

April 14
2010

SJWT



Dear Friends,

Listen to the the buds - they make sounds as they open. In this Sunday's worship, we notice that God's creation is *very good*.

Great Big

YARDSALE

At St. John's!

Drop off Stuff: *Weekday Evenings this Week, 7-9 PM*

Come to the Sale: *This Saturday April 17, 8:30 to 3:00*

Messy Church

This Saturday, April 17, 3:00 to 5:00

"Teaching our Children how to Pray"

Worship for 2-6 year-olds and their Families and Friends

Story, Craft, Songs, Healthy Snack

Messy Notes for Parents to Take Home and Put into Practice



Worship with us this coming Sunday

...Jesus meets the disciples on the beach and shares breakfast with them. Jesus says to Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter: "Yes." Jesus: "Feed my lambs..." Who do you love and what are you feeding them?

Worship on Sunday, April 18. Earth Sunday. 8:30 Early Eucharist. **10:30** Holy Eucharist. Sermon: Gary van der Meer; Music: Jaroslaw Czerwinec, *accordion*; Jamie Christakos, *violin*; and Zoltan Akantisz, *electric guitar*. Scriptures: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.



*Sunday School during 10:30 worship.
Refreshments following.
Newcomers Brunch at Axis!*

What does it mean "To Be Holy"

Seminar between the Sunday Worship Services

Brenda, our ministry student, invites you to explore this fascinating question in guided discussion, meditation and prayer.

"Prayer is standing in the presence of God with the mind in the heart"

Henri Nouwen



Please join as we begin the voyage by discussing where we encounter God. Contact: Brenda 416-351-0585, brenda.stewart@utoronto.ca

This four week program will run between our two Sunday services from 9:30-10:00 AM, beginning this Sunday.



Announcements & Events

Drop in for Tea

Feel like a walk? What's on your mind? Do you have a thought or question that would be worth a conversation? Drop in for a chat. A cup of tea, cookies, fresh fruit... **The church is open every Wednesday afternoon from 1-4 PM.**

Spring Clean Up

Bring your rakes and let's get our fingers into the earth as we prepare the gardens and remove the remaining leaves. Two days after Earth Day! **Saturday, April 24, 9:00 AM.**

Hike

Come along as we hike the Scotsdale Farm section of the Bruce Trail. This is a child friendly hike with two loops, one of 4 kms, followed by a 5 kms loop (4 kms is the distance from church through High Park and along the Lakeshore to the Boulevard Club). Parents with children should keep in mind though that this is not stroller-friendly country, so children will have to either walk, or be carried. Some of the path may be rocky. The hike includes a picnic (bring what you need!) and Earth Blessing. Short hikers can expect to be back home mid-afternoon. Long hikers will have a pub visit and can expect to be home early evening. *RSVP to Tom Gehrels mariengehrels@yahoo.com or 416-656-9111.* We will leave from church on **Saturday, May 1, 9 AM Sharp!**

Youth Lunch

On Sunday after Church, we will head over to the Purple Onion on Dundas Street and get a table together. Includes **Ask Gary!** *Prepare your hard questions about faith - the ones your parents are not sure how to answer!* Estimated cost for brunch: \$10. **Sunday, May 2, 12:30 PM.**

Mother's Day Weekend Fashion Show

Join us for a Fun filled Mother's Day Event on May 8th, 2010 between 2 and 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$35.00 per family of 5. Bring your Mother, Aunt, Grandmother, Neighbour, Sister, Best Friend for you will never see another Fashion show like this one ever again. Lunch will be provided. Contact: Catherine Laird; **Saturday, May 8, 2:00 to 4:30 PM.**

Book Study

"The Great Emergence" by Phyliss Tickle. *How the world is changing, and consequently, how Christianity is changing.* **Tuesday, May 4, 6 PM Supper, 7 PM Discussion. Potluck sign up sheet at Action Desk.**

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Breakfast for the Homeless

We offer Breakfast at St. Stephen's Church (just north of Kensington Market) on the Third and Fourth Sundays of Each Month (plus Christmas Day and sometimes the Fifth Sunday). Be part of the First Shift (begins at 6 AM) or the Second Shift (begins at 7 AM). Contact Tom Gehrels to be part of it: 416-656-9111, mariengehrels@yahoo.com. This Month: **Sundays, May 23 & 30.**

Great Upcoming Music!

April 18: Jaroslaw Czerwinec, accordion, Jamie Christakos, violin, and Zoltan Akantisz, electric guitar. **April 25:** Tom Leighton, keyboard, and Jaroslaw Czerwinec, accordion; **May 2:** Glory Glory Hallelujah, praise band; **May 9:** Paul Walker, organist; **May 16:** Ken Whiteley, guitar.

Thanks to our Photographers

Each week, we enjoy pictures and get to know names in the bulletin, powerpoint and this e-newsletter. *This week: Thanks to Jim Crummey.*

Thursday Morning Worship - Every Thursday 10:30 AM followed by visiting over tea and home-baked refreshments. Fourth Thursday of the month is Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Anointing for Healing.



The Easter Bonnet Contest

P.S. I hope you find it helpful to get an update like this from St. John's Church, West Toronto. If you would like something listed in the announcements, or if you know someone who would appreciate receiving this, please contact me. If you would prefer not to receive news from St. John's in this way, please also let me know.

Best wishes, Gary+

Check our website. www.sjwt.ca
And remember this!

Building up from God

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenge of our daily ministries. We call on all who will to come and join us.

We are not a building. We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight and gay. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

