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Rector's Message

Happy Thanksgiving! As I write this message I am praying for each one of you. I pray for your health and wellbeing, and for your deepening life in Christ. I also pray that you are giving thanks. Our patron saint, Paul, knew Christ to such depth that he encouraged the churches to "give thanks at all times". Wherever you find yourself as you read this, I pray that you can pause and give gratitude to God – for the blessings of family and friends, for the abundance that surrounds us, for the difficult times that shape and grow us.

My biggest thanksgiving this year is for our church family. Many wonderful things have happened in and through our community in the past six months. Some of these things you will find highlighted in the pages that follow - the annual picnic, AGAPE news, and other examples of service and fellowship. I am also very aware that most of the things we do will go unreported. Our community is knit together by a thousand small acts of kindness every week and we could fill a hundred newsletters if we reported them all.

"Ordinary" church members, without any official roles or titles, are doing wonderful things every day. Meals, cards, and friendly visits are brought to those who are sick. New members are welcomed. The church freezer is quietly refilled with soups and casseroles to share with those in need. Drives are offered for our elderly members to attend worship and other events. People are asked how they are. People are told when they are missed. People are told "I'm glad you are here." Together, we do our best to help each other to know that we are loved and that we belong.

Thank YOU, for all that you do to make our community the loving place that many experience it to be, and keep up the good work. Seek out the lost, welcome the lonely, and help everyone to know the love that Jesus has for them by the way that you share that love.

In deep gratitude,

Lynn+

Parish Consultation & Ministry Workshop

Thank you for joining us for this time of exploration and discussion.

“Our Church Family Tree” - Parish Consultations Have Begun

Written by Lynn Dillabough



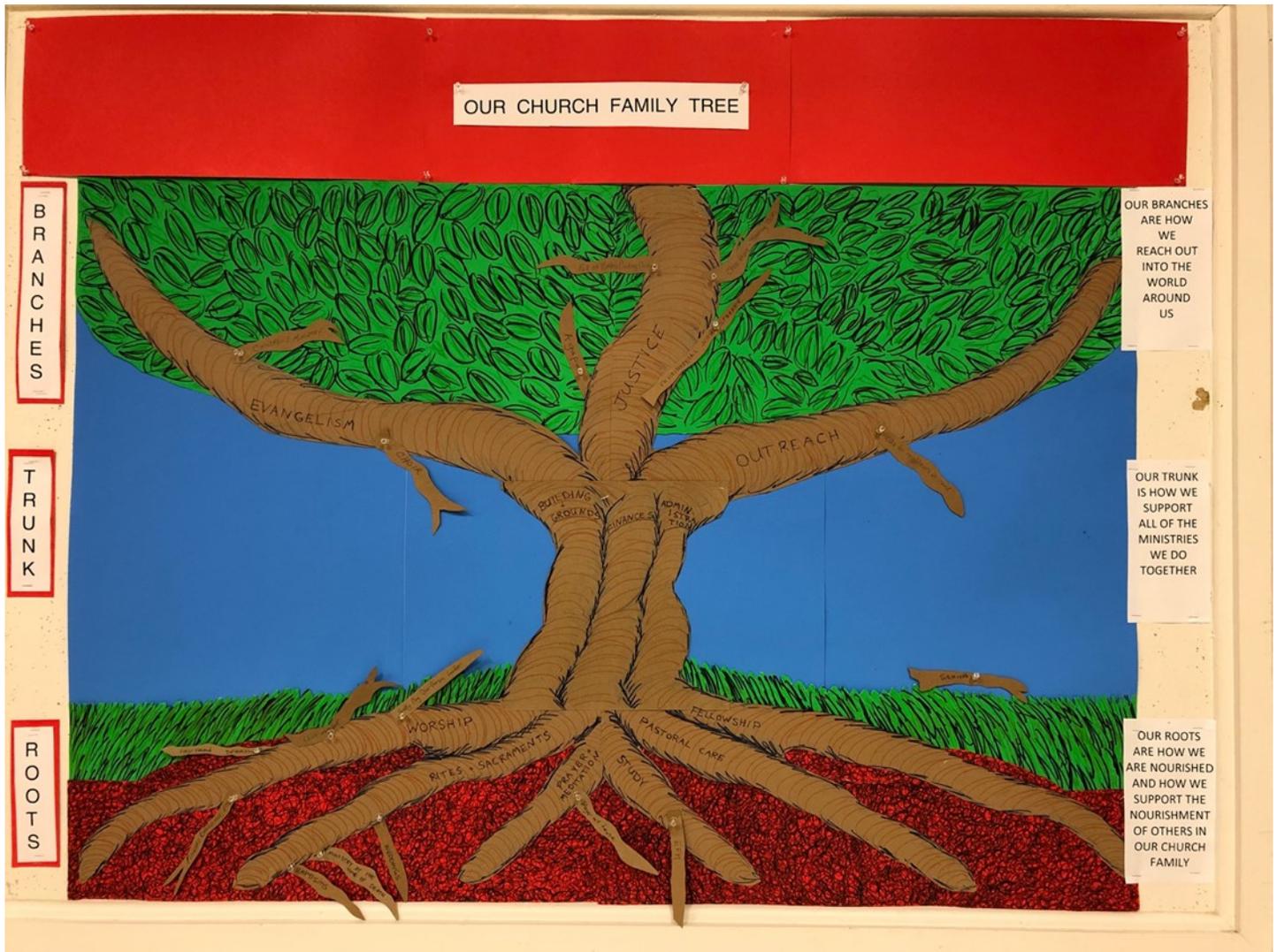
Carean Nash creates the more permanent parts of the “church family tree” with bristol board and craft paper.

