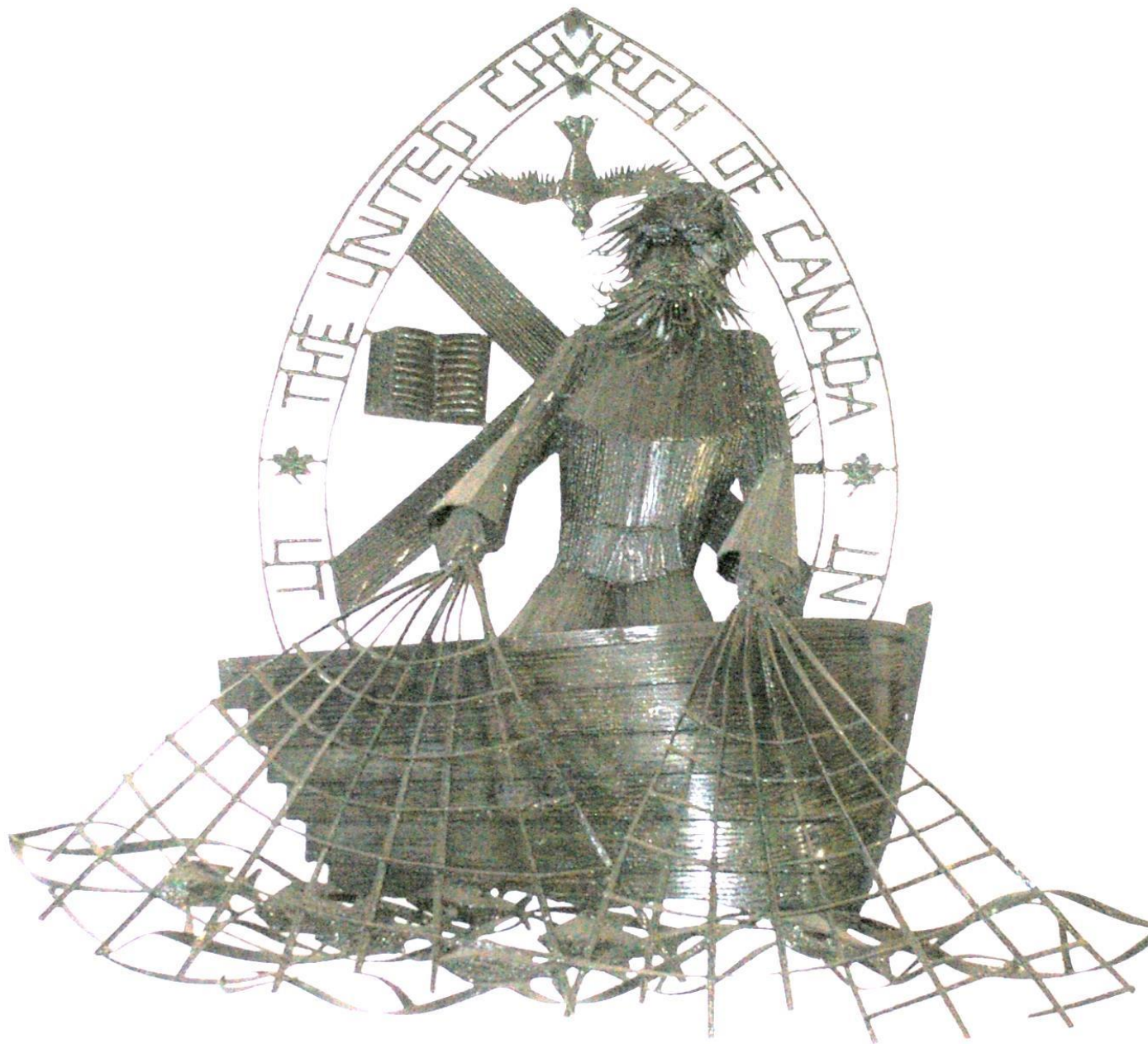


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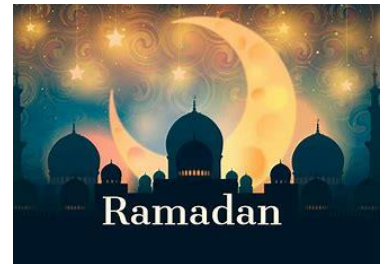
Message from Minister Ken MacDonald

