

HCUC update for April 14, 2024

In worship this month we'll focus on Earth Day themes. Today we focused on Air/Sky. Our scripture reading was from 1 John 3:1-7 that talked about following the truth and doing what's right. For the next while, do some thinking about sin and what sin is and what sin isn't. We'll touch more on this topic again soon. You can watch our service here:

<https://youtube.com/live/kZl--7fZo-l>

In our prayers: Ezra, Carol (friend of Bricker family), Israel and Iran relationships

URGENT! ORANGEVILLE FOOD BANK: Our Food Bank needs your help. Some shelves are bare. They are serving over 40 people per day on average. Items most needed: Juice, Cereal, Apple Sauce for lunches, Condiment, Diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), and Dog Food. Also needed: Sidekicks pasta; toilet paper; crackers; dry soup; canned meats/canned salmon; cookies; pudding and fruit cups; school friendly granola bars; dish soap; peanut butter; tampons; shampoo; sugar.

NOT NEEDED: Dry pasta; baby food and canned soup. Please don't send outdated or damaged cans or food, medical supplies of any kind, or items that are partially opened.

We will take any funds you wish to donate to them, cheques payable to "Orangeville Food Bank" or cash with your contact information for a tax receipt. Please bring to the church anytime before 2pm on Sunday, April 21.

Grief Support: Diane Lawson, of Good Grief, leads grief support groups at our church. Next groups: Widows/Widowers on Wed., April 17th at 2:00pm. (A new group for widows and widowers starts in September)

Calling All Dreamers: We will gather on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00pm at the church. The topic for the night: Poverty and Homelessness.

Health Workshops: Central West's Self-Management Team is offering the following FREE workshops at High Country United Church.

- Thursday, April 25 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM: Getting the Most out of Your Healthcare Appointments
- Thursday, May 2 from 10:00AM to 11:00AM: Understanding Your Medications
- Thursday, May 9 from 10:00AM to 11:00AM: Understanding Food Labels

Light refreshments will be provided. These are free workshops and open to anyone who wants to learn and/or has questions. RSVP by contacting the church office.

Homecoming Weekend: Come one, come all to our Homecoming Gospel Service on Sunday, April 28th at 10:30am.

Seniors Lunch Speaker Series: Monday, April 29 at 11:00AM

Presenter: TeleCheck <https://www.headwatershealth.ca/Areas-of-Care/TeleCheck>

Mother's Day and Father's Day: Send in photos of your moms and dads this week.

Partners on Stage Shows: Kassondra shares the following: My show is called Break Free and it's Friday May 17 at 6:30, Saturday May 18 at 3:00 and Sunday May 19 at 1:00. And Christophers show is called That's a Ticket and it's Friday May 17 at 8:30, Saturday May 18 at 1:00 and Sunday May 19 at 3:00. Tickets are \$25.00 per show and \$40.00 if you want to see both shows.

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 Band - \$20 each

Trinity Primrose United Church in Shelburne: Janet's support has started at Shelburne and the first Sunday went well. Next preaching days: April 28 & May 12 at 1:00pm. Their Mother's Day Plant Sale order forms are available at our church as well.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, April 14:

1:00PM – Rev. Jan preaches in Shelburne
7:55PM Weekly Prayers (online only, live)

Monday, April 15: Office Closed

2:00PM – UCW Meeting

Tuesday, April 16: 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
4:30PM – Choir Practice at Trinity Primrose UC for April 28 singers
7:00PM – Choir Practice at Trinity Primrose UC for May 4 event (Spirit Touches Art)
Rev. Jan's office hours in Shelburne from 3:00 to 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 17: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

11:00AM – Strength and Stretching Exercises
11:45AM – Fairweather Walkers
12:30PM - Choir Practice
2:00PM – Grief Support for Widows and Widowers

Thursday, April 18: Office Closed

Rev. Jan's office hours in Shelburne from 3:00 to 6:00pm

Friday, April 19: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

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

12:00PM – Fairweather Walkers

7:00PM – Concert: Alex Burnett & Friends (Doors open at 6:00PM)

Saturday, April 20: Office Closed

Sunday, April 21: Office open from 9:00 to 12:00pm

10:30AM – Worship Service – Celebrating Earth Day

Reader: Phil Brett; Greeter: Sheila Orton; Refreshments: Elizabeth Haddock

1:00PM – Euchre

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

Prayer: God of creation, help us to not take the blessings we have all around us for granted. We thank you for clean air that we can breathe and people who continue to research and create ways to combat air pollution. As we think about what sin is in our world, help us to remember that if we're doing and trying our best in all areas of life, then we're doing the work as we're called to do. Help us to continue to take risks for God, to share love and joy, and to offer hope to those around us. Amen.

Blessings from Rev. Jan

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Biblical Matters

Bible Trivia – Answers from last week

Who sold his birthright for a bowl of soup? *Esau (Genesis 25:29-34)*

What, according to Jesus, do prayer and fasting accomplish? *Driving out demons (Matthew 17:21)*

Bible Trivia for this week (answers revealed next week)

When was the New Kings James version published?

What English Bible, prepared during the reign of Elizabeth I, was popular with clergy but not with common people?

Reading the New Testament through 2024:

For the week of April 15 to April 19

Monday: John 8 – Verses 39-41 have me thinking about what we do when we have an idea of someone in our mind. Here, they were looking for a way to kill Jesus. Could their minds be changed?

Tuesday: John 9 – Have you ever had to prove yourself (or your skills) to someone? Do you feel like their accusations and questions of Jesus were merited?

Wednesday: John 10 – The beginning of this chapter has me wondering about how we get to believing and owning our faith. Is there a simple, easy way or do we have to come by it in a specific way? What are your thoughts? What has been your experience?

Thursday: John 11 – If you had only a few weeks left and you were full of health and energy, and were given a task from God, would you take the risks Jesus did to be with people to heal them and to save them?

Friday: John 12 – I wonder... why are some folks non-believers and not open to the idea of God, Jesus, and Spirit existing. Is it because someone or something has blinded them? Is it because of some experience? What are your thoughts?