The board is ready for the “interactive art installation” that will take place at our parish consultations.

I write this the day after our first parish consultation, with gratitude for the people who came out to discuss and share ideas about ministry.

We began with the vision: All of us called to ministry through our baptism and all of us working together to be the church that God calls us to be. We use the metaphor of a tree to delineate three broad areas of ministry: the roots, where we receive and share nourishment for our life in faith; the trunk, which supports all of the ministries that we do by providing a building, financial management, and administration; the branches, through which we reach out to the community around us. The metaphor of a tree to represent our community is particularly apt because it highlights our reliance on God for everything. None of us can “make” a tree, and none of us can “make” a church. God provides the seed, the soil, the sun, the rain, and every condition needed to become who we are. We also remember that we are one tree in a forest of other church communities, and that we are one in our purpose of following Jesus as disciples throughout the world.





The board as it looked after the first consultation with some construction paper roots and branches added. It has grown since then. Please come and take a look in the parish hall!

Participants then played with the lists of current activities of our church and where these activities fit as part of the whole. Small group discussion was followed by joining in the creative task of adding roots and branches to the paper tree. Everything is made of paper and added with pins to emphasize how changeable individual ministries are. Like the branches and roots of a tree, there are times for some ministries to stop and new ones to grow. We share gratitude for the important work of the trunk that helps us in all we do.

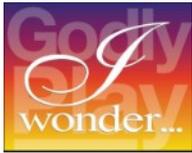
What followed was a time to reflect on our own ministries with questions such as: where in the “church family tree” we like to hang out most, what gives us joy, what new things we might be called to.

By the time you read this, the four initial consultations will have taken place but it is not too late to join the conversation. Come and spend some time with the art installation in the parish hall. Share your thoughts.

If the feedback continues to be positive, as it is so far, we might repeat this process in a few months. Every voice is valued as we grow our community!



Godly Play



by Pat Alexander, Coordinator of Children's Ministries



Godly Play is back in session after a break over the summer. This gave us time to revamp the upstairs and review new volumes of the Godly Play curriculum. September to Christmas we will be telling the stories of the New Testament and how the church tells time through colours and what they signify.

