

St Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church

Transfiguration Sunday, February 19, 2012

◆ an invitation to stand in body or spirit

Congregational responses in bolded text

Welcome and Announcements to Build Our Faith Community

Mission and Service, birthdays, anniversaries and significant events

Gathering in Community

Prelude: *Berceuse*

Noel Rawsthorne

Call to Worship:

Let's go up the mountain.

Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky

where the earth touches the heavens,

to the place of meeting,

to the place of mists,

to the place of voices and conversations,

to the place of listening.

◆ **Hymn:** *How Good, Lord, to Be Here...*

#103

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Sharing Our Faith

Anthem: *Come down, O Love divine* da Siena/Littledale/Tadman-Robins

Conversation Time:

Helen Chisholm

Hymn: *God Is Here...*

#389

Ministry of the Word: read by Patti McLeod

For the wisdom that guides us, the word that inspires us and the truth that enlightens us. We praise you, O God.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Responsive Psalm 50

#775

Mark 9:2-9

Reflection: *No Tents for Old Men*

Don Chisholm

Pancake Supper

February 21, 5:30 pm

Join us for the Pancake Supper, which traditionally heralds the beginning of Lent. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Reverend Sue, Chris Scott or Margaret Day.

FAITH, FILM, & FICTION



The next Faith, Film, & Fiction discussion will be on March 6. You are welcome to attend as many of these sessions as you desire. Brian Sibley's book *Shadowlands*, 1985, and film (dir. Richard Attenborough), 1993, will be discussed. Please read the book and view the film beforehand. Questions to guide our session are available from the Office at 389-8082 or standbtl@kos.net two Sundays before the gathering. A copy of the DVD is available for viewing through the office. Peter Aston also has a copy of the play upon which the movie was based, if anyone is interested in reading it. Sessions are from 7:30-9 the first Tuesday of the month.

21 Days Times 6 – *JOURNEY WITH CANCER*

A member of our church, Cathy Meyers, is writing a blog about her journey with cancer. It is Cathy's hope that others might find hope and encouragement in this sharing.

Her blog address is: www.21daystimes6.blogspot.com

Our Tapestry of Love

An Event to Celebrate UCW's 50th Anniversary

July 23-27, 2012

Redeemer University College, Ancaster, ON (wheelchair accessible)

Banquet Speaker: Moderator Mardi Tindal

Registration deadline: February 1, 2012

All women of the UC are invited to gather for this "golden" celebration. Sessions include: Seven Stress Strategies, Green Spaces, Prayer Shawls and Knitting, Sabbath, Health as We Age, Social Justice Concerns, Community Outreach, One Stitch at a Time, Ancient Art in Modern Times: Drumming, Come Dance with Me (Scottish), Voices United Singing Session, Arts and Spirituality, Your Colours and the Colours of Jesus, Keeping a Spiritual Journal, and Resources and Books.

Registration forms and information are available on the Hamilton Conference website at www.hamconf.org/UCW.html or e-mail: ucw50anniv@gmail.com. Rev Sue is planning to attend.

Note: The banquet is open to anyone who wishes to attend. A ticket includes the banquet and the after dinner speaker, Moderator Mardi Tindal. Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved and pre-paid by contacting amy_hill2@hotmail.com. If you are a full-time participant, the banquet and the speaker are already included.



Camp Quin-mo-lac

The Men's Group is once again sponsoring children for a week of fun at Camp Quin-mo-lac. If anyone knows a family who could benefit from our support, please contact Ken Ross, phone 384-1920. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2012.

Mark Your Calendars — Sunday, April 22 Interfaith, Intercultural Day

This Earth Day event will include Sunrise Ceremony at the Catarauqui Indigenous Centre (Katarokwi), morning worship at various centres, Mercy Garden Tour (Islamic Centre), music & picnic supper (St. Andrew's By-The-Lake), and Sunset Ceremony to close the day.

STUDY LEAVE

I will be away on Study Leave from Feb. 15-29. On my return, if you or anyone you know would like a visit or some special contact, please feel welcome to contact me at 389-8082. In the case of any pastoral emergency, please contact the Church Office, 389-8082.

Articles for *The Fisherman*

FIRM Deadline: Sunday, February 26

The deadline for articles for the next issue of *The Fisherman* is firm as there is a shorter time frame to get it ready for publication (March 16). We welcome your articles and news. This is a great vehicle for advertising upcoming events as it is now on the website. Articles can be emailed to standbt1@kos.net or put in *The Fisherman* mailbox in the Friendship Room.

Celebrate/Venez celeverer...

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2012 – Journee mondiale de la Priere
MALAYSIA/LA MALAISIE



Worship service information/Renseignements sur la celebration

Friday, March 2, 2012 2:00 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
490 Days Road

Please join us! Soyez des notres!

