



EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 22, 2018
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10:00 a.m.

GATHER...

...TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**indicates where we stand in the service
(Feel free to remain seated if that helps you to worship better)*

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

(A time of greeting with signs and words of welcome and peace.
When you hear the music start, we invite you to re-gather in the pews
and prepare for worship.)

Introit:

Lord, Lift Up Our Hearts by W. M. Harris

EPUC Choir



We extend a special welcome to you today.

We're glad you are here. If you have any questions,
please ask one of the ushers who handed you this
bulletin, or use the yellow/white envelope in the pew.

WORSHIP...

Call to Worship:

Janice Barretto

One: We still tell the good news.

All: Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

One: The tomb was empty and Jesus appeared to them.

All: Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

One: Jesus gives peace to the people.

All: Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

One: Jesus says, "Don't be afraid."

All: Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice.

One: We are here to hear the good news, so we can tell others.

Chorus only:
(Sing twice)

Blest Are They

VU p896

**Rejoice and be glad Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad Yours is the kingdom of God**

***Hymn:**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU #232

OPENING PRAYER:

God of joy, repentance and comfort, we need you today. As we continue to celebrate the good news of the Resurrection, we remember times when it was hard news to believe. As we come and worship you this day, may we leave our doubts and fears with you, and enter into a time of joy. May we see your love come to life in all we do today. Amen.

***Celebration Hymn:**

Joy Comes with the Dawn

VU #166

...WORD

First Testament:

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Janice Barretto

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God for the Word

3.

Special Music: Love Grows Here by D. Besig **EPUC Choir**

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48 **Rev. Alison**

For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God

SERMON: **LOVE MEANS SHOWING UP** **Rev. Alison**

...RESPOND

Life and Work of East Plains
(Announcements, Minute Person(s), Mission Minutes)

Offering Invitation:

When we worship, we offer our whole selves to God. We offer our hopes, our dreams, our wants, and our needs. We make our offering to God with prayers and praise, song, and story, in hearing and responding to the word. Not one part of us is hidden from God. This includes our material selves. When we offer ourselves to God, we also offer the first fruits of our labour. We offer our tithes and offerings with joy as a way to worship the risen Christ.

Offering Song: **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** **VU #541**

Prayer of Dedication

Receive our gifts, almighty God. We offer them as we offer ourselves, fully. We pray that they would enable this community of faith to serve all of your people. May it make us better friends, may it make us better able to open us seats at the table and offer breakfast to those who need it. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern:

(After each intercession the congregation will be invited to respond)

Spoken: **Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love**

The Lord's Prayer **VU #960**

***Closing Hymn:** **My Life Flows On** **VU #716**

Blessing

Musical Postlude

Assisting with today's service:

Welcoming Team	:	The Lime Green Team
Team Leader(s)	:	Joyce and Garth Smith
Reader(s)	:	Janice Barretto
Screen & Sound	:	Bill Lorimer



The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed
in loving memory of Brian Bowman,
by his wife Pat and family.

**THANK YOU FROM THE LADIES' WORKSHOP!**

Your response to the request for wool supplies has been remarkable, and we now have enough wool to last us for quite a while. Thank you to everyone who donated to the cause.

Inse Panabaker

Saturday, April 28th, 2018

7pm Meet & Greet | 7:30pm Book Study

***“Are We Screwed?”***

How a New Generation Is Fighting
to Survive Climate Change
By Geoff Dembicki

The Millennial generation could be first to experience the doomsday impacts of climate change. It's also the last generation able to do something about them. With time ticking down, 31-year-old journalist Geoff Dembicki journeyed to Silicon Valley, Canada's tar sands, Washington, DC, Wall Street and the Paris climate talks to find out if he should hope or despair. What he learned surprised him. This book will forever change how you view the biggest existential challenge of our era and redefine the generation now battling against the odds to solve it.

**Location: East Plains United Church
375 Plains Rd. East, Burlington**

Reading Group: West Parking Lot Entrance; Film: East Parking Lot Entrance
Everyone is welcome. For more info contact Harold Wells at harold.wells@utoronto.ca or 905.639.4125

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EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS



Next order date is Sunday, April 29. Order forms are against the wall in the Gathering Place. This is such a good fundraiser for the church Operating Fund and you don't spend a nickel extra! The retailers offer a percentage back to us as a Rebate. Our YTD Rebate is \$559.75. Hand completed orders to Gayle Burnison (cheques payable to East Plains Support Group). Delivery is the following Sunday, unless needed earlier, by special arrangement. If you are unable to be in church on an order date, simply call or email Gayle with your order. Payment can be worked out later. Future order dates are: April 29; May 27; June 10 & 24.

