

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Liturgical Colour: Red

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(* Those who are able are invited to stand)

We would like to welcome all those who are worshipping with us today. We hope that you will find this service meaningful for you on your faith journey. If you are new to our congregation, please sign our guest book in the entrance to this sanctuary.

Gathering Music

Informal Greeting and Announcements: - Peter Joshua

WE GATHER BEFORE OUR GOD

Introit: "When He Came"

Call To Worship:

One: The disciples gathered in a room to await the Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your wisdom

One: The Holy Spirit came with a great rush of wind

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and blow away our fears and doubts

One: Each one saw tongue of fire over their heads

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and set us aflame with a desire for greater faith

Prayer of Approach:

Gracious God, give us the Holy Spirit now. Let the Spirit blow in this room, O God. Let it blow on the flames of our faith, and stoke our passion for justice and truth. Let it blow through us, changing the landscape within us, and clearing the clouds from our vision. Let it blow over us until we feel it begin to move us in new directions, and into paths we might not have chosen.

Gracious God, give us the Holy Spirit now, and let it change our worship and our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Praise The Lord, With The Sound of Trumpets" #245

Prayer of Confession:

As a church, O God, Pentecostal passion has not been our strong suit. We're more like Martha than Mary. We want to do good things for others. We want to help those in need. We want to stand up for those who cannot stand up alone. We want to do justice and love mercy. What more can there be? What more can you ask of us? We aren't going to speak in tongues, or to run out into the streets proclaiming the good news as if we were drunk. We like our religion tame and under control. Is it a sin to think that the Holy Spirit could be, or should be, controlled? We ask forgiveness for all our sins in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-18

Anthem: "Come to The Water"

Second Lesson: John 7:37-44

***Hymn:** "She Flies On" #380

Message: "Drinking In The Spirit"

***Hymn:** "Spirit of Gentleness" #375

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Share

DOMENIC AGOSTINO RIVERDALE COMMUNITY

CENTRE: Adults and Seniors are cordially invited to a **Strawberry Social** on Tuesday, June 10th from 11:30am-1:30pm. Cost is a non-perishable food item. Please pre-register at 546-2424, ext. 4284, or drop by 150 Violet Dr.

ERLAND LEE MUSEUM: Enjoy tea on the lawn surrounded by beautiful gardens while listening to a harp recital! Our Victorian Tea on Saturday, May 24th from 2-4pm will include sandwiches and scones with cream and jam. Cost is \$6.00, includes admission to the Museum at 552 Ridge Road, Stoney Creek. Please pre-register at 905-662-2691.

FIRST PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH: will be hosting a 'City Wide Public Forum on Poverty Reduction'. Come and meet your elected MPPs and participate in the development of a Poverty Reduction Strategy in Ontario. Bring your ideas for Social and Economic reforms. This event takes place on Thursday, May 22nd from 2-4:30pm at 200 Main St E, Hamilton.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE: 84th Annual Meeting will be held in Fergus this year, from May 23rd-25th. The theme will be "Toward Right Relations: A Journey of the Heart". Our presbytery representatives at this function will be Janice Garden, Pat Taylor, and Colleen Cavanaugh

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY: The annual "Milk and Honey Festival" will be held June 2nd-5th. Join us in celebrating our 20th anniversary! For more information, please call 905-648-2139, ext. 4521..

TAI CHI: Classes will be held in the C.E. Auditorium on Mon. at 6:30pm, Tuesdays at 9:00am, and Thursdays at 9:00 am.

THE KNOWLEDGE TREE: Classes are cancelled on Monday, May 19th for the Victoria Day long weekend.

THIS WEEK AT SCUC

Monday, May 19th: Office CLOSED for Victoria Day.
 Wednesday, May 21st at 1:30pm: Busy Fingers Room 6
 Wednesday, May 21st 2:30-7pm: BLOOD DONOR CLINIC
 Thursday, May 22nd at 7pm: Choir practice
 Saturday, May 24th at 5pm: Salmon Bake dinner
 Sunday, May 25th at 7:30pm: Choir concert

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

CHOIR: Join us for a Spring concert featuring the renowned Harlequin Singers this Sunday, May 25th. Show starts at 7:30pm with a reception to follow. Tickets are on sale now through the church office or members of the SCUC Choir. Adults: \$10, Students: \$5, Children 5yrs and under: free. Check www.stoneycreekunitedchurch.org for more information. Proceeds from the concert go to support the SCUC choir.

