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St. Paul's Anglican Church - 12 Pine Street, Brockville, Ontario



Rector's Message

A lot has happened at our church in the last six months. In what may seem like old, but exciting news, we had over eighty people attend our early children's service on Christmas Eve. This doubled the attendance when we first began this interactive liturgy three years ago. It was great to see so many new young faces, and we all had a great time. In November, we welcomed the newly arrived AGAPE-sponsored family and are happy to see them settling in.

Very recently, with thanks to Sharon Sharpe, we now have street signs that point people to St. Paul's. You will hear more about these stories in the pages that follow.

In other good news, we continue to feed people, to love people, and to worship together with joy. May God bless you and your family this Easter. May we all rejoice that the Lord is risen and with us always. May his path of peace be the path we walk. May we, with our faith, bring hope and joy to others.

Blessings and Peace,

Lynn+

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday, April 14th 8:30am & 10:00am – Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms

This service begins with the liturgy of the palms. Palms will be distributed for all as we reenact Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem. The service quickly turns, as things did for Jesus, to the angry crowd who call for his death. Historically, Palm Sunday stood alone but as many people have stopped attending other Holy Week services there was a need to include the story of the passion on the Sunday before Easter Day. Otherwise, we would go "from the triumph of the palms to the triumph of the resurrection". This is not how things happened for Jesus, and this is not how things happen for us in our lives. There is great wisdom to be gathered from attention to the betrayal, suffering, death, and waiting that happen during this week:

Monday, April 15th 7:00pm at St Lawrence Anglican – ACW Corporate Communion

All women are invited to join with your sister ACW and LCW groups for a joint communion service. You must **register by April 7th** by signing up in the southeast corner of the Sanctuary or by calling Bea at 613-342-5223. Registration is required for the hot cross buns and coffee, served after the worship service.

Tuesday, April 16th 7:00pm – Contemplative Tuesday for Holy Week

All are welcome to attend a short contemplative service, focusing on the readings for Holy Tuesday.

Wednesday, April 17th 12:00pm – Healing Eucharist for Holy Week

All are welcome to come and reflect on the scripture readings for Wednesday of Holy Week with discussion, prayers for healing, Holy Eucharist, and laying on of hands for those who request this.

Thursday, April 18th 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday

This day begins the Holy Triduum, the three most sacred days leading to Easter. On Thursday night we remember and reenact Jesus washing his friends' and enemies' feet in humble service, as he gives the commandment to us that we "love one another as he has loved us". Following the foot-washing, we remember the last supper with Holy Eucharist for Maundy Thursday. The night ends with candlelight and then darkness as we sit in silence for the Stripping of the Altar, at the end of which the tabernacle with reserved sacrament is removed and the last light is extinguished. We leave in silence to ponder the betrayal of Christ and the suffering that is to come.

Friday, April 19th 9:30am & 11:00am – Good Friday Walk of the Cross & Ecumenical Service

Our church is invited to join in the Brockville tradition of an ecumenical celebration of Good Friday. The Walk of the Cross travels through downtown Brockville, starting near Courthouse Square, with stops along the way for readings, prayers, and hymns. This year the walk ends at First Baptist Church for the 11am service. You may come for just the walk, just the service, or both. St. Paul's is one stop and volunteers are needed to lead the reading and prayer on the steps and to carry the cross on to the final stop at First Baptist.

Saturday, April 20th – 10:00am Holy Saturday Children's Passion Play

This child-friendly Passion Play was co-written by our Rector and our Children's Ministries Coordinator to bring the stories of Holy Week alive for our children. All ages are welcome to attend.

Saturday, April 20th – starting just after dark, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil in North Augusta

This liturgy tells our salvation story, beginning with creation and culminating with the Easter narrative. It is full of drama as we light the new fire and move from darkness to light. Please contact Lynn or sign up for carpooling on the big bulletin board in the parish hall.

Sunday, April 21st – 8:30am & 10:00am Easter Day

This is what we as Christians are all about! Jesus is risen and we celebrate with joy!! Alleluia!!



Is Godly Play Sunday School?

by Pat Alexander, Coordinator of Children's Ministries

Most Sunday mornings at our 10:00am service, the children and a Godly Play Assistant process up the aisle, leave the congregation and head upstairs. Like most church attendees, where children's programs are offered, everyone assumes that the children are off to Sunday School. In many cases this assumption would be correct. Sunday School has been a tried and true form of Christian education for the "modern world" based on bible stories and memory work. Depending on the impact of this approach, the stories and lessons either remain in our memories or go the way of trigonometry.

