

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	UCW Coffee Party
“ “	7:30 pm	Stewards' Meeting
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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Welcome in the Name of Christ

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

1833 – 2018

185th Anniversary Year

~ WORSHIP ~

March 18, 2018 —10:30 am

Lent V

Minister: ~ Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Organist & Choir Director ~ Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Llewellyn Hall

Stewards: Jonathan Bergeron & Jim Meldrum

Announcements

Gathering Song: As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, - the Church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.

***Call to Worship ~**

The sounds of spring are near us, the hope of Christ sustains us, the presence of God surrounds us.

May we hear God's message of hope in a world filled with pain; may we share Christ's message of peace in a world filled with hatred; may we discover anew God's plan for our lives in a world filled with confusion and fear.

Lent is a time to focus again on the ways in which we can make a difference for others.

Today is a day to set aside the past, and to be open to God's future in Jesus Christ.

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***Singing:** *As Comes the Breath of Spring*

VU#373

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: ~ God of springtime growth, coming out of the cold we seek the flames of faith to warm us, to comfort us, and to disturb our complacency. We hunger and thirst for You, searching in what is often a desolate world. Be present to us in worship that we might find ourselves nourished and bearing fruit in the midst of the barren places where our Lenten journey leads. We pray as Jesus taught us ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Reader 1: Today is the fifth Sunday of the season of Lent. As we continue to travel with each other, listening to the stories of our ancestors in faith, we pause to give thanks for faith, persistence, and hope for the future.

Reader 2: Like Jesus as He struggled alone anticipating the cross, we know all too well the pain of loss. We also remember that we can experience comfort and renewal through the loving presence of dear friends and family.

Reader 1: The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that even in the wilderness experiences of life, when everything seems dry and lifeless, God's restorative spirit can breathe new life and hope into our lives.

Reader 2: As we light the fifth Lenten candle we acknowledge that even with our best intentions we sometimes feel discouraged and anxious about the future.

(Lighting of one Lenten candle)

Reader 1: As we watch the light flickering we are reminded that God's spirit is always with us in mysterious and visible ways in our community of faith and in the world.

Reader 2: With thanksgiving for your constant and faithful presence, we raise our voices in song — a prayer to you, O God.

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the Choir.

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Ari, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Larry Bouchard, Larry Brazier, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Sacucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

Announcements

- **Coffee Party & Bake Sale – March 20.** Please buy your tickets from the UCW or the office ASAP as they sell out quickly.
- **On Palm Sunday, March 25th,** our worship service will be held in **Memorial Hall.** The **Drama Group** will be presenting the play **“Simply Easter—Give Me a Sign.”** The **St. Patrick's Day Parade** will also be held that day in **Chateauguay** starting at **1p.m.** Last year **St. A's** took part and had a great time. If you'd like to join in the parade this year, please sign the paper in **Memorial Hall.**
- **Easter** is on **April 1st** when between the **Sunrise** service and the **Holy Communion Service,** we serve a hot-cross bun breakfast. Anyone willing to help with the breakfast, we ask you to sign the list in **Memorial Hall.** Thank you!

Reminders

- Our food pantry needs tea, coffee, canned meat, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the Sunday School.

Singing: *Jesus Came, A Child Like Me*

VU#583

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 p. 642
John 12: 20-33 p. 875

Reflections: Dying to Live

Singing: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

VU#186

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Singing:

I want to praise (love, serve, praise) You, Lord, much more than I do (2X)
Learn to see Your face and the knowledge of Your grace,
I want to praise (love, serve, praise) You. I want to praise You, Lord.

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer: We are grateful, Father, that we can be part of a cause greater than ourselves. Bless these gifts, as through them our influence extends far beyond our own small circle. Amen

We come to prayer singing ~ In tribute to St. Patrick
Be Thou My Vision

VU#642 vs. 1,2,5

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

SOG#150

Benediction

Sung Response:

We are walking a path of hope, (3X)
Lead us home, lead us home.
221 MVU

Prayer: Gracious God, You breathe new life into our lives every moment of every day. In this Lenten season, help us to be attentive to Your life-giving spirit in the ordinary activities of our lives. May we trust in Your enduring and faithful presence as we seek to discern Your guidance for us as people of faith. We give thanks for Your love made known in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen

Anthem: Take Me to the Fountain

~ **Sacrament of Infant Baptism** ~
Nash Sako Kaizer Graham-Dugal
Son of Mario Dugal and Arielle Graham
~ **Godparents** ~
Kyle Pegg & Natalie Beauvais

Questions & Promises

Minister to the congregation:

Do you the members of this congregation receive this child and promise to help with the Christian training of all children under your care?

Congregation: Yes, we do.

The Hebrew Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee
And give thee peace.

Lighting of Candle for New Life

Presentation of Candle, Book & Certificate