



The Grapevine

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

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Easter blessings to you and your family!





At different points over the winter we have looked at Creation Care, mostly through the videos of a YouTube Channel called "Global Weirding" hosted by environmental scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. At times our ventures into technology have let us down, especially while trying to show the videos to groups. However, the messages that Dr. Hayhoe shares have always been both entertaining and informative. As a Canadian and an active Christian, Dr. Hayhoe has helped us to enter into the conversation from a place similar to our own. More than that, her videos have helped the few of us who gathered to watch and discuss them, to think more personally about climate change and small things that we can do to help our planet. It has also helped us to appreciate that these small things can be done, not from a place of guilt, but from a place of love and a desire to follow the way of Jesus.

Did you know that major faiths all around the world, including Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism have issued declarations on climate change? One thing that they all agree on is that we have a duty to care for others (the Golden Rule) and to protect Creation. This has led to a number of inter-faith statements, including one between the World Council of Churches, the Muslim Council of Elders, the New York Board of Rabbis and the UN on our moral responsibility to the billion children identified by UNICEF as being at "extremely high risk of the impacts of the climate crisis". These risks include coastal flooding and the loss of the ability to produce food.

As Christians, Jesus repeatedly asked us to care for one another. John 13:34 says "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Even though we have just begun to see signs of climate change here in Central Ontario, we know that it is negatively impacting a large swath of the population in other parts of Canada and around the world. It is for our neighbour and for generations to come that we are called to acts of love.

The good news is that each of us can do something positive to combat climate change. For example, each household that changes their lightbulbs from incandescent to LED saves ½ a tonne of carbon from entering the environment per year. St. Paul's has 155 households that make up our parish. If each of us made this change, that would save approx. 77 tonnes of carbon per year, just from that small change.

The booklet "A Lenten Fast for the Earth" from the Bishop's Committee on Creation Care has a number of good suggestions that can be done year-round. They range from the very simple, like turning off the water while you brush your teeth, to those that require a small lifestyle change. An example of this is reducing the amount of meat that we eat. By making this tweak to our lifestyle, it reduces the amount of greenhouse gas emissions as most of our meat comes from large producers, and factory farming creates a large percentage of these emissions. A study out of Oxford University suggests that greenhouse gas emissions could be reduced by 30% in 25 years simply by reducing our meat consumption. There are many other suggestions in this booklet, which is available at St. Paul's.

I leave you with this verse from the First Epistle of John, "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)

In Christian love, Rev. Bonnie



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9:30am Morning Prayer (sanctuary)

10am Lenten Study (library)

St Paul's will offer a simple said Morning Prayer on Wednesdays using the BAS or BCP. Please join us in the church sanctuary at 9:30am.

Then, at 10am, join Rev. Bonnie for our Lenten Study on the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby's book Dethroning Mammon: Making Money Serve Grace. Hope to see you there!

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The Canon's Corner: The Rev. Canon Greg Physick Mar. '24



These words are, of necessity, written in Lent for our Easter Grapevine. Both seasons are on my mind as I write these words. But isn't this the reality of our lives? We are never just in one season of life. At any moment, we can find ourselves reliving something in our past, making plans for 'down the road'—all the while dealing with the issues of the present time.

Lent began with ashes and a wilderness: reminders to us of our own mortality and also new life out of death and the Spirit's presence and the ministry of angels in wilderness times. The season moves along into Holy Week with its joy, palms and cheers. The week holds a most special last supper with the washing of feet and a new commandment to love one another. Then we stand outside the city walls and listen to the crowd calling out 'crucify him'.

Again, we are never just in that moment, for we know the rest of the story! Our disciplines of giving up and taking on come to an end as Easter Day dawns. For many, the atmosphere is palpable. Psalm 34, v.8 comes to mind: 'taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they that trust in him'. In each of our seasons, may Easter hold a place. Seldom if ever, are we just in one time or season. Whether Pope John Paul 2nd originated it, quoted St. Augustine or another, may we hold tightly to this: 'we are Easter people, and alleluia is our song'. A blessed Easter to you-- in every season of life may a taste of Easter be discovered.

Pax, Canon Greg

Congratulations to Ethel Morris, ODT!

