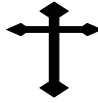


Welcome to East Plains United Church!

"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.
	375 Plains Road East, Burlington, ON L7T 2C7 T: 905-634-5562 E-mail: office@eastplainsunitedchurch.com Web: www.eastplainsunitedchurch.com To sign up for our weekly EPUC service bulletin, please e-mail kgburnison@cogeco.ca
	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.

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH



January 21, 2018
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism Sunday
Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m.

GATHER...

WORSHIP...

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

***Passing the Peace**

***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.)

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Choral: Come, Come Emmanuel by J. J. Chepponis

EPUC Choir



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.

2.

WORSHIP...

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 29):

Warren McCrea

One: Ascribe to God glory and strength!

All: **Worship God in the splendour of holiness!**

One: God's voice speaks in the midst of our chaos.

All: **God's voice flows like the living waters of grace.**

One: May God give strength to the people.

All: **May God bless the people with grace.**

***Opening Hymn:** All Creatures of Our God and King

VU #217

Verses 1, 2 & 4

The Christ Candle is Lit

Opening Prayer:

All who thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams. Come, all who are weary; come all who yearn for forgiveness. As the waters of the Jordan washed over Jesus, so the Holy Spirit washed over you and me. Our gracious God beckons and blesses us. Let us give praise for new life in Christ. Amen.

***Hymn of Celebration:** Crashing Waters at Creation

VU #449



~ BAPTISM OF ~

Paige Margaret Stewart



WORD...

First Testament: Genesis 1:1-5

Warren McCrea

Special Music: Lord I Stretch My Hand to You
by J. Althouse

EPUC Choir

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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: **WATERS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Alison

3.

RESPOND...

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

Minute for Mission: Valentine's Bake Sale & Lunch **Pat Vollick**

Offering Invitation: **Rev. Alison**

The Hebrew word for "give" is natan. It reads the same left to right, as right to left. When we give, we discover we receive, and when we receive we have reason to give. We give our offering as we have been blessed.

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

Offering Dedication: **Rev. Alison**

As we have received so we give in generosity and faith. May these material gifts and gifts of our spirit through our weekly givings, PAR and the Mission and Service Fund, provide encouragement, comfort and hope in our communities and our world. Amen.

Presentation Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River **VU #710**

~ COMMUNION ~

One: Come. All who journey in faith: bring your lives, fragile and holy. There is a place for you here.

All: We come to this table, ready to see anew.

One: God of grace, from age to age you infuse every particle of the universe with wonder. From age to age you surround every form of life we love. From age to age you call to every corner of creation with promise. We thank you, God, for you call us: from slumber from our workplaces from our hopes and our fears from our wonderings and wanderings and you say: Here is my beloved child, Jesus the Christ. Listen. Follow. Believe. Serve. And so we boldly proclaim

All: Holy! Glory! Hosanna!

One: We follow the one who comes in the name of God!

All: Holy! Glory! Hosanna!

One: Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth! On that never-to-be-forgotten night, Jesus renewed God's covenant promise. He took bread, offering the blessing broke it and gave it to those who sat at table with him. Then, at the close of the meal, he poured the cup of blessing, raised it in thanks to God and passed it among them.

4.

One: Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy God pour your Spirit on us, that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread, and that, in words and deed, we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern:

Rev. Alison

Creator God, when everything first began, water became a symbol of refreshing, of washing away, of renewing. Through the waters of creation you brought forth abundant life. We have gathered this day to remember Jesus' baptism, how your Spirit proclaimed that He was your beloved Son in whom you were very well pleased. Our spirits resound with that proclamation. In His baptism, Jesus' ministry was initiated. He dedicated his life to you completely and without reservation. Help us to dedicate our lives to you, to offer our best for you, to be of service to you by serving in your world.

We lift up before you the names of people near and dear to us who need your healing touch and your tender mercies, aloud or in silence, remembering those in our care.

O tender God, we have also lifted ourselves up as people in need of your grace. In times of war and oppression, hunger and alienation, speak your words of peace. The creation longs for healing, for clean water, for land to be restored, for your people to once your life-giving waters and re-affirm our baptisms as your children. Let us go forth to be people of peace and mercy. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

VU #960

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy now and forever.

