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The Community Food Share: Donations are always appreciated. To make a financial donation please call 613-543-0065 or contact <https://www.communityfoodshare.ca/contact-us/>

Our parish is a proud supporter of the Madagascar School Project, developed by Kathy Lucking. Their Wish List is always available at www.madagascarschoolproject.com. You can donate on-line or send a cheque directly to Box 684, Cornwall, ON K6H 5T5.

Madagascar Orphanage: Donations to the Akany Famonjena orphanage or Akany Tafita center can be sent to Anglican Missions Service Committee, PO Box 1072, Sault Ste Marie ON P6A 5N7.

Prayer Shawls: If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl or if you would like to support this ministry in any way, please contact Judy Lapensée (613-652-6278) or Joyce Millard (613-652-2350).

Greeting Cards: If you would like to suggest that a card be sent from the church to members of our community for birthdays, anniversaries or get well wishes, please call Elizabeth Irwin at 613-543-3158 or egmirwin@gmail.com.

No Scent Makes Sense: A number of people are sensitive to scented products. Please help us make the church a safe space for everyone.

Coffee: We use Equator's *Freakin' Good Coffee* which is Fair-Trade.

Offering Envelopes: If you would like a tax receipt for your regular donations to the parish it is helpful if you sign up for weekly donation envelopes or PAR (pre-authorized remittance). For more information please contact Elizabeth Irwin (egmirwin@gmail.com, 613-543-3158)

**The office phone (613-543-3904)
is only checked on Sun. to Fri. mornings**

Meals-on-Wheels is in need of drivers. To volunteer contact the J.W. MacIntosh Community Support Services: 613-535-2924.

Art Group: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 1 pm in the hall. All are welcome. Next Art Group: Dec. 4.

Jigsaw Lending Library at the back of the church.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Exploring our faith and serving the world God loves.

Nov. 19 10:30 am - Pentecost 25 - live streamed

Nov. 21 9:00 am - Coffee Morning Gospel study - via Zoom

Nov. 25 9:00 am – Martha's Closet

Nov. 26 10:30 am – Reign of Christ - live streamed

Serving the World God Loves

Martha's Ministries

Martha of Bethany was a friend of Jesus, known for her hospitality.

The Parish of South Dundas is known for its Martha's Ministries.

Martha's Closet: Saturday, November 25, 9am - 11:30am.

For more information, please call the Parish Office: 613-543-3904.

Martha's Drop-in Lunch: Thursday December 7 at 11:30 am.

Lunch is served at noon on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. All are welcome.

Community Hub and Warming Centre at Martha's House:

Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm. Programs include a drop-in breakfast on Mondays, 8:30 - 11 am, a drop-in lunch on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 12 - 1 pm, as well as access to Legal Clinic and Advocacy.

Please contact House of Lazarus at 613-989-3830.

Income Tax Clinic: House of Lazarus is running a free, one-on-one, tax clinic at the Rectory/Martha's House, Wednesdays from 9 am - 4 pm.

Circle of Caring/Grief Support Group: Growing stronger together as we share our grief. 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm at Martha's House. For more information, please contact Ann Barkley at 613-543-3908, annbarkley2008@gmail.com.

Exploring our Faith

Weekly Coffee Morning Gospel Study: Tuesdays from 9 - 10 am.

This is a facilitated discussion about the upcoming Gospel reading. For a Zoom invite, call Pat at 613-543-0403 or revpjmartin@gmail.com.

Kids' Church: Friday, December 8 at 5:30 pm. Happens on the 2nd Friday of each month. For more information, please contact Wendy Lewis at 613-213-2121.

Retirement party for Betty Casselman

Today from 2-4 pm at Riverview Presbyterian Church, Iroquois.

All are invited to celebrate Betty's 50+ years of music in our community.

Advent / Christmas Preparations

Christmas Exchange: We are looking for 45 toothpastes, 22 adult-sized winter hats, and 19 adult mitts/gloves. For more information, please contact Wendy Lewis at 613-213-2121.

Apple Tree Ministry Community Christmas Dinner 2023

We now have all our turkey donations. Thank you to all our donors. There are now sign-up sheets for pies and other food items at the back of then church.

Christmas Decorations: We are trying a new idea this year. We have set up tables in the basement with decorations and Christmas items. With recycling and budget in mind, we are running a parish Christmas exchange. The tables are available for the month. We ask that you bring in items that you are not using. Take any items that suit your decorating or crafting needs. There is a free-will offering container for donations. The idea has come to us by way of Shirley Alguire's daughter Cindy who has done this in her church.

"Home For Christmas 2023" with Margaret Whisselle and friends. Saturday, December 2 at St. John Bosco Church, Brockville. Free-will donations at the door.

The Spencerville Community Choir presents:

"On This Winter Night" on Sunday, December 3 at 2 pm and Monday December 4 at 7:30 pm at Spencerville United Church. Tickets \$15 adult, Students 12-18 \$7, Children \$3. Proceeds to House of Lazarus and the Edwardsburgh Food Bank.

Seaway Valley Singers Christmas Concert:

"A Jolly, Merry Christmas" Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church. Tickets \$15 in advance, available from Choir members or online at: www.seawayvalleysingers.ca, or \$20 at the door.

Playhouse lunches: We will be hosting playhouse lunches during the 2024 season. One in each of May, June, July, August and September and December. All will be on Wednesdays. Shirley Alguire has agreed to run the kitchen and Wendy Lewis will run the front of house. We ask that anyone interested in working in the kitchen for this event or any future events (Kid's church, fund raisers, breakfast, or funerals) get certified in the food handler course. This can be done online at <https://trainfoodsafety.ca> for \$49.95. or google: Train Food Safety.

Our new liturgical year begins in December with the three-fold season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Advent: A time of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Advent 1: December 3 - 10:30 am - **Theme:** Hope
St. Nicholas visits during announcements.

Advent 2: December 10 - 10:30 am - **Theme:** Joy

Advent 4: December 17 - 10:30 am - **Theme:** Peace
Memory Tree.

Advent 4: December 24 - 10:30 am - **Theme** Love
Children & Family Service with pageant.

Christmas: A time of celebration of the birth of Christ

Christmas Eve: December 24 - 7:30 pm

Christmas Day: December 25 - 10:00 am at the Hartford

Epiphany: A time of making Christ known

Epiphany: December 31 - 10:30 am - *The Magi arrive.*
*A Service of Intentions**

Baptism of Jesus: - January 7, 10:30 am - live streamed

* As the Magi brought gifts to the Christ child, so we are invited to offer up our spiritual intentions for the new year. For example, some may offer an intention to be more intentional in practicing things like patience, kindness, generosity, compassion, forgiveness, self-control and/or commitment to regular prayer and/or ministry.

First Reading: *Judges 4:1-7*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethgoyim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Closing Hymn: *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

VU #312

Praise with joy the world's creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
Power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
Frees the captive, finds the lost,
Heals the sick, upsets religion,
Fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
Friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us
Liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or gender,
Age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ and Spirit,
One God in Community,
Calling Christians to embody
Oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in three.

SONG WORDS

Gathering Song: *Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Come let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.

Opening Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

CP #384

Gradual Hymn: *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

CP #601

Offertory: *All That I Am*

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.
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Communion 1: *Agnus Dei*

CP #745

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion 2: *Jesus, All for Jesus*

Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these, into your hands
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these, into your hands.

For its only in your will that I am free
For its only in your will that I am free
Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

Chorus:
How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The God head, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Bridge: Name above all names,
Worth of all praise
My heart will sing:
How great is our God! x 2

Chorus: x 2

Communion 3: *How Great is Our God*

The splendor of the King,