



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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Have a blessed Advent and Christmas!



Dear Friends in Christ,
Renewal seems to be in the air lately. This is not just because we've entered into Advent, the annual time of renewal in the Church; I have also heard parishioners say that it feels like St. Paul's is coming to life again, and I have to agree with them. We have been able to have continual Sunday morning services for almost a full year uninterrupted; we have been able to bring back some favourite events such as the Fashion Show and Strawberry Supper; we have welcomed back guest speakers; and we have had a successful stewardship campaign focused on Pre-Authorized Givings, which resulted in us almost doubling the amount of people supporting the parish this way. In a very Advent-like way, a green shoot is growing out of an old stump (Isaiah 11).

Similarly, the Diocese is beginning a time of renewal. Through a new visioning process called "Cast the Net", which we will hear more about this Winter, the Diocese is working on a way forward after spending more than two years in a pandemic which restricted the way we were able to "be the Church". The name "Cast the Net" comes from the passage at the end of the Gospel of John, when after three years of life with Jesus, the disciples find themselves trying to figure out what to do now that Jesus has been crucified and they decide to try to go back to their old ways of fishing. The resurrected Lord appears and tells them to try something different...cast your net on the other side. In his charge to Synod, Bishop Asbil said, "Our instinct, too, may be to go back to what's comfortable – what we know we're good at. But God is calling us to do things in a new way. What will happen if we cast our nets on the other side of the boat?" Certainly, words to ponder as we pray and discern where God is leading us as we approach the New Year.

My prayer for each of you this Christmas is that you will know that you are God's beloved child and that the hope, peace, joy and love that the Christ-child brings will be with you all year long.

Christmas Blessings, Reverend Bonnie.

A favourite verse from hymn #91
"People Look East! The Time Is Near!"

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*



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Recently, I was asked to write a few words for our Condo Newsletter going out at this time. After some thought, I offer it for our Grapevine. While written for my fellow residents, it is my hope you find it helpful on your journey to the manger and beyond. Advent for many of us is always a tension of the 'sacred and the secular', the season when we find ourselves at Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is very much a

sacred season yet it is also a secular one as so many with little or no faith at all are on a certain journey too. This season is one that pulls us all in many directions-- yes the secular and the sacred. As you read the reflection, let our Lobby Tree be a special image of your tree or manger scene or other place where you find your special moments.

Merry Christmas. May the Holy Child lead us into the wonders of all the New Year will hold. May we be open to the whispers of our loving God.

'Tis the season'. For some there is the sense of 'jolly' and the 'fa la la las' come so easily. For others, Christmas holds moments when the 'jolly' is softened. It is the season of many emotions and thoughts. It is not always a Hallmark time, yet the movies of the season, including the Hallmark ones lift the spirits of many. You may have loved ones visit or be one who travels to them. You may be alone and gently move through the day unwrapping your memories and thoughts as you listen to carols or watch 'that' movie. Perhaps you go to a special place for a meal or bring one in as you don't feel like cooking.

Our Condo lobby is a place where some sit and reflect before the fireplace now lit. It offers its gentle glow as does our Christmas tree. May those who stop there for a time find a sense of peace in what can be a hectic busy season. Yes, 'tis the season'. Be you one who recalls the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem or one who simply appreciates the wonder this season holds, may the message of the angels, 'Peace, goodwill to all on earth' whisper in the air. Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Pax, Greg Physick+



SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

This is a new committee was established to allow better communications to parishioners and volunteers about the organization of the various major fundraisers within the church.

This will provide contact names of the Convenors of each event as well as an event team overseer for the benefit of the event chair. Event Team Overseers will be advisory in nature.

The members of this Special Event Team are (in no priority order) Donna Williams, Ray Marshall, Diane Stecher and Barb Truax.

Events included under this umbrella are the Pancake supper, Spring Thaw and Auction, Blooms of Spring Outdoor Market, Fashion Show, Strawberry Supper, Mystery Dinner, Music Concerts, and House Tour (when offered). Others may be added or deleted.

