

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Greeting you this morning are: Jo-Anne and James Richards

Sunday, March 7th

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

11:45 a.m. **Community Time** – Coffee will be served in the Narthex by Diane VanRy and Shirley Passmore.

Monday, March 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 meets in the gym.

Tuesday, March 9th

9:30 a.m. The Bible Study Group meets in the Library/Chapel to watch the video **“When Bad Things Happen to Good People”** Rabbi Harold Kashner. We will begin a new study: Philip Yancey’s “The Jesus I Never Knew” on **Tuesday, March 23rd**. New members always welcome! Come and join us for one session to try us out or come for all!

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. Please join us for an evening of Court Whist.

Wednesday, March 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@siloamunitedchurch.org

6:30 p.m. **Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith** meets in the Library/Chapel.

Thursday, March 11th

6:15 p.m. Siloam Sounds rehearses.

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

Friday, March 12th

The Siloam Movie Group will enjoy another movie followed by coffee and discussion. Call Cora and John Burns at 519-471-7248 for details. New movie watchers welcome.

Saturday, March 13th

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. London/Middlesex Master Gardeners presents **“SEEDY SATURDAY”** at Siloam United Church
Admission \$5.00 per adult. (*See the bulletin board for details.*)

Sunday, March 14th

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

Deadline date for submissions for the Easter edition of FANFARE: (written submissions handed in to the church office) **March 10** (electronic submissions to office@siloamunitedchurch.org)

Roses ... have been placed in the snactuary this morning by the Newtoon family in loving memory of Catherine.

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The sympathy of the congregation is extended to ...

Val and Grace Denomme on the death of Val’s brother, Jerome John Denomme.

Helen White and family on the death of Percy White who died on Feb. 20th.

Diane Lyons and her family on the death of her son, Frazer, on Saturday, February 20th.

the family of Verda Jewell who died Monday, February 22nd.

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You are invited to an ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE ... to celebrate the **50th wedding anniversary of Art and Lori Ingrey – Sunday, March 14th 2-4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Siloam United Church.** In lieu of gifts please bring donations for the ELUCO food cupboard.

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Thank-you ... to Fay Beaton for all her donations of craft supplies to the Sunday School.

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YOUTH is the focus of **Lent** at Siloam. Check your E-mail or the narthex bulletin board for more information on how **each one of us can make a difference in the life of others.** Outreach members will be available each Sunday before and after the service for further details. *Your support is appreciated!!*

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Cinnamon Buns: Back by popular demand. ELUCO is once again making cinnamon buns for Lent and Easter. If you wish some specifically for Easter, please sign the order sheet on the Missions table in the Narthex and they will be available on Palm Sunday. Otherwise, you will be able to purchase some this Sunday after church. The cost is \$6 for a dozen and they are already cooked. Microwaving for a few seconds makes them taste like they came right out of the oven. Thank you.

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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.

If you would like **2010 Sunday School Envelopes** for your child/children please call Alliene Dowswell, 519-660-4043.

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.

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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Thank you for your response to the questionnaire circulated by Siloam Church and Wellspring. **On Thursday, March 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** we will be offering a one evening introduction to **Wellspring's programs** that 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 Judy Findlay at 519-455-7114 or Diane Lyons at 519-645-7937.

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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.

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) 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!

The Karen Schuessler Singers presents **Love is in the Air!, Sat., March 27th, 8:00 p.m.** at Wesley-Know United Church, 91 Askin St. The sonnets of Shakespeare set to the cool chords of George Shearing. Special guests, London jazz quartet – **After Four**. Tickets \$18 (adults), \$15 (seniors), \$10 (students) in advance. Tickets can be purchased at Belle Air Music, Chapters and Tuckey Home Hardware. For information phone 51-438-1446 or go to www.kssingers.isp.ca

COMING ...

Thursday, March 18th

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

Tuesday, March 23rd

7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the Library/Chapel.

Saturday, March 27th SEEKING SPIRIT

6:30 p.m. Potluck Supper

7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker - Youth Opportunities Unlimited

Learn how London is reaching our street youth. All ages welcome.

Sunday, March 28th PALM SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Youth Forum is COMING!!! ... The yearly gathering of high school youth and leaders meets at Pearce-Williams Christian Centre Thursday, April 15 to Sunday, April 18, 2010. The theme is *'Where do YOU stand?'* Participants of YF 2010 will send proposals to The Annual Meeting in May. Deadline for registration is March 31st. For teens of Siloam the cost is only \$30. The regular price is \$105. Please don't wait until the last minute, register early. Contact Brian MacKinnon at youth@siloamunitedchurch.org.

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A BENEFIT CONCERT SUPPORTING DISASTER RELIEF IN HAITI ...

Friday, April 9th, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. – Empress United Church, 75 Blackfriars St., London, Ontario

Featuring the Musical Gifts of Local United Church Congregations

Admission: Free-will offering (every penny donated goes toward emergency relief)

Sponsored by: Division of World Outreach, Middlesex Presbytery, United Church of Canada

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BLING: Saturday, April 17th from 1 to 4 p.m., at Sheila's home in Exeter (40350 Huron Street East). Ladies, please join Sheila for some light refreshments and a fun fundraiser! 15% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to **Emergency Relief for Haiti and Chile.**

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SILOAM'S ANNUAL SPRING YARD & BAKE SALE IS COMING – SATURDAY, MAY 1ST !!!!

Please keep us in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning. We will happily take your good used household items; clothing, jewellery and books. Please watch the bulletin for drop-off dates. For information or pick-up please call the church office, 519-455-9201.

The Deadline for Cookie Dough orders has been extended to Tuesday, March 9th.