



# **The Circuit Rider**

The Weekly Newsletter of the Ruthven Pastoral Charge

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## **Transfiguration Sunday**

Mark 9. 2 -9

We end the Season of Epiphany with the Transfiguration of Christ and on Wednesday begins Lent. Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. During Lent Christians may fast, or give up some of their usual routine, to give time to personal examination and to reflect on their relationship with God.

The Gospel this Sunday tells the Transfiguration story which proclaims the identity of Jesus as the Christ: in the presence of Moses and Elijah we see Jesus as the one who fulfils the law and the prophets. We also come to see the Christ's identity as more than that which was expected, as one whose reign is beyond, as well as within, His followers' everyday experience - the 'Ancient One' of Daniel 7:9. The Messiah is not only sent by God, as 1st Century Jews would have expected, but fully of God in a radical way. So, from the cloud, a voice speaks, identifies Jesus as 'my Son', and tells Jesus' followers to listen to Him.

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Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Peace and Joy,  
James Wetzstein, creator Agnus Day

## The Lighter moments.....

Whatever you do, always give 100%,  
unless you're donating blood.

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?  
A Roamin' Catholic.

What did Snow White say when she came out of the photo booth?  
Someday my prints will come.

A girl said she recognized me from her vegetarian club,  
but I'd never met herbivore.