The creator of Godly Play, Jerome Berryman studied the ways children learn and was deeply impressed with educator Maria Montessori. He also believed, as Montessori did, that children are innately spiritual. Over the course of 20 years, Berryman developed Godly Play.

When the children leave the church on Sunday morning, they proceed to their own sacred space upstairs, the Godly Play room. All the materials in the room are treated with reverence and respect. They are organized on shelves in the order in which the stories will be told starting with the Old Testament and moving through the New Testament.

All Godly Play services open with prayer and meditation; a time to open our hearts and minds to God's message. Through the use of a lovingly created "calendar" puzzle we learn how the church tells time and how the colours in the church tell us the season we are celebrating.

The hardest part to grasp as adults is that there is no "question and answer segment". A lot of pondering takes place through "I wonder" statements. I wonder how the children felt when Jesus told them to come to Him? I wonder what Jesus said to them? Some of the children wonder privately; others share their thoughts. There are no "wrong" answers.

Godly Play builds the spiritual foundation for children. It gives them the ability to develop their spirituality, builds their spiritual language, makes their walk with God and Jesus tangible, and helps them understand the church service for when they are old enough to "graduate".

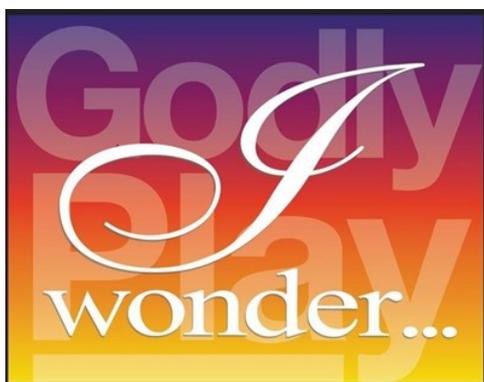
So, is Godly Play Sunday School? No, it is not. It is worship explained at a child's level with profound results that, experience has taught us, is carried throughout a lifetime.

On this note, Rev. Lynn and I are pleased to announce that Godly Play Core Training will be hosted by St. Paul's on May 2-4. The training is open to anyone wanting to learn more about Godly Play. All costs associated, including meals, will be covered by the church. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, May 2: 3:00pm to 9:00pm (includes supper and snacks)

Friday, May 3: 9:00am to 9:00pm (includes continental breakfast, snacks, lunch, and supper)

Saturday, May 4: 8:30am to 4:30pm (includes continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch)



Godly Play Training

May 2-4, 2019

Please speak with Lynn or Pat if you are interested in taking Godly Play storytelling training. The trainers are coming to Brockville the first week of May on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You will be spiritually fed by this and will love it! We also need to expand our team of leaders.

ACW News

by Shirley Jones, ACW Secretary

On October 2nd, members attended the Regional Meeting at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Newboro. The guest speaker was Wendy Talbut on behalf of her daughter Blythe, a young student who has served twice with the U.N. in Kosovo. The topic was gender inequality, domestic abuse and human trafficking all of which is rampant there.

A.C.W. Regional President, Margie Mulvihill was present at the 10 a.m. service on October 28th to hand out pin awards to Bea Slack and Gillian Shaw. Certificates of thanks for help given to the A.C.W. were awarded to Don Buffet, Rod Slack, John Sharpe, Roy Clarke and Len Delaney (posthumously). Bouquets of flowers for the ladies and boutonnieres for the men were part of the ceremony.

The A.C.W. Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon was held on Saturday, November 17th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and, with assistance from so many, was a huge success. Money earned was distributed among Loaves and Fishes, Food Bank, Interval House, the Commonwealth Breakfast Club, and St. Paul's Church.

A fun filled Christmas party, complete with Santa Claus and a gift exchange, was held on December 13. The Secret Pal greeting card exchange ended the year with the revelation and choosing of a new pal for 2019. The delicious hot turkey dinner was catered by Moira Taylor. The event was organized by Gillian Shaw.

Our ladies baked and contributed 26 pies for the successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5th. Shirley Jones and Marie Blair organized the pies and were assisted in serving them by Flora Francis and Carole Birtch. Thank you once again ladies!

On February 19th, Norma Riley, Ann Delaney and Nancy Acton served a hot lunch to the Clergy attending Clericus. A meal was sent to the Tucker family.

