Faith United Milton

Our Statement of Being - We are a Christian people of *Faith* who together are *United* in our worship of God & in service to *Milton* and the world community.

Our Mission - Faith United Milton is committed to praising the Lord, spreading the Word, and loving our neighbours – in our community and beyond; giving of ourselves that we may grow in faith and be blessed by the spirit of God.

Announcements for Sunday June 19, 2022

<u>This week</u> June 19 – Father's Day with Guest Speaker Mark Curtis - Zoom service <u>Upcoming Services</u> June 26 – Deb Hopper - in-person service at Masonic Hall

Send announcements to: <u>announcements@faithunitedmilton.org</u>. by Mon. of the week you would like the announcement to appear and indicate the number of weeks you want it published.

Return to the Hall

Council is pleased to announce that Faith will return to the Masonic Hall for 3 services in June. Masks will be required. The services are: June 5, 12 and 26th June 19 - Will be a zoom service

June 26 will be Faith's last regular worship service until Sunday, September 4. Over July and August a "virtual" worship devotion will be emailed out to everyone on our contact list each Sunday morning for you to enjoy wherever you may be this summer. We encourage everyone to keep in touch via Faith's private Facebook group at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/682241185247817</u>.

Conversations in Victoria Park

Please join us every Friday at 10:00 am for 1 hour of visiting. Bring your lawn chair, masks optional. Weather permitting.

Remembrance Service for Bob Walker

A remembrance service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on June 22 at St. John's Church, 262 Randall Street in Oakville in remembrance of Robert Bruce Walker, who died at the age of 94 on February 8, 2022.

We all miss Bob who was a founding member of Faith United Milton as well as helping with the formation of Milton Transitional Housing. Never one to shy away from a challenge, he was very active having served on our church council as well as being a member on the Communications and Outreach Teams.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, please consider donations to one of Bob's passions, Rotary International.

For more information see: <u>https://earlyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1671/Robert-Walker/obituary.html#tribute-start</u>

Her Quest for Hospice

Within the Townsend Smith organization, there is a group called Her Quest for Hospice. Last fall they had teams tour designated businesses and do a challenge. Money was raised for the Hospice. As many know, the site for the North Halton Hospice will be where Hillcrest Church is located. I had a team of 4 women, 2 from Faith and 2 from Probus. I would like to have a Faith team this fall. The event will be Sept. 17. This is a charity Outreach supports. It is much like the Coldest Night of the Year for Milton Transitional Housing without the hats, publicity etc. I am inviting Faith to join this group. Maybe we could have 2 teams. It is important to commit as each team is assigned a 2 hour time to complete the challenges and our team(s) now would have a choice of time to begin. Ruth (416-371-2357) ruth.parkinson@sympatico.ca

Faith United Responds to the Ukrainian crisis

Thank you to all who responded so generously to the Outreach Team's initiative collecting medical supplies and toiletries for the Ukraine. Donations were received over a two week period at four different drop off points. Appeals went out to other groups and businesses making this a Milton community project. Contributing groups included Drury Park residents, members of St. Paul's, Zak's and Superstore Pharmacies, and friends and neighbours of some members of the Outreach team. It should be noted that a sizeable donation of specialty medical supplies came from Judy and Joe Cimino, sister and brother- in- law of Paula, who happen to be pharmacists.

Using the ONeils' garage which was full, items were organized and packed, then transported by convoy to Stratford Mission Depot on Thursday. (see pictures) This is a humanitarian organization which has existed for 27 years and run completely by volunteers, many of whom are retired medical folk. We were most impressed with the organization and the efficiency of this group having direct contact with hospitals and doctors in the Ukraine. The most urgent items were then sorted by them and a truck load went out destined for the Ukraine on Friday. (see pictures) The volunteers were overwhelmed by the amount of donations and the specific items so urgently needed collected by Faith United. Tears were shed. Our donations included a wheel chair (belonged to our dear Bob Ward), 9 pairs of crutches, canes, plastic boots, lots of over the counter pain medications, diapers of all sizes, toiletries etc. Suzanne Watts had a very specific and valuable item which she donated. "Having recently retired from a fulfilling hospital career, donating my trusty Litmann stethoscope was a very meaningful way for me to send my message of support and hope to a medical team so committed to helping and saving lives amidst such chaos." We estimate that between \$8000 and \$10,000 worth of goods were donated.

The Spirit was flowing through so many to make this happen. When each box is packed at the Stratford Mission a printed prayer in Ukrainian is included in it. And so we have had the privilege of being the hands and feet of the Christ through this act of love.

With humble gratitude Your Outreach Team

Pastoral Care: If you are aware of anyone who is ill, has a family concern or is celebrating a special occasion, would you please advise Ann Sault at asault@sympatico.ca or call 905 878 1286.