Ethel received her Order of the Diocese of Toronto on January 1, 2024.



Here is the description of Ethel's nomination—which appeared in "The Anglican" paper on January 30, 2024.

Ethel Morris, ODT

St. Paul, Lindsay

Mrs. Morris has been nominated by St. Paul's, Lindsay for her loving and willing service to her Lord and Church. In liturgy, outreach, mission, hospitality and education, she has generously stewarded her trained skills and gifts for the work of the Church. A four-plus decades lay reader, enduring seasons of change personally and within the church, she is faithfully committed to ministry for the good of the Church and community.



Christmas Dinner 2023

Paul Carpentier – Convenor

We had an amazing, yet humbling, Christmas Day Dinner at St. Pauls'. What a privilege to be the hands and feet delivering God's provisions and love to those in need.

One hundred and eight guests were fed, with many having seconds (+). There was 140 lbs of turkey and 30 lbs of ham, plus all the fixings, consumed. They really wanted their meat and potatoes, and surprisingly went light on desserts.

Nine people received a portion of the 40 lb turkey that Kawartha Food Services had us cook and pass on to those in need. We also gave out many a take home left-over package to help them out. It was so rewarding, but again humbling.

There were 21 exceptional volunteers who made the event successful. They intuitively saw what needed to be done and made it happen. It was obvious (and verbalized) how much being part of this dinner "Made Their Christmas". My heartfelt thanks goes out to them.

I also wish to thank Bev Baxter and Betty Hooper for being our greeters. We all know the warm, outgoing personalities these ladies have, and they set the mood for each guest coming in (and going out). People were truly welcomed to St. Pauls'.

Thanks go to Linda and Larry Todd for helping me through the last minute rush (+), and to Phyllis for all the hours she put in (before, during and after). Thanks to David Strickland for the wonderful Christmas music he provided on his guitar.

Finally, my thanks goes out to each of you for the desserts, donations, and other places where you stepped up to help make this much needed dinner happen. God Bless.



Behind the scenes: Phyllis and Paul Carpentier busily preparing the turkeys.



Highlights of the 2024 Annual Vestry Meeting—February 25, 2024

The Annual Vestry Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. There were 51 members in attendance. Reverend Bonnie Skerritt opened the meeting with prayer. Janice Ross was appointed Vestry Clerk. Barb Truax & Betty Hooper were appointed Scrutineers. The March 5, 2023 Annual Vestry Minutes, and the June 25, 2023 Special Vestry Minutes were accepted as written.

Video from Bishop Andrew Asbil – Season of Spiritual Renewal. This short video was viewed by all in attendance.

Incumbent, Wardens and Committee Reports

Reverend Bonnie Skerritt had presented her report during her Homily that morning. She expressed her gratitude to the wardens and the management team for all their efforts. Warden Paul Carpentier thanked Tom Ross for all his efforts as Treasurer, especially the extra work needed since the Church bookkeeper, April Russell, passed away suddenly in December. A volunteer is needed soon to replace Tom as Treasurer effective October 1, 2024, otherwise someone will have to be hired.

Audited 2022 Financial Report

The 2022 Audited Report arrived Dec. 18, 2023. Tom Ross made the following motion: “That the audited 2022 financial statements and report, as received from Peter Shennet Professional Corporation, be accepted by Vestry”. Accepted.

Highlights of the Financial Report 2023: Tom Ross, Treasurer

Tom Ross thanked Marlene Wood (Envelope Secretary), Marg Brohm (Designated Givings), Don Brohm (rental properties and rent) and Linda Todd (Gift Cards) for their dedication and help throughout the year. He remembered with thanks April Russell, who passed away suddenly at Christmas after 6 years of service as the Church bookkeeper.

Tom made the following motion: “That the unaudited 2023 Financial Report, as presented, be accepted by Vestry, subject to audit verification”. Accepted.

In summary, although our expenses were stable in 2023, we had much less income than we currently require. Total receipts for 2023 were 10.8% under budget, total disbursements were 0.02% over budget. Envelope offerings and most fundraisers were below budget, and no diocesan grants. While the performance of our endowment funds actually covered our deficit, those funds are designated for specific purposes. Warden Paul Carpentier mentioned other cost savings measures: reduced office hours, building overheating issues resolved, and thanked Marg and Don Brohm for donating their time as Church custodians.

