

Dispatches

to all souls from All Saints'



From the *Pastor's* desk

BY REV. SAMANTHA CARAVAN

Spring is just around the corner with Easter fast on its heels. I don't know about you, but I am ready for some spring flowers and some Easter joy.

For the last two years, we have been under threat of one kind or another. First, it was the original and deadly virus COVID 19. This was followed by its variants and all the challenges they brought with them: lockdowns, stay-at-home orders, loss of jobs, closure of businesses, closure of the church and other community gathering spaces. All these restrictions were presented as a solution to the invisible threat that caused a worldwide pandemic.

Just as we begin to see a light at the end of the COVID

tunnel we are faced with a new worldwide threat directly tied to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Threats are not new to us. Living includes risk in our daily lives, threats are more personal — the onset of illness, relationship breakdown, the joy and struggle of raising children, and so much more. What is different over these last two years is the shared threat we face as a society and the divisive discourse that has grown out of it.

A week or so ago in an email from a parishioner, they shared that they had been listening to a Canadian Ukrainian Church Father on CBC who was recommending love and tolerance over hate. The parishioner wrote, "but it is hard to watch those refugee children crossing into Poland clutching their teddy bears...."

During the very first 9:00 am Sunday's Cool service, we packed away our 'Alleluia's' into a special chest at the front of the church where they will safely stay for the remainder of the Lenten season.

Oh, my goodness, this resonates with me. So many prayers are being written in support of the people of Ukraine. Prayers for safety and peace. Tagged onto the petitions asking for the strength to love our enemies. I feel so helpless and empty. A prayer seems not enough — what can I actually do? Yes, I can give money, write my MP, even write the Prime Minister. These actions all have limited effect on the actual death toll and suffering in Ukraine and the global threat by Russia of nuclear war. Considering my faith, I am concerned that Ukraine is quickly becoming the global sacrifice. That our fear of Russia's threat of nuclear war is preventing us from a real and substantial response. In the midst of all

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- SAMANTHA CARAVAN

this, I am having trouble loving my enemy, my enemy being the political regime of the Russian state, not every Russian person. I wonder if loving my enemy (the Russian state) can in fact be my support of Ukraine?

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Our faith is never easy. We live in a complicated world and are asked to follow a way of life that is counterintuitive to that world. The gospel way is not the easy way or the only way. For those who choose to follow the pattern of the life of Jesus the Christ the journey is made easier in

community, worship, fellowship, study, and acts of justice. It is difficult after such a long hiatus to find our way back into community. We are

fragile in different ways than we were two years ago, and part of that fragility is our own health and wellbeing.

On Easter Day we will once again hear the common refrain from the scripture when we read in Matthew's gospel, "the angel spoke, addressing the women: 'Do not be afraid' " (Matthew 28:5a, Inclusive Bible). You will find the risen Christ in the person next to you in the pew, in the words spoken, the prayers offered, and the music lifted in praise. You will find the risen Christ in the people in bible study, in the person you are volunteering with in the food security ministry. You will find this risen Christ in yourself, never perfect, sometimes afraid, at other times fearless; sometimes in despair, at other times hopeful. Sorrow and joy, love and grief, two sides of the coin of our lives, yet each is wrapped up in the truth that we are divinely

created and divinely loved, and the rest is how we live that out.

Come home to your church community. Those of us already here are keeping the light on so you can find your way. If you cannot come physically for any reason, give us a call and we will come to you.

In your service through Christ,

Samantha



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to this winter's edition of Dispatches. We more or less pick up where the Vestry Report left off, in an ongoing mission to keep everyone in tune with what is happening at All Saints' — and much is!

I want to thank all the contributors to this newsletter, with special thanks to Sarah Cook for once again using her wonderful design talents to lay it out.

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ALL SAINTS' MINISTRY TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES

UPDATE BY CORMAC CULKEEN, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Brrrrr! We've been feeling the chill around All Saints' especially because we have so much "cool" stuff going on this winter.