Related to winter vacations and inclement weather this year; our meetings have been sparse. We now hope to get back on track. At the March 21st meeting at 1:30 p.m., our speaker was Anne Cameron who shared her experiences from a recent trip to India.

Photos Credit: Carole Birtch & Nancy Clarke



Ruth Darling, Shirley Jones & Bea Slack



Dorothy Paul and Peggy Bell

ACW News cont...



Linda Eckert



Joan Rouse, Julia Alexander & Elaine Mayer



ACW CHRISTMAS LUNCH—with Santa
 Dina, Ann, Pat, Eileen
 Marjorie, Marion, Norma



ACW Upcoming Events

April 15th Monday 7 P.M. Parish of St. Lawrence Corporate Communion followed by fellowship, hot cross buns, and tea in the church hall. Reservations must be to Bea by April 4th. Please phone 613-342-5223

April 25th Regular meeting 1:30 P.M. In the church hall. Election of Officers. Plans for programs for May meeting. Reservations for attending the Diocesan annual meeting held Tuesday May 14th at Christ Church, Cataraqui on Sydenham Road Kingston Cost 16.00 for members.

May 12th "Mother's Day" Please help us support the Wee Care Baskets for the Maternal Child Care unit, Brockville General Hospital. A list of items needed can be found below.

May 14th Diocesan Annual Meeting at Christ Church, Cataraqui on Sydenham Road, Kingston. Bishop Michael Oulton will worship with us and celebrate Holy Communion followed a talk by Robin Jones, Mayor of Westport and a former OPP Commissioner. Topic: Sex Trafficking. Lunch will be served by the Clergy followed by a meeting.

May 16th Regular meeting 1:30 in the church. More details to follow soon.

June 2th Garden Party at the home of Joan Rouse in Maitland. Time will be announced later. Please bring a savory or a sweet to be shared and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship in a beautiful garden.

Sept. 19th Pot Luck Supper, fellowship, and meeting. 5:30 in the Church hall.

Oct. 10th Fall Regional Meeting at the Parish of St. Lawrence Church. Bishop Michael Oulton officiating. Registration deadline is Sept. 26th members \$12.00, clergy \$10.00. More information to follow.

Nov. 2nd Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar. Set up Friday, November 1st More information to follow.

Nov. 21st Regular meeting 1:30 in Church hall.

Dec. 12th Annual Christmas dinner, gift exchange and Secret Pal revelation.



BGH Maternal Child Care Unit

WEE CARE BASKETS" – BECAUSE WE CARE!

Basket Items Suggestions:

Combination Baby wash & baby shampoo, Baby Lotion, Vaseline

Baby Face Cloths, Diapers & Wipes

Sleepers (6+ months), 'Onesies' (6+ months)

Knitted Sweater Sets (if donated), Hats – Cotton or Knitted

Small Toy or Rattle (to decorate the basket)

Receiving Blankets, Cotton or Fleecy Blankets

Knitted Blankets (approx. 18" x 24", for baby car seat)

For Wee Care Baskets Building:

White 10"x14" plastic baskets (DollarTree)

Pink & Blue tissue paper & ¼" ribbon

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Outreach Fundraiser



*171 People Attended
\$1,632 was raised for
PWDF & Loaves & Fishes*

Bob Panter, Coordinator

Ted Guthrie, Peter Mayer &
John Wilke, Pancake Chefs
Carole Birtch, Server

The Rev. Ted Guthrie



Commonwealth Breakfast Club

by Kerey Bolton, Coordinator

We serve breakfast to the children at Commonwealth Public School 5 days a week during the school year. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who serve a nutritional breakfast of cereal, toast, assorted fruit, juice, milk, yogurt and cheese. Most of our volunteers are members of St. Paul's.

In 2017 we served 2,100 breakfasts. Every year we serve more children. Prince of Wales school closed, and in September of 2018, we welcomed those students of Prince of Wales into Commonwealth School. Our numbers have increased accordingly. We are currently serving over 20 students per day. Occasionally, a "special" breakfast is provided by volunteers, at their own cost. Kerey and Larry Bolton provide homemade Belgium waffles each year. Volunteers have provided smoothies, mini breakfast pizzas, and egg wraps.

We are always looking for more volunteers. We have some major challenges and require some volunteers to help us finish the school year. The position is one hour, one day per week. We are also looking for someone to help buy the groceries, with funds provided by the school and the church. Donations are warmly accepted.

