



Sunday, January 14, 2018 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Hymn Sing *Gord Vair & Helen Bruzas*

Word of Greeting *Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor*

Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship (responsive - on screen)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sung Response "Let There Be Light" #679 VU

Prayer of Approach (unison - on screen)

* Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #326 VU

Invitation to Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #400 VU

Prayers of the People

Ministry of Music "It Only Takes a Moment", by Jay Althouse; *Siloam Choir*

Scripture Lessons *Reader: Cora Burns*

Exodus 1:1 – 22 *The Israelites Oppressed*

John 10:1-14 *Jesus, the Good Shepherd knows his sheep by name*

Sung Response "Now Thank We All Our God" #236 VU

The Message *Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor*

"Moses: Part One - Pharaohs Past & Present or Fear on Steroids"

The Offering

* Offertory Hymn "What Child is This?" #74 VU

* Offertory Prayer (unison - on screen)

* Hymn "I Have Called You by Your Name" #161 MV

Children's Message *Jen Prince*

Lord's Prayer (unison)

* Commissioning & Benediction

* Sung Response "You Shall Go Out With Joy" #884 VU

Closing Song *David Parisi*

* congregation is invited to stand as you are able

Siloam United Church seeks to be an inclusive welcoming community. Our baptism, communion, membership and marriage rites are open to all who seek to walk in the way of Christ regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.

Seasonal Colour: Green
Greeters: John & Jane Davidson
Nursery: Andrea Gillan / Ramita Tamang
Media Console: Mike Ashton
Refreshments: Judy Hunt & Lorna Carnegie

Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor, Lead Minister & Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care
Kerry Stover, Ministry of Visitation
Jen Prince, Program Assistant, Ministry of Children & Youth
Rev. Wib Dawson, Minister Emeritus
Dr. Todd Wiczorek, Director of Music
David Parisi, Musical Accompanist
Carla Lord, Soul Groove Jr. Choir Director
Erin Salter, Administrative Assistant

LIFE & WORK

Sunday, January 14, 2018

10:30am Worship & Sunday School
7:00pm Drumming Circle

Monday, January 15, 2018

9:00am Quilting - O'Brien-Sproule LC
9:30am OEYC Playgroup - Tolpuddle Hall

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10:00am Council - O'Brien-Sproule LC
2:00pm Ageless Grace - Tolpuddle Hall (\$2)

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

10:00am Beyond Loss - O'Brien-Sproule LC
1:00pm Bridge - O'Brien-Sproule LC
6:30pm Faith Formation - O'Brien-Sproule LC

Thursday, January 18, 2018

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 19, 2018

10:00am Book Club - O'Brien-Sproule LC

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL and a special welcome to those who are joining us for the first time! If you do not already have a Church home, we invite you to make SILOAM your Church family! We trust this service will be a blessing to you and yours. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please phone 519-455-9201 (church) and Rev. Sheila Macgregor or Kerry Stover will be happy to call on you.

Sunday School/Children's Message Trial - beginning this Sunday, January 14th (for a trial period), children are invited to meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel just prior to the beginning of our worship service to join their Sunday School classes. Children will return to the sanctuary toward the end of our service, when they will receive the Children's Message.

This morning's sermon forms the first in a series on Moses, whom we will also be studying in our Tuesday morning Bible study, starting January 23rd.

Special thanks to Gord Vair & Helen Bruzas for leading our hymn sing this morning!

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Harla & Jim O'Neill on the recent death of Harla's father. *And Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn."*

Birthday Greetings! Happy Birthday to Marg Hillier, who celebrated her 90th birthday on January 13th! We also wish a very happy 90th birthday to Helen Pickard, who turns 90 on January 19th!

If you are trying to send a message to Rev. Sheila, please use her email address (smacgregor@siloamunitedchurch.org) or phone rather than Facebook. Thank you!

A Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. Janet Fradette will take place on Sunday, January 28th, at 10:30am with a Potluck Lunch & Reception to follow. Please come and thank Janet for her years of faithful ministry and celebrate with her & Gerry. If you haven't already contributed to the gift for Rev. Jan, please bring your donation to Erin in the office. Don't forget to sign the card! There is a sign-up sheet in the Arva Atrium with regard to the potluck luncheon. Please let us know if you are planning on coming and bringing some food.

