

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Bob, Willi, Al, Melinda, Mike, Paul, Brian, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Linda, Donna, Brian, Jim, Lynnette, Al, Brock, Cathy, Katana, Brian, Jim, Glenn and Kolby;

>for those who have no one to pray for them.



THIS WEEK AT ZION:

- Mon. May 8 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 PM Pathfinders

- Tues. May 9 7:00 AM Rotary
9:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30 PM Sparks
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

- Wed. May 10 9:00 AM Quilters
1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group
2:00 PM McCarthy Place Worship
5:00 PM Bethel Church Community Meal

- Thurs. May 11 9:45-11:45 AM Alzheimer’s Group
12:00 Noon Bible Study
2:30 PM Hillside Worship
4:15 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Choir Practice

- Sun. May 14 “MOTHER’S DAY”
10:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School – LAST DAY!



SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14TH AS WE WORSHIP

- Greeters:** Paul & Janet Jeffery **Reader:** Carmen Beck
- Usher Captain:** Brian Coe Team **Counter:** Tom Cosstick
- Altar:** Ellen Wolfe

"And if I go
and prepare a place for you,
I will come again
and will take you to myself,



so that where I am,
there you may be also."

John 14:3, NRSV

Sunday, May 7, 2023

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Reading: 1Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Children’s Songs:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: This morning we are pleased to welcome *Eric Charboneau* as our musical guest. Eric will be joined by Paul Shilton and Laura Burton who will perform the beautiful music for our service. “Thank you” Eric for joining us and sharing your musical talents.



COFFEE HOUR THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us for drinks and light snacks in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship. This social gathering is being hosted by your Congregational Life Committee.

We look forward to seeing you!

The next “COFFEE HOUR” will be on Sunday, June 4th.

RECITAL TAKING PLACE AT 3:00 P.M. TODAY: Avon-Thames Catholic Family of Parishes presents *Stillman Matheson, organist* in recital at St. Joseph’s Church, 96 Huron Street this afternoon at 3:00 P.M.. Works by Bach, Mendelsson, Sweelinck, Buxtehude and Willan. Admission is free and everyone is welcome!

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Just a reminder there is a Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 P.M.

STRATFORD CONCERT CHOIR: presents “O CANADA” Celebrating Canadian Composers at Avondale United Church, Stratford on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Artistic Director – Stéphane Potvin; Accompanist – Charmaine Fopoussi. \$40.00 tickets are available online at StratfordConcertChoir.org or at Blowes Stationery.

MOTHER’S DAY: *Mother’s Day is next Sunday, May 14th!* Have you picked up something for your Mother? If you are looking for that “something special” you might consider a handmade quilt made with love by our Quilting Ladies. A large selection of quilts for sale is on display in the Parlour. Feel free to contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878 for more information or to purchase a beautiful quilt.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study continues on Thursdays at noon in the Parlour. If any one is wanting to explore God’s Word and what it means for us in our daily lives as Christians, bring your lunch and come out and join us. For further information, please speak with Pastor Jeff.

HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received an updated list of items which are currently needed at the House of Blessing. To help their significant increase in the number of people using their services since this time last year, as you are able, if you could bring canned fruit or veggies for the House of Blessing Food Bank and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.



Volunteers play a vital role. Since I have been publishing that I am looking for volunteers to pick up and deliver the House of Blessing gifts and take them to the House of Blessing I have received three (3) responses for which I am truly grateful. My goal is to have a few more to make it possible that you won’t need to be called upon as often. Please, if you can spare a little of your time to help with this, contact

Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thank you!