The program has been running for about 9 years. This past fall we found out that one of the 1st year students received a scholarship for university. We hope that having a wonderful breakfast each morning, helped this child attain his goals!

Full of Beans Cooking Club

The Full of Beans Cooking Club is an initiative of the Justice Committee and meets on the last Saturday of each month.

If you would like to take part, contact Virginia Glover: 613-345-2793 / dvglover101@gmail.com



Lynn & Wanda welcoming participants

*Photos Credit:
Hunter van Iterson*



Virginia Glover cooks with a new participant



Patty Sauve & Laurie Sjonger,
Set-up and Cleaning Team

Justice Committee

by Jane Guthrie, Chair

The Justice Committee, for the past few months, has focused primarily on helping the newest AGAPE sponsored family adjust to life in Brockville. We are just now getting to a place where we, as a committee, will be able to focus our energies on other pertinent local issues. There are many to choose from. We are checking out different existing groups and seeing what things we can do to work together. We are of mind, that we do not need to reinvent the wheel. Hopefully, as 2019 progresses, you will be informed and asked to join in reaching out to our local community in some manner.

Many kudos to Julie Case, Linda Eckert and John Flegg for their tireless efforts with the new family. Thank you to everyone for your support. We are looking forward and seeking God's guidance as we continue to work toward peace in our community and the world.

Agape

by Julie Case, AGAPE Parish Representative

Three families sponsored in late 2015 – Where are they now?

- ◆ **Employed** Some have worked more than one job to support their families.
- ◆ **Learning** The children are in school and one of the mothers here is also taking classes. She has learned to read and write for the first time. One of the young women is in college this year in Kitchener and one will graduate from high school here in June. She has been accepted into nursing at St Lawrence. She spoke no English when she arrived.
- ◆ **Re-united** The father who was kidnapped years ago in Sudan and imprisoned in Eritrea escaped two years ago and finally rejoined his family in Kitchener in November.

What is happening with the Current Family?

- ◆ **Adjusting** A new language, cold weather, appliances, clothing, banking, school system; it is a lot to learn, especially in cultural isolation! But they are doing well with remarkable good cheer. Over March Break the children took swimming lessons at the Y.

What is next?

A New Sponsorship – The oldest brother in the current family was not able to come to Canada with the rest of his family. He was not in the Ethiopian refugee camp when the offer for the family to immigrate to Canada was made. He had been sent back to Somalia, with all its dangers, to care for his grandmother who was in her 90's. By the time he was replaced as caregiver and made his way back to Ethiopia, the family had left for Canada and he had lost his chance. To immigrate now, the brother must be privately sponsored. Canada limits private sponsorship places, so Agape is very pleased that we have been given the opportunity to submit an application this year for the oldest son. It will be a long process before he is able to arrive. On average, it takes two years after application, but at least the process of reunification will begin.

Future hopes – Two of the families who came three years ago have extended family in precarious situations. One family is Eritrean in Sudan, which has declared a state of emergency because of rioting over the rising cost of food and fuel. Without the money sent from here by his hardworking brother, the family would not have enough to eat. The other family is living as Syrian refugees in Lebanon. There the young father was beaten recently at a check point for lack of documents which are no longer provided by the government. He was hospitalized as a result. He has to cross checkpoints to get to his job every day. The families here desperately want to have their brothers with their young families come to the safety of Canada. Agape hopes to sponsor these families in the future, but there were no further sponsorship places available this spring. DOORS (Diocese of Ontario Refugee Support) has a waiting list for family sponsorship.

Fundraising - Agape will be fundraising over the next two years to raise support. Donations can be made through the church and marked Agape at any point, but we ask that it not be instead of your regular church offerings. We welcome fundraising ideas and your prayers of support.

Music & Choir

Please join us every Sunday at the 10:00 am service. Our worship is enriched by the vibrant music of our choir, under the leadership of the Director of Music, Donna Matheson. Anyone is welcome to turn up for choir practice at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Donna at 613-498-6588.

Since last report the removal of the organ and construction of the platform have been completed and we have had only good comments about the project. A big thanks to all who had helped with this. The organ keys were modified by Peggy Bell and John Flegg. They are now in the parish hall below the south facing beautiful stained-glass window.

