

## Announcements for Sunday, March 2

### Readings for Next Week

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 9:00 67

### Givings

On the plate: \$ 2590

Auto Debit: \$2589

### Bible Study

Bible studies are Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome.

### World Day of Prayer - Fri, March 7

The service for this year has been written by women in the Cook Islands, I Have Made You Wonderful. Please, join members of other Kitchener churches at 10:00 am, hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount E., Kitchener. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbours to celebrate the international Day of Prayer, Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Contact Catherine Carlson, at [c.louisecarlson@gmail.com](mailto:c.louisecarlson@gmail.com) for more information.

### Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service will be on March 5 at 7:00pm. If you would like to read a lesson, be a greeter, help as a lay administrant or read the Intercessions, please sign up in the Narthex. Your participation is appreciated.

### Alongside Hope (formerly Primate's World Relief and Development Fund)

Some of you may not be aware that the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has changed its name to Alongside Hope. This organization is the Anglican Church of Canada's

agency for sustainable development and humanitarian relief. It supports projects to improve the wellbeing of community members and break the cycle of poverty with a focus on health, empowering women and girls, food security, climate change and Indigenous programs.

For each of the past few years, St. George's Outreach has been able to raise between \$1200 - \$1500 for Alongside Hope through the Lenten Coin Holder initiative. These coin holders have small pockets where coins can be placed every day during Lent. Then at the end of Lent, the coin holder can be rolled up and wrapped with an elastic band and placed on the offering plate at the back of the church. In this day and age, it can be difficult to have enough coins to fill the pockets. However, if this happens, feel free to attach dollar bills or a cheque with your coin holder. Another option is to make an e-transfer through the church's email: [stgeorgefhdonate@outlook.com](mailto:stgeorgefhdonate@outlook.com). Please make sure you identify that the funds should go to the Lenten coin holder for Alongside Hope.

The Lenten Coin holders will be available on a table in the narthex at the Sunday Services on Feb. 23 and Mar. 2 as well as during the week.

Thank you, Wendy Sherlock

### Kitchener West Optimists

Kitchener West Optimist Club is holding an information night, at St George's, on Thursday March 20, to inform potential new members of what the club does, how we raise our money and where we spend our money. This is a good opportunity for members of the church that may be interested in helping out within their community to see what we are doing and if this is of any interest to them.

The meeting will include appetizers and desserts for all attendees and there is absolutely "no commitment" for attending the meeting. Our club extends an offer to all new members to join that we will waive member dues for the first six months of their membership, so they can try us out without having to make a financial commitment.

The Kitchener West Optimist Club would like to extend an invitation to all St. George's members to this meeting. Please contact Bob McFadyen <[mcfadyenbob@rogers.com](mailto:mcfadyenbob@rogers.com)> if you plan to attend.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all who attended and made the soup luncheon such a huge success. The amount raised for Amazonia was \$606.65. Thank you to Deb Barclay and Catherine Carlson for your donation of a soup. To the clean-up in the kitchen, thank you to Dianne McCandless, Heather Murphy and Gerry McGregor. Your help was very much appreciated. The next luncheon is a Stew Lunch on March 16. See you there.

### **ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD**

A huge thank-you to everyone for their donations to St. Andrews Cupboard! My car was full when I made my weekly delivery this morning 😊 Deacon Kay was speechless with your continued generosity to the cupboard! We have the most amazing congregation ❤️ The specific items suggested this week are toilet paper; toweling, fruits and vegetables or anything else you would like to donate. They are so appreciative of anything we give!

THANK-YOU Heather Murphy- On behalf of your Outreach Committee

### **Bulletin Announcements**

Please, submit your Bulletin Announcement to Valerie before/by noon, Thursday. Thank you for using the bulletin to share events or updates happening in the parish of St George's!

### **OUTREACH FEBRUARY NEWS BYTES**

#### **St. George's Outreach – a community working together to do God's work**

Collaborate to lead initiatives supporting those in need in our community

Aid to KW agencies

Reaching those in need in the world around us

Environment of caring

Your Outreach Committee has been very busy over the past few months. Thank you all so much for your caring and generous support. We have been able to accomplish together some amazing things in support of others in our community and beyond.

