

# The Servant

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## Rector's Message

What if we turn Thanksgiving upside down? Or, as Jesus would usually have it, why don't we turn it upside down, in order to really turn it right side up?

At Thanksgiving dinner, around my mother's table, we have a tradition of telling, each in our turn, something for which we are thankful. We give thanks for the good things in our lives. But, what if Thanksgiving became, instead, about what we are thankful that we can give?

One of our scripture readings on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians:

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)*

I am inspired, every day, by the generosity of the people of St Paul's. I am filled with gratitude and awe for the time, the talent, and the creativity of those who make our church such a vibrant and caring place. We give our attention to each other and we share our resources with the poor. We open our doors to groups and people who are strangers to us, and we care for them like the children of God that they are. They are our brothers and our sisters, even if they don't know it yet.

Finally, there is a time to give and a time to receive. We are grateful for those who allow us to serve them and we pray for the grace and the humility to allow ourselves to be served when the time is right for this. We are grateful that, even when we are receiving care, we can be generous in our



Rev. Lynn Dillabough  
Submitted photo

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prayers for others and we can draw closer to God with our expanded compassion for others in need. We are not alone. Jesus has promised never to leave us. We are grateful for his example of generous love. We thank God for this community of love and care and we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire us to generosity.

Blessed Thanksgiving

Lynn



### The Big Give

Kerey mans the table.

Photo submitted by Linda Eckert

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Did you ever happen to miss a service and wanted to find out what is going on and coming up at St. Paul's ? Then check the Weekly Bulletin on-line.

Go to the St. Paul's Web Page [www.stpaulsbrockville.ca](http://www.stpaulsbrockville.ca) Select: Events – Weekly Bulletin to view the electronic version

## Warden’s Message

The season is changing. As we move from Summer into Fall, the days get shorter, the nights get cooler and the leaves start to change. The parents of children breathe a sigh of relief as the kids go off to school.

The pulse of our Church changes too. We move forward from the more laid-back single service with no choir and no Church meetings, as we welcome back the vacationers and those returning from their summer cottages. We go to two services and the full choir singing, and greet our friends at the various committees and meetings once again.

Our congregation has also changed as we have said goodbye to Richard (Dick) Miller and Doris McEwen who have returned to be with Jesus. We welcome two new members to our congregation - Oliver Bell-Devlin (son of Steve and Rebecca) and Ailish McGinnis (son of Andrew and Amanda).

John and I would like to thank all the members of St. Paul’s for their help and support over the summer and wish all of you a safe and happy Fall.

Rod Slack – People’s Warden

John Francis – Rector’s Warden



Rod Slack, People’s Warden  
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## Milestones and Memories at St. Paul’s

Since the last edition of The Servant, the following members of St. Paul’s have been welcomed by the Lord:

***Richard Miller***

***Doris McEwan***

Two brand new members have joined the St. Paul’s Church family:

***Oliver Bell-Devlin***

***Ailish McGinnis***



## Children's Ministries

This past summer brought many changes to our upstairs Sunday School and nursery rooms. A much-needed cleaning and purging of outdated items took place and a nook for our youth to gather was created. The nursery room has been transformed into our Godly Play room for our new Sunday School Program.

Godly Play is a Maria Montessori based program designed to provide children the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with God. The Montessori approach to teaching children is recognized world wide. A bible story is presented each week and the children are invited to interpret what the story meant to them through an art medium of painting, drawing, collage, or clay. It is an introduction to what happens in the Sanctuary so that when they come of age the children have a better understanding of the service. Each morning culminates with a "feast" (snack) to represent the Last Supper and the reason we come together to share in the Eucharist. Please take a few minutes to come upstairs to visit our new space.

This year, Rev. Lynn and I decided to celebrate Messy Church on the last Saturday of the month. This coincides very nicely with Holy Saturday and Advent. The time remains the same; 11:00 a.m. to 12:30p.m. and ends with lunch and fellowship. Parents are invited to join their children in this relaxed, child friendly worship. Attendance is not limited to parents only. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends are all welcome. We ask that you register so we know how many will be joining us for lunch. If lunch doesn't work in your schedule, please join us for the bible story, craft, and worship. We would be delighted to see you!

