

ST. LUKE'S

NEWSLETTER - FALL 2020



A Different Kind of Altar Guild? - As St. Luke's services are all on-line, a team has been formed to provide the technical support for filming.

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Rector's Message

I have just recently returned from my annual vacation and it was a wonderful time of rest, camping, kayaking and safely connecting with friends. I hope that you have had, or will have, some time for rest and refreshment! And now, it's back to the battle! I use that word simply because for many people, the last few months have been a struggle – perhaps a battle – or even a war.



I remember hearing a scientist/historian whose name I cannot recall on the radio 25 years ago who said that the next world war would not be between nation states, but would be with microbes: viruses, bacteria or fungi. It took 25 years for his prediction to come true, but true it is. Many people are suffering the kind of catastrophic loss that world wars have brought in the past. Every nation of the world is affected. The casualties are not only on far-away battlefields, but they're on our doorstep or even within our own homes. And the ones bravely doing battle here are of all ages and occupations. We all need to do our part. As we are on a war-like footing, of course our lives are deeply affected. I think of the deprivations of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents during two previous world wars. Our situation is different, but there are countless stories of loss and grief.

It is in a situation like this that the Church can rise to the occasion. As you know, we have been providing almost daily on-line prayer as well as Sunday worship. We are starting to consider how we might return to some form of "Gathered Worship" again that is safe and meaningful. One thing we have learned is that we will need to continue to offer on-line worship every week, because, despite any caution we might take, there will be many who won't feel comfortable gathering (and many shouldn't) for some time to come.

The Executive will be working hard in the month of August to make an official re-opening plan which needs to be approved by our Archdeacon before we will be allowed to re-open Gathered Worship. We are going through checklists and guidelines. We know that the size of our gatherings will be limited and most of what we do will have to be modified to keep everyone safe. Please bear with us and support us with grace and kindness as we get it all organized. I am so grateful for the generosity of the people of St. Luke's who have been faithful foot-soldiers in this war.

Last week the Gospel lesson was Jesus calming the sea and we know that our Lord Jesus is with us in our struggle. Often Jesus works today through human hands. Let us offer ourselves, our hands, our minds, our time and our talent to compassionately reach out to each other – especially those who are grieving or suffering. Let us see Christ in each other. Let us be Christ to each other.

Stuart. Canon Stuart Pike

Wardens' Report

Your Parish Wardens are delighted to communicate with you, the parishioners, especially following a very warm and unusual summer.

Despite the on-going pandemic and the extremely limited ability to physically see one another, we have been busy and making an effort to stay in touch with you – “virtual” meetings, phone-tree calls, etc. This Newsletter is just another great way to try to stay in touch with many of you that we don't see on a regular basis.

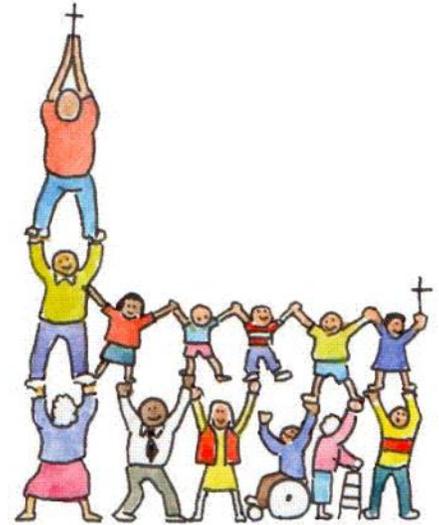
Your Parish Executive and Council have continued to meet (via ZOOM) and address on-going and future needs of this wonderful parish.

We genuinely hope that you have been staying healthy and being cautious about how quickly you move back into more normal activities. While as a city, province and country we have been diligently lowering our collective risk, all we need to do is look outside our borders to see what happens if we move too quickly. The Anglican House of Bishops has unanimously agreed to restrict service gatherings until at least September 1st, even though the government is relaxing their guidelines. We truly hope to see you back in the pews come the Fall!

We expect that some parishioners may be uncomfortable returning to church services immediately, so we have invested in technology to be able to video-record services and even “live stream” services, so parishioners can attend the actual service, but from home or another location (e.g. the Parish Hall). We are blessed that this is one of Daryl Wilson's talents and passions, so he has led this project – thank you Daryl!!

Related to this and assuming we continue to progress in reducing the spread of the virus, we will be trying to survey our congregation in August or September to see how many of you will be comfortable returning to church services in the Fall. This will help us consider how to best respond to all our parishioners' spiritual needs.

As communicated in our last newsletter and through the virtual services and e-mail, we have lost a considerable portion of our annual, much-needed revenue with the inability to hold events such as the annual Spaghetti Dinner, the Giant Garage Sale, Music at St. Luke's, Special Event parking revenue (e.g. Sound of Music Festival; Ribfest), Children in Need Concert, as well as rental income. We prayerfully ask that you consider not only your regular givings, but an additional “special” amount to help us minimize our deficit by year-end. A cheque or e-transfer are the most efficient ways of making a donation.

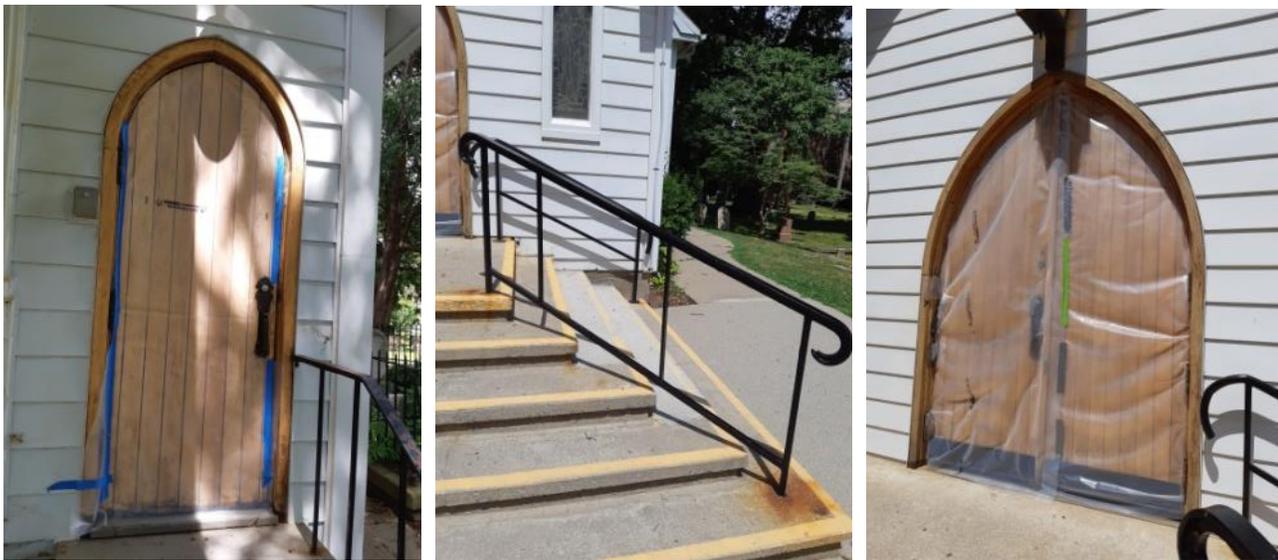


Wardens' Report continued

With the church property being unused, we have been able to get a number of work items addressed, through the generous offer of time and talent by a number of parishioners. These include refinishing the front and side doors of the church, refinishing the railings, power-washing the siding, painting of windows, general clean-up and repairs in the basement. As well, we continue to move forward with the new columbaria project, thanks again to some very dedicated and committed parishioners. This project has also enabled us to look at tree removal, based on the arborist's recommendation and the approval of the City.

