

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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.
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Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the day we gather to celebrate the sacredness of children. We come thanking God for children and longing to keep our young brothers and sisters safe.

People: This is the day we rejoice together as God's children. Some of us are young. Some of us are older. But we all are children of a mighty God. Together we will learn from one another. Together we will praise God!

Singing: *This is the Day* VU#412

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Jesus, thank you for the special invitation You gave children to come and spend time with You. People who spend time with us care about us.

We love to spend time with You, Jesus, because You never tell us to be quiet. You want to know what we are thinking and how we feel. We know we can tell You anything about ourselves and You will still love us, even when we do things that make You unhappy with us. We're sorry.

You don't think anything we say is silly. We can tell you that we are afraid of the dark or that we want to be animal doctors when we grow up. You won't laugh or make fun of us or tattle to someone else.

This day, Jesus, we pray that You will make grown-ups strong enough and their hearts big enough to look out for all children. We want grown-ups to like us for who we are and not who they want us to be. Help them see the great things You saw in us. Let grown-ups learn from us as we learn from them. Together let us praise You for watching over us! Amen. We pray as Jesus taught us to

pray... 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem ~

Children's Time

Singing: *Jesus, Friend of Little Children* VU#340

**Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18–21 p. 147
Mark 10:13-16 p. 822**

Reflections: God Bless the Children

Singing: *Come, Children, Join to Sing* VU#345

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology: In mighty acts the people see
Your power and glory, God;
We, too, in serving and in love
Give witness to the world. (tune 697 VU)

Offertory Prayer: Gracious God, may generosity be our watchword as we offer this money: the generosity of gifts presented; the generosity of faith shared; the generosity of hope declared. Bless our giving through the generous Spirit of Jesus. Amen

We come to prayer singing: VU#382 vs. 1,2
Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *One More Step* VU#639

Benediction ~

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 United Church Women (UCW).



Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Larry Brazier, Leah & Chris, Liam Broomer, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Carol Epps, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Rebecca Gilles, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Colette Humphries, Schofield Jackson, 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, Jamie Moreau, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

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- We thank **Dr. Abergel**, a local dentist, who so generously provided us with toothbrushes to put in every shoebox. Karen King has been handing them out this morning— thanks Karen!
- **UCW Calendars for sale -- \$8 each.** These are beautiful & informative (and they help support the church) – we hope you pick one up today. See a UCW member or ask at the office.
- **Deadline for Newsletter info is today!**
- If you have a **church key** you no longer need, please hand it in to the office. We are short of keys and cannot have more made. Thanks for your help.
- **Holly Tea -- December 1.**
- Please remember our **food pantry**. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the **Sunday School**.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
“ “	1:30 pm	UCW Meeting
“ “	7:30 pm	Stewards' Meeting
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	1:30 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

What Kids say to God

Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it.—Nancy

Dear God, My brother told me how babies are born but it just doesn't sound right. What do you say?—Marsha

Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. You can look it up.—Joyce

Dear God, I read the bible. What does "beget" mean? Nobody will tell me.—Love, Alison

Dear God, Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There's nothing good there now.—Amanda

Dear God, My Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go?—Love, Dennis

Dear God, In bible times, did they really talk that fancy?—Jennifer

Dear God, Is Reverend Coe a friend of yours, or do you just know him through the business?—Donny

Dear God, Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house?—Anita

Dear God, I'm doing the best I can. Really!!!! Is it true you'll send me to hell forever when I grow up?—Mikey

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185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP~

November 18, 2018 ~ 10:30 am

Children's Sunday



Minister: **Rev. K. Alice McAlpine**
Director of Music Ministry: **Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

To greet you ~

Elder: **Sandra Fortier**

Stewards: **Joanne Goodfellow & Eric Robinson**