



# Connections

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*We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*  
*Matthew 4:4*

## World Day of Prayer March 6

### **RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK**

World Day of Prayer dates back to the 19th century, when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and around the world. They had a strong sense of identification with the needs of women and children and searched for ways to provide support. They were encouraged to engage in personal prayer and take leadership within their mission auxiliaries and associations.

By 1897 six denominations had formed a committee for a united day of prayer for home missions. In 1911 women of

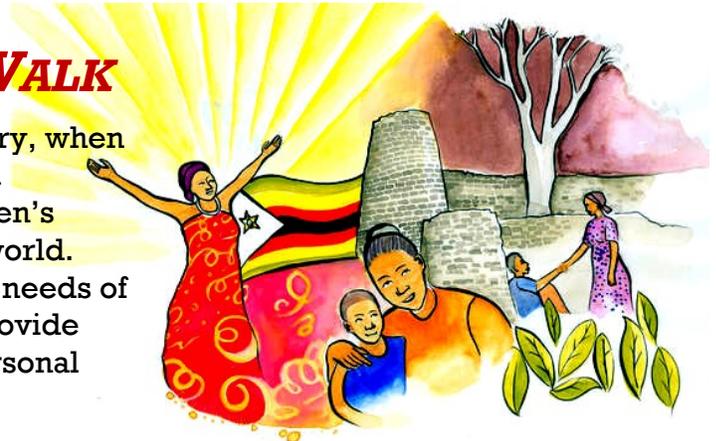


the six participating denominations wrote a common worship service on a rotating basis and called for a united day of prayer for foreign missions.

After the devastation of World War I, women knew that world peace was intrinsically tied to world mission and renewed their

efforts for unity. The first Friday of Lent was established as a joint day of prayer for missions and celebrated for the first time on February 20, 1920.

Since then the movement has spread across the world. Each year women from a different country prepare the service, which reflects their culture and their aspirations. In 2020 we learn from the people of Zimbabwe, a landlocked country in Southern Africa, searching for



*This is a World Day of Prayer 2020 painting by Nonhlanhla Mathe of Zimbabwe. It says "Let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy, as the time to rise up has come."*

peace during political transition. A change in government, an economic crash, protests and a massive cyclone, have all devastated the country. However, women, churches and ecumenical organizations have not lost hope. "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. (*John 5: 2 to 9a*) Our sisters in Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation.

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Holy Communion Sunday 8:30 and 10 am  
Morning Prayer Tuesday 9:30 am

**LOCAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

March 6, 2020 2pm  
Time of fellowship to follow

**ST. BONIFACE CHURCH**  
142 Markham Road

# Christ Church Ministry Team 2020

The following members of the Christ Church family have agreed to take responsibility for the worship, fellowship, financial and outreach well-being of our parish. They will welcome the assistance of everyone who offers their time and talent to the building up of our witness to the community in word and action.

## Staff

Incumbent: Pastor Pam Trondson  
Honorary Assistant: Rev. Roy  
Shepherd  
Deacon: Rev. Canon Jacque  
Bouthéon  
Parish Administrator: Ellen  
Cunningham  
Director of Music: Sam Tam



## Appointments

Rector's Warden: Brian Carr  
Lay Readers: Brian Carr, Jeanette Khan, Jo-Anne Linton  
Flower Convenor: Deacon Jacque  
Treasurer: Ian Campbell  
Envelope Secretary: Hyacinth Harvey  
Vestry Clerk: Diane Richardson  
Secretary of Parish Board: Diane Richardson  
Counters: Simeon Benjamin, Ian Campbell, Ken Pestill, Bill Wilkins (coordinator)  
Auditor: Peter Tsui

## Elected by Vestry

People's Warden: Eleanor Lorde  
Deputy Warden: David Baird  
Sidespersons Chair: Lystra Walters  
Parish Board Member at Large: Diane Dean, Ann Rice  
Parish Tribunal: Jo-Anne Linton, Bill Wilkins  
Lay Member of Synod: Deborah Cloakey  
Alternate Member of Synod: Diane Dean  
St. Margaret Cemetery Board: Brian Carr



## Committee Chairs & Group Leaders

**Communication:** Audrey Shepherd  
Editor "The Parish Window": Hyacinth Harvey



## Communications (continued)

Editor "Connections": Audrey Shepherd  
Public Relations/Publicity: Jo-Anne Linton  
Website: Ritika Luther

## Education

Adult Education/Baptism/ Confirmation: Pastor Pam, Rev Roy  
Church School: Deb Anthony  
Wellness: Lystra Walters, Condacy Moses



## Events

Bazaar: Beverly Baird and team  
Flea Market/ Rummage Sale: Jo-Anne Linton, Shirley Rigby

World Day of Prayer: Ann Rice

**Fundraising:** Joan Lewis



## Outreach

Community Meal: Hyacinth Harvey  
Deacon's Cupboard: Deacon Jacque  
Social Justice and Advocacy: Deacon Jacque, Ann Rice  
Women's Group: Hyacinth Harvey



## Pastoral Care

Seniors' Home Services (Cedarbrook Lodge, Chartwell Trilogy Residence): Pastor Pam, Rev Roy, Deacon Jacque  
Shut-in visiting: Pastor Pam, Rev Roy, Deacon Jacque, Jeanette Khan

**Property and Maintenance:** David Baird

**Worship:** Pastor Pam  
Chancel Guild: Deacon Jacque

Scheduling Coordinator of Chalice bearers, Readers, Intercessors, Servers: Deacon Jacque



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED ON MARCH 8

Women in Britain sought the right to vote as far back as Queen Victoria's time, when suffragists were vilified and jailed for demanding what we take for granted. In Canada the battle started in 1916, but it took until 1925 to gain women the right to vote in the first few provinces, and it was not until 1940 that Québec finally gave women that privilege.

