

Third Avenews June 29, 2008

from the Pews . . . and beyond



**The Mission of Third Avenue United Church
is to reach out with love and provide a welcoming place,
especially for downtown people.**



We welcome everyone to worship this morning. If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances. If you would like information on any of the church activities, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office at 652-6812.

We invite you to visit our web site at

www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.org

And please, join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs following the service.

A Children's Table is available at the front of the church with activities for the children. We invite parents to sit close at hand to supervise. Church School resumes in September.



Church Duty Roster



Today: John Parry is responsible for opening and closing the church.

July 6: Philip Bray will be responsible.

Pastoral Care

Please, help us to help you, by informing the office if you know of someone who is ill or in need of a visit.

Hosting Coffee After Church:

Today: Last names beginning with A - F.
Next Week: names beginning with G - L.



Come early to set up if you are able (by 10:00 a.m.), *or* help serve coffee and clean up, *or* bring baking or goodies for snacks.

*Don't worry! Someone will be here if you have questions and instructions will be posted in the kitchen.

This Week at Third Avenue

Today: **A Big Welcome to the Knox folks who are joining us today.**

There will be a lunch following the service. Free will offering for Oliver Lodge expansion.

Celebration of June birthdays!



Tues: Canada Day – office closed.

Wed: 10:30 Staff meeting

Sat: 8:30 am Men's breakfast at the Park Town.

Next Sun: Congregational meeting following the service.

Rainforest Adventure

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18
9:00 – 12:00
\$5.00



We need 2 loving Grandmas because our Grandmas Eva and Audrey retired after faithful service.

Watch for further information, but in the meantime, start saving stuff we might need.

- green tarps
- stuffed rainforest creatures
- Hawaiian leis
- rope, heavier – any length



Church School Project



The children have been learning about Paul and his 7-mile walk to Damascus. In keeping with this theme, the children have decided to collect 7 miles of pennies! They're off to a great start and encourage everyone to bring in their pennies and support this worthwhile project. All monies will be dedicated to the General Fund of the Church.

Bulletin Board

(The Wider Community)

- ❖ Prairie Habitat (PHG) is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of gardening activities from now until the end of August. See poster.
- ❖ Meewasin Valley United is looking for a part-time Choir Director for September to May.

Prayer Chain:

There are 22 members on our Prayer chain. If you are in need of prayer or would like to assist with pastoral care, please contact Rosanna Parry at 229-8289.



"Where love is, God is also."
- Leo Tolstoy

Hey Kids!

It's not too late to register for camp. Camperships are available through the church office.



Space is limited! Bring

a friend and try out the newest camp: "Campers-in-Training" – sleepover camp for kindergarten to grade 2!

Is there anyone who needs financial assistance to attend camp? Please call the church office.

FRIENDS AND GUESTS!

If you're not wearing a name tag, please take one from the basket at the back, and fill in your name. Then, before you go home, put it back in the basket for next week.



Scripture

Readers: please sign up on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

For your information: outside Donna's office you will find a binder outlining the Sexual Abuse Policy of the United Church of Canada.

Stewardship Second

Damned if you do and damned if you don't – stewardship decisions are like that sometimes. Making heavy decisions, sometimes we find the load has become lighter.

News Flash!!

The Rev. Alan and Claire Minarcik wish to announce the upcoming marriage of their son John, to Brandie Wiatt. This celebration will be held on July 12, 2008 at Rock Chapel United Church, near Hamilton, Ontario.

In The Spirit Of Giving...

As many of us look forward to the summer months at the lake, visiting long distance family and friends, or simply relaxing in the back yard, let us count our blessings and prayerfully consider the needs of the church. Our mission and purpose stay the same whether we are here or not. The daily expenses continue and salaries still need to be paid.

If you wish to leave post dated cheques for the time you are away, please call the office to make those arrangements, or leave them in the collection plate on Sunday.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.



Food for the Hungry

The Food Bank really needs our help! Please bring your donations of canned and dry good to assist in this worthy cause, and place them in the box in the Narthex.



Reminder:

Third Avenue will be closed for the month of August. We are invited to join the folks at Knox United for those summer worship services.

Humour

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be confident that if any mischief occurred in their town, their two young sons were involved in some capacity. The parents were at their wit's end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The parents had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so they contacted him, and he agreed to give it his best shot. He asked to see the boys individually, so the eight-year old was sent to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?" The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer, so the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?" At that, the boy bolted from the room, ran directly home, and slammed himself in his closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and said, "What happened?" The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it!"

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