

HCUC update for March 24, 2024

Welcome to the beginning of spring and Holy Week. What a fun Elvis concert last night! Thanks for supporting the concerts.

What would Jesus, riding in on a donkey that Palm Sunday, look like in today's world? What do you envision? Remember to share Jesus with others!

You can watch our service here: <https://youtube.com/live/eXv0xlfBE08>

In our prayers: Princess Kate and the Royal Family, Russia and the innocent lives killed in the bombing of the concert, politics and politicians worldwide

Clean Team: Looking for a couple more folks to help with cleaning tasks around the church. It would require only about 1-2 hours per month and can work with your timing.

Music Opportunity: See Doug McKeen to join the choir for our Homecoming Gospel Service on Sunday, April 28 at HCUC at 10:30AM and again at Trinity Primrose UC at 1:00PM. Practice will be on April 15 at 7PM at High Country UC.

Mother's Day and Father's Day: Please send in photos of your moms and dads (whether they are still here on earth or watching over us) so we can include them in our services in May and June. Deadline: April 15. You can bring them in an envelope, and we can scan them in for you or you can email them to the church office at highcountryunited@gmail.com

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:

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

Friday, May 31 at 7:30PM – Boomerang - \$20 each (will be held in the barn)

40 Days of Thinking – Take 15 minutes to think about a topic listed below each day. Mar 25: Desert; Mar 26: Dance; Mar 27: Walk; Mar 28: Sing; Mar 29: Warmth; Mar 30: Spirit

Rev. Sandra's Retirement: Rev. Sandra McLauchlan-Abuja drop-in celebration on Saturday, June 22nd from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Westminster United Church in Orangeville.

Upcoming Schedule:

Monday, March 25: 11:00AM Seniors Lunch Speaker Series
with Central West Region - Health Care at Home

Tuesday, March 26: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

10:00AM – Knitting, Puzzles and Social Time

11:00AM – Arthritis Foundation Exercises

11:45AM – Fairweather Walkers

1:00PM – Strumming Seniors

Rev. Jan's office hours at Trinity Primrose in Shelburne – 2:30 to 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 27: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

11:00AM – Strength and Stretching Exercises

11:45AM – Fairweather Walkers

12:30PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, March 28:

1:00PM - Cancer Support

8:00PM – Maundy Thursday Service (online only)

Friday, March 29:

10:30AM Good Friday Service (in-person and online)

Saturday, March 30:

8:00PM – Holy Saturday Service (online only)

Sunday, March 31:

10:30AM – Worship Service – Easter Sunday with Communion

Reader: Mary McKeen; Greeter: Dave & Debbie Baker; Refreshments: Marilyn Nash

7:55PM – Weekly Prayers (Online only, live)

Prayer: God of unity, help us to simplify our faith sometimes. Let us not focus on why Jesus died, but THAT Jesus died. Let us not focus on all the little details, but that Jesus was here for everyone, even those we might disagree with or dislike. Help us to continue to review what we think it means to be Christian and to compare it to how we're living, how we act, and how we treat others. May we continue to love and serve all, in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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

Who was the first farmer? *Cain (Genesis 4:2)*

What king, famous for his building projects, also planted vineyards, gardens, and orchards?
Solomon (Ecclesiastes 2:4-5)

Bible Trivia for this week (answers revealed next week)

1. What apostle owed his life to a basket?
2. What ill-fated servant had a dream of three bread baskets?

Reading the New Testament through 2024:

For the week of March 25 to March 29

Monday – Luke 17: Do you offer a kind thank you to God and others often?

Tuesday – Luke 18: Verses 15-17 bring up thoughts of children and church. Do you think all ages should participate? That all ages can be baptized? That all ages can serve and participate in Communion? Have your thoughts changed over time?

Wednesday – Luke 19: If I were to give you \$100 and ask you to put it to work, what would you do with it? What do you think would be the result? And would that differ from what you hope the result might be?

Thursday – Luke 20: If you had a question for Jesus about something of the world and something of the divine (like paying taxes to Caesar), what might it be?

Friday – Luke 21: Have you ever prayed about and thought about your offerings to the church and the world? Your life is a gift to many and it is my prayer that you know that and you feel it. Please never discount your worth, regardless of the time, talents, and/or treasures you give through your life.