Youth Night takes place two Friday evenings a month September 22th and October 6th. Everyone gathers at 6:00p.m. for supper, usually pizza, and a fun night of games ending with a short Compline prayer before everyone heads home at 9:00p.m. The group will be asking us to participate in some

fundraising activities to support a trip to an Anglican/Lutheran Camp in Thunder Bay in 2018.

Patricia Alexander



Jonah being carried off the ship and swallowed by the whale. By Cole

Photo submitted by Debra Clarke

## Anglican Church Women at St. Paul's

The ACW at St. Paul's Anglican Church Brockville was created on March 4, 1969 when three organizations within the church amalgamated to become one. Marie Armstrong was the first president. Today, every woman in every Parish in the Anglican Church is considered a member of the ACW.

This organization is found in many Parishes, large and small, within our Diocese. The ACW provides strong support to its Parishes, as well as outreach within the community and throughout the Diocese both nationally and internationally.

"The mission of the Diocese of Ontario is to unite women in promoting the love of Christ with their time, talents and resources." We at St. Paul's, have traditionally and still do strive to promote this Mission. We welcome all our women to join in our fellowship as we endeavor to fulfill our Mission to do Christ's work.

Bea Slack, President ACW



### ACW Garden Party

Good Friends, good food, good weather!

Photo submitted by Linda Eckert

## ACW Upcoming Events

- October 12th Meeting with Malcolm Robinson Speaker- Women and Girls in Kenya
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Regional meeting in Cardinal
- October 20th Set up for the Fall Harvest Luncheon and Bazaar
- November 16th Business meeting followed by crafts
- December 14th Christmas luncheon in the church hall

Make sure to mark your calendars!



## Mad Hatters Tea Party



Marjorie, Pat, Shirley and Friends model their creations. Photo submitted by Linda Eckert

Virginia and Gert "Putting on the Ritz" Photo submitted by Linda Eckert



## ACW Activities since the Easter Servant

It was a busy spring and summer!

Seventeen ladies attended the Corporate Communion held at the Parish of St. Lawrence in April.

In May, six members attended the Annual Meeting at Christ Church, Cataraqui. We participated in voting for the dispensation of the Thank Offering funds which were distributed to Doctors Without Borders, Service Dogs for Autism and Camp Trillium.

The Mad Hatter's Tea in May with 55 attending was - once again-a resounding success with prizes for the best personally designed hats in various categories. Our friends from the Parish of St. Lawrence, St. John the Baptist and Good Shepherd Lutheran joined us.

Our Mothers Day project with our Wee Care Baskets supported the Maternal Child Care Unit at Brockville General Hospital.

The Big Give held in June was a huge success. With a focus on children seven tables were set up on the church lawn with free items to be given away. It is expected that this will be an annual event.

The June meeting was a garden party at a member's home in Maitland.

The ACW also provided a brass plate for the piano which was purchased in 2016 and supplied coffee for the kitchen. Recent purchases for the Church include: a new refrigerator, a vacuum cleaner and a defibrillator (plus the training on using this life-saving machine). Traditionally the ACW has supported Camp Hyanto, the Brockville Food Bank and Interval House. We also assist with the monthly Messy Church Program and (new this year) the Caregiver Café

We thank all of you for your generosity in supporting our endeavors and we look forward to working with you at our upcoming Fall events.

May you have a Blessed and Peaceful Thanksgiving.

Bea Slack, President St. Paul's ACW



## Justice Committee Update

In May, the members of the St. Paul's Justice Committee were invited to attend a Lunch and Learn session hosted by the Brockville Police about Human Trafficking in Leeds Grenville and Lanark Counties. We were all distressed to learn that eighty percent of victims in Canada were born here and that rural communities are prime recruitment areas for young men and women for the sex trade. The Highway 401 corridor with its many rest stops, hotels and fast food restaurants has become a main route along which victims are transported and/or trafficked.

Programs are in place to train hospitality and fast-food industry personnel to recognize signs that someone may be restrained against their will, but all of us can also be vigilant.