With respect to our broader community, Food for Life continues and is assisting even greater numbers due to the pandemic. We thank God for those who continue to maintain this ministry.

Finally, your Parish Executive, Wardens and Parish Council members encourage you to make us aware of your questions, issues and views, positive or constructive, so we can continue to represent you in the best way possible and continue to make St. Luke's a welcoming place.



We have had a few occasions of parishioners tripping and falling while walking on the walkways between the church and Parish Hall. We have ground down some of the more noticeable "bumps" but know that it will never be perfectly flat. We have now posted cautionary signs at the three entrances to the walkways (one on Elgin and two on Ontario St.). We ask you to exercise caution when walking on the property, so you can avoid any possible injuries.



We hope that you have had a relaxing summer and we pray that we will see you again soon – maybe by the time you read this, we will be safely back in church.

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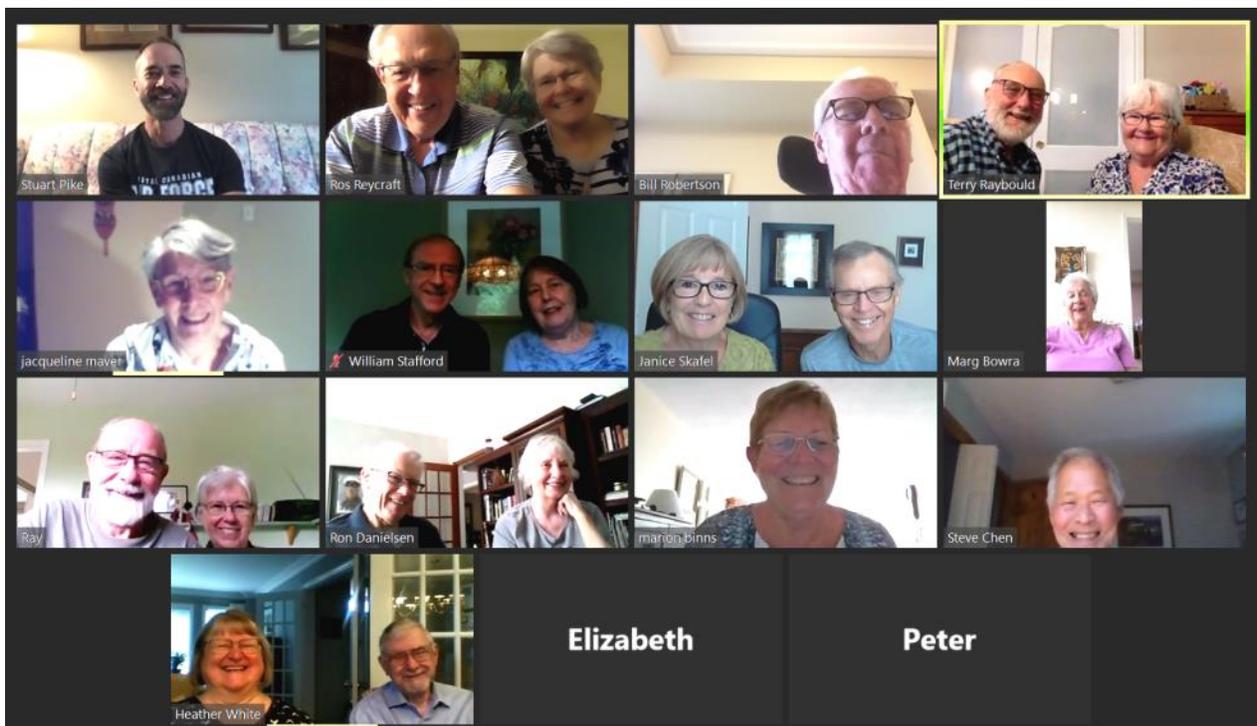
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On-Line Coffee Hour— Aug 2, 2020

See Stuart's Weekly Email for the Invitation to this Zoom event.





From The Deacon

“These times they are a-changing”

“It’s a long and winding road”

These are lines from two popular songs from some years ago, but they certainly speak to how we are all feeling these days.

At the time of writing, Burlington has opened up to Stage 3 and how we cope with that remains to be seen. It will certainly not be back to normal. We don’t know what normal is anymore or even what the “new normal” will look like.

But suffice to say, our church, our home of faith, communion and companionship is still there and remains as strong as always. In reaching out to parishioners as I do my check-in calls, I am heartened and grateful to hear how much they appreciate our virtual services—both Sunday service and regular evening prayer. It gives them that connectedness to the church and although we can’t see you, we know that you are there and so it is a privilege for us to offer these services not only at the present time, but into the future. We now have the technology that when we do re-open. We have the opportunity to live-stream to those at home or those who may gather in the Great Hall so we will continue to stay connected to you.

So, here’s a snapshot of what my world has looked like during this time:

Food for Life: Many of you will have seen the interview that Leonel and I did in July where he gave me the opportunity to talk about how FFL is operating right now and what it might look like in the near future. I can’t emphasize enough how grateful I am to the volunteers that show up on a Tuesday morning. I know some of the volunteers have stepped back from the program, but to them I say, please know you are in my prayers and stay safe.

Funerals: I have been asked by Smiths to do several interments over the summer months as well as a very small funeral. We try to offer and support these people in their time of need, but it is so difficult not to share a hug or a handshake with them.

Deacon's Report continued

Christian Education: All of our activities have been suspended for the time being until it is safe to once again gather safely. We have no idea when this might be, but in the meantime, the Men's Faith and Fellowship group is meeting via Zoom.

On-Call Chaplaincy: I am back on the rotation for an on-call chaplain at the hospital. I am humbled to be able to see individuals at their time of need whether it be end-of-life care or some other need they have.

Pastoral Care: I greatly miss not being able to go into our LTC homes to visit with parishioners or conduct a monthly service. Just recently, I delivered some DVDs that Stuart had made of our Sunday services and Evening Prayer and they were over-joyed to receive them. I continue to reach out to parishioners on my Pastoral Care list as well as other parishioners on a regular basis.

