***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 7, 2019***

 ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

The flowers today are placed by Judi Brisco, in loving memory of deceased members of Unit 6.

**TODAY** Soup Social – Stewart Hall, after serviceLenten Study – Chapel, 7:00
**Mon. Apr. 8**UCW General – Marian Roffey, 1:00
**Tues. Apr. 9** Cut-off date for Easter Newsletter
 **Wed. Apr. 10** Men’s Breakfast – Rocky Mountain House, 8:30
 Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00
 Finance – Library, 6:00

**Thurs. Apr. 11** MPCF – Library, 9:30

 Worship & Music – Library, 6:00
 TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

**Sun. Apr. 14** TSA Volunteer Appreciation - Stewart Hall,
 after service

***Volunteer Corner***:

*Lay Reader*: Felicite Stairs
*Sound Board*: Marilyn Eady
*Greeters & Ushers*: Noma Deshane & Susan Sidney
*Soloist/Guest Musician*: none
*Meals on Wheels*: Bryan & Jackie Hollingworth
*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

**Soup Social**: Lunch after the service today in Stewart Hall. Freewill offering. Proceeds to Camp Lau-Ren to send a child to camp. *Unit 6, UCW*

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

**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.

**Men’s Breakfast**: the next Men’s Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, at 8:30 a.m. at the Rocky Mountain House.

**TSA Sunshine Coach Appeal**: Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Sunshine Coach.

**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.
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 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.

**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.