

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

February 7 - February 14

Sunday, February 7

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Preacher Reverend Paul Kett
- 11:30 a.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Health Council Presentation
Laura McShane - Mental Health
- 2:30 p.m. Beckett Recital

Monday, February 8

- 7:00 p.m. KMSB Practice - Upper Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 9

- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Believe Theatre Group - Upper Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sine Nomine - Choir Practice Room
- 7:00 p.m. Return of the Prodigal Son Study

Wednesday, February 10

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion followed by breakfast
- 2:00 p.m. Companions on the Journey - Fireside Room
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Meditation
- 7:30 p.m. Parish Council - LPH

Thursday, February 11

- 10:30 a.m. Julian Gathering - FSR
- 7:15 p.m. Health Council
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 14

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 a.m. Health Council Presentation - Tom Wilson
- 4:00 p.m. Bach Vespers at WLU Seminary



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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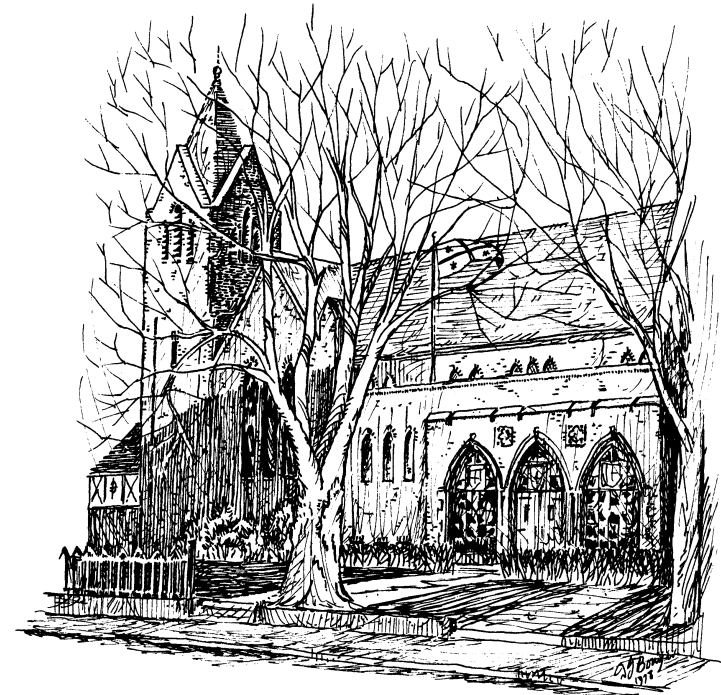
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Welcome to the Church of Saint John the Evangelist. It is a joy to worship together. Infants, children and youth are all invited to participate fully in today's services. At the 10AM service we offer a gathering for children (up to Grade 6) and another for youth (Grades 7 to 12) during part of the service. The Infant and Child Playroom is also open before and during the service. It is fully equipped for parents with children under age 6.

If this is your first visit with us please sign our guest book and, if you wish, fill in a visitor registration card/envelope which you'll find in the pews and either place it in the offering plate or give it to a sidesman. After our 10AM worship service please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Upper Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

IN MEMORIAM: The flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William H. & Frances Dunker; Carl E. & Genevieve Dunker and Donald J. Dunker, a gift of the family.

IN ST. JOHN'S CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for one another, that we may bear witness of our faith in our daily occupations and responsibilities. This week we pray for Gretchen Jones; Jim Mighty; William & Phillipine Langenhoven; Louise Lazarowich; Ruth Riggins and their families.

HANDBELL CHOIR rehearsals begin *today* following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please speak to our Music Director if you are interested in joining this group.

HEALTH COUNCIL PRESENTS: Laura McShane from the Canadian Mental Health Association - Grand River Branch. Laura will speak about Depression and Anxiety in the upper parish hall after the 10 am. service. A light lunch will be served. Please join us.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON: Join in a study of Henri Nouwen's classic reflection on Rembrandt's inspiring painting of the return of the prodigal son. Nouwen explores the themes of homecoming, affirmation and reconciliation. This book and Rembrandt's painting will serve as the basis of our discussion over five sessions: Feb 9, 16, 23 and March 2 and 9 from 7 to 8:30 pm. The fee for the book is \$15.00. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex **today** so that books can be ordered. The sessions will be led by Reverend Grace Schaefer.

HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT (Saturday, February 20 at 7:30 pm) presented by voice talents from several choirs including Ensemble Sine Nomine, Da Capo, Oakville Chamber Ensemble and others. Free will offering with all proceeds collected going to the financial needs of Haiti.

CHORAL VESPERS will be offered on Sunday February 24, 4:00 pm. Vespers will be based on both the Sarum Rite and the Book of Common Prayer. Free will offering. All proceeds will be forwarded to Haiti Relief and our own Refugee Project.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL: Our ten week virtual walk to promote physical, emotional and spiritual well-being is under way. So far we have walked 1,202 Kms in the footsteps of St. Paul which is a good start. Be sure to enter this week's kilometres or **sign up** to participate in the 'Walk' in the Narthex or at the coffee hour. A study booklet about the journey is available from Rene Alexander. A companion study group to discuss the journey of St. Paul meets on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the Fireside Room during the walk. This week the group had the Fruits of the Spirit as its focus of discussion. Next Sunday, Feb. 14, the author of the booklet, Tom Wilson, will join us at the coffee hour to share his enthusiasm for Paul.

THANKS!! Thank you from the A.C.W. to all those who have given donations to the Bale. We have almost finished packing and hope to have it over in Guelph next week. Bernice and Enid.

OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED and are available at Coffee Hour from Marie Peacock. Cost \$10.00 each.

BACH VESPERS Sunday February 14 at 7 p.m., a Bach Vespers service will be held at Keffer Chapel, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary at Albert and Bricker Streets in Waterloo. The service will include a complete performance with orchestra of Bach's Cantata 127, "Herr Jesu Christ, wahr Mensch und Gott" ("Lord Jesus Christ, true man and God"). Performers are Bethany Horst, soprano; Gerald King, tenor; Kirk Lackenbauer bass; and Spiritus Ensemble, directed by Kenneth Hull. Free will offering, all welcome.

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

At the Budget Review Meeting on 24 January, Doug Woodley, our Rector's Warden, advised that the members of the Parish Council had each committed to a 10% increase in their Annual Givings in 2010. This was further discussed at the Vestry Meeting last Sunday. All parishioners listened and acted. Below are your Givings during January for the last three years.

Year	2008	2009	2010
Direct Deposits	\$7381.	\$9433.	\$11055.
Envelopes	\$11076.	\$10514.	\$13382.
Total Givings	\$19138.	\$20307.	\$25294.
(from all sources)			
Number of Sundays	4	4	5

Even allowing for the additional Sunday this year, our givings, your givings increased substantially. We have four new pledges to date this year and four additional members contributing by Direct Deposit. This will assist us in regularly meeting our monthly obligations. This foretells a great year for our Church, St. John the Evangelist.

Thank you to All
Your Parish Executive