

ST. LUKE'S

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2022



Back to In-Person Services in Time for Easter

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Rector's Message

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Luke's,

I write this the day after our Easter services. What a joy it was to be able to observe and celebrate our Holy Week and Easter services in-person for the first time in two years.



In many ways it felt like being liberated from the confining tomb and being able to walk out free and whole. I do know though, that there are many people who cannot yet take the risk of gathering; and so we will continue to offer in-person services at both 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sundays and at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, as well as virtual services on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. . We live-stream our 10 a.m. Sunday worship service, and save it for later viewing as well.

We are starting to open up the Parish Hall for some events, albeit with restrictions, such as continuing to wear face masks while in the Parish Hall except for certain special circumstances.

I want to thank the Clergy and Lay staff at St. Luke's for their diligence and hard work over these last two years of the pandemic. I so appreciate the countless volunteers, who have been a God-send for our mission as a parish. I encourage you to get on board with our Mission Action Planning. Links to specific meetings about this appear in my regular parish emails.

We're not through the pandemic yet, but there is a bit of a feeling of reprieve. Please continue to be diligent in your precautions, not only for your own health, but for the most vulnerable among us. I continue to suggest you be as vaccinated as possible. I just received my fourth dose; and I suggest you do the same.

Please read on in the newsletter to learn about what we are doing in the months ahead.

Easter blessings to you and may God's grace continue to flow through you, enabling you to serve God's kingdom in all that you do!

Stuart.

Warden's Thoughts for The Summer Newsletter



After two long years of isolation, lockdowns and recorded services, we have experienced the blessing of actually gathering in person for Holy Week. As I contemplated this during one of the services, I thought about how blessed we are to have a community of faith surrounding us at St. Luke's. During the pandemic we have worked diligently to care for one another, to protect one another and to reach out in various 'virtual' ways. As summer approaches and restrictions lift, we look forward to meeting once again in our parish hall for meetings, socials, fundraising and outreach events. We are in the midst of forming a refreshed Mission Action Plan with input from The Parish Council and all interested members of St. Luke's. If you haven't already joined one of these meetings (all by Zoom), plan to join in on May 25th and June 22nd. It's an exciting time as we work together and plan for renewed outreach in our community.

Henri James said, "Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language". May you find time for relaxation and renewal this summer!

Your clergy and wardens continue to work on your behalf for the spiritual life of our parish and the upkeep and finances of our church. Feel free to reach out with questions or concerns. In closing, we share this ancient Gaelic blessing once again with you. May we all continue to pray for and encourage one another!

"Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world on you. Amen"

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Pastoral Assistant's Report - Pastoral Care

Worship - There are many ministries in the Church, and many expressions of our life as the body of Christ, even specifically in this place. Worship is, perhaps, the most public of such.

In worship, the local church gathers, open to the surrounding community, hosted by Jesus, for the sake of giving worship to God, proclaiming the Gospel, interceding for all, and celebrating the sacraments in a dance led by the Spirit. In worship, together we discern Jesus in the Scriptures, in the sacraments, and in one another.



Well, each and all of these items have been challenged throughout these times we have spent under emergency measures brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. Our very ability to come together in person, had to be refashioned. We often have had to rely on the internet for our worship gatherings, as many continue to do today.

With these new realities, we also found that *participation in worship* could happen in new ways, bringing out gifts and uncovering opportunities for service. One, among many examples, is the small and dedicated Sunday morning TV station crew. This group has grown out of the experiences of these past two years, for the sake of bringing the church worship service to as many of those who could not attend in person.

The Holy Week we have just observed, has been, among many other good things, a time of transition for our dynamics and patterns of common worship. We have learned and continue to learn how to enable all who attend worship at our church to know themselves hosted by Jesus who, through the body of the Church, gathers believers for the sake of praise, prayer and mutual edification. We do know, on the other hand, that such an experience has been accessible to only so many, even among our St. Luke's parish community, due to very reasonable precautions taken against the coronavirus.

As restrictions are gradually lowered, and our sense of safety in participating in public, in-person worship increases, we will return to even more comfortable patterns and ways of worshipping God, hosted by Jesus, and led by the Spirit, even in this place in which we have all been called to be the Church.

As your own sense of comfort with attending in-person worship increases, I encourage you to be discerning and, at the same time, also enthusiastic about your plans to be present with the church gathered—because your presence, as our Maundy Thursday preacher reminded us, always makes the Church larger.

Your friend,

Leonel

From the Deacon's Diary



On a trip to England some years ago, I had the opportunity to attend a Holy Eucharist at Manchester Cathedral. Although I had visited the Cathedral before and had attended Evensong, this time it seemed more moving and more significant. Perhaps it had something to do with the proximity to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. As the guest of a family friend who is a parishioner, I was surprised but honoured to take the sacraments to the altar. What a meaningful experience it was for me! This will stay with me for a long time. I enjoyed following the service which was almost identical to ours. The choir consisted of about 20 individuals, both male and female from age 10 and up. The clarity and purity of their voices was absolutely magical and seemed to soar to all corners of the Cathedral.

Several years before that, most of the pews had been removed and replaced by chairs. A few pews at the back still remain-they are the very old ones where each person has their own "seat" with a cushion and a ledge in front on which to put their hymnary and prayer book. There was also a traditional velvet rope to mark off each pew. As with any new initiative, the decision to remove the pews was surrounded by controversy. The chairs proved to be rather uncomfortable, the rack for the books didn't work; and more research should have gone into the selection of chairs. However, using chairs gave the space flexibility: seating could be configured for a concert, a theatrical performance, a meeting place or a special service. This is a very similar set up to our own Cathedral in Hamilton. Generally the chairs were placed in such a pattern that they faced the altar.