Highlights of the 2024 Budget

Tom Ross thanked the members of the Finance Committee, Management Team and the Advisory Board for their help and input. Motion to accept the 2024 Budget, as presented. Accepted. Most budget figures are as per 2023 actual, so not a lot of change. We are budgeting for a surplus of \$8,882 which includes a bequest. Motion to approve the 2024 budget was Accepted.

Appointments and Elections

Doug Read has been nominated as an alternate delegate to Synod. Kim Walsh has been nominated as an Advisory Board Member at Large. Both were Acclaimed. Barb Truax was appointed to the Parochial Tribunal.

Other Business:

Reverend Bonnie presented the Social Justice Vestry Motion 2024: Protecting and Advancing the Right to Housing. It was noted that this parish protects the right to affordable housing through our rental properties. Reverend Bonnie made a motion to respond to the Social Justice Motion this way: “We the parish of St. Paul’s Lindsay support the spirit of the motion. However there are particulars within it that require clarification”. Carried. No one opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Diane Stecher (based upon Vestry Minutes by Janice Ross).



WARDEN'S WALK

by Betty Hooper and Paul Carpentier

In the short term we have a few projects we are working on. We are securing quotes to do necessary painting of the exterior. We are also getting quotes for the repair of the areas where the plaster has buckled in the church and the halls. We are developing a plan for some "paint days" to take care of the main hall wainscoting and the former youth group art work in the lower hall and washroom. We continue to work at de-cluttering in all areas and getting prepared to recycle the un-needed items via a yard sale (early May hopefully).

If anyone is aware of a sofa that is in good shape becoming available; we are in need of one for the library. Thank you for giving of your time, talent and treasure in supporting St. Paul's, and us your wardens.

Pancake Supper 2024

Paul Carpentier/Ray Marshall

St. Pauls' annual Pancake Supper and Lunch went off very smoothly this year, thanks to the number of people who stepped up to help us out. The sign up sheet filled up at "WARP SPEED" in less than one week!

We served about 80 guests at each setting and made slightly over \$1,000 in profit. The new format (no pies for dessert) was well received in conjunction with our \$10 ticket price. The compliments on the pancakes, and especially the sausages, were numerous.

Again, thank you to those who helped and supported this event for which St. Paul's is well known. We made our guests happy by feeding body and soul.



Gerald enjoying some pancakes with syrup!

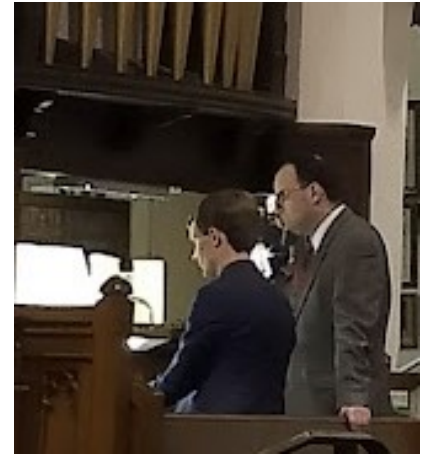


Church hall tables nicely decorated!



Photos from our Dec. 10th Christmas Tea & Organ Recital!

We had a festive time sipping tea, eating scones & sandwiches, singing Christmas Carols led by pianist Mryna Sloboda, and experiencing the talents of organist Alex Ripley bringing our beloved pipe organ to life! A delightful event to get everyone into the Christmas spirit!



CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE

Don Brohm, Church Property Manager, assisted by Ray Marshall and Don Chase



As reported in the December 2023 Grapevine all rents are up to date and we say Thank You Lord for Great Tenants who do not ask for much.

You may or may not be aware that buildings require TLC.

First thing you may have noticed that Community Care Vans have all disappeared.

The noisy pump on the Church heating system that was pulled and repaired has now been reinstalled and working just fine. We had a bleeder valve in the Church heating system that had to be replaced.

Ray/Don removed a tree branch that had fallen on the parking lot behind 32 Glenelg St W.

We have installed new taps in the Ladies washroom on the main floor which makes them easier to turn on and off.

We still have some slate high up the Church roof that need to be repaired.

