MISSION MINUTES 2019 *April 21, 2019*

**Caring for Families**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support work with parents and children on the autism spectrum, like Footprints 4 Autism. With programs located in Pickering and Whitby, Ontario, Footprints strives to provide respite care to as many as possible.

Having a child diagnosed with autism can be one of the most stressful situations a parent faces. Both the child and parent must learn together how to identify, prepare for, and manage the variety of behaviours that make up the autism spectrum. These might include impaired cognition and communication, social deficits, frequent tantrums, and other challenging behaviours that often lead to physical and emotional exhaustion for all involved. Faced with such overwhelming stress and barriers, many parents of children with autism find themselves unable to cope. Respite care can help ease some of the burden on these families, ensuring that, for a few hours each month, they can enjoy a short but much-needed break from the 24/7 care these children require. The respite also allows parents to pay extra attention to their other children, spend some time together, run errands, or just have some down time.

Many children affected by autism spend several hours a week in therapy classes and often do not have a lot of time for social play and to just be. Under the guidance of trained volunteers who are supervised by a trained program consultant, Footprints offers participants social interaction with others in a safe and happy environment.

Your gifts to Mission & Service make respite care for parents and recreational play for children on the autism spectrum possible.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

**Covenant United Church**



 “We are Covenant United Church; an inviting Christian community who embrace change and reach out to make a local and a global difference.”

**PASTORAL TEAM** **OFFICE HOURS**

Minister: Rev. Cindy Désilets Wednesday

Music: Tim Tonkin 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Secretary: Jacqueline Girard

**CHURCH** **WORSHIP**

230 Eighth Avenue Sunday: 10:30 am

Timmins, ON P4N 5S1 Sunday School: Sept-May

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##  easter Sunday april 21, 2019

Welcome newcomers and visitors to the care and fellowship of Covenant United Church. Please introduce yourself to the minister or one of the ushers so that we may help you feel at home.

reflections on stewardship

Easter Day • John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

The gloom and the sadness of the last few days is replaced today. Even when things seemtheir darkest, God finds a way to burst through! Even though the clouds may hide it, thesun is always shining!

“The Lord’s Kitchen”

The “United Church Team”, comprised of 10 volunteers, is planning to serve at “The Lord’s Kitchen” on Thursday, May 9th located in basement of 85 Spruce Street North (time commitment is 3:30 to 5:30 pm).  If you are available and would like to help, please contact Peter Davis at 705-235-3818 or peter.davis@fibreop.ca.

pictorial directory program

Photo Sessions are being scheduled between

**June 18 – June 22**

To schedule for an appointment, please call Jacqueline at the Church Office at 705-264-5518, **before June 10th**.

Every family photographed receives one free directory.

**Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

***Pat’s group***

 Stay and enjoy!

 *Happy Easter to you and your Family*





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This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be generous!

M&S Snippet

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All women are invitedto the next luncheon

**Boston Pizza,**

***856 Riverside Drive***

***Wednesday, April 24, at Noon.***

Please let the office know if you are coming by Monday, April 22nd, at 705-264-5518. Bring a friend.

Sharing of Food

On the 1st Sunday of the month we will pray

blessings both on the food and on those who share it.

The 1st Sunday of May will be going towards**:**

**the *South Porcupine Food Bank.***

Thank you for your help in fighting to end hunger in our community.

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Sundae sunday

 *Outreach and Sunday School*

 will be hosting Sundae Sunday, on Sunday, **May 5th**

*(Funds to Outreach)*