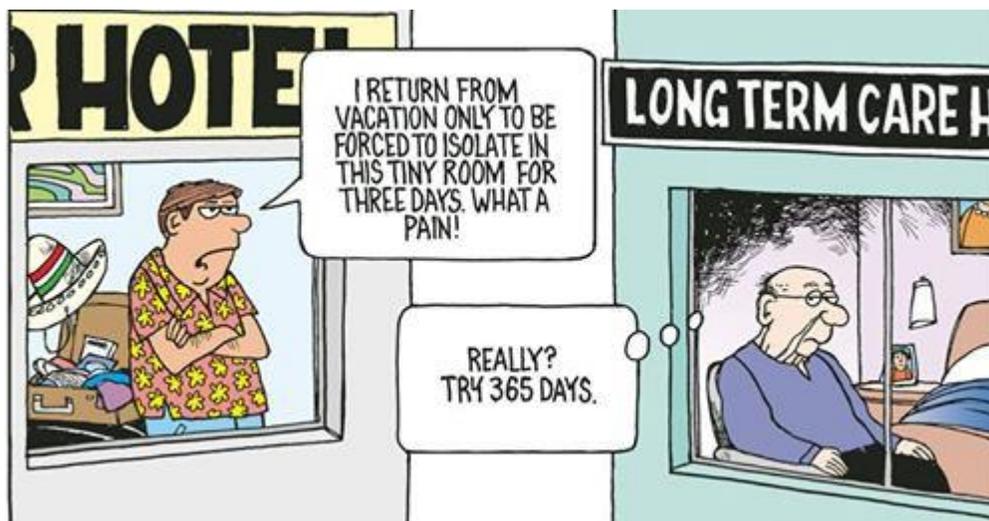
Cartoon by the Rev. Jay  
Sidebotham

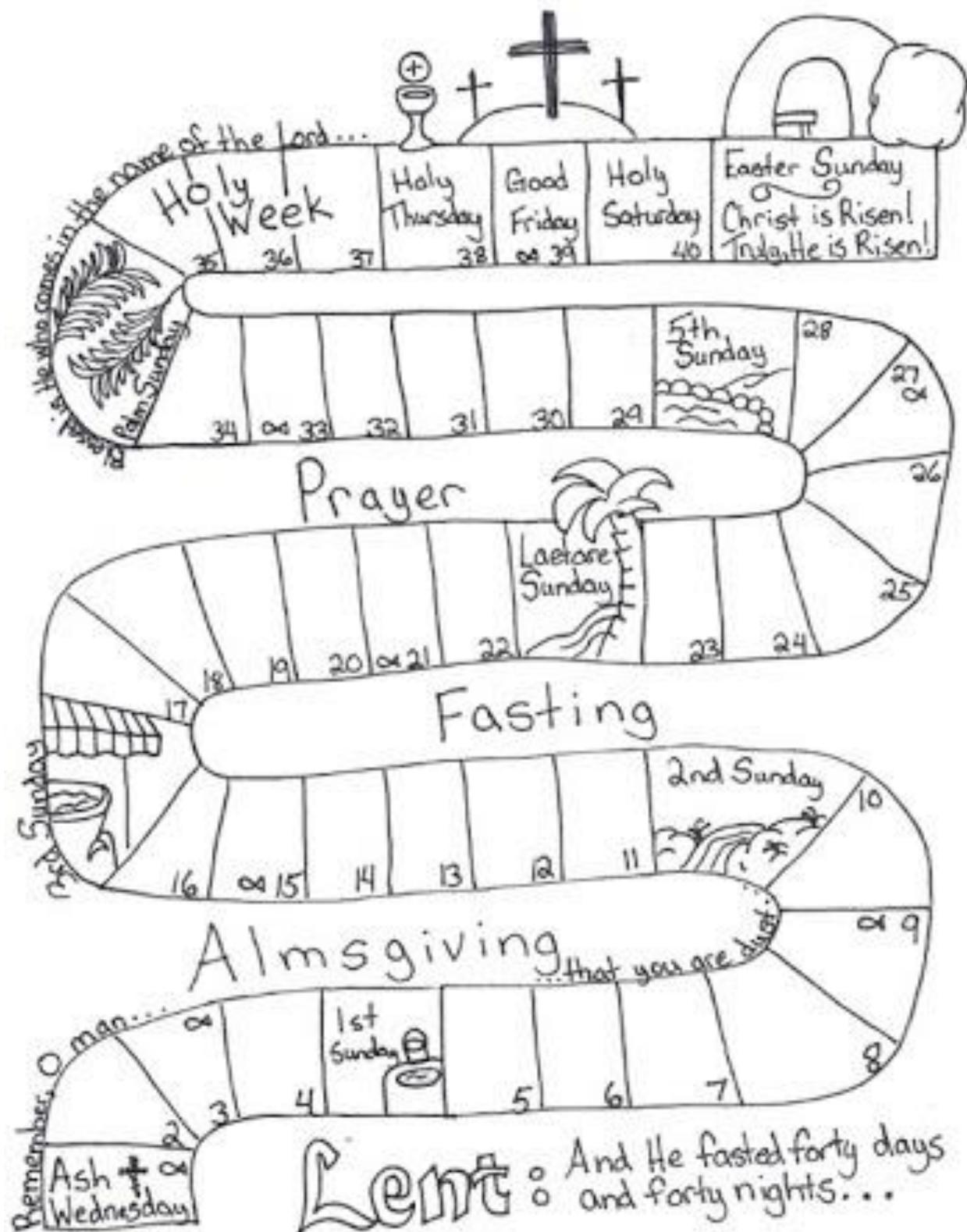
# LOCKDOWN CARTOONS



"WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE YOU VISITED RECENTLY?"

**By Sunil Agarwal & Ian Baker**





## Ruthven Pastoral Charge Prayer List

Sunday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> , 2021

For prayers to be added, please contact Rev. Olav Kitchen  
call/text 519-566-7626 or email okitchen@mnsi.net

*Please include the following in your prayers this week:*

- Prayers for those battling the corona virus and for those who have died.
- Prayers for all in Health Care.
- Those battling Cancer:  
Murray Voakes, Doug Hall (Mary Maedel's brother), Brian Sellon (Glen & Sylvia's son), Ross Armstrong. Julia Koss' grandson Kevin who is needing chemo, Brenda Bravener who has once battled cancer and now is battling it again. Melbourne Thorpe
- Prayers for Normalie Voakes.
- Prayers continue for Zoe Stevenson (granddaughter of Donna & Fred Takaki).
- Prayers for Barb Keyes cousin John who is undergoing tests and treatment.
- from the World Council of Churches, we pray Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland.
- from the Antler River Watershed Region: Woodslee Pastoral Charge,  
Belle River and Woodslee United Churches, Lakeshore.  
Our area, this week Epworth United Church, Kingsville.

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### **Sunday Worship:**

Join Zoom Service by logging into

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6953623178>

Or Live via Telephone (this is long distance and not free)

You can simply call one of the following numbers using your phone:

+1 647 558 0588    +1 778 907 2071    +1 204 272 7920

+1 587 328 1099    +1 647 374 4685    +1 438 809 7799

and when it asks for the meeting ID dial 695 362 3178 then #

## Celebrations and Joyous News

### **Birthdays**

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Jose Santos (91)  
Andre Dunmore  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Kassy Baggio  
Feb 17 Pat Mills  
Feb 19 Ida Smith  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Ashley Whittle



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**  
**7pm via Zoom (use Sunday link)**

**Valentine Concert**

**Provided by the Jones**  
*(Paul and Brenda)*

**Come and enjoy an evening of music!**

### **This Week :**

**Today** - Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup> - Worship: 10 am via Zoom. All are welcome

Wednesday Feb 17 - **Ash Wednesday Service 7p.m.**, a brief service marking the beginning of Lent. Same link as Sunday.

### **Next Week**

Thurs Feb 25 – Trinity UCW meet via zoom at 1pm.

Annual Meetings: Sunday Afternoon February 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 via Zoom.

1:00 pm Olinda-Ruthven; 3:00 pm Trinity

Please email the office if you would like to receive an Annual Report.

If you would like a hard copy please contact the office 519.326.3138.

Olinda-Ruthven - 2021 donation envelopes are in the office for pick up.

If unable to get yours at this time, you may place your cheque or cash donation in a regular envelope. As always, PAR and Interac e-transfer are other options you can consider.

Thank-you. David Clifford

Trinity – Envelope are at the Church or you may contact Marie 519.738.2169 for options.

Circuit Rider – If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Circuit Rider by mail or email, please contact the office.

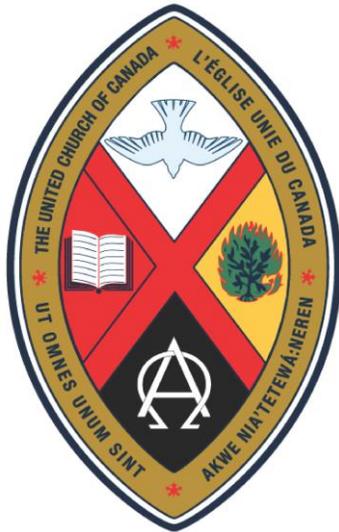
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FOR ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS, including some community announcements please check our Web site <http://www.ruthvenpc.com/index.html> and look under Announcements.

DO YOU HAVE an Announcement or some Good News to share?

You are welcome to submit it for the weekly Circuit Rider.

Also, jokes, pictures, sayings are most welcome. To Submit an item please contact Brenda Miller, the Pastoral Charge Administrator at the office (519.326.3138) or email ([office@ruthvenpc.com](mailto:office@ruthvenpc.com)) to the office by Wed Noon. Office hours are normally 9am - noon, Mon. to Fri.



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