

HASTINGS-ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

"LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCHES"

Minister: Rev. Jamie York ~Summer Announcement Sheet~ July 14 - August 11, 2019
(Office) 905-352-2000, Email hastingsroseneathpc@hotmail.com
(Home)705-243-2734, Email: piperrev@gmail.com

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.

~~~~~

### "MINUTE FOR MISSIONS"

**JULY 14, 2019**

#### **Grounded in Love**

Just City at St. Matthews Maryland Community Ministry builds community well-being, works for justice, and nurtures hope in individuals and families in west central Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The program attempts to balance meeting basic needs, enabling personal transformation, and working for social change through a variety of initiatives. These include everything from offering an emergency food program for families, to small collaborative economic initiatives that help people learn employment skills.

The Artist's Circle provides a venue and supplies for soulful creative time. No experience is necessary, and people mentor and teach each other. St. Matthews Maryland receives 9,000 visits a year to its drop-in space where people come to be filled—filled with snacks, filled with the joy of someone who cares, filled with the worth of someone listening, and filled with a sense of belonging.

Your gifts for Mission & Service support ministries like St. Matthews-Maryland.

~~~~~

JULY 21, 2019

Helping Cubans

For more than two decades, food delivery tricycles

supported by United Church Mission & Service partner, the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue (CCRD), have carried meals to elderly and infirm residents in Cárdenas, Cuba. CCRD grows, prepares, and delivers food to more than 100 people every day.

Established in 1991, the centre supports churches in their work of social assistance and sustainable development. It is a space for Christians in Cuba to work together with others to support and help Cuban people in need.

When Hurricane Irma struck Cárdenas in September 2017, the people served by the CCRD food delivery program found themselves vulnerable in another way. Their homes were among those seriously damaged by the strong winds and heavy rain that came with the storm. With financial contributions from the people of The United Church of Canada, CCRD provided new windows and doors—and, in a few cases, new houses—to people in need. Beneficiaries of CCRD's agricultural training programs received seeds and tools to replace what they lost.

Your contributions to Mission & Service help keep training programs and food programs going. And your support to ongoing United Church emergency appeals allows partners to respond in times of trouble.

~~~~~

**JULY 28, 2019**

#### **Support for Women in Africa**

Gender inequality has a direct impact on what food is available to families in some African countries. Women often have limited access to land to grow food for their families, and credit to purchase seeds. Women are also frequently

vulnerable to moneylenders.

A key focus of Mission & Service partner The Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) is supporting women. OAIC is an association of African-founded churches; its member churches serve a fellowship of over 30 million people across Africa and are largely found in informal urban settlements and in rural areas of Africa. Congregations serve people living on the economic margins.

The United Church of Canada supports various OAIC programs, including the Livelihoods Programme. This program works with member churches to design and implement responses to hunger and poverty.

For example, in Vihiga County, Western Kenya, farms are small with rocky soil. Twenty women farmers from the Africa Divine Church are organized in a cooperative demonstration farm, planting high-value crops such as vegetables, bananas, and sweet potatoes, inter-crop with maize and sorghum. OAIC provides technical support and trains farmers on storing crops and securing markets for surplus produce.

The whole community works together for food security. Schools have been mobilized to grow food and teach better farming practices. In addition, OAIC has helped the community advocate with local and national governments for resources supporting agriculture.

Together with Mission & Service, OAIC is helping communities in Kenya work toward a better future.

~~~~~

August 4

A Life of Activism

Our gifts for Mission & Service support work with advocacy organizations like the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Setsuko Thurlow, a long-time United Church member, who is also a survivor of the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, received the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo on behalf of the International Campaign to

Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). When the atomic bomb hit on August 6, 1945, killing more than 140,000 people, Setsuko was a mobilized student for the war effort at the army headquarters approximately 1.8 kilometres from the

hypocentre. Eight of her family members and 351 of her schoolmates and teachers died in the attack. “As a 13-year-old schoolgirl, I witnessed my city of Hiroshima blinded by the flash, flattened by the hurricane-like blast, burned in 4,000-degree Celsius heat, and contaminated by the radiation of one atomic bomb,” she said in 2014.

After moving to Canada, Setsuko and her husband were active in various peace and disarmament organizations. In 1974, she established Hiroshima-Nagasaki Relived, a group that reminds people of the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki through photos and stories. She has travelled to dozens of countries to share her story of survival and alert people to the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to all humanity.

Setsuko says, “*hibakusha* (survivors of the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki) are convinced that no human being should ever have to repeat our experience of the inhumane, immoral, and cruel atomic bombing.”

~~~~~

## August 11

### Five Oaks—a Sacred Place

Our gifts for Mission & Service support education centres like Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris, Ontario that offer programs for children, youth, and adults that inspire and inform. The United Church of Canada Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre was the vision of Bev Oaten in the 1950s. The first programs began in the summer of 1952.

Five Oaks has gone through many changes over its 67-year history. In 2016, when Five Oaks was planning to close, a new vision of being an intercultural and interfaith centre rose from the ashes of the past.

Five Oaks has continued its partnership with the United Church and Six Nations of the Grand River, as the centre sits on the sacred land of the Six Nations, and has added a partnership with the Muslim community.

The centre is now writing a new chapter in its story with a committed Board of Directors. The future is bright and hopeful for the education centre that has been revived.

Your gifts for Mission & Service help Five Oaks and two other education centres sustain their vision and ministry.