All Saints' has hired Rose St. Thomas, our former Youth Ministry Apprentice, to be All Saints' new Youth Ministry Assistant. Rose is an incredible part of our team, and she brings sensitivity, insight and a truly incredible attention to detail to her work. Together, Rose and I are an unstoppable force! We have had a very busy few months in the Youth and Family Ministry office at All Saints' – that's right! We have an office now! Rose and I are happy to join Tunde, Suzanne, and the staff of the Kawartha Youth Orchestra as "church basement" workers. It's a party down there!

And there is plenty to celebrate. Advent and Christmas brought a ton of opportunity for involvement for families in our community. At our annual Christmas Market, we had a children's Christmas Workshop where neighbourhood kids got to select and wrap a gift for their parents or grandparents. Many thanks to everyone who donated a gift for this special activity!

We also distributed 103 Advent Discipleship Activity bags this year. The bags contained Advent lessons, prayers, art, and activities for families to do together. We have found that many parents want to teach their children

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lessons and stories from scripture but feel awkward and unsure about where to start. Our take-home Discipleship Activity bags bridge the gap and allow families to engage in their faith formation together. Many of those families participated our family Christmas Eve service on Zoom.

Everything we do is based around coming together. All Saints' is becoming such an important hub for neighbourhood families. During All Saints' Pancake Supper, Rose and I added a fun kids' focus and Mardi Gras themed activities. Our next step was to



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launch a service to bring these families together! Sunday's Cool, which you can read more about later in this issue.

As we head into spring there is so much fun and fellowship events on the horizon - and we can't wait!

First up will be our epic Easter Egg Hunt, which will be a free event held on Easter Sunday based off the resounding success of our Spooky Walk events.

We are also in the preliminary planning phase for our Summer 2022 Discovery Camps. We are thrilled to be offering 4 full weeks of camp based right here at All Saints'. This year we will offer Under the Sea Camp, Camp Peterborough, Super Hero Discovery Camp, and Justice Camp where they'll be fun, learning, field trips, and more fun. Please take a look for all four posters in this issue and feel free to share them with the little humans in your life!

Thank you for your continued support of the Youth and Family Ministry at All Saints'. Although spring is just arriving, there's plenty of new growth to celebrate at All Saints' Peterborough.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our first-ever, **Giant Easter Sunday Egg Hunt.**

Following our joint 10:00 am Easter Sunday service on April 17th, we will be hosting an outdoor egg hunt for the children of the All Saints' community.

Should you know anyone who would like to help - whether they are looking for high school volunteer hours, or just love celebrating the season with an egg hunt and tons of kids, please have them contact Cormac Culkeen our via the office at 705-876-1501 or by emailing them at youth@allsaintspeterborough.org.

EASTER SUNDAY

EGG HUNT

IT'S A SCRAMBLE TO THE FINISH

A Word from our *Wardens*

UPDATE BY RANDY PAGET, PEOPLE'S WARDEN

The Leadership Team has spent much time and effort in dealing with the potential sale of the Terraces. We received an offer from the City of Peterborough in late December. Council approved the purchase offer on January

January 10th. A Special Vestry was then scheduled for January 31, when the offer was presented for discussion and approval or rejection. Vestry voted to approve the purchase offer of \$1,000,000. Prior to this, the Leadership

Team had met with the Diocese and with the support of the Reverend Brad Smith negotiated a change to the split of any sale proceeds from 50/50 to 80/20. Final details are being worked on and it is hoped the sale will be finalized by the end of March.

Missional Strategy: *Positive Progress*

UPDATE BY THE ALL SAINTS' LEADERSHIP TEAM

Your leadership team is pleased to let everyone know that we are making excellent progress on our Missional Strategy!

If you remember, in 2019 and early 2020 you completed a survey that described the things you loved the most about All Saints' and where you would like us to be in the next five years. Many of you also joined focus groups to talk about your hopes for increasing the number of families in our community, your desires to help others, and the long term growth and sustainability we need.