Healing & Wellness Events for 2018 (all events are FREE unless otherwise noted):

- Ageless Grace with Odile Brockman-Lee - Tuesdays, 2-3:30pm in Tolpuddle Hall beginning Tuesday, January 9th (\$2 fee per class)
- "Beyond Loss" Grief Support Group with Grace Tallman - Wednesdays, 10-11:30am in the O'Brien-Sproule LC from January 17th - April 25th. **Participants are asked to please bring a pen and a notebook to the group.**
- "Spiritual Direction for Healing & Wellness" workshop with Bruce Tallman - Tuesday, January 30th from 7-9pm in the Sanctuary
- "Gardening for Healing & Wellness" workshop with Jennifer Grant (gardening therapist from Mt. Hope) - Tuesday, March 6th from 7-8:30pm in the Sanctuary
- Drumming for Healing & Wellness with David Dillon - Sunday evenings, 7-8:30pm from January 7th - February 11th
- Art Therapy with Hailey Tallman - Wednesday afternoons, noon-2pm in Tolpuddle Hall from January 24th - February 14th (\$25 fee for materials is payable to the teacher at the first class)

Mark Your Calendars! Siloam's Annual Huddle (annual meeting) will be held on Sunday, February 11th immediately following worship. Committee Chairs and other groups: please have your reports will be submitted to Erin by Friday, January 19th. Email is office@siloamunitedchurch.org.

Richmond Woods - our next service at Richmond Woods is this Thursday, January 18th at 2:30pm.

New Tuesday Bible Study will begin on January 23rd at 9:30a.m We will be using the book/video study by Adam Hamilton entitled "Moses: The Reluctant Prophet" Six Sessions. Please purchase your own book through Amazon or Chapters. Those who do not have access to Amazon or Chapters, please contact Sheila or Erin and ask them to order you one. 519-455-9201. In March we will do Adam Hamilton's book and video study on suffering, entitled: "Why? Making Sense of God's Will." Again, we invite you to order your own book if you are able to do so. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are now available to pick up in the Arva Atrium. If you are not already receiving Siloam offering envelopes & would like to receive them for 2018, please contact June Sunseth at 519-432-9948. If you would like to receive offering envelopes for your children/grandchildren, please contact Alliene Dowswell at 519-660-4043.

"Lunch With The Bunch" - Happy New Year and welcome to something new we'd like to try. We're calling it Lunch with the Bunch and the idea came about because of conversations with some who repeatedly eat alone; however, it's open to everyone. Please join us in the library, immediately after worship, on Sunday, February 4 for a lunch (provided this time) meeting. Come for a bite to eat and some fellowship. After lunch, let's discuss if this is something you would like. Let's decide on the frequency - weekly, twice a month, monthly; the day of the week and the time of day; the format - pot luck, bring your lunch or perhaps meet at a restaurant occasionally and will it be lunch and a chat or perhaps lunch and a game of cards. Come - let's decide together. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 31 to either Erin in the church office (519-455-9201) or Harla O'Neill at jfoneil@rogers.com**

Pancake Supper - Tuesday, February 13th - Join us in Tolpuddle Hall from 5-7pm for this delicious annual event! Come enjoy pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice - bring your friends and family! Freewill offering will be accepted at the door.

Australian Ash Wednesday - Join us **Tuesday, February 13th from 7-7:30 pm**, following the Pancake Supper, as we mark the beginning of Lent with a short, all-generation service. Why Ash Wednesday on Shrove Tuesday? That's where the "Australian" part comes in! It will already be the 14th in Australia; meaning that it is possible to cram Pancake Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's day in the same 24 hours without hopping around like mad kangaroos.

The new **Gifts with Vision** catalogue has arrived! Why not give an alternative gift this Christmas or for special occasions all year long? These gifts make wonderful options for teachers, baby showers, anniversaries, birthdays & more! Catalogues available in the Arva Atrium. This year's Gifts with Vision catalogue offers opportunities to give meaningful gifts to bring hope to people in their community, Canada, & around the world.

