

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

ROSENEATH UNITED CHURCH

Roseneath, Ontario

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

Organist & Choir Director:

Chairperson:

Visit our web site ~ <http://harpcharge.com>

"CARING AND SHARING"

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

"SPECIAL REPAIR PROJECT"

Trinity Hastings has some extensive repairs needed to the back of the church in the eaves. As much as we love pigeons, they can't keep sneaking in the eaves where the wood has rotted away.

The work will be done in the spring. It will cost approximately \$2,000 for a man-lift and material to repair.

The church council are launching a special appeal to help cover the cost.

You can bring some coins and add to our special cans, or make a donation marked as "Special" Repair Project in your offering envelope. With many thanks!

"MINUTE FOR MISSIONS"

January 12

Holding Space for Life

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries to hold space for those who otherwise would be lost and unknown.

A simple candle is lit in the chapel at First United Church in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. The gathering on unceded Coast Salish traditional territory is acknowledged. We honour a community member who has died from drug poisoning. There have been too many.

People in our neighborhood have come for many reasons. In spite of living on or below poverty incomes, in inadequate housing or rough on the street, they have made this community their home. In a relatively small footprint of land, people know and care deeply for one another. Today the church opens its doors to hold space for affirming life.

Across Canada, more than 12,800 opioid-related deaths occurred between January 2016 and March 2019. Eighty-two percent of accidental opioid-related deaths involved fentanyl or fentanyl analogues. Likely every church and community that reads this Minute for Mission has been affected by drug poisoning. Vancouver's inner city has been profoundly shaken by this pandemic. Public education, access to harm reduction supplies, and safe consumption sites have begun to slowly reduce the numbers. We advocate for change in drug policy, increased housing, easier access to treatment facilities, and more supports for those who struggle with mental illness.

On this day we honour a person much loved in the community. Your support for Mission & Service allows First United and other community ministries to continue a ministry of seeking justice and holding space for life.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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**IT’S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!**  
**It’s that time of the year again to get ready for Annual Meeting. Please prepare and submit your reports via email to [hastingsroseneathpc@hotmail.com](mailto:hastingsroseneathpc@hotmail.com) for the Annual Report.**  
**Thank you for your help!**

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“PLEASE NOTE”

(R) If anyone needs more donation envelopes at any time, please contact Bonnie.

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**Next Week:**  
**Sunday January 19, 2020-2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 (Reader)**  
**John 1:29-42 (Minister)**

**Hymns:**  
**VU81 As with gladness men of old**  
**VU96 Will you come and see the light**  
**MV135 Called by earth and sky**  
**VU79 Arise your light is come**

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

**Q: WHAT DO YOU CALL AN AMISH GUY...**

**Q: What do you call an Amish guy with his hand in a horse’s mouth?**

**A: A mechanic.**

Gary was having a yard sale. A minister bought a lawn mower but returned it a few days later, complaining that it wouldn’t run.

“It’ll run,” said Gary. “But you have to curse at it to get it started.”

The minister was shocked. “I have not uttered a curse in 30 years.”

“Just keep pulling on the starter rope—the words will come back to you.”