During 2020, your Missional Strategy Committee (Samantha, Suzanne, Cormac, Geoff, Randy, Tammie, Ann & Tom Bell and Trudi) worked diligently over ZOOM (thanks to the pandemic!), to synthesize the 419 comments you provided.

We created a framework around the four themes you identified were most important. In January 2021, our Missional Strategy was released and posted on our website for everyone to see and now, one year later, it is time for an update!

Of the 14 goals we identified, we are happy to say that we have been actively working on 11 of them. Next steps in 2022 are to continue strive for even more results related to our goals, as well we specifically work on building our community and increasing our revenue. Your leadership team will update their own MAP as well as encourage new MAPS to be developed for our Property Committee, our ACW, our new Marketing/Communications Committee and our Choir.

Please visit our website for a link to review our Missional Strategy Updates and Scorecards for specific



information on each of our goals, including an update on your Leadership Team MAP.

If you have any questions, or would like to join a group to work on any of these goals, please contact Trudi Farquhar at 705-927-2238 or trudifarquhar@icloud.com.

Let's keep up the great work!!!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT SUNDAY'S COOL

Sunday's Cool is our new, inclusive Sunday morning service at 9:00 am. This communion Anglican service is welcoming to anyone and everyone.

Some of the ways this time of worship differs includes:

- sermons and readings that are accessible to those at many stages of faith journey
- explanations and guidance around liturgical practices
- extra understanding and encouragement of the possibility of noise, breaks, movements - with congregation being offered fidgets, craft bags and activities to use during the service
- bright, colourful images and words projected during the service to assist engagement
- specially selected hymns and songs accompanied by Tunde on the piano at pew level
- service presided closer to congregation for a more intimate feel
- "Continental style" breakfast items are served after each service in Upper Parish Hall (with a hot, full breakfast being served the first Sunday of month)
- craft activities and supplies available in Parish Hall for interactive community time after breakfast

Please pass this information along to anyone you think may be interested in giving this new service a try!

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"CHURCH IS YOU AND ME BUILDING A BETTER WORLD."

UPCOMING FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

UPDATE BY DAVID WATTON, FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Finance Committee has been working hard together with All Saints' leadership to assist the completion of our 2021-2023 Mission Action Plan (MAP), which focusses on All Saints' becoming "a sustainable hub in our community".

In order to have a better 'big picture' of All Saints' expenses and budgetary considerations, the Finance Committee hosted it's first-ever All Saints' Program and Budget Planning Summit in November, 2021. This inaugural event was hosted in the Upper Parish Hall (and digitally on Zoom), and involved presentations from various committee chairs related to upcoming project ideas, thoughts on growth, financial requirements, and volunteer help that will be needed.

Implementation of MAP goals, as well as the 2022 sale of the Terraces property, have major implications for All Saints' finances and therefore must be considerations in All Saints' annual budgeting process. In response, we will be developing an All Saints' Financial Strategy Framework including the identification of funding available for budget planning.

It is proposed that a Strategy Framework be developed and implemented consistent with the following principles:

Principle #1: Manage All Saints' financial resources consistent with ensuring adequate funding support for the short-term initial implementation of the All Saints' Missional Strategy as

defined by its Strategic AssetGoals related to People, Worship, Sustainability and Mission.

Principle #2: Provide adequate funding for sustaining the long-term (≥ 15 years) maintenance of All Saints' physical structure and support for longer term implementation of the All Saints' Missional Strategy.

As we move forward, the parish will be invited to comment on the Framework,



and periodic updates will be presented to the congregation regarding programs and finances. Following the success of the first event, the Finance Committee will also continue with an annual program Summit.

Discovery Camp: Support Needed

As mentioned in our Youth report, planning for our Summer Discovery Camp is well underway. These 4 weeks of themed day camps will run with the cost is \$150 a week per child.

