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May you sense God's peace as you move through November into the Season of Advent, to our blessed Christmas Season and the birth of Jesus Christ! Blessings to you and yours!





Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

With the changes in the Grapevine schedule, I am delighted to be able to write to you in between Thanksgiving & Christmas and focus more on the month of November. As mentioned in a recent sermon, November is truly a transitional month. The last of the summer breeze is long gone, the final leaves tumble from their trees and preparations for winter are well underway.

I find that this is also a retrospective time of year, perhaps even more so than New Year's Eve. With the changes and cues in nature so obvious around us, it can really feel like a time to think back over all that the year has provided so far. The Church's observances of All Saints', All Souls' and Remembrance Sunday also lead us in this direction. These are times to think about the saints that have gone ahead of us across the millennia, loved ones that we have lost this year and in recent years, and those who so courageously have sacrificed all for country, community and family.

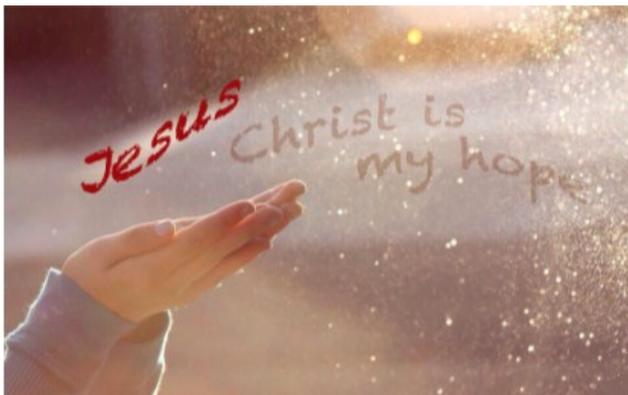
While we may have times during this month of feeling deep emotions in our remembrances, as Christians this is also a time to take comfort in our sure and certain hope of eternal life. Consider these words of the apostle Peter:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:3-5)

These words can be a light for us as the darkness of November grows. They basically sum up everything that you need to know about life as a Christian. Be sure and certain about the promises of Jesus; recognize the great mercy shown to you; respond with praising God in worship and prayer; live with faith and hope. I think that if we can do this regularly, by taking time to think through the day or week and look for God's hand at work in our lives, it will help to make this retrospective time of year also a time that brings us closer to Christ.

In Christian love,

Rev Bonnie



Blue Christmas Prayers:

Rev. Bonnie will be available Dec. 17—23 for individuals who wish to have prayers in memory of loved ones. Please speak with her to arrange this ahead of time.



Tickets are on sale now for our **Christmas Tea & Concert!**

St. Paul's 3rd Annual

Christmas Tea & Concert

November 22nd, 2025

Tea: 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Concert: 3:00 pm

This year our concert will feature
Arlene Gray & Special Guests

Tickets: \$25 Concert & Tea (advance sale)
 \$15 Tea only (advance sale)
 \$15 Concert only (advance or at the door)

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Breakfast with Santa

Saturday Dec. 13th, 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Come join jolly old St. Nicholas as he takes a break from his workshop to have breakfast with families in Lindsay. Tickets available mid-November. \$15 for Adults; \$10 for Kids



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Tea and Concert

Saturday Nov. 22nd, 2pm

Christmas Tea served 2:00 – 2:45; Concert 3:00.

Enjoy a delicious Christmas Tea followed by a concert of Christmas music featuring Arlene Gray with special guests. Tickets now available - \$15 for Tea; \$15 for Concert; \$25 for Tea & Concert.



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Two more local Concerts in November:

Kawartha Lakes Singers – Welcome Yule

Sunday November 23rd at 2:30 pm at Cambridge Street United Church. Tickets \$25 Adults \$10 for children 12 and under. Purchase tickets at klsingers.ca, from choir members or at the door kawlakesingers@gmail.com



Lindsay Community Choir – Countdown

to Christmas Saturday November 29 at 2pm at St Paul's Anglican Church. Tickets \$20 adults \$10 for Children 14 and under. Purchase tickets from choir members or at the door.



The Canon's Corner: The Rev. Canon Greg Physick Nov. '25



As St. James', Fenelon Falls is once again without a priest, I was there Oct. 26th and Nov. 2nd. Much to my surprise, a very large walled Bethlehem (historically true for a time) with many figures within those walls: housing, animals, vegetation, people and yes, a nativity scene. It was out early as the man who does it will be away for much of November. The parish is a stop on the town's Santa Claus parade route in November, so all are welcomed in and will get a lesson about Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus---'the reason for the season'.

