

# Third Ave News

**From the Pews . . . and beyond**  
**March 1, 2015**

The Mission of Third Avenue United Church is to reach out with love and provide a welcoming place, especially for downtown people. We offer strength, courage, and support in a safe nurturing environment.

**We welcome everyone to worship this morning.**  
 If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances.  
 If you would like information on the church activities, contact us at:  
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## To Make Your Experience Here Even Better



If you use a cane or walker, please use our elevator entrance on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.



Headsets at the back of the Sanctuary for those who need assistance hearing the service.



Please remember to shut off your cell phone during the service.



There are visitor offering envelopes folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our ministry.

## VIV – Very Important Volunteers

You have tremendous value to God and to this church. We could definitely utilize your gifts.

On Sunday mornings, greeters are a welcoming face at the door. Our VIV also assist people entering the church – holding open doors, handing them a bulletin, directing them to specific locations in the building and inviting them downstairs to join us for lunch.

Imagine you have never been to Third Ave United before or have never been to any church.

Wouldn't you want to be greeted when you enter and treated like the very special person you are?

Wouldn't you want to like to be told about the lunch or what is happening in church today?

Wouldn't you like to know at least one person when you decide to come down for coffee?

Wouldn't you want to know who to ask if you have questions?

We also need scripture readers for each week.

Sign up sheets are easy to find on the Narthex bulletin board.

We are fortunate to have such a helpful congregation.

Let's see if we can get volunteers from now until the summer break.



## Volunteers

Scripture Readers

Today:

**Claire Card**

Next Sunday:

Your Name Here

Ushers

Today:

**Debbie Underwood**

Next Sunday:

Your Name Here

## The Observer

Observer Magazine Subscription requests are now past due. 1 year subscription is \$20. Please talk to Philip Bray ASAP to order, renew or to purchase the Observer as a gift. 306-652-6812

## This Week at 3rd Avenue – March 1 - 8

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Lent 2 Service 12:00p.m. Lunch 12:15p.m. Lenten Study 12:15p.m. Sanctuary Booked	Church Office Closed 7:00p.m. Knit and Crochet 7:30p.m. Community Fund Mtg.	10:30a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30p.m. Russian Preschool	11:30a.m. WW 3:00p.m. Third Ave News Deadline 5:30p.m. Russian Preschool
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
7:15p.m. Choir Practice	<i>Make Lent 40 DAYS OF AWESOME</i> 	Church Office Closed 8:30a.m. Men's Breakfast at Grainfields on Circle Dr.	Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Lent 3 Service 12:00p.m. Lunch 12:15p.m. Lenten Study 12:15p.m. Sanctuary Booked

## Third Avenue United Church Events and Info

### Irish Stew Supper

We will be hosting an Irish Stew Supper with Entertainment and Silent Auction.

March 14

Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 and 10 & under \$5

Available at the church office and the door.



### Lenten Study

Rev. Donna will be leading a Lenten Study every Sunday in Lent after the community lunch. The Study is called Longing for Home.

To follow the United Church video series:

<http://www.garypaterson.ca/2015/02/18/longing-for-home-lenten-study-week-one/> facebook discussion: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LongingforHome/>

### Thank you

The Sanctuary Choir would like to thank all those who helped in any way on Shrove Tuesday to make the pancake supper such a success. Your willingness to help is much appreciated. We made \$460 for the general fund.

### Lenten Easter Eggs

In this time of Lent the Sunday School Class has come up with a way to help other people.

If you have any loose change in your pockets or purse please place it in the Easter egg that the children will provide. These eggs will be collected every week of lent before they go down to Sunday school The project the class is working towards is purchasing chickens and goats. For every 25 dollars we raise, 3 chickens or 1 goat will be purchased for a village in Juja central Kenya.



### Coffee, Conversation and More

**Please join us for coffee in the Narthex before service or lunch downstairs after the service.**

If you are able please bring baking or goodies to go with our lunch and time of fellowship on the week corresponding to the start of your last name. Please feel free to bring extra items that could be frozen for use when donations are slim.

This Week: Last names starting with M - Z.

**Next Week: Last names starting with A - L.**

Please try to come early to set up if you are able (10:00 a.m.). We can also use help with clean up and dishes. Thank you for all your help and we hope you enjoy this time together.

### Stew Chefs & Auction Items

We are looking for items for the fundraiser on March 14

- \*a good Irish stew recipe
  - \*chefs to help cook the stew
  - \*set up and kitchen prep on Friday, March 13 1:00p.m.
  - \*sell tickets at the door
  - \*serving
  - \*dish washers
  - \*clean up
  - \*Auction items of all kinds
- For more information please contact Michelle Aalders.

### Givings – Feb 15

General (Local)	\$ 769.00
Mission & Service	\$ 47.00
Benevolent	\$ 90.00
Bridging	\$ 100.00
Church School	\$ 60.00
Coffee	\$ 4.00
Total Offering	\$ 1070.00



Church School Easter Eggs raised enough money on Lent 1 to purchase 6 chickens and a goat and are over half way to buying another goat.

### Church Duties

Today: John Parry

Next Sunday:  
Roger Giesbrecht

are responsible for opening and closing of the church

**Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, March 7  
8:00 a.m.  
Grainfield's  
on Circle Dr.**

### Readings

**March 8**

**Exodus 20:1–17**

The Ten Commandments.

**Psalms 19** (VU pp. 740–741)

The heavens declare the glory of God.

**1 Corinthians 1:18–25**

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

**John 2:13–22**

Jesus clears the temple.

### In The Community

World Day of Prayer 2015  
St. John's Anglican Cathedral  
816 Spadina Cres. E.  
Friday, March 6  
2:00 p.m.  
Refreshments to follow the service.  
Service by the women of the Bahamas

Martyn Joseph - Singer/Songwriter –  
Live at St. John's Cathedral!  
Friday March 13, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.  
Proceeds to support the Cathedral Refugee Fund. Martyn Joseph is a performer like no other. Shades of Springsteen, John Mayer, Bruce Cockburn and Dave Matthews there may be - but he stands in his own right, built on a reputation for giving what thousands have described as the best live music experience of their lives. [www.martynjoseph.net](http://www.martynjoseph.net)  
Tickets: \$15 advance; \$20 at the door.  
Purchase tickets at the Cathedral Office (306-242-5146); McNally Booksellers, and online at [www.picatic.com](http://www.picatic.com)

### Favourite Hymn

Each Sunday a favourite hymn will be included in the service. There are papers in the Narthex to write the title of the hymn and your name. Please submit your request in the offering plate.