Sheila



Consider Joining our On-Line Services If You Have Not Already

Go to www.stlukesburlington.ca and the Virtual Services and Podcasts

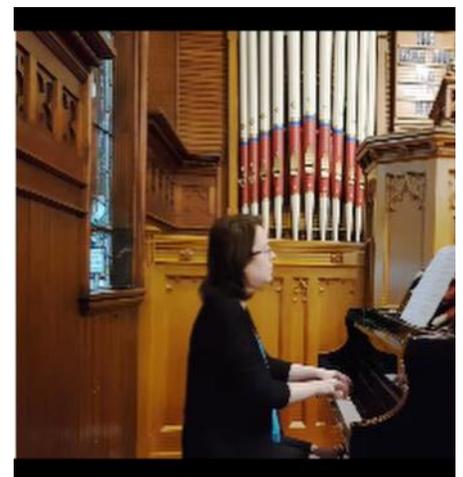


The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you; in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: Have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pastoral Assistant Report



St Luke's Pastoral Care Ministries in times of Covid-19

It has been five months or so since we found ourselves amid emergency measures meant to contain the spread of Covid-19. As the world has been shaken and moved to both grief, and ingenuity and solidarity, our ministries have been re-framed in order to preserve their delivery whenever possible, and to change the means in which to do so, whenever need be.

Our Pastoral Care ministries have not been an exception. At first, we came to an almost complete halt. With time, and as we all learned the need and means for keeping proper physical distancing, our options have expanded, if only a little at a time. What follows is a brief review of our work throughout these past few months.

First, our phone ministry. In ordinary times, this is an effort led by Ruth Milne and supported by very dedicated volunteers all of whom, even before we had heard about coronavirus, had been for a long time keeping our parish in touch with friends who could not attend our worship services and/or fellowship gatherings due to age or other factors.

As the emergency measures kicked in, this ministry was expanded, first, to reach people in the 'traditional' phoning list on a more regular basis, especially those facing isolation and/or any illness. Shortly after, our entire Parish Council got involved, with each member having had assigned a list of parishioners to call on a regular basis, with emphasis on those who would benefit the most from such. The results are mostly positive, and the phone calls have regularly been both welcomed and appreciated.

(If you should know of any person who should be contacted by our phone ministry volunteers, kindly contact me at the email address below, letting me know.)

As emergency measures were recently relaxed somehow, our pastoral ministers have found new ways for being in contact with our parishioners, if only limited to those with space in their homes or nearby for physically distant visits. As these increase in number, more folks are being reached with a friendly presence and prayer.

I want to under-line here the pastoral care ministry that our Parish deacon delivers to both clients and volunteers in the Food for Life program -while being herself occupied with all the other tasks proper to this parish service.

Pastoral Associate Report continued

Part of our pastoral ministries are connected to the encouragement and common prayer we can share with those who follow our online worship services, being made available on several social media platforms. On the one hand, we have continued with Sunday morning services, now 'upgraded' to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion, together with the opportunity for singing beloved hymns in a safe and joyful fashion. On the other hand, and since very early in the emergency measures, our rector started posting videos of daily Evening Prayer services (excepting Fridays).

These services have been key in both reaching out to and spiritually supporting, not only members of our own congregation, but also Anglicans from other parishes in the Diocese of Niagara and friends beyond our diocese, and even our country, who participate from these services on a regular basis.

Because Pastoral Care is a ministry with the whole church, there are of course several initiatives in this area being entirely led by volunteers. Our interest groups, now meeting over Zoom, are spaces of mutual love, support, and even fun, as we learn and work together as Christians, even in these circumstances. The Stitching Circle, the Outreach Committee, and the Men's Prayer Breakfast group are still gathering every week, although over Zoom. And there are also the individual initiatives, of people reaching out to and supporting others whom they feel would appreciate being contacted and embraced, if only virtually.

I give thanks to God for the commitment and work spirit of this church community, and I rejoice in the collegiality I find in working with all fellow ministers, and especially Sheila, our Parish Deacon, and Stuart, our rector.

Please continue praying for one another, for those whom you serve, and those who serve you. Be glad in the Lord!

The Rev'd Leonel Abaroa-Boloña

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FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

These times have been rather challenging for choirs, especially with the revelation of how much singing can spread the droplets which may contain the Covid-19 virus. It is very likely it will be a long time before we can gather as a group in the traditional way. But options are always being researched and revised according to current research, and I am keeping abreast of these details as best I can.



In the meantime, I am happy to continue to contribute to our on-line services, along with Stuart, Leonel, and Sheila. I thank them for their support and for their important contribution to our on-line ministry. Originally, I was there in person, but then transitioned to providing virtual organ music and solos. My organ music is recorded using my phone and my new mini-tripod, which allows me to film without help (thanks to my husband Steve for being the camera-man until I bought my tripod!)



Eventually, I came to learn the new skill of audio editing as some of our choristers sent in their voices to be part of a virtual choir for hymns. I record an accompaniment track at the church, on the organ, then send it out to the choir. Those who are able to participate record themselves singing along to the track (with earphones, so that their voice is heard and the accompaniment track is not), and send their voice back to me. I use a programme called Audacity to layer up the tracks and line them up. The process is a bit finicky, especially lining up the voices, but it is rewarding and I am very appreciative of those who are able to contribute. The first time I created a multi-voice track, I smiled – it is good to hear the choir's voices again! Special thanks to Vicky Micks, Rebecca Pike, Marilyn and Darwin Allen, Rob Laurie, Steve Pike, and Stuart Pike, who provided their voices to the hymns and/or the special solo music. I have added my voice to the mix (in soprano and alto) when necessary to fill out the sound. Thanks also to my mother who helped with converting the audio files into the necessary formats.

Music Director Report continued

Everyone is welcome to add their voice! If you are interested, please e-mail me at goodine@stlukesburlington.ca and I will add you to my e-mail list to receive the hymn accompaniments, and will provide instructions on how to contribute.



Although the choir hasn't been meeting on Zoom, we have been keeping in touch through my weekly e-mail check-ins, and the occasional witty on-line jokes and lovely music items that have been sent by our members. Occasionally, I have been sending out audio recordings of postludes for easier listening. If you would like some samples, please send me an e-mail and I will be happy to email them to you!

I suspect that in the Fall we will still be in the "new normal" phase as opposed to "normal". Assuming this, my future plans will include continued virtual choir hymns and my video post-ludes, but I also hope to include occasional simple virtual anthems. Given the time it takes to edit the weekly hymns, these virtual anthems will likely be once a month or for special feast days. I would also like to add some service music items such as the Doxology, and perhaps even our new "Jesus, Lamb of God", which we had begun to learn as a congregation before the onset of Covid-19.

Music Director Report continued

Though it is wonderful to hear the choir's voices, I find that I miss the particular energy that singing together in person brings. Thank you so much to those who have sent such positive comments about the music – I am so happy that you are encouraged and uplifted by our contributions.

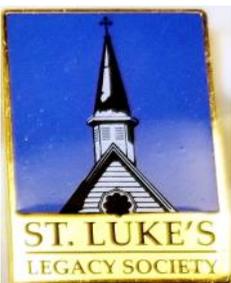
In conclusion, I keep all of you in my thoughts, and I pray and hope that you stay well and find peace in these difficult times.

Blessings,

Jennifer Goodine, Music Director.



