***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 3, 2019***

 ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

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

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Catherine (Quinlan) Ohashi, on her recent passing.*

The flowers today are placed by Laurie Millar, in loving memory of family members.

**Tues. Mar 5** Pancake Supper – Stewart Hall, 4:00-6:30

**Wed. Mar. 6**  Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00
 Ash Wednesday Service – Chapel, 7:00

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

***Volunteer Corner***:

*Lay Reader*: Deborah Jinkinson
*Sound Board*: Marilyn Eady
*Greeters & Ushers*: Marg McLeish & Ellen Groenewoud
*Soloist/Guest Musician*: None this week
*Meals on Wheels*: Darwin Phillips & Tyson Jessup
*Coffee after Church*: Unit 11
*Snow shoveling*: Ken Mullins
*Offering counters*: Bev Davis & Barbara Symington
*Funeral Lunch Coordinator*: Sandra Comba
*Thrift Shop Volunteer Coordinators*: Faye Gagan & Cathy Morris
 **Pancake Supper**: Our Shrove Tuesday annual pancake supper is on Tuesday, March 5, from 4:00 to 6:30. Dinner consists of pancakes and sausage, and baked beans. Freewill offering. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for volunteers for baked beans, sausage cooking, maple syrup and serving/cleanup, or please contact Cynthia Gorgerat. Thank You. **Ash Wednesday**: We will hold our Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 7pm in the Chapel.

**Lenten Series**: This year’s Sunday evening Lenten series will take a more worshipful tone. We will follow a simple service called, “A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals” which is based on the Book of Common Prayer. Part way through the service we will hear a sermon preached by one of the following volunteers: Chuck Ross, Felicite Stairs, and Ginette Raaphorst. Following the service the preacher will reflect on why the topic they chose was important to them, what they hope the listener will take away, and what the preaching experience was like for them. Please note that there will not be an evening service on March 24 so that all can attend the Climate Justice supper.

**UCW Presbyterial Meeting**: Plan to attend the UCW Upper Valley Presbyterial General Meeting at Grace United Church in Cobden on March 18th from 9 to 3:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Mary Prince RN who is the Psycho-geriatric resource consultant for Renfrew County, connected with a geriatric outreach program out of the Pembroke General Hospital. Pat Gilmore will have her book display. Registration is $20 (lunch and refreshments). There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Please pay Lois by March 8th. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

**Funeral Luncheon Catering**: There is an ongoing need for volunteer helpers with the teams that provide luncheons at TSA, following a funeral service or memorial service. This is a fund-raising activity organized by the UCW. If you are interested in helping one or more of the teams, please leave your name with Debbie at the church office (613-432-2285) during regular business hours. You will then be contacted with more information about these catering events, and how you can help.