

HCUC update for March 10, 2024

I hope everyone remembered about the time change today.

We had a good crowd out at church as we pondered the familiar scripture of John 3:16. What does it mean to be loved by God, who loved the world, that He gave His only Son... That we're all loved, even the ones who we might consider unlovable. I told the story of a child who was homeless and was encouraged to go to a Mission House where he was given warmth, food, clothes and shoes. The scripture was written above the door of the house, and he had no idea what it meant. Through serving, helping one another, sharing our lives with each other, that we share God's light and love for the world. Challenge: if we start condemning or judging someone or a situation, snap your fingers and say "light" and see if you can change your heart, your words, your perspective, or your mindset. can watch our service here:

<https://youtube.com/live/Pnyt5AG5xBs>

In our prayers: The Dotsenko family from King Township that died in the small plane crash in Nashville; the Ekanyake family who were killed in Ottawa; Russia's election which will be held March 15-17; and our community and the world in hopes that we can end judgment and work in harmony

Trinity Primrose Easter Flower Orders: Orders due by Wednesday, March 13 (pick up on March 28 from 5-7 in Shelburne). All are 6" pots unless specified otherwise.

Tulips (pink, yellow, or red); \$13 each or \$11 each if ordering 2 or more

Daffodils (yellow); \$13 each or \$11 each if ordering 2 or more

Hyacinths (blue, white, or purple); \$13 each or \$11 each if ordering 2 or more

Hydrangeas (pink, white, or blue); \$30 each or \$25 each if ordering 2 or more

Hydrangeas (10" pot, pink, white, or blue); \$40 each or \$35 each if ordering 2 or more

Easter Lilies (white); \$15 each or \$13 each if ordering 2 or more

Spring Planter (10" pot, mixed colour); \$50 each or \$45 each if ordering 2 or more

Email sabine@vitalsigns.ca to place your order. (Order forms are available near the glass door entrance at High Country UC.)

Seniors Lunch Speaker Series: Monday, March 25 at 11:00AM

Presenter: Central West Health Care at Home

<https://healthcareathome.ca/>

Upcoming Concerts – tickets are available for both:

Saturday, March 23 at 3:00PM – Elvis in Concert with Spencer Bristow - \$20 each

Friday, April 19 at 7:00PM – Alex Burnett and Friends - \$20 each

40 Days of Thinking – Take 15 minutes to think about a topic listed below each day. Mar 11: Generosity; Mar 12: Grace; Mar 13: Meaning; Mar 14: Kindness; Mar 15: Purpose; Mar 16: Play

In the High Country Kitchen: Butter Tart Making Class: Be in touch with Gail Harrington if you're interested in taking a class. Details are pending. gharrington4949@gmail.com

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, March 10: 8:00PM Weekly Prayers (online only, live)

Monday, March 11: Office is closed

Tuesday, March 12: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

10:00AM – Knitting, Puzzles and Social Time

11:00AM – Arthritis Foundation Exercises

11:45AM – Fairweather Walkers (indoor walking workout video)

1:00PM – Strumming Seniors

Wednesday, March 13: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

11:00AM – Strength and Stretching Exercises

12:30PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, March 14: Office is closed

Friday, March 15: Office open from 9:30 to 1:00

11:00AM - SMART Exercise Program (about 1 hour long) & Mini Yoga

Saturday, March 16: Office is closed

Sunday, March 17:

10:30AM – Worship Service – Lent IV

Reader: Marion Hodder; Greeter: John & Lynn Robertson; Refreshments: Bev Dawkins

8:00PM – Weekly Prayers (Online only, live)

Prayer: God of unity, we give thanks for your unending and unconditional love for us and the world. Continue to guide us and nudge us to be people of the light. Be in our hearts if judgment tries to sneak into our souls. Unite us in heart and mind, O God. Amen.

Blessings from Rev. Jan

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Biblical Matters

Bible Trivia – Answers from last week

1. What was the farmer Elisha doing when Elijah threw his mantle upon him?
Plowing (1 Kings 19:19)
2. What suffering man was a farmer? *Job (Job 1:14)*

Bible Trivia for this week (answers revealed next week)

1. What judge was a wheat farmer?
2. Who was the first man to plant a vineyard?

Reading the New Testament through 2024:

For the week of March 11 to March 15

Monday – Luke 7: What does it mean to have great faith? What does it look like?

Tuesday – Luke 8: The parable of the sower – has your soul been the seeds on the different paths as described? What was happening in your life on each path? A question for all of time – why do some people get miraculously healing and others don't?

Wednesday – Luke 9: Even as Jesus told the disciples about his impending death, he continued to minister to communities, healing and driving out demons. What would you be doing if you knew death was a short time away? If Jesus was to ask you, today, in this very moment – follow me... what would your response be? Do you have things you need to do first?

Thursday – Luke 10: As we recently highlighted the idea of judgment, how do you take the idea of 'rejecting those who reject you' and not judge them?

Friday – Luke 11: The lamp of the body – do you have anything dark in your soul that could use some light? Woes on the Pharisees – sometimes it's good to put yourself in the place of others. If Jesus would have said these things to you today, would any be true?