

# **ST. LUKE'S**

## ***NEWSLETTER – FALL 2021***



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## Rector's Message



It has been a long year and a half of social deprivation for most of us. We have been following all public health and diocesan guidelines to try to keep everyone safe. I am so grateful for our staff and volunteers and all of our parishioners who have kept with the program, but have also kept the faith.

Finally, we are going to be able to worship in person again, starting with our 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. services on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. But there are still restrictions and guidelines that we will need to follow including:

We will only be allowed to have 50 people in Church at any service.

Parishioners must register with the parish office by phone (905-634-1826) by Wednesday of the week preceding our services.

All who come to the church will be asked screening questions to ensure they are able to attend.

All in the Church will need to be masked at all times except any presiding clergy, readers or intercessors when they are speaking (and they must mask immediately after speaking.)

We will need to follow distancing protocols including parishioners being escorted to their seat at the beginning of the service and following directions for an orderly exit.

Only every other pew will be used and the presider will deliver the communion right to parishioners at their pew. We will only be distributing bread and not the wine.

Parishioners may just lift their mask to eat the bread after the presider has moved further along the pew.

The service will be filmed and livestreamed so that people will have the option to “attend” the service virtually from their homes, either live or anytime afterwards.

**In addition, for all those eligible to receive the vaccine (i.e. those 12 years old and older) I strongly advise (even request) that you be fully vaccinated for at least two weeks before you consider attending our services. This is for your own safety and, of course, for the safety of everyone else in the Church, many of whom are vulnerable.**

Although we will be following all guidelines, we would also like to hear constructive comments on how we might improve our methods if you have any ideas, by emailing me at [rector@stlukesburlington.ca](mailto:rector@stlukesburlington.ca)

Thank you greatly to so many staff and volunteers who have been working hard to enable spiritual growth while keeping us safe.

Your brother in Christ, Canon Stuart Pike

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart".

## **Wardens' Report for Fall 2021 Newsletter**

As the days and weeks go by, we think of each other and our common faith and commitment to the ministry of our parish and our community. Your wardens continue to work for you, meeting monthly by Zoom and addressing time sensitive items by email and phone conversations. We continue, along with your Parish Council, to look for creative ways to reach out, both within the parish and the wider community. Many people who have not traditionally attended our services do take part in our on-line ministry and we want to invite and welcome them, perhaps offering an alternative service as a bridge to Christian faith. Many needs have become apparent during the pandemic – we are reaching out to other churches and faith groups to determine how to address the spiritual needs in our community.

As we begin to re-gather as a church, a return to transformative community won't happen by osmosis. We will need to be intentional about re-forming in ways that support our growth in loving God, growing together and serving our world. With the knowledge that Bishop Susan Bell has allowed a range of opening dates for our parishes, we will be opening no later than Sept. 12, 2021. We have submitted our re-opening plan and await Diocesan approval (perhaps complete by the time this newsletter is published).

After 17+ months of isolation and restrictions, the joy of finally being together is likely to cause a lot of emotion mixing with it the grief for what we have lost and a certain amount of anxiety for the future. Let's all try to move ahead with love and compassion and a recognition that we are all at different places in our exhaustion, frustration, comfort and understanding of the rules and regulations.

As we look forward with anticipation and hope, let us continue to pray for and to encourage one another.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemary Armstrong, Rector's Warden

Daryl Wilson, People's Warden

Terry Raybould, Deputy Rector's Warden

Helen Bittner, Deputy People's Warden

## Pastoral Assistant's Report



### **Following Jesus with the Lectionary.**

As I write, the Church is going through the early Sundays of the season after Pentecost. By the time this parish newsletter sees the light, it will be Autumn, and both the world around us, and the readings in our Sunday lectionary, will have changed - and even visibly so.

But before we make it to the Feast of Christ the King and the Season of Advent - and eventually Christmas- we have all these Sundays in between. So, this is the time in the year when the Church can dedicate itself to recounting and reflecting upon the ministry of Jesus proper - the many people he healed, fed, absolved, lifted, and blessed. And, together with such signs, the more plain and relentless preaching of the reign of God.

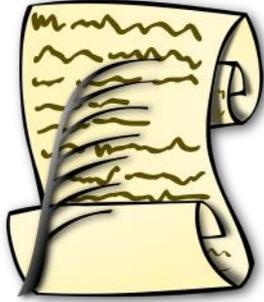
This year, being the Lectionary Year B, we are hearing from the gospels of either John or Mark. In both cases, the writers of the gospels were addressing Christian communities that had been or were still being ravaged by persecution, conflict, and the upheaval of the world around them. The books of the gospels were conceived and written precisely so those Christian churches undergoing so much suffering and challenges to their faith could recount the mysteries of their faith in power and eloquence, and share these stories for the edification of the whole church.

Just like then, the church today is met by the Lord and his gospel in times of uncertainty, when hopelessness is easy. Just like today, our collective receiving, reading, hearing, and digesting of the texts of these gospels, are meant to console us in our distress, encourage us in our faith, and illuminate our witness before others.

Our parish has at least two Bible study groups, and if you haven't joined one, I encourage you to consider doing so. The Scriptures speak ever more powerfully when we share them with others, and so much more clearly, when we do so in prayer and the pursuit of the will of God for our lives and that of the Church.

Your friend,

*Leonel*



## From the Deacon

Like many of you, I have spent the last two weeks cheering on Canada's team at the Tokyo 2020/2021 Olympic Games. We have cheered their successes, felt pride as they made the podium and felt heartache for those who fell short of their Olympic dreams.

It was certainly a very different Olympic Games this year.....one year late due to Covid, all sorts of protocols to be adhered to, security checks, social distancing. The list goes on. I think one of the hardest things was seeing so few spectators in the stands along with the limited number of athletes who could take part in opening and closing ceremonies. As is the case in all countries, the last four years have been spent training, competing and training some more. All athletes had one goal in mind. For some it was achieving gold medal results. For others it may have been to finish in the top five, or the top ten. For others it was exceeding their personal best and for some it may have been to just feel what it is like to experience the Olympic Games for the very first time. But no matter where our athletes finished or what their outcome was, we can feel a deep sense of pride in all they achieved. These achievements took place not just on the soccer pitch, or in the stadium or in the pool or on the track, but in the Olympic Village itself. Many friendships were forged. I'm sure many of our athletes picked up a smattering of new vocabulary from other countries. I noticed that many of our competitors had their ID tags filled with pins from other countries. Canada can indeed be proud of our showing in Tokyo.

