

Sunday January 25, 2026
10:30am,
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
Worship Leaders: Rev. Wanda Stride and Jean Green

10:20 Announcements from the Pulpit

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting

May the light of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Acknowledgement Of The Traditional Territory

This morning we are gathered on the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, situated in the treaty territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, specifically the Gunshot Treaty which is part of the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement of 2018. May those of us, of settler heritage, strive to learn about these Treaties and develop good relationships with First Nations.

Moment To Gather Ourselves

Call To Worship/Lighting the Christ Candle

Come, let's walk in the light of grace.

No matter how shadowy our days,

no matter how angry or sad,

frustrated or liberated,

It is God's light that guides us.

Come, let us follow the light of Christ.

We are guided, strengthened, called and beloved.

Let us worship the source of light and love now.

Response as candle is lit: VU 82, A Light is Gleaming (refrain only)

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

Opening Hymn: VU 563, Jesus You Have Come To The Lakeshore

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,

and while smiling, have spoken my name;

now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;

by your side I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. R
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

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Holy Wondering

Ukulele Hymn: MV 48, I Can Feel You Near Me God

1. I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here.

Refrain:

And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia Jump for joy for you. *Repeat*

2. I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me always everywhere
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me I know you're there.

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Repeat After Me Prayer

Prayer Of Confession & Illumination

Loving God, help us to be still and to listen.

We need you, but sometimes we get busy and forget to include you.

We love you, but sometimes we get angry and demand our own justice.

We bow before you but sometimes we think we have it all under control.

As we worship, as we hear your scripture, and as we pray and sing, help us to humbly feel your presence in all we do.

For now, loving God, hear our personal prayers of confession that we lay before you now.

(Silent confessions).

Creator God, Christ and Spirit, you promise a light yoke as we commit to you. You promise to free us from our burdens when we stumble under the weight of life. Thank you for your promise of love.

Sing: TLUS 78, Trust These Words

Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;
Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Live in peace, beloved, know you are adored;
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

Trust these words: we are forgiven.
Through God's mercy broken lives can be restored;
Trust these words: We are forgiven!
Live in grace and peace, oh, love and serve the Lords;
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

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Scripture: Isaiah 9: 1-4

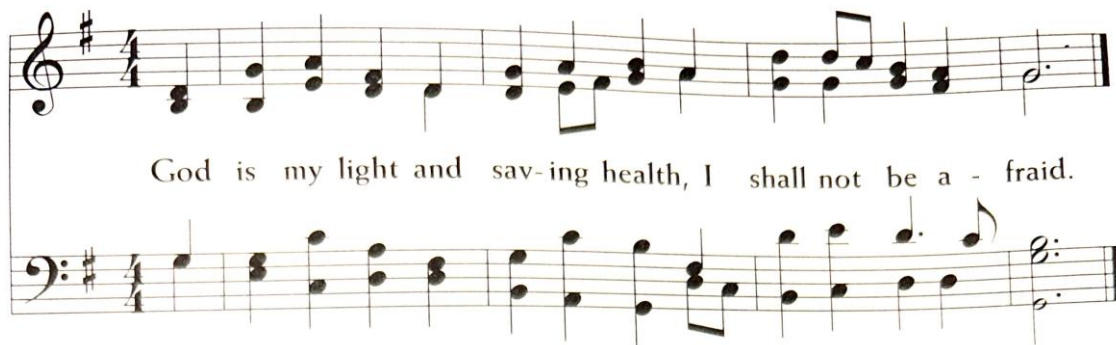
Response: Let us hear what the spirit is saying to the church!
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 27

Refrain:

Refrain

Jeremiah Clarke



God is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?