St. Luke's Legacy Society



"The Legacy Society invites us to prayerful action, to bind ourselves to the future of St. Luke's church, to declare that we are doing all that we can to keep it vital, engaged, and active."

Jim Glass

Fall 2020 Calendar of Events

All Sunday and mid-week worship services remain cancelled until further notice because of Covid-19, according to the guidance of our Bishop.

We will resume in-person Church services when we are able to do so.

Please join our community gatherings through

VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship at 9am

Evening Prayers at 7pm

Every evening, except Fridays

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September 19th— Virtual Advocacy Breakfast via Zoom at 10:00am

See Invitation on page 27

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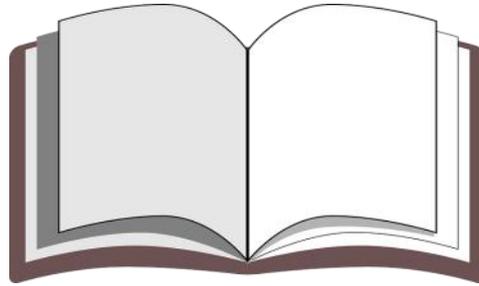
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Jody Kaczur

June

John McKenzie

Sheila Jewitt

Catherine Johns

John Hague

July/August

Iris Newbold

Reg Pollard

Flo Deszca

St. Luke's Stitching Circle



Marlene Marks, Jane Milne, Norma Morley, Dyana Layng, Elizabeth Crouch, Mary Taslimi

The Stitching Circle is continuing to “meet” via Zoom, 10 am, Tuesdays, just for ~40 minutes. The meeting is by invitation only so those who wish to join will need to e-mail mary.taslimi@cogeco.ca to be added to the weekly e-mailed invitation. For best results, use a desktop computer, laptop or tablet, not a cell phone. The device should have a camera, microphone and speakers (many/most do). We chat and share what we’re working on (ie, hold up our work!), as well as how we’re coping, resources we’ve discovered in the community, and whatever news we have.

Submitted by Mary Taslimi

ST. LUKE'S PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Daryl driving our new technology for on-line services



Ron working hard on re-furbishing the railing at the church, overseen by Marie in the background



Melissa from the Quilting Group shows off her "pandemic" quilt

The Butterfly Garden in the Churchyard near the columbarium is worth a visit. It has really filled out since a group of volunteers created it last year.

Photos by Dorothy Kew



Music at St. Luke's 2020/21

The Music at St. Luke's committee is planning 3 great evenings of entertainment starting in November, of course dependent on pandemic restrictions and safe practices at the time.

November 21, 2020 - Cruisin'



Performing great Rock, Pop and Gospel classics in Cruisin's unique acappella vocal style, Cruisin's music will have you laughing, clapping, singing along and most of all, will put a smile on your face! Enjoy a Jersey Boys' Medley including Sherry Won't You Come Out Tonight, A Turtles' golden oldie - Happy Together, Shaboom, Ring of Fire and many others.

January 23, 2021 - Robbie Burns Supper



The skirl of the bagpipes, Scottish songs and dancing, haggis and much more. Be entertained by Trish Kirkwood, piper, and Graham Kirkwood on snare drums. George Grieve will address the haggis. Alan Brodie will pay tribute to the Immortal Memory. Allan and Juliet Ellingham will toast the ladies and respond. Students of the MacLeod of Lewis Dance School will perform the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance. There will be a Scottish singalong accompanied by Jennifer Goodine. If you can say "It's a braw, bricht, moonlicht nicht" (and even if you can't) you won't want to miss this authentic Burns supper.

April 17, 2021 - The 12/4 Swing Orchestra



Led by Jim Heaslip and featuring Tony Sciara this rocking jazz band entertains us with Dancers' Greatest Hits. Enjoy the golden era of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Harry Belafonte, Michael Bubl  and hear oldies like Strangers in the Night, Ain't That a Kick in the Head, Moon River and Sway. Bring your dancing shoes or just sit back and enjoy!

All proceeds from Music at St. Luke's events go to General Parish Funds.

For additional information contact hlennard@cogeco.ca or telephone 905-632-2918.

Music at St. Luke's 2020/21 Series

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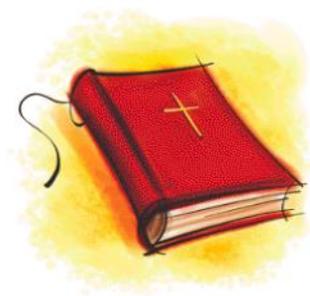
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At the time of writing, we are slowly moving into Stage 3 of re-opening and increasing the size of gatherings. However, this does not change the fact that we are continuing to meet on-line via Zoom.

Faith and Fellowship

The Men’s Faith and Fellowship Group continue to meet via Zoom on Saturday mornings and hold a virtual Scotch and Cigar night monthly.

Bible Study

I have reached out to the participants in both the Monday and Friday Bible study groups. Everyone seems to be doing things that keep them connected. Some are doing self-guided Bible study, some are reading books, some are spending time in meditation and prayer on a regular basis and some are colouring.....whatever it takes to feed their souls. It will be good when we can gather again and focus on our study of the Bible.

Other elements of our Christian Education are on hold for the time being but moving forward, we anxiously await the day when we can meet face to face once more.

Centering Prayer

This group was meeting via Zoom on Wednesday afternoons and this is now suspended until the Fall.

Sunday School

Louise Neville has been keeping in contact with the children through this pandemic. Louise has asked them for contributions to the newsletter which follow this report.

Other elements of our Christian Education are on hold for the time being but moving forward, we anxiously await the day when we can meet face to face once more.

We are very much in a “wait and see” kind of world right now. Although changes are taking place with the arrival of Stage 3, we still do not know what the Fall will look like at St. Luke’s. I encourage you to read email blasts that Stuart puts out and check the St. Luke’s website and/or the Diocesan website to see what is happening.

Sheila Plant - Chair

Sunday School Report

Sunday School and the Youth Program are on hold of course but some of the children/youth wanted to contribute to the newsletter.



Saraya and Shevaan are missing their friends and teachers at Sunday School



Jacob using the pool net for collecting on his paper route COVID style



Rhys celebrated his 4th birthday with a Google Meets style cake

Sunday School Report continued



Thomas shows off Bailey, the latest member of the Walker-Edwards family



Bronwyn baking jam tarts with Granny

Not sure if Bailey will be coming to Sunday School in the future but has become a much loved member of the Walker –Edwards family despite being a bit of a surprise addition for Mark and Melanie. (not so much of a surprise for the children but that is another story) Olivia celebrates her 19th birthday (below) and is working for the summer at Canadian Tire before heading to Brock next year. Ava is looking for a summer job and taking care of Bailey.



DISRESPECT— a thoughtful submission by Lesley Emery, Parish Life Chair

I, Lesley, am not sure how or when it happened, but it has occurred to me lately that humanity has become a species most notable for its disrespect. This notion first occurred to me when I read about the many children in the United States who have now contracted Covid-19, when considered in conjunction with the many thousands of people who refuse to wear masks, insist on gathering in hoards, etc. God forbid we might have our freedoms impinged upon, even by a virus. Rather, let us disrespect one another, and let those who will suffer, suffer, and those who will die, die.

