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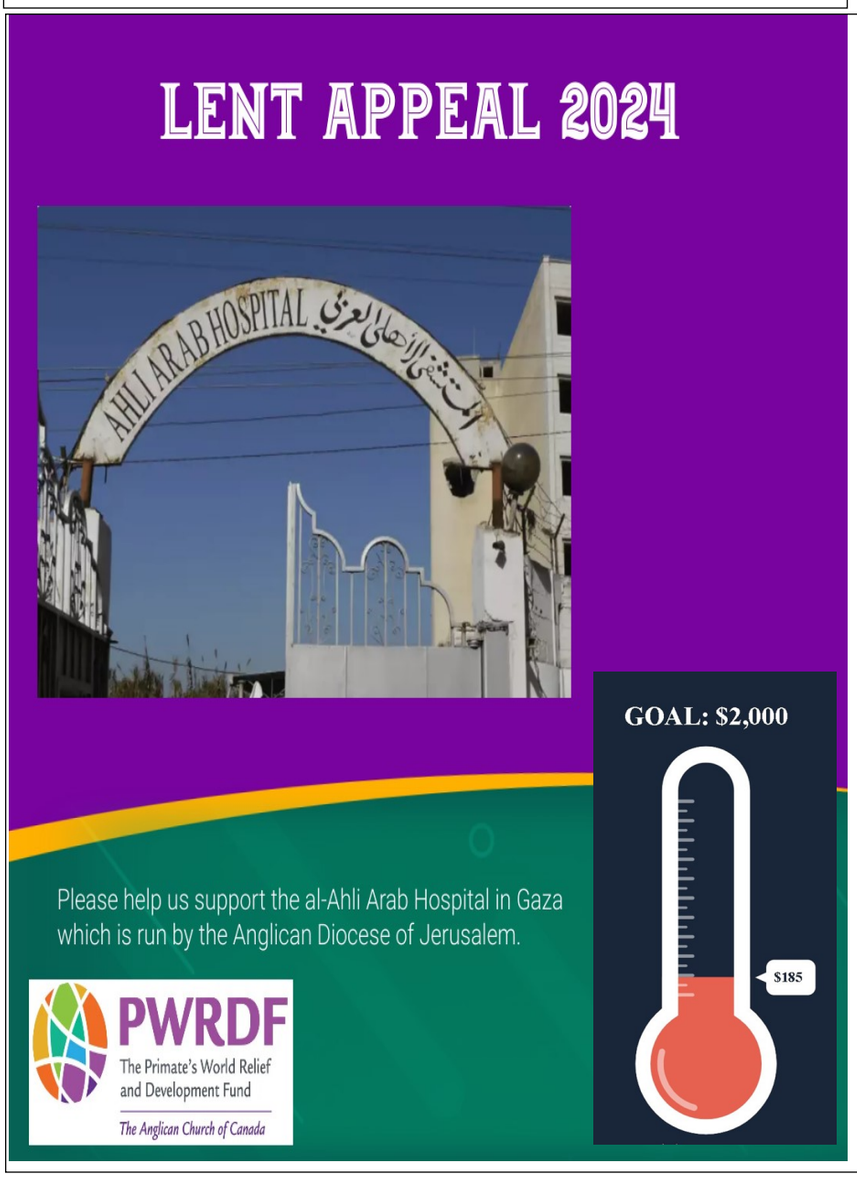
SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2024 LENT II.
8:00AM Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist (BAS)

WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2024
10:30AM Holy Eucharist (BCP)

What's Happening

MON 26th FEB	Lent Service & Lunch	Noon
TUE 27th FEB	Lunch Ministry SVDP	Noon
WED 28th FEB	Bible Study (2/5)	Noon
WED 28th FEB	Lunch Ministry SVDP	Noon
THU 29th FEB	Lunch Ministry SVDP	Noon
THU 29th FEB	Choir Practice	4:00pm
FRI 1st MAR	World Day of Prayer	

Monday 26th February 2024. Short service in Chapel at Noon followed by simple lunch in the Parish Hall. **PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO ATTEND!** Thank you.



