

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude Annie Schulz
Welcome Kevin McCabe

Call to Worship Psalm 71:1-6

*Prayer

Leader: We come to worship today to hear your good news,

to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your kingdom.

People: We know that doubt, fear, and hatred

can shake even the strongest.

Leader: Shape us into faithful, hopeful people,

fill us with your love that passes understanding.

People: We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Hymn Come, let us all unite to sing HWB 12

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offertory/Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 [NT p. 175]

*Hymn I know not why God's wondrous grace HWB 338 v.1-3

Prayers of the People Pastor David

Women's Chorus I will arise and go to Jesus

Scripture Reading Luke 4:21-30 [NT p. 61] Carla Isaak

Sermon "THE POWER OF HYPERBOLE AND THE SCANDAL OF THE FAMILIAR" Laurence Steven

*Hymn of Response Holy Spirit, gracious Guest HWB 542

Benediction

*Sending Hymn Lead me, Lord HWB 538

It is good to be together in worship this morning!

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance. Please stay for refreshments after the service.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY January 27, 2019

Income - \$2,995.00 Attendance - 48

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR February 10, 2019

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalm 138 Luke 5:1-11

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 2:30 pm Bible Study at Grace/Linwell

THURSDAY 9:00 am Quilting in FR

5:30 pm Soup Supper

SUNDAY 9:30 am David Brubacher, Speaker

Focus Group ~ After responses to the sermon, John Rempel will talk about how Mennonites have prayed over the centuries, reading sample prayers from different prayer books. One-time visitors welcome!

▼ On a personal note ~ Lena is very thankful for all the prayers, cards and visitors she received. She missed the Sunday morning services and is glad to be able to participate again.

Perishky (Meat Buns) Baking ~ Monday February 11th at 9 am. All women are welcome, soup lunch will be provided. Orders will be taken – a limit of 2 dozen per family, \$10 per dozen.

I Women's Chorus Practice ~ Sunday February 10th, 11:00 am; Sunday February 17th, 9:00 am; Thursday February 21st, 6:30 pm, Sunday February 24th, 9:00 am.



Soup Supper on Thursday February 7th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can bring donations of soups, bread or desserts. Soup Supper donations will be directed to Pastor Accilien's work in Haiti.

Annual Meeting is Sunday February 17th at 11:00 am. Report Books are in the mailboxes.

Round Table Reading ~ January / February issue of MEDA's publication *The Marketplace*.

OUTREACH & INSIGHT

Westview Centre4Women continues to need support.

You can help by donating:

- Money ~ cheque made out to Westview Christian Fellowship with memo line "wc4w"
- Much needed items ~ feminine products, time, hygiene items, food, diapers, bus tickets, clothing, small household items

Contact Jane LaVacca, Executive Director for more information Email: reachme@westviewc4w.com Office: 905-687-4848

Thank You Letter from the Haudenosaunee - Dear Friends, your donation to the Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt is greatly appreciated and we thank you very much. Ours is a movement of peace work and because of the support of so many in our community, we were able to carry out a program of decolonizing education and meaningful community building. The 2018 workshop program: 20 individuals rose to this call and presented a fantastic program attended by over a hundred people. Our closing event, which was a film screening of Angry Inuk, was attended by 57 people including many Indigenous Education teachers in Niagara who were new to this important local, social justice issue. Our Facebook posts reached 16,500 people (www.facebook.com/sixnationsrighttohunt). People from across the country are engaging and learning about the issues at Short Hills and about Indigenous-settler partnerships in responding to those opposing Indigenous Rights.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Vineland United Mennonite Church is in need of a part time office administrator to begin immediately. Please forward resumes to the VUMC office at vinelandumchurch@gmail.com.

St. Catharines United Mennonite Church is looking for a part time office administrator to begin in May 2019. Interested applicants should apply by no later than February 19, 2019. Only those who will be interviewed will receive a call back. For further information and job description visit our website at www.scumc.ca or contact Kevin Ens at 905-397-4865.

Radiant Care Tabor Manor recently opened a Fitness and Wellness Centre and is offering seniors living in the north end of St. Catharines who are affiliated with Radiant Care the opportunity to join as members, for a nominal fee, to pursue your health and fitness goals. Please see the bulletin board notice or call 905-934-2548 for more information.

Open House at Tabor Manor's Fitness and Wellness Centre on Sunday February 10, starting at 12:30 pm. For more details, please see the poster on the bulletin board.

The Niagara Branch, Canadian Bible Society, cordially invites you to dinner and a program at the Salvation Army Hall, 400 Niagara St., Monday February 4, 6 pm. Our National Director, Dr. Rupen Das, will discuss CBS work among refugees and immigrants. A good will offering will be taken in support of this work.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- ... those facing health challenges
- ... each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. Join MCEC in praying for **Floradale Mennonite Church** in Floradale.
- ... a breakthrough in the peace talks and an end to the siege of Gaza. Pray for comfort for those families who have lost children and for God's protecting grace over all children in Gaza.
- ... folks involved in the correctional system, for places where they can break through stigma, and navigate parole conditions in order to build a sense of belonging.
- ... the continued impact that MCC's Restorative Justice program has within two prison institutions.

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