

**THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

Greeting you this morning are Doug and Catherine Glover

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> - Sacrament of Holy Communion**

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

**11:45 a.m. Light Lunch followed by Siloam's 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Come and join a **quilting bee** – the quilters meet in the Library/Chapel. You are invited to bring your lunch and stay for all or part of the day.

**OEYC Drop-in** for children to age 6 and their caregivers meets in the gym.

**Well Baby Clinic** meets in Classroom #1.

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:00 p.m. **The Spiritual Life and Worship Committee** invites you to join them for a review of the Remits Council will be voting on at their March meeting. This will be helpful to anyone who could not make it out to the Remit Party or to anyone who still has questions.

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

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

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 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Youth Group meets.**

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

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 p.m. The Siloam Choir rehearses.

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. The Old Testament Study meets in Library/Chapel.

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed 12 – 1 p.m.)**

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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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**2012 Church Envelopes** ... are on the table in the Narthex. If you have not had envelopes in the past and would like to have them for 2012 call June Sunseth at 519-432-9948 or the church office, 519-455-9201. If you would like **Sunday School Envelopes** for your child/children call Alliene Dowswell, 519-660-4043.

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**Your 2011 Tax Receipts are available in the Narthex.**

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**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact the Church office not later than February 15<sup>th</sup>. 519-455-9201.

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**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to James and Jo-Anne Richards on the death of James' mother in P.E.I. on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

and Noralie Jackett on the death of her mother, Dorothy Jackitt.

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Last year I was given the opportunity to lead a Habitat for Humanity trip to El Salvador and was very grateful for Siloam's support. This February I will be leading a trip to Honduras. I am looking forward to working with the local community as we help a family build their new home, and we hope to visit a local orphanage or school. To see my blog from last year's trip, please go to [www.joel-elsalvador.blogspot.com](http://www.joel-elsalvador.blogspot.com). If you would like to support this year's trip, donations can be made through Siloam or through the Canada Helps website. (Go to [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org), click on "Giving Pages" and input my name.) With thanks, Joel Donkervoort.

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**Thank you Siloam** for your generous contributions to last Sunday's "Loonies and Toonies for Peru"...Over \$175 was raised! This money is on its way to Peru with the first Canadian group of 2012 who just left for Lima on February 3rd. This continues the tremendous support and generosity from our Siloam congregation in 2011. We are making a difference in the lives of these children. If you have any questions about the NPH project in Peru feel free to give me a call at 519-667-9698 or you can learn more about the project at the NPH or Friends of the Orphans Canada websites: <http://www.nph-peru.org/> or <http://www.fotocan.org/>. *The Kloppenburg family.*

**The Siloam Sizzlers** are getting together again on **February 8, 2012** at the Palace Theatre. The play, "Treasure Island" only runs to February 11<sup>th</sup>, so we have to take it in early. The price for Seniors is \$18.00 and if we get 20 or more people attending the price would drop. For those who wish, we could go out for coffee/dessert afterwards. Please call, Tommie Racey at 519-453-1925 and leave a message. Call ASAP so I can reserve the seats. Thanks. *Tommie Racey.*

**Siloam Movie Night February 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you plan to attend contact Sharon Ashton at 519-455-9385 or [sharonashton93@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonashton93@hotmail.com) or speak to me at church. Perhaps we will be seeing Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close or My Week with Marilyn if either of them are playing and the timing is right. Otherwise the movie is "to be arranged".

**The Friendship Club will not meet in February or March.** Please join us on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> for an evening of Court Whist.