Safe summer fun for kids from at-risk families means parents and caregivers can work, kids do not have to fend for themselves, and justice and dignity are lived out.

We have the capacity for 120 children over the four weeks and we invite you to sponsor one or more of them. Go to our website and click the DONATE button to help provide child with these incredible opportunities.



SUZANNE'S JOURNEY

Suzanne McMillan, longtime member and current All Saints' Deacon, looks back at the road to her time of ordination.

As submitted by Suzanne McMillan:

I arrived November 6, 1944, to the delight of Jeanne and Doug Hayes. I was born in Peterborough and welcomed home by my sister Sylvia, who was seven. I can't remember a time when her presence didn't make me feel happy and reassured. She brought joy and security to every day.

Life was good. Mother made all our clothes, even our coats. She was a beautiful seamstress and made house dresses for the Grandmas too. I had nine grandparents when I was born. I was blessed indeed! Dad was an avid fisherman, hunter and gardener. He would tell you that he felt closer to God in his garden than anywhere else on earth. He loved the outdoors and could name every tree, flower, and animal known to humanity.

Family bonds were strong. Sharing meals, celebrating successes and supporting each other in difficult times were part of who we were. All Saints' Peterborough was our home parish. I was baptized here as a member of Christ's family in the Spring of 1945.

In the Spring of 1949 Dad was moved to Kitchener with The T. Eaton Company. I was four-and-a-half years old. It was here that my earliest memories

of church began. Sunday School superintendents, Stan and Beulah Jones, an English couple of East Indian origin, were kind, soft spoken and delighted to share stories of Jesus, teach us our Catechism, hold Sunday School picnics on the lawn, and put on Christmas pageants. Rev. Dillistone was a gentle, grandfatherly Englishman with mounds of snow-white hair. He made each of us feel valued and loved. Dad was a sidesperson and counter, while Mother was on Chancel Guild, a member of the ACW and leader of the Junior Auxiliary. Mother called them her "Jolly Juniors", and we were "50" strong!

I spent 10 wonderful years in this community where friendships were born and the love of Christ was experienced. Families worked together to put on strawberry socials, turkey suppers and fall teas. I took piano lessons, ballet, and learned to figure skate. I was confirmed on November 16, 1958 at Christ Church, Kitchener by Bishop George Luxton of the Diocese of Huron.

We moved to Sudbury in 1960 with another promotion for Dad with Eaton's. We joined the Church of the Epiphany where I joined the youth group and helped with Sunday School. I graduated from Sudbury High School (Grade 13) and returned to Peterborough to become a Registered Nurse and graduated from Civic Hospital's School of Nursing in 1966 with the G. Cameron Stewart Award for "Unselfish Devotion to Patient Care".



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Little Suzanne, shown here in as part of her Junior Auxiliary group, was one of 50 girls led by her mother Jeanne at Christ Church, Kitchener.

My nursing career took me from Peterborough Civic Hospital to Mount Sinai in Toronto, Sudbury Memorial Hospital in Sudbury, back to Peterborough Civic Hospital, then on to the Peterborough Clinic, and finally the Kawartha Cardiology Clinic. My nursing career has been diverse, including surgical nursing, ICU and CCU nursing, Open Heart Surgical Recovery Room nursing, non-invasive cardiac testing (Echocardiography), as well as teaching and mentoring cardiac ultrasound students from Mohawk College. My positions have included Staff Nurse, Charge Nurse and Nursing Supervisor.

In 1973, Rev. Canon Keith McKean married John and me at All Saints'. Pretty special that I returned to the church of my baptism where our children, Matthew and Shannon would be baptized in 1976 and 1979. When Matthew and Shannon started Sunday School I volunteered to teach, and what fun it was being part of their spiritual journey. Eventually they both became servers, with Kathy Miller and John Saynor (our curates at the time) preparing them for confirmation with Bishop Doug Blackwell.