Tenebrae means the shadows. It highlights the difference between light and dark. Tenebrae candles are usually used during Holy Week to reflect the suffering of Jesus. We are using them during Lent to note that Jesus suffers with those who suffer. Each week a candle is extinguished, just as we light a candle during Advent, to note the people with whom Jesus suffers.

May this Lenten Season be a time of spiritual reflection for you, and the resurrection be fully realized this Easter.

Blessings. Ken.

Ramadan 2020 - April 23 - May 23. Our Islamic friends will be meeting for prayer each evening after 9 pm in CE Hall. Let's support them in prayer and friendship.



Bell Choir - Thank you to all the members of the bell choir for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the Christmas season.



Bell choir members include Barb & Don Brockway, Emily, Anna & Ingrid Christoffersen, Cindy and Rhi Juriga, Judy Munro, Lloyd Spalding, Jessica & Ellen Kawamoto. Leader: Linda Kawamoto

Upcoming Worship Services



March 18 - Wednesday from 5-7PM - Messy Church "Going Green - Celebrating God's Creation", followed by Nerf tournament with Rod Juriga



April 5 - Palm Sunday - Palm Parade, Walk Through Holy Week after church led by the young people - Communion



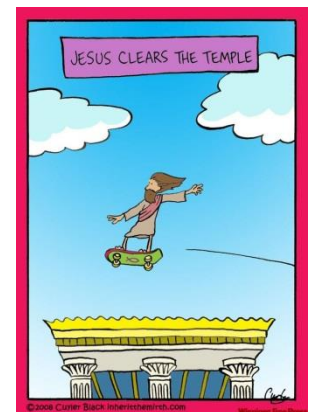
April 9 - Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm - short traditional service with chair circle and communion

April 10 - Good Friday - potluck dinner beginning at 5pm - music and readings



April 12 - Family Easter celebration service - Bell Choir - sanctuary decorated with flowers

April 19 - Holy Hilarity Sunday



May 3 – Youth leading Worship following 30 hour famine

St. Andrew's United Church Kids' News

Family Lenten Project 2020 – We are creating a “Welcome box” for people moving into the latest home built by Habitat for Humanity in Hamilton (to be completed this summer)! Watch for posters and details about the project from our St. Andrew’s kids. We’ll bring everything in on Easter Sunday as a special love gift. Check out the Habitat for Humanity Hamilton website for details of their latest build.....and they’re always looking for volunteers!

Messy Church – Wednesday March 18th, 5:00 pm. Experience a Bible story together – all ages event; Crafts, games, stories and a simple supper (Pizza). Sign-up on CD Bulletin Board. Invite friends and neighbours. Theme: “Greening”. Wear green if you wish!

Nerf Tournament (after Messy Church) - with Rod at 7 pm in CE Hall. Ages 9 and older. Bring your own Nerf gear, or use Rod’s. Eye protection required – we have some for loan.

Chocolate-making with Mrs. Brockway - Friday, April 3, 6-8 pm. \$3 each. Kids invited to join with the youth group to make Easter chocolates. Sign-up on CD bulletin board.

Road trip to "The Swell" - Youth Service in London, Friday, April 10

Spring Craft Sunday - April 19th – dress for mess! Weather depending, we plan to plant potatoes in Giving Garden

Regional Youth Rally - April 23-26 Theme: Escape! Talk to Laurie for details.

Volunteer at Able Living in Binbrook - Sunday, April 26th , Games , Crafts, Puzzles and activities with the clients. Adults welcome to join us -- awesome place!

One Stop Shopping for Women: Saturday afternoon, May 2. 20+ direct marketing vendors (clothing, accessories, cosmetics, housewares). Chili lunch & Refreshments available. Do some shopping with friends and support programs for children & youth at St. Andrew’s.