Deacon's Report continued.....

Just as is the case with our own Cathedral, Manchester Cathedral (formally known as the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, St. Denys and St. George, Manchester) is the heart of the diocese. Located in the core of this cosmopolitan city, it has become a multi-purpose, multi-functional building and is used all the time. This seems to be the direction in which many of our churches are going in. It's a matter of survival. These churches are no longer open strictly for Sunday services and perhaps one service through the week, and then locked up. Rather they are a hive of activity. I only had to look at the Calendar of Events for Holy Week and Easter Week to see how busy this building is. I was fascinated to read about the lunchtime concerts from the prestigious Chetham School of Music next door, or the ceremony for "Turning the Leaves" in the Regiment Chapel. The list was endless.

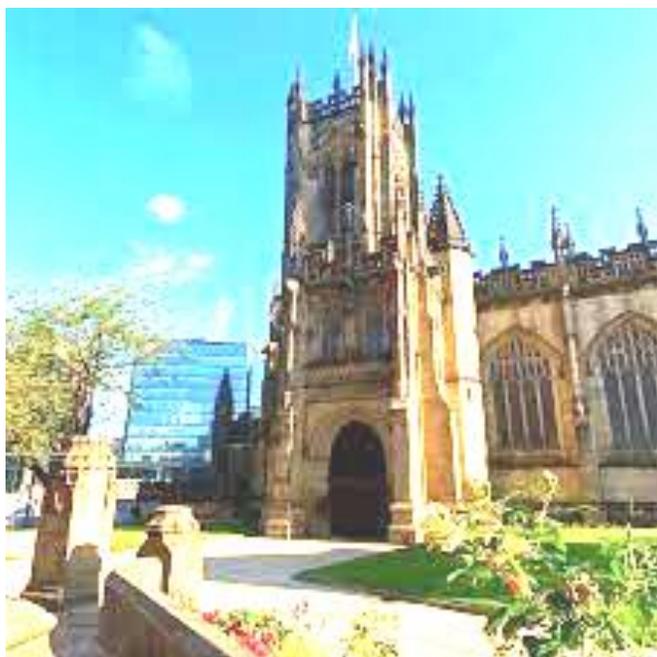
What struck me the most, was the diversity of the people who attended the service—all ages, races, backgrounds and nationalities. There were several students who dropped in as they readied for a hiking tour of the area. They were drawn by the carillon of the bells, the open door and more importantly the smiles and greetings they received.

So, it's not just about the building, but it's the people who meet within its walls. Those who worship are what makes the Cathedral tick. I truly believe that we, here at St. Luke's, have got it right. We have name tags, greeters, coffee hour; and we are always on the lookout for new people coming through our doors. As we start to reopen even more, we need to draw those people of our community into the church....not just for worship, but for community,

friendship and support. Just think of all the things that go on at St. Luke's, both pre-pandemic and now.

Let us all make that effort to say "Welcome, friend! We have a place for you here!"

We should be very proud of all we do, and, with God's help, may we continue to open our doors and hearts to our community.



Manchester Cathedral

From Rev. Michael Coren

This is my first article for the St. Luke's newsletter, and is taken in part from a column I wrote on Easter for The Toronto Star. Let me say that I'm delighted to be back as part of this wonderful church and family – I did some training here some years ago while still at seminary. Each time I arrive at St. Luke's I'm reminded of how fortunate I am.



I've now been an ordained cleric for three years, first as a deacon and then a priest. Many things have surprised me in my first three years as an ordained Anglican cleric. The pain and joy, suffering and sacrifice, the importance of the church in people's lives in a culture that insists organized religion is irrelevant. You learn, as it were, on the job. I've twice been asked to pray over people who were dying, and on both occasions the person passed within moments of my prayers.

Not that they were "my" prayers of course, because I'm just the vessel – a very inadequate one – of delivery. I always emphasize that these aren't prayers for the dying, as we're never sure if the person, even while heavily sedated and with eyes closed, can hear, and might be frightened. The words are comforting, reassuring, warm. Were they heard, did they liberate them, provide a sense of release and relief? Not sure, but I know that I felt a mixture of awe and even guilt. And that I wept.

I'd never patronize those who have lost loved ones, and most of what I do as a priest is to shut up and listen. But I do believe, and will certainly explain if asked, that this is only the land of shadows, and that real life has yet to begin. I believe in the soul, the eternal, the afterlife. Some might not like this description, but the Christian faith is, in the best sense, a personality cult. We Christians revere a man who, as the Son of God, entered the human story 2000 years ago, and taught a creed so freeing and revolutionary that for centuries people have often tried to twist it into something it's not.

Because authentic love is difficult, forgiveness is challenging, praying for those who hate you is a struggle, putting others first, giving away possessions, turning the other cheek, and trying to transform the world is an exhausting challenge. Claiming to be a Christian without living these commands, however, is like boasting of being a weight-lifter but using an empty barbell.

In this time of pandemic, international injustice, war, economic exploitation, the triumph of the arms dealer and the banker, and the devaluing of the poor and vulnerable, it's hard to see the good and the noble. Frankly, it's always been that way. Nostalgia paints a gloss over a history that is soaked with injustice.

For me, it's less that Christianity is the final answer, more the ultimate question. Faith is a dialogue, it obliges me to ask, to demand, Why? Why? Why? Faith is tough, faith is fierce and robust but, ultimately, faith is perfect. Consider not the flawed followers; but the perfect founder.