#### **YWKW**

Thank you all for your amazing generosity in donating items of clothing and toiletries to YWKW that support people experiencing homelessness. We were overwhelmed by the amount of donations to this important charity that is making a difference in many people's lives.

The totals contributed include 161 pairs of socks, 21 pairs of underwear, 17 bars of soap, 15 bottles of shampoo, 14 hairbrushes, 14 toothbrushes, 8 tubes of toothpaste, 7 bottles of bodywash, 6 sticks of deodorant, 6 pairs of mitts, 3 hats, 2 scarves and over 30 miscellaneous toiletry items.

YWKW staff were very delighted when we dropped off these items. Once again, our parish has demonstrated fantastic support of our community.

#### **ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD**

Our Outreach Committee and the people of St. Andrews have been "blown away" by the amazing generosity and support that this program has received from you, our parishioners, over the past year. It is amazing that our church donated over \$9000 worth of food and household supplies that have been distributed to those in need. THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM!!! Thanks to Heather for collecting, sorting and delivering the donations to St. Andrews.

We would also like to thank the amazing Mabel King for her “time and talent”. She knitted 28 woolen hats that were donated to keep the people that St. Andrews supports warm during the cold winter weather. She was kind enough to knit them some slippers as well. THANK YOU MABEL!!!

#### SOUPERBOWL SOUP DONATIONS

Thanks to all of you who donated cans of soup, half went to the Food Bank and the other half to the House of Friendship. In total 490 cans of soup were donated that will make a difference in people’s lives.

#### TIM HORTONS GIFT CARDS

A total of 159 \$5 gift cards were donated and blessed on the altar last Sunday. These cards will be given to St. John’s Kitchen and will not only give many people an opportunity to have a warm-up drink but will also give them a break from the relentless cold that we have experienced this winter. Thanks to all who donated these gift cards.

#### SOUP LUNCHEON FOR AMAZONIA

Thanks to Charlotte and her crew that put together an amazing soup luncheon after our annual vestry meeting. There were 9 different soups and a splendid array of yummy sweets to enjoy. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped us to raise \$606 for our companion diocese in Brazil.

#### PANCAKE SUPPER

On Tuesday March 4, we will be hosting our annual pancake supper in the church hall from 5pm to 6:30pm. A freewill offering will be made for delicious pancakes (plain, blueberry and banana), sausages and beverages. Gluten free pancakes will be available as well as take out orders. All are welcome. Proceeds will go in support of our 2 foster children in Ghana at an annual cost of about \$1200. Thanks to all of the many people that volunteer their time to this important event.

#### ALONGSIDE HOPE

This agency, formerly known as the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, provides many services to those in need around the world. This year, again, we will be offering a Lenten Coin Folder to those who would like to contribute to this amazing cause. These folders are available in the Narthex and funds can be donated in cash, cheque or via e-transfer. Please see Wendy Sherlock for details.

#### PLOUGHMAN’S LUNCH

Charlotte and her talented team will be providing us with an amazing lunch in the church hall March 16<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service. Take out will be available as well. We sure love to eat at St. George’s and the proceeds all go to good causes.

The Outreach Committee

*Thank you for your continuing support! Your generosity has been amazing!!*

***Just a reminder, new members are always welcome. If you would like to get involved in Outreach, please contact Heather Murphy (519-998-4975) or Dianne McCandless (519-807-9205). ☺***

#### Election of Officers 2025

##### ***Rector’s Appointments***

Rector’s Warden	Nelson Cuthbert
Deputy Rector’s Warden	Debra Barclay

##### ***People’s Nominations***

People’s Warden	Catherine Carlson
Deputy People’s Warden	Cindy Kellett

##### Members of Parish Council

Diann Sehl	Murray Gamble
Susan Hipperson	Adriana Cronin
Ericka Babb	Dulcie Tapp
John Shaw	Brent Matheson

Treasurer Chris Wagner  
Parish Council Secretary

Lay Delegates to Synod Susan Hipperson,  
Mary Ann Millar  
Youth Lay Delegates to Synod Noah Cronin

Vestry Clerk John Ryrie  
Envelope Secretary Valerie Clarke  
Memorial Garden Trustee Jan Melega  
Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Rep. Mary Ann Millar  
Huron Hunger Fund Rep. Wendy Sherlock  
Safe Church Coordinator Adriana Cronin