The installing of new thermostats and zone control valves has given us better control over the heating system in the Church and Church hall including lower main and upper.

JUST SO YOU KNOW



Our St. Paul's Family:

FROM OUR REGISTERS: FUNERALS

Date of death:

Dec. 6, 2023 Betty Yvonne Mitchell

Bookkeeper: April Russell (Jan 3, 2024)

Go in peace.

Mark 5:34

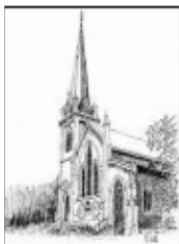
CELEBRATING.....

**A special "WELCOME" to newcomers,
and visitors to St. Paul's. We are glad
to have you worshipping with us!**



April through June 2024:

Bob Pool
Elsie Camp
Carol Hughes
Don Chase
Lawrence Drummond
Ethel Morris



St. Paul's Church Services are listed on the last page of this Grapevine.

Due to our wide circulation on the internet and to the new Privacy Act regulations, no personal phone numbers are listed on the first or last page of all issues.

Happy Anniversary

April through June 2024:

Judy & Bob Sedgley (50th)



Note: We strive not to miss anyone. If you know of someone celebrating a special day, please let us know. Contact Diane S. "THE GRAPEVINE" editor. The celebrations in this issue are from **April through June 2024.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:



Updating Prayer List

Please note that we are beginning a new Prayer List if you have a loved one or family member or a friend, that you would like added to the prayer list please contact the office to have their name added

The cutoff for an addition to the prayer list is noon on Wednesdays.



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Thank you.

Diane Stecher, Editor.



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ST. PAUL'S SISTERHOOD

Shirley Hanes, Coordinator



Our group continues to meet in the library each Thursday afternoon at 1p.m. The group is small in number but we support each other in conversation and fellowship over a cup of tea.

We are presently knitting slippers for Women's Resources. During the very cold weather we did add some adult mittens to the pantry box outside.

We have decided to look after the coffee hour once a month. This is an important part of our church's fellowship.

From the Music Director

The Choir and I have been busy preparing music for Lent and Easter! We were happy to welcome Ruth Gillis to our soprano section recently, and I spoke with another person last week, who would like to join later this year! Please speak to me if you enjoy singing and would like to join us, or get more information.

I would like to express my appreciation to each member of St. Paul's Choir: Barb Appleton, Don Chase, Betty Drummond, Ruth Gillis, Shirley Hanes, Betty Hooper, Carol Hughes, Suzanne McAllister, Ursula Ruhbach, Liam Skerritt-Ricketts, and Fred Wellings. I also want to acknowledge the extra preparation that Don Chase, and Paul Carpentier give when we have psalms that need a Cantor to lead them. It's been a little challenging given the cold and flu bugs going around to have our full choir out singing—but we always try our best!

On behalf of the Choir, I'd like to wish everyone a Blessed Easter season!

Musically yours, Diane Stecher

Church Treasurer (in-training) needed:

The wardens are looking for someone to take over the position of Church Treasurer as of October 1, 2024. Tom Ross has been doing this job for well over a decade and has been trying to "retire" for some time now, as he and Janice wish to do more travelling and have family time. If you have any experience with QuickBooks and/or accounting in general, might this be your calling to help our Church? A job description is available to review the tasks involved. Tom would be providing on-the-job training over the next nine months so you would slide over smoothly as the Treasurer. He would also be around if a question needed to be asked down the road. Please prayerfully consider this position. If you are interested, please speak to Betty Hooper or Paul Carpentier.





ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB



By Lorna Green

St. Paul's Book Club meets in members' homes on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of December, July, and August. Presently, we meet for a lunch time pot luck meal. We dine, sip, and then discuss the book chosen for that month.

For the next two months our books will be:

April 2, 2024: The Keeper of Happy Endings by Barbara Davis.

An enchanting novel about fate, second chances, and hope, lost and found, by the Amazon Charts best-selling author of *The Last of the Moon Girls*. Soline Roussel is well schooled in the business of happy endings. For generations her family has kept an exclusive bridal salon in Paris, where magic is worked with needle and thread. It's said that the bride who wears a Roussel gown is guaranteed a lifetime of joy. But devastating losses during World War II leave Soline's world and heart in ruins and her faith in love shaken. She boxes up her memories, stowing them away, along with her broken dreams, determined to forget.