But my mind went on from there, to consider the many ways we also disrespect each other every day. Racial or cultural discriminations, the poverty we allow to go unchecked, lack of equal opportunities, homelessness, the lack of clean water, water for some but not for others, and the list goes on. I realize that some of these things are just small parts of others, but they were what came to mind as I pondered. There are many, many more.

Then there is the disrespect we show for the planet on which we live: our constant and unrelenting encroachments on the very nature of which we are a part, on which we depend for our very survival. Madness. Foolishness. Hubris. Disrespect.

And then it comes, our biggest disrespect of all, disrespect for our Creator, to whom we owe our very existence. We disrespect God every time we deny His existence. Every time we reject His Son. Every time we place other people and things in priority over Him. Every time we dismiss his guidelines for our lives. Every time we harm another, harm the planet, harm ourselves. Every time we insist on thinking we know what is best without need of His counsel and going about things in total disregard for the way in which we were created to be. I do not understand why we insist on choosing Hell over Heaven. Yet that is what we do, every time we disrespect.

We were given everything we could possibly need to live in total harmony with our Creator, but instead, from the start we rejected Him and chose instead, disrespect. Yet still He loves us! Still he stands, with arms outstretched, full of Hope, waiting to receive with joy and forgiveness those repentant souls who are willing to turn around, turn back, to Him! He has waited always, through the ages, for all those who will hear Him knocking at the door of their hearts and let Him in (Revelation 3:20). Those willing to be transformed in His image. Those who will one day be a part of the new heavens and the new earth He has promised to all who have the ears to hear.

In the end it will not be God who chooses the place in which we will spend our eternity, but we. Whose message will we choose to believe? If even one person has chosen God as a result of these few words, or has even truly paused to think on it, I will consider it a success for the Lord. Choose Him! Start by talking to Him. Read His Word. Keep company with others who do the same! Let God into Your Heart, and ask Him to help you Turn Around! But be discerning also. Compare always the words of those who would seek to guide you with His Word so you will not be led astray. Pray for knowledge, understanding, discernment, and wisdom, rather than the things this world would have you value.

Disrespect continued

Let us all Turn Around, Come to Believe, and Heed His Words, His guidance for our lives. Let us all have a place in the new reality to come, when all is made anew. Let none of us choose Hell. Let us instead replace Disrespect, with Respect, no matter the cost to our earthly lives. After all, what are the finite years we spend in this earthly life, when compared to the eternity to come. We are indeed the authors of our existence, not just now, but for always.

For His Glory,
Contemplations of
A Lowly Scribe



Christmas Market Report

Here we are in the midst of both a Covid-19 pandemic and an unprecedented heat-wave which make thinking about Christmas festivities and our annual market somewhat

difficult! At the present time, we have no idea when we will have access to the church kitchen which is so important for the production of tourtieres, pies, cookies, jams, jellies, pickles, etc. It may be that we will be able to start production sometime in the Fall but there is no guarantee. Our first priority must be the safety of all our volunteers, many of whom are in the most vulnerable sector of society. To that end we are considering smaller working groups producing smaller batches of goods over an extended number of kitchen time slots . If we are able to produce some of our traditional fare, then the problem becomes how to market it. We have discussed the possibility of sending out flyers to advertise items we have for sale and then having individuals come to the hall, (much as they do for Food for Life), to pick up their purchases. Or possibly an online catalogue where customers can purchase and pay online and then do a curbside pickup or have their items delivered. Both ideas need a great deal of planning and will involve many volunteers. These discussions and brainstorming sessions will be on-going until such time as we know when or if we can work in the kitchen.

At this time, it certainly does not seem that we will be able to hold our Christmas Market in the same manner we have enjoyed for so many years but we are moving forward in the hope that we can, at least, hold a modified market this year .

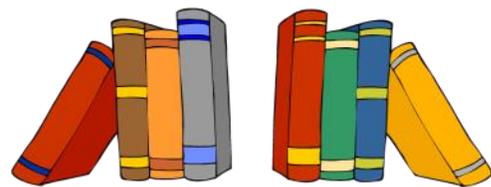
We are always open to suggestions so please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any ideas we could use.

Meanwhile, we pray that you will all enjoy a safe and healthy summer season.

News and Views from the Library

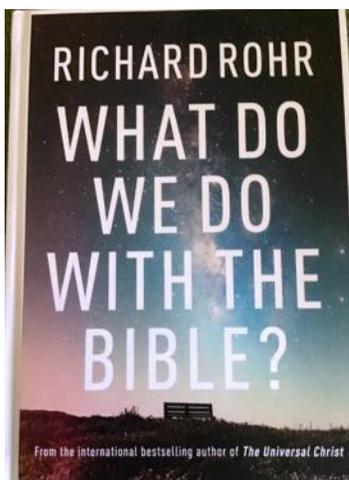
The library is to enhance the spiritual life of its reader.

Once the Parish Hall is opened, we will get the books and shelves dusted off and hopefully will be open without any restrictions. The new books mentioned in the summer newsletter will be on the shelves along with a couple of others books purchased during the summer.



You are encouraged to return any books you have finished reading and to take out more books for your reading pleasure. If over the past five or six months you have come across any titles that you think might be suitable for the library, please suggest them to any member of the library committee. The committee members are Phyllis Alexander, Colin Campbell, Melissa Kennedy, Dorothy Kew, Ruth Milne and I. Once regular coffee hours have resumed, we will proceed with book displays.

Two new books that have been added to the collection during the summer months are:



1. WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE BIBLE by Richard Rohr (220.6 ROH)

Richard Rohr, OFM, is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He is an internationally recognized author who teaches primarily on contemplation with particular emphasis on how this affects the social justice issues of our time.

In this book, Rohr sets out to show us how we can read the Bible in a contemplative and intelligent way. He asks the question “Does this ancient text have anything to teach us today?” To quote the back cover of the book Fr. Richard focuses on how Jesus, when referring to the Hebrew Scriptures, read between the lines to reveal God’s passion for relationships and transformation. Approaching the Bible as a whole in

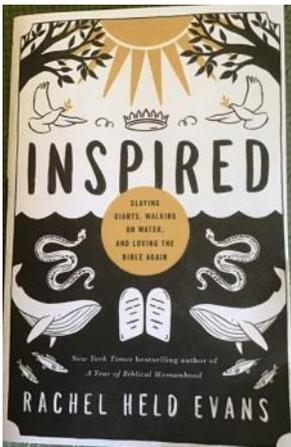
such a spirit will help us make sense of its violence and many contradictions, and deepen our hope for the future.

Rohr presents to the reader what he thinks is a way of interpreting the Scriptures that is faith filled and that is available to the ordinary person. He calls it spiritual common sense. “Let’s use the Bible the way Jesus did” is his approach. He points out that Jesus was not afraid to challenge the priests and scribes by largely ignoring obligations that were mandated by chapter and verse, by eating with the sinners, by ignoring sacred ablutions, by working on the Sabbath and many more acts of defiance. Rohr states that “Such constant daring is surely what got him killed by those in authority.”