**ELUCO Food Cupboard ...** is always in need of pastas (spaghetti preferred), canned goods (vegetables, stew, tuna, salmon, meats), tea, instant coffee, powdered milk, peanut butter, jell-o, cheese slices, margarine, dish soap & toiletries. The food cupboard does not need donations of cereal as they receive cereal from the London Food Bank. The ELUCO food cupboard is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to noon. Please contact Sharon Ashton, 519-455-9385 if you are interested in volunteering. **During January 2012 a total of 64 families were served – 104 adults and 65 children.**

**ELUCO** (The East London United Church Outreach) is on the web. Please check us out at [www.eluco.ca](http://www.eluco.ca)

**ELUCO** is having a concert June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to mark the 87<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada and to celebrate music and mission. This is a reminder to choir members and an invitation to choral singers in our congregation to join us for this musical adventure! We will be singing a couple of old anthems and hymns with new arrangements and some brand new material and even a little touch of jazz –from Beethoven to John Rutter to Oscar Peterson. The first rehearsal for the mass choir is Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:14 to 11:45 a.m. at Rowntree United Church. The concert will be at Dundas Street Centre United Church. **Note** that both facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information see your choir director or send an e-mail to [concert1012.eluco@hotmail.com](mailto:concert1012.eluco@hotmail.com). A free will offering will be taken to support ELUCO's food security programs.

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**Thank you...**from Mission Services to the Siloam Congregation for the donations of clothing and household necessities. Most donations are provided free to those in need, through our comprehensive voucher program. This ensures that donations are put to the best possible use for the benefit of those with the greatest need. Thanks also to Irene Rusnell for delivering our donations.

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**Beginnings: Longing to Belong** is a 10-week DVD based study exploring the importance of community in the Christian faith. Starting Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, (7 to 8:30 p.m.). Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you would like to come. Everyone is welcome. No previous knowledge of the Bible required. For more information speak to Sheila. (Please note: if you are interested in becoming a member of Siloam or just want to learn more about the Church, please consider joining us for this exciting study!)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW START DATE FOR THE LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Beginnings: Longing to Belong is Wednesday, March 14 at 7 P.M. in the Library/Chapel and will now run to Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**COMING ...**

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**5-7 p.m. Siloam's Annual Pancake Supper featuring Rolling Ridge Maple Syrup**

Admission: Free Will Offering and Food Donations

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:30 p.m. Ontario Early Years Centre London Fanshawe presents Sleep & Bedtime Routines at Siloam**

A good night's sleep is important to the health and well-being of child and parent. Parents will learn and share ideas to develop successful bedtime and sleeping routines for their toddler and preschool child. To register contact the OEYC at 519-455-2791.

**From the Treasurer...Financial Activity for twelve (12) months ending 31 December 2011**

	2010	2011	2011
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plan</u>
Envelope Givings	286,219.	281,815.	308,000.
Other Revenue	<u>76,635.</u>	<u>72,166.</u>	<u>66,800.</u>
Total Operating Revenue	362,854.	353,981.	374,800.
Expenses	<u>362,188.</u>	<u>349,253.</u>	<u>379,300.</u>
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	666.	4,728.	(4,500.)

**Church keys ... If you have a church key you are no longer using please return it to the church office.**

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**Desperate Need...**The Mission Store on William St. is in need of winter coats, especially men's, plus linens and kitchen items. At this time they don't need women's clothes. I would happily deliver any donations that are dropped off at the church. There are boxes in the Narthex for your donations. Thanks. *Irene Rusnell 519-451-3508*

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ...**

**A Chair for Church Catering** with support from the Rose Birrell Women's Group and the congregation. This does not include the Retired Teachers' Luncheon. Please contact the church office.

Volunteers willing to help the **property committee** with ongoing set-ups and take downs – the only requirements – strong and willing. We will be happy to hear from students needing volunteer hours or anyone who can help.

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The Joint Search Committee charged with filling Siloam's vacancy for Ministry of Youth, Young Adults & Families has begun holding regular meetings. The committee members are: Mark Davidson (Chair), Tracey Brown (Secretary), Bruce Empringham (Secretary), Wib Dawson, Shirley Empringham, Sonja Guenther-Green, Sam Kloppenburg, Jay Walker, Joyce Payne (Presbytery), & Debbie Travis (Presbytery).