It's been such a privilege to have been an integral part of All Saints' and serve over the years as a warden, Synod delegate, Faithworks chair, Warming Room meal co-ordinator, fundraising chair, lay reader, intercessor, Chancel Guild member and Sunday School superintendent. My primary community outreach involves volunteering on the phones for a confidential crisis line where I also serve on the Board of Directors.

In early 2004, our priest, Michael Wright, asked me to consider diaconal ministry. He saw it as a natural progression for me as someone who was committed to family, community and the church. It took me by surprise! For me, how I live my life is simply an extension of Christ's love, how I was raised, the values I was given, and the example of kindness, honesty, and hard work set by my parents. Could I speak the truth in love and be a prophetic voice? I would need time to think about that. Thank you, Michael for opening this door. He and I had many conversations over the next couple of years.

As Christians, we are all called to follow Jesus and serve God through the power of the Holy Spirit. However, God calls deacons to a special ministry of servanthood. In the name of Jesus Christ, they are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the grieving, the sick, and the lonely. They need skills in helping people, defending those who have no helper, mediation, and advocacy. They are to study the Holy Scriptures and model their life upon them. By our word and example we strive to make Christ and His love

known to those with whom we live, work, and worship. We are to interpret the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world to the church and, on occasion, be a "thorn" in the side of the faithful, moving them into action! With good grace, deacons are to assist the Bishop and priests in public worship and the administration of God's word and sacraments, never competing for place in liturgy and always including others.

In time, with God's help, I believed that I could speak the truth in love and be a prophetic voice. The formation process for the diaconate began and in two years was complete. The process of formation was definitely an ever-revealing personal transition. For me, being close to Jesus equates to caring for others. I see an elderly person falter, I see a

child hurt or someone lost and I want to reach out and help. Jesus gives this challenge to me every day. Go out into the world and carry out the work of mercy, justice and peace among the people.

However, what I have to offer seems inadequate, yet, He takes it, blesses it, breaks it and gives it back to me ready for use to give to those who need it. Now this ministry is both mine and His. It is something far greater, and different, more powerful and mysterious, yet also my own. I am committed to serving Him with compassion, integrity and humility:

On May 31, 2006, I was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons.



Your Friend in Christ,
Suzanne



Top Left: Suzanne is always at the heart of our hospitality and pastoral care, pictured here with Marguerite Cook on her 108th birthday. Top Right: In 2006, Suzanne was proudly ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Left: The All Saints' Community Garden was dedicated in Suzanne's honour. Photo by David Taa Bui via ptbo.ca.



The Choir Corner

BY TUNDE OKUBADEJO,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Lent: Music is our voice of meditation

Lent is associated with the 40-day fast Jesus had in the wilderness according to the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13 and Mark 1:13. It is an important period in the Christian liturgical calendar, which commences with Ash Wednesday and culminates with Easter.

Moreover, Lent is significant as a season of the year in which to ponder on Jesus and His finished work of salvation. Also, it is a time to consider our response to God and renew our commitment to Him through fasting, prayer, meditation, and reflection on His goodness.

One of the most important ways to express our meditation and reflection on God's magnanimity is through music.

We have beautiful and powerful Lenten songs, hymns and anthems that are rich in words and powerful in rhythm, while at the same time expressing the solemnity, reflection, and purification associated with Lent. Included are some of the hymns, chants, and anthems I have carefully selected. They capture the essence of the Lenten season.

Chants:

- *Attende Domine (Benediction Lent)* - in English 'Hear us, O Lord' – A plain Lenten Chant referred to as Lent response.
- *Adoramus te Christe* - This is a simple a chant-like hymn. A beautiful chorale that closes Theodore Dubois' much-performed Holy Week cantata. It has been adapted for early adolescent choirs, and many adult choirs also render this beautiful piece all over the world.