On the night he was betrayed took bread, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Pray we always remember; pray I always remember.

God bless you.

Michael

Ruth and Naomi

“The Book of Ruth relates that Ruth and Orpah, two women of [Moab](#), had married two sons of Elimelech and [Naomi](#), Judeans who had settled in Moab to escape a famine in [Judah](#). The husbands of all three women die; Naomi plans to return to her native Bethlehem and urges her daughters-in-law to return to their families. Orpah does so; but Ruth refuses to leave Naomi, declaring (Ruth 1:16–17), “Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried.” Ruth accompanies Naomi to [Bethlehem](#) and later marries Boaz, a distant relative of her late father-in-law. She is a symbol of [abiding](#) loyalty.”



Over the past two years there has been an increase in the number of widows in our parish. Because of the pandemic, it has been difficult to gather in support of one another and to walk one another’s journey.

A good friend and colleague of mine started “Ruth and Naomi” in her parish several years ago after the loss of her husband. She wasn’t looking for bereavement support per se, but rather a gathering for women who were experiencing the same thing that she was. And so, “Ruth and Naomi” was born in her parish. At her first gathering, there were two women; but that was okay. The next time they met, there were four. Numbers increased until now there are approximately 10 women who gather after church on the first Sunday of the month for lunch and fellowship.

I had been struggling on how best to meet the needs of our widows at St. Luke’s. They knew that I did bereavement support, one on one or in small groups; but I felt they needed something else. In speaking further with my friend, she suggested I form a group here. And so, I did! Before putting it out to the larger parish, I spoke to a couple of ladies quietly and said, “What do you think?” They were on board!

My friend’s group meets on the first Sunday of the month, and so in April, I accepted an invitation and went to St. Andrew’s, Grimsby to join them. What a delightful time we had! I have modelled our “Ruth and Naomi” on that group; and we held our first gathering after church on April 10. It is not a meeting, but rather a gathering. We brought our lunch and refreshments were provided. I had extended an invitation to my friend to join us; and afterwards she told me she was very impressed. There were eight of us all together, and the reactions I received afterwards were all very positive.

Ruth and Naomi continued

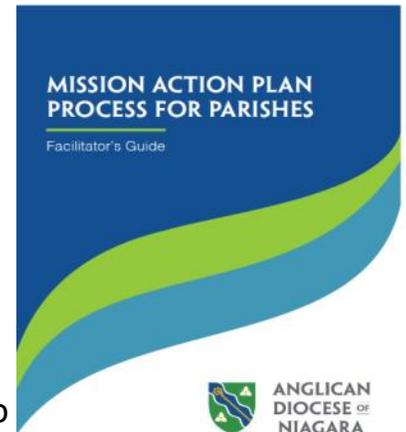


We now have a reciprocal arrangement with St. Andrew’s, which is very exciting. We look forward to drawing the circle wider.

Submitted by Deacon Sheila Plant

St. Luke’s Mission Action Plan Nearing Completion

The diocese has laid out a process for each parish to develop a mission action plan. St. Luke’s has been working through this and is expecting to finish after June. One example of the goals that have been set is to double our weekly attendance in 3 years. As you may have seen in bulletin notices, monthly meetings, open to the parish, are being held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ahead of the regular parish council meetings. These are Zoom meetings; and you need to register with Stuart in advance to receive the link. These meetings are listed in our upcoming events on page 16.



The process started two years ago confirming the vision and mission of this church, analyzing strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities, and setting goals and strategies. These action planning meetings are aimed at developing action plans and initiatives, so that the parish has a consistent, multi-year plan to achieve our goals and fulfill our Mission and Vision. A plan of specific initiatives can be reviewed annually to chart progress and make mid-course corrections as needed.

Here are some links to some of the detailed planning to this point. We can expect to hear more about this after June. Feel free to register for some of the remaining action planning meetings.

St. Luke’s Action Plan Draft

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rBtynC-m7oK3xD0jO3SywhxKgAliGOjp/view?usp=sharing>



From the Indigenous Peoples Awareness Team

Virtual Tour of the Mohawk Institute Now Available Online

The former Mohawk Institute Residential School in Brantford was an Anglican-run institution that had 90 to 200 students at any given time. It operated from the mid-1800s to 1970. An effort is currently underway to restore and develop the building as an “Interpreted Historic Site and Educational Resource”.

As a site of conscience, the primary goal is to create an Interpretive Centre that will be the destination for information about the history of Residential Schools in Canada, the experiences of survivors of the schools, and the impact that the Residential School System has had on indigenous communities. While the building is not yet open to the public a virtual tour is available.

The tour guide is Lorrie Gallant of the Cayuga Nation. She is a generational survivor of the Mohawk Institute Residential School, and is the Education Program Coordinator at the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford. During the tour Lorrie provides the history of the institution over its 140 years of operation. Viewers get to see the different rooms in the school, from the girls’ and boys’ dormitories, the cafeteria, laundry room, and other rooms throughout the building, as well as to hear interviews from five survivors of the Mohawk Institute.

The tour is available for public viewing the third Wednesday of each month through August. Exact time and details on how to register are available at the following link. A \$10 donation is requested.

<https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/mohawk-institute-residential-school-virtual-tour-now-available-online/>



Mohawk Institute today. The property is currently the subject of a search to identify unmarked graves of students

Indigenous Peoples Awareness Team continued



Students at the Mohawk Institute



Tour guide Lorrie Gallant hosted visitors from St. Luke's at the Woodlands Cultural Centre in 2018.