**God is the stronghold of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When the wicked close in to devour me,

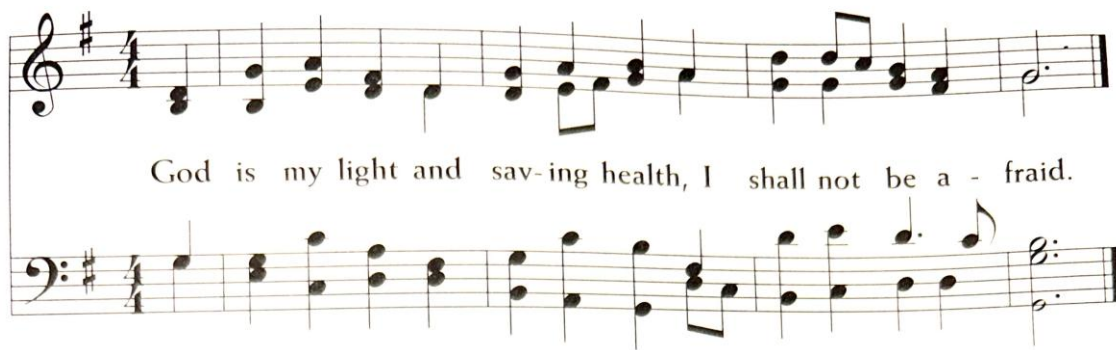
it is they, my enemies and my foes, who stumble and fall.

If an army should encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid;

if war should arise against me,
even then I will not be dismayed.

Refrain

Jeremiah Clarke



One thing I have asked of God, for which I long:
that I may dwell in God's house all the days of my life,
to gaze on your beauty, O God,
and to seek you in your temple.

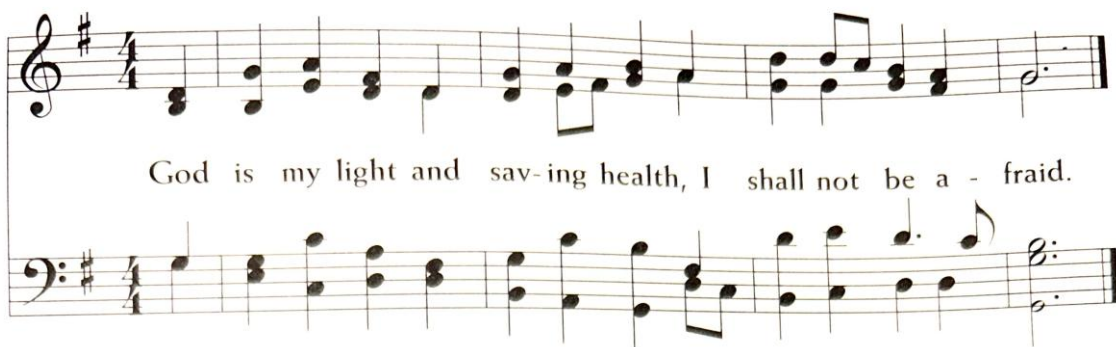
For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter;
you will hide me under the cover of your tent,
you will set me high upon a rock.

And now you have raised my head
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
a sacrifice with great gladness.

Refrain

Jeremiah Clarke



Hear my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy and answer me.
Your face, O God, I seek.

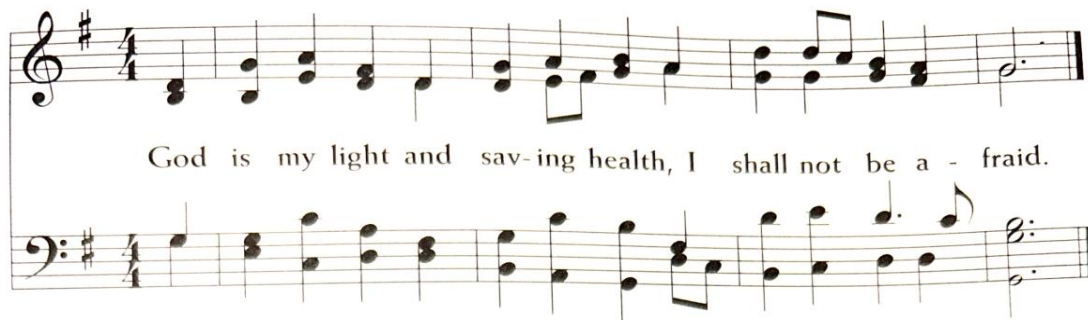
Do not hide your face from me;
do not reject your servant in anger,
you who have been my helper.