For the upcoming year, the schedule is:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>ET OVERSEER (Adv)</u>
Pancake Supper	John Gundy & co.	Ray Marshall
Spring Thaw & Auction	Linda Todd & co.	Diane Stecher
Blooms of Spring	Lorna Green & co.	Diane Stecher
Fashion Show (q2yrs)	Donna Williams	Donna Williams
Strawberry Supper	Linda Todd & co.	Donna Williams
Mystery Dinner	Barb Truax & co.	Barb Truax
House Tour 2023	Barb Truax	St. Paul's & Hist Society
Music Concerts	Ray Marshall	Ray Marshall

An Event Suggestion box will be installed in the Parish Hall in January 2023 to welcome all ideas and constructive comments. More on this committee's mandate, aims and responsibilities will be outlined in an upcoming This 'N That in 2023.

Submitted by Barb Truax on behalf of the Special Events Team

Highlights of the SPECIAL VESTRY – Held on Sunday December 11, 2022

A Special Vestry Meeting was held on December 11, 2022 with 43 members present. Rev. Bonnie opened the meeting with prayer. Diane Stecher was appointed Vestry Clerk. The Acceptance of the Minutes from the previous Annual Vestry of 2022 will be postponed to the Annual Vestry of 2023 on March 5.

Acceptance of the Audited Financial Report for Year-ending Dec. 31, 2021 was done, along with a discussion lead by Treasurer, Tom Ross. Some of the ways that the auditor reports funds, are different than what we have been accustomed to, but Tom explained that the bottom lines are the same. The accounting measures are correct, and our procedures for doing them are fine as per the auditor.

Vacancy of the Church Parochial Tribunal was announced and nominations opened. After no new nominations, Rev. Bonnie announced that Gail Payne has been acclaimed for the Parochial Tribunal. The Special Vestry Meeting was adjourned at 11:22am.

Diane Stecher, Vestry



We welcome Judy Sedgley as our new Office Administrative Assistant!

Judy, and her husband Bob have been parishioners at St. Paul's for about 20 years. Initially, Bob came to the church to repair the boilers, and was made welcome by Al Flowers and Rev. Rod Barlow. Bob started to attend the services, and then decided to join. Judy previously worked as a nurse, and retired in June 2022.



Judy has been training on the office procedures, and getting familiar with a variety of tasks that are done each week. We are very pleased to have Judy as our new Office Administrative Assistant!



We welcome Tobi Fasesin as our Custodian.

Tobi was vacuuming the sanctuary carpet on Wednesday.



Tobi is learning how to clean the different areas of our church, under the supervision and guidance of Don Brohm. Tobi was eager to gain employment, and will be our custodian while Angie is on leave. Please say "Hi" when you see Tobi at church. Welcome to St. Paul's Tobi!



PARISH MANAGEMENT TEAM: By Tom Ross

As I sit here looking at the fields from our farmhouse window, you wouldn't know that Christmas is less than three weeks away. There is a distinct lack of the white stuff! I compare this scene with the scene at St. Paul's: the tree is up and decorated in the courtyard for the Dec. 4 tree lighting and carol sing. In the church nave, volunteers have been busy putting up garlands, a tree and all manner of decorations and lights. At the top of the chancel steps stands an oak Advent candle stand and wreath, hand-crafted by the late Frank Baxter, holding the white Christ Candle. Now I can feel Christmas and am so thankful to the many volunteers whose handiwork helps inspire us at this time of year.

Your Parish Management Team, including Rev. Bonnie, has been busy over the last few months working on things, both big and small. The more significant issues:

- The hiring of a parishioner, Judy Sedgley, as our office Administrative Assistant. Most of you probably already know Judy (and Bob); be sure to drop by the office and say hi if you get a chance.
- The rewriting and reorganization of most of our tenant leases. Many were out-of-date or did not exist(!).
- The continued removal of unnecessary Warden duties. This includes the creation of a new Events Committee as events planning often fell onto the shoulders of the Wardens. We don't want any new Wardens to be bogged down with unnecessary responsibilities.
- In coordination with our two Diocesan Facilitators, Val and Susan, we hosted two "Fresh Start" sessions for all parishioners. The purpose of these sessions is to help us develop our direction as an Anglican church in Lindsay. More sessions are planned for the New Year. Come for the lunch, stay for the discussion.
- We now have an automated "hotline" for those who wish to help, place to-go orders, or require additional information regarding our Christmas Dinner, an outreach to the community. Call the church office (705) 324-4666 and press '9' when prompted.

