

# Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church  
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Lent 2

March 16, 2003

## Welcome!

If you are new to our Community of Faith,  
A Special Welcome!

### TODAY:

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift, 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
- ★ Lenten Stone Soup Study, 11:30 am
- ★ Bible Study : "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm

### THROUGH THE WEEK:

#### Monday:

- ★ Book Club, 1:00 pm
- ★ Christopher Leadership Course, 7:00 pm
- ★ Healing Pathways, 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 am
- ★ Church Board, 7:15 pm

#### Wednesday:

- ★ Lenten Bag Lunch Study, 12:00 noon
- ★ Congregational Care Committee, 1:30 pm
- ★ Estate Planning Seminar, 7:00 pm
- ★ Wednesday Worship: Walking The Labyrinth, 7:00 pm

#### Thursday:

- ★ Parents' Morning Out, 9:15 am
- ★ Adult Choir, 7:15 pm

#### Friday:


- ★ Children's Choir, 6:00 pm
- ★ YOSS, 7:00 pm

### Next SUNDAY, March 23, Lent 3

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift, 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
- ★ Congregational Meeting, following Worship
- ★ Lenten Stone Soup Sunday Study, 11:30 am
- ★ Bible Study : "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm

### SUNDAY, March 30, Lent 4

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, ALL AGES TOGETHER, 10:00 am
- ★ Lenten 'Stone Soup Study', 11:30 am
- ★ Bible Study: "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm



### Gifts Into Action

#### Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

This is an invitation for the leadership of your congregation to participate in Gifts Into Action, a Friday evening and Saturday Event that is energizing, renewing and fun.

Friday, March 28 7:00 - 9:00 pm - **Prisms**

Saturday, March 29 9:00 am - 12 Noon- **Leadership**

Saturday, March 29 1:00 - 4:00 pm - **Board Development**

**Prisms** is a resource Joyce Madsen and Claire Woodbuy have just developed here at the Congregational Life Centre to let people identify their gifts, recognize areas where they have passion, and explore opportunities for ministry - both as individuals and as a congregation.

**Leadership** offers the latest insights around that all important role for leaders - creating, modeling and sharing a vision for your congregation.

**Board Development** is an opportunity for your Board, Council or Vestry members to examine their role and plan ways to be more effective in supporting the congregation's mission.

Registration is \$375 per congregation. For this you can have up to 25 people at any session. It does not have to be the same people.

If interested contact our Board Chair - Grant Frame.434-8573


### WORSHIP and MUSIC and YOUTH Workshop

Weekend March 21-23

Providence Centre - Sponsored by Alberta and Northwest Conference  
Led by Marg Archibald, coordinated by Gale Glover 435-3995 Ext. 227.

Creative planning for *worship*, including youth in worship, how to make changes, etc.  
How to introduce new *music*, difference from performance, sources & resources, etc.  
\$200 for the weekend tuition, meals, and materials.

### STEWARDSHIP NEWS

 To the end of February 2003 givings to General Operations total \$40,713 compared to \$35,756 last year.

- ☺ to request offering envelopes, to inquire about PAR (pre-authorized remittance) or to verify contribution status, please contact Ann Didluck, Envelope Steward, 435-2288.
- ☺ There are boxes of offering envelopes for 2003 in the foyer.
- ☺ Thank you for your faithful stewardship.



### "The Joint Search & Selection Committee"

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 23, immediately following Worship  
To vote on the selected candidate to fill the 1.0 FTE Ministry Personnel position and the "Terms" of the Call.

### Silvertones' Schedule

- March 15 Irish Social & Supper
- March 23 15 mins. in Lounge  
Following Worship  
& Congregational Meeting
- March 30 Sing In Church  
"Evening Hymn" Meet at 9:15 am



### Set-up Team

March 23 - Jack & Anne McCracken  
March 30 - Don & Shirley Junk



### Lenten "Stone Soup" Sundays

.... begins today

March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

"To Seek Justice And Resist Evil"

Video presentations and discussions  
See article in Reminder "Lenten Project"

SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER

FOR SOUP AND BREAD:

More info: Lois Evans phone 434-4330

### Estate Planning Seminar

Wednesday March 19, 7:00—8:30 pm  
SSUC Small Hall

What should I include in my will? Why do I need an Enduring Power of Attorney? Why do I need a Personal Directive? How can I protect my estate from too much tax? Is a Trust something I should be considering?

