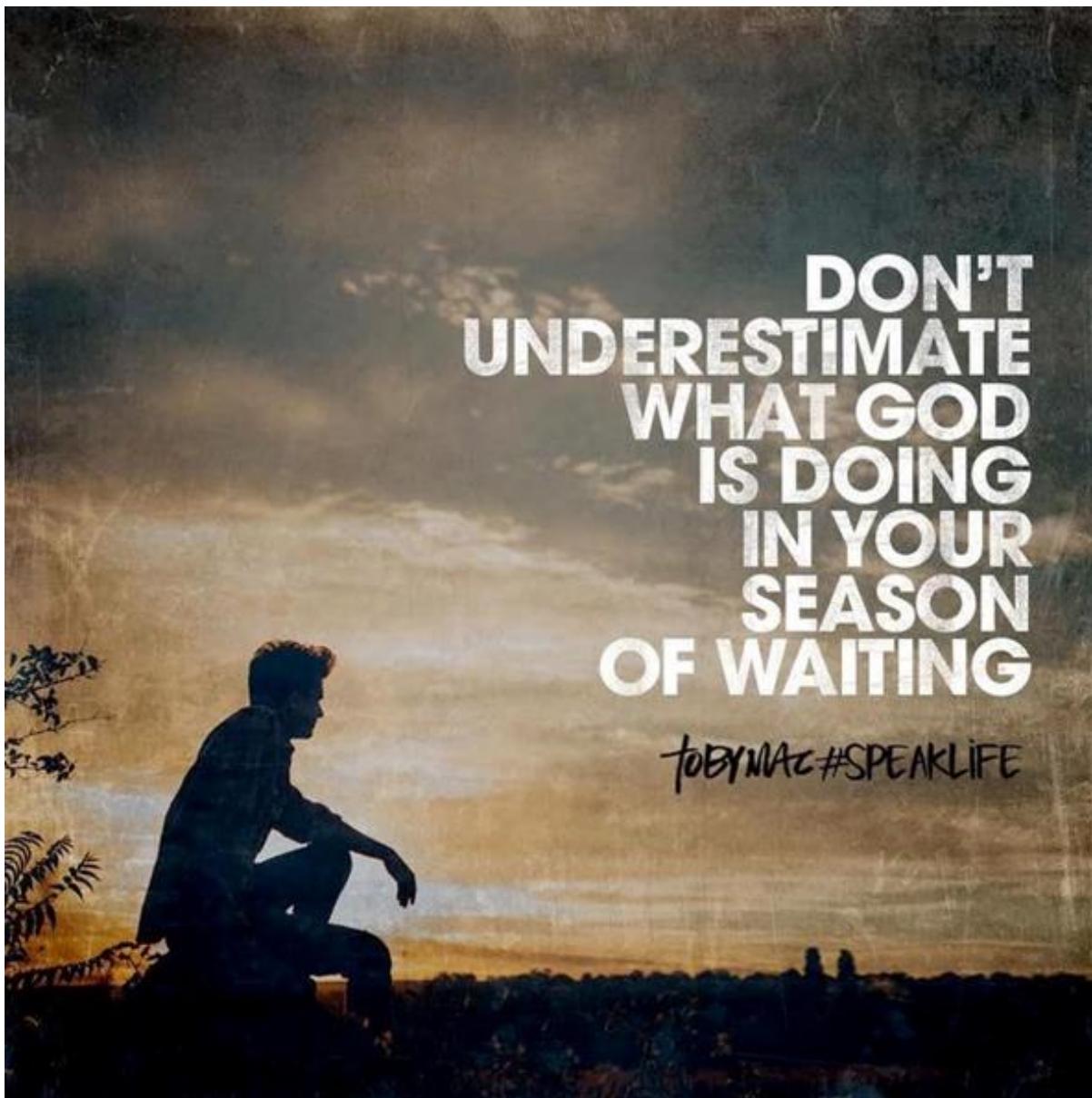


PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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LARGE PRINT Bulletins, Voices United Hymn Books and Bibles are available from the ushers.

BULLETIN NOTATIONS:

★ Signal to stand, for those who are able.

VU~Voices United Hymn book **MV**~More Voices Hymn book

Welcome Visitors! We're glad to have you worshipping with us at Parkminster and would like to make sure you feel connected. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of the white information envelopes found in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or put it in the mail slot outside the office. Whether you'd like more information about Parkminster's programs, want to request offering envelopes, or have a question about becoming a member – or whatever else is important to you, we'd love to hear from you! Welcome!

Gathering

Prelude: "Blessed Assurance" *arr. by Joel Raney*

Welcome

Statement of Welcome

One: Today, we remember our relationship with First People which has not always been healing and empowering. With gratitude and respect, we recognize the tribes on whose traditional land we make our spiritual home, the Anishnawbe (An-ish-in-aabe), the Haudenosaunee (hau-de-no-sau-nee), and the Neutral. We acknowledge, with regret, that this history has not always been respectful. We commit to just relationship in the present.

All: Seeking true community, we welcome all who have no church home, need strength, and are seeking deep meaning. Welcome to those who have doubts or who do not believe. Welcome to those whose faith is sure, and to those who believe, but who are asking large questions.

One: Welcome to visitors and to familiar friends. Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, youth and children, couples, and single people.

All: Welcome to people of all colours, gender identities, abilities, and sexual orientations.

One: Welcome to each who is searching for meaning, who is seeking an understanding of community and what it means to accompany one another.