UPCOMING MINISTRY MEETINGS

Week of April 23, 2018:

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7

Week of April 30, 2018:

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7

PRAYER CYCLE FOR THE CHURCHES IN HAMILTON CONFERENCE FOR THE COMING WEEK

As a Church, we have a ministry of intercessory prayer, a call to pray for each other and for the mission of the church in the world.

Please pray for... **Applewood, Mississauga (Halton Presbytery)**

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Please pray for...

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our Church Administrator, Alyson Atkinson, will be away from the office from Monday, April 23 through Friday April 27, returning on Monday, April 30. During this week, the Office will be open from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, Tuesday to Thursday, and volunteers will be on hand to assist with telephone calls, enquiries and visitors. Voice Mail will be checked regularly outside of these hours.

WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2018 AT EAST PLAINS

Mon, Apr.23	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	8:30 am	Badminton	Pearl Hall
	6:30 pm	Beavers	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Brownies	Pearl Hall
	6:30 pm	Venturers	Choir Room
	7:30 pm	Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tues, Apr.24	8:30 am	Badminton	Pearl Hall
	6:30 pm	Sparks	Room 12
	7:00 pm	Trillium Photography	Pearl Hall
	7:00 pm	B.A.R.C.	Rooms 10/11

Wed, Apr.25	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
	6:30 pm	Girl Guides	Pearl Hall
	7:00 pm	Trillium	Choir Room
	7:00 pm	AA (Glenhaven Group)	Rooms 10/11
	7:00 pm	Lama Yeshe Ling	Room 9

Thurs, Apr.26	8:30 am	Badminton	Pearl Hall
	6:30 pm	Cubs	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Trillium Photography	Choir Room
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous	Rooms 10/11
	7:30 pm	Badminton	Pearl Hall

Fri, Apr.27 **NO EVENTS BOOKED**

Sat, Apr.28	8:30 am	Little Kickers	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Cambridge Co-op Mtg.	Campbell Room

Sun, Apr.29	10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		<i>Baptism of Clara Patricia Frances Denine</i>	



Stewardship Second

Through God's shepherding love,
good stewards respond to the needs of
our brothers and sisters by loving one another.

Welcome to East Plains United Church!

"At East Plains, we like to believe that strangers are friends we have yet to meet."



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"As a community in Christ, we celebrate God with us and all creation, and commit ourselves to sharing the work of the spirit with our families, our neighbours and our world."

~ Who Some of Us Are ~

Minister	:	Rev. Alison Nicholson
Chair of the Board	:	Jim McMaster
Music Director	:	Sabatino (Sam) Vacca
Church Custodian	:	Ken Pelletier
Church Administrator	:	Alyson Atkinson

SERVICES AVAILABLE



A nursery is available for your babies and toddlers. The nursery is located in the Christian Education wing of the Church. Please ask for assistance.



An elevator is available for your convenience, and can be accessed from the Plains Road parking lot.



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We would ask if you could avoid using any scents at Church, and thank you for helping others to worship better and breathe more easily.

PLEASE HELP FEED THE TEKERA SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Tekera Mission project in southern Uganda was founded by a Burlington couple, Brigitte and Bruce Daly. This is an amazing place, run by amazing, caring people, where children in Grades 1 to 7 are provided with basic medical care, agricultural training and schooling. In addition, the children are given one meal a day at the school, and this may be their only meal that day.

East Plains' contribution to this mission work is to donate some of the funds needed to provide this meal, and we call it the **'Porridge Program'**. If you are able to make a donation to this very worthwhile program, please use any one of the envelopes available in the pews and write **"Porridge Program"** on the envelope. Cheques should be made payable to East Plains United Church, and please write "Tekera Porridge Program" in the memo line so that your donation can be allocated correctly. Cash donations must also be placed in an envelope, with your name (and your offering envelope number if you know it), in order to receive a charitable receipt.

*Thank you,
The Wider Work Committee*



We all feel better and learn more when we have a full tummy!



IDEA Burlington - Interfaith Development Education Association

FOUR VIEWS ON HEALING

An Interfaith Discussion

Speakers

Disha Trivedi
(Hindu)

Venerable Man Yee
(Buddhist)

Rabbi Arliene Botnick
(Jewish)

Dr. Roya Rahimpour
(Baha'i)

☞ With Open Discussion ☞



Free event with light refreshments (Donations appreciated)

Everyone Welcome!

Burlington Seniors' Centre (Port Nelson Room)

2285 New St, Burlington

The IDEA Annual General Meeting will be held from 1:30-2:00

Sunday, May 6, 2018

2:00-4:00 pm

For information please contact

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**NEW
DATE!**