THE STORY OF ACCUMULATION

Gareth Higgins shares why the story of accumulation, which is second nature to most of us in the West, can be so damaging: The accumulation story is about money and fear. It's a story about being possessed by things rather than enjoying and sharing them. And it's a story nested within a bigger story about how sometimes when we think we have more, we actually have less…. Whether it's bigger sofas or bigger houses or bigger jobs or bigger bank accounts or reputation or ego or a bigger empire, we don't have to look too far to find the accumulation story at work. The story that says we will achieve peace and security through having more things. It's an expansionist narrative, but it doesn't expand peace and security. The more you think you need to accumulate, the bigger fence you need to build around yourself and the fewer people you will trust and let into your life. It's the inverse of what it means to live in true peace and security, which only comes in the context of relationship with people you can trust. *Author Lynne Twist names the malignant effects of buying into the accumulation story:* Money has only the power that we assign to it, and we have assigned it immense power. We have given it almost final authority. If we look only at behavior, it tells us that we have made money more important than we are, given it more meaning than human life. Humans have done and will do terrible things in the name of money. They have killed for it, enslaved other people for it, and enslaved themselves to joyless lives in pursuit of it…. We all, at one time or another, have demeaned and devalued ourselves, taken advantage of people, or engaged in other actions we're not proud of in order to get or keep money or the power we believe it can buy. (*Lynne Twist with Teresa Barker, The Soul of Money: Reclaiming the Wealth of Our Inner Resources*). *Richard Rohr often critiques the story of accumulation*: Jesus is absolute about money and power because he knows what we're going to do. Most of us will serve this god called mammon. Luke's Gospel even describes mammon as a type of illness, as Jesuit John Haughey (1930–2019) explained: "Mammon is not simply a neutral term in Luke. It is not simply money. It connotes disorder…. Mammon becomes then a source of disorder because people allow it to make a claim on them that only God can make." "Mammon illness" takes over when we think all of life is counting, weighing, measuring, and deserving. To participate in the reign of God, we have to stop counting. We have to stop **hoarding** in order to let the flow of forgiveness and love flow through us. The love of God can't be doled out by any process whatsoever. We can't earn it. We can't lose it. As long as we stay in this world of accumulation, of earning and losing, we'll live in perpetual resentment, envy, or climbing.
(Centre for Action and Contemplation)

ASH VALENTINE

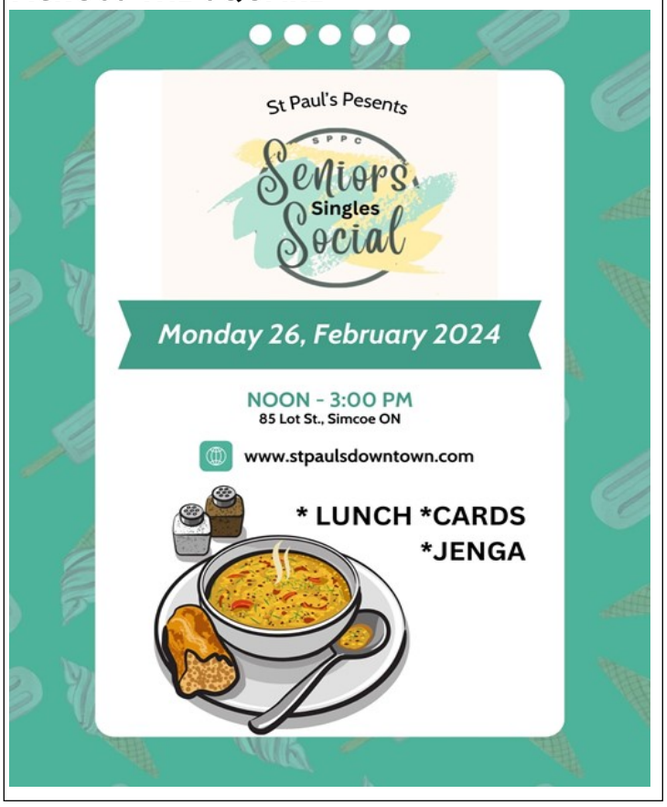
Not a box of chocolates
or spray of roses,
but ash smudged on your forehead:
a reminder, dust,
that you shall some day blow away.
Dirt in the shape of a heart,
dust in the form of a life—
now, this life:
given, but so briefly,
like a breath,
cherished, with such sweet hope.
A Valentine from God's own longing heart,
both praise and plea:

Love you to death.
Won't you be mine?

Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Unfolding Light

(Submitted by the Brubacher household)

ACROSS THE SQUARE



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