All: As we come together as church, we turn to one another with gratitude and pray that we will be strong together, faithful together, and loving together. We seek blessing as we welcome the great gift of spirit in us, through us, and among us.

Joys and Concerns

Call into Community

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

the Spirit invites us to sit at the table of grace.

We stand together, a community at worship.

★ Introit: “Spirit, Open My Heart”

♪ MV #79

Passing of the Peace



The peace of Jesus is more than a greeting,
it is more than the wish for a life free of conflict.

It is the peace that Jesus came to proclaim—

the harmony of a life of inclusion, justice and acceptance.

To pass the peace of Jesus is to wish upon your neighbor a life of right relationship with God, with others and with all of creation.

In this exchange we invite one another into the community of God proclaimed by Jesus,

and to which the Spirit calls and points.

In that Spirit I invite you to share the peace of Jesus with your neighbour...May the peace of Jesus, the Christ be with you...

And also with you.

Exploring

★ Children’s Song: “I Can Feel You Near Me God” ♪ MV #48

Story Time

Following the story time, children and youth will leave for Sunday Morning Activities. Happy Learning!

For babies and toddlers, there is the Family Worship Space at the back of the sanctuary. Each week, there will be an adult present so that the children can play and be cared for while parents worship. Parents are free to come and go from that space, according to the needs of their children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For full details please refer to the weekly "What's UP" email.

(If you would like to receive "What's UP", please contact the church office.)

MEETINGS

House Group Meeting: HG #6 will meet in the Chapel today immediately following the service.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

TODAY! SCRABBLE AND MORE - Benefit for Africa: Yes! Right here at Parkminster, starting at 1:00 p.m., you and your friends are invited to play Scrabble (or another game) in the gym. Shop at the marketplace downstairs where you will be amazed by the crafts for sale in the double classroom. Make sure you head to the corner classroom where you can purchase baked goods, preserves etc. A great opportunity to purchase gently used books in the nursery as well! The Family Room on the upper level will be serving tea, coffee and goodies! ***PLAY! SHOP! DONATE! 1:00pm – 4:30pm***

AED Training: The course has been set up for **Saturday, Nov 25th** at the church from **9:00am-1:00pm**. Cost \$60 per person no tax. The course includes written and practical training in CPR including AED training. We need at least 10 participants to have the course at Parkminster. **Please email or call Bert Blackburn if interested.** bertblackburn@gmail.com or 519.886.8232

"Walking With Our Sisters": An Indigenous art installation to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and Two Spirit people. It features over 1700 moccasin tops or "vamps", decorated with beading, quilling or in other ways. **Nov 19-25 in Oshweken (Six Nations).** To learn more: <http://walkingwithoursisters.ca>

Adult Education Committee presents "ANGRY INUK": Please join the **Adult Education Committee on November 26 at 6:30pm** for a special viewing of the film, Angry Inuk. Some of you may have enjoyed this film last year when it aired at the Princess Cinema but if you missed it or were wanting to see it again, here is your opportunity to learn more about Inuit culture and expand your understanding of Indigenous peoples.

Decorating for Christmas! The UGO-IGO group has accepted the request to decorate the church for Christmas this year. A small committee has done some preliminary planning and we need your help to pull it together. We also need some "MOPS" (Men Of Parkminster) to offer their strength! **Decorating will be done on Sunday, Nov 26th, followed by a finger-food potluck.** Please contact Sheril Stinson by email, if you are available: sheril.stinson@sympatico.ca

Save the Date - Young Family Advent/Christmas Party! Join us on **Saturday, December 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm** to celebrate this special time of year together. We'll enjoy a meal together, as well as fun activities to get everyone in the spirit! All are welcome - please invite other families who might like to join us that evening.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parkminster Author – Tracie Klaehn: Numerous people are asking to purchase more of Tracie Klaehn's children's books. She now has five published, and will bring them in to the church on November 19th for those who are interested. You may see Tracie after church or call 519-579-3944.

John Watson's Trip to Nicaragua: February 1, 2018 will bring about John Watson's 8th trip to Nicaragua. The work project is in a small community on an island, in Lake Nicaragua. The classrooms, cafeteria and washrooms are being built are for a local bi-lingual school. The cost of materials for each project is approx. \$4,000.00 US. If you wish more information on this program or would like to make a contribution through the Outreach Committee at Parkminster, please contact John Watson at 519-579-3555 or email: drwatson46@hotmail.com

MINISTERS' MESSAGES

Pastoral Care – Rev. Joe Gaspar and Rev. Heather Power: If you or anyone in the congregation requires pastoral care or you become aware of someone who might be ill, in hospital or in need of some support, please contact Heather or Joe at church by phone at **519-885-0935 (Heather at ext. 22 or Joe at ext. 23)**. Voicemail messages will be checked regularly.

Ministers' Day Off: Rev. Joe and Rev. Heather take Friday as their day off during the week. For urgent matters that cannot wait until their Sunday to Thursday work schedule, please contact the church office and they will be contacted for you.

Rev. Heather – Study Leave: Rev. Heather will be away on study leave on November 15 and 16 next week to take a course at Conrad Grebel. The remainder of her study leave will be from November 23 - 27. While she is away, Rev. Joe is available for any pastoral emergencies.

Integration Team: The members of the Integration Team are Amanda Kalbfleisch, Jamie Hofman, Jim Bowman, Mary Reynolds, Heather Watts, Sheila Rule and Cedric Charette. If you have suggestions or comments that would help Joe and Heather integrate into Parkminster's life please speak to these people.