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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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*~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~*



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January 3, 2016 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

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**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices  
are available: Please ask an usher**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit when you see this symbol (\*)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is come, is with us,  
and calls us into tomorrow.

Prelude      **2 Noël's**

*(Cesar Franck)*

\*Opening Hymn: **A Light Is Gleaming**

VU 82

Call to Worship

One: Beloved of God, come to worship, come to the light!

**All: We come as children of the light.**

One: Come to the light, finding your path of challenge and  
of faith.

Let us walk this path of challenge and faith together.

**All: We come, seeking and embracing the light.**

One: Come to learn God's wisdom and healing, opening  
ourselves to vulnerability, opening ourselves to  
revelation and joy.

**All: We come as children through whom the light  
shines,**

**Within whom the light guides,**

**Embracing, with wisdom and courage, where the  
light leads us this coming year**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**In all our tomorrows, Gracious God of Light, you  
are with us. As we face the future with hope, you  
give us a zest for life. As we face the New Year  
with family and friends your gift is compassionate  
understanding. As we face 2016 as faith  
community may we be in touch with your gift of  
wise and courageous visioning.  
We pray through Jesus...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**\* Hymn: This Little Light of Mine x 2**

This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine,  
Let it shine,  
Let it shine.

Children leave for Classes

Minute for Mission

A Reading for our Time: A Song of Hope  
United Church Statement of Faith

Gospel Portions of John 1:1-18

Message: Jesus – The Life-Light

Prayer Hymn in Memory of Lorene Hay:  
**In the Bulb There is a Flower**

VU 703

Prayers of the People

A Time of Silence

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music    **The Shepherd's Farewell**    (*Hector Berlioz*)

\*Offertory Response    **In the Bleak Midwinter**    v 4 VU 55

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

\*Dedication of the Offering

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\*Closing Hymn    **I Am the Light of the World**    VU 87

\* Commissioning

**Go in peace, go in hope, go in faith...  
Peace for your hearts, hope for the world, faith  
that in the promise of this Christmas season is a  
new beginning.  
May God bless us with abundant bright light.  
Amen.**

\* Choral Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

*("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)*

Postlude:    **Noël Suisse, with Variations**    (*Louis Claude Daquin*)

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***Please join us for Gather n' Gab  
after today's service!***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
**Hepworth-Sauble Beach United Church, Bruce Presbytery**

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Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Lorene Hay, who passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

The funeral was this past Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Henry Walser Funeral Home.

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**MUSIC**  
*Notes*



Claude Daquin (1694-1772) was a French composer, virtuoso organist and harpsichordist. Daquin was a child prodigy performing for the court of Louis XIV at age 6. Among the most famous of his works is the 'Noel Suisse No. XII'. A Noel is another word for Pastoral which refers to something of a pastoral nature in music, and in this case refers to the shepherd scenes of the Christmas season.

**IN OUR CHURCH:**

**SJR Reads** - we are meeting **January 18th** from 1:30-3:30 in the church parlour to discuss the book '**Cross Roads: A Novel**' by **Wm Paul Young** (author of 'The Shack' - the first book we discussed when the group was formed!) All are welcome to join us for an interesting and fun discussion! Any questions or need a ride, contact Charmian via the church office..

**“Uppity”** means rebelliously self-assertive not inclined to be tractable or deferential. It meant survival for Ruth and Naomi. Join us beginning **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for four weeks as we take a look at two more “uppity” women of the Old Testament - Esther and Judith. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table if you plan to attend. Thanks!



**Book Nook:** **If Like is a Game, These are the Rules**, by **Cherie Carter-Scott, Ph.D.** A template for living. Everyone needs to read these words of wisdom. It's “simple” yet important stuff! On display - Borrow for 3 weeks.

**Many many thanks** to the following people who baked, packed and delivered Christmas cards and plates of cookies to our 33 shut-ins- Laurie M., Donna S., Evelyn S., Joan B., Dianne D., Sarah B., Carol W., Ileen D., Gillian M., Muriel S., and Rev. Meg. Your willingness to help in this Pastoral Care Mission is much appreciated. Thank you again! *Margaret S.*

**Mission & Service Giving** In 2014, our gifts totaled \$29,559.65 (\$24,559.65 from congregation; \$5,000 from the UCW). At October 31, 2015, we have given of October 2015 \$20,259 (from the congregation) toward our goal of \$30,000. Our gifts for Mission & Service and from people all across the United Church achieve more than we could alone. Please join us and make giving for Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. Through Mission & Service we share compassion, build community and bring hope. Mission & Service changes peoples' lives.

*Your Mission and Outreach Committee –  
Maureen D., Doug R. and Lynda B.*

**Annual Reports:** It's that time of year again! Annual Reports are due January 4<sup>th</sup>. Please Email reports to: mail@sjruc.ca Thank you!

**Thanks to our Volunteers this week!**

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| <b>AV Crew</b>        | AV team                              |
| <b>Greeters</b>       | Don & Fern W.<br>Marion M. & Fran C. |
| <b>Gather n'n Gab</b> | Jessie M.                            |
| <b>Counters</b>       | Tom & Linda S., Ileen D.             |
| <b>Ushers</b>         | Bob & Carol S.<br>Jim & Vikki T.     |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>     | Steve W.                             |

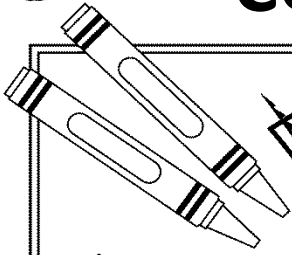


***Some fun and serious thoughts about the fresh start we receive with each New Year of life in Christ:***

- “The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle.” *Author Unknown*
- “Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings.” *C.D. Jackson*
- “God gives us dreams a size too big so that we can grow into them.” *Author Unknown*
- “Life is full of obstacle illusions.” *Grant Frazier*
- “Four steps to achievement: Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently.” *William Arthur Ward*
- “Nothing is impossible with God.” *Luke 1:37, NIV*

# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

For the young at heart!



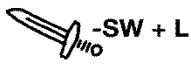
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### LET THERE BE LIGHT

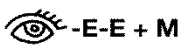
In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

*Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.*

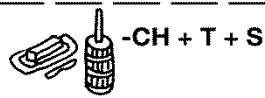
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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Jan. 6 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Jan 18 **SJR Reads** - 1:30 - 3:30 Parlour
- Feb. 7 **Annual Congregational Meeting** - 12:00 noon

### **SJR Church Staff:**

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