We are all God's children no matter our race, our colour, our gender or our religious beliefs. In his eyes, we are all the same. All of his children came together for two and a half weeks to showcase their talent, to strive for success and cheer on others. The smiles, the tears, the high fives told it all.



Deacon's Diary.....continued



Behind each athlete was a team of trainers, coaches, therapists, parents and family who all worked together for one purpose: for these athletes to be the best that they could be. They achieved that purpose and can go home with heads held high. They did us proud.

Here at St. Luke's we are a team. Our common purpose as a team is to bring a huge resource of talents and gifts to the church so that it can achieve success—in the Diocese, in the community and in the wider world. Although we won't be able to showcase our talents this year due to Covid restrictions, we can be extremely

proud of our accomplishments especially in the last 17 months. We have all learned many new things. Zoom has become a way of life, we've learned to adjust to not gathering in person, and technology has made it possible to share services on line. As we move forward into a new year, whatever it may look like, we know that there will be many more accomplishments.



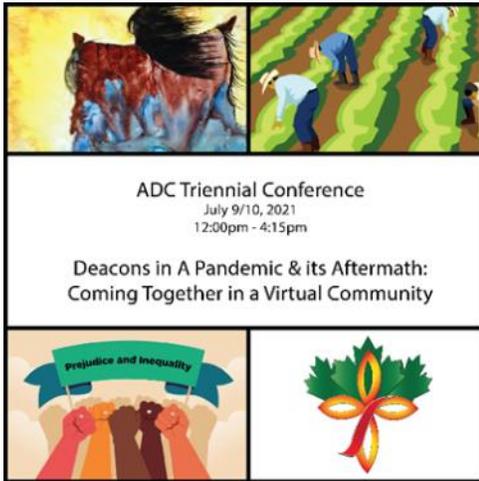
We continue to be blessed with so many parishioners who share all their time, talents and efforts to the church. I think everyone in St. Luke's is worthy of a gold medal. We don't do what we do just for a reward, but we do it for our abiding faith, for our love of God and to reinforce our belief that we truly belong to Him.

May God continue to bless you in all you do and may St. Luke's continue to be a beacon of faith, comfort, and strength in our community.

Rev. Sheila Plant  
Parish Deacon



## ADC Virtual Conference



On July 9/10 deacons from across Canada and the United States came together for our Virtual Conference.

Normally the conference is held every three years, however, due to Covid, we had to postpone our 2020 conference until this year.

Our conference was three years in the making. In June 2018, the College of Deacons, Niagara Diocese was asked to host the conference. We accepted the challenge and began work on venue, theme, accommodations, etc. The planning team

consisted of Jean Ruttan Yates, Rod McDowell and me. We met regularly to plan and organize our event. The conference was to be held at Mohawk College and by March of 2020 we were ready to go. We had community experiences set up for the participants. We were able to have our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls as our keynote speaker and we were able to tap into the talent of our very own diocese for seminar leaders.

And then, Covid happened. In consultation with Bishop Susan, we realized that we would not be able to go forward as planned and in August of last year, we pivoted from a residential conference to a virtual conference. The planning started all over again! We changed our theme, cancelled accommodations and venue, as well as our community experiences.

We worked with Bill Mous and Mary Anne Grant at the Diocese to help with technology. Registrations were done via Eventbrite and we worked also with members of the Anglican Deacons Canada board with communications. We were also pleased to have some of our Lutheran siblings join us for the conference.

We gathered via Zoom on Friday, July 9 at noon with 106 deacons taking part. Our opening worship was led by Father Tom Vaughan, our chaplain with deacons from Niagara. We had opening remarks from Bishop Susan Bell followed by the keynote address by the Primate.

She spoke about the importance of us listening. One of her first slides warned us to “keep our foot in the door”. She reminded us that this was our time and we must look for the gifts of others and bring the voices of these people to the Church. She reminded us that Jesus looked to those on the edges as we are called to do.

## Deacon's Conference.....continued

As for the situation involving the First Nations, she said it was not enough to be sorry but to understand what happened, and to learn and listen. She urged us to keep our ear to the ground, to observe and advise our parishes and bishops. We must, she said, observe, notice and name. It was our task to connect the church to the world.

After breakout groups to discuss the Primate's address, and then meeting as regional clusters to discuss our ministries, we ended the day with beautiful contemplative prayer by Canon Stuart Pike.

On Saturday our Lutheran siblings led us in midday prayer and then we broke off into three different webinars. Deirdre Pike led a session on Prejudice and Equity, Father Antonio Ilias talked about the Migrant Farm Workers and Janice Whitely (on behalf of Archdeacon Val Kerr) spoke on Truth and Reconciliation.

The day ended with our general meeting and closing worship led by the ADC Board.

Although we did not have the opportunity to gather in person to reconnect with friends, based on the evaluation forms and the comments received post-conference, it was still an engaging, worthwhile event.

To paraphrase a quote from Julian of Norwich...."all is well, all will be well and in the manner of all things, all will be well."

After a successful virtual conference.....all was well!

Rev. Sheila Plant

Parish Deacon

Chair, Niagara Conference Planning Team



## FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

We have heard from our bishop that we are to re-open our church to our faith community by September 12. Our specific date for St. Luke's has not yet been chosen (as of writing this), but, nevertheless, I thought I would talk about what our music might look like as we begin our journey back to "normal". Our space and the choices of my colleagues will determine what is safe for us, particularly in regards to sung music (hymns, choral music, etc.). A single singer, wearing a mask – perhaps two singers, depending on space for distancing – and accompanied either by organ or piano, seems to be the direction which my colleagues are taking. What happens to our virtual music is unknown at this time, but we do now have a large library of hymns and other music to choose from, should we wish to use these in our in-person services. However, while a single singer may lead hymns, the congregation will be discouraged from singing in the early days of our return. A cautious approach, to keep our church family safe, has been our pattern, and this will likely continue to be the case. Regarding other music, we have several talented people that are (and have been) willing to present music on instruments which do not involve air – violin, guitar, piano, organ, etc. This type of music is very easy to prepare and present while masked, and will definitely continue. Our clergy, executive, and worship teams will be working on other details of our re-opening: stay tuned!

I had hoped to present a virtual organ recital to you, with the help of our tech team, but with the extended lockdown from January to June, this made many aspects of this difficult. I do hope to be able to present a "welcome back" in-person recital, as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, I will be focusing on the virtual music I am preparing and producing, as well



as putting together a "package" of recorded breathing and vocal exercises for my choristers as we prepare for an eventual return to rehearsals (date to be determined). While I am so happy that we have kept many of us singing, the demands and intricacies of singing in-person and as a group have been absent for almost two years, and I feel that preparation (both physically and mentally) to return to this "normal" must begin now.

