

The Servant

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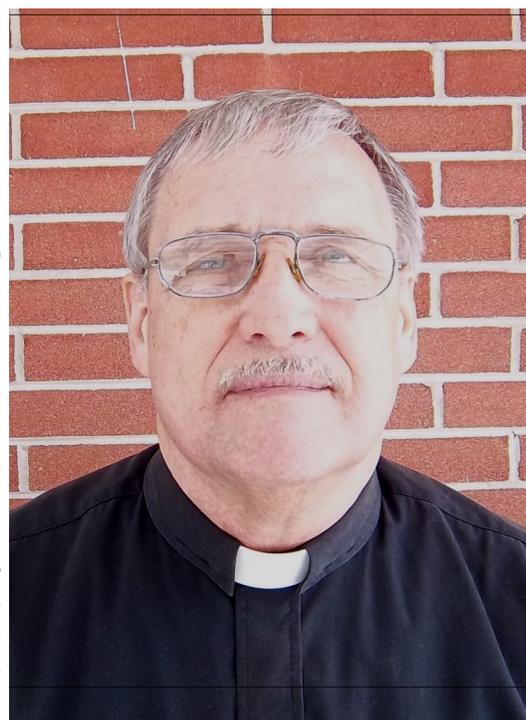
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Celebrating our Shared Communion

It has been a very busy Lenten Season and our Rector has been fully occupied attending to the pastoral needs of the ailing and the grieving members of St. Paul's. The Editor asked if I would help out by writing a message for this issue of The Servant and I am happy to do so.

My wife, Jane and I began attending St. Paul's three years ago and I was pleased shortly after to be asked to serve this church community as an Honorary Associate.

As most of you know, I am a Lutheran Priest. In terms of administering the sacraments and leading worship, it is the same as being an Anglican Priest, however, there are differences between the Anglican and Lutheran church organizations and liturgy that I have come to better understand. In the Lutheran Church, a bishop serves an "advisory" function. That means that each congregation is autonomous, While most churches follow a similar liturgy, this is by no means a standard practice nor is it mandated in any way. Each congregation is free to establish and practice their own style of worship. In the time I have been involved in the Anglican tradition I have learned that the factor that binds the worldwide Anglican communion is a common liturgy and defined church structure.



Father Ted

Photo Credit: Ted Guthrie

What I really want to write about, however, is what we have in common – which is a great deal. The refrain that echoes repeatedly page after page in the Lutheran Confessions is that, through the scriptures, we learn that, in Christ we have a gracious God. The Anglican message is the same. In the Lutheran tradition the priesthood is established "that the gospel might be proclaimed in its purity, and the sacraments be administered in accordance with the Gospel." The good news of what God is doing in Christ is the air we breathe as God's people. It must always be proclaimed, and the sacraments are the food that feeds people of faith. I am among you for that very purpose, to remind - yes even to convince you - that you are forgiven, accepted, loved and continually fed and nourished in faith by our gracious God.

Your Servant in Christ,

Father Ted Guthrie

Milestones and Memories at St. Paul's

Since the last edition (Christmas 2014) of the Servant:

We rejoiced in the marriage of: Katlyn Christine Davison and Jeffrey Peter Liston

We welcomed, through their baptism the newest members of our church family:

Cherish Melissa Christine Durant

Sybil Sylvia Nora Durant

Lily Abigail Margaret Burnette

Thor William Arthur Primeau

Loki Robert Henry Primeau

We mourned the loss and celebrated the lives of the following members (or associates) of St. Paul's church family:

Paula Elizabeth Stinson

Gertrude Mae Buell

Douglas Ewart Miller

Donald Mitchell Glover

Oliver Tucker

Mary Frances Sills

Charles Redden Farnsworth

Irene Darling

Charles Barry Miller

"People are like stained glass windows: they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within."

