

MARCH REGIONAL MINISTRY CALENDAR		
DATE	TIME	SERVICE / EVENT (Location)
Fri. Mar 1	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Service & Lunch: <i>Signs of our Common Faith</i> (Trinity)
	1:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer Service (Grace United)
Sat. Mar. 2	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Messy Church: <i>The Story of Zacchaeus—Bible Story, Games, Crafts, Dinner!</i>
Sun. Mar. 3	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent: Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
	4:00 p.m.	Spanish Service
Mon. Mar. 4	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Classes
Wed. Mar. 6	8:30 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast (<i>The Breakfast House</i> , Bayfield Street)
	11:00 a.m.	Mid-Week Eucharist Service
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Guitar/Ukulele Lessons—Free
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Lenten Service: <i>Hope & The Fruits of the Spirit</i> (Westside)
	7:30 p.m.	Signs of our Common Faith Study
Thurs. Mar. 7	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Book Study: <i>Witness at the Cross</i> (Good Shepherd, Stayner)
Fri. Mar. 8	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Service & Lunch: <i>Signs of our Common Faith</i> (Trinity)
Sun. Mar. 10	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Lent: Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Spanish Service
Mon. Mar. 11	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Classes
Wed. Mar. 13	11:00 a.m.	Mid-Week Eucharist Service
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Guitar/Ukulele Lessons—Free
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Lenten Service: <i>Hope & The Fruits of the Spirit</i> (St. Margaret’s)
	7:30 p.m.	Signs of our Common Faith Study
Thurs. Mar. 14	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Book Study: <i>Witness at the Cross</i> (Good Shepherd, Stayner)
Fri. Mar. 15	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Service & Lunch: <i>Signs of our Common Faith</i> (Trinity)
Sun. Mar. 17	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent: Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
	4:00 p.m.	Spanish Service
Mon. Mar. 18	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Classes
Wed. Mar. 20	8:30 a.m.	Women’s Breakfast (<i>Stacked</i> , corner of St. Vincent & Cundles)
	11:00 a.m.	Mid-Week Eucharist Service
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Guitar/Ukulele Lessons—Free
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Lenten Service: <i>Hope & The Fruits of the Spirit</i> (St. Margaret’s)
	7:30 p.m.	Signs of our Common Faith Study
Thurs. Mar. 21	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Book Study: <i>Witness at the Cross</i> (Good Shepherd, Stayner)
	1:30 p.m.	Book Club: Cilka’s Journey (<i>Speak with Michelle Sinclair for details</i>).
	5:00 p.m.	BHHJN (Barrie Homelessness & Housing Justice Network) Meeting (Trinity)
Fri. Mar. 22	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Service & Lunch: <i>Signs of our Common Faith</i> (Trinity)
Sun. Mar. 24	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday: Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Regional Confirmation Service
Mon. Mar. 25	7:00 p.m.	Monday Holy Week Evening Prayer Service
Tues. Mar. 26	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Holy Week Evening Prayer Service
Wed. Mar. 27	11:00 a.m.	Mid-Week Eucharist Service
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Guitar/Ukulele Lessons—Free
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Holy Week Eucharist Service
Thurs. Mar. 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. Mar. 29	9:30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross
	11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service
Sat. Mar. 30	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service (St. Paul’s, Midhurst)
Sun. Mar. 31	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service at Heritage Park
	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday: Holy Eucharist



SUNRISE SERVICE

Please join us on Easter Sunday morning, March 31st, for a Sunrise Service. We will meet at Heritage Park at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend!



PASS THE WORD

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. MARGARET’S

What is Pastoral Care? The shortest definition I could find reads: Pastoral care is journeying alongside. As Christians, we are called to offer help and caring to others, and everyone is in need of Pastoral Care at one time or another. Pastoral Care at St. Margaret’s has always been essential to the life, health and growth of our congregation and it seems to come naturally to those who attend. It has always been important to make sure that those interested in the ministry are properly trained and so we provide ongoing training filling us in with what we need to know to become effective Pastoral Care ministers. At St. Margaret’s, our trusty leader is the Rev. Susan Snelling. We recognize that people have different gifts to offer and Pastoral Care ministry at our church is divided into subcommittees that report to Rev. Susan. Each category has a coordinator and each coordinator may have a team to meet different needs.

What are the categories and what do the members do?

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: When a parishioner has a concern that needs prayer, our coordinator is contacted and she passes the request on to our prayer team.

CASSEROLE MINISTRY: Sometimes illness or various crises can make meal preparation difficult. The coordinator and her team make sure food is prepared for those in times of need.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS: When there is a death and the family requests that we provide a reception, the team is ready to lend a hand.

CARD MINISTRY: Cards are sent to people celebrating special events, to those who are ill, or to those who have lost a loved one. Also, cards are sent to children on the anniversary of their baptism.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE: The Tree of Remembrance and the Christmas Doves offers us a way to acknowledge our loss by writing a prayer note and putting it on the tree during Advent. After Christmas the cards are safely kept then burned and the ashes are scattered in the garden on Pentecost Sunday.

VISITATION MINISTRY: Our team visit with the sick, shut ins, and those who need a listening ear. Often times, communion is given at the same time.

HEALING MINISTRY: Twice a month the church has a healing service where, during communion, anyone may go to the prayer station and be anointed with oil.

PHONERS: They phone parishioners to remind them of special events going on in the church or just to say hello if they have not seen someone in awhile.

There are Pastoral Care pamphlets in the Narthex with the names and phone numbers of the sub-committee leaders. Let us remember the question the Bishop asks us during confirmation: *“Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbours as yourself?”*

If you feel that you are being called to be part of any of these ministries, talk to Rev. Susan, Father Simon, or a member of the Pastoral Care team to discern whether or not this ministry is for you.

Blessings, Margaret Paradis

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