

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Greeting you this morning are Jean Hern & Mary Vair.

Sunday, February 11

10:30am Worship & Sunday School
11:45am Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, February 12

9:00am **Quilting** in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.
9:30am **OEYC Playgroup** in Tolpuddle Hall.

Tuesday, February 13

9:30am **Bible Study** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.
11:00am **Council** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.
2:00pm **Ageless Grace** will meet in Tolpuddle Hall.
5:00pm **Pancake Supper** in Tolpuddle Hall.
7:00pm **'Australian' Ash Wednesday** service in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, February 14

12:00pm **Art Therapy** will meet in Tolpuddle Hall.
1:00pm **Bridge** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.

Thursday, February 15

10:00am **Tai Chi** will meet in Tolpuddle Hall (\$5 guest fee or free for members of the Canadian Tai Chi Academy)
6:15pm **Bell Choir**
7:30pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Friday, February 16

10:00am **Book Study** will meet in the Choir Room.

Saturday, February 17

2:00pm **Boomerfest Steering Committee** will meet in the O'Brien-Sproule Library-Chapel.

Congratulations to Jane & Dave Hilton, on the birth of their grandson David Alexander on February 2nd. Proud parents are Laura & Alex.

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.

Holy Week 2018 - St. John the Divine Anglican Church (21557 Richmond St, Arva) has invited us to join them for their Annual Maundy Thursday supper and worship service on Thursday, March 29th. Chicken and lamb will be served, along with potluck dishes. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the Arva Atrium if you would like join in this special time. Siloam will host St. John's for our Good Friday service at 10 a.m. Friday, March 31st.

Thinking ahead to Easter Sunday morning...we invite you to bring flowers in memory or in honour of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please bring them a few minutes before worship and place them on the chancel steps. Fresh flowers are welcome but must be non-scented. You will be able to take your flowers home after the service, if you wish.

Assistance Needed! The Spiritual Life & Worship Committee is looking for someone to take on the leadership of the Chancel Committee. This person would be responsible for looking after the Chancel and Atrium decorations throughout the year (please note - we already have someone to look after Christmas decorating and the wall hangings and pulpit hangings throughout the church year). Please contact Stu Cunningham if you are interested in taking on this role.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - we are currently studying the Adam Hamilton book, "Moses: The Reluctant Prophet" Six Sessions. In March we will do Adam Hamilton's book and video study on suffering, entitled: "Why? Making Sense of God's Will." We invite you to order your own book if you are able to do so, or please talk to Sheila. Thank you.

Community Hymn Sing at Riverside United Church on **Sunday February 11 @ 7:30 PM**. Come and sing beloved and new hymns. Pick your favorites and participate for the sheer joy of singing. Hymnals are available. Riverside United Church- 695 Riverside Drive (519-472-6071).

We are planning a **Visioning Workshop Day on Saturday April 7** at Siloam for members of our congregation to participate and help develop our New Siloam Church Mission for the future. It is a chance for you to share your thoughts on what our Mission should be going forward. It's also a chance to learn about the latest trends in congregational mission, best practices and the changing place of the church in society. We need a variety of voices to learn together, from newcomers to life-long members. Express your thoughts and listen to what others have to say. Michael Kooiman from Edge Consultants will be our facilitator. The format of the day will include a presentation in the morning starting at 10 am, lunch will be provided, and then a group discussion with the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas in the afternoon. We will wrap up the day at 2:30 pm. **Please RSVP by February 28 to either the Church Office or to randydonkervoort@gmail.com**

First Sunday in Lent – Sunday, February 18th - Introduction of Lenten Project.

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. ****PLEASE NOTE: This group has been postponed until further notice.****
- "Gardening for Healing & Wellness" workshop with Jennifer Grant (gardening therapist from Mt. Hope) - Tuesday, March 6th from 7-8:30pm in the Sanctuary
- 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)

The Sizzlers are going bowling on **Saturday, March 17th** at **Fleetway Bowling Lanes**, 720 Proudfoot Lane. We will meet at the bowling alley to begin bowling at 7:00 p.m. for two games of bowling and then back to Al & Pauline Newton's house (1 Rideau Court) for refreshments and conversation. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex until March 11th. Contact Al & Pauline if you wish more information.

Music is a vital part of the worship experience at Siloam. Please contact Todd if you wish to participate in the music program, whether individually, as part of a smaller group, or within the context of the Senior Choir (twieczor@uwo.ca). Please contact David Parisi if you wish to ring with the Siloam Sounds (dpparisi@gmail.com). If you wish to learn more about the Fairly Good Samaritans Band, feel free to contact Chad Brown (cmbrown@rogers.com). Looking forward to worshipping with 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.

The **Gifts with Vision** catalogue is here! 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 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.

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 Lévêque 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@silouamunitedchurch.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 January 2018, the Food Cupboard served 62 families (103 adults & 42 children).** www.eluco.ca

On **Saturday March 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm**, the **Voices of Broadway Show Choir** will be performing "**A History on Broadway**" at **Siloam**. The choreographed performances revolve around Broadway Musicals that are based on historical events and include numbers from *Come From Away*, *Les Miserables*, *Evita*, *Miss Saigon*, *Hamilton*, and more. Tickets for this spectacular event are \$20.00 and available from Sharon Ashton, Siloam Church Office 519 455-9201, office@silouamunitedchurch.org or at the door. Lots of parking available. Proceeds to the work of the East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO). www.thevoicesofbroadway.com

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 – February 11 - Like a Family

Our gifts for Mission & Service create safe spaces where people can come together as family. Bissell Centre in Edmonton is one of these places. The stories in today's Minute for Mission were first shared on its blog.

Bissell Centre offers people living on the margins food, shelter, and a feeling of belonging. Most people who visit the centre can immediately tell that the people there have a special bond with one another. Diane, a long-time volunteer, describes the connection she feels. "When I don't come, I miss the people in the Drop-in Centre. They're always stopping us and talking to us," she says. "It's like a family."

The phrase "like a family" is often used by staff, volunteers, and especially the participants themselves. Here are some of the ways Bissell Centre has shaped people's sense of family.

Kayla shared that "Bissell Centre has given us a sense of belonging, tradition, and foundation to start from. The staff has encouraged us to grow and always gives us something to look forward to."

Judy says, "I don't know what I would have done without all of the staff at Bissell Centre. Look! Now I am sitting in my own home. I consider all of the staff to be my family."

The community at Bissell Centre has grown and changed for over 100 years, thanks in part to the support you have provided through Mission & Service. 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.