Do not cast me off, or forsake me, O God my saviour.

**Though my father and mother forsake me,
my God will take me up.**

Refrain

Jeremiah Clarke



Teach me your way, O God,
**lead me on a level path,
safe from those who lie in wait for me.**
Do not give me up to the will of my enemies,
for liars and false witnesses arise against me.
I believe that I shall see God's goodness
in the land of the living.
**Wait for God; be strong, and take courage;
yes, wait for God! Refrain**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 12-23

Response: this is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Anthem: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Music by Thomas Chisholm; Words by Wm. M. Runyan; Arr. Jane Marshall

Message: Gone fishing

Minute for Mission

Invitation To The Offering

Offering Hymn: MV 220, Hope Shines A Solitary Star

Hope shines as the solitary star, faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,

and illumine the pathway home. **(2X)**

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Offertory Blessing

Take all our generosity and humility and help it serve your world.

We can't ask for anything else. We want to be part of healing and love.

Take all we do and make us loving.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Brian Burke, Rick, Denyse, Allen, Henry, Bill Harris, Thian Hall, Brenda....

(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers:

Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti, Rita McKeown and Michelle Ludlow) ,

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 651, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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Sending Forth

Let the power of the Holy Ghost, let the power of the Holy Ghost,
let the power of the Holy Ghost, fall on me.
Anointing, fall on me. Anointing, fall on me.

Postlude

Announcements

Scent Free Environment –Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders, laundry detergents and fabric softeners, which can linger on clothing) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

**The church office is open
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am -12:30m.
Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

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New Announcements

Radical, Flourishing, Radical Joy Women's Retreat...with keynote speaker The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne. Oct 27-29, 2026. \$500 per person. \$100 deposit due March 15, 2026. (Rev. Wanda Stride is leading music for this retreat). Elmhirst's Resort, 1045 Settlers Line, Keene ON.

Lynn Miles in Concert, Mar 29, 3:00pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by etransfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca or by clicking on this link www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/lynn-miles

Lynn Miles is considered Canadian songwriting royalty. With a JUNO Award in 2003 for Roots Traditional Album of the year, Lynn subsequently scored JUNO nominations in 2006 and 2011. She has taken home six Canadian Folk Music Awards including three for Songwriter of the Year. Lynn was a staff songwriter for LA based publisher Criterion Music, along side Lyle Lovett, Rosanne Cash and Rodney Crowell. Her first record deal was with Rounder Records in the US and Continental Records in The Netherlands. She is currently signed to True North Records in Canada.

Suzie Vinnick in Concert, May 29, 7pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by etransfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca or by clicking on this link www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/suzie-vinnick

Three time Juno nominee, 12 Maple Blues award-winner and 2 Canadian Folk Music Award-winning artist. A Saskatoon native transplanted to the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada, Suzie Vinnick is the proud owner of a gorgeous voice, impressive guitar and bass chops and an engagingly candid performance style. Suzie is a 3X Juno Nominee and has won 12 Maple Blues Awards, 2 Canadian Folk Music Awards and a 2024 ECMA with her project A'Court, Spiegel and Vinnick. She has also twice won the International Songwriting Competition – Blues Category. Her latest album is entitled “Fall Back Home”.

Take Action to Support Gender-Diverse Youth

The governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan have recently enacted legislation that disproportionately targets gender-diverse youth, and have invoked the notwithstanding clause to override Canada’s Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Petition e-7027 calls upon the Government of Canada to annul or repeal provincial legislation that restricts the rights of trans and gender-diverse people in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Use this link to find the petition:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7027> (or you can do a Google search for Petition e-7027). Make sure to verify the email they send after you sign the petition and follow the instructions so that your vote counts! Sign the petition by Feb 16 - and please share!

