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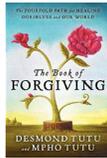
Week of March 17th, 2019

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

- John W. Pearson, father of Lee Ford-Jones. Remembered with love.

Bishop's 2019 Lenten Book

You can still join us for our Lenten Wednesday evening (7:30 pm) and Thursday morning (10:15 am) discussion series exploring *The Book of Forgiving*. Our Lenten liturgy reflects the themes from the book and the study series will help us all practice the sometimes difficult call to forgive. This week we'll be talking about the first step on the path, *Telling the Story*, so please read pages 67-92 in preparation.



Lent Madness Update

By the time most of you read this, one half of the Saintry Sixteen contenders may have been decided. On a sad note, one of two Canadians, Hannah Grier Coome (founder of the SSJD in Toronto) did not win her contest against Richard Allen this week. But, there's still time to vote for the other Canadian in this year's competition, Marguerite d'Youville, on Tuesday. Go to www.lentmadness.org to learn more.

Give it up for the Earth

The Citizens for Public Justice group runs a special environmental program during Lent. (cpj.ca/for-the-earth) Visit the Greening Niagara display board in the Narthex. Help yourself to a 'Give it up for the Earth' postcard. Complete your personal statement of what you will 'give up for the earth' during the Lenten season. Mail the postage free card to the Prime Minister's office.

Let's Open Doors Gala

May 24th - 7:30pm-10pm

An exciting evening of Silent and Live Auctions, gourmet appetizers, wine, music & merriment! Tickets are only \$25/per person. If you are interested in a ticket, please see Christina in the office Mon-Fri. Tickets will also be available online through Eventbrite shortly. If you would like to contribute to the event by way of a donation, Christina will be gratefully accepting bottles of wine and gift cards.

Newcomers Gathering

Thursday, April 4th - 7:00 pm

If you are new, or relatively new to the parish and would like to know more about us, please join us in the Family Room on the evening of Thursday, April 4th for conversation and light refreshments.

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing next on Monday, March 25th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels are welcome!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Yard & Garden Clean-Up

Please mark your calendars now for clean-up day on Saturday, May 11th from 9am - noon. If you can help, please contact the office or speak with Paul Smith. Many hands make light work!

Bible Study / Seniors' Lunch

Next lunch - Thurs., March 28th
Our Thursday morning Bible study meets at 10:15 am in the Family Room. Come for coffee and great conversation before the 11 am service. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon on the second and fourth Thursday.

Baptism Dates

If you, or someone you know is interested in being baptized, the next opportunity to participate will be during the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Please speak with Jon or Michelle if you would like to know more.

The **March Messenger** is available this morning. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up.

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation is commonly referred to as an opportunity to make an adult profession of faith. In the Anglican Church, it is a time when we formally become members, and individually pledge to uphold the Baptismal Covenant. Rev. Michelle will join with the Rev. Stuart Pike of St. Luke's, Burlington, to lead a discussion/class for those interested in being confirmed this summer. If you are interested in participating, or would like to know more, please contact her at mboomgaard@stcb.ca.

Coldest Night of the Year

We have raised just over \$41,000 and still have until March 30th to hit our goal of \$50,000. Please continue to collect funds and spread the word. If you have questions, call Christina at 905.634.1809. Thank you to all those who donated, walked, fundraised and volunteered!