

## THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Greeting you this morning are Barbara & Nelson Walters.

- Sunday, October 8**      **Happy Thanksgiving!**  
10:30am                  Worship & Sunday School  
11:45am                  Refreshments will be served in the Arva Atrium by Judy Hunt & Lorna Carnegie
- Monday, October 9**  
*The office will be closed today for Thanksgiving.*
- Tuesday, October 10**  
9:30am                  **Bible Study** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.  
2:00pm                  **Healing & Wellness** will meet in the Conference Room.  
7:00pm                  **Trustees** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.
- Wednesday, October 11**  
1:00pm                  **Bridge** will meet in the Choir Room.  
2:00pm                  **Outreach** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.  
7:00pm                  **Bible Study** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.
- Thursday, October 12**  
7:30pm                  **Choir Rehearsal**
- Friday, October 13**  
10:00am                  **Book Study** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.
- Sunday, October 15**  
10:30am                  **160th Anniversary Worship Service** - guest speaker will be Rev. Rick Hawley.

**Special Thanks** to our friends at Richmond Woods for providing the delicious treats last Sunday after worship.

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**NEW MEMBERS!** If you are interested in joining the Siloam church family [transfer of membership, profession of faith and/or adult baptism], please contact the church office at 519-455-9201 or Kaye Appleby (519-438-8960). **You are invited to attend two evening sessions at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9 & Thursday, November 16 in preparation for reception of new members on November 26, 2017.**

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**Reminder - Siloam's 160th Anniversary Service - Sunday, October 15th at 10:30am** - Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor will conduct the service and Rev. Rick Hawley will be our guest speaker. The choir will provide special music and will be accompanied by a full orchestra. Please plan to stay for a light lunch in Tolpudde Hall (free will offering). Everyone welcome!

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**SIZZLERS!!** Sizzler event - **Saturday, September 22nd, 2018** at noon - Walters Dinner Theatre in Bright, Ontario - "Jukebox Heroes Live" show. Book early as these shows sell out fast! Information sheets are available in the Arva Atrium.

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**FundScrip** - Thank you to all who are ordering Fundscrip cards. This month's order is due **Sunday, October 13, 2017.**

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**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - our fall session begins at 9:30am on **Tuesday, September 26th** in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel. We will be studying the book, "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Please order your book through Erin in the office. Leaders this fall will be Stu Cunningham, Ric Graham, and Sheila Macgregor. All welcome!

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**Friday Morning Book Club - 10am in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel** - *Want to join with other seekers who like to discuss spiritual questions and explore spiritual writings?* Tired of the traditional book club? Always scrambling the night before to finish the book in time for your meeting? Then this group is for you! We will be reading together in an atmosphere of love and concern for each other. As followers of Christ, we can and often do learn from those who follow other paths. The goal of this group therefore is to gather together informally and explore a variety of spiritual writings from Christian and various other traditions. Our first book will be Dr. Wayne Dyer's *Change Your Thoughts. Change Your Life. Living the Wisdom of the Tao*. We will read and reflect on a chapter a week. Books are available to pick up from Erin in the office, at a cost of \$9.20 per book. For more information, please contact Rev. Ross Williams at 519-474-6038, David Dillon or Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor at 519-455-9201. Future books will be chosen by the group. Come to one or come to all!

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**Were there dinosaurs on the ark? Were Adam and Eve real people? Is it OK to get a tattoo? Want to learn more about the Bible, who wrote it and why, and how to deal with challenging biblical passages like suffering and violence, human sexuality, and the relationship between Science and the Bible?** Then this study is for you! Please join us at **Siloam United Church, 1240 Fanshawe Park Road East** beginning **Wednesday, October 11th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Participants are asked to read the first seven short chapters of the book "**Making Sense of the Bible**" by Adam Hamilton for session number one. **Please register with Erin at 519-455-9201 or [office@siloumitedchurch.org](mailto:office@siloumitedchurch.org)** Books are available from Erin in the office, but are going quickly so get your copy now. **Or order through the Middlesex Resource Centre.** Please note: this study is also offered Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30 a.m. on September 26th. The morning study will be spread out over a longer period, but the evening study is six weeks only, October 11th to November 15th, led by Rev. Sheila. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary. All welcome!

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**Movie Night - Friday, October 13** - Gord and Mary Vair will be choosing this month's movie.

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**A ten part series of Notes from Camp Kee-Mo-Kee - October 8** *Part 4 of 10 - An Inclusive Camp Environment.*

Reach for the Rainbow is a non-profit organization that has pioneered the integration of children and youth with disabilities into the mainstream of society. Their program provides an environment of inclusion for youth while offering much needed respite for parents. Campers are paired with a dedicated counsellor for 1:1 support. This year 13 youth attended camp through this program.