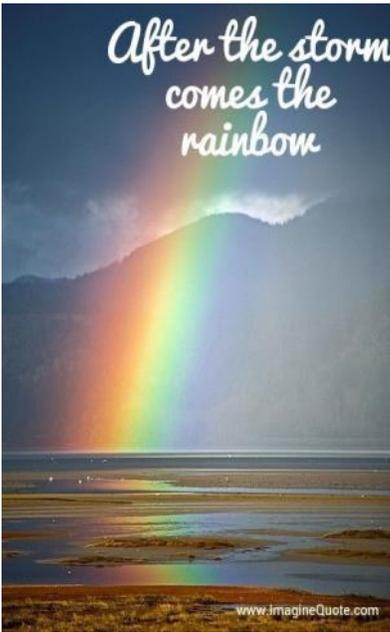
Music Director .....continued

Thank you once again to our virtual choir and instrumental music participants: Chris Hughes, Vicky Micks, Marilyn Allen, Dorothy Haartman, Bonnie Lennard, Rob Laurie, and Allan Ellingham. We have once again added the Taize music to our repertoire, and I hope those who have viewed the virtual Taize services have enjoyed both the choral chants, and the chants prepared by Rob Laurie and Rev. Stuart. Special thanks to Sheila Plant and Rev. Leonel for all the preparation and work on the liturgy and production!

In the meantime, friends, stay safe and well. I hope to see all of you in the Fall!

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Goodine, Music Director.

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## The Rung of Hope

“After the storm. The light will shine again. Even after the greatest storm, the light will shine again. The dark skies will clear. The waters will withdraw. It may take a long time, and there may be losses to count and lives to mourn. But life will reassert itself, slowly turning back to that comforting sameness in which we live without fear. Loving hands will help. Caring friends and family will gather their strength. The Spirit will dart from place to place, chasing the clouds away with the sunlight of hope. The light will shine again, no matter what storm you are facing.”

Hope is our message, our witness and our vision. It is what we are called to share. It is why the Spirit brought love into our hearts. It is the tool entrusted to us to turn back the darkness and let light shine into the shadows.

“Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder’s Meditations on Hope and Courage.”

By Steven Charleston

Submitted by Sheila Plant

## Welcome to the Red Box Project



At the end of July we began our Red Box Project and we are very excited about it. It is a new initiative and part of a program called "Period Poverty". The purpose of this project is to reach out to women and girls in our community who have difficulty in purchasing feminine hygiene products. It is hard to imagine that in this day and age, one in four women must choose between feminine hygiene products or food. Many young girls have to leave school because they are not adequately prepared. There is also a high rate of infection and Toxic Shock Syndrome amongst women who do not have sufficient supplies.

Our goal is to help these women and girls by providing them with free feminine hygiene products. With special thanks to Ross Gosling we now have a red box outside the parish hall. It is filled with personal hygiene products and anyone who needs something can take it from the box.

We hope that this will be an ongoing project and we so appreciate the support we have received so far from parishioners. Any donations of feminine hygiene products can be dropped off at the office any day except Friday.

Supplies will be replenished as needed. We can no longer shy away from this problem as we need to protect the dignity and well-being of women and girls in our community.

Rev. Sheila Plant  
Parish Deacon

## Columbaria Happenings



Bob Bruce, Ray Payne, Mike Rugar, Bill Armstrong,  
Dorothy Kew, Michael Skafel

Early in September tree protection fences will be erected along the sidewalk at the front of the church and around the area east of the church encompassing the current columbarium. These fences are composed of orange snow fencing plastic and 2x4s. Their purpose is to help prevent construction activities endangering the roots of trees. The City of Burlington's Tree Protection Bylaw requires these fences to be in place throughout the construction period for the two new columbaria.

The fences mark the beginning of construction for the columbaria which will be located near the existing columbarium. Once the fences are erected, a concrete company will excavate two 8-foot diameter holes to a depth of 5 feet and form the foundations with reinforced concrete.

Following a suitable period of time for the concrete to cure, the two columbaria will be delivered from Calgary and hoisted into place by a crane. Niches will then be installed and the area around the columbaria will be landscaped with interlocking pavers and a garden border. Finally the tree protection fences will be removed and the area surrounding the columbaria will be leveled and the lawn reseeded.

While this appears to be a straight-forward process, the planning for it has been complicated by several factors. The Tree Bylaw held us up initially (and greatly added to our expenses!). A new survey showing the site plan and grading was required. Then Covid-19 forced city employees to work from home resulting in communication problems which significantly delayed applications and approvals for civic permits. Finally the rush to start construction work as the pandemic restrictions were gradually lifted caused shortages in supplies.

Hopefully by the end of October the Columbaria Committee will be able to turn over the new columbaria to the Cemetery Board for use by members of St. Luke's Parish.

Please note that provincial regulations forbid the sale of niches prior to final completion of the columbaria installation, but the Cemetery Board is maintaining a list of parishioners who have some interest in possibly purchasing a niche. For more information please contact Michael Skafel at [mgskafe1@outlook.com](mailto:mgskafe1@outlook.com)

Bob Bruce Project Manager [pdgbob@bell.net](mailto:pdgbob@bell.net)

# ST. LUKE'S PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Coffee Hour by Zoom



Men's Faith and Fellowship both Zoom and together outside with guest Dean Cormack

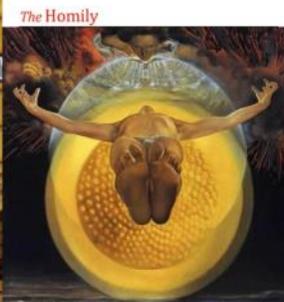


Parish Council—Stuart, Ros Reycraft, Helen Bittner (Deputy People's Warden), Bob Bruce, Rosemary Armstrong (Rector's Warden), Daryl Wilson (People's Warden), Sheila Plant, Jackie Maver, Bonnie Lennard, Leonel Abarola-Boloña, Brad Flick, Heather and Roger White, Bill Armstrong, Terry Raybould (Deputy Rector's Warden), Dave Beck, Lesley Emery, Chris Miller (Treasurer).

## Fall 2021 Calendar of Events

All Sunday and mid-week worship services are currently on-line only due to covid-19 but we are planning to start again with some in-person worship beginning September 12th with both an 8:15 and 10am service. On-line services will continue to be offered. Watch the church website for details.

### VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES



#### Sunday Morning Worship at 9am

**Evening Prayers at 7pm** Every evening until September 12th, then just on Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Taize Service** Second Friday of the month at 7pm

All above services are in the form of podcasts that can be played **at any time**. Go to [www.stlukesburlington.ca](http://www.stlukesburlington.ca) and click on "Virtual Service". You can then click on the picture of the service you want. For services, the words for the hymns and the liturgy are included in the podcast so you can follow along. See the next page for more.

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And, from the Niagara Anglican Diocese

**Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan**

Every Sunday at 10:00a.m.

Fall 2021 Calendar of Events .....continued

Saturday, September 25th	Advocacy Speaker on-line—Erika Skafel from El Hogar (Page 27)
Thursday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)
Sunday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Monday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Luke’s Day
Saturday, October 23	Esperanza - El Hogar On-line “Celebration of Hope” Page 29
Monday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Souls Day
Sunday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints Sunday
Thursday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day
Friday, November 12th	Refugee On-line Trivia Event See page 31
Sunday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday Service
Saturday, November 20th	Music at St. Luke’s “Cruisin” See Page 19
Saturday, December 4th	Christmas Market

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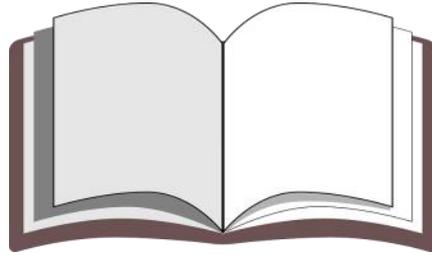
### **Report on Our Finances**

As we finally gather again with re-opening, we anticipate that many of you will be wondering about the state of our financial health. As of the end of July total donations received is \$245,000 verses a year to date budget of \$251,000. This overall donations variance of 2.5% (-\$6000) is, in fact, better than our "old normal" fall starting point. On expenses we have underspent by more than \$20,000.

We recently received the our audit of the 2020 statements. This was our first formal audit by an outside firm and we are thankful that no concerning items were raised by the audtors. This speaks well of the work of our financial team and the leadership of Treasurer Chris Miller. We are thankful for the great progress on the modernization of our accounting systems well supported by our book keeper Deborah Lewis and our interim Treasurer Helen Bittner. The new system will enable better reporting, controls and workflow.

The fall is normally a time when we have strong income from various activities like the garage sale and market. While no decision has been made on these events we can anticipate that these substantial sources of income will not deliver as in normal times. As you know government payroll support has also been lower this year. Therefore your sustained support is needed and appreciated. We have a lot to be thankful for, especially for the kindness and generosity of our parishioners. So, in short, we are thankful for your faithfulness and will need your ongoing support as we come back together back together as a church.

# *Life Passages*



## *February*

Roger Ransom

## *May*

Elsie (Carole) Bebb

Barbara Hladysh

Eunice Henry

Sheila Allatt

Mary Towndrow

## *June*

Beatrice (Betty) George

Anne Marie Mattocks

## *July*

Edward Smith

Ryan Dowling

*\*We sincerely apologize if any names have been omitted. It is not intentional. As you are aware, we are not conducting funerals in the same way as we were, so we do not always hear about the passing of someone. Please let us know if a name has been left off our page.*

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## Parish Life Reports

Hello Everyone!

I hope you and your families have enjoyed the summer months to the fullest. With Autumn shortly upon us, it is my great hope that we will soon be able to meet again in person (if we are not already doing so at time of publication), and that we will once again have a full array of activities to share with you as we gradually take our first steps toward re-opening and the new normal. I feel a little bit like I'm coming out of a dark cave, blinking in the light!



For now, please find below reports from Knitters & Friends, the Speakers Lunch Group, and Music @ St. Luke's, just a small sampling of the groups that come together under the Parish Life Umbrella.

God Bless You All!

Yours in Christ,

Lesley Emery  
Parish Life Chair

## Music at St. Luke's 2021/22

The 2021/22 series offers three evenings of musical entertainment accompanied by a delicious dinner catered by Champlain Caterers with a cash bar serving beer, wine and pop. Hors d'oeuvres 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30. Series of 3 concerts is \$110. Single tickets are \$40.

**Note that COVID restrictions may still be in place that could result in cancelations or major changes to our typical format.**



### **November 20, 2021      Cruisin'**

Performing great Rock, Pop and Gospel classics in Cruisin's unique a cappella 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 29, 2022      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 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 and evening at St. Luke's.



### **April 30, 2022      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 Buble 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!

Music at St. Luke's .....continued

**Music at St. Luke's 2021/22**

**ORDER FORM**

**Tear off and mail to: The Parish Church of St. Luke, 1382 Ontario Street, Burlington, ON  
L7S 1G1 Attention: Music at St. Luke's**

Please reserve.....

Series tickets of 3 concerts @ \$110.00

**The purchase of series tickets ensures that you will not be disappointed when we have sell-out performances.**

Please reserve single tickets @ \$40.00 for:

"Cruisin'" 50's, 60's, 70's 80's Music

Robbie Burns Dinner

The 12/4 Swing Orchestra

My cheque in the amount of \$ .....is enclosed.

Please make cheques payable to St. Luke's

**Name .....**

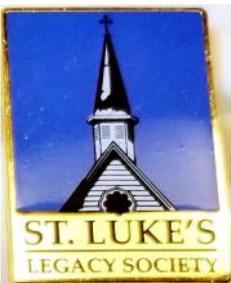
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**St. Luke's Legacy Society**

"The Legacy Society encourages us to think forward, to dream, and with our commitment to give visions of service, life and substance."

Jim Glass

## St Luke's Anglican Church



### “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 & support.

The group meets at 11:30 am on the second Thursday of each month for social time, followed by a “Bring Your Own Lunch” and a talk by the speaker of the month.

All are welcome - please call Doug Flett (905-637-7009) or Tim Tiernay (905-639-0345).

Once again, as we enter the fall, your committee is arranging a diverse and interesting list of topics and speakers.

As with our last report, we prepare this report without a definitive end to the pandemic restrictions. We had hoped for resumption in September, but even this seems premature for a safe return. While the vaccination program has really progressed, until the church is given clearance to resume in-person services, we need to be cautious before it is safe to gather again in a social setting.

We do have a list of very interesting speakers lined up for when we are able to resume. Once we are confident that we are safely able to do so, 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 to be had at our meetings. If you have any questions, suggestions as to subjects or speakers for future meetings or wish to join our organizing committee, please email or call Tim Tiernay ([tim.tiernay@bell.net](mailto:tim.tiernay@bell.net)).

