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THE TITLE OF THIS WEEK'S SERMON IS "I JUST SPENT ALL WEEK WORKING ON A SERMON AND I GOT NOTHING"

Claiming God's Promises

"He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:6)

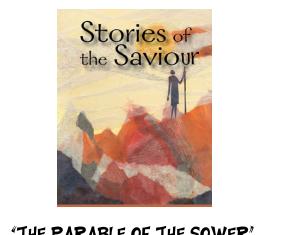


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The First Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 5, 2017 10:00 AM



"THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER" MATTHEW 13:1-23

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."" (John 7:37-38)

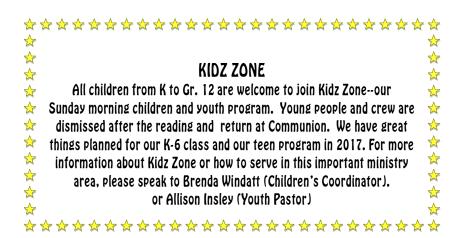
Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know our weaknesses, may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Greeters: Gail Sulpher & Adriane Joudry Reader: Jennifer Shoniker Prayers of the People: John Telgmann Chalice Bearers: Derek Waddingham & Deborah Brown Computer: Barb Lutz Prayer Team: Glen & Margo Hyde Kid's Zone: Gracie Doering, Steve Koziar, Kathy Doering & Jonah Doering Counters: Yolande Chan & Glen Hyde; Barb Lutz & Scott Young Church Set Up: Kyle Joudry Fellowship Snack: Barbara Lemmon



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Parish Movie Night: God's Not Dead 2



From the college classroom of *God's Not Dead* to the public square in *God's Not Dead 2*, the name of Jesus is welcomed less and less with each passing day. This highly anticipated sequel tells the story of Grace Wesley, a high school history teacher who gets caught up in a high-profile legal case over her right to discuss Jesus in a public classroom. Join us at the *Kingston House of Prayer* on *Friday, March 17* at *7:00 PM* for this

evening of fun and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided.

"I'd rather stand with God and be judged by the world, than stand with the world and be judged by God."~ Grace Wesley NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

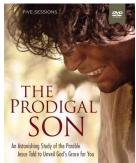


Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread devotionals for March - May 2017 are now available at the Welcome Table. This resource is a great way to start

your day with God and can also be a blessing during this season of Lent. Please help yourself to this resource and take one for a friend. Donations to help cover the cost are happily accepted!

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The Prodigal Son DVD Study

UNCOVER NEW INSIGHTS IN ONE OF JESUS' GREATEST PARABLES!

Two thousand years ago, Jesus told a simple story about a father and his two sons. This tale stands out because it is a story about each of us and our struggles with sin. Whether we identify with the

rebellion of the younger son or the self-righteousness of the older brother, we are all in need of our Father's grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

This 5-week video-based Bible study provides fascinating new insights into this parable and takes participants step-by-step through each part of the tale. We will explore not only the shocking actions of the younger son in his rebellion, but also the cold-hearted attitude of the older brother toward his family. We will find a reflection of ourselves in each of these two sons--and come to understand, in a fresh new way, what God does to find us where we are and bring us back home. Join us **Thursday evenings** in Lent at the **Kingston House of Prayer** (447 Division St.), beginning **this Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 PM** for this DVD study that includes video teaching and discussion, Bible exploration, and personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions. Topics include:

Parables: Unveiling God's Truth Through Stories Repentance: Facing the Agony of Being Lost Forgiveness: Experiencing our Father's Love Pretence: Looking Good isn't Good Enough Grace: Receiving Our Most Amazing Gift





For Your Prayers

Please hold the following people, places, and petitions in your prayers this week.

The World: Pray for an end to all violence and unrest; for countries in conflict and for the people who live in them--that the whole world would know the peace, justice, and freedom of God.