Rohr offers some guidelines to help us form our own spiritual way of reading the Bible. He offers spiritual advice so that we can interpret Scripture the way that Jesus did, and use it for good purposes.

The library has two other books by Richard Rohr

231.76 ROH The Divine Dance: the Trinity of your Transformation



232 ROH The Universal Christ

The second book added this summer is **Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Evans 248 EVA**. This is another book (which I quote from a review of the book) “that takes the stodgy, ancient bundle of work we call the Bible and makes it accessible without trampling its ancient origins or cultural cortexes.” Evans was raised in an evangelical family in one of the most famous notches of the Bible-belt- Dayton, Tennessee. As a child, she treated the Bible as a story book and as a teenager it functioned as a hand book, because it told her what to do. After graduation from high school, she enrolled in the English literature programme at a conservative Christian college. It was here that she found that the more time she spent seeking clarity from the Scriptures, the more problems she uncovered. She states that “the Bible of my twenties served only as a stumbling block, a massive obstacle between me and the God I thought to know”.

“Over the years, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining and debating Scripture’s mysteries. The Bible she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, captivating, book that is able to equip us to join in God’s loving and redemptive work in the world.”

Both of these books are meant to help us understand the mysteries of the Bible. Rohr’s book I found to be very academic and as the author says in his book, “it is written to help the people who might not have the luxury of a solid academic biblical background.” Evan’s book is written more in layman’s language, like a story book. However, both books will help us to interpret Scripture the way Jesus did, and provide us with insight as to how to put what we learned to good use in our everyday lives.

Ministry of Outreach

Contacts: Co-Chairs – Jackie Maver (905 681-6097) and Rosalind Reycraft (905 635-3976)

Mission Statement: Moved by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings and actions of Jesus the Christ, the Ministry of Outreach, in partnership with the community of St. Luke's, responds to the needs of our neighbours, locally, nationally, and globally by enabling, empowering, educating, and advocating.

As the months of COVID-19 are dragging on, each ministry in Outreach has changed significantly but it does not mean that we are not carrying on with our programmes. The necessary changes have not changed the desire to do what we are being called to do.



Here is a photo of some of our members from one of our last Zoom meetings. We are actually meeting weekly during this time of isolation and are benefitting greatly from being with each other virtually.

Advocacy Breakfasts

St. Luke's Advocacy Group has been providing our Parish with informative and supportive opportunities in areas of social justice, for the past ten years with the Saturday Advocacy Breakfast. This dedicated group within Outreach, was initiated by Canon Sharyn Hall and continues to provide encouragement, awareness and knowledge to our parishioners and the wider community.

Over this time we have welcomed nearly 50 presenters from a wide variety of perspectives and expertise. Our guest speakers have included professionals and volunteers from local community organizations and beyond. Several of our own parishioners have shared their own experiences and commitments within social justice issues. We are very grateful for the generosity of our speakers and the support of our Breakfast Guests!

Most recently, we had our first Zoom Online Advocacy Breakfast, on June 27th, with Melanie Walker and her Peer Co-facilitator, Patti Moorcroft-Tasker. Their topic was Resiliency in our Lives. At this time in our reality, we were so grateful for the supportive and encouraging messages provided.

The following is our invitation for our next Breakfast in the Fall.

(Continued)

(Advocacy Breakfast continued)

Advocacy Virtual Breakfast – Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.



Melanie Walker, a parishioner at St Luke's, will be returning on September 19th to speak at our Zoom online Advocacy Breakfast. Melanie is a social worker at Joseph Brant Hospital in Community Mental Health and also



has a private practice. She will be speaking about

Mindfulness with her peer co-facilitator Patti Moorcroft-Tasker. They will provide an overview of the benefits of being mindful and how it can help us to stay in the moment during times of difficulty and uncertainty. They will provide practical suggestions for practicing mindfulness - which takes minutes and not hours! - as well as how to apply it in everyday life.

Join us for this follow-up session with Melanie and Patti. Please register with Janice Skafel at 905-332-0837 or by email janice.skafel@outlook.com

We are grateful to all who donated their \$7 breakfast fee at the June virtual Breakfast which went towards the Food for Life ministry that takes place at St Luke's each week. We were able to donate \$150.



As of the time of writing, no information has become available about when it will be possible for the Halton Fresh Food Box Program to resume its regular operations of distributing fresh

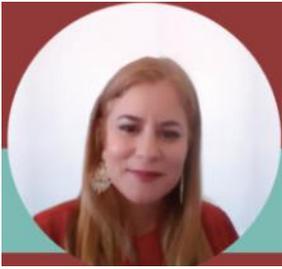
fruits and vegetables to delivery sites throughout Halton Region. Fortunately, during the Summer, a large variety of freshly grown Ontario produce was widely available in local grocery stores at relatively reasonable prices.

As the Fall season approaches, we hope that evolving circumstances will allow the Program to begin operating again, with monthly deliveries to the foyer of the Parish Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. Notices about how to order fresh food boxes will appear in the Sunday bulletin, when church services resume in the manner permitted by public health requirements, and as directed by the Diocese of Niagara. Information will also be made available on the St. Luke's website.

Until then, we hope that everyone has enjoyed a safe and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing our customers, both old and new, as soon as circumstances permit.

Dave Beck & Gay Powell

El Hogar Service Team Trip - The 2020/2021 trip to Honduras will take place next April 9th. All of the team members plan on participating in the next trip using their airline credits from



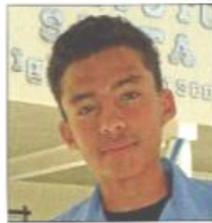
this year to get there. We are excited to meet new Executive Director, Denise Vargas, in person.

You can check out the El Hogar website at www.elhogar.org for an update from Denise on how everyone in El Hogar is doing. If you are interested in joining the team next year please contact us.

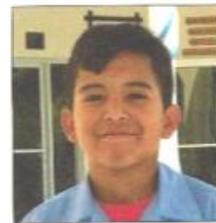
Like all groups here at St. Luke's, we are waiting to see if we will be able to do our main fundraiser—gingerbread—in the fall. The baking and decorating times are booked starting in October but we will have to see how COVID-19 impacts those plans.

We just received an update from El Hogar regarding our 3 sponsored students. Congratulations to Josué who graduated from the Technical Institute. Ana Nicole and her sister have been re-integrated with their family in Montana de la Flor after an evaluation was done to confirm that this was appropriate. Nelsin has re-integrated with her family as well. If you remember, her brother Rony did this several years ago. Ana Nicole and Nelsin both are registered at a local school. We wish them all well.

Our new sponsored children are all at the Technical Institute. They are Rony, Victor, and Yeferson. We will look forward to meeting them in person once we travel to El Hogar.



Rony



Victor



Yeferson

For information contact Ros. & Rick Reycraft 905 635-3976 or Janice Skafel 905 332-0837.

Burlington Ubuntu Grandwomen - This vital group continues to be involved and to encourage the awareness and knowledge of support to the Grandmothers in Africa.