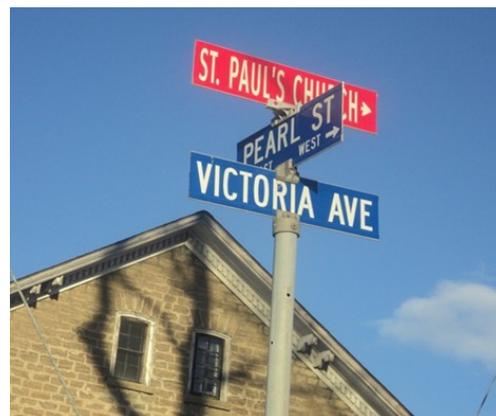


Look Back & Look Forward

by Sharon Sharpe

History of the New Street Signs!

Way back in 1961 our church asked City Hall for directional signs to be placed on Pearl St. at Victoria Ave. This item was recorded in the church minutes of Dec. 7, 1961. The request was made to City Hall for a sign, similar the one on North Augusta and Broadway Ave., which pointed the way to the Salvation Army Citadel. Other requests were made over the years, and as recently as 2005, but we still did not get a sign. In 2005 the person responsible said they would “look into it”. More recently, after the amalgamation of Trinity and St. Peter’s churches, a directional sign was erected on Pearl at Park St. for the new St. Lawrence Church. Since there had been some changes in personnel at City Hall, I decided to write a letter to them, and the written word worked! In November, lo and behold, I received a call from Chad Davis, Public Works/ Parks Supervisor asking for more information. It wasn’t long before the signs appeared! Actually, there is another one on King St. at Victoria Ave. I hope you are as proud of these signs as I am.



1924 St. Paul’s Annual
Picnic in the Park

Copied from the Recorder & Times, Thursday July 10, 1924

Held Outing at Picnic Island
250 people attended

This Year’s St. Paul’s Annual Picnic in the Park

***St Lawrence Park - June 23,
2019 at 10am***

The annual picnic for the pupils of St. Paul’s Church Sunday School held yesterday afternoon at Picnic Island to and from which island the children and adults were carried on the ferry steamer Victory, was a great success from every point of view.
Prize winners among others were: Swimming race – Phyllis Pergau
Wheelbarrow race – Edgar Pryer



Wardens Report

by Peggy Bell & Roxanne Cramer

Spring is bursting forth—bright tulips will push up through the earth, and the green-tinged trees begin to bud for the Easter season. We are inspired by the fact that we have a fantastic congregation and community here at St Paul's! At our recent Vestry in February, we shared with you the highlights and successes of 2018. Perhaps the most exciting was the fact that, for the second time in many years, the Church ended the year financially "in the black." We thank you for your help and on-going support.

Looking ahead, we are still focused on key priority areas 1) Ensuring the financial health of the parish 2) Attracting new parishioners through outreach and community engagement and 3) Continue refreshing the building and the church grounds. If you are interested in helping out in any way, large or small, please let us know.

As always, your Wardens would love to hear from you. If you have any ideas for fundraising and other suggestions, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

Treasurer's Notes

by Steve Patterson

As we began 2019 at Vestry, we established an annual budget which our Wardens believed to be conservative and achievable. During the year, we undertake many great programs both within the church confines and externally, and this year, one initiative is to update our church's washrooms. To accomplish such programs, it is critical that we meet our revenue goals.

An observation we wish to explore more, is how we can ensure ongoing contributions during cottage times, holiday travels or other vacation absences. To address this, we recommend the utilization of our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. Information on signing up for this hassle free, budgetary tool, where money is automatically deducted from an account of your choosing, is available from me or our Wardens. As well, if you are already a PAG contributor, we thank you, and ask that you please revisit your monthly contribution at least annually, taking into account our ever-increasing costs.

Milestones

Since our last newsletter our parish family has had some changes.

We mourn the deaths of:

Stan Riley and Isabel Fox

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We celebrated the baptism of:

Addalynn Laura Ann Thompson Price

Welcome to the Church, Addalynn! May God bless the journey ahead.

We welcomed new or new to us again members:

Wendy Williamson, Louise Lackey,

Fabien & Sarah Benoit, Sophie Benoit, Alfred Benoit.

Welcome to St Paul's. May your time with us be blessed.

Contacts

At St Paul's our vision statement is: "Being Disciples, Making Disciples".

This means that all of us are called to discipleship and ministry through our baptism. Below is a list of some of the people who are in leadership roles and/or coordinate various ministries as part of our church.

Please contact them for more information, or if you would like to get involved.

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