May 7, 2024: Run Towards the Danger by Sarah Polley

Oscar-nominated screenwriter, director, and actor Sarah Polley explores memory and the dialogue between her past and her present. "These are the most dangerous stories of my life. The ones I have avoided, the ones I haven't told, the ones that have kept me awake on countless nights. As these stories found echoes in my adult life, and then went another, better way than they did in childhood, they became lighter and easier to carry."

June 4, 2024:

Our last meeting of the season will be a planning one. Books are suggested and chosen for the 2024 – 2025 season.

"Some books are so familiar that reading them is like being home again."

— Louisa May Alcott

WANTED: LOONIE & SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

FOR THE SPRING THAW DINNER & AUCTION APR. 6th

Popular items for the Loonie Auction are any kind of baked and preserved goods, gift certificates or gift cards. For the Silent Auction: hand made items, knitted items, household items, tickets etc.

Please bring labelled items to church office or call 705-324-6257 for pickup (within Lindsay).

Thank you for your support. Spring Thaw Committee



What's Up With The Archives?

Ian McKechnie, Chair, Archive Committee

Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God having its origins as a small mustard seed and growing into a tree in which the birds would come and perch in its branches.

This parable seems appropriate when talking about the archives at St. Paul's. Over the last year and a half, a team comprising of Lorna Green, Ian McKechnie, and Barb Truax – working in consultation with Angela Fornelli, the City of Kawartha Lakes amazing and ever-encouraging archivist – have been planting small “seeds” in the hope of growing them into an attractive and uncluttered space where the parish's vast archival collection will be made accessible to parishioners and researchers alike.

And what do these “seeds of progress” look like? Well, they include spending a few hours carefully removing hundreds of photographs from albums, meticulously numbering them, and filing them into acid-free envelopes. They also involve judiciously sorting books, paper artefacts, and other items into piles before discerning what we should do with them: Do our parochial records have a clearly-established provenance at St. Paul's and help tell our story? Or might they only have a tangential relationship to the congregation, and would they be better off at another institution? And what records do we still have that really must be transferred to the diocesan archives in Toronto?

All of these are important questions that we discuss at length as we work through the collection housed in a small room just off the Marsh Memorial Hall. A congregational archive is more than simply a repository for “old stuff” – it is a living organism that will evolve over time, as everything that we do in the present becomes part of our collective history as a community of faith in Lindsay. To that end, we want to ensure that our archives are appropriately housed and access to them increased via digitization – and we have applied for funding to help get us to this stage.

Having been attending occasional services and special events at St. Paul's for only seventeen years, much of what I see in the archives has been an education for me. It is heartwarming to see photographs and read the stories of how this congregation has made a difference in the lives of its parishioners and in the broader community over the years. As the old hymn so adequately puts it:

*Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*



Speaking of photographs....here is a nice photo I took of Ian and his cousin, Alex Ripley, after the Dec. 10th Organ Recital. *Editor D.S.*



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OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Gail Payne

Your Outreach Committee last met on March 3, 2024 as we continue to try to be the voice, feet and hands of our Lord Jesus' love in our world, on behalf of St. Paul's.

Stamp Out Poverty: thanks to many contributions from the parish, we have been able to continue to collect used postage stamps for Oxfam's Stamp Out Poverty Campaign.

King Albert School: during the fall and early winter we collected several totes of winter clothing for the students.

Queen Victoria School: we have been collecting mitts and socks for the students as requested by the school in January. One bin has been delivered and there is another waiting for more donations in the parish hall.

Mission to Seafarers: we delivered 2 large bags of knitted toques, scarves and mitts to the Mission. The items were all supplied by The Sisterhood.

Angel Tree: we received requests for gifts for 6 area children but were unable to contact 2 of the caregivers responsible for 4 children. Therefore we bought, wrapped and delivered gifts for 2 children only.

Spring Outreach Service: Rev. Frank Tyrell will be speaking to us about Prison Chaplaincy on April 14, 2024.