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, psychiatrist and author (1926-2004)

Warden's Message

As I write the Warden's message for the Easter Servant, I am thinking; our Church is just a beautiful building made with stone, cement, glass and wood -nothing more - nothing special. What makes this building very special are the people - caring, kind, God loving and compassionate people.

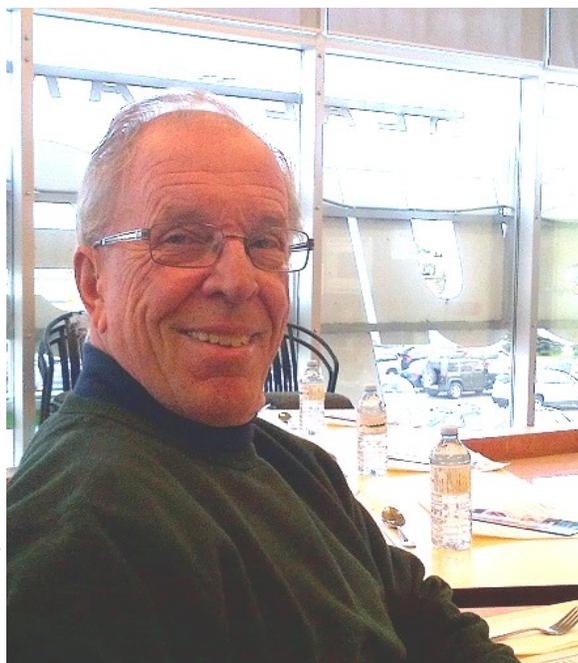
These people are the foundation upon which our Church is built. They are the rocks upon which our members cling in their times of sickness or death. They are people to turn to if you need a helping hand or advice (sometimes it is good and sometimes it is not well thought out, but it is always given with a pure heart).

Our people take the Christian faith from our Church and give it to the community. This is done in many ways: Bible studies in the Thousand Island Mall, helping members of the community have a warm meal, by working with Loaves and Fishes, helping school children start their day with a good breakfast by working in the Commonwealth School Breakfast Club. These are but a few of the ways we are spreading the news about what our Church and our people stand for.

Easter is the time when Jesus returned to his Father and left His disciples to carry on His work. We also are those disciples, and, as you can see, we are carrying on the work, of being Disciples and making Disciples.

Have a Blessed and Holy Easter.

Submitted by Rod Slack – Peoples Warden



Rod Slack, People's Warden

Photo Credit: Linda Eckert

Spring Seminar: Living Well – Dying Well –
The Church, Palliative Care and End of Life Legislation

Wednesday May 13th at 7:00 pm at St Paul's: We are pleased to welcome the community to hear presenters, Dr Ivan Stewart, Professor of Palliative Care, Queens University and our own Dr. John Patrick, President of Augustine College and retired Professor of Medicine, University of Ottawa address this topical issue

Messy Church at St. Paul's

A few years ago, Rev. Barbara approached me about a new initiative for our children that had been very successful in England. It was called Messy Church and was designed with young families in mind.

We no longer live in a Monday to Friday, 9 - 5 work world which can impact a family's ability to get to church on Sunday. Messy Church is usually offered on a day other than Sunday. It includes a meal, bible story, activity, and a child-friendly Eucharist.

With a book about the process in hand, we embarked on this new ministry. Our first Messy Church took place one June evening. We had a Teddy Bear's picnic, but it rained on our parade! Our plans shifted indoors, but the enthusiasm didn't dampen. Twenty-five people attended. We were off to the races.

It took a little tweaking to figure out what worked best for our families. There was some trial and error. However, if our last Messy Church, Brunch with Santa, on December 13th is any indication of success, we may soon need a bigger hall. There were over 60 in attendance!

By the time you receive this copy of The Servant we will be planning another Messy Church gathering. We are hoping to have a visit from "Brother John" who will explain the history of the prayer pretzel. We might even have a chance to make some to take home.

Messy Church is open to everyone including grandparents and caregivers. Pre-registration is required to help us determine food quantities. All welcome!