Hymns:

Lively Lenten Hymns: There are many of them, but two of my favourites are:

- *Forty Days and Forty Nights* - written by the English Anglican clergyman, George Hunt Smyttan. A sorrowful yet rejoicing hymn. Commonly sung with the tune Heinlein. A popular tune loved by many during Lent.
- *Take up thy Cross* - composed by Charles W. Everest. Another popular Lenten hymn composed by Charles W. Everest. Originally a poem published in 1833, it was later altered to become a hymn. Many Christians love the song. The words encourage us to drop worldly desires and follow the true saviour.

More solemn and inspiring:

- *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* – written by Charles H. Parry. The words of this beautiful hymn are inspiring and poetically describe the peace of God that we can have.

- *Be Still my soul* – written by Katharina Amalia Dorothea. This is another solemn hymn loved by many and well befitting for the season of Lent.
- *Take my life and let it be* – written by Frances Ridley Havergal. This hymn is a beautiful prayer that God would both draw us closer to Himself, and use us to bring others to Him

Some few Anthems performed regularly are:

- *Lord For thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant)*
- *God so loved the world – Stainer*
- *Have you seen my Jesus? - Wagner*
- *Where you there?* (Negro Spiritual)
- *Lacrimosa'* (meaning weeping or tearful in Latin) A beautiful composition found in *Mozart's Requiem in D Minor*.

All the above anthems are relatively easy to perform, probably with the exception of Mozart's *Lacrimosa*, which is an intermediate level piece.

Finally, as we continue to express our meditation through music, do not forget our tradition of "burying the Alleluias" in anticipation of the glorious praise to be sung in celebration of Jesus's Resurrection on Easter Day! Also, instrumental accompaniment of these chants, hymns and anthems should be limited. Specifically, organ usage during Lent is majorly for hymn support while the organ stops (control buttons) are restricted to foundation 8'stops (basic organ sound).

Lastly, while we trust in Him for strength to faithfully observe Lent, we hope to fully celebrate Easter, singing the **GLORIAS AND ALLELUIAS**.



PRAISE BE TO GOD: Celebrations and Events



Celebrating Marguerite Cook's 108th birthday



Advent Carols and Concert with our choir and members of KYC.

Another successful Pancake Supper at All Saints' - this one was also a Mardi Gras!



To get our community out and about again we hosted a Christmas Market and Lunchroom



The ACW recently celebrated with their first gathering since March 2020.



PRESERVING OUR PROPERTY

UPDATE BY GRAHAM HART, PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR

As COVID restrictions relax, and in the hope the number of serious COVID outcomes lessens, the Property Committee plans to soon meet in person for the first time in roughly two years.

Top on the list of things already in the works is what we trust will be the final stages of an extensive multiyear repointing of the stone exterior

of the sanctuary and the application of upper level flashing and capping, intended to effectively divert rainwater from eroding the pointing and stone for years to come. While the main goal is to ensure the ongoing integrity of the church structure, it is also designed to prevent the penetration of moisture with its potential to damage the interior walls of the sanctuary.

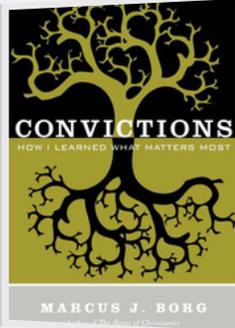
Also this year, we are hoping to determine the means to make the church more physically accessible to all parishioners and tenants.

Meanwhile, the property committee continues to deal with the variety of day to day issues that fall within its purview.

Pastor's Book Study

You are welcome to join Samantha Saturday mornings in the Upper Parish Hall

9 - 10:30am



April 23, 30, May 7, 14, & 21

Renowned scholar Marcus J. Borg has shared his passion for progressive Christianity through studying, preaching, and writing to a diverse community of denominations. At the age of 70, he shared a memoir of how his foundation for his beliefs were formed, and remarkable moments from his long-standing commitment to faith. His book, *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*, takes readers on a journey through his experience with modern Christianity that celebrates joy, hope, and transformation.