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**Healing and Wellness** - Want to deepen your spirituality? Please join us for **Siloam's new Drumming Circle, starting October 15, 2017 at 7:00-9:00 pm (all circles are on Sundays in this time slot).** Six sessions of hand drumming. Expand your technique, grow spiritual discipline, enhance psychological health, build community Facilitated by David Dillon. No previous experience required, please register with Erin - 519-455-9201 or [office@siloumitedchurch.org](mailto:office@siloumitedchurch.org). A few drums will be provided as well as other percussion instruments.

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**Sizzler Event - Saturday, Oct. 21 - A) 5:00 - 7:00 : Potluck supper at the Grahams.** 1527 Stoneybrook Crescent ( south of Fanshawe Park Road, near Adelaide). Please bring a salad, main course dish, or a dessert to share. And...for those who dare... **B) At 7:30 we depart for Fanshawe Pioneer Village to the performance of " The Midnight Village: Donnelly's After Dark".** Admission is \$11.00 per person. Please buy your tickets online at [fanshawepioneervillage.ca](http://fanshawepioneervillage.ca) and register for the 8:00 performance. Wear comfortable shoes, and warm jackets as there will be some walking involved.

Middlesex Presbytery Mission & Outreach Fall Connections Event - **"The Journey to Reconciliation"** - **Saturday, October 28 from 9am-1pm**. Join us at the Chippewa of the Thames Community Centre. Freewill donation, but please pre-register by October 21st with Carolyn (murray.carolyn4598@gmail.com or 519-652-5390).

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**The Healing and Wellness Committee invites you to learn about Therapeutic Touch:** If you are interested in health and wellness, join Ellen Edmondson and friends to learn about Therapeutic Touch, a natural energy based therapy and its simplicity. The presentation will be on **Nov. 7th in Tolpuddle Hall from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** . The presentation is free, but please pre-register as space is limited. You can pre-register by phoning the church office 519-455-9201 or sign up on the sheet outside of the office.

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**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**, 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

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Hurricane Irma" on the face of your cheque.

**Santa Shoppe Bazaar - Saturday November 4th - 10am-noon** - Something for everyone! Christmas décor, woodcrafts, home sewing, quilts, crafts, bake table, deli, meat pies, attic treasures and more! Tea, coffee, juice & light lunch available. Bring your family and friends!

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When you are preserving and canning this fall, please remember the Annual Santa Shoppe Bazaar. All donations are appreciated!

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The Sizzlers' 4th annual Christmas show in Sarnia will take place on **Saturday, December 9th** at the Imperial Theatre. Sign-up sheet plus information sheets are available in the narthex. **Deadline for sign-up is October 15th**. Questions? See Gord or Mary Vair (519-659-1991)

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**The office is taking orders for magnetic nametags!** Help us welcome our brothers and sisters from Arva - get your name tag now! Please contact Erin by phone 519-455-9201 or email [office@siloaunitedchurch.org](mailto:office@siloaunitedchurch.org) to order your new nametag at a cost of \$3.

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**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 September 2017, the Food Cupboard served 36 families (65 adults & 29 children)**. We have also received 25 baskets of produce/food this month!  
[www.eluco.ca](http://www.eluco.ca)

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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.

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The United Church of Canada is launching an **Extreme Hunger Appeal**. Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. There is also extreme hunger, malnutrition, and starvation in Kenya. Vulnerable people are most impacted, including children. Small-scale farmers supply the majority of food in Africa. But climate change has created a devastating and prolonged drought, resulting in both water and food shortages. Farmers are unable to grow crops and their livestock have died. Ongoing conflict is also contributing to the crisis as many families are forced to flee their homes, farms, and livelihoods. Please give now and invite members of your congregation to join this Extreme Hunger Appeal. How to donate:

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### **Minute for Mission – October 8 – Dr. Reinerio Arce Celebrates Decades of Solidarity**

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer long-term support and solidarity around the world. Let us hear a story about decades of solidarity with Cuba.

In May 2016 United Theological College in Montreal, Quebec, presented Dr. Reinerio Arce with an honorary doctorate. Dr. Arce took the opportunity to thank The United Church of Canada for its decades of solidarity. "We will not forget your friendship," he said. "Even as it becomes easier to relate directly with the U.S. churches, we need you to be with us."

He recalled shipments of food in the late 1990s through 2001 organized by the United Church through its membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank during a time of drought in eastern Cuba.

As Cuba renews its relationship with the United States, Cuban church leaders are saying thanks to Canadian churches that have accompanied them through nearly six decades of a U.S. embargo.

Reinerio Arce is a past-president of the Cuban Council of Churches and former rector of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas— both Mission & Service partners.

We sing thanksgiving for Mission & Service support of the church in Cuba!