Easter Week Services at St. Luke's
Photos by Dorothy Kew and from Streaming



Easter Vigil



Trumpeter at Easter



Stripping the Altar on Maundy Thursday

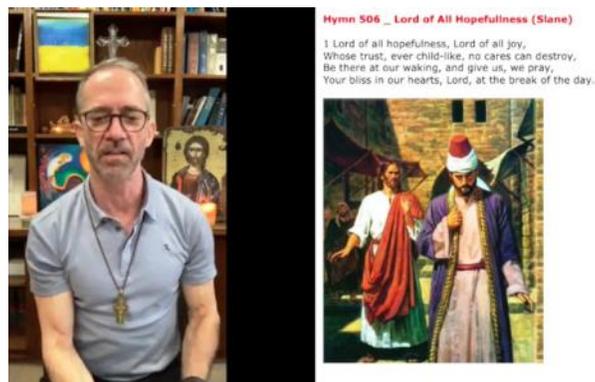


Summer 2022 Calendar of Events

At the time of writing, evening prayer twice a week and Taize on the second Friday of the month are available only on-line. Wednesday 10:00am, Sunday 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. are in person. The Sunday 10:00am is live-streamed on the church Youtube channel. Live streams and on-line services are posted on the church Youtube channel, and can be accessed through the Virtual Services tab on the church website. Watch the church bulletin on the website for changes.



VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES



Sunday Morning Worship at 10am

Evening Prayer at 7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Taize Service Second Friday of the month at 7 p.m.



All above services can be played **at any time**. Go to 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 video so that you can follow along. See the next page for more.

Special Events and Service Listing

May 25th	Mission Action Plan by Zoom 7:00 p.m.
May 28	Advocacy Breakfast by Zoom - History and Needs of Ukraine 10:00 a.m.
May 29	Ascension of the Lord 8:15 a.m., 10 a.m. services
June 5	Pentecost 8:15 a.m., 10 a.m. services
June 10	Taize Service 7:00 p.m. on-line only
June 12	Trinity Sunday 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. services
June 21	National Indigenous Day of Prayer
June 22	Mission Action Planning by Zoom 7:00 p.m.
July 3rd	Canada Day Sunday 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. services
August 31	Friends of St. Luke's Day

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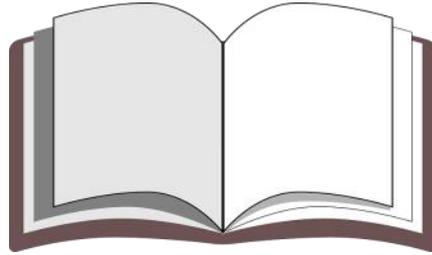
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Life Passages



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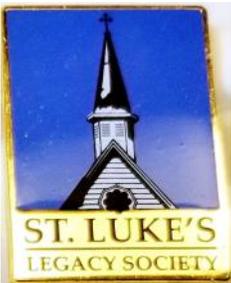
Dennis Bryant
William Paynter

April

Martha Smyth
Adam Houston

**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. We do not always hear about the passing of someone. Please let us know if a name has been left off our page.*

"We can't know why the lily has so brief a time to bloom in the warmth of sunlight kissed upon its face before it folds into its fragrance and bids the world good night to rest its beauty in a gentler place."



St. Luke's Legacy Society

The Legacy Society is our compact with St. Luke's to ensure that we are doing our part to secure and enhance its future.

Jim Glass

Parish Life Reports

We've become so accustomed to living on a day-to-day basis during this pandemic that it is hard to think ahead to summer; but I know we will all be grateful for its arrival! At the time this is being written, we are just beginning to take baby steps toward restarting many of our Parish Life activities; and while some groups are still formulating their plans for the season, there are a few that have submitted reports which appear in this newsletter.



Thinking positively, a tentative date of **Wednesday, August 31st** has been set for a **50th Anniversary Friends of St. Luke's Day** celebration. St Luke's Day is an annual event aimed at bringing some of our more senior congregants, past and present (who may now have difficulty coming for regular services due to advanced age or infirmity), for a short afternoon service followed by an afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. Since our first St. Luke's Day occurred in 1970, the anniversary celebration would have taken place in 2020, were it not for the pandemic. I am hopeful that it will be able to go ahead this year, pending the behaviour of the pandemic and both diocesan and area nursing home regulations once August is here.

I will be looking for volunteers to help out with this event, including: **drivers** to help transport attendees to and from home to St. Luke's; **help to bring wheelchairs** from curb-side drop-off areas to the church, from the church to the Parish Hall after the service, and back to the curb for pickup by **drivers** and transit vans afterwards; **welcomers** for the narthex; **ushers** to insure the smooth transition from arrival to pew; and parish hall **kitchen** help to assist Martha Hemphill to prepare and serve the tea. If you are able to help out with this event, please make a note of the date on your calendar; and drop me a line by text, email or telephone to volunteer (contact info below). Martha Hemphill's contact information for those wishing to volunteer in the kitchen is: Hemphill829@cogeco.ca / Tel: (905) 632-6516

Thanks everyone.
Enjoy Your Summer!

Yours truly,
Lesley Emery
Parish Life Chair

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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.

The group meets at 11:30 a.m. 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 summer, your committee is arranging a diverse and interesting list of topics and speakers.

With the current status of the pandemic, regrettably we need to delay resuming our lunches. However, we are hopeful and optimistic that we will be able to resume on September 8th and will confirm this as soon as we are able. We will also communicate any health protocols necessary to ensure everyone's safety.