The body of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the bread of life

The blood of Christ

Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing

5.

Prayer after Communion:

One: O God we look at our feet and see the unfolding possibilities.

All: May we move in directions of service

One: We look at our hands and see a future of compassion.

All: May we seek to do the work of justice

One: We look into our hearts and see love and the connection.

All: May we be shaped into beloved community

***Hymn:** All Creatures of Our God and King

**VU #217
Verse 5**

Blessing:

May God bless you and keep you,

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

(Numbers 6: 24-26)

Benediction Sung Amen

Musical Postlude



Assisting with today's service:

Welcoming Team	:	The Periwinkle Blue Team
Team Leader(s)	:	Janice and Frank Barretto
Reader(s)	:	Warren McCrea
Screen & Sound	:	Bill Lorimer



The flowers today are in loving memory of Webber and Irene Vollick, and have been placed by Bill, Pat and family.

**The BENEVOLENT FUND boxes are set up at the back of the Church.
Your Offering will provide much needed support for our Thursday
AGAPÉ (Outreach) program for those living in our community**

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

UPCOMING MINISTRY MEETINGS

Week of January 22, 2018

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Meat Pie Preparation	Peart Hall Kitchen
Wednesday	8:30 am	Meat Pie Preparation	Peart Hall Kitchen
	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Tuck Library
Thursday	7:15 pm	Wider Work	Campbell Room

Week of January 29, 2018

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	9:30 am	Building & Property	Tuck Library
	1:00 pm	Meat Pie Preparation	Upper Kitchen
Wednesday	8:30 am	Meat Pie Preparation	Upper Kitchen
	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
Saturday	7:00 pm	Climate change – Movie	Sanctuary

MEAT PIES BACK IN PRODUCTION!



The Support Group is back with the winter production of their delicious 4" meat pies. The pies contain ground beef, carrots and onions, and the price is still \$3.50 each. You can pick-up freshly-baked pies on, "Production Wednesdays" in the upper kitchen between 12:30 and 1:30 pm, or by alternate arrangement. Baked pies are also available frozen. Order forms are available in the Gathering Place, and payment is due upon pick-up (please make your cheques payable to **East Plains Support Group**).

Production Wednesdays: January 24 & 31; February 14 & 21

Enquiries/Orders: Call or email Gayle Burnison at 905-632-3525
or kburnison@cogeco.ca



CALLING ALL KNITTERS to CHASE THE CHILL!

Once again, we are knitting scarves to hang on the trees at Bolus Park January 31, 2017. So....get those needles clicking! Wool is available now in the Gathering Place.



Orders are due today, Sunday, January 21st. Consider joining us for this easy fundraiser where you order gift cards and the retailers contribute a percentage back as our Rebate. Our accumulating 2018 Rebate is \$99.50. The most popular cards are for groceries and other every-day spending needs (restaurants, Shoppers Drug, gas). Order forms are in the Gathering Place along the wall. Please hand completed orders to Gayle Burnison (cheques payable to East Plains Support Group). Delivery will be the following week or earlier by alternate arrangement. If you cannot be at church on an order date, just call (905-632-3525) or email Gayle with your order. Payment will be worked out later.

Future order dates are: Jan. 21; Feb. 4 & 18; Mar. 4 & 18.

WORLD RELIGIONS DAY, 2018

A Panel Discussion, Refreshments and Social Time

“RELIGION, EDUCATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT”

Speakers:

Dr. David Bould ~ Buddhism
Rev. Dr. Harold Wells ~ Christianity
Dr. Anne Pearson ~ Interfaith
Imam Q. Mufti ~ Islam
Prof. Thomas Ponniah ~ Baha'i

Sunday January 21, 1:45 p.m.

Burlington Central Library
Centennial Room

Everyone Welcome. Admission free.