30 Hour Hunger Weekend - May 1-3. Theme: "You're Too Late, Batman!" Friday night at 6 pm quick eating then come to the church for theme-related activities. Saturday at 11 am -- volunteering and activities. Saturday night Rock Climbing at Gravity (\$10 each). Fast ends with pizza Saturday midnight. Sleepover in the church. Lead the Sunday service. Collect pledges for St. Andrew's supported causes. Welcome to bring 1-2 friends.

St. Andrew’s Church & Friendship Picnic: Sunday, June 14th after church. Special plans – stay tuned for details!

Kids Around the Region camp – looking for Volunteer Counselors, June 5-7, with Laurie

News from the Pews by Barbara Brockway

It's hard to believe that we are already into the year 2020 at St. Andrew's. **Alain Beaudin** is the new chair of our Congregational Board, replacing **Jim Pollock** who did a great job as the board chair last year. Unfortunately Alain's father passed away Jan. 24 and our thoughts are with Alain, his wife, Jennifer, and children Heather and Aidan.

Less than a week later, **Anne Whittle**, a long time senior here, lost her son, David Albert Whittle on Jan. 30. Then on Feb. 24, **Shirley Wheeler** passed away in hospital just 3 months after her good friend and neighbour, **Claire Lahie**, died. Shirley and Claire worked together for years organizing the Friday afternoon Social Club at the church. Shirley Wheeler also began the first co-operative preschool, *Peter Pan*, which operated out of St. Andrew's for many years. Then on February 29, **Margaret Harrison** died after a long illness. Margaret had been president of St. Andrew's UCW not once but twice! She was also a faithful telephone caller for the Friendly Visitors committee of the church. Despite her own health problems, Marg always had an encouraging word for others suffering with illnesses. We offer our prayers of love and support to these families in their time of sorrow.

We also remember those of our church family who are in hospital: Verne Bradley, Doug Hood (who also lost a younger brother) and Fred Saunders. Wayne Atanas is now at home recovering from his hospital stay. We remember them in our prayers as well and wish them a speedy recovery.

On a happier note, **Barbara Brearley** celebrated her **80th** birthday on March 4th. She told her family that she didn't want anything special done for that celebration. Imagine her surprise when her family showed up at church on Sunday, March 8th with a cake, pictures and decorations! There were 28 family members who went out for lunch after celebrating at the church's social hour. I wonder what they will do for her **90th birthday???**

Congratulations, Barbara!

BENEDICTION FROM ST. PATRICK

May Jesus Christ who serves with wounded hands, help you to serve one another.

May Jesus Christ who walks on wounded feet, journey with you to the end.

May Jesus Christ who loves with a wounded heart, be your love forever.

And may you see the face of CHRIST in all whom you encounter,

And may all whom you encounter see the face of CHRIST in YOU.



Sundays – Coffee Before Church (CBC) – Sign up to be a *Coffee Hero* before church (back corner); training provided. It’s easy and you will be everybody’s hero! Don’t be afraid – this is your chance to shine!

PAR Card

Do you have a credit card that gives you a loyalty benefit? When we give to church, we go to the movies free! I am on PAR however I am using my Scene credit card for the monthly deduction which gives me points that accumulate, which my family then uses to go the movies for free. In addition to the benefit of giving to the church on a regular schedule, which helps in the budget process, it removes the last minute search for envelopes. The process is easy, just check with Maria or Josie to set it up. Hope to see you at the movies!

Bob Thomas



St. Andrew’s United Church - Fragrance Free!

PLEASE, PLEASE remember that St. Andrew’s United Church asks all those using the facility to refrain from wearing perfumes, creams, after shaves, colognes, or other aromatic cosmetics and to refrain from using highly scented candles, potpourri and essential oils. There are people in our community and the wider community who are sensitive to fragrances, resulting in breathing problems and migraines.

Thank you for helping to make St. Andrew’s a welcoming and inclusive community of faith.