

## GessTwood Annual General Meeting - Thursday, April 18

IN PERSON EVENT - Please note that this year we will be combining the AGM for both GessTwood and the Windsor Essex United Church Development Fund into one session. You will be attending BOTH meetings in one location on the same date.

LOCATION: GessTwood Camp and Retreat Centre  
1034 Mole Side Road, Essex, ON

TIME: 6:00 PM sharp (doors will open at 5:30 PM - come early and enjoy the scenery if you wish.

Contact us at (519) 776-7119 or [gesstwoodchair@gmail.com](mailto:gesstwoodchair@gmail.com) for more information.

Follow this link to REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/gesstwoodAGM>

We require a minimum of 20 participants in order to have a quorum.

### **Support for United Church Emergency Response in the Middle East and in Ukraine**

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Tecumseh United Church  
~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday**  
We are a fragrance-free environment.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

### We Gather in God's Love

Welcome & Announcements  
Land Acknowledgement  
Lighting the Christ Candle

Lent Challenge: (read by Joan Provencher)

This week, your challenge is to do something that costs you a little bit. It might cost you some time or some money, or it might mean going out of your way for someone. It might mean doing something that takes you out of your comfort zone. Whatever you decide to do, it should be different than what you usually do. So, this is your challenge for the coming week.

(Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing *the chorus* of **Hymn MV # 120 "My Soul Cries Out"**)

Call to Worship:

Everyone loves a parade!

**Everyone loves a parade!**

The crowds!

**The celebration!**

The excitement!

**The donkey!**

The donkey?

**The donkey!**

**The one that carried Jesus into the city,  
who helped him go through the middle of the crowd.**

**The one who reminded the people  
what kind of king Jesus was.**

The donkey!

Today, we are the ones who carry Jesus to the world and beyond. Let us worship God.

**Let us worship God! Hosanna! Hallelujah!**

**\*Hymn # 123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

Opening Prayer:

God of All Glory, we come to you today with grateful hearts for all you have done, for all you are doing, and for all you are going to do for us and for those who are yours in this world.

So here we go!

We welcome Jesus and shout out our praises with joy!

**Hosanna! Break out of the box and let loose with the most joyous sound of praise!**

We sing a melody of praise to you, our God, and make music like never before!

**Blow those trumpets and shofars!**

Shout with joyous triumph before King Jesus!

**Let the rocks shout! Let the ocean’s waves join in the chorus with their roaring praise until everyone everywhere joins in unison, “Hosanna! Glory to you, O God!”**

We celebrate, knowing that you, Great God, do all things well!

**We pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #124 “He Cam Riding on a Donkey”**

Faith Friends Time / Lord’s Prayer

**\*Hymn MV # 104 “Know That God Is Good”** (sing twice)

We Listen to God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11

**\*Hymn # 126 “Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right”**

Meditation

We Respond to God’s Word

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”** with piano and flute

**Choir Anthem ~ “Fear Not, Ye People of Zion”**

Offering Prayer / Prayers of the People / Prayer Book is read

We Go to Love and Serve God

**\*Hymn # 713 “I See a New Heaven”**

Commissioning & Benediction

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**Thanks** to Jill Buckles for reading and to Maddie & Lilly McKinlay for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

**Happy Birthday** this the week to Lynn Symons, Christian Cortese and Kelly Gault.

**Happy Anniversary** this week to Joyce & Lorraine Sayell

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service at 10am.

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Communion Easter Service at 10am.

UCW Meeting Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. at the church

This is our **Annual Dessert Auction**, proceeds to be matched by the UCW to *benefit Southwestern Ontario Gleaners*.

Please bring one portion of secretly wrapped dessert for auction. Don't miss this fun meeting!!

**Spring pussy willow branches** are available after church this morning. The Faith Friends are offering them for a *free-will donation*. Long stems are available for outdoor planters, or short stems look pretty in arrangements in your home. Please support our Sunday School and Faith Friends by making a donation.

Are you spring cleaning your closets? The UCW will hold the second annual *Twice as Nice* ladies clothing boutique on **Saturday, May 11th** and we will gladly accept donations of **very gently used, clean, ladies clothing, belts, purses, scarves, shoes and jewellery** today until **April 30th**.

As you start your spring cleaning, please remember to put these items aside to be received by Jill, Joannie or Sue.

Updated Irish Stew Profit is **\$1,805**.

Thanks again for making this event so successful.