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... **Harmony, Branford (Erie Presbytery)**

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Please pray for... **Cyprus, Greece, Turkey**

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2018 AT EAST PLAINS

Mon, Jan 22	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	9:30 am	Building & Property	Tuck Library
	8:45 am	Badminton	Peart Hall
	6:00 pm	Brownies	Gathering Place
	6:00 pm	Beavers	Rooms 10/11
	6:30 pm	Scouts/Venturers	Fellowship Hall

Tues, Jan 23	8:30 am	Badminton	Peart Hall
	1:00 pm	Meat Pie Preparation	Upper Kitchen
	6:00 pm	Sparks	Room 12
	7:00 pm	Trillium	Peart Hall
	7:00 pm	B.A.R.C.	Rooms 10/11

Wed, Jan 24	8:30 am	Meat Pie Preparation	Upper Kitchen
	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
	9:30 am	Wellington Square Co-op OBM	Tuck Library
	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Tuck Library
	6:00 pm	City of Burlington	Peart Hall
	6:00 pm	Girl Guides	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	AA (Glenhaven Group)	Rooms 10/11
	7:15 pm	Wider Work	Campbell Room

Thurs, Jan 25	8:30 am	Badminton	Peart Hall
	6:30 pm	Cubs	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Badminton	Peart Hall
	7:00 pm	Trillium	Choir Room 7:30 pm

Fri, Jan 26 NO EVENTS

Sat. Jan 27	7:00 pm	Climate Change Reading Grp.	Campbell Rm.
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Sun, Jan 28	10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Proclaim the good news! Believe in the good news!
Let us be good stewards of God's good news.

A Literary Afternoon

With

Jill Nelson, Daniel Coleman, and Roy McMurtry

1 pm February 10th, 2018 East Plains United Church,
375 Plains Road East, Burlington ON



Jill Nelson is author of *Tapes from California: Teenage Road Tripping, 1976*, the story of her 6-month road trip hitchhiking through Canada, Washington, Oregon and California. Jill is the co-author and author of *John Holmes: A Life Measured in Inches* (2008), and *Golden Goddesses: 25 Legendary Women of Classic Erotic Cinema, 1968-1985* (2012).

Daniel Coleman was born of Canadian missionary parents and raised in Ethiopia, an experience he has written about in *The Scent of Eucalyptus: A Missionary Childhood in Ethiopia*. He returned to complete a PhD in Canadian Literature at the University of Alberta in 1995. He currently teaches at McMaster University where he has recently founded the Centre for Community Engaged Narrative Arts. His new book, *Yardwork: A Biography of an Urban Place*, is a meditation on the layers of ecological, cultural and political stories that make up Hamilton. It was nominated in 2017 for the prestigious RBC Taylor Prize.

Roy McMurtry has had a remarkable life and an influential career in Canada. He began as "the Kid" on the Varsity Blues football team and became "the Chief" at Osgoode Hall, Attorney General of Ontario, High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, and Chief Justice of Ontario. He has made an enduring contribution to Canadian law and politics. His new book, *Memoirs and Reflections*, reveals the man behind the law practice, the work on public commissions, and reflects on family, sport, and art. This important memoir tells the story of a generous life in public service and is a portrait of a humane, humorous, optimistic, and always decent man.

Bookseller: A Different Drummer Bookstore; Admission: \$20.00.

Tickets available at the door or at A Different Drummer Bookstore (905-639-0925).

Free Coffee and Timbits. All proceeds for East Plains United Church. Bring your book club!



Two Events on Climate Change

Saturday, Jan 27th, 2018

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



“Dark Age America”

Climate Change, Cultural Collapse,
and the Hard Future Ahead

By John Michael Greer

After decades of missed opportunities, the door to a sustainable future has closed, and the future we face now is one in which today's industrial civilization unravels in the face of uncontrolled climate change and resource depletion.

What is the world going to look like when all these changes have run their course? Author John Michael Greer seeks to answer this question, and with some degree of accuracy, since civilizations tend to collapse in remarkably similar ways.

Saturday, Feb 3rd, 2018

7pm Film Screening



“Beyond Crisis”

From Kai Reimer-Watts



BEYOND CRISIS is a story of hope for a rapidly changing world: a deeply reflective call to action that explores what it means to be living in this new era of climate change, as told by over fifty unique voices. Diving into the great global climate and energy story unfolding all around us today, the film paints an inspiring vision of the better world we could build - if we have the guts to face dangerous climate disruption, saying YES to a more just and sustainable clean energy future.

Discussion to be led by Lisa Kohler (trained at Al Gore's Climate Reality Project).

**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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