We do have a list of very interesting speakers lined up for when we are able to resume. We trust that many of you will 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 or suggestions as to subjects or speakers for future meetings; or if you wish to join our organizing committee, please email or call Tim Tiernay (tim.tiernay@bell.net).

Also, if you have not provided your email address or text number in the past, please do; so that we can 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 even more cautious and stay well.

St. Luke's Quilters' Guild



The quilting group was happy to return to our stitching in March! We continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons in the parlour. We have just completed a queen-size quilt and are currently working on a lovely baby quilt.

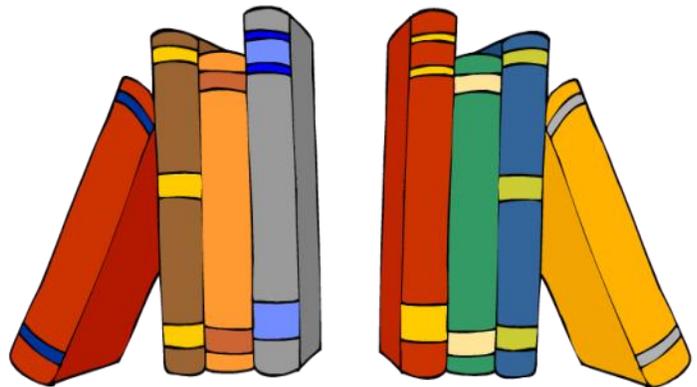
We will take a break in the summer and look forward to a new project that is coming to us!

Submitted by Melissa Kennedy

News and Views from the Library

Good news! Our library is open again following the 10am Sunday service. At present, only two parishioners at a time are allowed in the library. New books will be prominently displayed. Happy reading!

If you have a library book signed out prior to March 2020, we would appreciate you re-turning it at your earliest convenience!



Submitted by Melissa Kennedy

Knitters & Friends spring back into Room 201!

by Mary Taslimi



Our biggest news: on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, “Knitters & Friends” returned to meeting in-person in room 201 of the church hall! Going forward, as the bishop and health regulations permit, we will continue to meet from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, in Room 201. Masks are still required at the time of writing.

In March, several of us gathered to sort and tidy our shelves in the closet in Room 201 - so much yarn lay there, languishing (there’s a pandemic word if ever there was one) and awaiting adoption, so that it could fulfil its purpose in life.... The talents of the highly organized and knowledgeable Lois Carey were a great boon and blessing during this operation, as she easily sorted the many different weights, fibre contents, and colours of yarn into manageable categories. Special thanks also to Dyana Layng, who undertook the massive job of going through reams of patterns, laying them out in orderly and coherent piles. Barbara Adamson, Marlene Marks, and Mary and Yasmin Taslimi also assisted. A good deal of yarn went home with happy crafters on the day of the Great Sorting; and after a two-day period during which “Knitters & Friends” were invited to pop into Room 201 and choose from the remaining yarns, needles, hooks, notions, and vast variety of patterns, Marlene and Dyana returned to re-stow what was left.

With some of the yarn from the Great Closet Cleanout, Lois Carey created a beautiful hat and a lovely baby blanket (see photo). The pink and white squares (same photo) are three of nine Lois is making and will work together for another baby blanket.

Ros Reycraft donated the coloured yarns Lois used for her completed blanket and the pink in the three squares—thank you, Ros! “Knitters & Friends” welcomes donations of yarn, needles, hooks, patterns and notions. If none of us can use an item or ball/hank/skein of yarn, we “donate it forward” by giving it to “Sew On Fire” or other crafters.

In other excellent member news, Jane Milne is completing a second complicated sweater for a graduating grandchild. The sweater in the photo, modelled by granddaughter Kate, is the same as the one Jane has nearly completed for granddaughter Maddie, who is graduating this spring. The pattern being complex, and our conversations lively, often Jane will pause and say, “Oh Jane, what have you done...” and then the “tinking” begins! (Tink is knit, backwards - when you have to carefully unpick some of your work to fix a mistake...!)

Mary Taslimi is continuing her second temperature project, this one made of one mitred square per season. Winter, begun on Dec. 21, is now complete (see photo), and spring has begun! (see photo). For more on mitred squares, see the “Knitters & Friends” piece in the last newsletter.

Knitters & Friends continued



Lois Carey's creations: hat, baby blanket, and baby-blanket-in-progress



Jane & Bill Milne's granddaughter Kate, wearing a sweater made by Jane



Mary Taslimi's temperature project: Spring

Mary Taslimi's temperature project: Winter next to Spring



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.



All of the ministries under the Outreach umbrella continue to work given the Covid-19 protocols that are in place, but are energized as restrictions start to ease. The group as a whole continues to meet bi-weekly to support each other, learn from one another, and enjoy each other's company.

Advocacy Breakfasts

On April 23rd. Janice Whiteley, a parishioner from St. Matthew-on-the-Plains Anglican Church, shared her awareness and commitment to the continuing knowledge of the realities of the Indigenous narrative. It was a moving presentation . We were privileged to hear Janice's family's personal experiences and the acknowledgement and apology given by former Primate Fred Hiltz. on behalf of the church for the atrocities committed in its name.



The breakfast was a combined partnership of the St. Luke's Indigenous People's Awareness Group and the Advocacy Group.

Given how stunned we have all felt by the horrific situation in Ukraine, we wanted to learn more about the history and culture of Ukraine as well as possible ways in which we might be of support to those who are struggling with the realities of the conflict there. Sadly, we have had to cancel the breakfast.