HOSPITALITY PLUS: Found! New Fisherman!

Come and join us for our annual Baked Salmon Dinner, this Saturday, May 24th at 5pm. Please buy your tickets in advance at Coffee Hour, or by leaving a message at ext. 303. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, Children 6-12 years are \$7.00, Children under 5 are free.

MEDICAL MISSION INTERNATIONAL: will be holding a glass-sorting session on Friday, May 23rd at 7pm. Please contact Janet Cumming at 905-573-7695.

TGIW: Thanks for a wonderful Spring session! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 24th!!!!

UNIT B: will be meeting on Tuesday, May 20th at 7:30pm, at the home of Joyce Lightfoot.

WESLEY CENTRE: is desperately in need of used towels and soap. If you can help with this please leave donations in the UCW Room, marked for "Wesley Centre." Thank you, Janet Cumming (Wesley representative).

YOUTH TIME NEWS: This week "Happy Birthday" wishes go out to **William Pedersen** who celebrated his "10th" birthday; **Bianca Daignault** who celebrated her "11th" birthday and **Sharon Farrell** who celebrated her "16th" birthday.

Today the children will go directly to their classes for Youth Time.

Next Sunday, May 25 is an Intergenerational Service and our Annual Youth Time Graduation so all children will be upstairs with their families. Rob's World starts on June 1 and will continue through until August 31.

The youth will continue selling their yummy baked goods today during the coffee hour. This fundraiser for "Case for Kids" will end next Sunday, May 25. Limited edition T-shirts are still available with a minimum \$100.00 donation. The walkathon is open to everyone so come and join the youth at Bayfront Park on June 1 or feel free to sponsor them as a group. Thank you!

Please note that all sponsor sheets need to be returned with the money by next Sunday, May 25.

Please remember that the Nursery has been moved to Room 2 and the Mighty-Mites have been moved to Room 3.

"Sunday Sacks" are still available. Please see Carol McNair.

Ongoing projects and events that our youth are involved in:

- **SOL CAFÉ FOR TEENS** - every Sunday from 9-10am in the Chapel. Jam session with Rob and Tony. Come and play or learn to play an instrument.
- **JUNIOR CHOIR** - every Sunday after church in the Chapel.
- **2008 FOOD DRIVE** - Collection of non-perishable food items. The 2008 goal is 4,000 items. To date 1558 items have been collected.

- **OPERATION CLEAN TEEN** - Donations of toiletries are given to underprivileged or homeless teens attending school within the H.W.D.S.B.
- **YOUTH TIME PENNY DRIVE** - Pennies are collected and donated to the Annual "Case for Kids" walkathon sponsored by Wesley Urban Ministries. This year's walk is on June 1 after church, at Bayfront Park. Hope to see you there!
- **YOUTH TIME REGISTRATION** - every child in Youth Time must be registered. Please see Carol for the forms.
- **KIDS KORNER** - send in your child's or grandchild's *Awesome Achievements* so we can share them with the congregation. Please contact Carol with your submissions.

We thank the congregation in advance for your continued support of our many projects and events in the upcoming year.

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS GOLF CLASSIC: with celebrity guests Wendel Clark and Pete Mahovolich, will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at Heron Point Golf Links. Proceeds from this tournament will go directly to BBBS of Hamilton-Burlington's mentoring programs to keep at-risk youth in school, out of trouble and off of drugs. Please call Bob at 905-525-3860, ext. 308 to register.

CAP-C COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT: Come and talk to Councillor Chad Collins, Hamilton Police representatives, the Community Survey Team, and the Tenant Education Project on Thursday, May 22nd from 6-8pm. This opportunity to ask questions about your rights as a tenant, get answers from City officials, and meet your neighbours will be held at the St. Charles Adult Education Centre at 60 Barlake Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.