

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Exploring the Stories of Faith

The stories of Christian faith were always meant to be read in community. You are invited to explore, play, and hear them in a new way through study and movement. Exploratory groups will meet on Wednesdays for four weeks in the lounge and sanctuary – March 20, 27, April 3, 10. Two groups will meet– one during the day, 12:30 - 2 pm, and one in the evening, 7 - 8:30 pm (exploring the same story on the same day). All are welcome as we explore together.

Maywood Luncheon

The next lunch takes place **tomorrow** from **11:15 am - 1:15 pm**. If you can volunteer some time to help, please speak with Cynthia Homan.

Think about Spring and Easter!

We are looking for people to be a part of the Eastertide worship planning group (Easter April 21, and the 4 weeks following). We will meet later this month. If you are interested, please speak to Lara.

St. Columba Concert

Piano lovers, our concert **this Saturday** is for you! The duet pianists of Æterna Sirius will amaze you with dances by Brahms, Grieg, Dvořák, Schubert and more. Suggested donation \$15, free for kids.

Session

The next Session meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 26 at 7 pm**.

First Fridays – The Magic of Music

We've all heard of Beethoven, but not many know about this Montreal piano teacher who has shared his passion for music, the piano & Beethoven for over 50 yrs. Come on **March 1** to learn about this wonderful & generous musician. Snacks & musical activities for the kids begin at 5:30. Dinner is served around 6:30. It is BYOB. Juice, water, coffee & vegetarian options are always available.

“Let's be Irish” Dinner, Dance and Pot O' Gold Auction

Help raise valuable funds for our Food, Music & Children's Ministries while enjoying great fellowship & fun on **Saturday, March 16 at 6:30 pm**. As one of two major fundraisers for St. Columba this year, we hope you will be able to support it by donating to the auction (items or experiences) and/or by attending with family and friends. We will have a delicious three course meal, fun auction and dancing afterwards. See Janet or Wendy for tickets (\$35/person).

St. Columbans have Heart!

St. Columbans are invited to go out of their way to connect with someone in need of cheer. We have received a generous donation of pre-cooked, cubed chicken so if it suits, please use some of it to prepare soup or a meal for someone (see Cheryl or Nadia). But any deed will do, just as long as it brightens someone's day. Once you have spread cheer, write it down on the heart shaped cut-outs in the sanctuary and pin it to our banner, “St. Columbans Have Heart.”

St. Columba by-the-Lake Presbyterian Church

February 17, 2019

Ancient Poems & Their Music – Poems of Gratitude

Video Prelude

Psalm 23 - *S. Townsend Stuart*

Call to Worship

O God, in you we trust.

Lead us in your ways, and teach us.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes with the morning.

O sing to the Lord a new song,

for God has done marvelous things!

Hymn 78

This is the Day

Opening Prayer-

Loving God, we begin this day in gratitude,

for gifts offered, for stories told, for lives lived.

We praise you for your boundless generosity and love.

You give, we receive, and we are thankful,

through Christ, Amen.

Response to Prayer

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Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!

Rejoice! Rejoice! and again I say, Rejoice!

Rejoice! Rejoice! and again I say, Rejoice!

The Scriptures

Book of Psalms

Psalm 103:1-18, **RI**

Reflection – *Poems of Gratitude*

Video Offertory

Psalm 23 - *Elihana Elia*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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St. Columba by-the-Lake Congregational Purpose

Memories of 2018

I believe - *Carrie Newcomer*

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Closing Prayer

Hymn **453** (v.1 Eng, V.2 & 3 fr)

Food and Fellowship