



# The Servant

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## Interim Priest's Message

I was delighted to hear recently that, according to a December survey, the number of monarch butterflies hibernating in southern Mexico has rebounded. The article said that the Winter Colonies covered about ten acres of forest this winter (up from around three acres last winter).

This news means that there is a good chance that I, along with others who like to view or take pictures of these beautiful insects, will be found running around fields where weeds such as Milkweed dominate. Before we can do that, however, the migratory population of monarchs must make a long or even the longest trip for travelers in the insect world. They will fly as many as 2,800 miles from the US to Mexico to Canada. We are told that the flight back north takes four or five generations and it is not known how monarch butterflies (or rather their offspring) find their way to Canada or back to the winter sanctuary in Mexico each year.

This is not the only amazing thing for me about monarchs. They begin their lives as live caterpillars, somewhat creepy and ugly and who incessantly crawl and chew. Eventually, they attach their tails firmly to a stick and lay still, sheathed with a shiny leather-like case. They seem to be dead. However, in time, the beautiful butterfly emerges, soars gracefully away, and leaves nothing behind but a broken chrysalis to indicate its former bondage.

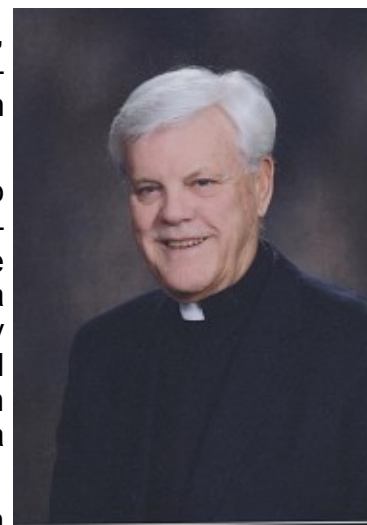
The chrysalis and butterfly give a wonderful image from nature of the empty grave clothes of our Risen Lord. When Peter and John heard the news that the Lord's body was gone from the garden tomb, they ran as fast as they could from their lodging. Peter entered the tomb and, as John's Gospel records in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, "he saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen". The grave clothes once wrapped continuously around the body of Jesus now lay collapsed - a mute testimony that the corpse they had once shrouded had now emerged in life.

This Easter, as we do every Easter, we celebrate that the bondage of death is broken. Christ is Risen! We can face tomorrow with the assurance that Jesus is in fact alive to help us, to guide us, to give us hope for the future. Since He is living, our problems are shared. The broken chrysalis of His grave clothes proclaims that Christ is Victor even over death. Because He lives, nothing is impossible.

In Christ,

Bob

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## AGAPE Brockville—3 Churches—3 Families Update

**A**gape Brockville and especially those supporters from St. Paul's, are delighted to confirm that all three families have arrived and are settling into their new homes in Brockville. The six children in the group are attending school full-time – struggling not only with the language, culture and weather but also with the years of schooling that many of them have missed while living in refugee camps. The adults are all attending English as a Second language classes through T.R. Leger as well as a twice weekly "Conversation Group" lead by volunteers.

In January, Agape Brockville held an Open house so that donors, sponsors and volunteers could meet the thirteen newcomers to our community. Virginia Glover opened her home to the over eighty-five people who attended.

Some assistance is still required especially in driving to school or appointments so, if you are willing to help, please call Linda Eckert or John Flegg at (613-345-2117).

All are looking forward to spring when there will be an opportunity for Brockville's newcomers to further explore their new home.



Open House at Virginia Glover's house to welcome the new families.

Photo credit Virginia Glover



## Warden's Message

As I write this report during the Lenten season, I am most thankful to be a part of the St. Paul's congregation. As I reflect on all that is happening both within our Church and through our outreach programs, we are very fortunate and truly blessed. Since the last Servant, we have welcomed three new Canadian families to our community. I am happy to report that they are settling in very nicely.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Bob Panter and his team of volunteers, who again this year organized a successful Pancake Supper. A total of \$1,237.00 was raised; half will be going to PWRDF and the other half to Loaves and Fishes. All the hard work the volunteers and donors put into this event really paid off.

With the help of Linda Eckert, Bea and I have been able to continue to send cards to those in need.

