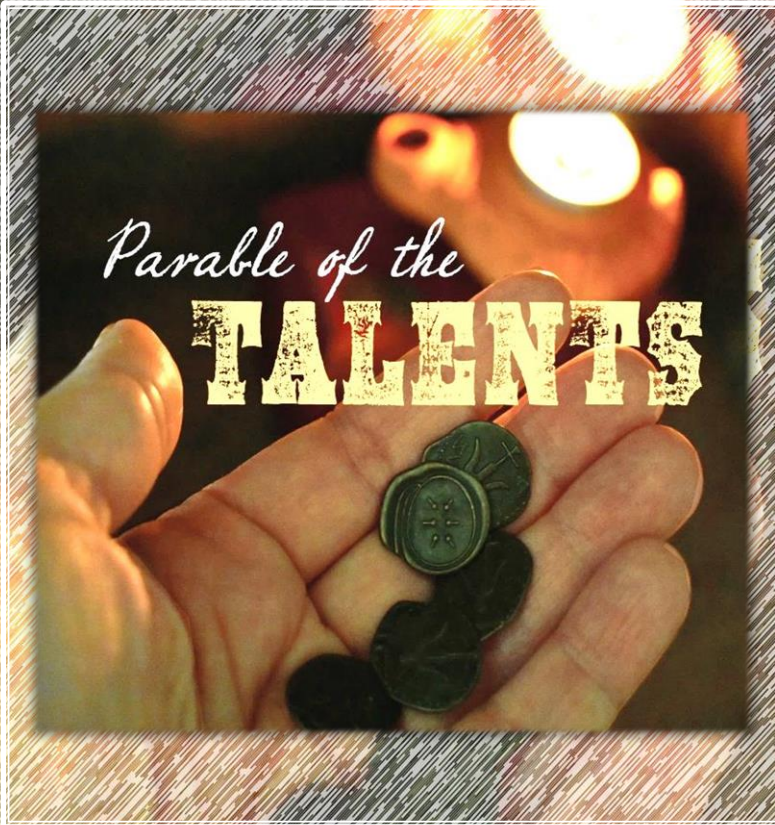

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Sunday, November 19, 2017
Rev. Chris Fickling

Welcome to worship!

***We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare
to spend time with God amid life's busyness & storms.
We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.
We are glad you are here!***

Ask an usher for large print bulletins & hearing devices

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

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

*We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional
territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude **Excerpt from 'Playera'** (E. Granados)

*Opening Hymn **Come Let Us Sing** VU 222

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Joanna Harder*

One: We long to change our world.

We long to find meaning for our lives,
to help those in need,
and discover the need in our own lives.

**All: We long to be faithful stewards
of your abundant grace, O God.
To serve each other in love and humility.
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

One: May your grace give us courage to try
as we find in this place, in this worship,
community worth striving for.

Opening Prayer *written by Jan L. Richardson*

One: There are blessings meant for you to hold onto

Clutched like a lifeline

Carried like a candle for a dark way

tucked into a pocket like a smooth stone
reminding you that you do not go alone.

Today's blessing is not those.

This blessing will find its form only as you
give it away

only as you release it into the keeping of another

only as you let it leave you

bearing the shape the imprint the grace
it will take

only for having passed through
your two particular hands.

*For the blessing of Jesus comes in words shared, which we
pray using these words or words more familiar to us:*

Lord's Prayer

**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

*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.*

*For 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.*

*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.*

*For 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.*

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures

Matthew 25:14-30 (New Revised Standard Version)

Anthem **Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee** (Mark L. Williams)

Reflection

Hymn **O God Beyond All Praising**

VU 256

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **Pastorale** (Léon Boëllmamnn)

* Offering Response *

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

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **Christ Has No Body Now But Yours** MV 171 

* Commissioning

* 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)

*Please remain seated as we conclude
our service with the postlude.*

Postlude

Trumpet Piece

(John Alcock)



MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours uses an adapted text attributed to St. Teresa of Avila with music by Rick Gunn.

Gunn began working as a minister for children, youth and young adults at Bedford United Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia 15

years ago, and over time the position has transitioned to Minister of Music and Youth. He has two solo albums to his credit and performs in a local jazz group. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) was a prominent Spanish mystic, Carmelite nun, reformer, author and theologian. Her books form an integral part of Spanish Renaissance literature as well as Christian mysticism and meditation practices. Upset by the lax practices within the Carmelite Monastery where she was living, she founded a reformed Carmelite convent based on a commitment to the values of poverty and simplicity. For the remainder of her life she travelled throughout Spain setting up new monasteries based along the ancient monastic traditions. But her efforts weren't without opposition as many resented her reforms and the implied criticism of existing religious orders. Today she is considered to be one of the great Christian mystics.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Poinsettia Fundraiser: **TODAY** is your last chance to purchase poinsettias in support of Heather's medical mission trip to Guatemala in 2018. Available in red, white, & pink. 3 sizes: 4.5" for \$7.50, 6.5" for \$12, 10" for \$30. Poinsettia pick up is Sat. Dec 2nd 9:30-11:30 a.m. during the cookie walk. Thank you for your support.





Kenya Committee SJR is currently sponsoring 18 full time students at Nyasanda Community High School and Nyasanda Technical Institute. Several students are also benefiting from partial sponsorship. Three students are graduating this year

concluding six years of sponsorship. Consider becoming part of this mission! We are looking ahead to 2018 and invite you to be a full sponsor for \$550 or make any size donation towards a scholarship. Keep working on those "TOONIE" containers and place them on the collection plate. \$550 provides a full year of education for a high school student in Ugunja -includes tuition, a uniform, one meal a day, and all supplies & books. All donations are due by Dec. 10th. You will receive an income tax receipt. Make cheques payable to St. James'—Rosemount United Church Ugunja Fund. For more info contact Les H.

