

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Greeting you this morning are: Bob Brewster and Steve Britton

Sunday, February 7th - Sacrament of Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

11:45 a.m. Congregational Annual Meeting: plan to stay after Church for reports about 2009 and planning for 2010. Prior to the annual meeting a hot dog lunch will be hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. Nursery care and a movie for older children will be provided while parents attend the meeting.

Monday, February 8th

9:30 a.m. Quilters Group...Bring your lunch and stay for part or all of the day (2:30 p.m.). The quilters are always looking for quilts. If you have a quilt that needs quilting contact Kay Granger at 519-660-4499.

9:30-11:30 a.m. Ontario Early Years Drop-in Playgroup for children to age 6 and their caregivers.

Tuesday, February 9th

9:30 a.m. The Bible Study Group meets in the Library/Chapel.

7:30 p.m. The Congregational Resources Committee meets in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, February 10th

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing in the gym. Cost: \$4.50 per person

1:00 p.m. **Bridge** – If you enjoy playing bridge please join us in the Library/Chapel.

6:00 p.m. **YACKS** (Young Active Christian Kids at Siloam)

For info youth@silouamunitedchurch.org

7-9 p.m. Disciples Old Testament Study Group meets in the Library/Chapel.

Thursday, February 11th

6:15 p.m. Siloam Sounds rehearses.

7:30 p.m. The Senior Choir rehearses in the Sanctuary. New members always welcome.

Friday, February 12th - **Siloam Movie Night**

The movie will be chosen on Thursday, February 11th when the new selections are published in the paper. Everyone will be notified by phone when the selection has been made. We will meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. to carpool to the theatre. Contact: Liz Lawson, 519-858-2875.

Saturday, February 13th

2:00-4:00 p.m. You are invited to celebrate **Elaine Clarke's 90th birthday** in the multi-purpose room. In lieu of gifts, donations to the Eluco Food Cupboard are welcome.

Sunday, February 14th

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

Music will be provided by *The Siloam Sounds Bell Choir*.

Moms and Dads

Leave the kids with us after church on Feb. 14th. We will give them lunch and afternoon activities.

You can enjoy a quiet Valentine's Day lunch and then return to pick up the kids by 2:45pm.

RSVP youth@silouamunitedchurch.org

We are looking for helpers with the lunch and activities for the little ones on this date. Please speak to Brian or Cindy if you can assist.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH – FAMILY DAY!

For those who wish to take advantage of a Valentine Lunch on February 14th, soup, sandwiches and dessert will be offered at the Eastern Star Temple, 800 Fanshawe Park Rd E from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$6 and children 10 and under \$3.00.

The sympathy of the congregation...is extended to Mary Ella Pettigrew and family on the death of her husband, Bill on January 29th.

Sizzlers...Thank you to everyone who came out to our evening at the Grand Theatre and Garlics on January 29th. We are looking for people to plan upcoming meetings for this winter and spring. If you have an idea and would like to help organize an event, please leave a message with your name and phone number at the Church office. Remember: we can't sizzle without you!!

Announcement...The Property Committee is having a **WORK BEE** on Saturday morning, February 20th. Painting, general maintenance, etc. Are you interested in helping? Call Tom Gramlich (519-660-4416), Ray Hunt (519-439-9201) or the church office (519-455-9201).

Sunday Worship Greeters - If you would like to greet on a Sunday morning call John Burns (519-471-7248) or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

2010 Church Envelopes ... If you would like to order envelopes please call June Sunseth at 519-432-9948 or the church office, 519-455-9201. **Reminder...**if you have not picked up your 2010 envelopes from the Narthex would you please do so.

2010 Sunday School Envelopes ...are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you cannot find envelopes for your child please call Alliene Dowsell, 519-660-4043.

Siloam's Annual Chicken Barbecue – Saturday, June 5th 2010 ... We are looking for a chairperson or co-chairs of this very important event! If you are interested please speak with a member of the Congregational Resources Committee, Bob Neal or the church office, 519-455-9201.

ELUCO Food Cupboard: The ELUCO food cupboard has resumed and thanks to our Siloam congregation the cupboard is well stocked. The cupboard is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We have two consistent persons manning each day but we would like another person for each day and others we could call upon if needed e.g. when someone is ill or must be away. Please contact Sharon Ashton at 519-455-9385 if you are interested in volunteering for this most important and rewarding program.

