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**Worship & Sunday School: Sundays at 10:30am**

### Coming Up at St. Andrew's:

**Ash Wednesday Worship** – Feb. 26, 7pm, St. James Room

**Theology on Tap** returns Feb. 27, 6-9pm at Westphalia  
February's topic is: "The Future of Faith"

Anyone is welcome to join the conversation, no matter your spirituality, faith, or religion, if you have one at all. Together, we meet in real life and talk about stuff that matters. We believe, like Martin Luther once said, "God is at work even when we are drinking beer." We hope to see you there!

**Coffee and Conversation** –Feb. 28, 10am at Westphalia. The same engaging conversation as "Theology on Tap" but for early risers.

**The Grace of Les Misérables: starting March 1st.** This Lent ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19<sup>th</sup> century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story.

In this five-week worship series based on the book *The Grace of Les Misérables* by Matt Rawle, we dive into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

In keeping with our previous worship series inspired by Matt Rawle's writing, our worship this Lent brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

**World Day of Prayer** – March 6, 7pm, Gospel Lighthouse.  
"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked – "Do you want to be made well?" You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Use this opportunity to reflect with your WDP group, community and ecumenical partners. Prayer and action are what links us together around the globe.

The country of Zimbabwe continues its search for peace during its political transition. The change in government, that

occurred when the WDP materials were written, continues to bring Zimbabwe to the frontlines of the media. The economy crashed the dreams of many, Mugabe died at 95 years old, protests are met with violence, and a massive cyclone has flooded some communities.

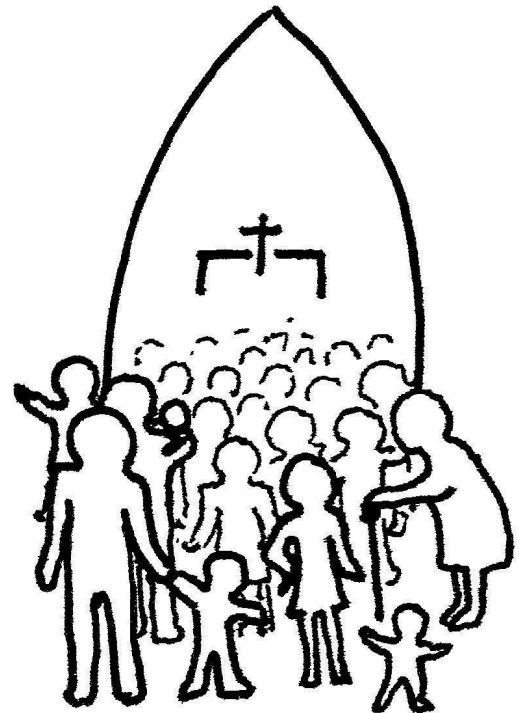
However in all moments, WDP women, churches and ecumenical organizations have not lost hope.

"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. "The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation." This is the time for change!

May we hear the words of this compassionate God and the Prince of Peace to act upon the healing of ourselves and our communities to bring peace and reconciliation into the world.

**Lenten Retreat** – March 7, 9am-12pm, CE Centre. Take some time this Lent to take time, step back, reflect and encounter the holiness of this season with friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome. More info to come. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates.

**St. Andrew's Players** present "The Show Must Go On" on May 7, 8, 9 at 7:30pm and a matinee on May 9 at 2pm. Watch for more information and tickets next month!



*If you are curious and want to explore...  
If you are weary and want to rest...  
If you are grateful and want to give thanks...  
If you are hurting and want solace...  
If you are listening and want to pray...  
If you are seeking and want to join fellow seekers...  
There's a place for you at St. Andrew's!*

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