All members of St. Paul's are encouraged to attend the presentation by Reverend Carolyn Seabrook, Anglican rep to the Canadian Council of Churches Working Group on Sexual Exploitation in Canada who will speak about anti-sex trafficking projects in Ontario, work being done by other denominations, and efforts regarding indigenous people. **Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Raising Awareness About Sexual Exploitation, is sponsored by the Justice Committee. A freewill offering will be directed to Interval House.**

**Full of Beans a new program at St. Paul's that will be starting soon:** Cookbooks have been purchased, there is a list of people wanting to attend cooking classes, and a professional cook/ volunteer and coordinators have been identified. Arrangements are in process for a day-time speaker, Marie Traynor from the Laurier Health Unit to speak (perhaps in November).

**Blessing Box:** (<http://www.theeventchronicle.com/good-news/mans-blessing-box-food-pantry-hungry-can-replicate/#>) One prototype (possibly more) will be built and placed on private property to assess local experience. *Gardens of Hope* (boxes from wooden skids turned into mini-gardens placed close to the curb) could be a source of food for the Blessing Box or stand-alone sources of food.

**Future:** November 19, 2017 has been declared *Day of the Poor* by Pope Francis. Two future activities being considered are: Hosting the *Blanket Exercise (the reality of the impact of colonization on Indigenous Peoples living in Canada)* and/or *The Poverty Game* to help sensitize people to what it is like to live on a low incomes.

With thanks to John R, Flegg and Patricia Younger



Members of St. Paul's Social Justice Committee attend Police sponsored seminar on Human Trafficking in our community. Photo Submitted by Linda Eckert



Church Picnic  
Patricia tells a story  
at the church picnic  
in St. Lawrence Park

Photo submitted by  
Linda Eckert

**Wee Baskets** : Carole speaks to members of the ACW about the BGH Maternal Care Baskets program. Photo submitted by Linda Ekert  
Bottom Photo: The People of St. Paul's are very generous. Photo submitted by John R. Flegg



## St. Paul's Photo Directory 2017

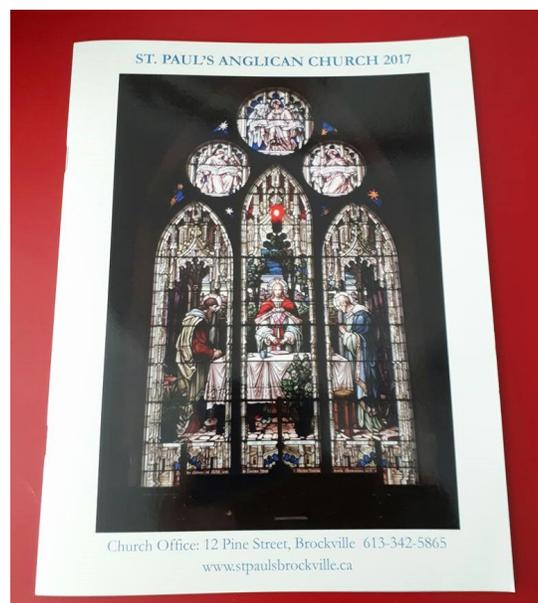
Sincere thanks to Kerey Bolton who took on the enormous task of contacting all members of the congregation, booking appointments, arranging and overseeing the photography sessions, and approving the final product. Herding cats is the image that comes to mind!

For those who had photos taken, your copy of the directory (with your name on it) is available at the Church Office if you have not already picked it up.

What a treat to match newer faces with names as it has been some time since the last one was done Bravo Kerey!



2017 Photo Directory  
Photo submitted by  
Kerey Bolton



## Parish Picnic

We all know that Summer is set to begin when St. Paul's has their annual picnic at St. Lawrence Park. Donna and choir members led the congregation with some rousing hymns that had people passing by pause to listen. Patricia Alexander told a story and helped the children to make fuzzy lambs.

Although the sky turned very dark a couple of times, the day was mostly sunny and warm. Members of the Comforting Arts group attended and enjoyed – as did we all - the wonderful pot-luck feast. Thanks to John Sharpe and Rod Slack for arranging the permits and transporting tables and other equipment to the park.



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