The historic legal victory was due to the persistence of five Alberta women - Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Irene Parlby, Louise McKinney and Henrietta Edwards.

Emily Murphy was a judge. From her first day in court lawyers had challenged her rulings because she was not a "person" under the British North America Act.

Women were outraged. By 1927 they had support across Canada. Three times the Prime Minister refused to debate the question. Twice the Governor-General said no. They petitioned the Supreme Court. The appeal was unanimously denied.

Finally, in 1929, they took their demand to the British Privy Council in London, where the answer was yes. This landmark decision meant that women were no longer classed with "children and idiots" (*that really was the term used then*). They were now "persons" under Canadian law, and could not just vote, but even participate as Members of Parliament. There are still many battles to be won here in Canada - pay equity and spousal abuse, to name just two.

But in many other countries girls and women are caught in situations which deny them the right to be educated, to choose a life partner, even to venture outside their home without a male "guardian". That is why International Women's Day is important.

**As long as one woman is not free, none of us is truly free.**



## OUTSTANDING CANADIAN WOMEN



**Ann Divine Nova Scotia businesswoman and advocate for Black and immigrant women in business** Born in 1957 in Guyana, Divine grew up in England, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, a post-graduate diploma in Social Work, and a Master's in Human Resources. Moving to Canada in 2004, Divine served with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission from 2007 to 2014. Atlantic Business Magazine put her on the January 2017 cover of their first-ever issue devoted to women.



**Senator Chantal Petitclerc Member of the Senate of Canada for Quebec, and decorated Paralympic Champion**

Chantal Petitclerc is a wheelchair racer and advocate for persons with disabilities. A native of rural Quebec, she was the first Canadian athlete to win gold medals at the Olympics, Paralympics and Commonwealth Games. She is considered the most decorated female track athlete in history. A Companion of the Order of Canada, she was named to the Senate of Canada in 2016.



**Raven Lacerte, a Carrier from Lake Babine First Nation, and Co-Founder and Youth Ambassador of the Moose Hide Campaign** Raven Lacerte is co-founder, with her father, Paul Lacerte, and youth ambassador for the Moose Hide

Campaign, a national grassroots organization of men and women working together to end violence against women and children. Lacerte also serves as youth representative for the British Columbia Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation's Advisory Council for Indigenous Women.



**Dr. Alaa Murabit Physician, UN Commissioner on Health Employment and Economic Growth and UN Sustainable Development Goal Advocate**

Dr. Murabit is a physician, international advocate for inclusive peace processes, a UN-appointed Global Sustainable Development Goal Advocates. After high school in Canada, Dr. Murabit moved to Libya, enrolling in medical school. At 21, she founded The Voice of Libyan Women to promote women's leadership and to challenge cultural and societal norms.



**Dr. Donna Strickland, 2018 Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics**

Dr. Strickland is a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics for developing chirped pulse amplification with Gérard Mourou. She is an honorary fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Physics. She was appointed to the Order of Canada in December 2019.



## Purim - the story of a wise woman

On March 10 our Jewish neighbours will be celebrating the most fun-filled, action-packed day of the Jewish year, the feast called Purim. It commemorates their nation's miraculous salvation from a despotic ruler more than two millennia ago.

Christians can read the story in the Old Testament Book of Esther, a fascinating tale of intrigue, power-struggle and feminine wisdom.

Today Jews tell this story again, dressing up in holiday finery, sometimes even wearing costumes to depict the characters in the story. They place special stress on caring for the needy, and emphasize the importance of friendship and community, singing, laughing and having fun together.

### We are asked to pray for these sisters and brothers in Christ

**Anne S, Annet K, Beverly B,  
Corinne P, Deb A, David M,  
Florence S, Jenille L, Joan & John N,  
Lennox Y, Leonora B, Maureen C,  
Viggy M.**

## DAYS TO REMEMBER

**March 13, 1456** German printer Johann Gutenberg completed publication of his Bible on his printing press. It is the first copy of the scriptures produced with movable type.

**March 6, 1475** Michelangelo Buonarroti was born. His works include the famous sculptures *Pietà* and *David*, the architectural plans for the rebuilding of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome and the magnificent paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

**March 7, 1804** The British and Foreign Bible Society was founded in London "to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without

## March 3 - World Wildlife Day

World Wildlife Day will be celebrated in 2020 with the theme "Sustaining all Life on Earth", including all wild animal and plant species as key components of the world's biodiversity. Earth is home to countless species of fauna and flora – too many to count. This rich diversity, and the billions of years during which its myriad elements have interacted, are what has made our planet habitable for all living creatures, including humans.

Historically, we have depended on the constant interlinkages among all elements of the biosphere for all our needs: the air we breathe, the food we eat, the energy we use, and the materials we need for all purposes. However, unsustainable human activities and exploitation of the species and natural resources that make up the habitats and ecosystems of all wildlife are imperiling the world's biodiversity. Nearly a quarter of all species are presently at risk of going extinct in the coming decades, and their demise would only speed up the disappearance of countless others, putting us in danger as well.

As Christians, our prayers include promises to respect the earth and the creatures God made, so this day set aside by the United Nations to honour wildlife has special meaning for us.



note or comment both at home and in foreign lands".

**March 3, 1865** The American congress approved the preparation of a device for the U.S. mint to inscribe on U.S. coins the words "In God We Trust".

*Scripture readings for March 1:* Genesis 2: 15 to 17 and 3: 1 to 7; Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12 to 19; Matthew 4: 1 to 11



*Readings for March 8:*

Genesis 1: 27, 28 and 31;  
Psalm 121; Acts 16:11 to 15;  
Mark 4: 30 to 33