



Eastminster United Church
October 25, 2015
Twenty Second Sunday
after Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Optimism is a strategy for making a better future. Because unless you believe that the future can be better, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it so." - Noam Chomsky

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

*Opening Hymn MV#12 Come Touch our Hearts; st. 1, 2, 3, 5

Lighting the Christ Candle

adapted from Debra Faulk, *UU Words for Worship*

One: We light this candle, symbolic of the warmth of community and the brightness that love brings to the world, illuminating our search for justice and peace.

All: **Here in our midst is this flame, so tiny and so significant**

Opening Prayer

adapted from *Called to Be the Church*

**God of welcome and hospitality,
as we gather this day with friends, neighbours and strangers,
we recognize that each of us brings hopes and fears, celebrations and laments,
gifts to be offered and needs to be met.
In this place, we share the breadth and depth of our lives. Amen.**

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

The Children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 32:22-30

John Bowman

One:

The word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Reaching Out

Rev. Sarah Miller

* **Coffee Time Volunteers Needed**

If you enjoy the coffee, tea and snacks after (and now before!) the service each Sunday, please consider volunteering to provide the snacks and serve the beverages. We have a number of Sundays between now and the end of the year for which we don't have volunteers, and so our hardworking team needs your help. We'll also need extra volunteers for the Christmas holidays. Please send an e-mail to Doug Harris (dharris@iroc.ca) to express your interest. It would be especially appreciated if you can volunteer in pairs!

* **Out of the Cold (OOTC)**

OOTC begins again on Nov. 6th and we are expecting capacity numbers. We appreciate your ongoing financial and volunteer support. Eastminster has a breakfast team (6-8:30 a.m.) led by Chris Bennett and an evening team (8:30 - 11 p.m.) led by Judith Ramsey. If you would like to volunteer for a dinner or clothing room shift or you would like to contribute desserts, please sign up individually on Volunteerspot. Sign up info. is available on our website: <http://www.eastminsteruc.org/out-of-the-cold/> (click on Out of the Cold to access drop down menus)

This year we are accepting donations of very specific clothing items only to better meet the needs of our guests. Please check the list on our website.

* **Agnes of God Production**

Eastminster will be producing a play, Agnes of God, as part of our accessibility project fundraising efforts during the 2016 Lenten season.

Agnes of God, a play with three cast members, explores fundamental issues of spirituality vs. obsession, miracles vs. magical thinking, and faith vs. doubt. The play will run: Wed. April 27; Fri. April 29; Sat. April 30; & Sun. May 1 (the latter date includes two performances, one a matinee). All performances will be followed by talk-back sessions. Our hope is that this will give audience members an opportunity to engage with the play in a meaningful way.

If you are interested in participating - either through acting, stage-managing, costume-design, props-handling, lighting or sound-technology, etc. contact Jennifer Thomson at jenn.thomson@gmail.com

Upcoming Eastminster Events

* **Tues. October 27 at 7pm: Stewardship and Finance Committee Meeting**

* **Tues. October 27 from 7-8.30pm: Study Series: Bullies, Gossips, Gods & Scapegoats**
Meet in the Parlour (Full details at www.eastminsteruc.org under "What's Happening")

* **Wed. October 28 at 7pm: Worship Committee Meeting**

* **Sun. November 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends... Put your clocks back one hour!**

* **Mon. November 2 from 7-9pm: Folk Music Group**

Everyone is welcome, even if you don't play an instrument and only want to sing. Questions? Contact Alan Munn lamunn@pathcom.com. Meetings are every second Monday, meet on the Auditorium Stage.

* **Sun. November 8 at 1pm: Celebration of Life for John Day**

* **Tues. Nov. 10 from 7-8.30pm: Study Series: Bullies, Gossips, Gods & Scapegoats** *(see Oct 27)*

* **Wed. November 11 at 10.40am: Chester Village Remembrance Day Service**

Please contact Rev. Sarah if you would like to help out

* **Wed. November 11: Remembrance Day** *(church office closed)*

* **Sat. November 14 from 10-5pm: 6th Annual Arts & Crafts Sale!**

Come out to this amazing Arts & Crafts sale put on by the Toronto East Rotary Club and get some early Christmas shopping started! Admission is FREE, and there will be live music, refreshments, face painting, draws, not to mention a huge diverse group of artisans and vendors selling their fabulous wares! Proceeds raised will help support community programs including **Out of the Cold!!** Info: torontoeastroty.com 416-463-3834 **Location:** Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave.

* **Sun. November 15: Baptism!**

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child please speak to Rev. Sarah.

* **Mon. November 16 from 7-9pm: Folk Music Group** *(see Nov 2 for details)*

* **Wed. November 18 at 7pm: New Speaker Series: "Herod the Great, the Ivan the Terrible of Antiquity"** Join us for the third Ancient History Talk led by Enrico De Dominicis. *(details coming soon)*

* **Fri. November 20 at 7pm: EUC Reads! Book Club**

Book: The Red Tent **Author:** Anita Diamant **Moderator:** Christine Hanlan. Don't miss out! Buy your book from us for \$ 11.75 (arriving next week). Email Carolyn: info@neilandcarolyn.com to order.

Note: not available at the library for the November meeting (it's such a well-loved modern classic read worldwide). Based on an almost obscure woman cited in the book of Genesis, the author recreates the biblical time in a fascinating story portraying the little-known life of women at that time and their huge role in society. John Brown says this as an excellent read! You are welcome to join in - come out for a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9pm Social Wine & Cheese at the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren. Info: John Brown 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren 416-465-6174

info@neilandcarolyn.com ** There will be no meeting in December **

* **Tues. Nov. 24 from 7-8.30pm: Study Series: Bullies, Gossips, Gods & Scapegoats** *(Final session)*

The Announcement Deadline for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am**

Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca

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

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