(Marcus Borg Foundation)
marcusjborg.org/books/convictions-2

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ASK THE PASTOR

It seems like I often hear about people reading the Bible to bring them comfort or direction. As I learn more about the Bible, I learn that it's not simply a series of comforting phrases, but has a lot of violence and confusing content as well. When people read the Bible for comfort, how are they directing their reading? Are they sticking to the Psalms? Are there other ways that people commonly find comfort through the Bible?

Samantha's Answer:

Thank you for this excellent question! And thank you for your honest observation that the scriptures are indeed filled with violence, and can be rather confusing, even contradictory. First, I want to acknowledge that comfort is a relative and personal

experience. That being said, when people are talking about comfort from the scriptures, usually what that means is that they are reading passages that give them a sense that they are not alone in their struggle, that God is always present (even when we cannot tell). You are correct, the Psalms are a frequent source of comfort. Renowned Old Testament professor Walter Brueggemann (and one of my favourite theologians) has written more than one book on the Psalms. The one I offer for your consideration is titled *Spirituality of the Psalms*. In this remarkable book, Dr. Brueggemann categorizes the Psalms into one of three categories, psalms of orientation, disorientation, and new or re-orientation. The psalms of orientation are psalms that tell us who God is,

the psalms of disorientation are generally psalms of lament and struggle when we cannot find God, and the psalms of new or re-orientation are psalms that point us back to God. The Psalms are a rich source of comfort and direction. Comfort and direction can also be found in other places within scripture, the gospels, specifically the healing stories of Jesus, and epic stories such as the Exodus, Jonah, Job, Noah's Ark, and Esther, all of which are about God never leaving us.

Comfort can sometimes be elusive, sometimes it is even a stranger, but be assured that you are divinely created and divinely loved, which means you are never alone and always cared for.

Blessings,
Samantha

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- SAMANTHA CARAVAN

We commit to the safe keeping of God the following members of All Saints'

Rex Rose

June 8, 1922 ~
December 18, 2021

Gerry Strickland

November 19, 1935 ~
December 31, 2021

*Rest eternal grant unto our beloved, O God.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May the souls of our beloved family, and the souls of all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.
Amen*

SJAC & All Saints' Community Garden Update

BY REV. SUZANNE MCMILLAN, SJAC CHAIR AND ALL SAINTS' DEACON

How have you been?

Warm greetings from your Social Justice and Advocacy Committee — Suzanne, Leslie, Ross, David, Emily, Matt, Marty, Bunny, Norma Jean, Lois, and other church staff as needed. Also known as your creative, enthusiastic 'SJAC team' who work tirelessly every day to bring about the common good that God wills for the world.

We are excited about finally opening the church doors, reaching out to the world and inviting the world to join us in advocacy, education and action!

Have you noticed that COVID has actually made you more resilient and resourceful? Surely your answer is yes! Well, we have and that is good, good for us and good for the world. Our weekly outreach food program is in high demand as more and more people find themselves food insecure due to soaring food and gas prices. To attempt to meet most hunger needs, All Saints' also offers a healthy snack bag program, along with warm mitts, a toque, Ensure and personal hygiene items two days a week to many who live "rough" on the streets. These items make a huge difference to people in our neighbourhood. A shout out to Shannon Culkeen for sourcing pet food for our outreach food program clients. After all, our "pets" are family too, right?

Resourcing funding for our food programs is always top of mind and being worked on. We are a member agency of Kawartha Food Share, which allows us to pick up food supplies every other week to support and supplement our food costs, and we are so grateful for their partnership and generosity.

You all know that All Saints' loves to garden! A "News Flash" here: we will be adding five more raised garden beds this year, making a total of 10 raised garden beds along the south side of the church. Marty and Matt, our amazing carpenters, will be putting them together in May and installing them on June 1.