There is always a lot going on at St. Paul's and you will find evidence of this and further details within the pages of this edition of The Grapevine. The many activities, including the week-to-week services, require the work of an extremely large group of talented volunteers. Many of you are wearing multiple hats (and some of those hats are the size of sombreros). On behalf of the Parish Management Team, I'd like to thank all of you for your continued dedicated efforts. St. Paul's could not exist without you.

To everyone, we wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ross

for the Parish Management Team



Another Successful Mystery Theatre & Dinner was held October 21st The 29th!!

The 'annual' Mystery Theatre returned to St. Paul's this year after being held off site due to the pandemic. From many accounts it was another SMASH HIT and SOLD OUT!!! Our talented actors made it so!!

Over 81 guests attended and enjoyed a delicious four course meal by Diane's Country Cooking and Catering. Decorated in naval colours of royal blue, white and silver with sparkling lit centrepieces, the murder took place in a lighthouse and eight 'suspects' were identified.

****See page 12 for full colour photos****

Special thanks are extended to so many people:

- to the actors who provided great entertainment
- to those who provided donations for the event
- to Paul Davies who acted as our Bartender
- to those who attended next day to take everything down.
- to all who assisted by setting up tables, dressing tables, stuffing wine glasses, laundering tablecloths

Special mention and our special thanks to all who bought tickets and attended the Dinner. Your support is essential! If it were not for you this evening could take place.

Most appreciatively to all, Barb Truax, Convenor

MESSY CHURCH

Rev. Bonnie has introduced "Messy Church" as a way to invite children and adults to experience church in a more informal, activity-based, and fun way. Where we hear a story, do some crafts, sing songs, enjoy a meal together and it's okay to "get messy", socialize and have fun! Next Messy Church: Sun. Dec. 18th 4 - 6pm.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

As part of our rebuilding or renewing process, we've had the opportunity to share and discuss what St. Paul's Church has meant to us "in the past", "in the present", and for our January Session: what it is and can be "in the future". Diocesan Facilitators Val Whalley and Susan Abell have led these meetings, and we certainly appreciate their expertise!

Carol Hughes sent in this poem:

It's Not The Same Any More!

They've brought you up to date, Lord,
down at St. Cecilia's.
They've pensioned off the organ,
and they're praising with guitars.
They've done it for the young ones;
we want to draw them in,
but I do wish they could worship
without making such a din,

For I'm growing rather deaf, Lord,
And when there's all that noise,
It gets so very hard, Lord,
To hear your loving voice.
They've written brand-new hymns, Lord,
With tunes that I don't know,
so I hardly ever sing now,
though I did love singing so.

My mind's not quite so agile
As it was some years ago
And I miss the age-old beauty
Of the words I used to know.
I've overstayed my time;
I don't take to change so kindly
As I did when in my prime.

But it can't be very long now
Before I'm called above,
And I know I'll find you there, Lord,
And glory in your love.
So till then I'll stick it out here
Though it's not the same for me,
But while others call You "You", Lord
Do you mind if I say "Thee"?

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A Few Ideas for Children to do at Christmas:

1. Create a paper chain for the Christmas Tree using strips of construction paper. Write the name of a special person on each strip of paper, plus your Christmas wish for them, before you tape or glue them to form each loop. Then hang the chain up.
2. Create a handmade Christmas Card for your parents, or grandparents. Decorate it with colourful pictures.
3. See how many words you can make using just the letters in the word CHRISTMAS.
4. Ask a parent if they can walk with you to see the Christmas lights one evening in your neighbourhood.
5. Watch a favourite Christmas show on tv. or listen to Christmas music.