It brought back a memory of a time my associate priest and I mulled over pastoral difficulties around Advent. Every year, priests hear comments about the Advent Season and the lack of Christmas Carols. I always had the tree up and the empty Nativity Set out for Advent 1. Each week a figure was placed by one of the little ones, tied to the lighting of each Advent candle. My parishes with many children in the day offered a Sunday School Pageant on Advent 3 or 4 with Lessons & Carols on the one not chosen. The Advent theme & no carols held for Advent 1 & 2 and part of Advent 3. The Holy Family would arrive on Christmas Eve with the Wise Men off in the distance. After all, Epiphany is on January 6th. I recall my last couple of years when children were fewer in number and the Pageant had two wise men! Times had changed and gone were the days when extra chairs were needed for Christmas services— yet with Advent over, many still gathered and Christmas carols were sung out with joy.

Fr. Dan Graves and I had fun making up our liturgical calendar with the four Advent Sundays held in November and all of December being Christmas. We envisioned December choirs with reindeer antlers and so on. No, none of it came to fruition. But we had fun and in a busy and often hectic time found laughter and wonder in our musings about 'what if?'

I have known parishioners who waited til Christmas Eve to put up the tree while others started decorating right after Remembrance Day. Late November is the Physick time as with many; all is done in time for Advent. The secular world of which we are a part has very early decorations and displays of Christmas. Hallmark Christmas movies are welcomed by many. The church continues to be that holy space where a gentle journey to the manger begins with Advent (from the Latin noting 'coming, to come') In Word and Sacrament we prepare for the birth of Jesus. His birth in the past, in the present and his coming again in the future.

Enjoy the journey to the manger however you carry it out. May the liturgical life of our beloved Church aid you on your way. Anglicans are not Puritans of old who banned Christmas. We love it, and liturgically, the wonder of that holy birth will ring forth—in time. The Advent Season begins November 30th this year. Clergy everywhere await the comments.

Pax, Canon Greg



DIOCESAN SERVICES & WORKSHOPS



Season of Spiritual Renewal

The final online Workshop of this series:

A New and Ancient Evangelism with Judy Paulsen, Nov. 19. (noon)

You need to register in advance to take part: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritualrenewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! THE BISHOP'S ADVENT RETREAT SERIES

The Bishop's Advent Retreat Evenings

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Nov. 25 with Bishop Riscylla

Dec. 2 with Bishop Mauricio

Dec. 9 with Bishop Kevin

Dec. 16 with Bishop Andrew

Scan the QR codes to sign up or visit toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal

SEASON OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

A time of listening, learning, worship and music with our bishops, Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. online

These gatherings will give Anglicans a chance to pause, connect and deepen their spiritual journey during this holy season. Each gathering will be an hour long and will feature a reflection by the bishop and time for personal reflection, concluding with a short service of Compline. The evenings will be live on Zoom.

Bishop's Advent Retreat Series

Viewing Party at St. Paul's

Please register individually for each evening, and then plan to view from home, or join Rev. Bonnie at church to watch as a group Tuesdays from 7:30pm—8:30pm.

Guest speaker for our Nov. 9th Remembrance Service:

Please join us Sunday for our Remembrance Sunday service, when we will have parishioner Lynne Jarvis, Vietnam veteran, Royal Australian Navy, share a special homily.

A reminder to wear **nametags** to help others know who you are.

We Strive to be a Scent free space



PEOPLE'S WARDEN LETTER Paul Carpentier

It seems like it's been a while since I've contributed an update on the things that have been happening behind the scenes at St. Paul's via the Grapevine. Hopefully my trips to the lectern during announcement time have been helpful in this regard.

Firstly, I wish to start off by recognizing the effort, and the results, that Diane Stecher (our Communications Chair) is achieving with her leadership in producing the Grapevine. Each release is getting more colourful and informative and makes good reading. Thank you Diane for all you do.

Thank you to Barb Truax for leading the team to produce another fantastic Murder Mystery Dinner. Special thanks goes to Mike and Lorna Green who stepped up in many ways to make certain things happen. Thanks to Ray Marshall for also covering a few extra bases. Thanks to all who hammed it up both out front and, in the kitchen, (it was a ham dinner)! An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Thank you to all who contributed to the baby grand fund. The fifty lower piano strings have been replaced by Arlene (the altos and basses thank you), the foot harp repaired, a full tuning has been done, and a major clean-up on both the interior and exterior. There was a surplus of \$128 in the fund which has been transferred to our organ/piano maintenance fund.

