***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 – February 4, 2018*

The flowers today are placed by John & Noma Deshane.

 ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

**Mon. Feb. 5** Unit 11 – Marian Roffey, 1:00
 **Wed. Feb. 7** Library Committee – Library, 10:00
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00

**Thurs. Feb. 1** MPCF – Marian Roffey, 10:00
 W&M – Library, 6:00
 Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

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

**AUDIO SYSTEM** Feb. 4 – Debbie McDermid
**COUNTING OFFERING** Leslee Gervais & Bev Davis
**MEALS ON WHEELS** Feb. 4 – Garry & Carol Scott

**FINAL REMINDER: 2017 Annual Report**: The cut-off for submissions for the Annual Report is **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**. Please forward your submission to the Office.

**Unit 6 UCW**: Meeting on Monday, Feb. 12, 11:30am in the Library. Bring your lunch.

**UCW General Meeting**: The Renfrew Paramedic Programs are at the cutting edge of future services in Ontario. Kerri-Lynn McGrath, an Advanced Care Paramedic, will be joining us to share information on their training, the 911 service, Home Visit Program, Remote Patient Monitoring, free Wellness Clinics, Remote Access Team, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and many more services. Come and join us on Monday February 12 at 1pm to become informed of another valuable resource in our community. Everyone is welcome. [www.renfrewparamedics.ca](http://www.renfrewparamedics.ca)

**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”.

**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.

**From the United Church of Canada: The United Church of Canada recently sent out information on a campaign entitled, "No Way to Treat a Child". This campaign seeks to change practices in Israel where Palestinian children are being arrested and receiving ill treatment while in custody. Full details can be found at** [www.nowaytotreatachild.ca](http://www.nowaytotreatachild.ca)**. In addition to our own denomination the following churches and organizations are also taking part:
CANADIAN CAMPAIGN NATIONAL PARTNERS
Amnesty International – Canada
Canadian Friends of Sabeel (CFOS)
Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC)
Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ)
Catholics for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land
Christian Peacemaker Teams – Ontario
Independent Jewish Voices – Canada
Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC Canada)
The United Church of Canada (UCC)
United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine & Israel (UNJPPI)

Watch for the Grand Opening of the TSA Photo Booth**: Have you ever searched the photo directory in the narthex hoping to find a name? Sometimes there is no photo of a person you have seen regularly at worship. The Membership, Pastoral Care, and Fellowship committee would like to update the photos to represent our current TSA church community. For this we plan to purchase an instant film camera that produces high quality print (for example, Fujifilm Instax, Polaroid Onestep2). Or perhaps someone has one which we could borrow. We are also looking for volunteers to help out with a TSA photo booth at refreshment time after service for a few Sundays. Please speak to Margo Aubert, Lorraine Belanger, or contact Debbie in the office if you are interested in helping.