Presenters: Alan Brimacombe and Carol Jackson

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Southminster-Steinhauer is an *Affirming Congregation*, a designation that signals our commitment to be a Christian community that is inclusive of all people, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, their families and friends.

For more information, please call Charles Bidwell, 436-8774 or Mieke Wharton, 435-1219.

On the second Sunday of the month, a special opportunity for fellowship is offered, referred to as the "LGBTF and Friends Luncheon." All are welcome.

**SOUL FOOD**

**...A Menu For Lent**

1. **Sunday Stone—Soup**  
 - 'To Seek Justice and Resist Evil'  
 - video/discussion series with soup and buns,  
 on 4 Sundays after worship  
 March 16, 23, 30, April 6
2. **Wednesday Bag-Lunch**  
 - ' Hope Unfolding: Key Themes of Lent'  
 - a video/discussion series during the noon-hour,  
 12 - 1 pm on March 12, 19, 26, April 2
3. **Early Bird Faith-Lift**  
 - ' A Sensual Faith, .. Experiencing God Through  
 Our Senses'  
 - 8:30 am to 9:15 am on Sundays  
 March 9, 16, 23, 30;
4. **Sunday Night Bible Study**  
 - 'A Believable Jesus' ... a probe into the wisdom of  
 Jesus through the insights from 'Jesus  
 Seminar' writings.  
 - 4 Sunday nights, 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
 March 9, 16, 23, 30

**This Lent ...**

- ★ Help Grow a Better World ....  
 By supporting the development of  
 Community gardens in the Entre  
 Rios region of Argentina.
- ★ These gardens are for supplying  
 school lunch programs, now that  
 former government programs  
 have not been able to continue.  
 Local churches are involved, but need  
 outside assistance.
- ★ The project will not only maintain the important school program  
 with a local supply of food, but will provide training to both  
 children and parents as they face the struggles of restoring their  
 local economy.
- ★ Estimated cost to establish one garden is \$2,300 to \$2,775 CDN;  
 equipment, seeds, training and supervision
- ★ Our own D'Elia family here in Edmonton knows the region and  
 will help us understand the need and circumstances of present  
 day Argentina.
- ★ SPECIAL ENVELOPES marked 'Help Grow A Better  
 World...Argentinian Project 2003' will be made available. Our  
 special gifts will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 13.
- ★ Note...the envelopes that were included in the recent 'Reminder'  
 are for the United Church of Canada WORLD  
 DEVELOPMENT/RELIEF FUND. Lent/Easter gifts to this part  
 of our 'Mission and Service Fund' will be gratefully received.
- ★ Thank you for helping to **GROW A BETTER WORLD.**



**WOMEN'S SPRING  
FLING**

**Sat. April 12**

**8:45 am 5:00 pm**

**Place: Southminster-Steinhauer**

A day long retreat for those of us who find it difficult to get away for an entire weekend. Based on the Bodacious Women (empowerment of women) program from the fall Strawberry Creek retreat. Please sign up on the sheet on the foyer table and fill out registration form. Cost \$15 required with registration.

Contact: Sandi Lockhart 434-4797

Susan Frame 434-8573



**PEACE MARCH**

**Friday, March 22, 2003**

**1:00 pm at Churchill Square**

Infoline: 988-6634

The international anti-war community is calling for escalating protest as war danger grows. The Edmonton Coalition Against War and Racism is organizing another local demonstration in opposition to the potential war on Iraq. The march will go through downtown to the Legislature for speakers. Edmonton will once again send the message.



**Bissell Centre**

The Bissell Centre has been providing services to residents of the inner city since 1910, with the ongoing support from the United Church. One of the ways to acknowledge this support is through representation of the United Church on the Board of Governors. The term office for Director on the Board is two years with annual time commitment of approximately 50 hours. If you have an interest in serving on the Board or know of someone who might be, please contact Cathie Heslinga (486-5183) or Linda Robinson (484-8613)



**BOOK CLUB**

Please join us at 1:00 pm in the Church lounge Mon. March 17.

Book: Map of the World by Jane Hamilton  
Info: Call Marg Robertson at 434-6054.



**Menage a Trio**

Stephane Lemelin—Piano  
Tanya Prochaska—Cello  
Martin Riseley—Violin

March 26 Convocation Hall  
University of Alberta 8:00 pm

Contact: Mieke Wharton 435-1219



**LOST & FOUND**

Have you lost a treasure lately!  
Please check our Lost & Found  
bin in the main foyer.

Articles soon to be donated to charity!