Thank you to everyone who has been signing up to cover the coffee hours, as this ministry is so important. A special thank you to Phyllis Carpentier for assisting on a very regular basis.

As you will have noticed, the parish hall and washroom hall have been painted. The labour and the material costs have been donated by a former painter. He will be starting on the lower hall soon. We are very grateful to Dana. I am hoping that we can get the kitchen, the washrooms and the hall into the church done in-house before the end of the year.

The exterior brick work will not be done until next year. The work that has to be done on the southwest corner of the tower has proven more difficult (and costly) to address. We did however spend just over \$4,500 on repairs from the ice storm.

We have 3 more events to run before the end of the year, and we will be asking for your support. We thank Rev. Bonnie and Ray Marshall for spearheading the Christmas Tea & Concert again this year. We thank Arlene Gray for putting the concert portion together; it is certain to be entertaining. We are excited to see how well Breakfast with Santa will be received. Then finally, there is the annual free Christmas Dinner where we have the privilege of working alongside several community volunteers to "Feed both the Body and the Soul" of our guests.

The Outreach Committee and myself have had a couple meetings to resolve the carry-over of the designated #99 funds from previous years. The Outreach Committee will be allocating \$3,000 per year, for the next 3 years, as well as all outreach monies collected in the current year. This is a positive step in addressing this issue.

Putting on my other hat as interim treasurer, we are currently in the process of having our 2024 audit review conducted by our new auditors. I am very grateful to Tom Ross for assisting me with the more detailed items; I could not do this without his help.

We have had to purchase two new computers in order to update to Windows 11. As you are probably aware, Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 10 last month and we cannot be running our financial files on a system not getting security updates.

Thank you for your financial support. Year to date the envelope offerings are ahead of budget; a first for many years! Parking and hall rentals have significantly exceeded budget. The endowment fund dividends and a \$25,000 bequest have also impacted our income in a positive manner. Expenses have once again been well controlled, but as you know, our fixed expenses are high. We are still operating with a five-figure deficit. As an FYI, the deficit fund that was set up at our last vestry has received over \$5,700 year to date. Thank you for your help.

As this is the last issue of the Grapevine before Christmas and the year end, I wish you and your families a blessed journey through Advent, as you prepare for our Saviour's birth. Thank you for all you have done in 2025 to help St. Paul's be a blessing in our community and to uphold our St. Paul's Family. God bless!

Behind the scenes:

Paul was helping paint the church hall the other day.



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PARISHIONER PROFILE— GAIL PAYNE

1. Briefly describe your bio (e.g. birthplace, family life, career, etc.)

I am a “cradle Anglican” born in Simcoe, ON but raised in Burlington, ON. My parents, 3 brothers and I lived in a new development where neighbours were close by and often celebrated together. My Mother was a deeply faithful lady who took us regularly to church (St. Matthews) and church activities. My Dad faithfully supported her in this. I felt drawn into a relationship with God there from an early age, encouraged by my Mother.

After High School I attended the University of Toronto and graduated with an MD. I interned for a year in Vancouver and then returned to Ontario to marry my military husband, Peter- at St. Matthews. We soon moved to Ottawa where I completed a residency in Family Medicine and had 2 daughters. We later enlarged our family with 4 sons. All our children and grandchildren continue to be a great blessing! From Ottawa Peter was posted to Northern Ontario. We lived and worked in a largely Ojibway community which was suffering from all the after effects of the Residential School system. Although much of my patients led heart breaking lives, I was strongly attracted to them and their quiet ways. We then moved to Haida Guaii. We loved the place and people very much. The Haida culture is strong and their way of life on the land and ocean much to be admired. They are superb craftsmen and women who have a great love for their land and for the church they themselves built in Haida Village. After a brief posting to Toronto, we moved to a small community in Nova Scotia. Our whole family thrived there. Maritime hospitality is certainly all it is rumoured to be- and more. I was able to practice from home which made life and family easier. After 1 year with NORAD in Colorado Springs, Peter retired from the Navy and we came to Reaboro and his family’s farm. My practice was in Lindsay where I served for the next 30 years.



2. How long have you been a member of St. Paul’s Lindsay?

We joined St. Paul’s in 1983 and gradually grew into the congregation. I think my greatest moment of spiritual growth here came from joining the Cursillo movement in our diocese.