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NEEDED ... If you have a crib or stroller that could be donated to a Karen refugee family here in London, please contact the church office or Peggy Rivard, 433-7465. Many thanks.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Siloam United Church but are coming to us from outside the United Church of Canada, please contact Rev. Catherine Moore (519-455-9201) by Feb. 15th, to discuss our new programme, which we think you would find both rewarding and helpful. We look forward to welcoming you into our Church Family!

Looking to take the chills out of winter? Try curling up with a good book from the library. Check out these titles from the Church library: The Courage of Conviction by Phillip L. Berman, Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus J. Borg and The Angels and Us by Mortimer J. Adler.

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BEGINNINGS: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN FAITH -- starting **Wednesday, March 3rd with a light supper at 6:30 p.m. OR Friday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m.** This course is intended for adults hungry for an intentional walk with God. **Inquirers, explorers, seekers and new church members (or those wishing to join the church this spring)** are invited to join this friendly, informal study group, where we will share in a simple meal, watch a short DVD presentation, study Scripture, explore Christian teachings and engage in meaningful discussion and reflection. For more information, please speak to Sheila or register by signing the sheet in the narthex. Or come to the first session and see if this is what you have been looking for! (Just let Sheila or the Church Office know a few days before so that we can have enough supper for everyone!) Some or all of the following questions to be explored are:

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| 1. So, Is This All There Is? | 7. If I Don't Feel Lost, Why Do I Need to be Found? |
| 2. Who is Jesus, and Why Should I Care? | 8. Can I Start Again? |
| 3. Why Am I Not Where I Want to Be? | 9. How Do I Speak to God? |
| 4. What Happens When I Die? | 10. How Can I Make a Life and No Just a Living? |
| 5. Can I Trust God? | 11. Why Should I Join Any Group that Will Have Me? |
| 6. How Does God Speak to Me? | 12. Would You Like to Take Part in a Love Feast? |

(Please sign-up in the Narthex indicating the day you prefer. Everyone is welcome to join this study.)

The Friendship Club will hold its first meeting of 2010 at **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9th**.

COMING ...

Tuesday, February 16th

5-7 p.m. SILOAM'S ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER sponsored by the Community Outreach and Property Committees. Cost: Food Donations and Free Will Offering

Saturday, February 20th

8:00 p.m. Seeking Spirit Coffee House - "Mocha and Music"

(A coffee house style gathering, with big screen faith messages between the performers.)

Let Brian know if you would like to perform something on this date.

youth@siloamunitedchurch.org. *Questions about any of these events? Just ask...*

Wednesday, February 24th

9:00 a.m. Middlesex Presbytery U.C.W. Annual meeting at Riverside United Church. Speakers are Shannon and Bryan Price. Cost is \$15.00 (includes noon luncheon). Pre-registration is required by February 6th. See bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 28th

8:00 a.m. Men's and Women's Healing Breakfast

Speaker: Lori Pallen, the Area Coordinator for Corporate Relations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. She will give a PowerPoint presentation on Heart Attack: risk factors, signs, symptoms and stress.

From the Treasurer ...

Financial Activity for Twelve (12) Months Ending 31 December 2009

	2008	2009	2009
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plan</u>
Envelope Givings	262,096.	270,208.	276,500.
Special Gifts	<u>21,280.</u>	<u>8,118</u>	<u>6,500.</u>
Sub Total	283,376.	278,326.	283,000.
Other Revenue	<u>65,684.</u>	<u>83,413.</u>	<u>63,500.</u>
Total Operating Revenue	349,060.	361,739.	346,500.
Expenses	<u>354,944.</u>	<u>361,375.</u>	<u>346,500.</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,884.)	364	0

"Stellar Performance for 2009!" Congratulations Congregation!

Fundraiser ... Again this year from February 10 – March 2 Siloam will be selling English Bay Gourmet Cookie Dough in an effort to help raise the much needed funds to keep Siloam alive and vibrant. In the next few days you will be receiving information by email or Canada Post and order forms will be available at the church. Please support this project.

Thank you for your response to the questionnaire circulated by Siloam Church and Wellspring. We will be offering a one evening introduction to Wellspring's programs which support individuals Living with Cancer. Wellspring is a non-profit community-based support centre where Cancer survivors and their loved ones can share their experience of Living with Cancer. Over twenty different support programs which encompass such things as coping skills, forms of self care, education and resources are offered. This evening is open to anyone whose life has been touched directly or indirectly by Cancer. If you are interested in attending please contact the Church office or Carole Echlin at 519-438-7618.

11:45 a.m. Community Time – Coffee will be served in the narthex by Fred & Joyce Williams