

HASTINGS-ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

"LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCHES"

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Hastings, Ontario

Worship: 9:15a.m.-10:15a.m.

Organist & Choir Director: Marcus Elia

Chairperson: Ruth Geddes

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ROSENEATH UNITED CHURCH

Roseneath, Ontario

Worship: 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Organist & Choir Director:

Chairperson:

We welcome Karen Johnston who will be leading us in worship today.

"CARING AND SHARING"

Our prayers are with those who are shut-in and sick, unable to join us in worship this morning.

"UPCOMING DATES"

Sunday April 15 Holy Humour Sunday

Sunday April 22 Congregational Meeting

following worship at Hastings for further consideration and decisions about the future.

Friday April 27, Saturday April 28, and

Sunday April 29 Bay of Quinte

Conference Annual Meeting, at Napanee.

Rev. Jamie will be home on Sunday for worship services.

"UPCOMING EVENTS"

Spring Church Supper 2018 - Saturday, April 14. For tickets or to volunteer, contact

William Boyko: 905-352-2583

"MINUTE FOR MISSIONS"

Organ Donation across "Enemy Lines"

Our gifts for Mission & Service support health and peace and the breaking down of barriers to peace. In the Holy Land, bringing ordinary Israelis and Palestinians peacefully together is extremely

difficult in such a tense and violent environment. But the International Christian Committee in Israel (ICCI) does just that.

Along with Palestinian girls' empowerment programs in Arab towns in Acre, the ICCI brings Palestinians and Israelis together through a variety of programs, from academic conferences to supporting inter-ethnic organ donation. As Hussam Elias, ICCI's Executive Secretary, says, "Arabs and Jews are not 'doomed' to live together but should live together."

The medical expenses related to organ donation in Israel are covered by the state; the ICCI raises awareness and organizes conferences to break down the social barriers and conflicting ideas about organ transplants that have been in place across cultures. Often, people only want to donate within their own ethnicity.

As a result of the support of the ICCI and other organizations, Israeli and Palestinian families come together in very unique, life-giving situations.

One Arab youth was killed in a car accident, and his family donated his heart to a Jewish person; when the boy's mother met the recipient, they hugged, and she said it felt like she was hugging her son. In another case, a Jewish family donated the liver of a relative to a young Arab man. When he got married, he invited his donor's family, and the wedding photos show them all together as one big family.

As a piece of anonymous street art in the city of Haifa says, "This is for the organ donors, reminding us all that we won't be strangers for long."

