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As you prepare for worship... Proper 16C

Genesis 18:1-10a: God has been promising Abraham and Sarah a son for some time now. In Chapter 17 God changed their names from Abram and Sarai to names that mean they are of royal parentage – yet they are childless still! In our reading today, God again reaffirms the promise of a child. Indeed, Scripture records that within the year Isaac was born to those it should have been impossible to do so.

Colossians 1:21-28: Paul picks up from last week's reading, a hymn extolling the saving action of Christ, bringing about reconciliation between us and God. Paul wrote that before Christ we were estranged from God but that now we are "in Christ," we are presentable to God in Christ's holiness and blameless state. Paul warned the Colossian Christians not to deviate from this gospel ("good news"). Paul wrote of his suffering for his faith in Christ, but that he would not stop since his message is from God and his mission is to take the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Luke 10:38-42: Jesus has been demonstrating that the Kingdom is for everyone (he has previously sent disciples not just into Israel but the 70 known nations and last week told a parable where the despised Samaritan was the hero). Having erased religious lines by doing so, he now shreds cultural rules: He was alone with women in their home who are not his relatives, who served him, and he taught them. Indeed, Mary sitting at Jesus' feet shows she is already a disciple (gender lines are crossed). Although Jesus valued both Mary and Martha's roles, he invited Martha into a discipleship relationship with him also.

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 1:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

Activities this Week Monday Jul 21 7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement **Jul 22** Tuesday 7:00 pm—Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall Jul 23 Wednesday 10:00 am & 7:00 pm—Bible Študy, Rectory Jul 25 Friday 6:30 pm—Hymn Sing, Parish House 8:00 pm—Group meeting Parish Hall Jul 27 Sunday 8:00 am—Holy Eucharist BAS 10:30 am-Holy Eucharist, BAS

If you are a new member of the congregation please contact the office (519-344-5167) or one of the wardens with your contact information. Email, mailing address and phone number. Thank you and Welcome.

Anyone interested in joining a great group of women in the Alter Guild please contact Deb Heaton or Carole James-Airey. (Two consecutive weeks every two & a half months is the necessary commitment)

Readers and Greeters

We are always looking for more people to take part in doing the Readings, Prayers of the People and Greeters. If you are interested please contact the office (519-344-5167) or one of our Wardens.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS—During the period from July 16 - August 5, the office will be open Wednesday - Fridays. Exceptions are: Wednesday, July 16, when the office will be closed. All other Wednesdays, it will be open from 10 am - 12 pm. All Thursdays & Fridays it will open from 10 am - 1 pm.



OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm. **Steve Harnadek** - Tues - Fri: 10 am - 12 Noon (Day off: Mon) (These are estimated times and do fluctuate, depending on circumstances. It is best to call first!)



In consideration for persons with reactions to perfumes, you are requested to come to church 'au natural'.

It has come to my attention that some of our newer members don't know what the Slice is nor what Creative Word is.

The Slice: On the 4th Friday of the month we gather at 5 PM at a restaurant in Sarnia or Corunna (the location is on the announcement page. Well, usually). Around 6:30 we gather in the lounge of the Parish House with one of our former organists, Lois Lafond (now at St Andrew;s Presbyterian) for a hymn sing. I always go home with a smile on my face!

Creative Word: On the second Friday of the month we gather at 7 PM in one of our homes with wine and cheese (of course) as we discuss whatever book we are reading.



This is announced on the announcement page (well, usually). It is a very fun event. Come and join us!

Food Bank Sunday

St Andrew's Food Bank in Corunna.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE **

(Every Tuesday, 11 am Walking Group meeting at the Animal Farm parking lot with a 12:15 pm Lunch. This week is TBA.

(Every Wednesday, 10 am & 7 pm - Bible Study at the Rectory.

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Bible Crossword events will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30ish, at the rectory. Next month will be on August 11th.

The next Creative Word will be August 8th, 7 pm location TBA.



The Slice. We'll gather for dinner at 5pm on July 25th. Location TBA. Then back to the Parish House for a hymn sing around 6:30 pm.

Donations Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Donations

Much needed items are canned fruit, snack crackers,

Manwich, canned chili, canned pasta with meat, juice boxes, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo & conditioner. At this time they do not need canned beans, or soup. They do not take clothing or empty

Any parishioners needing envelopes or wishing to donate via pre-authorized payment, please see Leigh Carson after the service or leave a message in the office Tuesday through Friday.





"From the Pantry"

Available now, homemade soup, \$6 and dinners \$12 each. Includes various soups, mac & cheese, dinners and more to come.

Serving Schedule: PA Monitor: Andi Beer Greeters: Wendy Murphy & Gord Loeven





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