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# LightNews

## THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

### YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CENTRAL WESTSIDE UNITED CHURCH

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## WELCOME

We warmly welcome you to Central Westside United Church! Newcomers and visitors, please sign our guest book, and complete a request card which can be added to the offering plates. You are our guest today and we do not expect a financial contribution, but if you would like to donate you will find a visitor's envelope at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

At the center entrance to the Sanctuary there is a large white Memory Candle and a book to share your words... "In Memory of" or "In Celebration of" a person or event. Please feel welcome to share this with the Minister. ~Blessings from the Spiritual Care Team.

### "MINISTER'S MUSINGS"

*written by Rev. Heather Davies*

It is Palm Sunday this Sunday, and Lent is quickly coming to an end. Palm Sunday marks the threshold of Holy Week. It is a transition day, one of joyful celebration knowing that the week will hold challenges and ends in death and yet – Easter! God defeats death – but that is getting ahead of the story – for this week it's donkey's and palm branches and poetry.

#### "THE POET THINKS ABOUT THE DONKEY," BY MARY OLIVER

On the outskirts of Jerusalem  
the donkey waited.  
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,  
he stood and waited.

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,  
leap with delight!  
How doves, released from their cages,  
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.  
Then he let himself be led away.  
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!  
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.  
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.  
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,  
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

## "CWUC - Worship LEADERS 2024"

March 24

Lynn Kiddle

March 31

Rev. Heather Davies

April 7

Rev. Heather Davies

Hymn Sing following Service

April 14

Rev. Heather Davies

April 21

Eileen Cole

April 28

Rev. Heather Davies

## "DATES TO REMEMBER

March 29

Good Friday

Joint Service at First United

March 31

Easter

May 19

Pentecost Communion

October 6

World Wide Communion

December 1

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



Let us step forward into Holy Week.

~Heather~

## "SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS"

### MARCH

#### Easter Flowers

**Sunday** is your last day to place your order for a \$10.00 plant following Worship Service in the Friendship Room. This plants will be placed in the Sanctuary Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>.



## "REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS"



Edna Durst at Kelso Pines Lodge



Lois Armstrong, Lorna Howell and Marie Mills at Kelso Villa

## "THIS WEEK IN PRAYER"



## WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

CENTRAL WESTSIDE  
UNITED CHURCH



YouTube Channel

**ROGERS tv.**

Watch our worship service on  
**Rogers tv** channel 53,  
Thurs. at 6pm and Fri. at 9am.

## POTLUCK SUNDAYS 2024



Apr 7	
May 5	Jun 2
Jul 7	Aug 4
Sep 1	Oct 6
Nov 3	Dec 1

## 2024 POTLUCK CLEANUP CREW

Apr 7:	Finance (Prop/Fund)
May 5:	Church Council
Jun 2:	Cong Life / M&P /Comm
Jul 7:	Worship
Aug 4:	Finance (Prop/Fund)
Sep 1:	Church Council
Oct 6:	Cong Life/Decor /Comm
Nov 3:	Worship
Dec 1:	Finance (Prop/Fund)

## "LET'S CELEBRATE"



March 4 - Lois Armstrong  
March 12 - Jean Dier

## "SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK"

Sunday March 24, 2024



Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16



Monday, March 25, 2024: Annunciation of the Lord



Monday, March 25, 2024: Monday of Holy Week



Tuesday, March 26, 2024: Tuesday of Holy Week



Wednesday, March 27, 2024: Wednesday of Holy Week



Thursday, March 28, 2024: Maundy Thursday



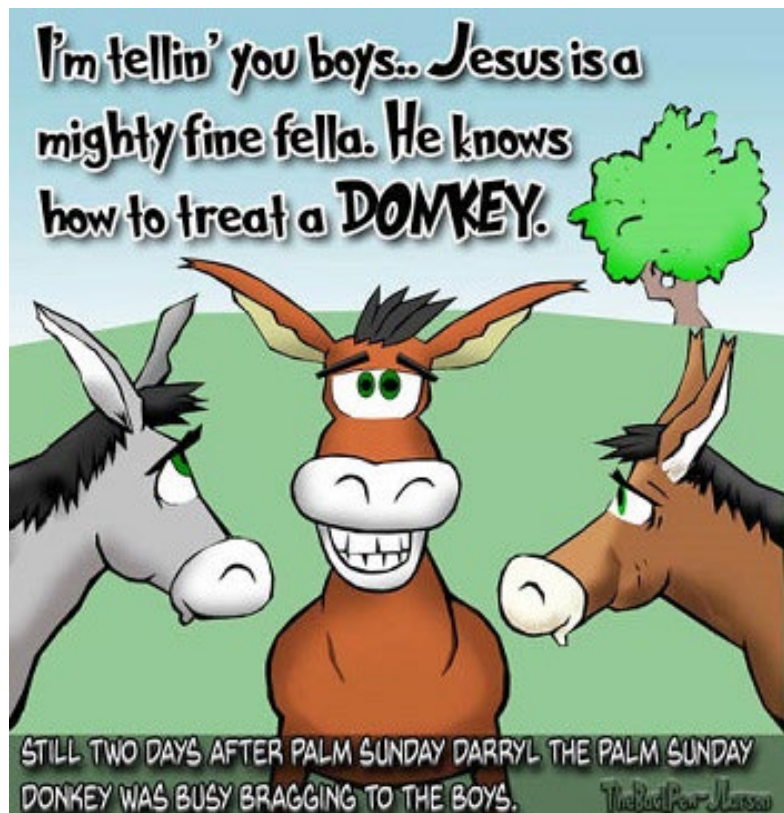
Friday, March 29, 2024: Good Friday



Saturday, March 30, 2024: Holy Saturday

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## "THIS WEEK'S SMILE"



## "YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS"

Church Council Chair  
**John Neerhof**

Congregational Life  
**Janice McCutcheon & Patti McMeekin**

Ministry & Personnel  
**Glen Durst, Chair**

Projects & Fundraising  
**John Neerhof, Chair**

Property  
**George Kiddle, Chair**

Trustees  
**Bob Pringle, Chair**

Visitation:  
**Vacant**

Worship  
**Ann Otterbein, Chair**

## "VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED"

Join our team of **volunteers** that help make our Church great! Send your name to the Church Office by telephone 519-376-8319 or email at [office@centralwestside.ca](mailto:office@centralwestside.ca).

