



Eastminster United Church

February 1, 2015

Fourth after Epiphany

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"I have nothing new to teach the world. Truth and non-violence are as old as the hills. All I have done is to try experiments in both on as vast a scale as I could." Mahatma Gandhi

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Lee Perry

*Opening Hymn VU# 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as a sign of hope.

All: **This light shines for all who long for peace and justice.**

Opening Prayer

God of gentleness and strength, you have created each of us to bring different gifts; free us to bravely share those gifts. You have made us all different. Help us to remember that we are all made in your image. In the diversity of this community, you call us to be one body. Help us to live out your call to be the body of Christ. Amen.

Children's Time

*Exchanging the Peace

Solo "Simple Song," from *Mass* (Leonard Bernstein)

Rachel Wood

Life and Work of the Congregation

We Listen for the Word of Hope

Hebrew Scripture Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Edward Long

Greek Scripture Mark 1:21-28

Meditation Discerning Gifts

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem The Storm is Passing Over

Charles A. Tindley

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU# 808 You Who Dwell (On Eagle's Wings)

Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung VU # 959)

We Go Out to Be the People of God

*Closing Hymn VU# 589 Lord, Speak to Me

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing Come Walk with Us, the Journey is Long South African trad; arr. Anders Nyberg

**Hamba nathi mkululu wethu
Come walk with us, the journey is long.
You are holy, you show us the way.**

Postlude

Today

~ Scriptures ~

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 p. 174 Mark 1:21-28 p. 34

Announcements

~ Rev. Sarah will be on Study Leave from Feb 6-12. During this time Rev. Robin Wardlaw will be on call of pastoral care. His contact info is: 416-465-3755, glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca

**** Sue is away on vacation until Feb 10. ****

Please ensure all announcements for eblasts and bulletins are in the office and CC'd to Rev. Sarah by 9am Wednesdays as someone else will be adding them in thank you!

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

Our theme for January and February is Called and Gifted, exploring how we discern and share our skills and talents in different areas of life. We begin Lent February 22 with A Lenten Festival of Afro-Spiritual Music. We will continue our journey through Lent focusing on forgiveness and reconciliation.

February 8	Making Space for New Callings	Mark 1:29-39, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
February 15	Transfiguration Sunday: Using our Senses in Worship	
February 22	First Sunday of Lent: Festival of Afro-Spiritual Music	

~ **DON'T BE SHY!** We are always welcoming congregants to take a part in our worship service. Lay leadership roles include: greeters, ushers for communion and offering collection, scripture readers, communion preparation (including gluten free bread baking), telling a children's story, composing and leading prayers of the people or sharing a faith story. Please consider this as your invitation to participate. Simply let Susan Bower, Chair of Worship, slbower@bell.net, or Rev. Sarah Miller know of your interest. Or use the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

~ **Minute for Mission: Recovering from the Earthquake**

Four years after the Great East Japan Earthquake, the physical buildings at the Asian Rural Institute in northern Japan have been rebuilt and learning programs are back in full swing.

Living and working in a diverse community, the Asian Rural Institute offers experiential and classroom learning in organic farming and leadership development. Programs bring together rural leaders from around the world. All participants commit to returning to work in their communities. In 2013 more than 30 people came together at the institute for nine months, spending 2,061 curriculum hours learning together and countless hours living and farming in community. Participants grew vegetables and, more importantly, self-confidence and leadership skills.

One participant said this about her learning at Asian Rural Institute:

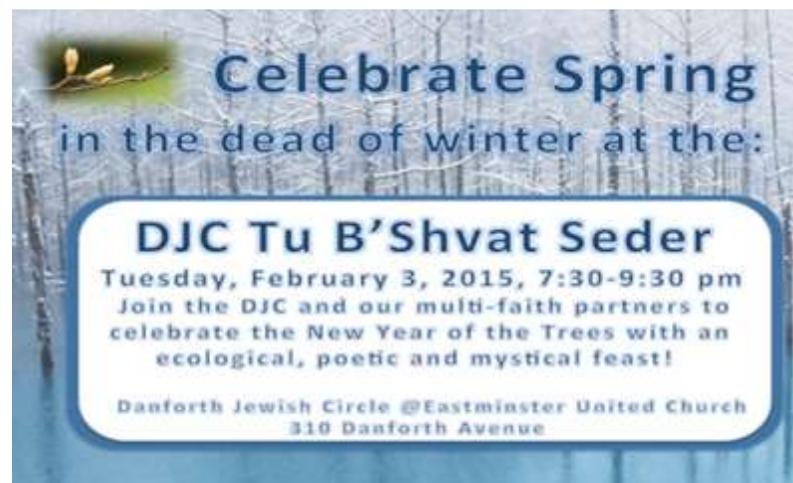
"There is a river in front of us. The river is poverty, lack of education, laziness, and selfishness. NGOs come to help us. They carry us across the river. But they do not teach us how to cross on our own. So after they go back, we cannot cross the river again. But the Asian Rural Institute is different. What we learned here is how to cross the river."

Supported by our gifts for Mission and Service, the Asian Rural Institute enables rural leaders to look at local resources in their own communities and use them to improve lives and move forward out of poverty.

Upcoming Events

Tues. February 3 from 7:30-9:30pm: CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH OUR FRIENDS!

