



ST. JOHN'S NEWS

A New Day Dawning

Scripture is filled with moments of hope - of the image of the darkness of night being transformed into the dawning of a new day: From the transformation of chaos into the order of creation; through the resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter morning; to the vision of a new heaven and new earth at the conclusion of the Book of Revelation, and many examples in between. Each points to the hope we find in God, which gives our faith meaning in our lives. After 2-plus years of the Covid-19 pandemic, I am thrilled to think that we have made it to the dawning of another new day. This September we will begin to return to the regular patterns of life at St. John's. Some of this planning is well underway, while other plans will develop as we gather and engage in discussions about the mission of our congregation. Exciting times lie ahead.

What we know:

In September, worship will be built around a sermon series on the duties of church members to the church. We will give thought to how God has blessed us with gifts and abilities to share with our community of faith, and how God calls us to BE community, both inside our building and beyond as we are called forth to mission.

In addition to our regular worship, Bible Study groups for fall 2022 will resume, with a focus on the Gospel of John. We will divide the Gospel into two halves looking at chapters 1-10 this fall and chapters 11-21 during the winter of 2023. This study will complement the diet of preaching for 2022-2023, as we will focus on John's gospel during worship for the next year. Another aspect of faith nurture we will tend to in 2023 will be a communicant's class for young people in the congregation. Youth of the congregation should begin looking at ways they can be involved in the life and mission of our congregation as they consider this important milestone in their lives.

What is yet to be:

It has been some time since we examined the structure of the church, and so Session will review the current committees and looking for new opportunities for service for our members. We will be looking for people to be part of the ministry of the congregation in many ways. Therefore, I would encourage everyone to prayerfully consider where God can use you at St. John's to building his kingdom here on earth.

I'm sure there are other things that I have forgotten in all of this. Suffice it to say, we will be making up for lost time as we reinvigorate our congregation – and you can be a part of it.

A new day is dawning!

Blessings.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Robert".

September, October and November Birthday Wishes

We extend a very happy birthday to everyone celebrating in September: Aaron Vivarais, Ayden Grant, Joan Gibson, Chuck Eadie, Brian Markell, Bill Hope, Betty Eadie, Terry Kuhn, Marjorie McLaren, Maria Wolff, Jeffrey Newton, Anna Huizinga and Fred Rennie.

To all of you celebrating in October, we wish a very happy birthday as well: Art MacRae, Libbey Adams, Merna Esdale, Gail Watson, Morgan Woods, Phyllis Evans, Clement Gwanyama, Andrea Hum, Cynthia Seguin, Lise Beauregard, Ron Coleman, Keppel Bharath, Freida McDonell, Phyllis McDonald, Kaitlyn MacLennan, Michele Alexis, Ralph Anderson, Laura Kuhn, Margaret Grindlay, Carol Ann Macfarlane and Ryan Mullin.

And to all of you who are celebrating in November, enjoy your special day: Derek Markell, Eleni Fourkiotis, Patricia Brown, Zachary Jones, Barbara Adams, Barbara Mason, Alan Parks, Mackenzie Woods, Hubert Seguin, Carey McCartney, Georgia Fourkiotis, Anna Parks, Donald Newton, Karen Blanchard, Sandra Loucks, Nick Cox and Laurel Adams.

We also send very happy birthday greetings to all those wishing to remain anonymous.

If we have made an error in your birthdate, or missed it entirely, Please advise us so that we can update our records.



We were happy to get a picture of Hans and Karen at the church when Hans celebrated his birthday in August.

Help Needed!



The Pastoral Care Team is looking for volunteers to visit members of our congregation, specifically at St. Joseph's Villa, Sunset Cove, and Riverdale Terrace. If you have a few hours to spare please contact Brenda Aikman at 613-932-2143.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to John Matthews, who has stepped up to help our new bookkeeper, Darlene Piche, with some accounting issues she has been working through. John has given many hours assisting her and providing excellent solutions. Thank you so much John!



Join us in person or online for
Communion on Sunday, October 2nd.
If you would like a pre-filled communion
cup for your use at home, please
contact the office at (613) 932-8693
to arrange delivery.

INVITATION FROM ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Please join us for our Fall meeting on Wednesday, September 21st, 10:00 a.m. at the church.

This will be a 'Coffee Meeting' with some munchies so just bring yourselves (no potluck!) and your ideas.

All welcome! See you then!

Betty McConnell and Phyllis Bateman (Co-chairs W.O.C.)

Fundscrip News



We're selling cards on Sunday morning after service. If you are unable to attend church, please feel free to call Connie at 613-932-0234 or send an e-mail to conniegaucher@hotmail.ca. We would be more than happy to arrange a time and delivery date. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of the parishioners; we certainly can't operate without your support.

Submitted by Gail MacDougall and Connie Gaucher, Fundscrip Convenors.



What milestones these three wonderful couples reached this year!

Marion and Art MacRae, left, were married on June 8, 1957, and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Johneen and Fred Rennie, below left, marked their 60th wedding anniversary on August 18th.

Fleur and Joop Eenkhoorn celebrated 65 years together on August 21st.



Summer Fun



Starting at the top and working left to right: Shirley Carson, Connie Gaucher, Gail MacDougall, Joan Painter, Donna Doyle, Jennifer Vipond, Libbie Vipond, Lois McCartney, Keppel Bharath, Katalin Kennedy, Marc Bourgon, Corinne Bourgon, Andrea Hum, Alia Hum, Jody Hum, Max Hum, Maria Wolff, Carolyn Wolff, Roy Choi, Julie Joi, Alice Choi, Soonghyun Choi, Laura McFadzen, Hannah McFadzen, Ken Ferguson, Bev Ferguson, David Shrimpton, Trish Brown, Reverend Adams, Chuck Stewart, **Susan Newton**, Brenda Aikman, Alex Plant, Gail Masson, Dan Plant, BBQers extraordinaire Dan Plant and Keppel Bharath, Carol MacMillan.



Congratulations to Tim McLean, our Sunday custodian, and his wife Cassandra on the birth of their first child, Gavin McLean, born on July 9th. Tim also celebrated his birthday on August 25th.



Fellowship after service



The summer weather was perfect for cold drinks at the front of the church following worship. From left, Brenda Aikman, Donna Doyle, Youngsook Lee, Serge Charlebois, David Shrimpton, Ken Evans, and Phyllis Evans.

Your chuckle for today...

Got a good joke, poem, or a funny story? Please share it with us. We will not reveal any names unless you give us permission to do so. Send your submission to:
susan.macdonald5@sympatico.ca.

I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away. In the end I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

Thanks for teaching me the meaning of "plethora." It means a lot.

What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? Bernadette.

I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

Don't stress about your eyesight failing as you get older. It's nature's way of protecting you from shock as you walk past the mirror.

Thank you to Nick Cox for sharing our chuckle for the newsletter.

A Friend on a Difficult Day

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right."

A.A. Milne



Kids' (and the young at heart) Corner Challenge

We are so delighted to know that you are enjoying a moment completing the puzzles. The winners for our last newsletter were Bev and Ken Ferguson!

Calling all people of any age! We challenge you to complete the puzzle. The first person to correctly finish it and return it to Susan at: susan.macdonald5@sympatico.ca or drop it off at the church office will receive a prize.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

— Ephesians 4:32

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Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

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