Through regular Zoom Meetings and emails to the membership, communications are being maintained.

Those interested in learning more about the campaign are encouraged to connect online with the Stephen Lewis Foundation and learn about Grassroots Initiatives.

As with many caring philanthropic groups, the current COVID-19 circumstance has impacted the delivery of much needed support to those most vulnerable. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so on the website. (Please note the Ubuntu ID#56408)

Should you wish any further information please contact Carrie Raybould at 905-681-2816.

Refugee Sponsorship

Our Syrian family, Karima, Mohamad and children Faten and Ahmad, continue to wait in Beirut for further interviews and immigration processes to come to Canada, which appear to have been put on hold for various reasons, mostly due to the impacts of COVID-19. They seem unable there to process applications normally or provide accurate processing time. We have been concerned about our at-risk family as pandemic related lockdown measures have compounded the poverty and the economic hardships and employment opportunities in Beirut. We were worried about the family not being able to afford food and basic necessities.

We started a small fundraising campaign within our original BDRA (Burlington Downtown Refugee Alliance) group <http://bdra.ca/> and were very pleased at the success of this campaign. We are now able to send \$250/month to them for about the next year, which should cover the rent of their small apartment. Thank you to all who have responded to this need. We hope you can all be on standby for future fundraising when we start in earnest preparing for their arrival. This will include both furniture and living costs for a year after they arrive here. We have had such success with providing new homes in Canada for this family and for previous refugee families coming from Bosnia, Afghanistan and Syria because of the support and compassion of the St Luke's congregation. We are sincerely grateful to all. Your prayers for this family are much needed.

We look forward to their arrival and the Hajj-Kasem family can hardly wait to see their grandchildren for the first time.

Submitted by Janice Skafel 905 332-0837



Karima with Ahmad



Faten with Ahmad



Mohamad with Faten & Ahmad

Community Meals

At this time, the Downtown Burlington Community Lunch is still suspended due to Covid-19 regulations from the Diocese. We hope to restart when gathering becomes safe for seniors again. All indoor community meals are suspended in Burlington. However, there is a replacement program available. Free meals to take home are distributed at Wellington Square United Church at 2121 Caroline Street, Burlington on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The meals are handed out one at a time on the front lawn, and great care is taken to sanitize before and after each person approaches the table. Social distancing is also maintained. For more information call 905 634-1849.

Food is also available from Burlington Food Bank at 1254 Plains Road East, Burlington. If you are house-bound food can be delivered to you. For more information call 905-637-2273.

Madagasdcar Missions—Mary Sherwood

We were very sad to learn that Mary Sherwood suffered a thalamic stroke on Friday July 10th and was admitted to Ottawa Civic Hospital. The latest update we have received is that Mary is improving medically in all ways. She is sitting up in a chair, conversing via video chat with her children and grandchildren, is in good spirits, and has been reading emails. She has been recommended for stroke rehab, which is very encouraging news. Her right arm and leg are still paralyzed, for now at least. Apparently she was even starting to get a bit feisty!



Please remember Mary and her family in your prayers, as well as all the children and staff at the orphanage and the inner city centre in Madagascar.

If you would like to send a card/note, you can email Mary at: marysherwood@sympatico.ca or mail her at:

Mary Sherwood
9-395 Joseph St.
Carleton Place, ON K7C 3Z5

Submitted by Sandra Tiernay



Primate World Relief Development Fund

The latest from PWRDF—great support from the Canadian Government.

On March 31, 2020, PWRDF’s “All Mothers and Children Count” program wrapped up a successful four years supporting partners in Rwanda, Mozambique, Tanzania and Burundi. The \$20-million program was the largest grant given to PWRDF to date and was supported with a 6:1 match from the Government of Canada.

PWRDF is pleased to announce that the Government of Canada has awarded PWRDF a \$1.98-million grant to extend the work of the AMCC partners. The funds will support these vulnerable communities through the COVID-19 crisis. The grant includes a 6:1 match for a total project budget of approximately \$2.3 million.

PWRDF is now accepting donations to the AMCC COVID-19 extension, with the Government of Canada matching every dollar donated with six dollars.

In picture—Bishop of Masasi James Almasi (centre) receives instruction on how to use the thermometer.



When the coronavirus was declared a pandemic, Global Affairs Canada invited several NGOs who had been supporting maternal, newborn and child health programs to submit proposals for a COVID- 19 response. PWRDF’s proposal was among 10 that were accepted. “We are honoured that Global Affairs Canada has approved an extension to the “All Mothers and Children Count” program,” says Will Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF. Submitted by Jackie Maver

“The Speaker’s Lunch”

The aim of the Speakers Lunch group is to foster awareness among parishioners of happenings and endeavours in the wider community that may be worthy of interest and support. We have a list of very interesting speakers lined up for when we are able to resume, however, with the slow pace of recovery from the pandemic, we are not able to state with any certainty when we will be able to resume. Once we are able, we will be communicating as widely as we can, so be ready to attend to hear about “Climate Change”, “Mental Health Awareness”, “Burlington Transit” and “The work of the Salvation Army”.



We have been pleased at the growing interest and attendance at the lunches and hope that you can continue to spread the word as to the fun and fellowship at this event.

Also, if you have not provided your email address or text number in the past, please email or call Tim Tiernay tim.tiernay@bell.net (905-639-0345) so we can alert you to when we will be resuming.

A Look Back at St. Luke's Rectors: by Dorothy Kew

Reverend J. Hirst Ross and Reverend Frank Hovey



St. Luke's Chancel prior to 1899, St. Luke's Archives

During Canon Belt's illness the Reverend Frederick Helling Fatt was appointed by the Bishop to take his place. Reverend Fatt was priested in 1889 and served in the Diocese of Huron till his appointment in 1897 as assistant to Canon Belt at St. Luke's. Around this time Canon Belt became ill and moved with his family to Toronto; as a result, Mr. Fatt was appointed *locum tenens* in his place. In 1899, due to the indisposition of Mr. Fatt, the annual Vestry Meeting was chaired by the Rector's Warden, Captain Adam Sharpe, and it was under his direction that major changes to the church were made.

The galleries were removed and the roof was brought down to the same pitch as that of the chancel. The nave was paneled in wood to match the chancel and the box pews were removed.

According to Percy Kelly's history of St. Luke's, Mr. Fatt left suddenly for England, probably around 1901, without notifying the Bishop or making any plans for a substitute minister. He returned from Liverpool, 17th November, 1901, on board the ss *Dominion* arriving at the port of Portland, Maine in transit to Canada. Consequently, he was asked to resign. Mr. Fatt then moved to California for some years, eventually moving with his family to Victoria, British Columbia, where he served at the Cathedral till his death in 1930.

