



The Servant

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The Gratitude Challenge

If you are a Facebook fan, I'm sure you know what my title refers to. For a few months, the invitation to take the 5 Day, 7 Day or 30 Day Gratitude Challenge has been circulating on the web. Each day, participants post at least three things each for which they are grateful. I think I could easily fill this post with the 30 day list! But, at the request of our new editor for brevity, here are three:

1. For the ministry of Father Ed Dallow as an Honorary Associate of St. Paul's. This relationship will *formally* end in early November for the most understandable of reasons. Father Ed's wife, Lynn, has recently retired and, like many of you, they hope to travel for much of the winter. When they are home, as they live near Kingston, early morning trips to Brockville on winter roads are rarely pleasant and can be treacherous. Ed has blessed us with his humour, worship creativity, broad experience, sound pastoral judgment and steady encouragement. We will miss his regular presence very deeply - but he will continue to come to take services for us as he is able and available. Thank you Ed!
2. For Virginia and Kerey- who have given us an informative, inspirational, and lovely to look at Servant for the past few years. Virginia, with her calm and affirming manner has worked hard to encourage parishioners to contribute to the Servant . We are grateful!
3. For Linda Eckert, who has agreed to take on the role as Editor. Linda brings a strong journalistic background to this ministry. Earlier in her career, she was writing a column for the Toronto Star! Kerey has agreed to continue her design role and will also be using her technical web skill to adapt the format to make the online version easier to read.

For all of you - for all you do - for all you are.... I give thanks!

Barbara

A Message from the Editor

In this issue of the Servant, the publishing team has attempted to respond to the comments from those who would prefer to read the newsletter on the St. Paul's website rather than receiving a paper copy. This issue is, therefore, a shorter "test run" for the Christmas edition. We welcome ideas, articles, and pictures for the Christmas edition by Monday November 24th.

Please contact Linda Eckert at 613 345-2117 or at linda@flegg.net .

Coming Next Issue: St. Paul's Festival of Arts and Thanksgiving

St. Paul's parish members and friends expressed thanks for God's many blessings with a festival to showcase the plentiful and diverse talent within our parish and to share our bounty with the Primates World Relief Development Fund- Food Security Program. The festival, held this past weekend, will be showcased with pictures in the Christmas Issue.

Summer Fruit For The Souls

During a glorious week in July, two Lay Readers and three members of St. Paul's attended the summer school at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. We joined people from other parishes in the Diocese in workshops and worship in this beautiful setting where the accommodations and food were wonderful.

This year's educational retreat for both Licensed Lay Readers and ordinary parishioners who enjoy Christian Fellowship, was the brainchild of our own Greg Weeds who planned it, as he has for the last seven years, with the assistance of Roy Forsyth. Workshops included Technology in the Church lead by Honorary Associate, Rev. Ed Dallow and The Spoken Word, a fun-filled series on putting meaning and drama into readings, lead by Peter Galvin. The week included a study of Eastern Christianity by Professor Brian Butcher with a highlight being the service at St. Mena Coptic Orthodox Church in Kingston and the warm welcome and traditional food provided by the congregation. Our morning speaker was The Reverend John Hill from Toronto who helped us explore how we can better understand and communicate scripture.

Whether it was walking the Labyrinth, attending the evening Taize and Compline services in the gazebo at the end of the day or participating in an impromptu drama class, the week truly did offer Fruit for the Soul. I would urge others to also refresh themselves next year.

With Thanks to Julie Case

Milestones and Memories at St. Paul's

We Welcomed in Baptism:

Noah Donald Richard Burnette
Liam Ernest Metcalfe

We Celebrated the Lives of:

Terry Copperthwaite	April 10, 2014
James Douglas Haggart	April 30, 2014
Roy Forsyth	June 9, 2014
Robert George Edwards	July 19, 2014
Lola McKay	August 15, 2014

Warden's Message

With the border clashes in the Ukraine, the civil unrest in the Mid-East, and the storms in the Caribbean, we, as Canadians, have so much to be thankful for. The only time we worry about the border is when we are waiting in line at Customs to return to Canada. The only time we concern ourselves with politics is when there is an election or wonder what Rob Ford has done now. Normally, by the time the hurricanes arrive in Canada, they are down-graded to heavy rains. Tornados and earthquakes do not happen very often and tend not to cause a lot of damage. We do get snow (no place is perfect).

Our St. Paul's congregation can be thankful for our priest, Rev. Barbara, who truly cares for her flock and goes the extra mile to help everyone in our parish. We can also be thankful for all who make our Church what it is: our associate priests, the layreaders, the music director, the choir, Parish Council, the heads of committees, all of our volunteers and staff who work hard to make sure that we have a beautiful church in which to worship.

We, the Wardens, wish each of you a blessed, happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Rod Slack - People's Warden

John Francis – Rector's Warden

Alpha—Celebrating and Learning Together this Fall

The Alpha Program at St. Paul's 2014 began on Sunday evening, September 7th with a welcome dinner and opening session for the thirty-seven adult and youth participants. The program, that features wonderful food, inspiring videos, and stimulating discussion, runs every Sunday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 until November 9th. It is very exciting that St Paul's is one of the first churches to offer the new Youth Alpha program. Volunteers, including chef, Dave Horton, set-up and clean up crews, group facilitators, and organizer Karen Brown continue to make the experience seamless and enjoyable. By the time that this issue of The Servant goes to press, ALPHA participants will have attended their overnight retreat at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg. A report and pictures of this event will be featured in the Christmas edition of The Servant.

With Thanks to Karen Brown



Calendar of Special Services and Events at St. Paul's:

- September 30 7pm Taize service
- October 3 & 4 Youth/Adult Alpha Retreat Ogdensburg
- October 5 10:00 am – Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Pets
- October 9 9am registration (Thursday) ACW Regional – Parish of St. Lawrence
- October 12 10:00 am – Thanksgiving Service
- October 21 7pm Taize service
- October 22 7pm Small group Planning Discussion and Mission speaker from Papua New Guinea
- October 25 (Saturday) 1:00 pm – Messy Church – Children and their caregivers welcome

- November 8 (Saturday) 10:00 am – ACW Bazaar and Tea
- November 9 10:00 am – Remembrance Day Service
- November 18 (Tuesday) 7pm Taize service
- November 23 10:00am Visit of Dr. Andrew Bennett – Prime Minister’s Ambassador for Religious Freedom
- November 30 10:00 am – Advent Lessons and Carols Service

- December 3 10:00am – Seniors Luncheon
- December 13 (Saturday) Messy Church - Brunch with Santa
- December 14 10:00 Family Interactive Nativity

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

The below photos were taken at “The Coffee House” - Friday, September 26th in the church hall.

Photo Credit: Kerey Bolton