Submitted by Pat Alexander



Breakfast with Santa

Photo Credit: Rev. Dr. Barbara Robinson

Pancake Supper

The frigid winter weather may have been a factor in the smaller than usual attendance at this year's Pancake Supper that was hosted once again by the men of St. Paul's parish. Nevertheless, the 132 adults and children who came out to enjoy the pancakes, sausages, real maple syrup and the pies (courtesy of the ACW), had a wonderful feast.

A total of \$1,011.75 was raised which will be shared by the Primates World Relief and Development Fund and Loaves and Fishes.

Thank you to the many who donated all the groceries, maple syrup, pies and their time to make this St. Paul's tradition a success.

Submitted by Bob Panter



2015 Pancake Supper

In Photos: Gillian Shaw,
Bob Panter,
Peter Mayer,
Don Buffet and Alan Carnie

Photos Credit:
Linda Eckert



Finance Committee Update

“Is It Always About Money?”

This is a question that often comes up in parish discussions, and we hope that in most cases one can answer “no”. Unfortunately, we can’t say that with respect to our current financial situation. It **is** about the money!

A look at the year-end statements for the past two years shows a deficit each year. Not a big deficit, but a deficit nonetheless: deficits which compound. As the Parish Council was told, just because it isn’t big doesn’t mean it can be ignored.

The easy answer is to go to the congregation and ask for everyone to give more. But that’s too simplistic, as well as not being realistic. We have come out of a major campaign to raise funds to replace the roof. We know that the campaign didn’t fulfill the total needs and we had to dip into reserves to completely cover the costs – reserves being something we don’t have a lot of.

This message is not meant as a scare tactic, but to inform the congregation that we have a problem – a problem that can only be solved with the support of the parish members. Are there things we can do better to save money? Are there things we can do without to save money? Are there things we can do to bring in more money? The answer to all of these questions is “yes”; but the hard part is to identify what these “yeses” are.

As Parish Council takes on the task of establishing a strategy to solve this problem we ask the members of the congregation to provide their input into this discussion. Talk to the members of Council and share your ideas so that a proper and complete discussion can dictate the course of action we need to take to bring the finances back to a self-sustaining position.

Submitted by the St. Paul’s Finance Committee

We are on FACEBOOK!

www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Anglican-Church-Brockville

Keep up to date with coming events and breaking news by “Liking” US!

ALSO: Check out upcoming events, pictures, newsletters and more on

St. Paul’s Church Website: www.stpaulsbrockville.ca

Lenten Rag Doll Project

Our Synod Lay Delegates returned last fall with an idea for a Lenten Project to raise awareness and focus attention on the very real scourge of human trafficking around the world. The project involved the making of faceless rag dolls to represent the unknown children who are victims of those people who exploit them as child laborers, sex slaves and chattels for sale.

Fifty-five of these dolls went home with members of St. Paul's on the first Sunday of Lent to serve as a reminder and prayer focus, for the victims and for those who work to free them, The Justice Committee has distributed notes that highlight some of the facts about human trafficking in Canada and, each Sunday, special prayers have been said to remind all of us of the blessed freedom we enjoy. Participants in the project have been asked to share this information with others and, where appropriate, with children or grandchildren who could be at risk.

All the dolls were made with love and are not for sale. On Easter Sunday, many of the dolls will make a triumphant return to church where they will be blessed. Some who have been welcomed into new families will remain as a focus of ongoing prayer, while many will be sent to Kenya to become the treasure of a child there. Regardless of their future, each doll hopes for donations to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund or St. Paul's Youth Programs.

Submitted By Linda L. Eckert & John R. Flegg



Rag Doll Project
2015
Linda Eckert
And
John Flegg

Photo Credit:
Rev. Dr. Barbara
Robinson

St. Paul's Auction—May 29th

If you have time or talent or treasures you can share - we could use your help.

This is a major fund raising event for St. Paul's Church with the funds going for painting the interior of the Church.