Faith Study: Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer Experience a Heart Connection with God: In this four-session study, best-selling author Max Lucado reveals how connecting with God each day can be as simple as five short sentences: "Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen." Join us **Wednesday, Nov. 22nd in the Parlour from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Thanks!

Be a Stamp Saver for the Leprosy Mission! Christmas is the best time to obtain used stamps from parcels & cards. A half inch cut around used stamps is ideal for the project. Post cards, especially old (1920 & prior) are also very useful with or without stamps. Just place them in the caring bin in the brown wooden cabinet in the cloak room. Questions about the Stamp Project or The Leprosy Mission? contact Jim O. via the church office.



SJR Reads: Monday, November 27th, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Parlour. We will be discussing 'An Irish Country Doctor' by Patrick Taylor. This book is available at KPL and WPL (including a large print book and audio book). Come join this great group for some interesting and fun discussions!

Reel Theology- Tuesday, Nov. 28-5:30p.m. in the Long Sunday School Room - Potluck, Film & Discussion to follow. SIGN UP on the sheet in the narthex. "FIRST GRADER" - This remarkable, true and uplifting film is set in a mtn. village in E. Africa. A proud old Mau Mau man has never learned to read or write but "free education is offered by the gov't" and a school is built in his village and he sees an opportunity. There is resistance to him.

Cookie Walk & Auction: Our Annual Cookie Walk and Ticket Draw is **Saturday, Dec. 2nd 9:30 a.m. Christmas Cookies and Auction Items are needed.** Sign-up sheets are outside the Rainbow Room and the Nursery. **Bring your cookies and donated Silent Auction items to the church on Dec. 1st, 3-4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.** If it is more convenient to bring your auction donation early it may be left on the stage. Be sure to mark it "Ticket Draw" Thank you! Proceeds support Christian Education Committee. Contact persons: Norma M. & Ena A..



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Book Nook: If you have not read the 2017 One Book, One Community selection **Emancipation Day** by *Wayne Grady*, it is available in our library. On display, borrow for 3 weeks.

Finance Information Update Donation Range comparison 2015/2017

2015												Number of contributors 146													% of total given	% of total contributors
Donation Range	\$5000.01 - \$99,999										5	\$37,125.00						18.78%	3.42%							
	\$2500.01 - \$5000										15	\$58,708.74						29.69%	10.27%							
	\$1500.01 - \$2500										25	\$49,360.00						24.97%	17.12%							
	\$1000.01- \$1500										13	\$16,060.00						8.12%	8.90%							
	\$750.01- \$1000										17	\$15,307.00						7.74%	11.64%							
	\$500.01- \$750										20	\$12,123.00						6.13%	13.70%							
	\$400.01- \$500										1	\$475.00						0.24%	0.68%							
	\$300.01- \$400										6	\$2,025.00						1.02%	4.11%							
	\$200.01- \$300										13	\$3,218.00						1.63%	8.90%							
	\$100.01 - \$200										13	\$1,942.50						0.98%	8.90%							
	\$0.01 - \$100										18	\$1,370.45						0.69%	12.33%							
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	\$750.01- \$1000											12	\$10,450.00						6.58%	8.16%						
	\$500.01- \$750											22	\$13,912.00						8.75%	14.97%						
	\$400.01- \$500											14	\$6,336.00						3.99%	9.52%						
	\$300.01- \$400											7	\$2,601.00						1.64%	4.76%						
	\$200.01- \$300											7	\$1,789.36						1.13%	4.76%						
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2017 Jan-Sept Total Contributors	\$158,932.26																									
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OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	AV Team
BookNook	Christine M.
Layreader	Valerie H.
Counters	Valerie H., Les & Bev H.
Ushers	Evelyn S., Joan K. Ron R., Cec O.
Choir	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Trinity United “Final” Organ Concert Sunday, Nov. 19th at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last opportunity to hear the magnificent pipe organ at Trinity. The program is light-hearted and fun, free, and there will be refreshments after-wards.

A Sparks group meets at St James'-Rosemount United Church in the Rainbow Room on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. They extend a warm welcome to girls in SK and Grade 1. Please contact guiderjen@hotmail.com or register online at girlguides.ca

Handel's Messiah Saturday December 9th, at 7:30pm at Centre in the Square
The Grand Philharmonic Choirs and KW Symphony present “the Messiah” with guest soloists: Jacqueline Woodley, Soprano; Marjorie Maltais, Mezzo-Soprano; Andrew Haji, Tenor; Russel Braun, Baritone. Along with the timeless beauty of Handel's music, we will project breathtaking, hand-crafted images from the Saint John Bible, through a partnership with St. Jerome's University, Conrad Grebel University College, and University of Waterloo Critical Media Lab. Tickets at CITS box office 519 578 1570

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Nov 22 Faith Study “Before Amen” - Parlour 7-9 p.m.
- ☐ Nov 23 Choir Rehearsal - Rainbow Room 7:30-9 p.m.
- ☐ Nov 27 SJR Reads 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Nov 28 Reel Theology 5:30 p.m. Long Sunday School Rm
- ☐ Dec 2 Cookie Walk in the Gym 9:30 a.m.
- ☐ Dec 2 Poinsettia pick up downstairs 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Check the bulletin boards and visit www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events!

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