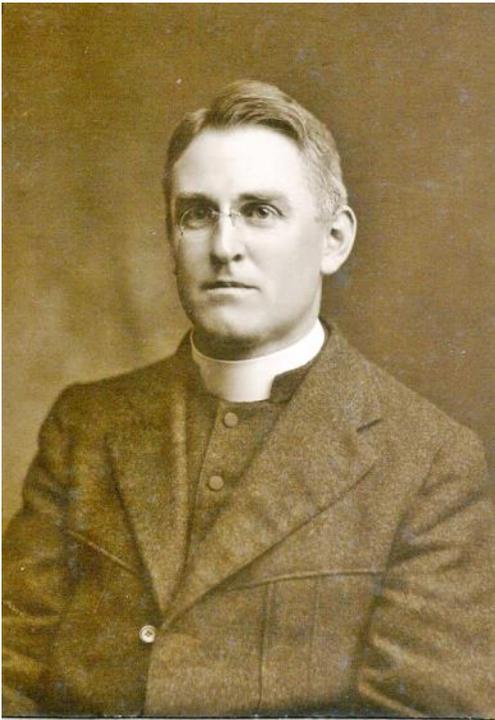


Rev. J. Hirst Ross, courtesy Richard E. Ruggle

In the meantime, Canon Belt resigned owing to ill health and the Reverend James Hirst Ross, 1865-1935, was appointed the third rector of St. Luke's. He was ordained deacon in 1890, and priest in 1891. He served as curate at St. Barnabas (Chester) on the Danforth, and moved to Bullock's Corners (Niagara) in 1891. From 1895 to 1899 he was on sick leave. He served at Norval from 1897 to 1898 and was a missionary at Harriston and Clifford from 1899-1903.

Reverend J. Hirst Ross served only two years as rector of St. Luke's. During his time a committee of the church purchased a building on Brant Street to serve as a rectory. The church also sold a small portion of Church Avenue to the Toronto and Niagara Power Company to accommodate the construction of the radial railway which ran along what is now Elgin Street. Mr. Ross was appointed to Chippewa in 1905 and served there till 1912 when he was appointed Rector of St. Paul's, Jarvis, till 1919. (A hundred years later St. Paul's, Jarvis is presently St. Luke's prayer partner).³²

From 1919 to 1925 he was appointed rector of Cayuga and rural dean of Haldimand. He returned to Jarvis in 1930, serving there till 1933 when he retired and moved to Toronto. He died there 14th March 1935 and was buried in Hamilton Cemetery. Bishop Broughall in the 1935 synod journal wrote of “his gentle manner and ready sympathy [which] will be remembered.”



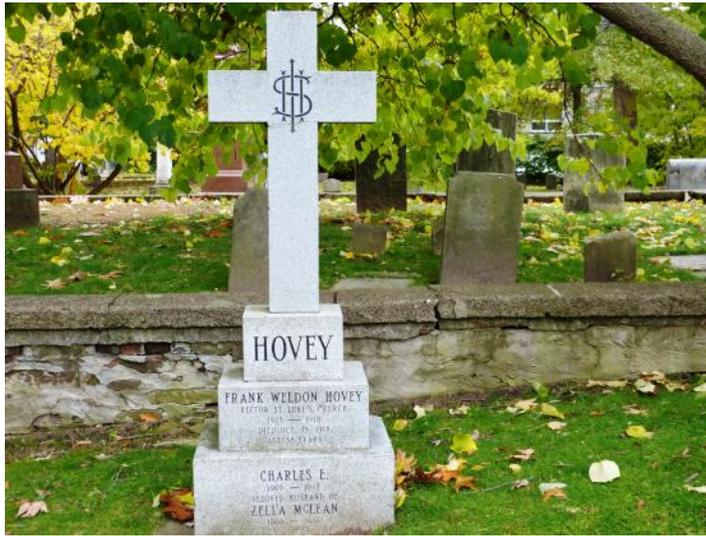
*Reverend Frank Hovey, St. Luke's
Archives*

On 1st December 1905, Bishop DuMoulin appointed the Reverend Frank Weldon Hovey, 1879-1918, the fourth rector of St. Luke's. He had been ordained deacon in 1903 and priested in Niagara in 1904. He served from 1903 to 1905 at Hagersville, prior to coming to St. Luke's. He had just recently married Rena Maud Billings, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, in Amherstburg 28th September 1904. She had been working as a stenographer in Ottawa. They had seven children while at St. Luke's – Charles, born 1905, Frank Weldon, born 1907, Mary, born 1908, Paul, born 1912, Ernest, born about 1915, and the twins, Rena and Rex, born in 1918.

The Reverend Hovey was only twenty-six when he became Rector at St. Luke's, “bringing with him the vigour of youth, a strong breath of new life, and a touch of the visionary” as Percy Kelly reports in his history of St. Luke's. Frank Hovey was responsible for the formation of the Chancel Guild (now the Altar Guild), the Girls Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, and the Anglican Young People's Association. Under his leadership Sunday School membership increased as did

many social activities in the church. In 1906, a new altar was installed in the sanctuary. Perhaps most important of all was the separation of the parish of St. John's Nelson from St. Luke's, whose clergy from the installation of the Reverend Thomas Greene, had served both parishes.

Sadly, Mr. Hovey's tenure at St. Luke's lasted only thirteen years. In 1918 he contracted the virulent Spanish flu and succumbed to it on 15th October 1918 as the age of thirty-nine, leaving his wife and children, the youngest, the twins, a mere few months old. He is buried in St. Luke's churchyard with his wife, Rena, his daughter, Mary, son, Charles, and his daughter-in-law Madeleine, Charles's wife.



Reverend Frank Hovey stone

Historical Note

Fire at “Woodhill”, former home of Adam Fergusson

The *Burlington Post* of July 11, 2020 reports that a fire at “Woodhill”, 398 Mountain Brow Road, Waterdown, did \$500,000 worth of damage to the house which is designated under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act. “Woodhill” was built in 1833 by Adam Fergusson, a noted agriculturalist and co-founder of the Town of Fergus. Adam Fergusson, with his wife and other family members, is buried in St. Luke’s churchyard, in the Fergusson Plot.



Editor's Sense of Humour

Your Reward (or Punishment) for Reading to the End

There has to be something we can laugh about at this time.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



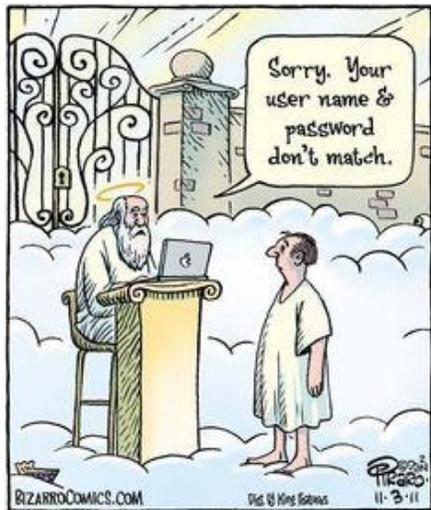
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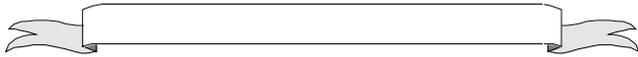
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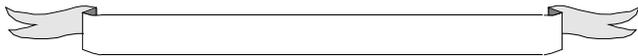
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