

Our Week at a Glance – January 15, 2023

The flowers today are placed by Lynn Stitt & Ken Roffey and families, in loving memory of their parents, Bill and Marian Roffey.

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

- Mon. Jan 16** UCW Regional – SH, 8-1
Shop Donations, 9am-2pm
- Wed. Jan. 18** Shop Donations, 9am-2pm
Mat Group – SH, 1:30
- Thurs. Jan. 19** Thrift Shop Open, 12-6
Choir – Sanctuary, 7pm
- Sat. Jan. 20** Thrift Shop Open, 10-2

Rev. James Vacation: Rev. James will be on vacation from Monday, January 15 until Wednesday February 1. Jeannie Taylor will be our guest speaker on Sunday January 22 and 29. Emergency Pastoral Care is Rev. Norine Gullons, at 613-282-5032.

2023 Offering Envelopes: The 2023 offering envelopes are ready for pick-up, on the table in the Narthex. Please also deliver those of a neighbour.

Upper Room: The January/February Upper Rooms have arrived, and are available in the office, \$2.00 per copy.

2023 United Church of Canada Calendars: There are three copies of the 2023 UCC Calendar in the office for purchase. The calendar price is \$9.00. Please advise the office if you would like to purchase a copy.

Bible Study: Bible Study resume on February 1.

Lenten Book Study: Rev. James is holding a Lenten Book Study, from Monday Feb. 27 to Monday Mar. 27. Please see the insert for further information.

Broadview Magazine Subscription: Broadview has advised us that TSA will receive “Renewal Subscription” information in February of 2023.

From the Library: A new year has arrived and new books have been added to our TSA Church Library. As winter is still keeping us indoors, it's a good time to borrow a book or two from the library and enjoy. Here are a few books that have been acquired lately by the library and most of them should be on the book cart.

Black History - Gutter Child, by Jael Richardson (2021)

DVD - The Gospel of John: Word for Word Based on the Good News Bible

History - Thirsty for God: a Brief History of Christian Spirituality, by Bradley P. Holt (2025)

Human Sexuality - We Have Always Been Here: a Queer Muslim Memoir, by Samra Habib (2019)

Jesus/God - The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind: a New Perspective on Christ and His Message, by Cynthia Bourgeault (2008)

Leadership - Leading Lessons: Insights on Leadership From Women of the Bible, by Jeanne Porter (2005)

Novels - For One More Day, by Mitch Albom (2006)

Pastoral Care - The Lord is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm, by Harold S. Kushner (2003)

Spirituality - Evangelism Without Additives: What if Your Faith Meant Just Being Yourself, by Jim Henderson (2007)

Theology - Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World For Crucifixion and Empire, by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker (2008)

Lenten Book Study

“Falling Upward- A spirituality for the two halves of life”

Father Richard Rohr

Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite.

In the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity—climbing, achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. This message of "falling down"—that is in fact moving upward—is the most resisted and counterintuitive of messages in the world's religions, including and most especially Christianity.

In *Falling Upward*, Father Richard Rohr—the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation—offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth. Drawing on the wisdom from time-honored myths, heroic poems, great thinkers, and sacred religious texts, the author explores the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right.

With rare insight, Rohr takes us on a journey to give us an understanding of how the heartbreaks, disappointments, and first loves of life are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us.

**The book can be ordered from Amazon or Chapters.
Cost is for \$28 hardcover, and \$27 for softcover.
It can also be purchased as an ebook.**

There is a sign up sheet on the information table in the narthex.

**Mondays at 11am in the Marian Roffey Room.
Five sessions starting Monday, Feb 27 – March 27**

