

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge
Wesley United Church Friendship United Church
Mountain View Demorestville
October 11, 2009

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy(1st verse)
Welcome and Announcements
The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Call To Worship

Come, You Thankful People, Come!

The gracious God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who gave you a home and made you alive and able, calls you to gather together for a worship service of thanks-giving.

To remember this event, God will send daily reminders in the form of new days, air to breathe, bodies that function, friends who care, and feelings that move and shape us.

The God who provides everything invites you personally to share a celebration of divine grace and requests only that you bring your own gratitude.

We come as thankful people, we come!

Opening Prayer

O God, you have given us things visible and invisible

A wondrously colourful natural world, an unseen forgiveness.

You have given us understandings spoken and unspoken

The crisp parables, the silent answering prayers.

You have given us peek experiences and common occurrences

New births of babies and everyday renewals of friendships.

So much you have given us already, yet as we enter worship, we do not hesitate to ask for one more thing:

Give to us, loving God, the gratitude within our hearts that turns deep appreciation into genuine praise. In the name of Jesus Christ, for whom we are ever thankful. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For a good meal after a long day, a star-filled sky, a hug from a loved one, an unexpected smile,

thanksgiving flows naturally to you, O God.

Thanks for the things we need: food, clothes, warmth, and shelter.

Thanks for the people we love: parents and grandparents, friends near and far.

Thanks for a time to play: for soccer and baseball, crib and computer games.

Thanks for a time to dream: of faraway places, of luscious desserts, of family reunited, of freedom from worry.

Thanks for harvest gathered in and for useful work at the office, mill, and at home.

Thanks for our Christian faith: for prayer offered and answered, for the Good News Jesus brings, for joyful praise.

Thanksgiving in all things:

when life is testing, in times of celebration, in times of sorrow.

Thanksgiving to you, gracious God: faithful yesterday, faithful today, faithful all the days. Amen.

Hymn VU 520 We Plough The Fields

Caregivers In Action

Children's Time

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Choir

First Scripture Joel 2: 21-27

Second Scripture 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Hymn VU 516 Come, You Thankful People, Come

Offerings of Our Life's Work "Take These Gifts"

**Take these gifts and let them be
Used as blessings sent from thee
Take our lives and use us all
For your glory and your call.**

Hymn VU 884 We Shall Go Out With Joy

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Announcements

Oct. 18 Come join us for a Hay Ride. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat along the way. Hot Chocolate will be provided. Meet at the Mowbray farm, 1131 County Rd. 15. All are welcome!

Oct. 25 Jesus 24/7 Faith Study - Do you wonder how our Bible came to be? Who God is? Or What Jesus taught? These are the kinds of questions asked in this series and discussed with one another. Bring your lunch and join us at 12:30 on Sunday afternoons.

Oct. 27 Pot Luck Supper in the Friendship Hall. 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your own utensils and plates. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Visit the The Dead Sea Scrolls at the Royal Ontario Museum

South Bay United Church is sponsoring a Bus Trip to the Royal Ontario Museum for a special guided tour of the "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibit. **Tuesday November 3rd**

Cost \$65 included bus, admission to ROM and a guided tour of the exhibit .Bus will leave the Mary Street Parking Lot at 7 AM

A light lunch can be purchased at the ROM cafeteria.

Bus will stop on the way home for Dinner, at your cost.

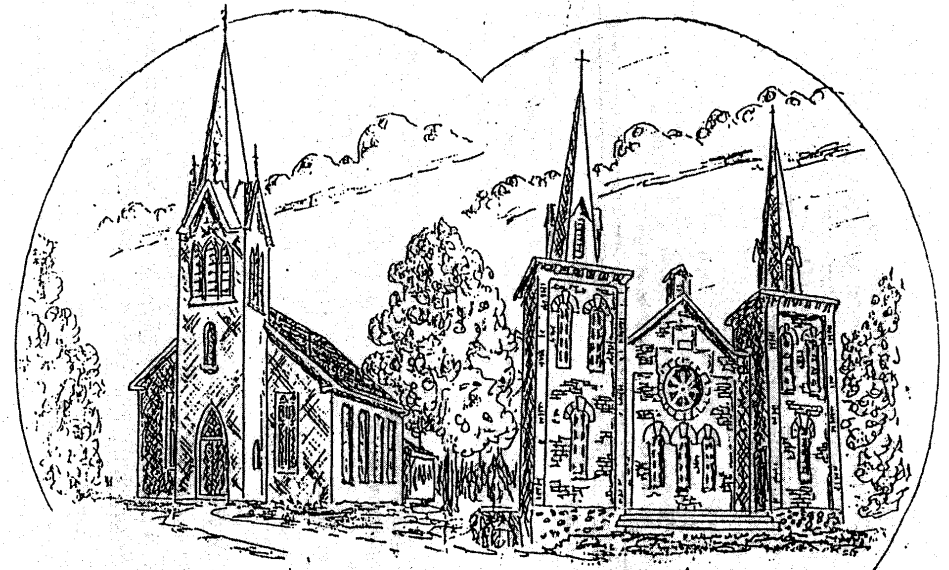
You must register by October 19.

Payment in advance required. Please make cheque payable to South Bay United Church and send to Charles Vincent, Box 102, Milford ON K0K 2P0

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