3. What is one interest, hobby, or activity that you are passionate about? Why?

I enjoy many types of physical activity including canoeing, dragon boating, biking and just being out in nature, on the water or in the forest. I always feel closer to God in His creation. My family is my joy.

4. Do you have a favourite bible passage, hymn, poem, book, quotation, memory, or tip you’d like to share? If so, what is it and what has it meant to you?

My faith has been my strength through 3 significant illnesses. Many hymns and parts of scripture uphold me. One of my favourite hymns is How Great Thou Art. It combines references to creation as well as the assurance of Jesus’ love and great sacrifice for us. I have too many favourite Bible passages to list all but Philippians 4:4 is so uplifting. I also really enjoy Bliss Carmen’s poem Vestigia.

I feel very grateful to be part of the St. Paul’s community and all her faithful company. I feel blessed to be involved with the Outreach Committee, home visiting and assisting with worship services.

Thanks be to God!

Gail: Thanks for all of the wonderful things you do for St. Paul’s and the variety of Outreach programs you help us support! We really are blessed to have you and Peter so actively involved in many church activities, worship, and more! God bless! 😊



Our St. Paul's Family:

FROM OUR PARISH REGISTERS:

CHURCH FUNERALS:

Date of death:

Sept. 25, 2025 Wm. Michael "Bill" Daniels

Sept. 28 Robert Ernest Burgess

Oct. 29 Florence Edna Smith-Alexakis

Go in peace.

Mark 5:34

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS..... **(November—December)**



November Don Brohm

Diane Stecher

December Rev. Canon Greg Physick

Dawn Evans

October—December *

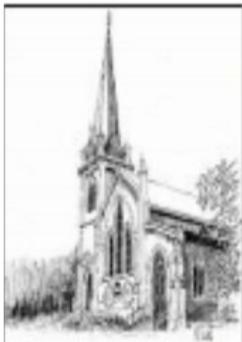
Gerald Armstrong

Florence Hickson

David Lawson

Olive Richards

**Please confirm the exact month your birthday is with Diane Stecher. Thanks for helping me update my lists.*



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.

Please see Arlene in the church office if you want to speak to Rev. Bonnie, or a church leader. Thank you.

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

Happy Anniversary

To those celebrating this winter!



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 November through December 2025.

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays—Thursdays

9am—12 noon

Arlene Gray, Office Admin. Assistant.



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St. Paul's Murder Mystery Dinner Submitted by Lorna Green

On Saturday October 25th St. Paul's hosted its annual Murder Mystery Dinner. This event has been running every fall since 1992! It is always an enjoyable evening with excellent food, entertaining performances, and warm community feeling. This year was no exception and there are many people who deserve our gratitude for organizing this event.

First of all, to Barb Truax who has guided this fun event since its inception. And Paul Carpentier who always creates a delicious 4 course dinner. This year we are grateful to Betty Hooper who stepped in to act as emcee. And thanks to the decorators, hosts, and organizers who pitched in to make this an evening to remember.

The mystery was titled An Evening of Murder: Dead of Winter and all of the actors added creative performances to stump the audience. Many thanks to the following:

Vaughn Miller as Jamie Tomlin
Ken Gray as Drake Stone
Cynthia Morton as Marcy Brannigan
John Sale as Sterling Brannigan
Michael Green as Dr. Jeff Barlo
Shirley Hanes as Iris Hudson
Kit Greaves as Chet Granger
Lorna Green as Lacey/Lisa Sherman

A fun night all around!



Shirley H. as Iris Hudson



Michael G. as Dr. Jeff Barlo



Barb T. event organizer—being thanked!



More Photos

of our Mystery Dinner actors!

Thanks to Ray M. for being our cameraman, in between dish-washing duties!



Emcee Betty H. pointing to each murder suspect at the end of the show, while the audience votes.



Cynthia M. as Marcy Brannigan.



John S. as Sterling Brannigan.



Vaughan M. as Jamie Tomlin.



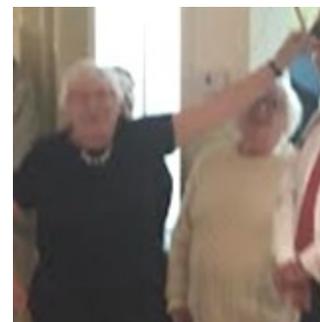
Kit G. as Chet Granger



One of the many tables of people who came out for this event.



