



A JOYFUL, GROWING, LOVING COMMUNITY OF FAITH WHERE YOU HAVE A PLACE

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION



December 2nd, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent

You Are Welcome Here at Church of the Resurrection!

Thank you for joining us to worship today. You are joining with a community of people from all walks of life and at many places in their understanding of God and spirituality. We believe that we are all made in the image of God and that God's image becomes more clear as we grow in our diversity and love for one another.

We are not an institution, we are not a building, we are people who, with all our gifts and joys, our faults and failings, because of our common faith belong to one another. We hope you will find a spiritual home here, or a refreshing stop on your path through life.

If you would like to know more about our Church community, you can pick up a leaflet from our welcome table, speak to one of our welcomers or clergy or visit us online at:

Website: oneresurrection.org

Facebook: Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton

Prayer Blog: oneresurrection.wordpress.com

Services This Week

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; Luke 21:25-36

8:30 Eucharist

Presider: Rev. Leon Burke

Assistant: Caroline Sharp Reader: Barbara Baesso

10:30 Eucharist

Greeters: Bill & Jeannie Hrycenko

Presider: Rev. Leon Burke

Reader: Robin Meyer

Lay Reader: Steve Swing

Prayers: Adam MacNeil

Eucharistic Ministers: Dunstan Jordan, Roy Turvey

Servers: Nathaniel Steeves, Simon Steeves, Simon Steeves

Coffee Hosts: Steve & Karen Thacker, John & Judy Dolbec



Readings Next Week

Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 19a (pg. 88BAS); Luke 3:1-6

Prayers for Our Church

We pray for the following members of our Parish family:

Carmen Richards

Garry & Patricia Rideout

Barry & Diane Riess

and their families.

In our church, we pray for our Corporation.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

We lift before God Dorothy and John Stewart and Peggy Swing, in whose loving memory the flowers in the sanctuary are given today by Steve and Glenna Swing.

We pray for comfort for all who mourn them.

Prayers for the Community

In our community, we pray for the Jamaican Foundation and all who regularly use this building.

Celebrations

We pray with thanksgiving for all those celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries :



John Dolbec (December 2nd)

Greg Potter (December 8th)

Sonia Vaughn (December 7th)

**May God bless them as they celebrate,
and in the year ahead!**

Church & Diocesan Updates



**To all the Volunteers for helping make our
Breakfast with Santa such a success.
A Merry Time Was Had By All!**



YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

Following services please take a brief moment to pick up your Christmas letter from Mike. Letters are located in the

Narthex. The simple task of picking up your mail significantly reduces our office operating costs. Please do so today! Thank-you!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



Join us Sunday December 16th @ 7pm for our annual Community Carol Service. Enjoy your favourite carols & Christmas stories.

Cider and cookies to follow.

A celebration for the entire family to enjoy.

'A Christmas Prayer' ENVELOPES

The approach of Christmas summons many emotions, many of us turn our thoughts to those who are no longer with us and no longer share in this wonderful celebration. Others feel a sense of thankfulness amidst the abundance Christmas offers them.

You are invited this year to remember those who are lost or to give thanks by filling in 'A Christmas Prayer' envelope and returning it to the Parish Office.

If you choose to do so you can make a contribution towards the Christmas flowers that will decorate the sanctuary by including it in the envelope, additional funds will be used to resource our worship. Our prayers and thanksgivings will be published for our Christmas celebrations. Please have your envelope (which are available in the Narthex) to the office by **Sunday December 16th**. Thank-you!

Altar Flowers

The cost of flowers on the Altar has been kept flat for three years. In 2019 the cost will need to rise to \$68. You can sign up to donate flowers for 2019 on the board in the Narthex on January 1st. The flowers are a donation to the church and are taken after our service as a sign of our love and care to those who are sick, shut in or facing a difficult time. Please speak to Barb Walker for more information. Thank-you!

LIVING BLACK HISTORY PRESENTS

'ALL STAR JAZZ' Saturday 9th February 2019, 6pm. Tickets \$20, on sale now!!!!



We are supporting Mission Services as they seek to ensure children and adults in need in Hamilton this year get the coats, boots, hats and scarves they need. Please donate new or gently used items to the Parish Office. Thank-you!

Financial Update

Recently following both services we held a town hall meeting to examine our year-to-date and projected end-of-year finances as well as talk about the budget for 2019. We are anticipating a deficit at the end of the year totally approximately \$15,000. As we examine the figures it is clear this is the result of two reasons- the death and moving-away of members of our church who traditionally make significant annual contributions to our church, this accounts for over \$8000 of unrealized income. The second reason is simply the failure of many of our church to support fundraising efforts through advertising or ticket sales, leading to cancelled events this accounts for \$9000 of unrealized income. While we have two new renters, our rental income potential is now maximized. Without any additional budget items, the basics of running our building and paying our staff comes to \$258,000 per year.

In the coming weeks:

- 1) A group is meeting to plan a new fundraising strategy for 2019. This will be presented on the second Sunday of Advent.
- 2) We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider a gift towards the deficit remaining at the end of this year.

Please speak to a Warden or treasurer for more information or pass your ideas for fundraising to Mike.

THANK YOU!

An invitation to all our volunteers at Church of the Resurrection, in thanksgiving for your ministry!

Please join us on: Sunday January 6th, 2019

5pm-7pm

for wine and cheese! Please RSVP to the office.