The Alzheimer's Store Canada - The Alzheimer's Store is proud to announce the opening of its Canadian store. Our products are shipped from our Canadian headquarters to help serve you faster. We do not charge duties, import handling fees, or brokerage fees. All products are sold in Canadian dollars so there is no sticker shock when you place your order. We hope you will enjoy browsing the alzstore.ca and feel confident that any product you choose will make your life a little easier! [Alzstore.ca](http://alzstore.ca) currently stocks an all-star selection of our most popular products, with new items added regularly. If there's a product you want us to carry, please contact us and let us know.

London Stroke Survivor Support Group (a program of March of Dimes Canada) is inviting you to an open house on Tuesday, January 16th between 1:30-3pm at The Moose Lodge (6 Weston Road). Come out for a free blood pressure check, community stroke resource presentation, VON SMART stroke exercise demo, light refreshments, cards and much more!! For more info, please call 226-787-0040.

Emergencies at Home and around the Globe - The United Church of Canada is monitoring several situations around the world where people are facing the effects of extreme weather events. Please join us in praying for those impacted by these events, our partners in the regions, and those who remain in harm's way from approaching storms. The United Church of Canada is accepting donations for relief efforts related to Hurricane Irma. The United Church of Canada works with several churches and agencies throughout the Caribbean region, including ACT Alliance, the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas, the Cuban Council of Churches, and the Karl Lévéque Cultural Institute. This provides multiple ways that the church can assist people affected by Hurricane Irma to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to plan for post-storm responses. How to donate:

Online via <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1955&AID=2274&PID=5549>

Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque (note "Emergency Response—Hurricane Irma"), money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Magnetic nametags! Please contact Erin in the office (519-455-9201 or office@siloamunitedchurch.org) to order your nametag for \$3.

ELUCO (East London United Church Outreach) Food Cupboard is always in need of non-perishable food items, including cereal. The food cupboard is open Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:30am-noon. Contact Sharon Ashton, 519-455-9385 if you are interested in volunteering. **In December 2017, the Food Cupboard served 27 families (47 adults & 13 children). For the 2017 year, the Food Cupboard served 604 families (1066 adults & 409 children).** www.eluco.ca

The East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO) presents an intimate evening of Jazz featuring the Sonja Gustafson Quintet at First St Andrews United Church on **Friday January 26th 2018 at 8pm**. Cabaret seating with wine, beer and snacks. Ticket are 25.00 and available from Sharon Ashton, the church office, or at the door.

On behalf of the ELUCO Board and the Marconi and Huron East communities that we serve, I would like to thank the Siloam congregation for their generous support in 2017 through budget, the many volunteers for our food cupboard and the Welcome Wednesday hospitality lunch program as well as our cinnamon bun, Voices of Broadway concert and the Fall Walk and Roll for Families fundraisers. We couldn't function without you. The total sponsored and collected from our Walk was \$5,672.00, with \$1,120.00 from Siloam. The tax receipts have been prepared and will be sent out with your year-end Siloam tax receipts. Thank you. ~Sharon Ashton

If you would like to donate one of our special bulletins in memory or in celebration of a loved one, an income tax receipt will be issued for cost of bulletins. Please contact the church office for more info. Cost of 200 bulletins is \$30.

Minute for Mission – January 14 - Family Resources Close to Home

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries for families, like this ministry in Nova Scotia. In 1986, Fairview United Church in Halifax opened a family resource centre in its building. The programs the church initiated focused on providing education and support in a safe and welcoming environment. Let's hear from one long-time participant, now board member Tia Forsythe, about the centre's lasting impact:

"I first heard of Parent 'n' Tot (as it was called then) when we first moved here in 2006. While my husband went to work every day, it was hard for me and my three children to make connections.... I was told there was a great playgroup, so off we went.

"It is a decision I am thankful for every day. My children made friends that they still are connected to over 10 years later. I met people who became my support system in the city.... I have been privileged to watch not only my children grow and achieve amazing things, but also the children they met all those years ago.

"The Family Resource Centre has had to move out of the church to a new, larger building. Programs and services offered today include advocacy and referrals, health and wellness, youth, preschool, adult skill development, health and safety, pre-kindergarten, parenting skills and support, and community partnerships.

"I want to say a big thank you to Fairview United Church and also to the people of The United Church of Canada. Through your generous gifts to Mission & Service, you are making a true and lasting impact on communities and in the world, in Jesus' name."

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.