

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Rev. Reine's Virtual Office Hours: Tuesdays, by appointment

Sunday Worship Service 10am

Fun Fact!

Isaiah, a prophet foretelling the birth of Christ, lived 700 years before Christ. His name, in Hebrew means: The Lord saves.

Minister's Corner

Keep Awake. During Advent, we are reminded that Jesus calls on us to keep awake. When we read Mark 13:28-29: "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things [destruction and unfortunate events] taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates", we call on our matching skills to understand our place in relation to the day of the coming of the Lord, so that we may know what to do. We start to go over the deplorable and unfortunate events taking place in our world and tie them to what the Bible is teaching us about the end times.

But Jesus openly and plainly said: "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Mark 13:32). That should put the matter to rest. Any speculation about when or where or how is not in line with Jesus' teaching. Our vigilance and watchfulness don't come from our matching skills. Rather, our alertness and attention come from the fact that Jesus asked us to "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33). When you read Mark 13:24-37, you don't need your matching skills, all you really need are "good knees". Don't bring your matching skills to this text, bring your knees (and maybe your arthritis pills).

"Keep awake" evokes our ability to wait prayerfully and to not predict! The Advent season: a time of prayerful waiting. We are waiting for the consummation of time. We are waiting for the coming of the Lord. And when we are saying these things, we are saying that we are waiting for all the Biblical promises to come true. They are what gives our life meaning and purpose: we are waiting to be filled with the spirit and to meet the ones who have gone ahead of us. We are waiting for our wounds to be healed and for the end of all grudges, misunderstanding and lack of communication. We are waiting for our needs to be fulfilled and for our weaknesses to be perfected. We are waiting to meet Jesus in person. And in the meanwhile, we pray: we pray for deeper faith; we pray for better understanding of what's going on around us; we pray for our hopes to come true. Happy Advent. Rev. Reine

Virtual Café Connections

Before Covid, Café Connections had been meeting at the church on Friday's at 9:30 am. We would gather around tables in the Goforth room and enjoy coffee, cookies and conversation with many participants. With the advent of Covid all church meetings were cancelled, but Rev. Reine quickly arranged for Café Connections to go virtual via Zoom. We join on-line, from the comfort of our homes, with our refreshments, and enjoy meeting with others. An added benefit is that anyone from across the country can also join by Zoom. Members from the west coast, even with the time difference, and from southern Ontario have been able to participate. Conversations are always interesting. On one occasion Rev. Reine asked a participant to stay on the call after Café Connections for a private conversation. This led to the speculation that this person had been summoned to the principal's office; and that opened the floodgates of stories about people getting into trouble at school. Join us **on Friday mornings at 10 am** for interesting and varied conversations and a whole lot of love! Links to the Zoom meeting are emailed to the congregation on Thursdays. By Linda Walker, Elder

For Unto Us A Child is Born, Unto Us A Son is Given

What a wondrous prophesy by Isaiah! Let's celebrate Christ's birth, this Child, this Son given unto us! Join us weekly for a **Virtual Advent Devotional, held Fridays, 7-7:30pm**, via Zoom. A time of devotion, prayer, Carol singing, Scripture reading and of sharing our hopes, joy, love and peace. The Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to the congregation on Friday mornings.

Costumed children and youth narrators retell the Nativity story during the **Christmas Pageant & Sunday Worship Service on Dec 20, 10am**, via Zoom. Zoom invitation will be sent to the congregation on the previous Friday.

Join us **7pm, Dec 24** for a **Virtual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion**. Let's celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord. Have a candle ready to light during the hymn Silent Night. Zoom invitation will be sent to the congregation on Dec 23. **Merry Christmas**

Virtual Worship Services

1st Advent Sunday &
Holy Communion..... Nov 29, 10am
2nd Advent Sunday..... Dec 6, 10am
3rd Advent Sunday..... Dec 13, 10am
4th Advent Sunday &
Christmas Pageant..... Dec 20, 10am
Christmas Eve Service..... Dec 24, 7pm
Sunday Worship Service..... Dec 27, 10am

Upcoming Events

Cheese & Honey Sale: Pick up
from church..... Dec 4, 11am-3pm
Virtual Advent Devotional.....Fridays 7pm

Church Groups

Virtual Café Connections.....Fridays 10am

ST TIM'S PICTORIAL



Remembrance Worship Service



Youth Led Worship Service
Theme: Fruit of the Spirit

Let's Pray!

God of kindness
and goodness...

Reader: Holy Spirit...

People: Act within us so we
may bear good fruit.

