

PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH

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SERVICE - 11:00 AM – FEBRUARY 21, 2010

LENT I – BADEN POWELL SUNDAY

**Please stand, as you are able*

Coming to the God of the Wilderness

Prelude: **Rhosymedre** – R. Vaughan Williams

*Gathering Hymn **#335 “At The Name Of Jesus”**

*Welcoming One Another

Announcements & Celebrations

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Children's Time and The Lord's Prayer

Tenebrae *extinguishing the first candle*

Sing Together **#108, s.1**

The Wilderness Is Explored

Choral Prayer for Illumination **#121, s. general**

Hebrew Scripture **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

Psalms **91, page 807**

Epistle **Romans 10:8b-13**

Gospel **Luke 4:1-13**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: **The Lord's My Shepherd** - Jones
Sermon

Walking The Lenten Way

*Hymn **#115 “Jesus Tempted In The Desert”**

Offertory: **How Sweet the Name** – H.A. Matthews

*Choral Dedication of the Offering **#544**

Prayer of Dedication

God of the journey we bring these gifts to you, the fruits of our work to share with others on the journey of life. Add to them with your blessings and, as they are filled, may we be filled also with the desire to give back to you all you have given us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Germany, France

*Hymn **#120 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

Blessing

Let us go forth with hearts filled with story, mouths filled with prayer, breath filled with song, companions side-by-side, nourished for the challenge ahead. Amen.

Choral Response **#415, s.5**

Postlude: **O God, O Lord of Heaven & Earth** – S. Wallace

Scripture Readers today: **members of Portland Scout Troop.**

The team of **Peter Gaulton** is welcoming today.

Our Counters are the team of **Lorraine Stewart.**

Next week: **Richard Lingley's** team is counting and **Stephen Biggs'** team is welcoming.

Scripture Readings for February 28: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

In loving memory of
Sam MacKenzie
From wife Angie,
Terry and Lori
and grandchildren

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Upcoming Events:

Annual Reports are ready: please pick up your copy in the Narthex in preparation for the *Annual Meeting on Sunday February 28, directly following worship*

Women's Interchurch Council of Women is hosting the **World Day of Prayer at Portland United Friday March 5**
2pm Guest Speaker: **Captain Margo Goguen.**

topic will be **"Stone washed laundry"** Service is written this year, by the **Women of Cameroon** all denominations welcome
Light refreshments following.

"Tapestry" is a newsletter from the *Centre for Christian Studies.* This winter's issue focuses on *Social Justice.* **Dorothy Naylor, a Maritimer and Diaconal Minister (former Deaconess)** in Saint John during the early 60s has written "Learning in Intergenerational Community"- an article on "justice as valuing the wisdom of seniors". A copy of *Tapestry* is on the bulletin board.

Please note: The next meeting of the UCW will be on **March 8 at 7:15 p.m.** - NOT March 1 as normally scheduled.

Flowers are placed this morning in **Loving Memory of Donald "Smokey" MacDonald, and "all the Scouters" of Portland United Church,** from June, Donald's daughter Sue and the MacDonald family.



THE CHURCH AT WORK

~ February 21~

Sunday – 21 th	11:00 am	Worship, Sunday School Nursery
	1:15pm	World Wide Church of God
Mon. – 22 nd	1:30pm	Jane Henderson
	6:30- 9:00pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	N/A New Beginnings Group
Tues. –23 rd	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	6:30-8:30pm	Cubs
	8:00 pm	A.A. Group
Wed. –24 th	9:00 am	Quilting
	10:30am	Lenten Service
	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	6:00pm	Committees - Church Council
	7:00pm	Church Council
	6:30pm	Challengers
		Venturers & Rovers
Thurs. – 25 th	6:30-7:30pm	Beavers
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
		Choir
	8:00 pm	AlAnon Group
Friday – 26 th	6:15 pm	Badminton
	7:00 pm	N/A New Beginnings Group
		Venturers
Sunday – 28 th	11:00am	Worship, Sunday School, urserly
		Annual Meeting

Minute for Mission: *Thankful Giving*

Paul and Laura Moore were lifelong members of Norwich United Church in southwestern Ontario, where they ran a successful seed company. Mr. Moore died in 2003 and Mrs. Moore in 2007. In their lifetimes they gave time and money to their congregation and to the **Mission and Service Fund**. They believed in the work supported through **M&S**—work that makes a difference in people's lives. They believed in helping a whole community rather than funding an individual. When asked about his generosity to overseas missions, Paul said, "If I can't go, then my money should."

The Rev. Heather McLean, Financial Development Officer for London and Hamilton Conferences, was pleased to know and work with the Moores over the years. She says, "The Moores' gift to the work of the United Church is a wonderful affirmation of all who have been a part of their spiritual journey: Sunday school teachers; Norwich congregation and ministers; our overseas personnel; the Moores' parents and grandparents; and their children, who understood that this bequest was important to them. Paul and Laura's faith and generosity are being passed on to many others who will be touched by their legacy."

The Moores thought it was important to reach out and give back. They looked beyond themselves and they wanted the church to do the same. On their deaths they made a bequest to their congregation, with gifts

to the **Mission and Service Fund** and World Development and Relief. Please follow the Moores' example and give joyfully and thankfully to God's mission through the **Mission and Service Fund**.

We are a united church! This week, hold in your prayers
the congregations of London Conference.