The World Day of Prayer Service and Reception on March 4<sup>th</sup> was hosted by St. Paul's Church. Our congregation continues to be very active within the broader church community and it is gratifying to see new people join us each Sunday.

We will see some changes to St. Paul's this year. In May, a new, donated stained glass window will be dedicated and installed in the sacristy. Also, this summer, the interior of the Church will be painted.

The search for the new incumbent continues at a slower pace than was expected. The Parish Advisory Committee hopes to have something to report soon.

Now - as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ - on behalf of the Wardens: John F., Linda, John S. and myself, we would like to wish you a Blessed and healthy Easter.

*Rod Slack, People's Warden*

## Milestones and Memories at St. Paul's

Since the Christmas Edition of the Servant, St. Paul's has mourned the loss and celebrated the lives of the following members of our church family:

**Beryl Edith Boyce**

**Caspar Wistar Haupt Jr.**

**Russell Evan Darling**



## St. Paul's Pancake Supper

Despite the fact that Lent seemed to sneak up on us early this year, the Pancake Supper was a great success – 149 adults and 13 children for a total of 162 people as opposed to 136 last year. Our profit of \$1,237.00 will be shared with Loaves and Fishes and the Primates World Relief and Development Fund.

You might note that all the ingredients for the Pancake Supper – groceries, maple syrup, pies and coffee again were all donated by parishioners. Many thanks to those who came forth once again to fry, serve, clean -up, and to Shirley Jones and the ladies of the ACW who again came forth with those delicious home-made pies. Special thanks to Peter Mayer who regularly takes the day off to prepare sausages and fry pancakes, and once again to Linda Levey who purchased the groceries, to Ivan Cooper who procured the maple syrup, to Aileen Mayer who mixed up the pancake batter from scratch, and to Jane Guthrie who made the Gluten-free pancakes. Thanks to all who volunteered and to all who attended.

*Bob Panter*



The calm before the storm at the 2016 Pancake Supper

Photo Credit Linda Eckert



## Seniors Luncheon - December 2015

Fifty members of the congregation along with fifteen volunteers came together to enjoy a Christmas Service and festive luncheon of Chicken all-a king. Delightful carol music during the luncheon was provided by Debbie Hyland. The members of Comforting Arts group helped both behind the scenes and with serving.

Gillian Shaw once again worked her magic in the dessert department. A variety of cookies, squares and a sumptuous trifle competed the meal.

There was a surprise visit from Santa who circulated among the tables verifying who was on the naughty or nice list! All participated in the English Christmas Pie game at the end of the meal adding to the good spirit of the day.

Rod and Bea Slack donated poinsettias that added so much to the decor. Several lucky winners took the flowers home.

*Pat Alexander*



Then and Now – John Sharpe receiving his Lay Reader's Certificate in 2002 from Father Stan and at the Seniors Luncheon in December 2015)

*Submitted Photos*

## World Day Of Prayer

On Friday, March 4th, St. Paul's Church hosted the Brockville and area World Day of Prayer service and reception. This year, we celebrated the women and children of Cuba.

Under the leadership of Faye Audet, the whole event proved to be a resounding success. We were fortunate enough to be able to have the Ambassador of Cuba, Julio Antonio Garmendia Pena as our guest speaker. He was accompanied by his wife, Miraly Gonzalez. The Ambassador spoke of Cuba and the wonderful relationship between Cuba and Canada.

Pat Alexander, as is her usual style, worked diligently and quietly behind the scenes. Thank you, Pat for the wonderful origami flowers and the hospitality planning. Donna, the music was wonderful and we thank you for taking time out from your work to be with us. The men of the church coordinated the set-up and helped within the service. The greeters ensured that all felt welcome and Carean worked her magic with her colourful artwork. To these people and to all who supported us in any way – sincere thank you. You all made this service such a success with more than 170 in attendance.

There was much feed-back from various people who attended with most saying how warm and welcoming it was at St. Paul's. This Year's World Day of Prayer was truly an event of Christian unity.

Thanks again to Faye for her leadership.