Please see the PWRDF article on page 26 of this newsletter to learn of their efforts to help and how to donate if you wish.

Advocacy Breakfast continued

We appreciate the support and presence of all who join us as we share current issues affecting our lives and the lives of others. Everyone is very welcome to join our team and offer suggestions and ideas for our presentations.

Possibilities are constantly considered for future presentations and will be shared through the St. Luke’s online bulletins.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould

The Advocacy Breakfast Group (Dave Beck, Jackie Maver, Carrie Raybould, Ros Reycraft, Janice Skafel)

Community Lunch

GREAT NEWS! We are planning now for a fall return of the Community Lunch. We need volunteers to make this a reality. Details are below.

The Community Lunch is a multidenominational project by four downtown churches to offer fellowship opportunities and a delicious free lunch on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the, except in the summer. The lunch is hosted and led by St. Luke’s with financial and volunteer support from our partners and community members. Guests also donate towards the cost of their lunch. Most guests have been seniors from Burlington and included members of our congregation, our partner churches, and our community. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the lunch was paused in March 2020.



Now that we are allowed to open the hall again, we are putting together our plan to restart the lunches in the fall. There will be some changes, such as masking when not eating, smaller table groups, and distancing from servers. We will train you in safe food-handling and anything else you need to know. No experience is required; but all volunteers must be fully vaccinated. We will have fun working together again and hope you will consider joining us. We will need volunteers in the following roles:

Cooks Set-up Servers Greeters Clean-up Scheduling

Contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Heather White, Community Lunch Coordinator

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Thank you to everyone who was able to support our fundraising by buying our Easter eggs, Honduran coffee, Quebec maple syrup and candies. It was a great success with about \$2,500 raised! Maple syrup is still available at a cost of \$18 a tin or 2 for \$30.

As much as we would love to head to Honduras, with Covid restrictions continuing, there are still no immersion trips planned in the near future. Nevertheless we remain committed to help make a difference in the lives of these amazing children.



For more information please contact Ros. & Rick Reycraft or Janice Skafel.

Ubuntu

This strong, dedicated group continues to advocate and support the life-changing efforts of the Grandmothers of Africa who support and mentor their families affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation continues to provide the sponsorship and direction for this initiative.

While the regular monthly meetings at Burlington Baptist Church are suspended over the summer, they will resume in September. More information is available through the website, www.thebug.ca

For more information please contact Carrie Raybould

Newcomer Family

The Alalams have been in Canada for 4 months already! They have become part of our lives and a joy to be with. We are amazed at how fast their English is coming. Faten, in Junior Kindergarten, has made great strides in her understanding and communication in English. We decided that little Ahmed who has just turned three, should also have the opportunity to learn, socialize, and have new experiences as well; and so he has started nursery school a couple of mornings a week and loves it.

The parents each take a half-day course, while one or the other looks after Ahmed or walks Faten or Ahmed to school in the alternate part of the day. Both have moved up to the next level of their English; and while it is sometimes a grind, they know that they need to do this. They are certainly motivated.



There have still been a lot of adjustments, such as learning how to master the arts of banking and shopping and learning about the neighbourhood and school expectations and routines.

They have discovered Tim Hortons, and spent Earth Hour in candlelight playing family games with their extended family. They have found new friends in their apartment building. Snow pants have been part of the routine each morning as they dress for school or the



outdoors in one of the longest winters we have ever had. So they are excited to welcome spring, as we are. The promise of taking in Niagara Falls later this spring excites them a lot!

Pictured is Mohamed, Maria, Karima and Rayan on their way to a concert in Toronto. Maria and Rayan are Karima's sisters, whom we sponsored in 2016.

Meanwhile, Faten and Ahmed are enjoying some time in the park while their parents are out. We are grateful for some of the Federal Refugee programmes that help pay for dental work and subsidize electricity bills, etc. This helps us in the many costs of just catching up with living expenses at this point in the Alalams' resettlement. We also appreciate the donations

Newcomer Family continued

of gift cards, which contribute to setting up the family, and for parishioners who have offered to drive them to appointments or to do errands. This is all goes towards helping this family move into their own independent lives in Canada.

Upcoming Fundraiser Event.

BDRA (Burlington Downtown Refugee Alliance) **Outdoor Garage Sale on June 4, 2022. 9 – 1 p.m.** Church Avenue south of the church entrance.

There are tables for rent for you and your friends. Table Rental goes towards Refugee Funds that support our Syrian Family and others in our community. Proceeds of the sale of your items go to you!

There will also be a plant sale with proceeds going to St. Luke’s.

Watch for details in the upcoming weeks. For inquiries, please contact Heather White at 905-639-2922.



Primate’s World Relief Development Fund

Article by Will Postma Executive Director

Canadians and many people across our world are standing up, donating and flying the flag for Ukraine. How important this support is for the millions of Ukrainians now displaced and fearful inside their own country, or for those who have fled to Poland, Romania, Hungary, Moldova, Slovakia and even Canada.



In less than one month, well over 1,200 donors have given more than \$280,000 to PWRDF for Ukraine.

The war in Ukraine is having a powerful ripple effect on food security in countries where PWRDF partners are working. Ukraine, long-known as the bread basket of Europe, supplies a large amount of wheat to the World Food Programme as it provides emergency food relief in countries hard hit by conflict and climate-related disasters. Outside of these food distribution programmes, the economies of 18 African and less developed countries import as much as 50% of their wheat from Ukraine and Russia. We are already hearing from churches in East Africa about shortages and increasing food prices, with wheat as well as corn, barley and sun-flower oil unable to be exported from both countries.