Some Suggestions:

Time:

Lawn Mowing, Leaf Raking, Baby Sitting, Gardening, Grocery Shopping Assistance, Etc.

Talent:

Crafts, Baking (pies, cakes, cookies), Dinner Parties, Pool Parties, Rides in Airplanes, Rides in antique cars, Etc.

Things:

Gift Certificates, Gift Baskets, Antiques, Collectibles, Small pieces of Furniture, Art, Jewelry, China, Silver Items (polished), Textiles, Toys, Books, Local Memorabilia , Etc, Etc.

Cash donations are always accepted.

For information or for Pick-up Contact Rod or Bea Slack at 613-342-5223. All items or intent to donate must be to us by May 1st. (Baking—the day of the Sale)

If you would like to volunteer some time to set-up the live or silent auctions or work the afternoon or night of the auction; we would really like to hear from you. Call 613-342-5223.

If you would like to contact us by email it is Beasy1@ripnet.com

Submitted by Bea and Rod Slack



Comforting Arts Group

St. Paul's Comforting Arts group invites you to join us for a three week series entitled "Story Writing: A Record of Your Journey", led by Michelle Jones, Our stories are part of who we are. What has inspired us, challenged us, made us laugh and made us cry, has shaped the person we have become. Wednesdays, April 8, 15, and 22 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. Registration is free, donations are welcome.

For more information, call Virginia at [613-345-2793](tel:613-345-2793).

Submitted by Virginia Glover

Small Groups and Fellowship at St. Paul's

Throughout the National Church Development Process, the NCD Committee(s) have looked at our strengths as a worship community and at areas through which our church family could cement their bonds and engage other members of the congregation.

The Small Groups are thriving, and welcome new members. Currently, three groups are active:

Mondays at the Mall at 1:30pm: Currently a study of 1st Peter in the Community Room of the Thousand Islands Mall.

Thursday Afternoons: Womens' Study Group at the home of Shelagh Collard 1304 Lily Bay Drive North. Phone 613-498-4072 for information

Thursday Evening 7:00 pm: Gospel Group (Ongoing) lead by Father Ted Guthrie at the home of Linda Eckert and John Flegg (286 Church Street) – involves a reading of and spirited discussion about the Gospel Reading for the following Sunday. Come when you can – no prior notice required.

The introduction of the "Coffee Hour" that follows the 10:00 am Service is intended as a time of Christian fellowship and an opportunity to bond with other members of the congregation after the service. It has become, for many, time of joy, however, for the few who - week after week - set up and put away the tables and chairs, prepare the food, make the coffee, wash the dishes and remain long after everyone has gone. It has become a burden. We are reminded that many hands make light the work so please sign up to help if you wish this time to continue.

Submitted By Linda Eckert



Calendar of Special Services and Events

MARCH

March 28th- (Saturday) 9:30-12:30 Lenten Lunch and Learn

March 29th- (Sunday) Liturgy of the Palms and Sunday of the Passion

March 30th- (Monday) 7:00 pm ACW Corporate Communion, Parish of St. Lawrence

APRIL

April 1st- (Wednesday) noon Holy Week Healing Prayer and Communion

April 2nd- (Thursday) 7:00 pm - Inauguration of the Lord's Supper and Stripping of the Altar

April 3rd- (Friday) 9:30 am Ecumenical Walk of the Cross

April 5th- Easter Sunday – Services 8:30 & 10:00 am

April 14th- (Tuesday) 7:00 pm – Taize Service

MAY

May 12th- (Tuesday) 7:00 pm – Taize Service

May 13th - (Wednesday) 7:00 pm – Living Well, Dying Well; The Church, Palliative Care and End of Life Legislation

May 29 - (Friday) Parish Fundraising Auction

JUNE

June 9th- (Tuesday) 7:00pm – Taize Service

June 21st- One Service – Church Picnic St. Lawrence Park

JULY

July 5th to August 30th – Summer Schedule –One Service 9:00 am

The Summer Fruit for Souls Retreat will run from July 21st to July 24th at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. Reserve these dates and stay tuned for more information over the next four months

Note that Regular Services are held each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00 am and that the Prayer and Healing Service is held every Wednesday at noon.