Ken G. as Drake Stone.



Betty H (Emcee) Lorna G. as Lacey/Lisa Sherman.





Food servers: Teri, Shiela and Shawna.

Photos of our wonderful kitchen crew, servers, dishwashers, cooks, and cleaners!



Decorative soup!



Phyllis helping in the kitchen.



Paul setting out the desserts!



Peter and Jeff at the dishwasher station.



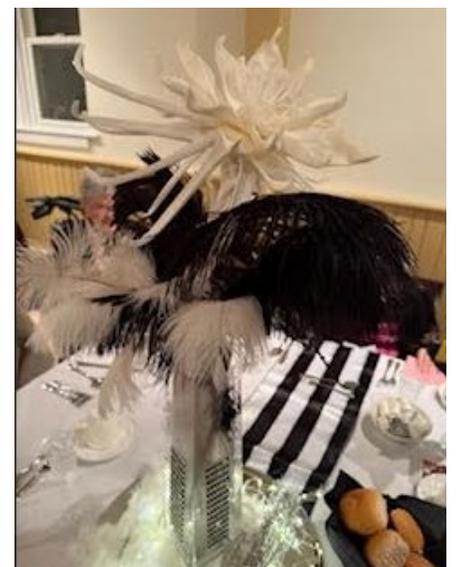
Hunter cleaning the floor.



Catherine, Phyllis, Paul and Colleen getting ready to plate the food.



Photos of audience members enjoying the Mystery Dinner Theatre Night!



Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Mystery Dinner Theatre Night!





ST. PAUL'S SISTERHOOD by Shirley Hanes



As we go to press, the Sisterhood group have completed two commitments this Fall:

- 1) We have two very full boxes of hats and mittens for King Albert school and Queen Victoria. School. Thank you for all the donated wool. It is much appreciated.
- 2) We also have several boxes of scarves and toques ready for the Seafarers to be delivered to Toronto by Gail Payne. Thank you Gail.

In the next month we will be delivering 20 personal and activity bags for women and children to Women's Resources in time for Christmas. We aim to have 10 bags for women and 10 bags for children.

On the last Sunday of November we plan to have a table of gifts to sell as well as some baking. Some of the money is kept for materials and a flower fund and some for General funds.

We try to take our turn with coffee as well.

We meet every Thursday at noon for lunch in the library. (We bring our own lunch). As we age we are not as active as we once were but enjoy conversation and fellowship. Rev. Bonnie often drops in as she is able, to support our group. We welcome any woman interested in this group. Tea is always available.....no crafty skills are required.



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 speak with me.

God Bless.

Marg Brohm



Beautiful Thanksgiving display in front of the altar thanks to the Chancel Guild!





CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE



Don Brohm, Property Manager, assisted by Ray Marshall, Don Chase, and Paul Carpentier

- 1) Let's start with good news and report as always; all rents are up to date.
- 2) 32 Glenelg Required back stairs to be replaced and shower head to be replaced
- 3) All Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide detectors checked in October by Dyson Alarm for Glenelg St. Tenants.
- 4) Outside water at the Church has been turned off and put away for winter and A/C units removed or covered for winter
- 5) 38 Glenelg St required a window repair.
- 6) City advises new water meters required. 32 Glenelg still not done due to road work.
- 7) 34 Glenelg required a new Electric hot water tank.
- 8) Property Group is made up of myself; Don Chase; Paul Carpentier; Ray Marshall

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Don Brohm

Designated Givings #215 for November will benefit our local Women's Resources.

Here is where women and their children can find lodging and safety after escaping dangerous abuse at home. They also get the help they need to start a new life. This rescue organization depends on a compassionate response from people like us to help them meet an increasing need, (Please remember to write the 215 NUMBER CODE on the "Designated Giving" line of your envelope.)



Sanctuary Flowers This is a reminder about sanctuary flowers. The signup sheet and envelopes are in the hall on the St. Paul's bulletin board. Providing memorial flowers in the sanctuary is a lovely way to remember our loved ones. Please speak to Marg Brohm if you have any questions about flowers for Thanksgiving, Christmas or any time.



Refreshment Time helpers: The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

Announcement from our Treasurer: Re: Cheques The bank has requested that all cheques made out to the church say St. Paul's Church only no "Anglican" no "Lindsay". Thanks Paul C.



