

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

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Minister's Corner

The hope of the ages. A novel, "When it was dark", published in England, describes a situation in which a wealthy atheist decides to destroy Christianity. So he hires an archaeologist to create a fraudulent find in Israel, to bring to light his contrived discovery of, supposedly, the remains of Christ. However, the result according to the novel was catastrophic. Hope goes out like a candle in the wind. Joy disappears from life. Missionaries return to their native lands. The lights in churches go out and the doors are locked for good. The Law of Sinai is exchanged for the law of the jungle. The Sermon on the Mount gives way "to each one for himself". The hand of every man is raised against his neighbour. Soon nation rises against nation, and in a while the whole world is one huge, blackened, smouldering ruin, because a few bones were discovered in a tomb in Jerusalem. And with that discovery, hope died.

How different was the scene that first Easter morning. The two Mary's went down to look at the tomb, and wept. However, they were greeted with the words: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." "He is not here but has risen." Embodied in those words, is the hope of the ages." "HE IS NOT HERE BUT HAS RISEN." (Luke 24:5) Rev. Floyd

He Has Risen Indeed & Joins Us As We Gather

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20) Indeed, Christ has risen and so we have a living God who joins us as we gather. And so it is important to maintain our church building as a place to gather and be joined by our risen Christ. To this end, the Board of Managers has been prioritising and organising repairs. In March, the lift was refurbished and paid by a grant procured by St Timothy's. Now the Stewardship Committee is focusing their fundraising to pay for the removal of asbestos from the front hall at a cost of \$5,500. This is essential to protect the health of all persons meeting at the church. To assist, they have placed a "model" church in the Narthex in which donations to this Asbestos Removal Project can be made. The sale of muffins and cupcakes, a joint venture by the Fellowship Committee and the Youth, raised \$310. Adding that to donations and the money collected in the model church, we have raised about \$2,453!

60th Anniversary Celebrations

We are celebrating our 60th Anniversary with a Breakfast and Speaker on Saturday April 29. **Reverend Dr. Dale Woods, Principal of Presbyterian College in Montreal** will speak about **Biblical Leadership for a Changing Church in a Changing World**. Prior to Presbyterian College, Dr. Woods was senior minister at First Presbyterian Church in Brandon, MB. He completed his D. Min from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and his thesis was on the role of elders in congregational change. He continues to explore the relationship between leadership, spirituality and renewal focussing on congregational change and revitalisation. Breakfast will be served at **8:30am in the main hall**. **R.S.V.P by April 19:** Phoebe Gowdy 613-526-3559 or Nic Larouche 613-521-4658.

The celebration continues on **April 30 at our Sunday worship service** with Dr. Woods delivering the sermon and with the celebration of a Baptism. This will be followed by a **Luncheon of both African and North American cuisine** commemorating both the Baptism and our Founding Members.

Let's celebrate 60 Years of gathering with our Risen Christ!

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service.....Apr 2, 10am
Palm Sunday Worship &
African Chorus.....Apr 9, 10am
Maundy Thursday Service &
Communion.....Apr 13, 7pm
Good Friday Worship Service.....Apr 14, 10am
Easter Worship Service.....Apr 16, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....Apr 23, 10am
Anniversary Worship ServiceApr 30, 10am

Up-coming Events

Prayer Sundays, 8:30am
Easter Fellowship Luncheon..... Apr 4, 11am
Walk to Good Friday Apr 13, 7:45pm
Junior Youth Group Lunch & Movie ... Apr 23, 11am
Anniversary Breakfast & Speaker ... Apr 29, 8:30am
Anniversary Luncheon..... Apr 30, 11:30am

Church Groups

Afternoon Circlebreak till May
Bible Study.....Apr 5, 12, 19, 10am
Craft Group.....Apr 3, 10, 17, 24, 2pm
JOY Group.....May 16, 10am
Not So Young Adult Group Apr 9, 11am
Senior Youth Group.....Apr 23, 8:30am