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

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

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 January through March 2023.

FROM OUR REGISTERS: FUNERALS

Date of death:

Sept. 14, 2022 Lois Blanche Magahay

Sept. 29 John Weston Kempton

Go in peace.

Mark 5:34

CELEBRATING.....



Harold Brown
Jeanette Bowrin
Paul Carpentier
Gerald Clarke
Bob Coleman
Marilyn Warner
Jim Buchanan
Muriel Kent
Melissa Barta
Betty Drummond
Ross Graham
Kay Smith
Bob Sedgley

Happy Anniversary

Barbara & Harold Brown



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:30am – 12:30pm

HELP KEEP THE CHURCH SCENT FREE!

As a courtesy to those who suffer from allergies, please refrain from wearing scented perfumes or colognes.



Compliments Always Welcome!

A number of people have been working hard, often behind the scenes, for the benefit of everyone at St. Paul's. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts. Also, don't be afraid to tell us what you like about our church, the events, services, music, written or online information etc.



WINNER OF OUR QUILT DRAW:



Kay Smith won this lovely quilt at our Mystery Dinner Theatre draw on Oct. 21. Thanks to Muriel Kent for creating this beautiful quilt!



CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE

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

In March, June and September 2022 Grapevines we started off with some good news; so let's continue. Not one rent payment has been missed by any of our Tenants. NOW THAT'S SOME GOOD NEWS. NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS OR NOT SO GOOD NEWS.

We had the upper hall ceiling fans replaced with new ones and Tai Chi shared in the cost of this project as they rent the upper hall. Our Church roof requires further repair due to slate coming loose and we have a window frame that needs repair. We had a hot water tank in the kitchen that needed repair as the vent motor would not come on. This has been looked after. The grease trap was pumped out in September 2022. We did not repair the outside brick high up over Russell St doors this past summer and still needs to be done. (next summer perhaps) Contractors were busy this past summer. We had a leak under the kitchen sinks that was repaired and we had to auger out the drain lines due to blockage. Our Rectory needed some repairs to cracks in the interior walls that had been repaired before (years ago) this was looked after and Midwives took care of the painting. We had to replace an old baseboard heater in the Rectory. The steps leading to the hall backdoor need some repair at the base which has been taken care of. Our boilers required two new flow switches which have been purchased but not yet installed. The fridge in the kitchen required some maintaining as a leak was found and this has been repaired. Number 34 Glenelg St house required a new tub waste and overflow and requires a new support post in the basement due to old age. Number 36 Glenelg St house required a new toilet and drain to be augered. Number 38 Glenelg St house required a new back door lock due to old age.

I believe that about covers it; JUST SO YOU KNOW



St. Paul's Sisterhood

Shirley Hanes, Coordinator

Our group continues to knit. We have delivered hats and mittens to both King Albert School and Queen Victoria School. We have had help with this endeavour with knitting from a ladies group at Rivermill and also from knitting friends of Ursula. It all helps.

There have been socks, hats, and adult size mitts given to men living in rooming houses on Melbourne St. We have been thanked for this kindness.

As we go to press we will be filling personal care bags for Women and children at Women's Resources. This is our ongoing project and we thank our parish family for continuing help with this endeavour.

The Sisterhood group meets every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Please feel free to drop in for a cup of tea and an informal chat.



Ursula



Mary



Carol and
Mary



Photos from our September 8th Fashion Show

Our models did a great job showing everyone a variety of outfits at this year’s Fashion Show! Well done: Fred W., Ray M., Ian P., and John S.



PHOTOS FROM OUR 29TH ANNUAL MYSTERY THEATRE AND DINNER!!!!