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OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Gail Payne

Your Outreach Committee continues to strive to reflect Christ's great love and compassion toward the disadvantaged and oppressed, on behalf of St. Paul's.

Thanks be to God! **The Plentiful Pantry drive for food** to fill St. Paul's Pantry near Thanksgiving was a great success. This allows us to fill the outdoor pantry with greater than usual generosity to meet the every growing need for food. Many thanks to all our parishioners and to the Tai Chi Club who always "pitch in".

We are once again supporting **King Albert School** students by answering their need for donations of velcro closure shoes sizes 3-13 especially, but bigger sizes too. Socks to go with them are also appreciated.

Designated Givings in November and December go to Women's Resources and Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF) respectively.

On Nov. 2 our guest preacher was Shannon Neufeldt from Kairos. Kairos is an interdenominational organization which promotes "faithful action for justice and peace". They are supporting Jubilee 2025 which honours the Biblical concept of debt cancellation and land justice. The motto is Turn Debt Into Hope and advocates forgiveness or reduction of debt by many struggling poorer countries. They often have to pay so much in debt interest that they cannot afford to pay for schools, medical care or infrastructure in their own countries. Please sign the petition on the table in the lower hall if you wish to help with this initiative.

I attended the zoom **Outreach Conference in October** and was inspired by the several great speakers. This annual fall conference is certainly worth attending.

Good news. Our **Outreach funds** are currently in very good shape and so we have agreed on the following extra donations:

- 1) to our Foster Children program \$1,000 to cover the current shortfall in this fund
- 2) to the Food Source \$1,000 re anticipated increases in Christmas needs
- 3) to Alongside Hope, through the Cuban Episcopal Church (where power outages are frequent) 3 solar panels @ \$350 each and matched by Alongside Hope 2:1
- 4) to Alongside Hope for Indigenous programs, 10 gifts @\$50 each, also matched 2:1

Blessings and thanks to all our generous supporters. Matthew 19:19b

We welcome all to our quarterly meetings on the 1st Sundays of March, June, September and December and thank the congregation for your faithful support.



Guest speaker, Shannon Neufeldt telling us about Kairos.

Shannon is the Member Relations & Network Coordinator for Kairos.





Anyone who wishes to have envelopes, or if you would like to go on PAG please contact the church office at 705-324-4666. It is a very simple process to sign up for PAG or 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 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.

Your 2026 envelopes will be available for pick up Sunday November 16th at the back of the Church. They are alphabetical. If you are on PAG but would like your box of envelopes please give me a call and I will get them to you.

Thank you

Marlene Wood & Marg Brohm

Did you know....that 2026 marks our 190th anniversary?!?

We are looking for 3 people to form an Anniversary Committee and work alongside the Events Committee to plan 2 or 3 events as we celebrate 190 years of Anglican worship and outreach in Lindsay. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please speak with Rev. Bonnie.

Sound and Live Stream We are still looking for people to take on a once a month role in worship as part of the sound/livestream team beginning in January. Live stream has been simplified. Please contact Arlene in the office.

Food donations for our St. Paul's Pantry are always welcome! The need is great and ongoing.



