***Our Statement of Purpose***

As a community of faith led by the Spirit, we welcome all to worship God and live in loving, just and respectful relationship with each other, our neighbours and the earth. Inspired by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ we strive to recognize the light of God in each person regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, economic status or any other category by which the world may seek to divide. We challenge ourselves to deepen our relationship to God, to see the light of the divine in each person and in all creation, and to live the faith we proclaim in every aspect of our lives.

*Our Week at a Glance – January 28, 2018*

The flowers today are placed by Shawn Panesar, in loving memory of his sister, Sheena (Panesar) Dahl.

 ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

**Wed. Jan. 31** Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00

**Thurs. Feb. 1** Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

***PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR OTHER EVENTS AND DETAILS***

**AUDIO SYSTEM** Jan. 28 – Merv Kusluski
 Feb. 4 – Debbie McDermid
**COUNTING OFFERING** Noma Deshane & Sadie Smith
 February: Leslee Gervais & Bev Davis

**MEALS ON WHEELS** Jan. 28 – Bryan and Jackie Hollingworth
 Feb. 4 – Garry & Carol Scott
**SCRIPTURE READER** Bert Brisco

**2017 Annual Report**: The cut-off for submissions for the Annual Report is **Tuesday, February 5, 2018**. Please forward your submission to the Office.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**: This year’s pancake supper is on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:00 to 6:30. Pancakes, maple syrup, sausages and homemade beans. Freewill offering at the door. If you are able to volunteer at this dinner, or wish to donate food, the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued assistance.

**Ash Wednesday**: The Ash Wednesday service is on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 in the Chapel.

**Lenten Study**: Our Lenten Study for 2018 begins on Sunday, February 18 from 6:30-8:00. Session 1 is entitled, “By the Rivers of Babylon – the Exile”.

**The Affirming Process**: The church council invites you to consider being part of the Affirming process. We are putting together a team to coordinate the process leading to a vote on whether or not TSA should become an affirming ministry. The team will help determine time lines, arrange presentations, and provide resources. If you are interested in helping with this work, please write a brief statement describing why you would be interested and what skills you would bring to the task. If you have any questions, please contact either Leslee Gervais (vice chair of council) or Russell Wardell.

**A Message from the Finance Committee**: As the new year is starting we would like to thank all for their financial and volunteer support to TSA United Church. In this new year we would like to ask you to consider making your offerings through PAR. This is giving ***P***re-***A***uthorized ***R***emittance/giving from your bank account. This is really easy to do and you still maintain control of how much you want to give in your offering. There are many advantages of doing this. 1) You don’t have to fill out an envelope every Sunday, 2) We save on the costs of buying the envelopes, 3) It is more green, no use of paper, 4) It is much better for our financial management having a steady stream of revenues.

Also, we would also ask all supporters of TSA, since costs are constantly rising (especially hydro, water, gas, etc. and some major equipment repair/replacement) for those of you who are able, to consider making an increase in your offering amount to help with those costs.

We will set up a PAR display in the Narthex and for more information, contact any member of the finance committee -- Bev Davis, Noma Deshane, Peter Raaphorst Geoff Roberts and Barb Symington.

**Note to the Congregation re Social Time after the Sunday Service**: You may not know that anyone can organize the celebration of a special event (birthday, anniversary, etc.) for someone.  We ask that you make enough refreshments for everyone (we will look after the coffee/tea/juice as usual), maybe put a notice in the Sunday bulletin, and that you let the UCW know so that refreshments are not duplicated. Let’s celebrate! *Marg McLeish*