

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His Excellent Word.*

PRELUDE: Old Favourite Hymns – *Piano, Organ and Cello*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: HWC 105 (*refrain*)

**He is Lord, He is Lord!
He has risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.

God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

God has shown us his glory in his mighty word.

God has shown us the way of truth and life.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

For 182 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

For 182 years, God has shown us his grace.

For 182 years, God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.

For 182 years, God has empowered us with his Holy Spirit.

For 182 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

**For 182 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship
with one another.**

Praise the Lord for what He has done and will do!

Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

Let us worship. Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYER: (*in unison*)

Loving gracious God, we come before you as we mark another year in the life of our church. We give you thanks for your guidance, your prodding and your leading over this past year. We give you thanks for all we have accomplished in your name. Today we thank you for the past year and all it has contained. At this anniversary time, we cannot stand only looking backwards, we must also look forward. So, at this time, we thank you that you will walk with us into the coming year. May we go forward in hope and joy as you walk with us. In Jesus' strong name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE VU 325: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*A NEW CREED: VU pg. 918

RESPONSIVE PSALM 36: VU pg. 762 *LAY READER: Stephen Bronn*

FIRST LESSON: Luke 6: 46-49

'Why do you call me "Lord, Lord", and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.'

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2: 1-9

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and, ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Glory Be To God” – *J.E. Parks*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Bless This House” by M. Brahe – *Piano, Organ and Cello*

***SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

***OFFERING PRAYER:** (*in unison*)

**Gracious God,
You have taught us that it is better to give than to receive.
You have blessed us with abundance
and we can never out-give you.
Receive these offerings that come from our hearts
as well as our hands.
May Your blessing magnify their benefits.
We pray in the Name of Jesus who gives us all things. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*(Lord hear our prayer, **and in your love, answer**)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (*sung – VU 959*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

***HYMN MV 1:** “Let Us Build a House”

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found
 in water, wine and wheat;
 a banquet hall on holy ground,
 where peace and justice meet.
 Here the love of God, through Jesus,
 is revealed in time and space;
 as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 All are welcome, all are welcome,
 all are welcome in this place.

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
 beyond the wood and stone
 to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
 and live the Word they've known.
 Here the outcast and the stranger
 bear the image of God's face;
 let us bring an end to fear and danger:
 All are welcome, all are welcome,
 all are welcome in this place.

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
 their songs and visions heard
 and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
 as words within the Word.
 Built of tears and cries and laughter,
 prayers of faith and songs of grace;
 let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
 All are welcome, all are welcome,
 all are welcome in this place.

MESSAGE: "Building on the Right Foundation"

*CLOSING HYMN VU 675: "Will Your Anchor Hold"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "St. Anthony Choral" by J. Haydn – *Piano, Organ and Cello*

We welcome, and thank
 Whitney Augustine and Bruce Morrith
 for joining us today to offer their music
 in the celebration of our 182nd anniversary.

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LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS
 are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

AFTER WORSHIP, everyone is invited to stay
 for refreshments and fellowship
 in the Board Room & Friendship Room on the lower level.

PRAYER LIST

As we face life's challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY: For the Anniversary Service today, there is a display of items from the Archives of the Church including Commemorative Coins from the 150th Anniversary of Fonthill United Church. These will be for sale:

- A boxed silver coin (market value \$10) available for \$10.00
- A boxed commemorative set of 3 coins, gold, antique silver, copper (no market value) available for \$5.00.

Proceeds from the sale will go to helping with needed repairs to the building, so we hope you will consider making a purchase.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5 we will have a joint worship service at Fonthill United Church at 10:00 am.

COUNCIL is reminded to stay in the sanctuary after the May 5 service for a short council meeting.

THE UCW will be meeting on May 8 at 1:30 in the Friendship Room. All women of the congregation are welcome. There will be a fun auction. Each participant is asked to bring 1 or 2 items to be auctioned off. And of course, some small bills to buy something. We hope to see you there.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday April 29	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday April 30	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons (Friendship Rm.)
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Niagara Practice
Wednesday May 1	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee Mtg.
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs & Beavers
Thursday May 2	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	1:00 pm	M&P Committee Meeting
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
	4:45 pm	Sportball
Friday May 3	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday May 4	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday May 5	10:00 am	Joint Worship at Fonthill
	11:00 am	Special Council Meeting

Fonthill United Church

April 28, 2024

182nd Anniversary Service

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MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.
 United in God's love,
 we strive to be an inclusive community,
 learning together and supporting others with compassion.