- For Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and parts of Africa.
- For the vulnerable: for women, children, those lost in the sex-trade, refugees, prisoners, and captives.

The Church: Pray for Christians throughout the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel--that Jesus would be known, worshipped, and obeyed.

- For the persecuted church: for Christians in the Middle East, Pakistan, China, and parts of Africa.
- For our Province (ACNA) and Primate: for Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison).
- For our Diocese: for our Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy); our Suffragan Bishops: Stephen Leung (& Nona); Trevor Walters (& Dede); and retired Bishop Don Harvey (& Trudy).
- For ANiC congregations in New England: for Holy Trinity, Attlebo, Massachusetts; the Rev. Andrew Carlson and the Rev. Ronald Wheelock; and for all who work and worship in that parish.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ ministering with us in Kingston: for Kingsway Outreach Centre.
- For our parish & the families of: Ross & Shirley Underhill, Monica Van Order, Roy & Ferne Vopni, Derek & Heather Waddingham, Mark & Brenda Windatt.
- For missionaries at home and abroad--for their safety and protection, as they spread the good news. Pray for Friends of Koura, ministering in South East Mali, West Africa.
- Our Country, Province, and City: for all those in authority--that they would lead with righteousness and truth.
- Pray for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Kathleen Wynne; and Mayor Bryan Paterson.

The Sick and Suffering: Pray for all those who cry out for healing in body mind or spirit.

- Pray for those in our parish: Harry, Barbara, Ann.
- Pray for our family & friends: Larry, Carolyn, Lowell, Linda, Brenda, Sue, Bishop George Bruce, Jeff & Gail.



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Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

In response to changing lifestyles and increased demands on time and energy, *Living Waters* seeks, through pre-authorized giving (PAG), to assist you

by providing an easier way to give your regular tithes and offerings. The PAG program may be a good option for you and your family!

PAG creates a win/win situation for you and *Living Waters*, and is a very simple procedure. When you participate in PAG, your bank account will be debited automatically on or about the **25th of the month**. This amount will then be credited to *Living Waters*' account. Currently, we have 19 Households on PAG (\$4844.00/month), which helps to ensure a regular cash flow--especially during the summer months.

If you wish to give your tithes and offerings to *Living Waters* through the PAG program, please fill out the application in the brochure at the Welcome Table nd return it to the church (with a void cheque). If you have any questions, please speak to our Treasurer, John Telgmann.

Loonies for Lent

Almsgiving is a common practice during Lent. Moved by the sacrifice of Jesus, many Christians respond to the needs around them by intentionally giving their time, talent, and treasures to others. Film canisters will be available at the Welcome Table–please take them home and fill them with your loonies (or toonies or bills!) And return them Easter Sunday.

All donations will go to support the work of our Missions Committee.



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Lenten Speaker Series: "Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines"



Lent is traditionally a time of spiritual renewal-a time when we intentionally prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our own life and faith-to examine our sin in light of God's holiness; our lives in light of God's love; and our merit in light of God's mercy.

The classical disciplines of the spiritual life call us to move beyond surface living into the depths of the heart, and to explore the

inner caverns of the spiritual realm. These spiritual disciplines, faithfully practised under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can open the door to spiritual growth, maturity of faith, and transformationdrawing us closer to God and deeper into His love.

During the six Sundays in Lent, we will be offering a speaker series, i entitled **"Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines."** As part of your Lenten discipline, I encourage you to commit to joining us every Sunday morning at **9:00 AM** to hear members of our congregation speak on each of these classic disciplines of our faith. Topics will include:

Lent 1 - March 5 - Confession - Earle Briard Lent 2 - March 12 - Fasting - Kathy Doering Lent 3 - March 19 - Prayer - Annie Edwards Lent 4 - March 20 - Scripture Reading & Meditation - Ivan Stewart Lent 5 - April 2 - Serving & Almsgiving - Deacon Derek Palm Sunday - April 9 - Worship - Yolande Chan