Service written by the women of Malaysia
Texte compose par les femmes de la Malaisie



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Responding to G*d's Grace

◆ Hymn: *Will You Come and See the Light...*

#96

Minute for Mission: Fran McLean

Offering Our Gifts

◆ Response: *What Can I Do?...*

MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say?
What can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayers of the People: O HOLY ONE, we long to enter into your presence as we embrace the silence of this hour and experience the joy of being together as a community of faith. Calm our troubled minds and grieving hearts; and restore us with your forgiveness and compassion. (*a silent time*)

Let us, if we can, begin to enter into the experience both of Jesus and the three disciples, who became eyewitnesses to the Transfiguration. Let us climb the mountain with them, leaving behind our everyday concerns for a while. Let all of our senses focus on Jesus alone. Let nothing block us from the presence of Christ; let anything that would distract us from the light of this revelation fall away from us. Show us your glory, O Lord!

Oh, that we could have been there with Jesus to see for ourselves our Lord's radiant countenance and to hear the voice coming out of the clouds, "You are my beloved Child in whom I am well pleased." Why can't we experience God's visitation, to see Jesus only? We long, O gracious God, to have an intimate relationship with Christ, such as the disciples had. But we, like them, want to keep Jesus just for ourselves. And, also like them, we do not want to return, to go back down to the plain to face rejection, humiliation and suffering. We like our comforts, our successes, our own achievements. We hold on to our pride and self-centeredness. We confidently sing: "Yes, we are able to be crucified with you," but we are not able. We have too much fear, we fear being changed on the inside, giving up old ways of thinking and acting.

We fear what life would be like if we became a new being...so we close ourselves off from the glory of your countenance and from the struggle and the joy of your ministry.

Oh Lord, as you broke through in the world of your early disciples, so break through to us. As a community of faith, show us where your glory is to be found, not only on the mountaintop, but on the plain among your people. Show us your joy of working with the poor, of bringing recovery of sight to the blind, of freeing those who are imprisoned and those who are oppressed, to binding up the broken-

hearted, to reaching out to all those who suffer in this world. In all of this, we can experience your glory.

Show us, Oh God, how to live our daily lives that we may glorify you in the common tasks of life. Let us focus on the radiance of Jesus' transfigured presence, and work for a world transfigured in the glory of Jesus' justice and love. In the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen Lord, Amen

◆ **Hymn:** *Teach Me, God, to Wonder...* #299

◆ **Blessing and Going Forth**

◆ **Hymn:** *'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'* #481

**Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**

Postlude: *Flourish*

Noel Rawsthorne

G*d – A way of writing "God" that acknowledges the insufficiency and inability of human language to adequately name the Divine. We know that G*d is more than we can ever name.

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NEWS & EVENTS: February 19, 2012

Creative Night – Sundays, 7 pm, Upper Founders' Hall

Daytime Women's Group – Tue., Feb. 21, 1 pm, Marilyn A's home

Pancake Supper – Tue., Feb. 21, 5:30 pm, Centennial Hall

Men's Group – date change *Sun., Feb. 26, *** 8:30 am,**

Friendship Room

The Fisherman Deadline – Sunday, Feb. 26

New Life Group – Fridays, 8 pm, Lower Founders' Hall

Prayer Chain – Timely, confidential prayer support for individuals, families and situations. To register a prayer request, contact Sandra Graves 389-1268 or Mary Sue Riggs 389-2396. Request forms are available on the Welcome Table.

USHERS, GREETERS, FELLOWSHIP, BELL RINGERS

THIS WEEK

Ushers: Ken Ross; Newton Douglas

Greeter: Joyce Leslie

Coffee Hour: Marg/Stew Holland; Sandra Graham

Bell Ringing: Joyce Leslie

NEXT WEEK

*****Food Bank Sunday*****

Ushers: Patti McLeod; Linda Harrison

Greeter: Marjory MacMartin

Coffee Hour: Marg/Andre Arpin

Bell Ringing: Ross Family

Lectionary Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

Visitor, family, friend or newcomer, you are welcome and we are blessed by your presence today. Please feel welcome to join us after the service for refreshments. We have a guest book that you could sign and there is a card for any special requests in the back of your Hymn Book that could be placed on the offering plate. May you know God's enfolding grace today and always.

The Observer Magazine Subscriptions

If you would like to renew your subscription at the group rate of \$20, now is the time to do it. *The Observer* gives information about the United Church of Canada as a whole, as well as specific information about our own Bay of Quinte Conference four times a year.

Envelopes are available on the Welcome Table. Cheques should be made payable to St. Andrew's By-The-Lake, clearly marked that they are for *The Observer*. If you are interested, please have your subscription in by the end of February. The Church orders a copy that is left in the entrance hall for borrowing.

MARCH LENTEN STUDY

In our ongoing theme of "Call and Response" you are invited to join a **Lenten Study Circle** – Our theme is "*Sacred Harmonies*" – In circles of trust we will explore our songs of faith as we find ways to connect with God who is "Sacred Mystery".

This time of study is designed to bring us all into deeper and closer relationships of faith.

We will run two study times each week so you will be able to choose from either: 10:15-11:45 Thursday mornings or 6-7:30 Thursday evenings, March 8, 15, 22, and 29. Please sign up on the sheet at the back.

In preparation you will be able to read *A Song of Faith* — copies available soon.