Godly Play has typically been designed for children 3 years plus. Children under the age of 3 years have not developed the attention span or reasoning ability to understand the stories. The Godly Play Worship space is a children only zone. They must be able to attend without the parent(s) or guardian present. Don't worry if your child is not able to leave you. It just means that they aren't quite ready and need to stay with you in the church. Please make use of the play space and rocking chair just inside the front doors of the church.

The stories told are sequential and build on one another. While it is not compulsory for children to attend Godly Play each Sunday, it is beneficial to do so. This session we begin our spiritual journey with an introduction to the bible, creation, the story of Abraham and Sarah, the Exodus, the Exile, the 10 Best Ways (commandments), and the prophets, right up to the mystery of Jesus's birth.

The children will reflect on each of these stories through a series of thought provoking questions followed by the invitation to express their thoughts through an art medium. Expression in Godly Play is confidential. The storytellers and assistants will not be sharing with you what your child says during the sessions. Art work will go home in June. However, do ask your child about Godly Play. You may get some profound answers.



**Thank You at the
Annual Picnic
Pat Alexander**



ACW News

by Shirley Jones, ACW Secretary

There were 18 ladies from St. Paul's attending the Corporate Communion at the Parish of St. Lawrence on April 15th. It was followed by fellowship and the traditional hot cross buns in the church hall.

At our April meeting the slate of officers for the executive was reviewed. Flora Francis will be the Interim Treasurer in the absence of Marlene Greenhalgh and a new position of Program Director will be filled by Roxanne Cramer. The term of elected executive will be June to June for a period of two years.

The Diocesan Annual Meeting was held at Christ Church in Cataraqui on Tuesday, May 14th with Bishop Michael Oulton conducting the service. A delicious roast beef luncheon was prepared and served by the clergy. The guest speaker was Robin Jones, Mayor of Westport on the topic of Sex Trafficking. The annual thank offering this year totaled \$5,165.30. It was divided equally in fifths giving \$1,032.04 to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, Council of the North, Bethany Kids, Canada Mental Health and the Diocese Grace Inn, Belleville. The collection totaled \$900.00 which was split evenly between Victim Awareness for Human Trafficking and Youth Protection in Prescott.



At our May 23rd meeting, our own Rod Slack gave a presentation entitled Antique Experience wherein he exhibited and commented on an array of interesting artifacts which he had collected throughout the years. Members were invited to bring in items for identification and comments.

We have started what will become a fun raffle at each meeting. Tickets will be \$1.00 and the prize will be donated by a different person each month. Tickets sold will benefit our thank offering to the Diocese next May.



The Wee Care Baskets for Mother's Day once again was headed by Carole Birtch.

The items needed was printed in the Servant resulting in a huge response. A formal presentation took place on Jun3rd in the Maternity Ward at the Brockville General Hospital.

The Big Give was held on Saturday, June 1st on the front and side lawns of the church. A large crowd gathered to receive free children's books and toys and to partake of cookies and lemonade.

Before our summer break, we gathered once again at the hone of Joan Rouse in Maitland on Thursday, June 20th for a garden party.



ACW Garden Party 2019



Hosted by Joan Rouse in Maitland Celebration of Spring
 Marie Blair (our treasurer retired after 8 yrs)

THE ACW ANNUAL RETREAT was held September 16th and 17th at the Providence Spirituality in Kingston. Norma Riley, Joan Johnson, Shirley Jones, Marie Blair, Gillian Shaw, Ginny Glover, Jane Guthrie and Bea Slack attended from St. Paul's. Rev Canon Dr Barbara Robinson led the theme " For Such A Time" It was a very worthwhile experience with workshops and time for reflection

Fall Fellowship & Speaker Sylvia Thomson

To start the Fall Season, we had a wonderful Pot Luck Supper and Fellowship will be held in the church hall on Thursday, September 19th. Our speaker will be Sylvia L. Thomson, author of children's books and the novel "Reviving Joy".