Also, if you have not provided your email address or text number in the past, please do so we alert you to when we will be resuming.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these lunches in the future. For now, continue to be diligent and follow our health professionals’ direction - stay well.

## Knitters & Friends: Keep Calm and Carry Yarn

by Mary Taslimi



We Knitters & Friends keep hoping to be able to meet on the church lawn, but except for one time, the weather has not cooperated. On that occasion, some still found it too cold, so two hardy knitters met outside and the rest joined the Zoom as usual! For anyone who wishes to join the Zoom or be added to the email list for notification of any outdoor meetings we may manage, please email Mary Taslimi via [newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca](mailto:newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca)

Recently several members of the group set about knitting poppies for the Cambridge Poppy Project: <https://www.cambridgepoppyproject.ca>

We also enjoy sharing patterns, and some members are now tackling the “Paragon” scarf from Sock Yarn Accessories: 20 Knitted Designs with Style and Savvy by Jen Lucas.

Marlene Marks cast off her Frosty January to Flowery June temperature blanket, and cast on a new temperature blanket for the second half of the year. Her new blanket has fewer stitches and she has ascribed different colours to the temperature ranges. Mary Taslimi followed suit, having become disenchanted with her unwieldy temperature blanket! Her new project is a corner-to-corner blanket that will grow for three months and then decrease back down to a point by Dec. 31 (at least in theory). She is keeping the same colours for her new project.

Juliet Ellingham is working on a beautiful English Paper Piecing flower quilt, and Mavis Brown is stitching beautiful squares for a Birds of Canada quilt. Knitters and crocheters are working on dish cloths, scarves, shawls, hats, mitts and more. All types of hand crafts are welcome at Knitters and Friends meetings. We gather from 10am to noon every Tuesday. Come for the crafting, stay for the companionship and community!

Knitters & Friends continued .....



Shawl by Juliet Ellingham



Marlene Marks' temperature blanket for the second half of 2021



Mary Taslimi's corner-to-corner temperature blanket for the second half of 2021



Poppies by Phyllis



Scarf by Dyana Layng



Mary Taslimi's completed temperature blanket for the first half of 2021



"Shetland" Shawl by Lois Carey



English Paper Piecing quilt (work in progress) by Juliet Ellingham

# ST. LUKE'S YOUTH UPDATE



Shevaan and Saraya enjoying the Summer with Family



Bronwyn and Rhys with their favourite Summer treats

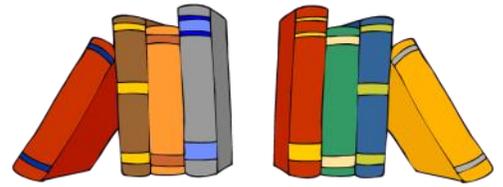
Ava and Olivia working at Bethany Residence, Jacob is a Port Nelson camo councillor/soccer referee, and Thomas has inherited the family Post route



Young at heart, Ardley and Donalda celebrate their 80th birthdays.

## News and Views from the Library

**The library is to enhance the spiritual life of its readers**

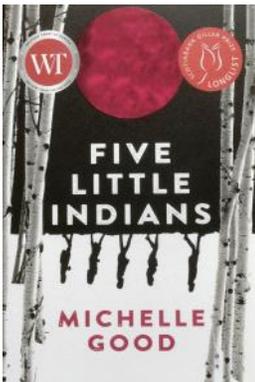


It appears that we are getting closer to opening our facilities.

Perhaps by the time you read this newsletter, the library will be open. If it is I hope you will come in and have a look at the new books that have been purchased as well as the books that have been donated to the collection over the past one and a half years. It will take us some time to get the library back into shape. We will try to do it as quickly as possible. Would you please return any books that you may have had during the closure. We are looking forward to seeing you!

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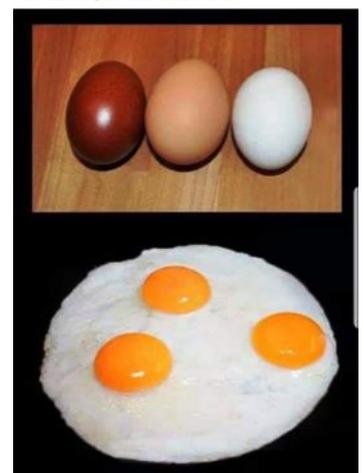
### **Book Review - Michelle Good, Five Little Indians, F GOO**



Michelle Good is a writer, retired lawyer and a member of the Red Pheasant nation in Saskatchewan. Her poems, short stories and essays have been published in magazines and anthologies across Canada. Five Little Indians is her first novel. For this work she was awarded the Governor General's literary award for fiction. Her book has been number one on the list of Canadian fiction since June.

Five Little Indians tells the story of five residential school survivors, Kenny, Lucy, Claire, Howie and Masie who were taken from their homes at a very early age and confined in a Church-run residential school. While it is fiction, it is clearly based on the truth of residential schools. Each child's story contains distressing details of their treatment in the residential school. It tells of their loneliness for their families, their harsh treatment from those in charge and their longing for the native customs and language that they had grown up with. It is not until they found each other after they escaped or where released at the age of sixteen that they bonded together to help each other to reinvent their lives and ultimately find a way forward. To quote from the inside of the front cover of the book "Alone and without skills, support or family, the teens find their way to the seedy and foreign world of Downtown Eastside Vancouver , where they cling together , striving to find a place in a world that does not want them. The paths of the five friends cross and crisscross over the decades as they struggle to overcome, or at least forget, the trauma they each endured during their lives at the Mission."

Racism explained for dummies



Library Book Review .....continued

This book was a very timely read. I found it difficult in the beginning as what I read greatly disturbed me. However, as I continued to read I realized that there was a message in the book that everyone should read and think about. After the discovery of children's graves at the Mission school in Kamloops this spring, the public were made more aware of the harsh and cruel treatment received by the children in this school and in many other residential schools. The author says, "It was 120 years of colonial brutality-endeavoring to replace their languages, and customs with the white man's ways."

Here are some links that readers of this book may be interested in:

<https://www.tv.o.org/article/truth-before-reconciliation-eight-ways-to-confront-residential-school-denialism>

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It is exciting to think that the church will be re-opening and many of our activities will be able to take place in person instead via Zoom. COVID-19 did not stop each ministry in Outreach continuing its work, yes in a changed format, but still accomplishing what we wanted and needed to do.



### **Advocacy Breakfasts**

This vibrant and supportive part of the Outreach Division has been actively presenting informative and timely presentations (via Zoom) to parishioners and others in our community.

