

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 – April 28, 2019

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

- Wed. May 1** Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00
Foodgrains Garden Project – Godly Play, 1:30
- Thurs. May 2** TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00
- Sat. May 4** Climate Change, Faith & Justice Workshop – Stewart Hall, 8:30 – 12:00

Volunteer Corner

Lay Reader: Felicite Stairs
Sound Board: Gerry Blandford
Greeters & Ushers: Rosemary O'Connor & Barbara Moogk
Soloist/Guest Musician: none
Meals on Wheels: Gary & Ruth Charter
Coffee after Church: Unit 7
Offering counters: Lois Desjardins & Marg Crozier

Funeral Lunch Coordinator: Lois Desjardins & Lorraine Belanger
Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators: Faye Gagan & Jane von Boetticher

From the Office: The office email address for Joy Curry, our Bookkeeper, has been changed. Please note that her new address is treasurer@tsarenfrew.ca.

Guest Speaker: We welcome Felicite Stairs as our guest speaker today.

Canada Foodgrains Garden Group: The Garden Group meeting is on Wednesday, May 1, at 1:30 pm in the Godly Play Room. Everyone interested in the TSA connection to Canadian Foodgrains Bank and/or planning, planting and maintaining the garden are welcome.

Climate Change, Faith and Justice - May 4: Karri Munn-Venn, senior policy analyst at Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ), will be leading a workshop on engaging climate change issues from a Christian faith and justice perspective. CPJ is an ecumenical organization of which the United Church of Canada is a member. Join us Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in Stewart Hall (gathering begins at 8:30). \$5.00 charge.

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.

Report from Finance Committee: In keeping with Council's 2019 goal on improving financial clarity and transparency, we have started reporting income on a quarterly basis to the congregation. The annual planned revenues from **offerings** in 2019 budget is \$170,000. Revenues for 2019 Q1 are \$32,794. The budget for this period is \$42,500. Note: The winter months had low attendance due to bad winter weather.



A Place of Wellness for Mother and Child

Request for assistance with the weekly after Service coffee

social: Everybody enjoys the coffee, cookies and conversation following our weekly service. The UCW looks after making, serving and cleaning up from October to May, however, everybody needs some time off in the summer months. We are therefore inviting all members of the congregation to join in the preparation and serving of the light snack and coffee/tea over the summer months. This is actually a lot of fun! We would appreciate your participation by signing up for a Sunday or two over the summer months. If this little tribute to support the fellowship coffee social interests you, please sign up on the schedule sheets in the Narthex. The continuation of the coffee social is dependent on participation by members of the congregation and we look forward to continued comradery over the summer months. We look forward to your assistance and support.

Congregation Photographs: The ongoing project to get current photographs of the congregation is going very well and we are working towards the project's completion by the end of May. We will be conducting two additional session of picture taking for members that have not had their pictures taken or retakes to improve the finished product for some people. The photographer will be set up at the back of the Chapel before and after service on Sunday May 5 and 12, 2019. If you have not had your picture taken we invite you to participate in this no cost opportunity to be included in this photographic representation of our congregation.

Our gifts for Mission & Service enable community ministries like Massey Centre to create new programs that meet the needs of young, single mothers.

Massey Centre in Toronto, Ontario, has been a place of refuge and encouragement for almost 120 years. The centre has grown over that time. It was originally housed in the Methodist parsonage and known as The Victor Home for Women. In 1947, the Massey family gave the centre their summer home; the centre was renamed the Massey Centre Home for Unwed Mothers, and it is now known as Massey Centre for Women. While the original home is still part of the footprint, the centre has expanded to include pre-and post-natal housing, education programs, a daycare, and infant mental health programs.

“Everyone has a connection to Massey Centre!” exclaims Chief Executive Officer Ekuia Asabea Blair. Massey Centre is a place that people speak fondly of, and many choose to stay connected to. Lisa, who works as the centre's receptionist, is a welcoming face and voice for first encounters at the centre. When Lisa was 18, she found out she was pregnant. She had no family support when she came to Massey Centre. “If I hadn't been here, my child would have been taken away from me by Children's Aid,” Lisa says. “Because of Massey Centre, I have been able to watch my daughter grow up into the beautiful young woman she is today. Without Massey Centre, I would be lost.”

Massey Centre is very thankful for United Church support, whether in the form of Mission & Service giving, local United Churches' gifts of diapers, or United Church Women who knit beautiful blankets. All these gifts are changing lives each and every way.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.