

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
St. Andrew's United Church, Chatham
Sunday March 7, 2010

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Gary Rieger

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - Gabrielle McAuley

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "You Are Holy" - Senior Choir
Traditional African

CALL TO WORSHIP - *please see the back of the bulletin*

*HYMN **240** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL - *please see the back of the bulletin*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Our Father in Heaven" - Senior Choir
VU 959 David Haas

WE ENGAGE

SHARING TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN - Rev. Mark Perry

RESPONSIVE PSALM 63 VU**781** Refrain 2 - Rev. Johanna

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 13:1-9 - Rev. Johanna
LESSONS 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 - Rev. Mark

MESSAGE "Chathamians" - Rev. Mark

WE RESPOND

*HYMN 591 "Jesus, United by Your Grace"

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER 539 VU licensing CCLI #2981860

God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO FORTH LED BY THE SPIRIT

*HYMN 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days"

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING *responsive*

Let us go forth being led by the Spirit.

Hearts filled with story, mouths filled with prayer,

Breath filled with song, nourished for the journey of Lent.

**Being assured of God's Glory, whose power working
in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!**

Hallelujah, Amen.

POSTLUDE "Finale" from Organ Symphony No. 1 Louis Vierne
(1870 – 1937)

Prayer

Invite us to the banquet of new life

flowing from your generous heart, O God.

Help us to receive the love which is spread across
the table of life and into which we are gathered this day.

Call to our hearts in invitation.

Take our hands now; we pray, and lead us toward our gifts. Amen.



Call to Worship

God Creates the universe,
And with it the possibility of being and relating.

**God tends the universe,
Mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.**

God enlivens the universe,
Guiding all things toward harmony with their source.

**Grateful for God's loving action,
We cannot keep from singing.**

Prayer for Renewal

All:

Wondrous God, you are holy mystery.

Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are you ways higher than our ways.

Yet, you invite us to abundant life.

Thirsting, we come to drink at your well.

Hungry, we are nourished at your table.

Empty, we are filled with your life-giving Spirit.

Satisfied, we go out to share your light and life with the world.

May it be so, wondrous God, who is holy mystery, wholly love.

Amen.

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Worship: 10:30 am Sunday

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lead Minister: Rev. Johanna VanderSpek

Associate Minister: Rev. Mark Perry

Ministry of Music & Arts: Conrad Gold

Secretary: Victoria Bechard

Treasurer: Barbara Robbins

Caretaker: Harold Baughman

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE MARCH 7—14, 2010

Sunday	* 7:30 St. Andrew's Men's Club Breakfast	- FH/K	
	* 10:20 am Nursery	- Parlour	
	* 10:30 am Worship	- Sanctuary	
	* 11:45 am Fellowship	- Fellowship Hall	
<i>Hosted by Judythe & Roy Cornell and MaryAnn & Larry Stokes</i>			
	* 12:30 pm CD Committee	- Parlour	
Monday	* 7:00 pm Worship Committee	- Chapel	
Tuesday	* 9:00 Pies R Us	- Fellowship Hall/Kitchen	
	* 10:00 am Benevolent	-William St. Door	
	* 1:30 pm Shuffleboard	- Games Room	
	* 6:00 pm Outreach	- Board Room	
	* 7:00 pm Jr. Choir & Bells	- Sanctuary	
	* 7:00 pm Council	- Chapel	
	Wednesday	* 9:30 am Staff Meeting	- Parlour
* 10:00 am Quilters		- Board Room	
* 2:00 pm UCW World Day of Prayer		- SAR	
Thursday	* 12:00 pm Noon Hour Lenten Lunches	- Christ Church	
	* 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Ad Hoc Comm.	- Parlour	
	* 7:30 pm Sr. Choir	- Sanctuary	
Friday	* 9:30 am Friday Folders	- Parlour	
	* 10:00 am Benevolent	- William St. Door	
	* 10:00 am Nursery	- Parlour	
Sunday	* 10:30 am Worship	- Sanctuary	
	* 11:45 am Fellowship	- Fellowship Hall	
	<i>Hosted by Shirley Bork, Jennifer & Sue Cobb</i>		
	* 12:00 pm Adult Faith Discussion	- Parlour	



We warmly welcome Rev. Mark Perry to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Mark is married to Barbara and has been an ordained minister for six years. Mark has strong skills in pastoral care, outreach, and an excellent sense of humour. Please take a moment to extend a warm St. Andrew's welcome to Rev. Mark and Barbara Perry.

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM

March 14 4th in Lent
Guest Speaker: Kelly Gottschling from Chatham-Kent Consumer & Family Network.

March 21 5th in Lent

March 28 Palm/Passion Sunday
Communion

April 2 Good Friday

April 4 Easter Sunday

OFFICE HOURS FOR REV. JOHANNA: Rev. Johanna's office hours: Monday to Wednesday, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm. Saturdays (please call ahead), 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please call to make an appointment or come by chance



WEEKLY STAFF MEETING: Please note the change in date/time for the weekly staff meeting to Wednesdays at 9:30 am.



