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## Week of February 11th, 2018

### The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

- Dave Smith, lovingly remembered by his wife Sandi, and daughters Heather, Ashley, and Emma.
- Margaret Ann Jones, lovingly remembered by Bill, Anita & Christopher.

### Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers this afternoon at 4 pm. Jim Sandilands (bass) will be joined by Chris Gale (saxophone), Stacie McGregor (piano), and Tim Shia (drums).



### Ash Wednesday Services

Please join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with a celebration of the Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. Services are at both 7:30 am and 7:30 pm.

### The Bible Challenge

This week, we will officially have been reading the Bible for a month straight. For those who are still in the Challenge - we are officially 1/12th of the way through! Congratulations!

This week, we will conclude the Gospel of Matthew, and begin the Gospel of Mark. Ironically, most scholars now believe that Mark was written before Matthew, and that it was in fact the first of the Gospels to be written. Scholars also believe that the people who wrote both Matthew and Luke were familiar with Mark; you will quickly find that they contain a number of similar stories. If you find yourself getting frustrated with the repetition, consider this: the Gospels existed as a loose collection of stories about Jesus before they were written down. Therefore, if a particular incident is repeated in more than one Gospel, that means that the early Christian community probably thought it was very important, and needed to be included.

One final note: this year's lectionary is based largely on Mark's Gospel, so you may hear your week's readings in church one Sunday!

Reading schedule:

Monday: Exodus 22-24; Psalm 24; Matthew 25  
 Tuesday: Exodus 25-27; Psalm 25; Matthew 26  
 Wednesday: Exodus 28-30; Psalm 26; Matthew 27  
 Thursday: Exodus 31-33; Psalm 27; Matthew 28  
 Friday: Exodus 34-36; Psalm 28; Mark 1  
 Saturday: Exodus 37-39; Psalm 29; Mark 2

### Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge tomorrow, Mon, February 12th at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. We meet every other Monday afternoon. Please join us if you would like to play!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

The **February Messenger** is available this morning. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up. The online edition is on the homepage of our website, in living colour! www.stcb.ca.

**At our Vestry meeting on February 25th** we will be electing Parish Council Members at Large. If you think you might be interested in serving in this role, please talk to one of the Wardens, a member of Parish Council or the Rector.

### Thursday Mornings

Please join us on Thursday mornings for Bible study, coffee, and great conversation at 10:15 am in the Family Room before the 11am service. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon.

### Winter Warm Up

Join us on Sunday, February 18th for a Winter Warm Up. Soup will be served from 10:45am - 1pm (beginning following the 9:30 service) courtesy of Open Doors. This is a chance to rally together for the upcoming Coldest Night of the Year event! Donations are welcome.



### The Man Born to Be King

Please save Wednesday evenings during Lent to participate in our Lenten study activity based on the radio plays of Dorothy L. Sayers in the book "The Man Born to Be King". We will gather in the church to read the plays (aloud) together at 7:30 pm beginning Feb. 21st. Capable readers of all ages should find this creative, informative, and engaging!

### Lent Madness

Lent starts this Wednesday. Submit your completed bracket on or before Shrove Tuesday (the 13th). Read more on the insert in your bulletin this morning. Put your name on your completed bracket and place it in the envelope with the poster in the Narthex. There are books with bios of the saints available to assist you in making your picks. (If you have taken one of these, could you please return it to the Narthex?).

## Mardi Gras Christian Education Day

This Tuesday, February 13th (Shrove Tuesday) we will be holding a Lent Christian education day for kids in grades 2-8. The program will run from 1 pm - 6 pm and will feature a family pancake supper at 5:30 pm. Themes include generosity, prayer, and self-sacrifice. We will be burning last year's palms for ashes and there will be other interactive learning opportunities as well. For more information contact Allison.

## Coldest Night of the Year

*Saturday, February 24th 4 pm - 8 pm*

The Coldest Night of the Year walk this year will take place on Saturday, February 24th. This is the major fundraiser of the year for our outreach ministry through Open Doors programs. Please consider walking yourself, joining one of our teams, or forming your own team. Let your friends and acquaintances know that you will be looking for sponsors and why the issue of poverty and homelessness is important enough to you to participate in this event. Visit: [cnoy.org/location/burlington](http://cnoy.org/location/burlington)

## Vestry Meeting

On Sunday, Feb. 25th, our services will be at 8 and 10 am. We will hold our annual congregational (vestry) meeting following the 10 am service. All baptized members of the parish 16 and older, who have participated with this congregation through worship, fellowship and financial support for at least six months (and have not voted as a member of any other Vestry within the said six months), are eligible to vote.

## Pancake Supper

This coming Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday and that means pancakes for supper at St. Christopher's! You are invited to join us. There will be music and food beginning at 5:30 pm. Come at 5 pm if you'd like to participate in burning last year's palms for Ash Wednesday. There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted.

## Drop-in Baking with Allison

Our young people will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, February 18th following the 9:30 service as a fundraiser for the Coldest Night. Kids and teens in grades 3-10 are invited to drop-in to do some baking with Allison in the church kitchen on Friday, February 16th between 9 am and 1:30 pm. Friday is a PD day for most students.

## Update on our Refugee Family

You may remember that two years ago, we sponsored the Masri family from Syria. Many of us got to know them as they settled in Burlington, talked to us at church functions, or walked with us on Coldest Night of the Year last year. While our official obligation to them is over, the ties of friendship and community remain. If you would like to know how they are doing, deepen the ties of friendship, or help them as they continue to make the adjustment to life in Canada, please check the bulletin board near the family room. There are lots of little ways that we can connect with them, and offer our aid as they make their home here.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Birthdays this week

Jean Glass	Alondra McCormack
Diane Roberts	Noah Verheyen
Sarah Armstrong	Rosemary Ryan
Lana Wilk	Ken Clarke
Rhonda Eisler	Cayley McCormack
Chris Eden	Kristina Fielding
Joelle Leclerc	Jennie Davies
Spencer Thomason	Joanne Nelson
Jan O'Grady	

### Anniversaries this week

Carrie Liang & Jackie Zhang	(12)
John & Barb Dudik	(60)

### Services this Week

#### Ash Wednesday, February 14th

7:30 am	Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
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#### Thursday, February 15th

11:00 am	Holy Eucharist
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#### Sunday, February 18th

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:30 am	Holy Eucharist
11:30 am	Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

*Please - Take me home with you!*

### Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	2:00pm	Bridge Group
	4:30pm	SHINE
Tuesday	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	1:00pm	Mardi Gras Christian Education Day
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social Group
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	5:00pm	Burning palms for ashes
Wednesday	5:30pm	Community Pancake Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
Friday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Drop-in Baking
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank