

Farringdon Church



Chasing after the wind...

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Announcement:

The province of Ontario is currently under strict lockdown restrictions for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Farrington Advisory Board has made the decision that we will be unable to conduct our Annual General Meeting as usual. Restrictions will not allow us to meet for in person meetings, even in small numbers. Therefore, we have decided that the Annual Report will be prepared as usual, with committee reports and other pertinent information. The Annual Report will then be printed and sent out by mail or email to all members. The Advisory Board is approving an interim budget being prepared by our treasurer, based on current financial reports. After receiving the Annual Report, members may direct any questions to the appropriate committee member. We hope to have the committee reports submitted by the end of February, so that the Annual Report can be compiled and printed as soon as possible thereafter. If the need arises for a congregational meeting when it is again safe to meet, arrangements will be made to do so. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we continue to navigate through these times to the best of our ability. ~ *Cyndy Kirk, Senior Elder*

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“God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.” – Psalm 46:1

Pray:

**Eternal Father, blessed be Your matchless Name!
You are working all things together for the good of those
who love You and are called according to Your purpose.
You do everything perfectly so that you receive all the glory.
We are so thankful to be your children
and to be under your constant watch care.
We praise you, Father, that nothing comes to us,
except it comes first through your loving hands.
Help us in this new week,
to accomplish the purpose for which you created us.
Through us, Lord, meet the needs of others and bless many.
Empower us by your Holy Spirit
to build your kingdom here on earth, just as it is in heaven.
Forgive us our many sins, Gracious Father,
as we repent of them and turn back to you.
In Jesus’ Mighty Name we pray, amen.**

Bible Reading: **Ecclesiastes 2:**

- 1 I said to myself, “Come on, let’s try pleasure. Let’s look for the ‘good things’ in life.” But I found that this, too, was meaningless.
- 2 So I said, “Laughter is silly. What good does it do to seek pleasure?”
- 3 After much thought, I decided to cheer myself with wine.

And while still seeking wisdom, I clutched at foolishness. In this way, I tried to experience the only happiness most people find during their brief life in this world.

4 I also tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards.

5 I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees.

6 I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves.

7 I bought slaves, both men and women, and others were born into my household. I also owned large herds and flocks, more than any of the kings who had lived in Jerusalem before me.

8 I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces. I hired wonderful singers, both men and women, and had many beautiful concubines. I had everything a man could desire!

9 So I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me.

10 Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors.

11 But as I looked at everything, I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.

12 So I decided to compare wisdom with foolishness and madness (for who can do this better than I, the king?).

13 I thought, “Wisdom is better than foolishness, just as light is better than darkness.

14 For the wise can see where they are going, but fools walk in the dark.” Yet I saw that the wise and the foolish share the same fate.

15 Both will die. So, I said to myself, “Since I will end up the same as the fool, what’s the value of all my wisdom? This is all so meaningless!”

16 For the wise and the foolish both die. The wise will not be remembered any longer than the fool. In the days to come, both will be forgotten.

17 So I came to hate life because everything done here under the sun is so troubling. Everything is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

18 I came to hate all my hard work here on earth, for I must leave to others everything I have earned.

19 And who can tell whether my successors will be wise or foolish? Yet they will control everything I have gained by my skill and hard work under the sun. How meaningless!

- 20 So I gave up in despair, questioning the value of all my hard work in this world.
- 21 Some people work wisely with knowledge and skill, then must leave the fruit of their efforts to someone who hasn't worked for it. This, too, is meaningless, a great tragedy.
- 22 So what do people get in this life for all their hard work and anxiety?
- 23 Their days of labor are filled with pain and grief; even at night their minds cannot rest. It is all meaningless.
- 24 So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work. Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God.
- 25 For who can eat or enjoy anything apart from him?
- 26 God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy to those who please him. But if a sinner becomes wealthy, God takes the wealth away and gives it to those who please him. This, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

Listen to: **I Sing the Mighty Power of God** watch by clicking the url:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qb63JKS3BaA>

or read the lyrics below:

Chorus: There's no greater power than the power of our God (repeat)

*Verse: I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that designed the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.*

Message: **Why You're Alive** by Rev. Mike Rattee

Listen to: **How Deep the Father's Love** (by Stuart Townend)

watch by clicking the url: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLDGVI8D5UU>

or read the lyrics below:

*1 How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

- 2 *Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.*
- 3 *I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart – his wounds have paid my
ransom.*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

News and Announcements

- ❖ **Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday, February 7, 2021**
- ❖ **Meetings and events this week – Feb. 7 – Feb. 13, 2021**

❖ All midweek children and youth programming is online once again.

Kid's Club meets online	Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Youth Group meets online	Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Katelyn can be contacted for further information regarding ages,
content and zoom links and passwords!*

ANNUAL REPORTS – COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS TO MARGOT NO LATER THAN FEB. 26 FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. SUBMISSIONS BY EMAIL ATTACHMENT ARE PREFERRED. IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING A HAND-WRITTEN REPORT AND REQUIRE MARGOT TO TYPE YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 19TH. WE REALIZE THAT MANY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE THIS YEAR, SO A BRIEF OR NIL REPORT IS CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE.

By now you have probably noticed that Rev. Mike is currently recording the service video from his home on Sunday mornings instead of from the church. With the recent provincial stay at home order which took effect January 14, we felt it was important to keep everyone home if possible, in order to comply with the order and to keep everyone safe. Therefore, the sermon is currently recorded from Rev. Mike's home, then emailed to Wyatt for editing and is then posted to the You Tube page sometime Sunday evenings. This arrangement will be temporary until restrictions are eased. We appreciate your understanding as we endeavour to keep everyone as safe as possible.



DIMES FOR ETHAN – For the past few years, our congregation has been collecting dimes to contribute to Ethan Golden, a young man who is raising funds for Juvenile Arthritis Awareness. We normally invite Ethan in the spring to present our donations. Due to the church closure, we were unable to do so this year. We hope to set up a date in the spring to bring Ethan back. This is a reminder to please continue to collect your dimes until then!

Celebrating Anniversaries in February



1 – Ed and Norma Sayles 3 – Tom and Glenna Young
4 – Ross and Shirley Lehman

Birthdays and Anniversaries - Do we Have Yours?

If your birthday, family members' birthdays and/or anniversaries are not in our newsletters or bulletin and you would like them to be, please make sure we have them. We know from the list we have that many are missing. We don't print the year ☺ Please provide the dates to Margot in the Church Office

Happy Birthday !



Celebrating Birthdays in February

10 - Andrew Trevor

11 – Cooper Moyer & Briauna VanSickle

17 – Scott Waters

19 – Claudette Tiller

25 - Wyatt Thompson

Church Offerings

Offering Envelopes for 2021 *have arrived* but in light of recent Covid restrictions from the Ontario Government, they will be available to be picked up when the “Stay at home” restrictions have been lifted. You are welcome to send your Offering in a regular envelope for now or by E-transfer and I will ensure it is attributed to the correct envelope number.

****Please Do Not use last years' envelopes. ****

If you have been thinking about providing your Church offering by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) but would like more information about how it works, please let Margot in the Church office know and she can provide information about how to provide your offering in this convenient way

Farrington Next Week

- ❖ Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday February 14, 2021**
- ❖ Meetings and events next week – February 14 – February 20, 2021**

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Farringdon Church regular office hours

During the Government restrictions for Covid, please do not come to the Church except to drop off in the mailbox. You are welcome to call during office hours.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>~ Closed ~</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</i>

Office: 519 759-2495

If calling after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day. Rev. Mike can be contacted on his cell phone when the office is closed at 1-226-339-4340

Website Address and Social Media

Check out the Farringdon website and Facebook page for all updates and information. Our website address is www.farringdonchurch.ca. To access Member's content, you need to register at the new site. You will receive a temporary password via email which can be changed when you log in.

For any Bulletin News or Announcements please contact Margot at the Church Office by Thursday mornings at: secretary@farringdonchurch.com or 519 759-2495