On September 25th, we will be delighted to once again welcome our own Erika Skafel to join us from El Hogar in Honduras. She will share an update on the many aspects of life in this special place. This presentation will begin at 11 AM, rather than at 10 AM, in order to accommodate the time difference between Burlington and Tegucigalpa. The link information will be available in the usual manner in the St. Luke's weekly email update.

At this time our future plans are developing and will be presented through the usual ways: the weekly parish email update and announcements, or by email to those who have been part of previous presentations and are on our email list. We look forward to seeing everyone via Zoom and eventually in person as that long-awaited time arrives. As always, we welcome new team members as well as participants to continue to strengthen this vital part of ministry here at St. Luke's.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould ( on behalf of the Advocacy Team)

## Bicycles for Migrant Farm Workers in Niagara



We are very pleased to report that in the past few months St. Luke's has donated a total of 11 bicycles for use by migrant farmworkers in association with the Migrant Farmworkers Project, Diocese of Niagara.

This action resulted from the presentation given by Padre Antonio Illas, the Missioner for this Project, at an Advocacy "Zoom" Breakfast in the fall of 2020. St. Luke's accepted the challenge

of supporting this important Project, and we were delighted to receive a very generous response - donations of gently used bicycles, helmets, bells and lights, and reflective vests as well.

We wish to express our thanks to everyone who contributed towards this initiative. The donated bikes were generally very serviceable and were given a tune-up and small repair, if required, at the Skafel bike shop.

Bicycles and equipment were delivered to the storage and maintenance facility located in the basement of St. Alban's Church in Beamsville. A letter of gratitude was received from the Reverend Dan Tatarnic, Rector of St. Alban's.

We were pleased that we were able to meet and talk, as best we could, with José Luis, a migrant worker from Mexico, who inspects all donated bicycles, and maintains them in good working order in his spare time. Shortly after we delivered the first shipment of bicycles, we were able to see workers riding their bikes through the fields and realized how important they are to enable the workers to get from their accommodations to the farms and vineyards where they carry out their work in all types of weather, and also into the nearby towns for shopping and looking around in their free time.

There are thousands of temporary farm workers in Niagara and bicycles are always needed, so we will be carrying on with this initiative in the spring of 2022.



## El Hogar Service Team Trip

What is El Hogar's Mission? El Hogar provides a quality education and a safe and nurturing home to children living in impoverished conditions in Honduras. Their goal is to break the cycle of poverty so that students can fulfill their potential as productive and independent Honduran citizens.

How do they do it? The love and dedication of staff are amazing. Individuals and churches such as ours provide much needed financial support.

After our successful sales of Easter eggs, Honduran coffee, and Marilyn's cards, plus generous donations from parishioners, we were able to send a cheque for \$4,000. Thank you so much to you all! We have had many fundraising efforts in the past and this fall is no exception.

Wine Survivor will be returning after Labour Day.



## Burlington Ubuntu Grandwomen

The Grandwomen and others who are part of this dedicated group have been continuing to meet via Zoom. The usual meeting time of the third Wednesday in the month will be adjusted in the Fall due to scheduling at Burlington Baptist Church. These arrangements are in progress and the decision as to timing will be available through the website [www.thebug.ca](http://www.thebug.ca).

There are important news items regarding the circumstances in Africa due to the complications of the pandemic and the realities of HIV/ AIDS.

Please consider learning more through the Stephen Lewis Foundation website [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org)

As are many others throughout the world, those who are living in such conditions and those offering help are in need of our prayers.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould

## Refugee Sponsorship

We have good news about our Syrian refugee family, waiting to come to Canada from Beirut. After months of waiting out delays, (Covid shutdowns and the explosion in Beirut), Karima, Mohamad and little Fatima and Ahmad finally got their first official interview and they have **“been granted Asylum to Canada!”**

This is amazing news. It has seemed like such a long time for us and I am sure that it seems even longer to them in Lebanon, as they struggle to survive with the other million and a half Syrian refugees in that country.



The Hajj-Kasems are ecstatic to think that their daughter, sister and the grandchildren, whom they have never met - will be arriving, finally.

We don't know any more details at this time, or a timeline of their arrival, but know that they at least, passed the first step.

The process is not over yet as they will need background and health checks and possibly more that we don't know about, but at least we are this far in the process.

When we know of a date of arrival, we will need many hands on deck, with donations of household items, clothing, car seats, furniture, funds and prayers.



There is a very good possibility that by the time they get here, they will not be vaccinated against COVID and so we have to put together a Quarantine plan before they would be accepted to travel to Canada. This would include a location where they would be isolated in **Quarantine for two weeks**. If anyone has a connection to somewhere where the family could be quarantined – like a basement apartment, etc., we would be happy to hear from you. Thank you sincerely to all, from the family and all of us for your continued support and prayers.

Below is a note of thanks from Ahmad, the spokesperson of the Hajj-Kasem family, wanting all of St. Luke's to know of their appreciation to us:

*“My sister's asylum application has been accepted. It was because of your efforts. Without you, she wouldn't have come. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this achievement. My family and I appreciate this very much. You are great people. You inspire us to help others. Thank you”*

## Next Take-out Middle Eastern Meal Planned for Friday, September 17th



We certainly thank all who participated in our Middle Eastern Take-out Meal in June which was a Fundraiser for our refugee family. Rose and her staff were most accommodating for this fundraiser and it was a pleasure to work with them. On top of that, the meals she provided were delicious. The baklava dessert that was offered was made fresh that day and everything was lovingly prepared by her and the staff. We plan to do this again in September, so mark your calendar for **Friday, September 17** – with a new and different menu. Details to come.

Submitted by Janice Skafel

## Community Lunch

Our Community Lunch for “seniors and others” will resume when public events at St. Luke’s are opened again. Please read the bulletin for any updates. We look forward to seeing friends and enjoying good food together once more.

Submitted by Heather White



## Madagascar Missions

We at St. Luke's Church have been long-time supporters of Mary Sherwood and her work in Madagascar at both Akany Famonjema and Akany Tafita. Although Mary is no longer able to continue her work there since suffering a stroke last summer, we want to make sure that we continue to support both missions. Anglican Mission Services is still actively searching for a suitable replacement for Mary.

In June we held our first ever 'NO BAKE' bake sale! We asked you to contribute what you thought you might spend at a real bake sale, but of course we saved you all the fuss of actually having to bake something to contribute! As is always the case with St. Luke's parishioners, you responded generously to our appeal and we were thrilled to raise \$1260 which was sent to Anglican Mission Services to be used to support the Madagascar Missions.

