***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.
We will live into this statement by encouraging all who make TSA their faith home to participate fully in all aspects of the life and work of this community of faith.

TSA is a place where the gifts of all people are celebrated.

***Our Week at a Glance – March 17, 2019***

 ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

***In Memoriam****: The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Helen Wainman, on her recent passing.*

The flowers today are placed by Iris Brown, in loving memory of her husband, J.R. Brown.

**Tues. Mar 19** Council – Assembly, 7:00

**Wed. Mar. 20** Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00

**Thurs. Mar. 21** TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00
 ***Volunteer Corner***:

*Lay Reader*: Susan Tough
*Sound Board*: Garry Scott
*Greeters & Ushers*: Marg McLeish & Ellen Groenewoud
*Soloist/Guest Musician*: Catherine Helferty
*Meals on Wheels*: Shawn Panesar & Bennett
*Coffee after Church*: Unit 11
*Snow shoveling*: Doug Fraser
*Offering counters*: Bev Davis & Barbara Symington
*Funeral Lunch Coordinator*: Sandra Comba
*Thrift Shop Volunteer Coordinators*: Faye Gagan & Cathy Morris
 **Lenten Series**: Join us tonight for a Lenten evening service, starting at 7pm in the Chapel. Preacher: Chuck Ross.

**Joanne Ciphery Memorial Community Supper** – **today at 4:30 p.m**.: Jesus reached out to people of all ages, stages and income levels to share a meal and fellowship, and so did Joanne Ciphery. Joanne was instrumental in starting TSA’s community suppers and supported them passionately until she died tragically in September 2018. This spring’s Community Supper is dedicated to her, and proceeds will go to one of her favourite charities, CPAN (Child Poverty Action Network). We hope to see everyone at the supper to welcome our community as Joanne did so well.

**Lent 2019 “Give it Up for the Earth”**: Lent is traditionally a time of prayer and spiritual practices including fasting, (giving something up), and actions, (almsgiving, or committing to a positive spiritual disciplines). This Lent TSA is taking part in a postcard campaign organized by Citizens for Public Justice, an ecumenical partner of the United Church of Canada. The postcard includes a pledge to individual climate actions - what will you “give up” to care for God’s creation; and also a call for more far-reaching national climate policy. Postcards will be available in the narthex before and after worship during Lent (March 6-April 18), and in the office during the week. When you have made your pledge, please return the cards and we will take them to Citizens for Public Justice to be presented to the government along with postcards from Christians across the country.

**How can we live ethically** in a time of climate crisis? How can our Christian faith support us as we try? Are there others in the church who care about climate justice too? If these questions interest you, or if you have thoughts to share, please join us on Sunday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a potluck supper and conversation. For more information, please contact Felicite Stairs or Yvonne Powell.

**Easter Newsletter**: Please note that all articles and pictures for the Easter Newsletter must be sent by
Tuesday, April 9 to Daphne Hanneman at daphne.hanneman@sympatico.ca. If you wish to receive our newsletter by email, please contact the office. Thanks.

**From Camp Lau-Ren**: The yearly spring freshen-up for the summer camp season this year will be the first week of June, June 3 to 7. Anyone wishing to volunteer for a few hours or days, please contact Bert Brisco through the church office.

**TSA Photo Booth**: A copy of your photo taken by Mickey McDonald can be picked up in the office. A donation of a toonie to help cover expenses is appreciated.

**TSA Sunshine Coach Appeal March 24 & 31**: Some people would not be able to get out to church as we mature and need canes, walkers, and wheelchairs to get around, so we are very thankful for the wonderful Sunshine Coach service provided by TSA. Our friendly and patient driver picks us up at our residences and delivers us safely to church in lots of time for the worship service. I enjoy being a part of our congregation in the House of God. Afterwards we look forward to refreshments and visiting in the chapel. Our driver allows us ample time before helping us back into the coach for the trip home. We really appreciate this awesome service that keeps us in touch with TSA.
 *With grateful thanks, Betty Hart*

TSA has made a commitment to provide Sunshine Coach service for those with special transportation needs. Envelopes for your donations to help with expenses are available at the back of the sanctuary, or from the greeters.