

**Food Bank:** When you are picking up your groceries, please add an item or two and drop it in the food bank box. Items needed this week are **tinned meat balls and gravy/Irish stew, tetra boxes, 1 litre orange juice, tinned fruit.** If you wish you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

**Duty teams for next Sunday, March 10, 2019:** Sidespersons' Team # 1, Counting Team # 7.

**Youth Group:** As part of our Lenten outreach, the youth group has decided to look after our four-legged friends! If you have old towels or blankets (not duvets) please drop them off at the parish during March 10 to 24. We will make sure that your donation finds a new home and owner. Thank you for your assistance in this project. .

*Donation to the Giving Thanks Fund in memory of David Wells from Bernice Wells.*

*Donation to the Giving Thanks Fund remembering the birthday of the late Johnny Ralph from wife Janet and Family.*

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
<b>Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS) with Imposition of Ashes
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS) with Imposition of Ashes
<b>Sunday, March 10 Lent 1 PWRDF Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
		<b>Next Evening Service will be Sunday, March 31, 2019</b>

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# Parish of the Ascension Chimes



**March 3, 2019  
Epiphany VIII**

**Lections:** Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 (*Refrain: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree*); 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Luke 6:39-49

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Presider/Homilist: Rev'd. Lynn Courage

**9:15 a.m. Ascension Café cancelled for today – will resume next Sunday.**

**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS**  
Presider: Rev'd. David Burrows  
Homilist: Rev'd. Lynn Courage  
Readers: Ed Miller and Mya Lethbridge  
Gift Bearers: Sylvia and Norman Viguers  
Hymns: (CP) 459; 422; 384; 561 & 478; 300

*“Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.”*  
Philippians 2.15,16

## Weekly Word

In the Christian community we are ending one season, and heading

into a new season, the season of Lent. For Christians in many parts of the world, there will be a renewed emphasis on self-examination, self-denial, abstinence, and reflection. Christian communities tend to offer many suggestions and much assistance in journeying with individuals during Lent.

Over the years I have had varying Lenten disciplines - exercise, reading, changes in diet, and acts of kindness to name a few. In the focused examination of Lenten practices, I sometimes miss out on the Scripture passages in the days leading up to Lent each year. Today, in some churches, two readings are offered, from Isaiah (Isaiah 55:10 – 13) and Luke (Luke 6:39-49). This year, as I reflect, I feel these readings jumping out, and almost hitting me in the face. The passage from Isaiah speaks of the luscious nature of creation, and relating the message of the Holy One being one of hope like that which springs up in the beauty of creation. In so many ways as I read that passage, I am reminded that many do not see the beauty of creation, or may be locked in the fear and pain of harder times – ‘winter seasons’ in one’s life. I strive each and every day, though there is barrenness of winter, or a long, cold spring, that the presence of the Holy One in my life and the life of the world will be a beacon, a bringer of hope to hurting and sometimes disillusioned people. The passage from Luke is a part of Jesus’ storytelling of parables. These parables speak of how soon we as individuals rely on our own judgement and our own strengths, pointing out inadequacies in others, and how we sometimes build our foundations on shaky pretense and action, that lead to devastating results. In both of these reflections, I am mindful that human beings tend to look inward at times to solve their own difficulties and challenges. What I see shining through in these verses is that we are called to look to the Holy One, and called to look beyond ourselves. This Lent, I will strive hard to do this. Yes, I will fail, as I have done each Lent. Yet I will keep striving, and keep moving as the Holy One keeps with me, and keeps breathing into my life.

Peace,  
David

**Parish Lenten Outreach Project:** This year we have partnered with The Single Parent Association of Newfoundland. Beginning **March 10 to April 7**, we are asking for the following donations: diapers, wipes, recess items such as juice boxes, granola bars, packages of

cheese and crackers, puddings and fruit cups, sugar and flour. Please place your donations on the shelving unit in the side foyer. On April 7, at our 11 a.m. service, Elaine Balsom, Project Coordinator with SPAN, will share their story and receive our donations.

**GPS 2019- God’s Positioning System: Seeking God’s Direction in Every Day Life and in Life Every Day!:** This Diocesan Youth Conference is for youth, from grade 7 and up, to come together to discover how faith is an important part of everyday life. Through guest speakers, outreach initiatives and other activities, youth have an opportunity to explore their faith with other young people from all across the Diocese. It will be held at the Lavrock Camp and Conference Center with all accommodations and food provided for free! The deadline for registration is March 15. Registration forms are available from your rector. If you have any questions, please email the Reverend Canon Amanda Taylor at [revamandataylor@gmail.com](mailto:revamandataylor@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

**Pancake Supper and Card Game:** Again this year, on Shrove Tuesday, March 5, the Men’s Service Club will be serving a meal of beans, bologna, bread roll and pancakes. The cost is only \$10 per adult and children under 12 eat for free. There will be **only one sitting at 6:00 p.m.** and there are a limited number of tickets.