## "OFFERING / GIVINGS"

Unable to attend Worship Service regularly:

- Place your offering through the 3rd Ave W Church Door mail slot
- Give through Preauthorization Remittance – **PAR**
- CanadaHelps**



(click to go to their web)

## "NEWS YOU CAN USE"

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CHURCH TEAM MEETINGS

Remember you are welcome to attend any Committee / Team meetings that are being held. You may also inquire about joining a Committee/Team that you believe fits your skill or knowledge set or you want to learn about. To learn more about the responsibilities and committee make-up read the [CWUC Constitution 2020](#).

#### Church Council:



Church Council will be meeting on **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm in the Friendship Room. Church Council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.



**Church Council Minutes:** If you would like a copy of the monthly minutes, contact the Church Office 519-376-8319 and they will either mail or email them to you.

#### Church Office:



Our food cupboard is depleting more quickly these days, and more food donations are needed to refill Ole Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

#### Thank you!



**Don't forget** that you can access the LightNews, Orders of Service, CWUC FYI documents on our website. [www.centralwestside.ca/our-publications](http://www.centralwestside.ca/our-publications).



**Have Your Say:** Send us your *stories, poems, pictures, reflections*, let us know what you think, what additions and/or changes you would like to see on our website or in the *LightNews*. Send an email to [office@centralwestside.ca](mailto:office@centralwestside.ca) or use the online form. We look forward to hearing from you.



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**YouTube:** Like, subscribe and share with your friends and family on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@centralwestsideunitedchurchos/streams>



#### Congregational Life:



**Membership:** We are updating our records! Have you changed your address, telephone or email? Send an email to the Church Office [office@centralwestside.ca](mailto:office@centralwestside.ca) or put a note through the Office door mail slot following service on Sundays.



We'd like to celebrate you, your family and/or friends. A birthday, anniversary, or special event/occasion, let us help you share. Send an email to [office@centralwestside.ca](mailto:office@centralwestside.ca) and attach a picture if you've got one. We look forward to hearing from you



We also continue to update our **birthday listing**, send a note with your name and date of birth to the Church Office via email or a note through the Office door mail slot.

#### Fundraising & Projects:



**St Paddy's Day Brunch:** A BIG Thank You to our amazing 11 workers for our St. Paddy's Brunch on Sat. Mar. 16th. A Big Thank You also to all those who donated food and supplies, and those who came out and bought tickets to the event. We had approximately 50 people through our doors and made **\$451.00**.



## "CHURCH GROUPS"



### Prayers

Tuesdays at 10 am via  
Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88078702851>



### Bible Study

Thursdays at 11 am in the Minister's  
Office with **Rev. Heather Davies**  
and via Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96827181373>

Studying the book of 1 Corinthians.

Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the  
Parlour with **Evan Evison** studying  
the book of James.



Held every Sunday following  
"Learning the Faith"

## Coffee Time



Join us for coffeetime and  
fellowship following Worship  
Service in the Friendship Room.

## Ministry & Personnel:



Ministry & Personnel will be meeting on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Ministry & Personnel meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

## Property Committee:

The following outreach groups use our building:



AA – As Bill Sees It: Sundays from 8:00 to 9:30pm



Embers (Brownies): Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00pm



Sparks: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm



NA-Open Doors: Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30pm



NarAnon Family Groups – Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.)



CMHA Grey Bruce – Fridays from 11:00 – 12:00 pm



AA Saturday Night Happy Hour 'Saturdays from 7:30 – 9:00 pm

## Trustees:



Trustees are meeting on **March 21, 2024** at 10:00am in the Parlour. The Trustees meet quarterly.

## Worship Committee:



Worship Committee will be meeting on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, following worship service in the parlour. Worship Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.



**Sponsor Our Livestream:** If you would like to sponsor a **month** of our livestream worship services for **\$200.00**, contact the Church Office. Provide the Church Secretary with your name, the month you would like to sponsor and any message i.e. In Celebration, In Memory, In Thanks. Your message can be personal or community related. You could also donate anonymously if you'd prefer.



**Benevolent Fund:** Envelopes available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. We hope to use these funds to purchase gift cards for those in need. **THANK YOU!**



Please note that "**The Daily Bread**", **March through May**, is available. We ask that you contribute **\$2/copy**. They are located at the entrances to the sanctuary (in their usual places). **THANK YOU!**

## "IN OUR COMMUNITY"

(See our bulleting boards for more information about the events)

### St. Mark's Church, Chesley, ON

Harmonies in the Midst of  
Madness & Miracle  
March 29, 2024  
7:30pm

### Owen Sound Alliance

400 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., OS  
Simply Worship  
April 13, 2024  
6:00pm

**Announcements** must be received by the office in writing no later than **Noon** on Wednesday so they can be included in the weekly *LightNews*. All submissions must have contact information provided and may be edited for content and/or size.

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