ACW UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Annual Regional Meeting** will be hosted this year by the Parish of St. Lawrence on Thursday, Oct.10th. They will be assisted by St. John the Baptist Church of Lyn.

Our **"AUTUMN LEAVES LUNCHEON AND BAAZAR"** is set for Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 10 to 2 pm. There will be attic treasures, baking and crafts for sale. A luncheon of hearty soup, rolls or buns and pie will be served.

Thursday, Dec. 12th is the date of our **Christmas Party** with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. We expect Santa to join us to distribute the exchange of gifts and we will be revealing our Secret Pals at this time.

ALL WOMEN OF ST. PAULS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US TO ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE A.C.W



Annual Picnic in the Park

St. Lawrence Park June 23

Worship & Prayer



GAMES





PICNIC FEAST



St. Paul's Feeds the Hungry

By Virginia Glover



Food insecurity is one of the issues initiated for prayer and action by St. Paul's Social Justice Committee. Last year, John Flegg, a member of the Committee, built and installed three Blessing Boxes near the homes of parishioners. The Blessing Boxes are located at 101 Hartley, 300 Ormond and 45 Abbott. They are intended to supplement the Food Bank, without its restrictions. After installation last year, generous neighbours filled them with non-perishable food, and personal hygiene items, which were quickly taken by needy citizens. There was little or no traffic over the winter, but this year they appear to have been mistaken for Free Libraries. There are too many books and very seldom any food or other necessities. We encourage you to stop by one of the boxes and drop off some Blessings. Applesauce, canned beans, chicken, tuna, salmon, meat, vegetables and fruit are welcome. Also cooking oils and crackers, peanut butter, and powdered milk. Thank you!

AGAPE

report by Julie Case, AGAPE Parish Representative

Agape Young People

Graduation: It was a great joy to see the first member of the original three Agape families graduate from high school in June. Four years ago she spoke almost no English. Now she has now started a nursing program at St Lawrence College. Our congratulations and prayers are with her!

New beginnings: What do Tim Horton's, the Y, the food bank and the library have in common? All were places Agape young people volunteered or worked last summer. For all of them the world of work (paid or volunteer) was brand new and a wonderful learning experience. They were trained, followed weekly schedules, and were much appreciated wherever they worked. Another Canadian first Experience!

School: For most of our youth, September brought a return to school, sometimes with the addition of a part-time job. This presents large challenges. In one case a student who has the rough equivalent of a grade 5 education has been dropped into the middle of high school because of her age. For her, and several others coping with learning in a new language and varied academic backgrounds, extra tutoring may be necessary to ensure success. This is the reason that there is a small refugee education fund at St Paul's. The fund supported some of the costs of our books for our nursing student. (Wow! They are expensive!) It also supported a little math tutoring last spring and will be called on for more.

If you would like to make a special donation to the education fund, please make out your donation to St Paul's and specifically mark it "refugee education fund."

Canada Day Fun

Choir & Social Justice Committee Members
Laughter, Finger Food and Exceptional Fireworks
Hosted By Patricia & Lloyd Younger



Music & Choir

By Donna Matheson, Director of Music

Summer is a time off, of sorts, for the Choir. There are no regular Choir rehearsals and there is no formal role of leading the music on Sunday mornings. However, the Choir members, very faith filled, provide solos and duets over the summer months. For this,



we are very thankful. A very definite highlight was the use of a musical response written by Janice Twaddle. In conjunction with Karen Brown, the Lay Reader preaching on the last Sunday of our summer schedule, Karen invited Janice to talk about her response and then Janice taught the congregation the music. That musical response was an integral part of Karen's sermon as Janice led the congregation with her response throughout the sermon.

A big thank you goes out to Roy Clarke for creating a new space for the Choir materials as well to Peggy Bell for cleaning up the space. The Choir is pleased as am I. I still have a multitude of anthem and other music to organize yet, so be patient while that happens. It takes careful thought as there is music that is old and/or dated but still may be valuable, if not to us, another church choir.