*Norma Riley*



Faye Audet and Norma Riley, organizers of the World Day of Prayer service pose with the Cuban Ambassador and his wife, Archdeacon Hales and Father Ted

*Submitted Photo*

## Upcoming Special Services and Events

### Holy Week Service Schedule

**Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 & 10:00** Palm Sunday

**Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ noon** Holy Week Healing Prayer

**Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** Maundy Thursday –Inauguration of the Lord’s Supper and Stripping of the Altar

**Friday March 25 @ 09:30** Ecumenical Walk of the Cross, starts at St. Lawrence (Pine and Park) and proceeds west to St. Paul’s, First Baptist, Wall Street, First Presbyterian, St. Francis, Brockville Arts Centre, Cenotaph, City Hall and ending at St. John’s United for an 11:00 am Service.

**Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 and 10:00** Celebration of the Resurrection

**NOTE:** Regular Services are held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Communion, and 10:00 a.m. Family Communion Service with Music. A Service of Healing Prayer and Communion is held each Wednesday at noon and a Taize Service is held the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**All are Welcome**



Members of the A.C.W. present a Pascal Candle for blessing at Lenten Service L to R Norma Riley, Joan Rouse, Marie Blair, Carol Birtch, Shirley Jones and Dina Edwards.

*Submitted Photo*

## St. Paul's Quilters Group

One of the lesser-known "Small Groups" at St. Paul's is the dedicated group of enthusiastic quilters and learners who meet in the craft room at The Wedgewood most Tuesday mornings during the winter months to work on a variety of projects to benefit the Church and other local organizations. Under the skilled direction of Betty Paul, the group that includes Pat Lampman, Linda Eckert, Robin Carnie and some of the residents, cut, piece and sew the baby quilts that are given to welcome the newest members of St. Paul's. The group also makes items for the Christmas Bazaar, as well as craft items that are sold to benefit the Food Bank.

*Linda L. Eckert*



Pat Lampman and Betty Paul work on a quilting project during a weekly meeting at the Wedgewood

Photo Credit Linda Eckert



## Campbell's Soup Labels

**S**t Paul's Church has been collecting Campbell's Soup labels for many years. Several people have looked after the collection and distribution of these labels with the most recent being Eleanor Hatch. After many years of service on behalf of St. Paul's, Eleanor decided to hand this ministry over to a new recruit. Thank you Eleanor!

Dorothy Dupre, World Mission to the Deaf in Whitby, Ontario is our contact for "Labels for Education", the program that we participate in. The labels are redeemed for points to support the Immanuel Christian School in Oshawa. The school staff visit the Campbell's website catalogue each spring to review the items they will purchase with the points that have been collected.

Each label is worth one point towards purchasing school supplies. Last year 125,000 labels were collected. The school redeemed these points for the following supplies: 8 Washable Markers, 20 Super Tip Markers and 12 Blunt Scissors

For anyone who has not clipped these labels in the past the process is simple:

Remove the labels from cans of Campbell's soup (all sizes), Habitant soup, and other Campbell's products that have the bar code starting with 63211. Snowbirds can also bring in their US labels of these Campbell's products with bar codes starting with 51000 because these are sent to their Deaf School in Puerto Rico.

We require that the front picture of the product and the bar code are attached without separation ( No tape or staples etc.)

As you enter the church, there is a box on the left hand side, where the stairs begin, where these labels can be dropped off.

Periodically they are collected, trimmed, sorted and sent to the World Mission for the Deaf.

*Sandra Bourque, Label Program Coordinator*



## Saint Paul's Sunday School - Memories

Being a good Anglican mother, my wife, Susan, decided that our children should attend Sunday School. Susan came from Markham Village and so it was natural that she would look for a "country-like" church. After trying Trinity and St. Peters, she decided to make St. Paul's our church home. Our closest friends also joined and they all became teachers in the Sunday School.

In those days, the church was almost empty on a Sunday morning – everyone loved Reverend Pepper but they couldn't take his sermons. The Sunday school on the other hand, had between 120 and 160 children and teachers attending each week.

The Sunday School leaders held a meeting to recruit more teachers. One of the men offered to be the Sunday School Superintendent and I, not knowing what I was getting into, offered to be his assistant. Shortly after, he was transferred and I was landed with the job.

