, 2012, matinee performance. All seats are on the main floor. For further details, please call Pat Parker, 519-354-4878



UCW FEBRUARY MEETING On Wednesday, February 8, the UCW are invited to our February Meeting. Enjoy a cup of tea, treats, and a picture presentation of Costa Rica by Margaret Chrysler in Fellowship Hall at 1:30 pm. All women are welcome!

PIES R US We will be making beef pies February 7 and are taking orders. The price is \$3.50 and please make arrangements to pick up pies on Tuesday February 7. There are also some frozen Rhubarb, Apple and Cherry pies available for sale.



To order please contact Anne McIntyre 354-0187, Peggy Leigh 352-3873 or Bonnie Cornforth 351-1205

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, February 12 following worship, the **Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this important gathering. The **2011 Annual Report** will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 5 after the worship service.



CHILI LUNCHEON The St. Andrew's Young-At-Heart Group and friends are hosting a chili luncheon at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 12. This will be a free-will offering lunch with proceeds to go to the youth programs, in particular, the confirmation group. Please plan to join us for a great hot lunch and then stay for the meeting.



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ONE BODY... many members IN HIM... all things are possible.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP - FEBRUARY FUN! The Friendship Group would like to take in the Crepe Dinner offered at Victoria Avenue United Church on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 (Valentine's Day) as their February activity. Thirty tickets have been set aside for the 5:00 pm sitting. **First come, first serve!!** This event is a big seller for Victoria Avenue, so there is a need to have a **reply as soon as possible** in order to confirm numbers. Please call either Sue Cobb at 519-354-3586 or Ruth Walker at 519-354-2191 by MONDAY January 30, 2012 at the latest if you wish to reserve your tickets.



If you have never been to the Annual Crepe Dinner at Victoria Avenue, you are in for a big treat!

Rev. Johanna has a blog. Check it out at :
www.revjohanna.blogspot.com