Food Pantry: we have been able to receive a full range of food donations over the winter as Paul Carpentier kindly installed a temperature sensitive light inside the box to keep cans from freezing. In conversation with management at the Food Source outlet in Queen's Square, they do not feel our pantry is redundant as their days of operation are opposite to ours and clients are only eligible once per month. Our stores are currently running a bit low. We welcome all food donations.

A Governance plan for Outreach: was presented by Gail and improved with the help of Donna Gushue. Thank you Donna for your time and patience.

Foster Children: there have been no changes with our children. Our 3 children in Haiti seem to be safely away from most of the violence.

The upcoming quarterly Allotments are as follows:

Outreach

Local: Daily Bread Booklets

National: Giving with Grace (indigenous healing)

International: FINCA

Designated Givings

April: PWRDF—Palestine

May: Foster Children

June: MSF

Thank you all for your continued prayerful and financial support of St. Paul's many Outreach programs.

We welcome all parishioners to our quarterly meetings the first Sundays of March, June, September and December. We meet in the library right after our church service.

Romans 12: 9,10



Family Time Activities: Learning about Palms

Here are some ideas to share with your children or grandchildren about Palms, which figure in our readings for Palm/Passion Sunday.

An excerpt from *Rings, Kings and Butterflies: Lessons on Christian Symbols for Children* by Harriet VanderMeer

Verse to Learn: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! *Luke 19:38*

A Children's Message

A palm tree grows very tall and stately. Its long, slender trunk has leaves only at the very top; they burst into the sky almost like fireworks. The land of the Bible had the right balmy, warm climate for palm trees, and they were a welcome sight to many people as they traveled. Palm trees and their leaves were very important where Jesus lived, and they were used in festivals...The people in the Bible times thought the leaves of the palm tree were like arches, so when they were victorious in battle, they carried palm leaves to celebrate and treat the winners as kings. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, they spread palm leaves out in front of him as though he were a king.

The palm tree almost looks like a person with feet firmly planted in the ground, arms and hands stretched up to the sky. The Bible actually compares a person to a palm tree: "The righteous flourish like a palm tree" (Psalm 92:12). The palm leaves in our church [on Palm Sunday] are used to help us celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, so we can welcome him just as the people of Jerusalem did long ago. On Sunday Jesus comes into the city like a king, but many things change as the week goes on. On Friday he is crucified on the cross.

The palm tree is not like a maple or oak tree, whose leaves change to yellow or red or brown in the fall. It is like an evergreen tree that is green all year long. The palm tree can remind us of Jesus, who has roots on earth and is tall and kingly, with leaves bursting out and reaching to heaven, where he prepares a place for us. Jesus is like the Tree of Life, giving us life everlasting. If we place three palm leaves together, we have one for Jesus, God the Son; one for God the Father; and one for God the Holy Spirit: the Three in One. We need to spread our leaves out for Jesus and thank him for preparing our way.

Pray with Children

Dear Jesus, we thank you for your humble yet royal ride on the donkey into Jerusalem. May we grow like palm trees in a desert oasis, praising you as our Saviour, Lord, and King of the World. Amen.

To Do Together

Take a field trip to a botanical garden or search the Internet to learn about different kinds of palm trees. Look carefully at the trunk, leaves, and the fruit of the palm tree. Draw diagrams and pictures of different kinds of palm trees. Check a globe or map and find where palm trees grow.

Submitted by Rev. Bonnie



CHANCEL GUILD REPORT

The Chancel Guild is responsible for preparing the church each week for the Sunday church service, clearing up after the service as well as any special services during the week such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings. As we have eight volunteers working in teams of two we are on duty for one week a month. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas we all work together to decorate the church. If this ministry would be one that interests you please speak to Rev. Bonnie or me or one of the members of the guild and we can discuss any questions you might have. New members are always welcome.

If you wish to donate flowers in memory of loved ones please note the flower calendar and envelopes on the bulletin board in the main hall. Fill in the information and place it on the collection plate or speak to a Chancel member and they will take your request. Thank you to everyone who donated for flowers over the past year.

If you have any questions please call me at (705) 324-0624.

Making Palm Crosses: We will be making palm crosses on Saturday March 23, 9:00 A.M. in the church hall please join us if you would like to help. All are welcome.