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Community News

CHORALIS CAMERATA presents “Sentimental Journey,” offering showtunes and “oldies” through the generations, on Sunday May 5 at 2:30 pm at St. Ann’s Parish Hall, 5731 Desson Ave., Niagara Falls. Tickets are \$25, including snacks and drink ticket. To purchase call 905 931-9225 or email: choraliscamerata@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE will be held by the Pelham Garden Club at Fonthill United Church on Saturday May 18 from 8 am to noon. Come for an amazing selection of plants for sale, plus baking and lawn sale. Cash only.

A CAPPELLA NIAGARA presents, “Joy to the World,” a concert at Fonthill United Church on Saturday June 15 at 2:00 pm featuring the A Cappella chorus, duos and quartets, and vocalist Melissa-Marie Shriner. Tickets: adults \$15, free for children 12 and under. To order tickets call 905 341-3415.

HOME CLEANING SERVICE AVAILABLE: A recently arrived Ukrainian couple, Maria and Yurii Chebotarov, are offering affordable cleaning services for your home. They have their own equipment and will travel within the Niagara area. References available. Please contact them for more information at 289 213-5442 or email to: machebotarova@gmail.com.

CAVE SPRINGS CAMP 2024 WISHLIST:

It’s Spring, when the minds of parents, children and youth turn to Cave Springs and the busy time coming up. But did you know that Cave Springs is now operational all year? Not only does this non-profit offer the traditional summer camps it’s been operating for over 70 years, but the facility receives school, community and other groups throughout the year. It’s a year-round camp, retreat and conference centre. It’s a spiritual place.

As a non-profit, Cave Springs relies on donations to continue to provide excellent programming. **Following is their 2024 Wish List.** Monetary donations are also most welcome.

<p>Program Equipment: Costumes/fun clothes Extension Cords and Power Bars Tarps Duct Tape Small percussion instruments Ukuleles Volley Balls Beach Balls Hula Hoops</p>	<p>Craft & Office Supplies: Scissors Glue Paint Brushes Masking Tape / Scotch Tape Sticky Notes Bracelet Making Materials Beads Air Dry Clay Button Maker White Tie Dye items (shirts, bandanas, socks)</p>
<p>Maintenance Supplies: Brooms Dust Pans Large Garbage Cans Fans Mops Mop Buckets</p>	<p>Wilderness Supplies: Tents (4 person or larger) High Quality Flashlights Small Flashlights Matches Lighters</p>
<p>First Aid Supplies: Menstrual Hygiene Products Sunscreen Bug Spray Fun Kids Bandaids Ice Packs</p>	<p>Contact Us: 905 563-8487 If you have tables, chairs or couches to donate, please contact us first so that we can see if they match our needs.</p>

GERANIUM SALE supporting 3rd Fonthill Scouting:

The 3rd Fonthill Scouting Group is selling *locally grown* GERANIUMS to brighten up your garden. With the ability to thrive in any space, these geraniums will be a welcome addition to your Spring planting.



Orders Due by May 12.

Pick-up will be Friday, May 17 in the parking lot of the Lions Hall on Highway 20, Fonthill.

Delivery is available for a fee (if you live in the Region of Pelham), and will take place the weekend of May 17-19.

Proceeds assist 3rd Fonthill Scouting in providing programming opportunities for our youth. Scouting is alive and thriving in Pelham! From age 5 and up, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers all provide the Pelham Community with their service, and in turn are learning to make positive contributions to society.

To order plants, call Alison Moore at 905 570-3971 (Hamilton) or toll-free at 1-866-464-9757.

To access the geranium sale online, go to:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/f4a6e0d6-8cf8-41f0-b1e4-ff1ca7880e25>

The various Scouting groups meet weekly at Fonthill United Church.