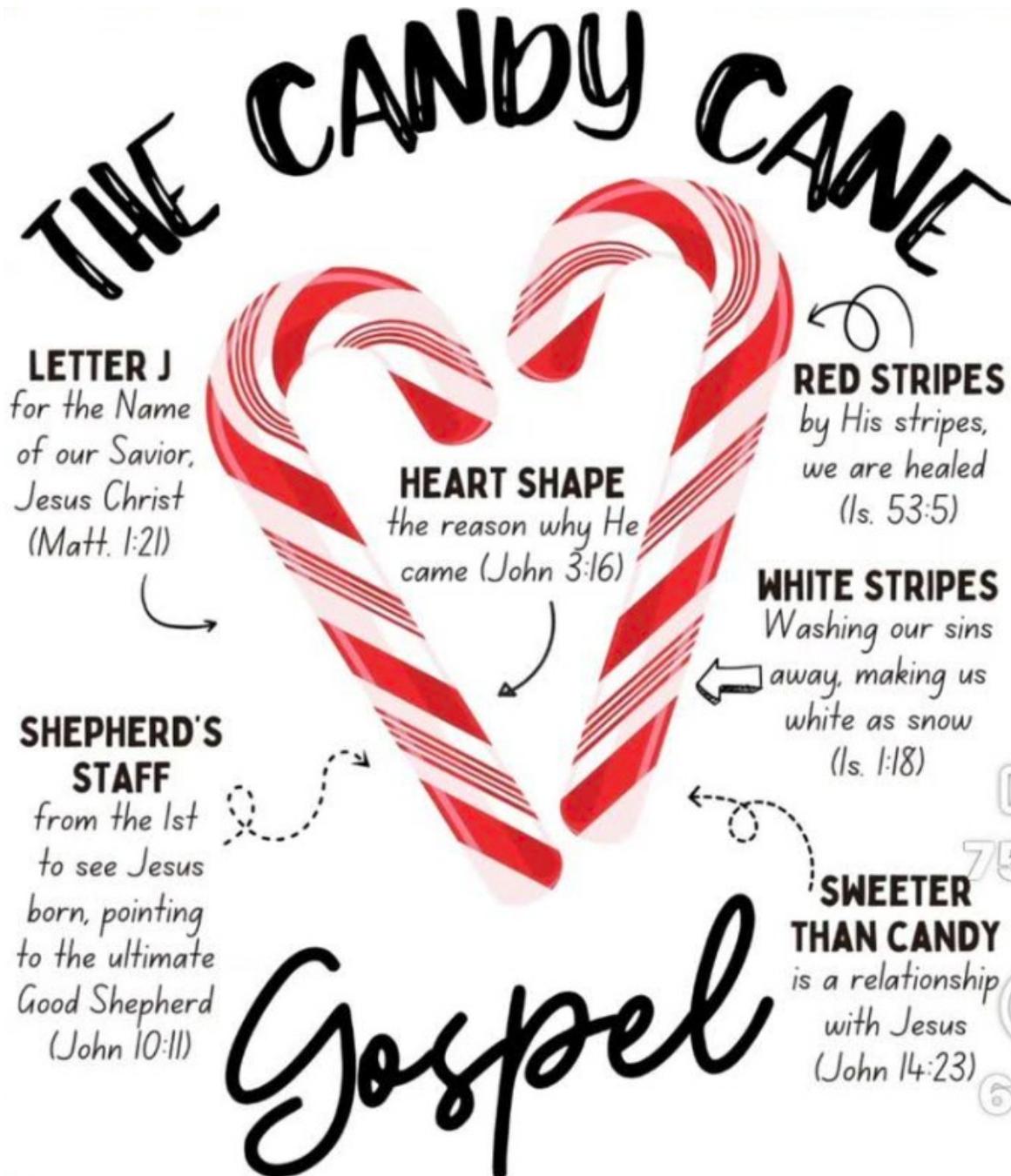
<u>Suggested Items</u>	<u>St. Paul's Pantry</u>	<i>(no glass please)</i>
Peanut butter	Canned beans/lentils	Couscous, quinoa
Canned baked beans	Pasta	Rice
Cereal	Fruit cups	Instant oatmeal
Cup-o-Noodles	Nuts	Granola bars
Soup (can or dry)	Snack crackers (Goldfish)	Canned meat/fish
Dried fruit	Beef jerky	Baby food
Fruit roll ups	Canned fruit	Canned Vegetables



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

There are lots of Advent and Christmas activities available online, and on YouTube. (many permit free downloading of colouring pages, craft ideas, and Biblical stories.)

Here is how the candy cane symbolizes the gospel, and on the next page short Bible readings for every day in December as you "Count Down to Christmas" with your children or grandchildren. Creating an Advent wreath can also be found online. Enjoy!



25 Bible Verses to Countdown to CHRISTMAS Day!

From: www.happyhomefairy.com

Heidi Wood Hensel

*you can also do this online from her website—one day at a time.

