

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Greeting you this morning are: Sandra Fuller and Kim Zwikirsch

Sunday, February 21st

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

11:45 a.m. **Community Time** – Coffee will be served in the Narthex by Nelson and Barbara Walters.

Monday, February 22nd

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 meets in the gym.

Tuesday, February 23rd

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

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). See bulletin board for more details.

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 25th

6:00 p.m. The Healing and Wellness Committee meets in the Library/Chapel.

6:15 p.m. Siloam Sounds rehearses.

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

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.

In order to help with the preparation of breakfast please sign the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend.

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

7:30 p.m. Amabile Choir's 25th Anniversary Gala Festival Concert at Centennial Hall. Featuring Amabile's conductors and guest conductor Dr. Bevan Keating leading more than 300 Amabile choristers, ages 8 to adult, plus orchestra players and 2 guest soloists, Sonja Gustafson and Curtis Sullivan. Tickets are \$25.00 each available at Centennial Hall or call 519-641-6795 or visit www.amabile.com

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Brian Blackmore who is celebrating his birthday today!

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The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Marie Attwood who died Tuesday, February 9th.

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Elaine Clarke would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards received and the kind words expressed at the time of her birthday.

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Thank you... for all the thoughts and prayers that were received on the passing of my husband Bill. Thanks also to those who assisted in any way at Bill's memorial service. It was heart warming and much appreciated. *Mary Ella Pettigrew and family.*

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Thank you to ... all those who helped with the funeral reception for the Bill Pettigrew, on February 7th.

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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.

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Income Tax Receipts... are now available to be picked up from the table in the Narthex.

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The teen group would like to thank the congregation for their support for our recent Wake-a-thon fundraiser. We raised a total of \$1,350 to be split between the people of Haiti and the youth group, \$675 each. Thank you very much!

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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.

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If you would like **2010 Sunday School Envelopes** for your child/children please call Alliene Dowswell, 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.

Calling all actors! ...

We are looking for a group of intergenerational actors who can meet with us for 5 Sunday rehearsals after church, starting on Feb. 28th. We will be working with experienced theatrical director Jim Payne to prepare a drama for Good Friday. Sign up in the Narthex or speak with Jim or Cindy MacKinnon if you have questions.

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 Not 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.)

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!

COMING ...

Tuesday, March 2nd

7:00 p.m. The Spiritual Life and Worship Committee meets in the Conference Room.

7:30 p.m. The Congregational Life Committee meets in the Library/Chapel.

Wednesday, March 3rd

7:00 p.m. The Property Committee meets in the Choir Room.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee meets in the Conference Room.

Thursday, March 4th

1:00 p.m. The Rose Birrell Women's Group meets in the Library/Chapel.

Guest Speaker: Kelly McManus, Director of Community Services, The United Way of London and Middlesex

Friday, March 5th

2:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer 2010... at Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church, 977 Oxford St. E (at Quebec St).

Service written by the women of Cameroon. Please join us!

Tuesday, March 9th

7:00 p.m. The Congregational Resources Committee meets in the Choir Room.

7:30 p.m. The Friendship Club meets in the Library/Chapel.

Cookie Dough 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. By now you should have received information about this fundraiser by email or Canada Post. If not, letters and order forms are available in the narthex. Please support this project.

Thank you for your response to the questionnaire circulated by Siloam Church and Wellspring. In the near future 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 Diane Lyons at 519-645-7937.

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Correction ... Proceeds from the Bowl-a-thon to support Hutton House were \$10,000.00 not \$8,000.00 as announced last week.
Lori Miner