



*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God  
so that at the proper time he may exalt you."*

*1 Peter 5:6*

*Zion Evangelical United Church*

*1886 ~ 2026*

*Empowered by God's Love*

*for 140 Years!*

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Worship Service by Rev. Sheldon Alley

Our Mission Statement

“To be a welcoming, Christ-centered community, empowered to share God's love and to make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer, and acts of caring.”

**Prelude**

**Shelley Jodoin**

**Welcome and Acknowledgment**

**Announcements**

**Eunice Getz**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Hymn**

*Lead Me To Calvary*

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**Call to Worship**

For God so loved the world;

**The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish, and the people.**

For God so loved the world;

**In success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity and extraordinary, in knowing and unknowing.**

For God so loved the world;

**Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us; enough to offer new life for us.**

For God so loved the world;

**Let us worship God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. You sent Jesus to be our guide and teacher. Help us to lift up the light of Christ so that the world might believe in him, so that we might truly believe in him.

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust you fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security.

**Forgive us. Call us back to you that we may put our trust in you and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as Nicodemus heard the words of Jesus, and tried to understand. May we rise up, may we come to you, and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.**

#### **Prayer of Assurance**

We cast all our cares upon You. We lay all of our burdens down at Your feet. And anytime that we don't know what to do, we will cast all our cares upon You. **Amen.**

#### **Youth Time**

#### **Prayer for Understanding**

**God of Creation, God of Transformation, God of the Lenten journey, help us to discern your still small voice, in every aspect of our lives. In these words we share together, open us to change and growth that we may walk with Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **Scripture Readings**

*Genesis 12: 1-4a* (pg 11)

**Tara Tennant**

#### **Responsive Reading**

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
where does my help come from?

**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Family & Friends of Zion,**

*We are blessed for your presence here today, and we are grateful to have Rev. Alley share his message with us. We have begun our journey through Lent. May we all experience new beginnings and growth throughout this season of Lent which means Spring, a time for new growth and beginnings.*

**Coffee Time** will follow our service and we thank Susan and Joan for hosting "Birthday Cake Sunday" to recognize all our people born in the month of March.

**Choir Practice** will take place next Sunday at Zion at 10:15 to prepare for our joint Palm Sunday Service. Everyone who loves to sing is welcome.

**Annual Report Books and Easter Newsletters** are available to pick up this morning. Thank you to Heather Lariviere, Joan and Jonathan Buder, Eunice and Lynn Getz who helped put our books together this past week. We hope you will take time to read through your Annual Report Book and remember to bring it with you to our Annual Meeting.

**Sunday, March 8th, our Annual Meeting and Chili Luncheon** will follow our Worship Service at Zion. Please add your name to our sign up sheet to let us know what you are bringing to the luncheon.

**The Joint Profile & Search Committee** will be at Wesley on Saturday, March 7th to attend an online workshop entitled, "Shaping The Future."

**Zion's Spring Yard Sale** is scheduled for May 23 rd. Please be thinking about items you could donate to our sale while doing your spring cleaning. Items can be stored on our stage prior to the sale.

**Zion's Outreach Project during Lent** is to collect for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Before Easter arrives, our hope is to fill our collection box. A donation container can be found on the back table in the sanctuary, as monetary donations are also much appreciated. A list of items is included in the bulletin.

**If you have prayer requests** for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere at 613-735-2825. Heather has graciously agreed to be our Prayer Chain Leader.

**Keep in your prayers** those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times. We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Reg Getz, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney Krieger, Wayne Lemke, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Doreen Schroeder. Les and Janice Reavie, and Martin Verkruisen.

**New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$4078.95**

Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund.

**An Open Door Bible Study During Lent**

Zion, Calvin and Wesley congregations are invited if interested in pursuing spiritual growth and discussing our faith.

**What:** A 5-week Bible Study get-together, based on Our Daily Bread Devotionals.

**Where:** Wesley United Church, 275 Pembroke Street, East in Wesley's parlour. Come in through the William Street side door.

**When:** Wednesdays @ 11:00 am to 12:00 noon beginning February 25th, 2026 until the end of March.

**For information or to register, email Juanita or Lee. You will also be welcomed if you just show up.**

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## **Other Community Events—See Details on Bulletin Board**

*\*Spaghetti Dinner & Play, May 2nd—Fundraiser for First Step Options*

## **Words of Wisdom**

*“Your prayers don't have to be perfect—they just have to be honest.”*

*“We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us...” Romans 8:26*

## **OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME**

**1886—2026**

### **OUR BEGINNINGS IN HISTORY**

Rev. Frederick Scharffe arrived in Pembroke as a missionary to German speaking people in the Ottawa Valley of the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association. The Evangelical Association originated in Pennsylvania around the year 1800.

Rev. Scharffe first concentrated on the surrounding Pembroke Townships where many Evangelical churches were established.

In 1876, the first preaching began in homes and in a hall over the harness shop.

In 1886, on July 8th a congregation was organized with a membership of 28 charter members. The foundation of the church was also laid on Miller Street.

**CONTINUATION—February 15**

In 1886 a congregation was organized in Pembroke with a membership of 28 in 9 families. A church building was completed on Miller Street in 1887. The dedication was conducted by Rev. Joseph Umbach, Conference Superintendent, and Rev. Fred Meyer, Pastor.

**MORE OF OUR STORY—March 1**

Up until 1889 the “Pembroke Mission” (Pastoral Charge) consisted of the following churches: Pembroke Zion, Alice 4th, Alice 10th, Petawawa, Wilberforce and Green Lake. After that, until 1925, various combinations pertained from time to time.

As Zion increased in numbers, the building became too small. In 1903-1905 further expansion was carried out; a new wing and tower being added to the main building. In 1906 a large parsonage was built at 378 Murray Street.

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## Donations for Lent

Here is a list of suggestions based on what we need. These donations are primarily for preparing our meals in house. We try not to duplicate the work of St. Joseph's Food Bank, so our suggestion list is short.

### **Canned Goods**

- Diced Tomatoes
- Soup: Tomato, Beef Broth, or Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sauces: Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste, Salsa, Gravy, Soya Sauce
- Canned Vegetables: Corn, Peas, Peas & Carrots, (No Green Beans, please)
- Canned Fruit: All kinds
- Canned Protein: Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Ham, Turkey, Beans (only kidney beans)
- Mayo
- Salad Dressing: Caesar, Ranch, French, Greek

### **Dry Goods**

- Pasta: Macaroni, Lasagna Noodles, Spaghetti, Penne
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Parmesan Cheese
- Vegetable & Olive Oil
- Spices: Oregano, Italian Seasoning, Onion Powder, Thyme
- Onion Soup Mix
- Sugar: White or Brown
- Flour

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