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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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February 19, 2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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are available: Please ask an usher**

**Welcome!**

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Gym after worship for lunch and fellowship.

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE**

**VU: Voices United**

**MV: More Voices**

\* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

**Welcome & Announcements**

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: All you need is love...love is all you need. (*John Lennon*)  
May this light be a reminder of love.

Prelude

**The Gift of Love**

(*arr. John Carter*)

\* Opening Hymn **Come In, Come In and Sit Down** VU 395 

**Call to Worship**

One: Whether we've earned it, whether we deserve it,

**All: We are loved.**

One: Loved by a God who yearns for our wellbeing,  
and inspires our communities,  
we are thankful because

**All: We are loved.**

One: Even when we stray from the path,  
wander away from hope,  
create problems for ourselves and others,

**All: We are loved.**

One: So with this example of unconditional love,

**All: Let us love one another.  
Let us worship.**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*adapted from a prayer by Anselm of Canterbury (c. 1033-1109)*

One: Almighty and tender Lord Jesus Christ,  
Just as I have asked you to love my friends,  
so I ask the same for my enemies.

**All: You alone, Lord, are mighty.  
You alone are merciful.**

One: Whatever you make me desire for my enemies,  
give it to them and give the same back to me.  
If I ever ask for them anything which is outside your  
perfect rule of love, whether through ignorance,  
weakness or malice, good Lord, do not give it to them  
and do not give it back to me. ~ *Silence* ~

One: You who are the true light,

**All: lighten our darkness.**

One: You who are the whole truth,

**All: correct our errors.**

One: You who are the incarnate word,

**All: give life to our souls.**

One: Tender Lord Jesus,  
let me not be a stumbling block to them,  
nor a rock of offense.  
My faults are enough for me to face,  
without harming others.  
Let us be one in your love, as we pray these words:

**All: 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 **Magic Penny**

© 1955, 1959 Universal-Northern Music Company,  
words and music: Malvina Reynolds

**Refrain: Love is something if you give it away,  
Give it away, give it away.  
Love is something if you give it away,  
You end up having more.**

*It's just like a magic penny,  
Hold it tight and you won't have any.  
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many  
They'll roll all over the floor. (Refrain)*

*So let's go dancing till the break of day,  
And if there's a piper, we can pay.  
For love is something if you give it away,  
You end up having more. (Refrain)*

## Story Time

*Youth and Children are invited to head out  
for Sunday School!*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Anthem **A New Commandment** (S. Sayers/M. Archer)

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 5:38-48**


Reflection **Love One Another**

Response (all sing): *Love one another as I have loved you*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca))

Offertory **2 Interludes** (Denis Bedard) 

\* Offering Response \* Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter 

***We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer***

***That with our faithful care, our world will grow.***

***Through work of minds and hands***


***in gestures small or grand,***

***Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.***

\*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\* Closing Hymn **Come Touch Our Hearts** MV 12 

\* Commissioning

One: For food in a world where many walk in hunger;  
for faith in a world where many walk in fear;  
for friends in a world where many walk alone,  
we give you thanks, O God.  
Bless us as we walk with one another in love.

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

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.

*Please be seated*

Postlude

**Gavotte with Variations**

(*Thomas Dupuis*)

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***Please join us for Lunch in the Gym  
after today's service! All are welcome!***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
***Mississauga Chinese United Church, Halton Presbytery***

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'Come Touch Our Hearts' was written in 2002 by Gordon Light, an Anglican Bishop who is also a singer and songwriter. He is a co-founder of The Common Cup Company, a musical group formed in 1979 along with Ian MacDonald and Jim Ulrich and later Bob Wallace, all United Church ministers. They met in Winnipeg while serving at neighbouring churches. Other popular hymns they have written include Draw the Circle Wide, She Flies On (She Comes Sailing on the Wind) and River Run Deep (River Running In You and Me). Despite some membership changes over the years the group continues to write, record and tour.

**Tax Receipts** 2016 Tax Receipts are now available in the Narthex! Please ensure you have picked yours up so that you can save us the cost of a stamp. If, when looking for your own receipt, you happen to see your neighbour's receipt, we would be happy if you could deliver theirs as well.

## IN OUR CHURCH:

**Faith Study** Next week for Faith Study (**Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.**) we'll watch the movie **The Fourth Wise Man**, starring Martin Sheen as Artaban, one desiring to follow the star to the birthplace of the coming King. With three gifts and his reluctant servant Orontes in tow, they set off to join the caravan of the three others making their journey. Always one step behind, Artaban spends much of his remaining wealth and all of his energy helping the poor and unfortunate people he meets, on his quest to find Jesus.



The following week is **Ash Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.)** and we will have a service beginning our journey into Lent. In this time of reflection and contemplation, we will be offering a prayer to God for this Lenten season, burning it, and mixing it with the ashes of last year's palm branches. This is to symbolize that our journeys and Christ's are one and the same. Please join us for this meaningful time, and for those interested we will continue with our discussion group at 8 pm.