National Affirming/PIE Day 2026

National Affirming Day, also known as PIE Day, is celebrated annually by Affirm United, on **March 14th (or close to it)**. PIE Day provides an opportunity for all of us

to Publicly, Intentionally and Explicitly celebrate LGBTQ+ people in our community.

This year, the Affirm and Equity Committee is hosting two different PIE Day celebrations!

On Sunday, March 15th, the service will have a PIE Day theme. The Youth Group will make and serve shepherd’s pie for lunch following the service. A free-will offering will be received with donations going to the Home Rainbow Youth Centre in support of LGBTQ+

youth in Brighton. **On Saturday, March 28th**, the Affirm & Equity Committee is partnering with the Brighton Public Library to create a fun and informative community event at the library from 2:00 to 4:00PM. As this year’s PIE Day theme is “Crafting Community”; we will have a variety of crafts and crafting opportunities for youth and kids. We plan to have a few speakers such as Meg Fox speaking about the intersectionality of being queer and neurodivergent and others. There will be a fundraising table with locally crafted items (paintings by LGBTQ+ youth, bookmarks, homemade pies, etc.) with all proceeds being donated to the Home Rainbow Youth Centre.

We are also pleased to announce that the staff at the Presqu’ile Animal Hospital will be running a bracelet-making table at the event and Will Clark will have a button-making table. There will be door prizes, music, refreshments and, of course, slices of pie for everyone!

We would welcome donations towards this event, such as home-baked pies (to serve attendees) or hand-crafted items for the fundraising table. If you can assist, please speak with Jeanette or email her at jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com. Thank you!

“New members classes”, or “what exactly is it we believe?”

Every Wednesday after Bible Study, approx.. **11:30am**, few of us are meeting in the Quiet room or minister's office to reflect on what we are reading in "Building God's Beloved Community", a resource of essays and reflections by United Church ministers, moderators and scholars. Why don't you join us? the conversation is lively, respectful and open, and you are welcome here. A few participants plan to join the church on Easter morning, but you can also join us simply for the fun of it.

Please reach out to the office or Rev. Wanda if you are interested. We meet every Wednesday at 3pm until March 25.

Shrek the musical, by BrightON Stage Productions. April 16-18. Tickets are on sale now online. Please visit brightonstageproductions.ca for more information.

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Happening this week and through the holidays:

Sun. Jan 25	10:30 Worship, 12:00 Why Do I Go to Church 12:00 Youth & Adult discussion
Mon Jan 26	2:30 After School Club
Tues. Jan 27	1pm Coffee and a Book (welcoming homeschooling families)
Wed. Jan 28	10am Bible Study 11:30am, New Members 3pm, Caregiver's Support 5pm Supper's Ready 5:30 Kid's Crafts
Thurs. Jan 29	10am, Choir 6pm, Puzzle Night
Fri. Jan 30	9am, VBS PA Day of Activities.
Sun. Feb 1	10:30, Worship 12:30, Why Do I Go To Church

Volunteers needed! **The TSA Clothing Depot** is looking for a volunteer or two, who could provide a couple of hours Monday mornings to move bins from the store to the storage shed which is located behind the building. The regular small group, of mostly women volunteers, would appreciate this as manually transporting these bins is beyond some of their capabilities. If interested, please contact Helen at 613 662-6484 or Sharon at 613 475-2928.

New Photo Directory... We are excited to announce we will be working on a new Photo Directory. There is more information to come, but pictures will be taken May 11-15th by Universal Portrait Studios. Mark your calendars and wait for your call to schedule your appointment!

From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

From the Stewardship team

As we continue to walk together in faith, I want to share an important opportunity to support both our vibrant community and our historic home.