This fall, we have been blessed with a total of 21 members in the Choir. Praise the Lord! We prayed for Sopranos and they were delivered. Now, we have the creative process of figuring out how to house that many bodies on the platform as the Choir sings their Anthem and at communion each Sunday.

I must end this report with a thank you to Lynn and the Worship Committee for their support and ideas. As well, I'd like to commend our Congregation for their willingness to learn new music and sing it like they believe it.

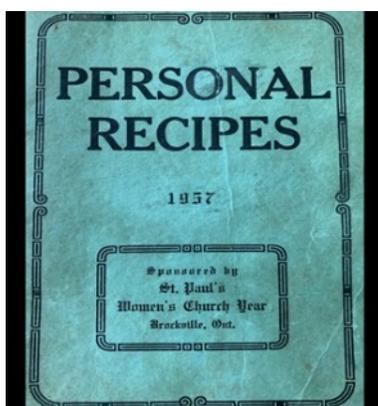
Please join us every Sunday at the 10:00 am service. Anyone is welcome to turn up for choir practice at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Donna at 613-498-6588.

Look Back & Look Forward

By Sharon Sharpe

In 1957 St. Paul's Women's Church Year produced a Personal Recipes book for purchase.

Recipe For A Happy Day Poem was in the first section of the Cookbook. Author unknown



Recipe For A Happy Day

Take a dash of water cold
And add a leaven of prayer,
A little bit of sunshine gold
Dissolved in morning air.
And to your meal some merriment
And a thought of kith and kin,
And then the prime ingredient
A plenty of work thrown in.
But spice it all with essence of love
And a little whiff of play,
Let a wise old Book and a look above
Complete a well spend day.

Wardens Report

Peggy Bell & Roxanne Cramer

St. Paul's was busy place this summer. We wanted to share a few of the things we are working on:

Rentals: We encourage all members to get out the rental word about our hall – it is very affordable, clean and quiet location to hold meetings. Small Meeting Room now available upstairs with a table and chairs. Peggy was amazing in that we had a number of new rental booking over the summer.

Prayer room: Soon, everyone will see the wonderful stained-glass that has been hidden for so many years in our new Prayer room. This area will be used by the prayer team on Sunday mornings during communion, by the Meditation Monday group, and by the Wednesday Healing Service. It will create a smaller and more easily heated sacred space for small worship or discussion groups. We will see more when we get in there, but it looks like the room could accommodate a circle of up to 12 to 20 people.

Office Software: With Dave Bell's direction and assistance, we will be implementing a new church software is called Breeze ChMS. This will allow us to consultate the many lists of names and emails we have in the church; allow one common calendar for many to view and share; and track who is in what function and group within the church.

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

Steve Patterson, Treasure

Our July 31, 2019 Interim Financial Statement (7 months) reflects Income of \$109 thousand and Expenses of \$114 thousand leading to a small deficit of \$5 thousand. Historically, there is a seasonality to both our income and expenses, and deficits at this time of year are common. In comparison to the similar period last year, our income is up \$13 thousand, while expenditures have remained flat. Should these favourable trends continue, we should experience a nominal surplus vs. our previously budgeted deficit of \$16 thousand.

Over the next 3 months, we will be actively promoting our Pre-Authorized Giving "PAG" Program. From a church member standpoint, it simplifies donations, as a one-time monthly deduction is withdrawn from either a specified bank account or credit card. Sign up is easy, as are adjustments and cancellations. Adoption of this service reduces the weekly administration of donations by our church and adds to greater certainty as to timing and collection of donations, which in turn enables improved expenditure management.

Milestones

Since our last newsletter our parish family has had some changes.
Over the past six months we have welcomed nine new or new again members of our church
and we grieve the deaths of two.
May Bill Davis and Leona Steward rest in peace and rise in glory.
Well done, good and faithful servants.
Go now, to your eternal rest and reward.

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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