The 'annual' Mystery Theatre returned to St. Paul's this year after being held off site due to the pandemic. From many accounts it was another SMASH HIT and SOLD OUT!!! Our talented actors made it so!! These eight entertaining 'suspects' were such great sports and provided many laughs throughout the evening. Many accusations, and ad libbing was done to the enjoyment of everyone. These 'actors' were Carol Augustine, Kristen Stecher, Gina Coleman, Ian McKechnie, Angela Fornelli, Rory Marusiak, Rob, and Doug Read, who we discovered to be the Murderer!!! Egads!!!



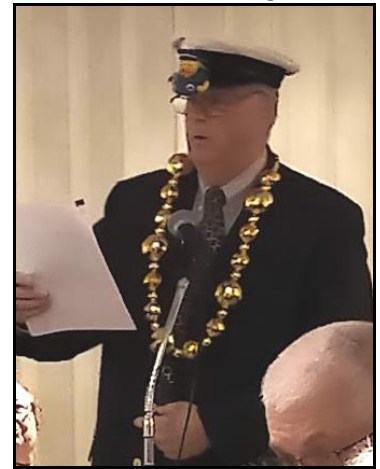
Carol as "Linda"



Ian as "Travis"



Gina as "Shelby"



Doug as "Patrick"



Kristen as "Dr. Pauline"



Angela as "Annie"



Rory as "Sam"



Rob as "Capt. Bob"



At the end of the Murder Mystery play, the actors lined up for the big "reveal". The murderer was Doug who played "Patrick".



Barb Truax the Emcee & Event Convenor, who works so hard to put this night together! Thanks!!



Photos of our Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing!

Thanks to Ann and Wayne MacLeish for donating the outdoor tree, to the mysterious “Charlie Brown Gang” for setting it up, and Paul C. for adding the lights. Our church has so many beautiful Christmas decorations throughout – thanks to many individuals making it so festive! Here are some photos as we sang carols after Rev. Bonnie blessed the tree. Then, we went back inside to enjoy some hot chocolate and warm up!



Photos from our November 11th Service with the Legion, and then the Cenotaph Ceremony.



Legion 2nd Vice President
Colin Gilbank



Legion President
Wally Tomasik



Legion Padre
Darlene Hallett



Baritone horn player
Diane Stecher



Legion Colour Party
departing with their flags



Legion members, serving Military members, Lindsay Pipes and Drums, and St Paul's Choir ready to go to the Cenotaph.
Photos below: (At the Cenotaph Ceremony)



November 11th Ceremony at the Lindsay Cenotaph.



Some of our Choir members are in this photo.



Another photo of the Cenotaph Ceremony.



News photo of the Legion members marching on Kent St.



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ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

By Lorna Green



Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home. G. K. Chesterton

Our parish book club has met for three regular meetings. We were happy to return to a potluck luncheon at the home of Shirley Hanes for our October meeting. It was a breath of fresh air after the past months of Zoom meetings and 'no food' meetings. However, since there was a surge of new cases in November, we met at the church with everyone bringing her own lunch.

This year we have chosen to meet in December for a lunch at Grande Gusto. We do not have a book to discuss as we do not usually meet in December. But I think everyone has a new appreciation for the pleasure of meeting and enjoying a meal together and it was the general consensus that we should celebrate the Christmas season in this way.

In January we will discuss *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams; in February our book selection is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate; and our March discussion will centre around *Lillian Boxfish Takes A Walk* by Kathleen Rooney. We all look forward to meeting at a member's home and enjoying a pot luck lunch again!



From the Music Director



First of all, I want to thank each member of our Choir for continuing to attend Choir Practices, and arrive early on Sundays to work hard on the hymns and pieces for our church! I couldn't do it without you! (Barb, Carol, Suzanne, Shirley, Betty, Ursula, Fred, Don, Paul, and Beatrice).

Secondly, I am extremely proud of our Choir's participation in the Nov. 11th Remembrance Day service, and then at the local Cenotaph Ceremony. I was deeply moved by both events, and as a former military officer, it is very important to me personally to always remember those brave men and women who gave so much for the freedoms we enjoy.