Thank you so much for your generous support of these important outreach projects.

Donations are, of course, welcome at any time. Please remember Mary and the children of Madagascar in your prayers.

Submitted by Sandra Tiernay

## FRESH FOOD BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ST. LUKE'S !!!



In August, St. Luke's resumed its long-standing role as a distribution site for the Halton Fresh Food Box (HFFB) program. The program was suspended in March of 2020 after the declaration of the pandemic, because of concerns about safety for the many volunteers who packaged up the food at St. Christopher's Anglican Church on Guelph Line.

The Board of Directors of HFFB decided to retain the services of the Kerr Street Mission, based in Oakville, to operate the program under the new name of "Fresh Food Box for Halton" (FFBH). Kerr Street Mission has selected a produce company in Brantford to package the fresh food boxes and deliver them to the various distribution sites in Halton Region. Two sizes of food boxes are available - a small box at a cost of \$10 and a large box at a cost of \$20. Deliveries will be made to the Parish Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month (unless Monday is a statutory holiday, in which case food boxes will be delivered on Wednesday).

This is a great way to purchase a variety of fresh, generally local, produce at a price much lower than one would find at most major supermarkets. The FFBH program also supports a number of local farms and agricultural businesses.

For information about how to place an order, please refer to the weekly on-line bulletin, or contact Dave Beck at (905) 634-2095, or by e-mail at [davebeck6205@gmail.com](mailto:davebeck6205@gmail.com).

Dave Beck and Gay Powell



## Primate's World Relief Development Fund

### ANGLICANS INVITED TO SUPPORT TERRITORY OF THE PEOPLE IN AFTERMATH OF FIRE

PWRDF is offering assistance to the Territory of the People with a solidarity grant of \$5,000. The Central Interior B.C. Territory is in dire need due to the sudden fire which destroyed the village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation Wednesday afternoon.

“We are all in shock at the tragic news of the fire in the village of Lytton, the Lytton First Nation, and surrounding areas,” says a July 1 letter signed by Archbishop Lynne McNaughton, Bishop Gordon Light and Bishop Barbara Andrews. “We are aware that many have lost homes and businesses, and are displaced into other communities. We don’t know the whole extent of the damage, but it is widespread and devastating.”

The Territory is currently raising funds directly to help clergy provide cash for emergency needs of those who have been made homeless or are displaced by the fire. Funds raised will also support future rebuilding.

**How can you help? Please make cheques payable to St Luke's on memo line PWRDF Lytton fire. For questions please contact Jackie Maver 905 681-6097 .**

#### **Solar Suitcases Improve Health of Moms and Babies**

In the Mogovolas District of Mecutamala, Mozambique, the nurses who work in the maternity wards have seen the light. Solar-powered light, that is. **In 2016, solar panels were installed** on the roofs of 30 health clinics in the region. The panels are connected to a device known as a solar suitcase, a wall-mounted unit that opens like a suitcase and includes phone charging ports, a portable headlamp and a fetal Doppler to monitor baby's heartbeat. The solar suitcase project brought clean and efficient electricity to labouring moms, babies and the trained professionals who care for them.

The project was such a success that in April 2021, PWRDF is partnering again with EHALE Mozambique and California-based We Care Solar to bring light to another 50 rural health clinics. You can ensure babies are born safely with a donation to PWRDF's **A Light for Every Birth project**. A single unit, including transportation and installation, costs roughly \$6,000. Donations in any amount are now being accepted and parishes and groups are encouraged to work together to raise funds.



## The Mystery of the Thomson Plot, St. Luke's Churchyard – Continued

By Dorothy Kew



*The Thomson Plot ca. 2012*

In my last article I described the former Thomson Plot and the plaques within it dedicated to members of the Thomson family. As the brick work of the walls around the plot were not in good shape it was decided by St. Luke's Cemetery Committee to carry out repairs, if possible, on the structure and to that end to try to find descendants of the family to help defray the cost of this enterprise. I therefore began to do some research on the family, based on the information contained in plaques on the wall.



*Plaques, Thomson Plot*

To recap, the persons listed on the plaques on the wall were:

**William THOMSON** Esq, 1796-1856, his wife Jean CHARTERIS, 1799-1887, descendant of the CHARTERIS of Amisfield Dumfriesshire.

**Robert Charteris THOMSON** Esq died Dec 6 1898, in the 66<sup>th</sup> year of his age, at Amisfield Hamilton, born Dumfries Scotland, his wife **Annie Laurence VAN EVERY** died at Amisfield Dec 1 1926, in her 88<sup>th</sup> year, born Mount Van Stamford.

**Mary**, 1809-1895, daughter of Robert HESLOP Esq of St. Bees Cumberland England, wife of Joseph VAN EVERY Esq of Mount Van Stamford Ont., and her grandson **Joseph B HOSTETTER, 1858-1900**

The first mystery I uncovered was that none of the people listed on the plaques were to be found in the burial registers of St. Luke's Church. Did that mean that their funeral services were carried out elsewhere, but even so there should have been a record that they were supposedly buried in the cemetery. Which brings up an interesting point ... just because there is a stone, or plaque, stating "In memory of" and a name, it doesn't necessarily mean that the person in question is actually buried there.

So, who were these people? It appears that **William Thomson** was born in Scotland in 1796, married **Jean Charteris**, and died in Hamilton, Wentworth County, in 1856. I found many references to the Thomson family in the archives of Whitehern Historic House online at <http://www.whitehern.ca/index.php>. The McQuesten family who lived there were friends of the Thomson family who lived at *Amisfield*, at 1 Duke Street in Hamilton. The house, built in 1856 for a lawyer, **Colin Reid**, was eventually purchased by William Thomson's widow, **Jean Charteris Thomson**, who left it to their only child, their son, **Robert Charteris Thomson** at her death in 1887. The house is still there, but obscured by commercial development. **Robert Charteris Thomson** was born in Dumfries, Scotland, about 1833. Robert married **Anne Laurence Van Every** 1st September 1863 in Halton County, Ontario. Anne was born in Mount Van, Stamford, Ontario, 18 May 1839, the daughter of **Joseph Van Every** and his wife, **Mary Heslop** of St. Bee's, Cumberland, England. **Robert Charteris Thomson** was a lumber merchant, president of R. Thomson & Company.