Marg Brohm



CHURCH ENVELOPES



Anyone who wishes to have envelopes, or if you would like to go on PAG (Pre-Authorized Givings) please contact the church office at 705-324-4666.

There are 2024 envelopes that have not been picked up. Please contact the office if you do not have your envelopes or if you are a PAG donor and would like to receive your box of envelopes. Please contact me via the Church office to arrange for pickup or delivery of your envelopes to you.

As of February 2024, there are 38 families that are contributing via PAG. Following our Annual Vestry meeting, two families approached me to increase their offering. THANK YOU very much! It is a very simple process to change your PAG: simply phone, email or drop a note into the church office in a sealed envelope with your instructions. If you are new to PAG, please pick up the forms at the back of the church or from Judy, in the office.

Please advise the church office of any change to your address or telephone number so that our records are correct. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding envelopes, Pre-Authorized Givings (PAG), contributions or receipts.

Thank you. *Marlene Wood, Envelope Secretary*

STRAWBERRY SUPPER EVENT IN JUNE?? (stay tuned for info.)

The Events Team is hoping to offer this tasty and popular event, but we need an Event Convenor willing to take the lead and get the Strawberry Supper planned and organized. Interested? Please speak to Ray or Barb today.



Pre-Authorized Giving

PAG is a form of giving to the Church. A monthly amount is automatically deducted from your bank account or your VISA/credit card to support your church. This program enables you to give your offering intentionally, proportionally and faithfully all year long through an automatic monthly withdrawal. Forms are available online on our church website. Or by contacting the church office by phone 705-324-4666 or by email: office@st-pauls-lindsay.ca the form can be mailed to you.

LIST OF DESIGNATED GIVINGS:

You may wish to direct a portion of your givings to a designated fund:

- 1 – Living Waters ***
- 8 – Adoption of Foster Children
- 40 – Kawartha Lakes Food Source
- 44 – Sunday School & Youth Ministries
- 60 – PWRDF
- 67 – Renovations
- 95 – Church roof renovations
- 97 – Christmas Dinner
- 99 – Outreach (Including Local Outreach)
- 100 – Place Called Home
- 101 – Special Sound System
- 101 A – A Special Jacobs Gift
- 138 A – Chancel Guild Flowers
- 146 – Choir gowns, Music
- 150 – Faithworks
- 215 – Special Outreach Projects
- 250 – Special (Rector's discretionary fund)

Do you want to donate flowers in memory of someone, or in thanksgiving for blessings received?

There is now a Flower Chart, and Flower Donation Envelopes on the bulletin board in our church hall ready to be filled out. Just put the date you wish on the chart, and complete the information on the envelope along with your donation, and take it to the church office, or place in on the collection plate during the service. Thank you! Questions? Please call Marg at 705 324-0624.



Designated Givings #215 for March 2024: is in support of A Place Called Home (APCH).

As Christians defined by our love of neighbour, we can imagine the trauma of someone losing their home—through a house fire perhaps, or the family breadwinners job loss, or some other misfortune. That's when APCH (a project of Faith Works) can provide shelter and other necessities of life until the individual or family can manage on their own.





SHOPPING CARDS



Please support our Shopping Card program! You get full value for each gift card you purchase, and then the church receives a small percentage of sales when you use the card. So, while you shop, you are also supporting St. Paul's Church! Gift cards can be a handy way to shop for yourself and your family, and also to give away as gifts for birthdays, Christmas, or other occasions. Shopping cards can be purchased from the church office each week, or Sunday mornings in the church hall. If you have questions, please speak to Linda Todd, the coordinator.

Take a look at the gift cards available:

Restaurant cards available are Hobart's, Kelsey's, & Tim Horton's.

Grocery cards include Food Basics, La Mantias, Loblaws, and Bulk Barn.

Other cards: Canadian Tire, Giant Tiger, Home Hardware, & Shopper's Drug Mart.



LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE PEOPLE TO HELP WITH SUNDAY MORNING CARD SALES:

Help is needed from Parishioners to sell gift cards before and after the Church service. No experience required as you will be trained, it is a simple task that requires the recording of the card being sold and receiving payment. Just as a reminder we do take payment in cash, cheque, and debit, this way the church gets to keep a larger percentage of the funds. Please contact Linda Todd.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, Barb Truax Chairperson

SAVE THE DATE!!!! ANNUAL SPRING THAW DINNER & AUCTION

The Spring Thaw Dinner and Loonie Auction will be held on April 6 just after Easter (see the poster on pg. 3 of this issue). To be catered by Robert Dale Catering, a new caterer. He is offering a delicious Italian-themed buffet with large shrimp appetizers along with charcuterie board cheeses. Outstanding!!! Tickets are on sale now at \$50 from the office. Reserved seating is available by contacting Barb Truax @ 705-324-6257 The Loonie Auction has some of your favourite items up for sale @ \$1.00 bids. Popular items are baked goods, gift certificates, luncheon, wine. etc.

The recent Pancake Lunch and Supper was successful with delicious pancakes and sausages. We had some wonderful response through our community posters and word of mouth advertising.

On Wednesdays throughout Lent there will be a study group beginning at 9:30 am and on March 10 the service will be a service of Readings and Music.

English as a Second Language (ESL) are being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Parish hall from 10:30 – 11:30. This has been very successful with anywhere from 4-9 attending. This are being continued.

An “Idea” Sunday Opportunity was held on January 29 during coffee to gather information as to “what would you like to see” discussion there were several suggestions contributed. The Event Committee will take these for consideration. Thanks to all who attended.

Archives Grant Application: An application has been submitted to Library and Archives Canada's Documentary Heritage Communities Program (DHCP) grant for our Archives development. It would provide funding for some support staff and supplies to finish the rehousing of our collection

Watch this site (www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca) for upcoming events and news that Mary Sullivan, our webmaster, posts as well as special services, sermons and past live streamed services. **There is also a ‘Donate’ button if you wish an easy way to support the church.**

THE GRAPEVINE needs more sponsors! We are down to 14 sponsors so we are not covering our printing costs. The printing costs continue to escalate so we will need to obtain quotes from other sources to see if we can bring these costs into a more balanced position.

THE GRAPEVINE (our quarterly newsletter to you) This quarterly newsletter, The GrapeVine” is possibly the major source of church information along with our weekly This ‘N That. Due to the procurement of sponsorships, this newsletter is completely self-sustaining. **We encourage you to patronize these sponsoring businesses and thank them for their support of St. Paul’s.** As well, each edition of The Grapevine is sent to you via Canada Post. By presorting these newsletters at the Church we are allowed postage at a much-reduced rate.

Sincere thanks is expressed to these committee members who undertake their responsibilities with thoughtfulness and good humour on your behalf: They are **Betty Tyndall, Beverly Baxter, Shirley Williams, Linda Todd, Diane Stecher, Lorna Green and Barb Truax.**

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A sincere **thank you** to the groups, and individuals who submitted information, and helped with the production and distribution of this Lent/Easter issue of “The Grapevine”. Diane Stecher, Editor 😊



Photos from our 2023 Christmas Dinner!



Convenor: Paul Carpentier. Over several weeks, Paul was at the church planning and preparing the Christmas Dinner to help make sure it would bless those in need.



A few of the twenty-one volunteers who graciously came out to support our Christmas Dinner! Bravo!



Rows & rows of tasty desserts!



Our church hall being set-up for the dinner.





Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day

Photos of some of the volunteers who helped make this event a success! Thanks to all!



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LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Our services on Sundays are at 10:00am.
Please join us in person, or watch our services online.

Each Wednesday in Lent 9:30am Morning Prayer & 10am Lenten Study

Sunday March 10—Lent 4 10am Lenten Festival of Readings & Music

Sunday March 17—Lent 5 10am (BAS) Holy Communion

Sunday March 24—Palm & Passion Sunday 10am with dramatic reading

Self-guided Stations of the Cross: Wed. Mar. 27 & Thurs. Mar. 28 (9—3)

Thursday March 28—12pm Agape Meal (register in advance by March 25)

7pm Maundy Thursday (BAS) Holy Communion with
hand-washing & stripping of the altar

Friday March 29—11am Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion &
Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ

Sunday March 31—Easter Sunday 10am Celebration of the Resurrection of
Our Lord

To view services online go to our website: <https://st-pauls-lindsay.ca>

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