December

 <p>1 "God Sent the angel Gabriel to a girl named Mary." Luke 1:26</p>	 <p>2 "The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, because God is very pleased with you." Luke 1:30</p>	 <p>3 "Listen! you will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus." Luke 1:31</p>	 <p>4 "He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God." Luke 1:32</p>
 <p>5 "Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Luke 1:38</p>	 <p>6 "Caesar sent out an order... that everyone's name must be put on a list." Luke 2:1</p>	 <p>7 "Everyone traveled to their hometowns to have their name put on the list." Luke 2:3</p>	 <p>8 "So Joseph went to the town of David because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary." Luke 2:4-5</p>
 <p>9 "While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son." Luke 2:6-7</p>	 <p>10 "There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed." Luke 2:7</p>	 <p>11 "That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep." Luke 2:8</p>	 <p>12 "An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them." Luke 2:9</p>
 <p>13 "The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some GOOD News!" Luke 2:10</p>	 <p>14 "Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:11</p>	 <p>15 "This is how you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box." Luke 2:12</p>	 <p>16 "All the angels were praising God, saying, "Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God." Luke 2:13-14</p>
 <p>17 "So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby." Luke 2:16-17</p>	 <p>18 "Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything that they had seen & heard." Luke 2:20</p>	 <p>19 "After Jesus was born, some wise men came from the east." Matthew 2:1</p>	 <p>20 "When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy." Matthew 2:10</p>
 <p>21 "They went to the house... and they bowed down and worshiped the child." Matthew 2:11</p>	 <p>22 "They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11</p>	 <p>23 "A child will be born to us. God will give a son to us. His name will be... Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6</p>	 <p>24 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life." John 3:16</p>

Happy Birthday 25

Jesus!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15



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MARKETING & COMMUNICATION ITEMS (by D. Stecher)

The Events Team: Get your tickets for our **Christmas Tea & Concert!**

SAVE THE DATES!!!



Christmas Tea & Concert **Nov. 22**

Breakfast with Santa **Dec. 13**

Christmas Day Dinner **Dec. 25**

Communications: **Our main sources of communication available to you!**

Sunday Church Bulletin (Order of Service): Handed out, or available on website & Facebook.

Parish Happenings or Announcements: Emailed out & on the website (occasionally—as needed)

Outdoor Sign: Short message on what is happening now or soon at St. Paul's.

Website: Lots of information!!! www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca

Facebook: Service links, events, & more! <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulslindsay>

Grapevine: Our seasonal newsletter with lots of information, photos, etc. (on website)

Church Hall Bulletin boards & table: Notices of community events, church information, brochures, are there.

Of course the best communication is always in person at church with others.

Marketing:

Diane is continuing to send ads and event information to our local media or community organizations/groups each month, on behalf of the church. Suggestions are welcome!

Events Team: Event Coordinators also have a role in ensuring their individual events are well-promoted at the church, and locally. Plus, letting Diane know if they have a poster that can be added to the church website, Grapevine, etc. too.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Grapevine Issue!!!

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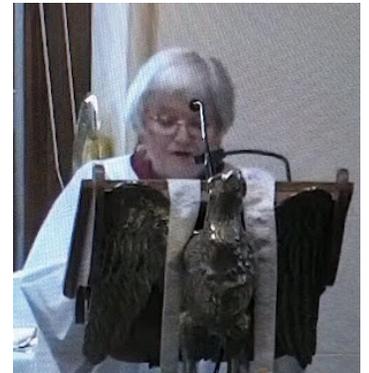
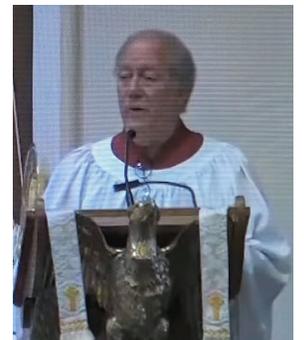
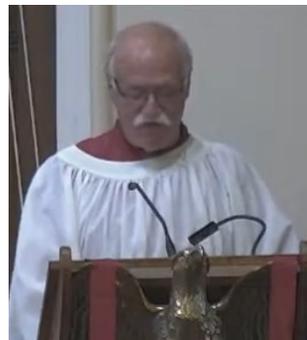
Please remember to take photos of church group meetings, events, etc. for the Grapevine!

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Our services on Sundays are at 10:00am. **All are welcome!**

Sunday Nov. 9—Remembrance Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nov. 16—Pentecost 23 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nov. 23—Reign of Christ 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nov. 30—Advent 1 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday Dec. 7—Advent 2 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Dec. 14—Advent 3 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Dec. 21—Advent 4 10am Lessons & Carols

Wednesday Dec. 24—Christmas Eve (7pm) Holy Eucharist

Thursday Dec. 25—Christmas Day (3pm) Holy Eucharist

followed by *Christmas Dinner* 4:30pm (doors open at 4:15pm)

Christmas Day Dinner: Dine in only (Book by Dec. 22nd)

Phone (705)324-4666 to pre-book your dinner reservation.

Press #7 to reserve dinner seat(s) by Dec. 22nd

Press #6 to sign up as a volunteer by Dec. 15th

Sunday Dec. 28 —Christmas 1 10am Holy Eucharist

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

