



TALBOT STREET CHURCH

ministry minute

Keeping you informed...

Greetings!



Please join us for worship on Sunday morning at 10am. Justin Mulder, one of our young adults, will join Pastor Steve in bringing the message.

Sermon Series: Directions

Message: Downward (Empowerment)

Scripture: 1 Timothy,

Teacher: Steve Dozeman, Justin Mulder

MINISTRY EVENTS

- **TRIVIA:** The Second Annual Talbot Street Trivia Challenge in support of our teens going on SERVE missions trips will be held on February 16 and tables are going fast. Continue to look for new emails with new clues to prepare you for a fun night of obscure questions and answers. Deadline for submitting a team of 8 is February 8. Contact the [church office](#) to register!
- **TALBOT STREET PASSWORDS:** We all have too many passwords to remember and so, in an attempt to make things easier the password to access the guest Wifi at Talbot Street Church along with both the address and picture directories on the website had been changed to Talbot513. Please make a note of this in your "little black book".
- **PARKING PASSES/STICKERS:** It's time to renew your parking sticker for 2019. If you have a green pass you will only need a new sticker, if you still have an old burgundy pass please come by and get a new pass and sticker - all for the bargain cost of \$2. It all happens at the information desk in the atrium.
- **RESTAVEC HAITI TRIP:** Are you interested in visiting Haiti and

witnessing the work of Restavec Freedom up close. If you are, a group is exploring the possibility of organizing a trip and you are invited to meet with them after worship on Sunday morning. Grab a coffee and head up to the double room on the second floor to meet with other interested folk.

- **SANCTUARY ANNIVERSARY PARTY:** Sanctuary London is celebrating their 8th anniversary on February 8 with a theme party. Dress up like your favourite hero, super or otherwise and come on down to the Atrium at 7pm to sing karaoke, compete in feats of strength and other competitions of the hero variety, enjoy good food and celebrate. All are welcome, costumes not necessary, but encouraged!
- **PRINTED LYRIC SHEETS:** If you are someone with visibility concerns or find yourself having difficulty standing during worship and your sight lines to the screens are blocked, the ushers can provide you with printed lyric sheets for all the songs sung during worship. Please pick one up at any entrance to the sanctuary.



A NOTE ABOUT THE SERMON SERIES VISUAL ARTWORK:

Last week, we, as a church community, explored the **DOWNWARD** direction. This downward direction is directed towards those who are less in age – those who need to be lifted up, embraced, and brought into a shared identity in Christ. The red lines are directed downwards and then, as a scoop, curve upwards. The red lines, together, in mirror image, form an upside down heart – the heart of empathy for those who are less in age or years of experience – a passionate heart of empathy that seeks to, share what Jesus has to offer the world.

This week we are exploring the **DOWNWARD** direction once again while, anticipating a new **UPWARD** direction, headed by a new generation of growth within our church community. An experienced gardener knows that there is a lot of bending downward, weeding, and watering that needs to take place to give room for new, life-giving, young plants to grow. The green lines, at the bottom of the artwork, are reaching upward like strong new shoots of growth bursting out of the frozen ground in the spring time. These fresh green lines represent the ideas, desires and perspectives of the youth. As a church, we need to take them seriously, weeding and watering the ground from which these young shoots come from – anticipating lush growth and fresh God inspired ideas for the future.



Dates to keep in front of you:

- February 8: Sanctuary London Anniversary Party
- February 10: Common Ground Lunch following worship
- February 14: Senior's Valentine Social
- February 16: Talbot Street Church Second Annual Trivia Challenge
- February 24: Welcome class for those exploring membership at Talbot

care & prayer

- Congratulations to Stephen, Isabell and Jared Oudman on the arrival of a new son and brother on January 11. Welcome Nolan Paul!
- Robin Manton underwent an outpatient procedure on Thursday and is home resting.
- Jack VanderMeulen has been moved out of ICU after his recent heart surgery. He is very tired but recovering.
- Agnes VanderVecht began a round of chemotherapy this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Thank you for your continued support of Talbot Street Church!

- YTD Giving: \$ 289,051
- YTD GROW: \$ 57,771

You can participate by giving cash or cheque in worship, set up a pre-authorized contribution, give online through our website or text: "give" to 226.400.4255



Invitations and announcements from all over the London area - from churches, schools, and community groups for concerts, dinners and fundraisers. A couple to highlight:

- Think about walking in the [Coldest Night of the Year](#) in support of Mission Services.
- We're hosting [Symphonia London](#) on February 2.

To see what else is going on in the broader London faith community click [here](#).



From the stream of our tradition: Here you can find newsletters or blog updates or invitations from our broader reformed tradition and our community at large. We want to pass those on to you and give you the opportunity to engage in that broader community as well!

- Out of a desire to connect people the Christian Reformed Church created The Network in February 2010 and it exists to host user-submitted content. There are currently 60 different ministry topics, including prayer, youth ministry, pastors, church administration, job openings, and much more! The Network isn't the kind of website where you sit in the back pew, take it all in, and leave quickly before talking to anyone. No, this is one of those 'social' sites where ALL OF US create the value by commenting, questioning, sharing, and helping each other. The whole point is that we learn from each other and from what other churches and individuals are doing across the CRC. Click [here](#) to see the top 18 most-read network posts of 2018. And while you're there subscribe and keep up to date on what's happening.

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