

**TWO RIVERS PASTORAL CHARGE
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Bayswater-Summerville Long Reach Westfield**

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Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Church Services

March Worship

Mar 7	Long Reach	9:30am	Westfield	11:00am
Mar14	Summerville	9:30am	Westfield	11:00 am
Mar21	Long Reach	9:30am	Westfield	11:00 am
Mar28	Summerville	9:30am	Westfield	11:00am

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson

March 7, 2010

Lent 3

Peninsula Worship Long Reach United 9:30 am
Westfield United 11:00 am

*What does the Lord require of you, but to seek justice, love mercy
and walk humbly with our God. Micah 6: 8*

WE GATHER IN HOPE

Prelude

Procession

Welcome & Life and Work of our Church

Opening Ritual

*(touch the purple cloth/lift high the Bible/place it on the table/lift a feather
and place it on table/light the candle)*

*Invite us to the banquet of new life O God.,
Help us to receive the love
which is spread across the table of life
and into which we are gathered this day.
Take our hands now, we pray,
and lead us toward your gifts. Amen
(place a pitcher of water on the table)*

***Introit:** *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights* Voices United 108

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

***Hymn:** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Voices United 375

Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

**Hospitable God,
you invite us again and again to the table
of abundant feasting in your love,
but we often choose instead to be full for the moment
but never satisfied for long - by empty, easy offerings around us.**

Lectionary Reading for March 14th

Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Today's Worship Resources:

Opening Liturgy: Adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*. Used with permission.

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*. Used with permission

Offertory Hymn: From *gathering LEP 2003*, Used with permission.

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LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH

This Week

Tuesday, 7:00pm *Westfield Maintenance & Finance*

Tuesday, 7:00pm *Saint John Presbytery*

Wednesday, 7:30pm *Long Reach Visioning* at the home of Frances Collins.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday Mornings 10:00 - 11:30 Lenten Bible Study, March 10, 17, 24, 31. Please call the office and leave a message to indicate your interest.

Youth Events

May 5 - May 10 *Two Rivers Pastoral Charge youth, Grade 7 - 12*, are invited to join us (Ross Sherwood & Rev. Elizabeth plus other chaperones) on an *Exposure/Cultural/Outreach trip to New York City*. Approximate cost \$800.00. Please mark your calendars and let Ross know of your interest. More info to follow. **Note:** May 6 & 7 are scheduled days off from school in District 8.

March 14, 6:30 pm *Gathering to learn more about an Exposure/Cultural/Outreach Youth Trip*. If you are interested in such an adventure please come and join in the conversation to enable the planners to help make it happen.

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH

Ski Day at Poley Mountain, Saturday, March 13th - If you are interested

please reply to 'the social crew at Two Rivers Pastoral Charge' wuc@nb.sympatico.ca. If we have enough interest expressed we will proceed and further information regarding the day will be sent out. This is a fun day for all ages and all skill levels.

Official Board is applying to Presbytery to have a Joint Needs Assessment of the needs of our churches with emphasis on youth. If you are interested in serving on the Assessment Committee, please contact Josie Pike 757-8306, Lois Sherwood 757-2206, Beth Quigley 763-2453, Martha Crabbe 763-2081.

Long Reach United Church presents *The Basement Players Company* production of "*Aunt Tilly Goes to Sea*", a comedy of Relationships aboard a cruise ship. Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Kingston Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 children and may be obtained by calling Joan 763-2479 or the Church Office 757-2201. Come and enjoy the company, refreshments and a pie auction!!

Church in the World

Mount Allison University Herbert S. Sharp scholarships applications for active members of the United Church are available on the Mount Allison website: www.mta.ca/apply/money_matters/schlarships.html.

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SLOW DOWN AND BE

Kathleen Stephenson is a United Church overseas personnel working at Coordenadoria Ecumenico de Servico (CESE) in Brazil. She discovered that sometimes we need to slow down to see where we are being called to serve.

As the ecumenical relations officer at CESE, I have some specific tasks and assignments. I participate in developing communications initiatives for churches

and ecumenical institutions. I represent CESE on a local ecumenical council, planning celebrations and activities through the year. We hosted several events during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and developed a workshop on prayer. In the past few months, I have spoken on behalf of CESE to two local churches that work closely with CESE on a range of projects and ecumenical initiatives.

*I have responsibilities, yes, but, perhaps as in all our ministries, sometimes I am just present - that is, walking along with folks. My prayers and reflection focus to a great extent on how to just **be**, as appropriately and well as I possibly can. Meanwhile, I trust, with humility, that God will use me like clay. I am working on what this earthen vessel is intended to hold and pour out!*

The work of CESE and of Kathleen is made possible through your gifts to the **Mission and Service Fund**.