Your financial gifts enable us to uphold our mission of being a welcoming, inclusive community rooted in Christ's transformative love. As part of this effort, we invite you to review your PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) contributions or other giving commitments, and consider making any adjustments or joining us in this way for the first time. Your ongoing generosity helps us fund outreach programs, support and uplift lives, and care for our historic building.

Our beloved church building, which has stood for 177 years, is a treasured heritage site that requires ongoing maintenance and care to preserve its beauty and significance. Together, let's continue to fulfill our vision of being a welcoming spiritual centre that embodies inclusivity, justice, and adaptability. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support. PS - You may call the office at (613) 475-1311 or email Pamela admin@trinitystandrews.ca for information on PAR - to join PAR the application form is attached and will need to be returned to the office.

J.P. Cormier comes to Brighton!

Join us Saturday Jan 24, at 4:00 pm (doors open at 3:30) (rescheduled from Dec 28) for John Paul "J.P." Cormier, a Canadian bluegrass/folk/Celtic singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. To date he has won thirteen East Coast Music Awards and one Canadian Folk Music Award. Cormier was born in London, Ontario and began playing guitar around age five. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books or this link:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/jp-cormier

Steáfán & Saskia live in concert, Sunday Feb 8, 3pm, \$25. An afternoon of Celtic music! Tickets at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by e-transfer or this link:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/saskia-steafan-1

From The Worship Committee

Bible study Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

Lectio DivinaPlease reach out to Irene Robb (eneri1414@gmail.com) or the office (admin@trinitystandrews.ca) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf> . We are gathering **Wed. Feb 11th**, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

Caregivers Peer Support Group: once monthly at Trinity-St. Andrew's the fourth Wednesday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 in the Quiet Room.

Next meeting **Wednesday Jan 28, 2026** Open to anyone caring for a loved one who would benefit from sitting with other caregivers in a supportive, safe, and confidential space. Limited openings now. For more information, please reach out to the office.

"Why I come to church"

Have you ever had a neighbour ask you why you come to church, and didn't know what to say? Join us **Sunday January 25 and Feb 1 at 12:00 pm** in the church hall as we dig deep into our faith, and with a soul-searching process discover why Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church is so important to us. Here's the cool part: we have engaged the services of a video producer who will document our time together, and create short promotional videos for us to use on social media in the months to come. If you are curious, please see Rev. Wanda or Pamela in the office to sign up. Let's perfect our elevator speeches!

From the Youth and Christian Education Committee

Coming Up in January for the YCE Committee

Mondays

2:30pm-6:30pm After School Drop-in Program

Free, drop-in program for ages 10 and up

Snacks, art, games and more

Tuesdays

1:00pm-2:30pm Coffee and a Book

Free, drop-in program for homeschool families

Snacks, crafts, Lego and more

Wednesdays

5:30pm-6:30pm Kid's Craft

Free, drop-in program for all ages

Sundays

10:45am-11:45am Holy Wonderers

Worship, crafts and fun followed by an intergenerational snack

2nd and 4th Sunday

12:30pm-1:30pm Youth and Young Adult Discussion Group

In addition to our regular programs, we will be highlighting the following days:

January 29 National Puzzle Day - we will be hosting a puzzle race night, \$40 per table, \$10 per person, refreshments will be provided, 6pm

Jan 30, PA Day Activities, 9am to 3pm, ages 4-12, free program, register online at www.trinitystandrews.ca

We need your help... for volunteers to help with our PA Day on Jan 30th. Please contact the office if you can help out.

Also we need 25 or so walking sticks, and 25 boots or shoes that are worn out, small stones and bottle caps

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb 6. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtggroup@gmail.com.

Exciting news! We now have a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette and she will show you all of the titles available!

From the Hospitality Committee

Coffee Time...After our worship service we are blessed with a small group of volunteers who make sure that coffee and treats are ready for you to enjoy each week. Please consider assisting this group that needs your help. We need more people to be involved. If you can help out, please contact Sharon McMullen at 613-475-2928 or see her after church.