Thirdly, both the pipe organ and the Heintzman piano were tuned recently, and my goal is to continue to use both instruments for services. The pipe organ still requires some work on the reed pipes, and reinstallation of the oboe stops, but overall provides a lovely sound! On occasion, the organ will surprise me with an unexpected "glitch" in mid-hymn, but for the most part it has been cooperating with me! I guess the pipe organ and I are still getting used to each other (ha ha).

Fourthly, our Clavinova electronic piano, which is in the church hall, and used for Choir Practices, and also by the College Community Choir, had power supply issues last month. You may have noticed the empty piano stand in the hall. However, it has now been repaired by a Yamaha technician, at a reasonable cost, and should continue to serve us well for many more years!

Lastly, I am pleased that we are slowly bringing back some of the liturgical music that a number of us were used to singing in the past. For Holy Communion using the BAS, we shall sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the "Jesus, Lamb of God". We will also sing more of the liturgical music for the BCP services too. Thanks to Cantors Paul C., and Don C., we've included a few sung psalms recently.

I am truly honoured to have been entrusted to lead the music at our church!
I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Diane Stecher 🎵



E.T.A. (Encouraging Travelling Alone)

Donna Gushue, ETA facilitator

You are invited to join us Wednesday December 21st at the Olympia restaurant at 4:30 for dinner before attending the "Blue Christmas Service" at 7pm. Being with friends makes it easier at times like these. Please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the main hall or call me to register. Anyone is welcome but it is expected that you try to sit and get to know others and not just the people you usually sit beside.

So, what do you think that title for a group means? For me it means connecting. Connecting with people you may not know is one way to ensure you are not alone. Connecting by inviting someone new to St. Paul's or to your neighborhood to attend an event with you means neither you nor they are alone. Give it a try—it is very rewarding.

This fall we went to Kelsey's for lunch in September, and in October we carpooled to the Minden Outlook ending up in Bobcaygeon for lunch at Just for the Halibut. Here is another opportunity to "travel" with others.

A successful group survives by having each person contribute in whatever way is possible given each of our individual resources including: energy, skill, time, health. Please help me re-energize this group. Just suggest an idea and we will help advertise and sign all your new friends up to attend with you.

Please let me know if you would like to be on the E.T.A. email list to get notice of events.
Donna Gushue, E.T.A. Facilitator 705-928-2778

Photos from the E.T.A. Trip to Minden in October to enjoy the Fall Colours!



Left photo:
Bev B. enjoying
the beautiful
fall colours!

Right photo:
Lovely view as
far as the eye
can see across
the Minden
area from
Panorama Park.



Live on your own, but like to get out with others? Why not join our E.T.A. group? It's a great way to meet and socialize with others, and have some fun! Couples are also welcome. Call Donna G. for more info.



Advisory Board – A Message from our Chairperson Donna Gushue

WE WANT TO THRIVE NOT JUST SURVIVE

As chairperson of the Advisory Board I decided to give you my understanding of how our church, St. Paul's is structured. **"The Corporation"** consists of the "incumbent" (our priest, Rev Bonnie), and in a usual time a "warden" appointed by the priest and a "warden" elected by the congregation. At St. Paul's there are also two deputy wardens. The key here is that they as the executive committee **make all the decisions and are responsible** financially and legally for operating our church.

The Advisory Board according to the Church "**canons**" or laws must have certain members e.g. The treasurer, lay member(s) to synod, and several others prescribed by the canon. But a church may also choose to add representatives from some groups in the church. **The Advisory Board is there to advise** the Corporation, The Advisory Board does not make the ultimate decision. But the Advisory Board Members are very important because the Corporation needs to have others from the congregation who share their knowledge and share the workload.

There are two further subjects to be considered. The first is historical where about ten years ago, there were strong feelings about a change to have voting and non-voting members of the advisory board which felt like a two-tiered system. It changed back the next year. All members of the board have a vote. From my perspective being able to vote is not the issue. Members are not making final decisions—they only give advice. The board makes motions that request the corporation (executive committee) to look into such and such. What is needed is **Advisory Board Members who are willing to help** the incumbent and wardens with the work required to run the church. The executive committee can delegate tasks to advisory board members or groups or committees.

