

Pulpit Welcome and Announcements – Sunday, September 18th

Bring this sheet, the current *Calendar* and *A Guide to Groups and Activities* (both *attached*) with you to the pulpit.

We warmly welcome all to this service – those returning from a summer away as well as any visitors. If you're visiting we invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the church. **If you are 'new' and are beginning to feel like this is your church home we'd ask you to fill in the card in the pew rack and hand it to the minister after the service.** Whether you're an 'oldtimer,' 'newcomer,' or visitor you're invited to join the time of fellowship (coffee, tea & juice) in Burgess Hall following the service.

Announcements:

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to David & Shirley Young, on the death of his brother, Robert Young of St. Catherine's, Ontario.

Today we resume our Souper Sunday fundraising. Everyone is welcome to stay after service for a hot bowl of either Irish Potato Soup or Corn Chowder.

Reminder that UCW Unit 2 will be meeting this Tuesday, September 20th, at 5:30pm here at the church and carpooling to Kaye Wood's cottage for a potluck dinner.

The Refugee Project Committee of the Rotary Club of Amherst is hosting a Community Celebration and Donor Appreciation event this Wednesday, September 21st from 1-3pm at the Rotary Park on Willow Street. Everyone is invited to welcome Syrian families to our community and express gratitude towards those who have made it possible for them to come to our town. In case of bad weather, the event will take place at the Wandlyn Inn.

Hold up the Calendar (*blue - attached*) **and say:**

The September calendar is available at the back of the church. In it you will find information regarding "Ministry in Common" and notification of the Congregational Meeting of Sunday, September 25th when we'll elect our new Council.

Hold up the Nominations and Elections Form (*yellow - attached*) **and say:**

The form for nominations and elections for Trinity-St. Stephen's Council is available at the back of the sanctuary. It explains the Core Values of our new governance model, describes the qualities necessary to serve on Council, and outlines the nomination process as well as deadlines.

Light the Christ Candle on the pulpit.

Say:

By the light of the Christ Candle
we see that differences which can divide may also unite.
Here we confess that we are all one in Christ.
Here all are welcome to find and to take their place.