ADULT FAITH DISCUSSION: *March 14 and March 28* at noon in the Church Parlour. Come and join a faith discussion arising from the message. Bring your bag lunch or snack, or enjoy refreshments in the fellowship Hall and then join the group for an hour.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The Worship Committee meets Monday, March 8 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The Outreach Committee will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9 in the Board Room.



COUNCIL MEETING: The NEXT Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm in the church parlour.

Please note the change in the date.

BAPTISM SUNDAY: A baptism Sunday is planned for April 11, 2010. Anyone wishing to have their child baptized please call the church office.



UCW MARCH MEETING: The March meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Residence on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm. There will be a worship service held in celebration of the "World Day of Prayer". Please join us for a cup of tea and a short meeting following the service.

St. Andrew's UCW is holding a Muffin Party
and Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall on Saturday March 27
from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Please come and bring your family and friends.

A free-will offering is requested.

Donations for the Bake Table may be brought
to the church on Friday March 26
and left at the Church office.



MARCH OUTREACH - CHATHAM-KENT CONSUMER & FAMILY NETWORK (CKCFN):

This group supports those whose lives are affected by mental health issues. We as a congregation can offer hope through respect and encouragement for those living with mental illness. A presentation next Sunday and bulletin information throughout March, will help you better understand the vital role of CKCFN in our community.

The group requires the following items:

Paper towels Bleach wipes Coffee Peanut Butter
Paper plates Floor cleaner Sugar Jam
Napkins Toilet paper Sweetener

During the last three Sundays in March, the Outreach Committee requests that you bring one or more of these items to church and place them in the boxes provided. If you wish to make a monetary donation please use the 'Special' line of your offering envelope, write CKCFN or Family Network and indicate the amount.

Your support of this new Outreach Focus is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP—(JR. YOUTH GROUP): On Sunday, March 21, The Young at Heart group is planning a March Movie Madness event—A Night at the Museum (Part II). Following the worship, first we will offer a chili and soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall, then we will play the movie for our movie watchers. A free will offering will be collected for the fund raising fund of the church. Refreshments will be served during the movie. Please sign up on the sign up sheet located outside the sanctuary.

A Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian

ALL ARE WELCOME!

~Elaine Howell and Linda Shaw

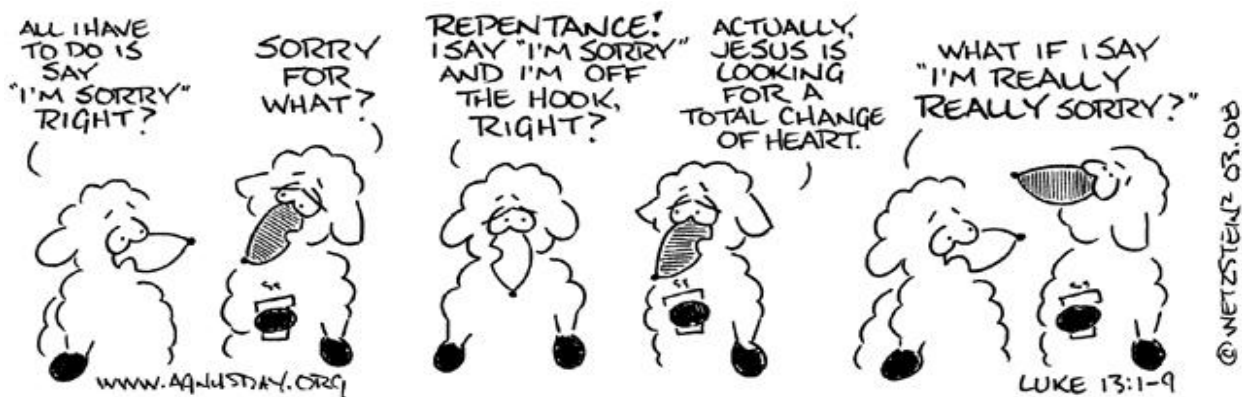


FRIENDSHIP GROUP: On Saturday, March 27 we plan to meet at Swiss Chalet Restaurant located on Keil Drive in Chatham at 5:30 pm to gather for a meal and some fellowship as a group. Please rsvp to Sue Cobb at 519-354-3586. *All are welcome!*

EASTER/SPRING NEWSLETTER: The next edition of the Chatter From The Corner—The St. Andrew's News is fast approaching. Please submit your reports to the church office no later than Monday, March 15 at 9:00 am. This is a great way to let our church family know of upcoming events and happenings!



VISITING ELDERS: If you have a little time to spare, that you may deliver the newsletter to our church families, please contact the church office. **WE ARE IN NEED OF VISITING ELDERS!!**



Do you always do just what you've always done?
Find ways to become a positive change in the world.

~Stewardship Seconds—March 7, 2010