The second reason is that, although we have an Administrator who is helping our incumbent and appointed interim management committee members this year, we need to find wardens by the end of February. **WE NEED YOU.** You may want to volunteer to be considered. You may know of a person who would be good in this role. Talk to fellow parishioners and let them know that a job description with reduced tasks is being developed. There are many past wardens within the congregation who are willing to be of support. Plus there is strong support from the Advisory Board and the many groups and committees within St. Paul's. Please find out more and talk with us soon.

Submitted by Donna Gushue, Advisory Board Chair



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CHURCH ENVELOPES:



Marlene Wood, Envelope Secretary

Anyone who wishes to have envelopes, please contact the church office at 705-324-4666.

2023 envelopes can be picked up from the back of the church on Sunday mornings for parishoners not using the PAG (Pre-authorized giving) system. However, if you are on PAG, but still wish to use envelopes for special donations, etc. please call the church office to arrange to pick your envelopes up.

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

LIST OF DESIGNATED GIVINGS:

- 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)

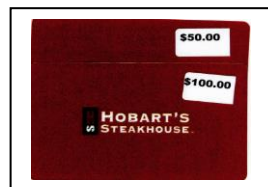
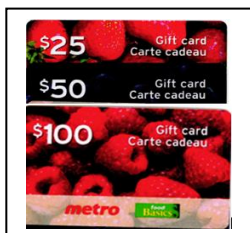
We sell Shopping Cards!!!

You get full value for each card you purchase + our church receives a small percentage back. So it's a real "win – win", and an easy way to support our church, when you shop, buy gifts, etc.

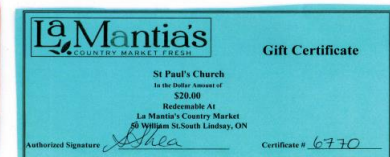
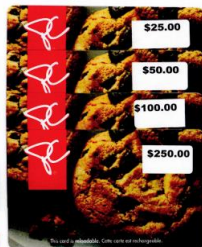


HERE IS A LOOK AT THE GIFT CARDS WE HAVE AVAILABLE!!

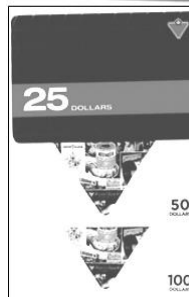
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To purchase gift cards, you may buy them Sunday mornings after the worship service, or from our church office during the week. (Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 3:00pm. Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm). If you have any questions, please call the church office at (705) 324-4666. Linda Todd is our Shopping Card Convenor. Gift cards are handy for day to day shopping, or to give as gifts. Boston Pizza has a special right now: Buy a \$50 gift card, and get a \$10 coupon for free!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Gail Payne

OUTREACH REPORT: Your Outreach Committee last met on Dec. 4, 2022. We strive to reflect Christ's love and compassion into our parish, our community and the world.

Our Fall Outreach service was well received. We welcomed Kate Dorotheou, Co-ordinator of Community Engagement at the Food Source as our guest speaker. Kate spoke to us about the issue of food insecurity in our area and the role of the Food Source in addressing the growing need for food support in our community.

In mid-November we delivered several winter coats to the children of King Albert School. We will continue to collect winter coats and boots and running shoes for them until the end of December so please consider the children when Christmas shopping.

In the New Year we will concentrate on the needs of students at Queen Victoria School.

Foster Children: we have received updates on our 3 children in Haiti. They are 2 girls, Joanna and Schineyda and 1 boy, Jean. Please remember these children and the country of Haiti in your prayers. Conditions there are terrible in this broken country with lawlessness causing fear and a breakdown in all areas of society.

I have recently mailed a large envelope of used stamps to Oxfam's Stamp Out Poverty Campaign. Please remember to save your used postage stamps for the slot at the back of the church.

In late November I took 3 large boxes of knitted scarves and toques made by The Sisterhood and 1 box from Ethel Morris of good used item of George's, including many gloves and scarves, to Toronto for The Mission To Seafarers.