All Welcome



From the Editor

I do hope that you enjoy the Easter edition of The Servant – many thanks to all the contributors for their articles and photos and to: Kerey Bolton for once again bringing it all together, Debra Clarke for printing the paper copies and the distribution team who sort and deliver copies to our shut-ins.

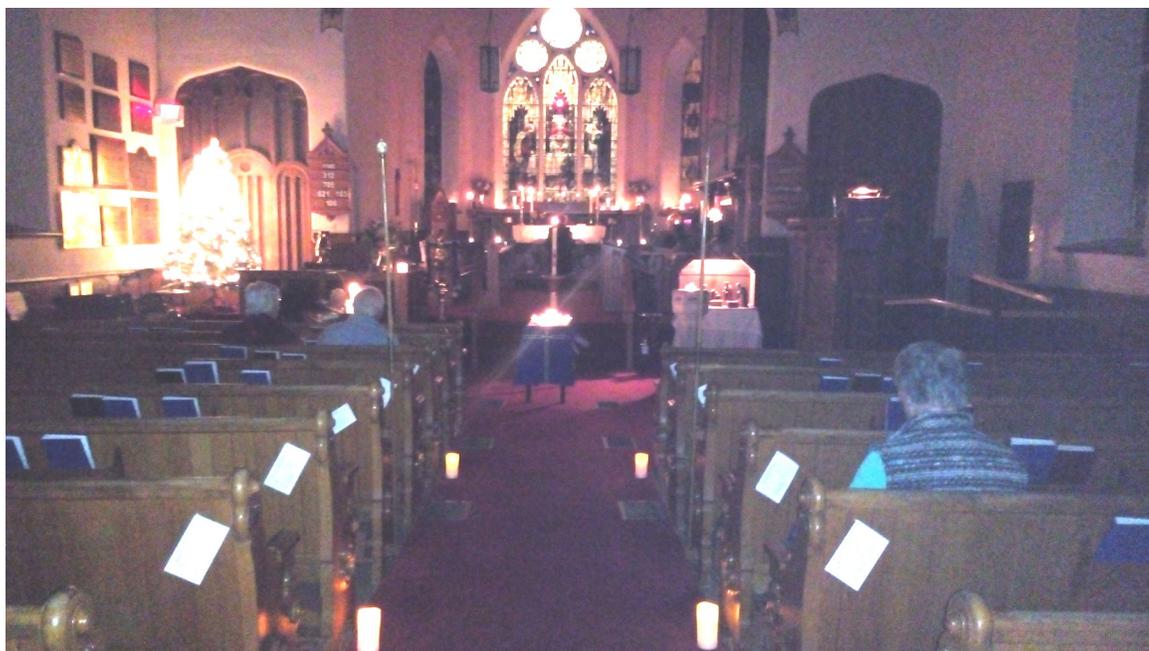
I also thank you for your positive comments and constructive criticism regarding the new electronic distribution system. It is a fine balance between reducing paper and copy costs and ensuring that paper copies are available for those who would prefer them.

It is our goal to make sure that those members of our church family who are unable to attend church due to illness or infirmity, have copies of The Servant delivered to their home or residence. If you know of anyone in that situation who has not received a copy, please advise Faye Audet, Distribution Coordinator.

Those parishioners who have provided the church with their e-mail address and permission to have the church send them e-mails (by writing their name and e-mail address on a “flower “at the back of the church and placing it on the collection plate) should have received an e-mail notification from the Church Office with a link to the St. Paul’s website to view the full - colour electronic version of this Issue. If you were inadvertently missed or wish to have your e-mail added to the distribution list, please do the same.

Happy Easter to you all!

Linda L. Eckert



Taize Service
At St. Paul’s in
December
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Shelagh Collard



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