***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 31, 2019***

 ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

The flowers today are placed by Barry & Lorraine Belanger, in loving memory of Clinton & Edythe Holden.

**TODAY** Lenten Study – Chapel, 7:00

**Wed. Apr. 3** Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00

**Thurs. Apr. 4** TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

**Sun Apr. 7** Soup Social – Stewart Hall, after service

**Tues. Apr. 9** Cut-off date for Easter Newsletter

***Volunteer Corner***:

*Lay Reader*: Susan Tough
*Sound Board*: Merv Kusluski
*Greeters & Ushers*: Marg McLeish & Ellen Groenewoud
*Soloist/Guest Musician*: none
*Meals on Wheels*: Allan & Sandra Comba
*Coffee after Church*: Unit 11
*Offering counters*: Bev Davis & Barbara Symington
*Funeral Lunch Coordinator*: Sandra Comba
*Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators*: Faye Gagan & Jane von Boetticher

**TSA Sunshine Coach Appeal**: This morning, there is an envelope in bulletin for a donation towards the Sunshine Coach. Your donation assists with TSA’s costs for this service, and are receipted on your church offerings. TSA has made a commitment to provide Sunshine Coach service for those with special transportation needs.

**Emergency Response Appeal – Cyclone Idai**: Cyclone Idai leveled a path of destruction through Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe earlier this month, leaving terrible disaster in its wake. Severe flooding and devastation has affected an estimated 2.6 million people. It has been reported as one of the worst weather-related disasters ever recorded in the southern hemisphere. United Church Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance through its local members have identified food security, nutrition, psychosocial support, and water and sanitation as priority areas of need at this time. Mission & Service partner the [Zimbabwe Council of Churches](http://www.zcc-eco.org/) tell us that the situation is now known to be worse than previously anticipated, with much higher levels feared of lives lost and property destroyed. A significant number of households affected include vulnerable groups such as women, children, the elderly, as well as people with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Critical institutions such as schools, hospitals, and police stations have been severely affected. The United Church sent an initial contribution of $20,000 to partners and is launching a church-wide appeal to respond to massive emergency needs and support eventual rehabilitation and rebuilding. Immediate priorities are basic food items, potable water and water purification tablets, blankets, clothing, soap, medical items and mosquito nets. From Zimbabwe, Mission &Service partner the Zimbabwe Council of Churches writes: “We count ourselves blessed that The United Church of Canada have us in remembrance as we battle to respond to a crisis that keeps getting worse by the day as the extent of destruction to lives, property and livelihoods becomes clear.”

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**Phone** 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.
**Send a cheque**, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

 The United Church of Canada
 Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
 Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Cyclone Idai" on the face of your cheque.

**Lenten Series**: Join us tonight for a Lenten evening service, starting at 7pm in the Chapel. Preacher: Felicite Stairs.

**Soup Social**: Lunch after the service on Sun., April 7. Freewill offering. Proceeds to Camp Lau-Ren to send a child to camp. *Unit 6, UCW*

**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.

**2019 Pancake Supper**: We are pleased to report that $915 was raised for Camp Lau-Ren – thank you for your support!

**Joanne Ciphery Memorial Community Supper**: Thank you to everyone who assisted to make this Community Supper successful. $635.00 was raised for CPAN.

**UCW Members and Kitchen Volunteers:** The UCW is replacing the 29-year-old counters in the large kitchen. Help us select the new laminate for the counter tops by going to the downstairs kitchen after church or following coffee time and voting for your first and second choices.

**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.

**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.