PWRDF is grateful for donations to support Ukraine where needs are so high. We are glad to be working with the ACT Alliance and partners around the world who can respond quickly and effectively, with food, with health care, with shelter, with post-trauma supports and other priority needs.

Yet as we focus our prayers and donations on Ukraine, we must not forget other global crises that continue:

- In Yemen where food rations for 8 million people are being cut due to a funding shortfall and continued war. The head of the World Food Programme noted that they have no choice but to take food from the hungry to feed the starving.
- In Afghanistan, where 95% of the population does not have enough food and where 3.4 million people are displaced within their own country.
- In Ethiopia, where the lack of safe access to medicine and other humanitarian supplies has left 6 million people in Tigray and neighbouring regions cut off from supports, hungry, fearful and unable to participate in the economy and well being of their country.
- In the Philippines, where two million homes were destroyed by a typhoon in December, 2021, and where even today the most affected are living under roofless or makeshift homes made of tarpaulins or salvaged iron sheets.
- In Syria, where, after 11 years of conflict and crisis, children are dropping out of school and child marriage is increasing, as families cope with increasing poverty.

Our world is hurting, even more so when we consider the multiplier effects of climate change and the COVID pandemic. Over the past three years, PWRDF's humanitarian response expenditures have doubled, from \$513,627 in 2019, to \$1,041,860 in 2021. The number of people worldwide in need of humanitarian assistance has also grown, from 1 in 45 in 2019 to 1 in 29 in 2021.

Our global economies are increasingly interconnected. Your prayers and support help PWRDF do its very best to respond to the global crises of this world. Giving to Ukraine is important, as are your gifts that help us support many other partners where individuals, families and communities are struggling for food, health, shelter, and safety.

Behind the otherwise frightful numbers of so many people in crisis are precious lives, stories and hopes for a world that is truly just, healthy and at peace.

How you can help -

To make a donation to PWRDF's emergency response, go to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Emergency Response, or choose from specific emergency appeals listed. You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark **Emergency Response** in the memo line.

Submitted by Jackie Maver 905 681-6097

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- This will help replace large jugs of liquid detergent with a small packet of detergent strips. No heavy lifting!
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<https://fundraising.tru.earth/StLukesAnglicanChurch>

- St. Luke's will receive 20% of the amount paid making it a win-win!



Thank you so much for helping with Climate Justice!

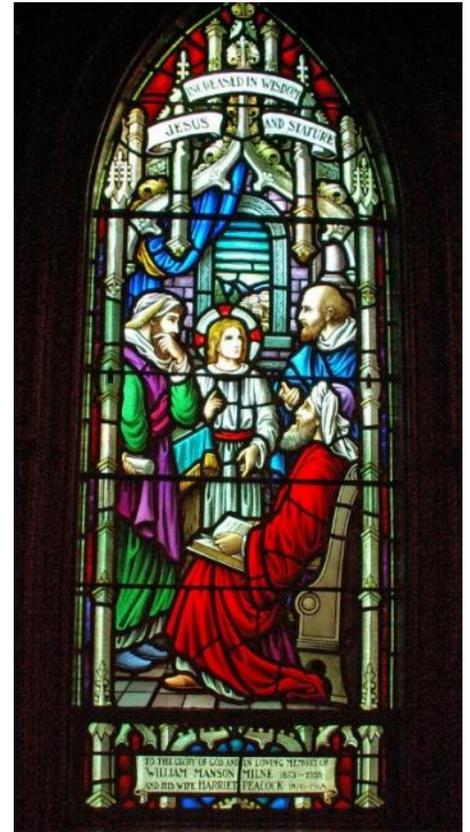
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Stories Behind the Stained Glass: Wisdom and Stature

The William and Harriet Milne Window

On the west side of the nave, at the south end of the church is the Wisdom and Stature Window. The text at the top of the window reads: “Jesus increased in wisdom and stature”, and is from Luke’s gospel, 2:52: “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” The window shows Jesus as a twelve-year-old boy speaking with the leaders of the Temple. The dedication below reads: “To the Glory of God and in loving memory of **William Manson Milne**, 1873-1958, and his wife, **Harriet Peacock**, 1876-1968”. The window, of antique stained glass, like many of the other windows in the church, was made by the McCausland firm of Toronto. I am indebted to Bill Milne for information about the Milne family.



William Manson Milne and his wife, Harriet, courtesy Bill Milne

William Manson Milne was the son of Senator John Milne of Hamilton and his wife, Mary Manson. Senator John Milne, was a successful entrepreneur, more involved in business than in politics, according to the **Dictionary of Canadian Biography** online, which has quite an extensive entry on him. Among his business enterprises was the Hamilton Malleable Iron Works, which later led to his promotion of the Hamilton Iron and Steel Company, which eventually became the Steel Company of Canada. He also founded the Pure Milk Company and was involved in many other businesses. He was a staunch advocate of public libraries, served on the board of the Hamilton Public Library from 1903 to 1921, and was chairman of its building and finance committee when a new facility was planned.

