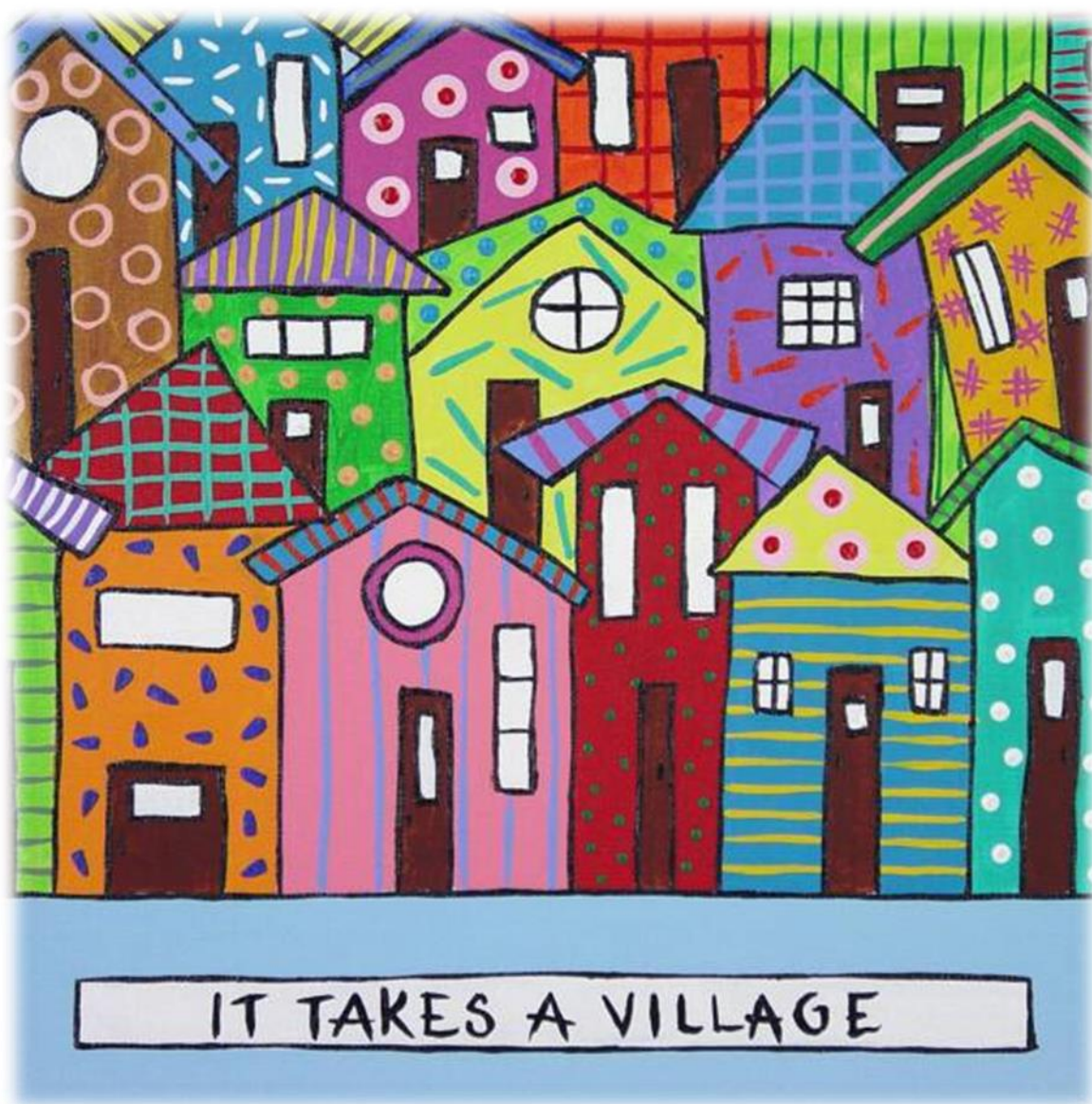


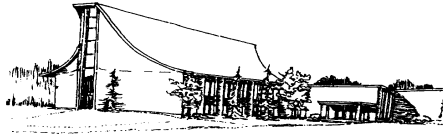
**Sunday, May 10, 2015
Easter 6**

Reflection: “It Takes a Village”

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BULLETIN NOTATIONS:

★ Signal to stand, for those who are able.

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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

Leading up to Prelude: A Collection of Tunes from Celtic Crossing

Prelude: “Si Bheag Si Mhor” and “Planxty Irwin”

by Turlough O’Carolan

★ Introit: “God, We Praise You for the Morning” 🎵 VU #415

Welcome

One: As the world warms up to spring, we gather together as people of hope. We gather together as community, all ages, many personalities, and with a variety of life experience. We know that we are welcome here just as we are.

We live in community with one another, with our common human experience and with our differences. We journey to wholeness in the company of one another, and appreciate how our one hope and our different personalities are what draw us

into wholeness. Today we consider the gifts of our togetherness, and the responsibility we have to one another.

We cannot be healthy community unless we affirm that each person matters, has value, and deserves to be welcomed with dignity and respect. We offer that welcome to one another.

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, we turn to one another with gratitude and pray that we will be strong together, faithful together, and loving together.

Joys, Concerns, and Greeting One Another

★ Children's Song: "Dance with the Spirit" 🎵 MV #156

Story Time (Tracie Klaehn and Crew)

Today is an intergenerational worship. The children/youth will share worship with the adults, but have their own activities that help celebrate the theme, "It Takes a Village." The adult worship and the children's worship will meet during the opening and closing sections of our time together.