**SJR Reads:** We are meeting on **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlour. We will be

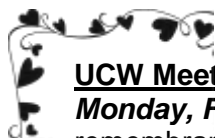
discussing 'Between Gods: A Memoir' by Alison Pick.

All are welcome to join us for a good discussion & fellowship. Our next meeting will be on March 27th when we will be talking about 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr for which we have a KPL book club bag - contact Charmian (519-893-5316) if you would like one of the books.



**Stewardship Meeting:** This past November, 35 people gathered to discuss stewardship here at SJR.

Stewardship practices we think we do well include sharing meals, supporting groups (e.g. the Kenya project, and TCOW), children's ministry, music ministry... and being friendly. Things we think we can do better include communicating with one another, engaging people who are new to our congregation, and connecting with the surrounding community. Where do we go next? Please join us in the Gym after service on **Sunday, February 26th** to discuss how we can build on these ideas to improve our approach to stewardship. We will have a potluck lunch again so please sign up on the list outside the kitchen. See you on the 26th!!



**UCW Meeting** Ladies please join us in the Parlour on **Monday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.** for a celebration of remembrance and love. Please bring a wedding photo or other special photo to share and tell us how you met your Valentine! It will be a special way to honor those who no longer walk with us and those who continue to share our lives!



**Dancing with DisABILITY** On Tuesday mornings from 10.30-11.30 am in the Rainbow Room a DANCING WITH disABILITY class started on February 6. Four places have been reserved for church

members free of charge. To learn more about this, check out the leaflet on the Community Bulletin Board today. Sign up yourself or take a leaflet home with you to give to someone who might be interested. Pass on the information to anyone who enjoys music and loves to dance despite their physical challenges.  
<http://bodymindandmovementprogram.com>

**From the Kenya Committee** Once again the congregation of St. James' has shown strong support for students in Ugunja to be able to attend Nyasanda Community High School and Nyasanda Technical School. Your generosity will be providing sponsorship for 18 full time students, seven of whom are going into year one. In addition you have contributed \$3133.00 for partial sponsorships. I will report later about the number of students being assisted. In total you have contributed \$13183.00 for 2017. Our committee wishes to thank you for your contribution to enable these students to continue in school.

**Book Nook:** **The Day the Crayons Quit**, by *Drew Daywalt*.



These crayons are a whole new group of crayons who are asking to be rescued by the author. It is a fun book suitable for children of all ages. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.

### **Thanks to our Volunteers this week!**

<b>AV Crew</b>	Matthew & Jim C
<b>Book Nook</b>	Steve W
<b>Greeter</b>	Margaret H
<b>Counters</b>	Hong S, Charmian P, Donna S
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Gail C, Don & Anne W
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Janice B
<b>Nursery</b>	Christine M, Tarra L



## IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**Pancake Supper** Join Westminster United Church (543 Beechwood Dr. Waterloo) for their annual Pancake Supper & Silent Auction fundraising event **Tuesday, February 28**. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, fruit & beverages. Bake sale, silent auction, door prizes! Adults are \$10, Children are \$5. Tickets at the door. See poster in foyer for details.

**LGBTQ Community and Allies Potluck Sat. March 4, @ 6 p.m.** Parkminster UC, 275 Erb St. W. Waterloo. Also a short talk about history of inclusiveness at Parkminster (in the 80's) with Gord Chambers and Marion Mutton. For more info email eforde@sentex.ca

**The Grand Philharmonic Choir** presents "Bellows and Brass" **Saturday March 4 @ 7:30 pm** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 40 Queen St. N., Kitchener - celebrating 500 years of music for choir, brass and organ. See the poster on the bulletin board outside the Rose Room or call 519-578-1570.

**Ladies - Come Celebrate 55 years of UCW** at the Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Gathering: "Journey Where God Leads Us" **Monday April 3. 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m.** (8 a.m. continental breakfast) Speaker: Jenn Hind. Guelph Country Club, 133 Woodlawn Rd E., Guelph. Tickets \$25 (breakfast & lunch) To reserve mail cheque (payable to Elizabeth Kocker), noting: diet allergies; your phone number; and email to: Elizabeth Kocher 519-578-8248 bettykocher@yahoo.ca 140 Dinison Cr Kitchener ON N2E 2V2 Margot White 519-742-6047 margot.white@sympatico.ca

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Feb. 19 **TODAY Stay for Lunch!**
- ☐ Feb. 20 **SJR Reads** - Parlour 1:30 p.m.
- ☐ Feb. 22 **Video Bible Study** – Parlour 7 p.m.
- ☐ Feb. 26 **Stewardship Meeting & Potluck** - Gym 11:45 a.m.
- ☐ Feb. 27 **UCW Meeting** - Parlour 7:30 p.m.
- ☐ Mar. 28 **Reel Theology** potluck 5:15 Long Sunday Sch. Rm.

***Please check the large monitors, the bulletin boards & our website at [www.sjruc.ca](http://www.sjruc.ca) for more upcoming events.***

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