

OUTREACH

Food sort and deliveries Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. We will need all of our helpers and will gladly welcome anyone new.

If you can help with food deliveries every other Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., please let Kevin Graham know.

We need MEAT/food donations, monetary donations, RESUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS, and DRIVERS! We will take any of the above. The best time to donate food is Thursdays at 11 a.m., or on Sunday mornings. **No egg cartons** for the time being.

***SPECIAL NOTE:** From time to time, we receive bulk items that need to be repackaged into smaller quantities. Examples: flour, rice, sugar and coffee. We are looking for anyone interested in assisting with this. This can be done at home at your leisure. If you are wishing to help in any way with the food bank, please call 289-385-1462 and speak with one of our volunteers.

Entrance to the church via the back parking lot doors **will be locked at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.** If you arrive late, please enter the church via the front doors.

A reminder to please arrive at church “scent free”.

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Mary Bellinger	Song Leader

*indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 24)

L: Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

L: As we meet strangers on the road, learn to recognize Christ in our midst.

P: **As our hearts burn within us, we will recognize his whispers to our souls.**

L: As you experience Christ in the smile of another, share the love of God.

P: **As the scales fall from our eyes, we will see Easter miracles.**

L: Come, beloved, and feed us with your grace.

CHORAL INTROIT

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What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, Kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,

and walk humbly with your God.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)

God of Wonder and of unexpected delight -- as we celebrate Christ's risen presence among us today we pray that You would open to us the scripture's message. Talk to us as we journey along life's way, meet us as we fellowship with one another, and so move in us that we may claim all Your promises as our own. Open our eyes and quicken our hearts, we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

*HYMN *Just as I Am* 508

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you? When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives. Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you. Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognise you in our neighbour, or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice. Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us.

Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those travellers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this great good news with others.

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE OF PARDON
ANTHEM

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:14a, 36-41

PSALM 116 836

*HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* 663

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

*HYMN *Walk with Me* 649

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 384(HFG)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* 337

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING *Go Now In Peace*

POSTLUDE

If you are visiting with us for the first time this morning, welcome!
It is no longer our custom to pass around the offering plate. The plate is kept at the front of the church, just inside the door, and offering envelopes are available in the pews. All donations are greatly appreciated and help to keep the heart of this sacred place beating with God's love, grace, and generosity.

Happy Birthday to **Sheereen Dar**, who celebrates tomorrow ☺

Bible Study – Please see Kevin Graham for Monday evening Bible Study details.

Men's Breakfast – The men meet for breakfast every third Saturday of each month. Their next gathering is scheduled for **this Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 a.m.**

The Prayer Shawl Committee would greatly appreciate **yarn donations**.

Christian Library – There is now a collection of Christian books in the cabinet in the Narthex. Feel free to browse, borrow, take and share them at your leisure. If you would like to add to the collection, please ensure the books are Christian.

We greatly appreciate helping bodies on Sunday mornings to:

Operate the chairlift.

Occasionally help set up coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Occasionally help with the sound and camera equipment.

If you have **social media skills** and would like to share them to promote our church, we'd love to have your talents. Instagram, TikTok, X, Meta? Maybe you can share our activities for us!

We are also looking for a **back-up person to help send out the Eblast**.

If you are interested, please see Mary Bellinger

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the kitchen for those who wish to **volunteer to bring in treats for Sunday morning coffee time** following worship. **NOTE:** If you would like to bring in a cake on special occasions, please indicate the date of your choice on the sign-up sheet and speak with someone in the kitchen.