Exploring

Ministry of Music: "Flutemaker's Waltz" *by Jason W. Pfeiffer*

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12: 4 -11 (OT, pg.372)

About Scripture

Today we turn to Paul, who is working hard to establish new communities throughout what we now call the Middle East. He has been to Corinth, and because of his visit, there is a new community church there. The members have come from a variety of backgrounds. Some are Jews who believed that Jesus was the Messiah. Others have come from the fertility cults who worshipped the goddesses who would bring abundant crops. Some were worshippers of the Roman gods, Jupiter and his cohorts. And some were seekers with no faith history, but lots of experience in community.

Such variety of personal history and with little experience in being church means that differences would get in the way of unity, respect, and common purpose. It was not long before the Corinthians were an embattled lot with not many resources for solving their problems.

Paul wrote them two letters to help them come to terms with their varied life. He addressed their specific problems in some parts of his letters. And he gave them a common vision by which they could live together and be faithful.

Today we read a portion of his common vision. Paul acknowledges the Corinthians' diversity: there is a variety of gifts. And he names the gifts he sees in the church's life. But there is a unity that includes all the diversity that is so problematic. There is one spirit that is the source of those gifts, and the intention is that each gift, no matter what it is, is meant to enhance the common good.

All of us are necessary for the health of our church, and each of us is precious, valuable to the whole, a partner in our church's wholeness. In our day, we have the phrase, "It takes a village..." That phrase is consistent with Paul's message. We all matter. We all have something worthwhile to give. And we need one another.

Today, Paul's ancient wisdom comes home to us, and we celebrate that Spirit-gifts are welcome in our community, and they create for us our common good.

Reflection: "It Takes a Village"
with Janet Holland and Kathleen Vanderlinden

★ Song: "Deep in Our Hearts" 🎵 MV #154

Celebrating

Ministry of Music (#2): "Beauty All Around Us" *by Larry Nickel*
(Voices United Choir)

Minute for Mission

Children's Time

Parkminster Kids on Video

Christian Education Committee Thanks its Volunteers

The Christian Education Committee is extremely grateful to the village that surrounds us! Running the array of programs here would not be possible without the help of many. Big or small, many have played a role in the delivery of CE programming for youth, as well as small groups for adults here at Parkminster in the last year.

Thank you to all those listed here and any others who have ever contributed to the CE Village at Parkminster.

Brian Hershey, Brian Kettles, Bud Adams, Cheryl Halapir, Clare Klingenberg, Daniel Ackland, Diane Hustwitt, Don Linkletter, Elna Robertson, Franceen Wagner, Fred Monteith, Iso McGregor, James Wray, Jeanne Foster, Jim Bowman, Judy Paul, Kathleen Vanderlinden, Kathy Hagedorn-Hehl, Kathy Teves, Keara Mulhern, Kirsten Pendlebury, Laura Hamilton, Laura Mutton, Lee McWebb, Lori McKim-Lang, Lyn McNiffe, Marion Mutton, Mary Jo Patterson, Mary Reynolds, Meg Grieve, Neil Murray, Norma Hutton, Rebecca Blackburn, Rob Vanderlinden, Rose Mary Burkhart, Roxy Linkletter, Shelley Mutton, Stephanie Wagner, Susan Usaty, Tara Renon, Terry Ridgway, Tracie Lomoth and Wendy Rudd.

- If you are interested in our Prayer Shawl ministry, please contact Virginia McQuay. Prayer shawl knitting instructions and yarn are available in the upper hall. Thank you to all our faithful knitters!
- **Pastoral Care Emergencies:** In the event of a pastoral care crisis, please contact the minister(s) directly.

IN PRAYERFUL SUPPORT

Marjorie Campbell (Stirling Heights)
 Marian Atkinson (Parkwood Menno.)
 Catherine Klea
 Olive Cooper (LeisureWorld)

Kathryn Lamb (Trinity Village)
 Audrey Hannigan
 Walter Runge (Stirling Heights)
 Elinore Ray (Sunnyside)

Ecumenical Prayer Chain: This week let us pray for Palermo United, Oakville (*Halton Presbytery*).

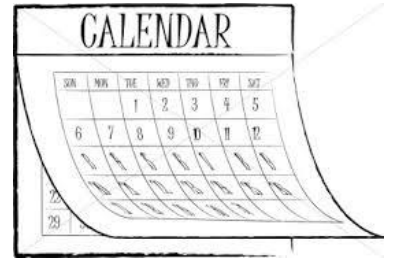
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 every happiness
 this Mother's Day!



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NEXT WEEK AT PARKMINSTER

Sunday, May 10 – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

10:00am Worship

Monday, May 11

12noon 2x2 Lunch – family room/kitchen
 2:00pm Spanish Class (last until fall) – double classroom
 6:30pm Beavers – gym
 7:00pm Pathfinders – double classroom
 7:00pm “Painting the Stars” (last) – Don Linkletter’s home

Tuesday, May 12

6:00pm Karate classes – rental: double classroom
 6:30pm Cubs – gym
 7:00pm Membership – Chapel
 7:00pm Worship – family room

Wednesday, May 13

9am-3pm Meg’s ministry group - gym/kitchen
 6:45pm Scouts – gym
 7:30pm Bell choir - sanctuary
 7:00pm “Living Ecological Justice” – Judy Paul’s home

Thursday, May 14

6:00pm Karate classes – rental: gym
 7:30pm Voices United Choir practice - sanctuary

Sunday, May 17

10:00am Worship
 11:30am “Talking Scripture” – family room

Please Note: This will be the last “Talking Scripture” session until fall.