Members of Eastminster are invited to join our hosts the Danforth Jewish Circle for their Tu B'Shvat Seder to be held in the Auditorium on Tuesday, February 3 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Please join with our multi-faith partners in this celebration of the New Year of Trees. It will be an *adult-focussed* evening of worship and learning as Rabbi Miriam Margles will explain the aspects of the service. There will be limited room at the table so EUC will be restricted to 30 participants. Please R.S.V.P. to Bruce Chown at 647-343-4370 or brucechown@rogers.com



~ **Wed. February 4 from 7.30-9.30pm: EUC FOLKS! Please note this week we are meeting at the home of Alan Munn, 67 Arundel Ave**

(Runs every *second Wednesday*)

For Folk music players, singers and lovers: If you, or someone you know, plays guitar, harmonica or other instruments... and wants to join in these informal sessions...please get in touch with us at:

Alan Munn lamunn@pathcom.com (H) 416-463-3834 (C) 416-352-8617 or Neil Riach (C) 416-464-8400 info@neilandcarolyn.com.

~ **Sun. February 8 from 2-4pm: EASTMINSTER SKATES: SKATING PARTY AT GREENWOOD PARK**

Bring your skates and join Eastminster families for a skating party at Greenwood Park (Dundas & Greenwood – lots of street parking). Meet at the party room for a skate, some hot chocolate and snacks, and lots of outdoor fun! All are welcome. Please bring a snack to share (popcorn, chips, veggies, fruit, etc.) For details, contact Claire Barcik at cbarcik@yahoo.com.

~ **Sunday February 8: SOUND OPERATORS TRAINING**

For one hour after morning worship service led by David Kopulos. Sandwiches will be provided. Please speak to Susan Bower, sbower@bell.net or Hilary Donaldson, music.eastminster@bellnet.ca to RSVP. Our roster of 5-6 sound operators is an important volunteer opportunity to help make Sunday mornings run smoothly. If you've never operated a sound system you can still learn and be a part of the rotating team.

~ **Fri. February 20 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB**

Book: **STILL ALICE** by **Lisa Genova**, Moderated by: Jennifer Allen .

Act fast! Buy your book for \$7.85 from Carolyn (Prices higher at stores). Note: No library copies available this month as it's a very popular book. You must buy at your favourite book store, online or from Carolyn. New members welcome! Come out for a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9 pm Social Wine and Cheese. **Location:** At the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren (1 block from EUC).

For more info contact: Carolyn Curren at 416-465-6174 or email: info@neilandcarolyn.com

~ **Sun. March 1: EASTMINSTER ANNUAL MEETING:** Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after the service for our Annual Meeting

~ **Sun. February 22: SONGS OF LOVE**

The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada is an organization which promotes singing, education, and research in diverse aspects of Christian song. Eastminster will host the February meeting of the society's active Southern Ontario chapter (SOCHS). Come and enjoy hot chocolate and hymns of love on a chilly February afternoon – more details at www.sochs.org

EASTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

Songs of Love **The Hymn Society**
in the United States and Canada
Southern Ontario Chapter
www.sochs.org

"Lost in wonder, love and praise."

Join us for some Singing on the theme of love (divine and not so much), Hot drinks, and Chocolate to warm the chill of a Southern Ontario winter.

Sunday February 22, 2015, 3:00-4:30pm with refreshments at 2:30 at Eastminster United Church, Toronto (Danforth near Chester Stn). There is no charge for this event, co-sponsored by Eastminster U.C.

Further information at info@sochs.org or (416) 342-6034.

~ UNITED CHURCH SUMMER CAMPS: - Register Now!

Residential programs near Toronto and across Canada at a much lower cost than YMCA or private camps. Starting at age 6 for 4 nights right up to mature teen programs for a week to a month. Ontario High School Credits on LIT and Outdoor Skills Programs. Open to all: so bring a friend. *United Church Camps are caring, diverse and inclusive camps that provide quality camping and outdoor education experiences for children, teens and families.* Camp locations/websites at:

<http://www.united-church.ca/contact/camps> . Call/email a EUC parent for insight on UC camps including www.SparrowLakeCamp.com. Carolyn Curren 416 465 6174 or info@neilandcarolyn.com

Out in the Community

~ Presteign-Woodbine United Church are holding their 22nd Annual Community Variety Show on *February 20th at 7:00pm* in their Hunter Hall. Auditions are being held on February 16 & 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Adults and children are welcome. The show is \$7.00 per person or \$20.00 per family of four. Info at: <http://presteignwoodbineuc.com/>

~ The Presteign-Woodbine Heritage Group just started their new series of Historical presentations. A new and interesting presentation will take place each week between 1:30-3:30 pm every Thursday until March 12th. Topics range from Toronto the Bad to Chinese Canadian History. Each presentation is \$7.00 per person. There are bulk presentation rates and bus trips with lunch, theatrical performances and tours are available to participants.

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

Our Staff

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Sarah's Office Hours this week: Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am and Thursday 12:30pm-2:30pm. Other times by appointment.

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Hilary Donaldson, Pastoral Musician music.eastminster@bellnet.ca

Scott Pietrangelo, Music Leader

Musicians

Michelle Suzanne, *soprano soloist*

Andrew Hodwitz, *bass soloist*

Jeff Schissler, *tenor soloist*

Joy Klopp, *alto soloist*

Custodians

Robert Covert

Jessica Aguiar

Alison LeGrow

Joseph Telford

Joshua Somers