The quarterly Allotments are as follows:

Outreach

Local: Boys & Girls Club Lindsay

National: Kairos

International: Justice Mission Canada

Designated Givings

January: Local Alzheimer's Society

February: PWRDF (famine relief)

March: Living Waters

In December we will be buying, wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts to 6 children on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated. This gesture helps strengthen the bond between the parent and child.

Thank you all for your continued prayerful and financial support of St. Paul's many Outreach programs. James 2:14-1





THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Barb Truax, Chairperson



It's nearly Christmas, Advent 3 is fast approaching. We have enjoyed a beautiful October with the most amazing display of God's nature – brilliant red, orange and gold leaves – the best in recent years! Through this fall season we successfully enjoyed our Mystery Theatre, our Quilt Draw, Thanksgiving and the start of our Messy Church services. The church is beautifully decorated and the sale of the lovely angels to decorate our tree is underway.

MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE AND QUILT DRAW

These two successful events are outlined in detail elsewhere in this issue.

TOWER OF TINS

We built a Tower of Tins – cans of protein and vegetables to assist the Kawartha Lakes Food Source food distribution – around 400 tins!!!!

NEW!! NEW!!! NEW!

A new **Special Events Team** has been established to assist in keeping our church fundraising groups organized. Knowing all contact information will be a help when one wishes further information. More information on this committee can be found elsewhere in this issue.

SHOPPING CARDS

We continue to offer our shopping cards for sale --- An easy way to shop for Christmas presents, birthdays your own groceries and household needs.

SAVE THE UPCOMING DATES!!!

PANCAKE LUNCH AND SUPPER (Shrove Tuesday) TUES. FEB. 21, 2023

SPRING THAW AND LOONIE AUCTION SAT. APRIL 15, 2023

BLOOMS OF SPRING OUTDOOR MARKET SAT. JUNE 5, 2023

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 (our quarterly newsletter to you). This quarterly newsletter, "The Grapevine" is possibly the major source of church information. Due to the procurement of sponsorships, this newsletter is mostly 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 pre-sorting 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, Gina Coleman, 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 Advent/Christmas issue of "The Grapevine". Diane Stecher, Editor 😊



More colourful photos for you.....



Kylie Stecher in a Korean princess gown! Our Chancel Guild & helpers making the church so festive for Christmas!!



More Christmas decorations going up, and on the Angel tree!

Rev. Bonnie sharing.

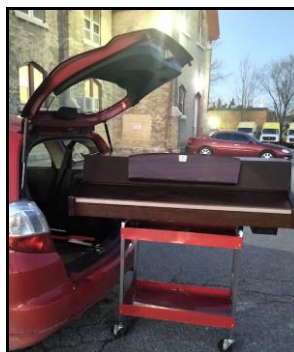
Diane on the tuned organ.



Liz and John with Messy Church lunch!

Rev. Bonnie, Kate D., and Gail on Outreach Sunday.

Donna - Fashion Show.



Betty, Kristen, Anne, & Tom at the Mystery Dinner with Diane S.

Piano back from repairs.

Prayer Vigil candles.



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

Sunday Dec. 18 (Advent 4) Lessons & Carols 10:00am
Messy Church 4 – 6pm (children accompanied by an adult)

Wednesday Dec. 21 (Blue Christmas) 7:00pm

Saturday Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve Candlelight Service) 7:00pm

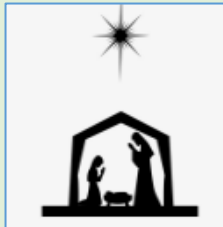
Sunday Dec. 25 (Christmas Day Service) 10:00am

Christmas Day Dinner

Take-Out: Pre-book by Dec. 22nd by calling (705) 324-4666 ext. 9.

Pick up: 1 – 2 pm Dec. 25th.

Dine-In: 4 – 6pm (no need to pre-book)



Sunday Jan. 1 (Epiphany) 10:00am

Sunday Jan. 8 (Baptism of the Lord) 10:00am

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

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