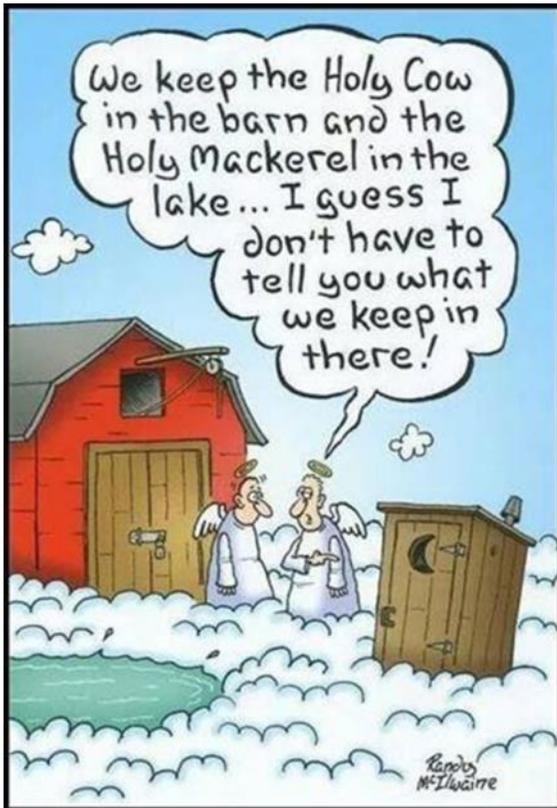
Robert and Anne Thomson had one son, as far as I have been able to discern, named **Joseph James Charteris Thomson**, born 9 July 1864. In 1871 Robert, Anne and Joseph James were living in Nelson Township, Halton County, along with one John Little, aged 19, a clerk; **Mary Van Every**, aged 55, the mother of Anne Thomson, now widowed; and a cousin, **Laura Hostetter**, aged 9. **Laura Hostetter** was the daughter of **Jacob Hostetter**, who had married **Diana Van Every**, older sister of Ann Laurence Thomson. **Diana Hostetter** died in 1861 and that may be the reason Laura, who was born that year, went to live with her aunt, **Anne Thomson**. In 1881 Robert and Anne are still living in Nelson Township, Halton County, along with Joseph, aged 16, and Anne's mother, **Mary Van Every**. Interestingly enough, the census information given for the Thomson family states that they were Presbyterian. By 1891 they are living in Ward 2, Hamilton, the household consisting of Robert and Anne, Joseph, and Mary Van Every, and three servants, so they are most likely now at "Amisfield" which would have required staff to help with the upkeep of such a large house. As **Jean Charteris Thomson** had died in 1887 and left Amisfield to Robert, it's likely that the family moved to Hamilton around this time.

Canadian censuses record a person's religious denomination and through those censuses to this date the Thomson family were listed as Presbyterian. According to Mary Anderson, PhD., the contact person for the Whitehern Museum Archives website, the Thomsons of Amisfield would most likely have attended McNab Presbyterian Church, and their burial/funeral records would be kept in the Presbyterian Archives in Toronto. So, the question still remained ... were any of them buried in St. Luke's Cemetery, and if so, why? What was their connection to St. Luke's?

In my next article I will continue the saga of the mystery of the Thomson Plot and what eventually became of it.

## Editor's Sense of Humour

### Your Reward (or Punishment) for Reading to the End



**Visiting his grandparents**, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

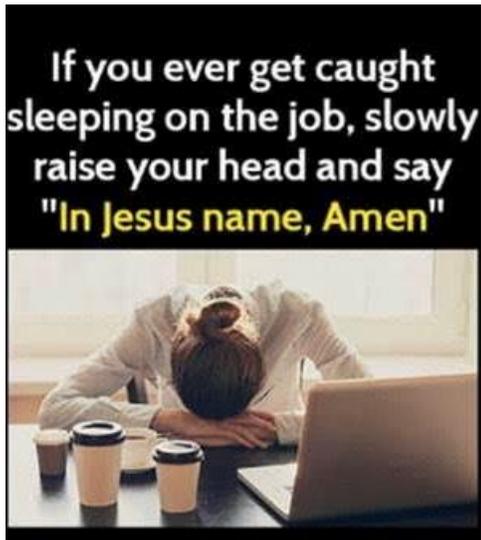
With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

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**The Sunday School teacher** was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

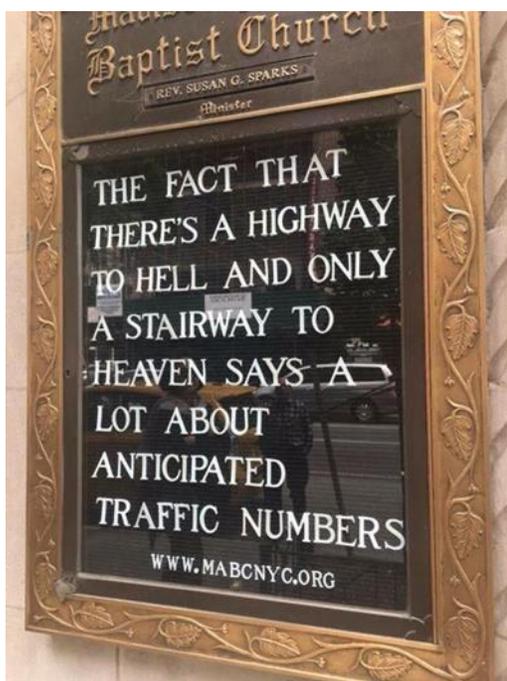
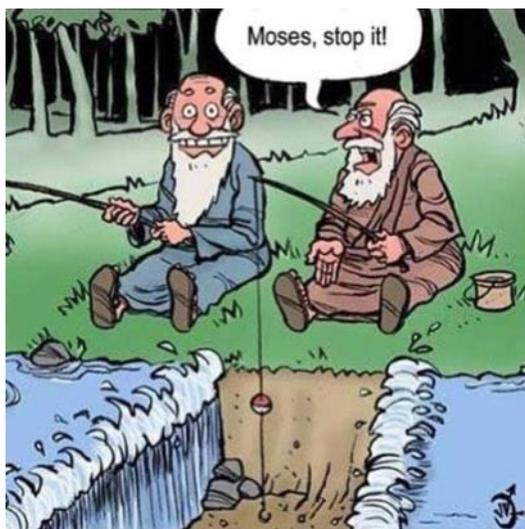
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**Another Sunday School teacher** said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."



Thanks to Bill Milne and Rosemary Armstrong for contributions

## Editor's Sense of Humour .....continued



### Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins

- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- The service will close with "Little Drops Of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly, and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."



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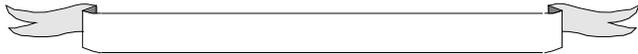
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