William Manson Milne married Harriet Peacock in Hamilton on June 6, 1900. She was the daughter of Arthur Peacock and Agnes Edworthy. They had two sons, Edwin Manson Milne and Frank Edworthy Milne. The family had lived in Hamilton and attended St. Thomas Anglican Church, but later moved to Port Nelson in the late 20s and early 30s and became parishioners at St. Luke's. Edwin Manson Milne married Lorna Ruth McCollum, the daughter of William J. McCollum and Louisa Lumbers, in Toronto in 1930. They are the parents of William, aka Bill, and his sister, Ruth. Frank married Margaret May Holtby, the daughter of Edmund Holtby and Jane Elizabeth Boddy, at St. Luke's in 1936. They had two daughters, Jane and Barbara. Edmund Holtby also has a window dedicated to him – the Sower, located on the east side of the nave. Frank Milne was People's Warden, 1941 to 1943, during the incumbency of Canon Heathcote and Bill Milne also served as People's Warden from 1975 to 1976, as well as Church Treasurer from 1962 to 1968. The window, dedicated to William Manson Milne and his wife, Harriet, was installed after her death in 1968.

William Manson Milne was a businessman who was for many years a member of the board of directors of St. Peter's Infirmary, now St. Peter's Hospital and part of Hamilton Health Sciences. For twelve of his years with St. Peter's William Manson Milne served as President and was honoured with a life membership in 1953. The occasion was marked with the presentation of a framed scroll of commendation, presented by the Rt. Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, retired Bishop of Niagara.

Manson and Frank Milne were also involved in business ventures in Burlington. They purchased the coal yard owned by F. W. Watson on John Street in 1926 and operated it for about forty years. The coal yard had originally been started by George Allen who sold it to Phil Patriarche, before it was acquired by Allen. As this was a seasonal business, they also operated an ice delivery service, by cutting ice on the Bay in winter and storing it in ice houses.



Courtesy Milne Coal Co.

The coal came from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, and was shipped by rail to Burlington. The Milne trucks would deliver the coal to their customers. It was stored in coal sheds located on Pine Street.



Coal shed, courtesy Bill Milne

William Manson Milne and his wife, Harriet Peacock, are buried in Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton.

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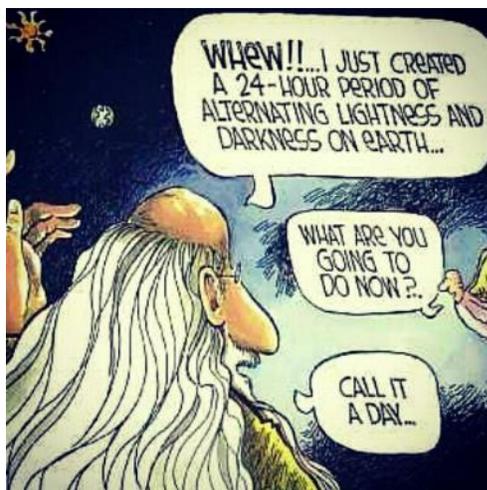
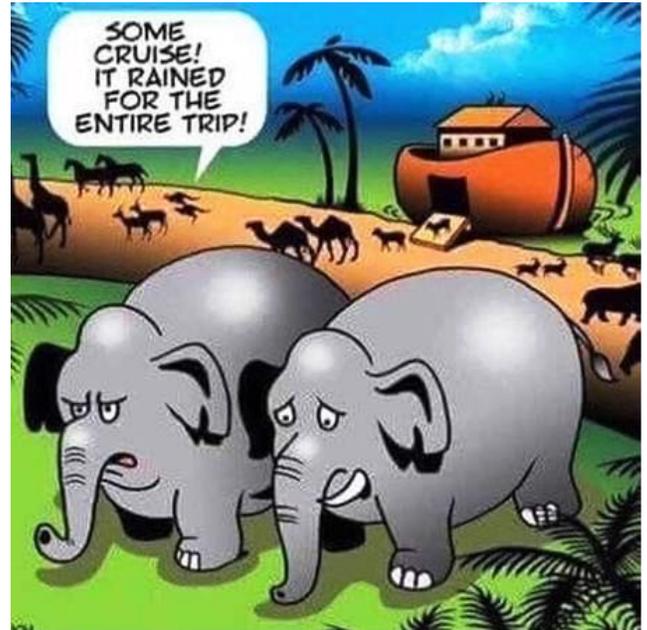
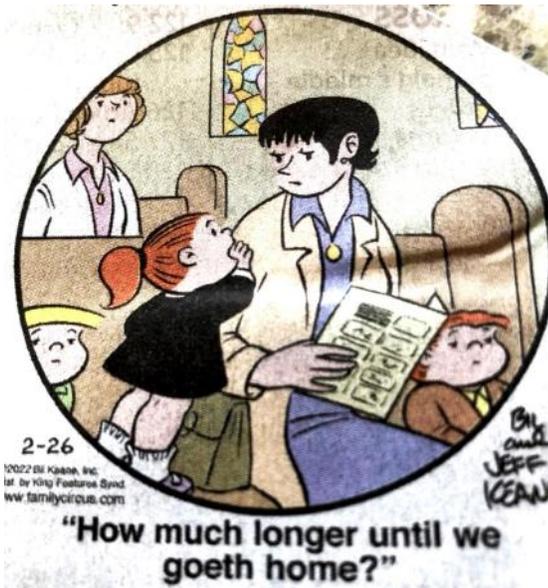
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Editor's Sense of Humour

Your Reward (or Punishment) for Reading to the End



Thanks to Bill Milne, Bob Bruce and Rosemary Armstrong for contributions

REAL CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.



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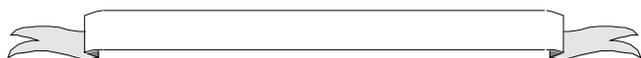
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