It wasn't so bad. Betty Paul showed me the prayer book, the opening devotion and the closing. Before they went to classes, the children would sing a hymn so I had to make sure I had one ready so that I could play the piano. My job was also to organize the teachers by having quarterly planning meetings and, once a month, either I or my assistant would show a slide show to the children so the teachers could attend Communion. The children did not attend any part of the service at that time.

Christmas was a time for a big production! The program would begin in the Sanctuary with the older children reading and singing. Everyone would then go into the Parish Hall where the little ones would put on their play. One such play was "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas. Susan told me that Betty Paul (who was pregnant at the time), named her daughter "Cindy Lou" after the main character although she cleverly disguised the name as Cynthia Louise (now Cynthia Groenewoud our Parish Treasurer). The next year the play was "It rained Toys".

Marie Armstrong taught the youngest group upstairs in the Sunday School Room for many, many, many years. Eleanor Leach taught the next grade up in the downstairs School Room while Betty Paul held classes in the kitchen. In the Parish hall, movable dividers were made to section off the various classes. I should mention that we adopted a brand new Anglican curriculum that involved reflection and discussion so that things got rather noisy at times prompting complaints from parishioners in the Sanctuary. Classes were taught by: Carol Schaefer, Brenda Richardson, Shirley Morris, Sharon Sharpe and Cathy Wade. Susan Panter taught the Confirmation Class.

During most of the sixties, a school bus circulated through the town picking up and returning Sunday School Students and their parents to St. Paul's. This was later discontinued because parents were just sending their children and not bothering to come themselves.

In 1970, Rev. Pepper retired. His replacement, Rev. Dewey McClintock did not think that an unconfirmed individual (me) should be heading the Sunday School. He also changed the curriculum and took over the Confirmation Class. As I had to take on a traveling job, and Susan was pregnant, we retired from active leadership in the Sunday School at that time.

During Rev. McClintock's tenure, the church became full but the Sunday School dwindled to a half dozen children. One of the Sunday School students, however, continued working with the Sunday School throughout her teenage years and into adulthood and motherhood. Her name is Cindy Groenewoud, and to my mind, all of us at St. Paul's must thank her for the fact that we still have a Sunday School.

*Bob Panter, April 16, 2010*

## Food Security - The Commonwealth Breakfast Club

*What would you do if your child came home from school and said that there are children who have no lunch in their class and who are very hungry? My blessed child shared her lunch with that student. This continues day after day. One of the teachers at the school is also feeding the children. Soon the fact hits me – we should do something more for these children. I talk to a couple of my church friends and we decide to launch a lunch program at the school.*

This is what happened to my dear friend and how I became involved with the Breakfast Club at Commonwealth Public School. We started with a small group – all volunteers from the church and all funding from St. Paul's (Brockville). We used the kitchen facilities in the school. We started out 7 years ago feeding a couple of children each school day. The school had grades 7 & 8's then. We would average up to 25 children each morning. We would open the doors around 8:10 am and feed the children right up to the 1<sup>st</sup> bell. What an awesome experience to have happy, full bellies leaving the room; knowing the children could focus on learning instead of their tummies and being hungry. I remember one morning my husband and I decided to have Belgium waffles (homemade). The word got out in the school and we had 45 children for breakfast. That was fun! The room was alive.

We have had a change of volunteers over the years and the school administration has changed many times. But one thing that always remain constant was the fact that the children needed assistance. When the grades 7 & 8's left, the school numbers dropped. We were seeing only 10-15 children in the Breakfast Club. This year we had a slow start. We did not get up and running until Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Kampus Kids came into the school to utilize the empty classrooms. We were moved out of our space but in return we had a brand new kitchen built for us. We average 13 children each morning. We fed 183 children in 17 days for 2015.

The Breakfast Club is more than feeding children. This "Club" promotes manners, social skills, fine motor skills and a family setting. The children of all ages sit at a common table and share. Some children are in kindergarten and may have never used a fork or knife before. The children interact with different age groups and share stories like you would have a family sitting at a dinner table. The volunteers are from all different places themselves and bring joy every morning. I am so happy that we have this program and I welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact the church.

St. Paul's in Brockville supports many programs designed to help people in our community. We also have Harvest Share – we collect non-perishable food items at the church and then volunteers deliver the items to the food bank. We also have a group of volunteers who work each week at Loaves and Fishes.

*Kerey Bolton*

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