**Tickets must be purchased or booked by Monday, March 4 (sorry, no un-booked tickets at the door).** Tickets can be purchased/booked by contacting Tasker King ([taskerking@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:taskerking@nf.sympatico.ca) or 368-5676), or any member of the Men’s Service Club. Also, at 7:30 p.m., following the Pancake Supper, there will be a card game. The cost for playing cards is \$6.00 per person, payable at the game. Please bring your own cards and baskets.

**Lenten Bible Study:** This year’s topic for Lenten bible study is *The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life*. Classes begin on Wednesday, March 6, following the morning Ash Wednesday service. Other dates are March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17.



**Clergy on the Floor Campaign:** Throughout the Lenten season, members of the Archdeaconry of Avalon will be participating in the *Clergy on the Floor* campaign. Members of the clergy will sleep on the pews and floors of the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on April 26<sup>th</sup> raising awareness and funds toward the *Home Again Furniture Bank*. You can sponsor a clergy member by using the special envelopes in the pews, signing the sponsor sheets at each entrance of the church or at <https://bit.ly/2k2FX4n>.

**Youth Group:** Next Youth Group meeting is Friday, March 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Parish of the Ascension. We will be having karaoke night and we will be working on a painting project for the Janeway Children's Hospital. Come along and bring a friend!

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service for Cougar Flight 491:** The Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle on Kenmount Road will host a memorial service in remembrance of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cougar Flight 491 on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Pre-service music begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be a reception to follow in the adjacent Parish Center. All are welcome

**PWRDF Luncheon:** We are inviting you to attend our annual PWRDF luncheon on March 10, 2019, immediately following the 11 a.m. service. We will be serving delicious macaroni and cheese, caesar salad, rolls, and ice cream. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. We also have a gluten-free option. Tickets will be available for purchase at the **side entrance** after the 11 a.m. service today and on March 3. Our PWRDF committee members will be calling those who normally attend. There is also a sign-up sheet at the side entrance or you can phone the church office at 368-5693 to book tickets. You can also call Fronie Squibb at 368- 7424 if you have any questions or would like to help.

**Events at First United Church: *Evening of Gospel Music*** Please join us on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm here at First United Church, 221 Park Avenue, Mount Pearl for an uplifting service of Gospel Music with our 'Blended Voices Choir' and the 'Right Fit Band'.  
***St. Patrick's Irish Stew Supper*** - The First United Women will be having a delicious Irish Stew Supper on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children and can be

purchased at the church office or from members of the UCW. Please call 368-2194 for more information.

**GCB Downtown "Pops" Concert:** The Gower Community Band will be having another in its new Downtown 'POPS' Concerts at Gower Street United Church on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m. The second concert in this GCB initiative will be a show in the Spring. It will include a performance by members of the Anchormen Barbershop Chorus and Master of Ceremonies Karl Wells. There are prizes to be won. Free tickets available at the door.

### Three Key Messages from the Vestry:

- We had a further presentation by Sheila Foote and Rosamund Gellately about the new National Anglican Stewardship Program, **Giving our Thanks and Praise** (<https://www.anglican.ca/gtp>). There will be a special presentation next Sunday, March 10, to share in the launch of this program.
- We were reminded that there is no extra money in savings for the summer months. This caused much concern, as the vestry is considering how we will be able to support essential ministries here at the Ascension. We were reminded that the Diocesan Commission identifies that there may be some sharing and amalgamating of ministries within the region. This may have an effect on how we conduct ministry, and how we pay our bills.
- The Nominating Committee reported that there has been only one position of eleven available positions for vestry and important ministries filled. Have you considered how you might give thanks to God and serve through decision making and leadership in the parish? We are looking for five vestry positions, a treasurer, two PWRDF representatives, an Anglican Life Reporter, and two Mission Leadership positions for the implementation of the Diocesan Viability Commission report. If you have interest or feel that God may be calling you, please pray about it; please speak with the Rector's Warden, Rosalind Williams.

Financial status to the end of January 2019 (unaudited)

2019 Revenue	\$23,364
Expenses	\$32,381
Gain (Loss)	(\$9,017)

NOTE: The Elevator/Lift is still in bad need of repair. The Property and Grounds Committee is in the process of addressing this. If you need to use the lift, please check with the People's Warden, John Gellately.