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ALL SAINTS' PETERBOROUGH PRESENTS

JUSTICE CAMP

AUGUST 15TH - 19TH 2022

A DISCOVERY CAMP VBS THAT EMPOWERS KIDS AND FAMILIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND THEM, THROUGH TEACHINGS, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, OUTDOOR GAMES AND ART!

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Our crop yields last year were totally amazing. For example, we grew 250 lbs of Red Chieftain potatoes! Our good soil, endless sunshine and regular watering along with daily prayers definitely worked wonders! Our outreach food program families were thrilled to find fresh church-grown veggies in their food bags. Look for it again this year folks! And, if you would like to help with gardening, watch for sign-up sheets on the church bulletin board at the side entrance.

Our third area of interest is truth and reconciliation. We began by viewing the documentary, Doctrine of Discovery, to learn in detail the real story of our Indigenous siblings. We learned so much about their shameful mistreatment, their stolen land and culture and the churches' place in it. It was truly emotional. We look forward to having Rev. Leigh Kern, the Indigenous Animator for the Diocese, come and guide us, pray with us, and help us open our hearts as we move forward with truth and reconciliation.

2021 was a year of "visioning" for us. We've reconfigured our gardens and we're excited about our new committee structure that is built around our members' interests. It's good to see that members of the committee have now chosen to work on projects they are passionate about. The three sub-committees will be

food security, truth and reconciliation, and gardening. Sounds like a "win-win" situation for everyone, right?

It's good to be with you today, and I am looking forward to seeing you in the garden over the summer!

Here's just a portion of our Red Chieftain potato bounty from last year.



ALL SAINTS' PETERBOROUGH
Community Meal
Friday, March 25th 5 - 7 pm
235 Rubidge St. - Upper Parish Hall

Join us for lasagna, salad, garlic bread, desserts, plus coffee, tea, or juice!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

All Saints' Peterborough

Community Meals are back!

We are so excited to finally offer another supper, first post-pandemic!

Come and join us for our in the Parish Hall this Friday, March 25th from 5-7 pm.

We invite you to enjoy this wholesome and complimentary meal, good conversation, and an opportunity to get to know your neighbours.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Saint of the season

Rose St. Thomas

Months before Rose St. Thomas joined the All Saints' team as our official part-time Assistant Director of Youth and Family Ministry, she was nominated as this edition's "saint of the season."

In the words of Rose's nominator, "Rose works tirelessly in the church, volunteering her time. She purchases and organizes the snack bags for the homeless every week. She helps Cormac with the Youth Ministries...and volunteers her time with the KYO Upbeat Downtown after school program. She helps with TGIF and Sunday's Cool.

"The other day she brought in a coat, sweater, rain poncho, scarf, shoes and socks for one



of the homeless girls who comes to the church for food and snacks."

In addition to all of that, Rose is now helping out with the new 9 a.m. Family Service.

If you can't find her at All Saints', you may find her at her "other job" at the Peterborough Public Library.

Rose was born in Peterborough and attended Otonabee Valley School and Kenner Collegiate. She furthered her education at Sheridan College in Oakville, Trent University and Queen's University in Kingston studying Illustration and English literature which, she says, "fits in with my love of art and books."

Her association with All Saints' began in 2019 at an event run by Trent Spiritual Affairs where Cormac invited her to check out the new TGIF service.

Rose says that "I was very happy with the sense of inclusion, welcome, and belonging I found the TGIF services."



Rose is excited to be joining All Saints' in her new capacity

What is a 'saint'?

Well, a "Saint" capital 'S' is a person who has lived a life of faith that has been virtuous and holy. It is usually a person who has made a significant impact on who we are as a Church and as such has been canonized by the Church - such as St. Paul, or St. Peter, or Kateri Tekakwitha Canada's first Indigenous Saint!

A 'saint' lowercase 's' - is you! A 'saint' is anyone who lives a life of faith, who strives to be more Christlike with each passing day, who loves God and loves their neighbour.

Welcome to sainthood!

She adds, "It was lovely seeing people like myself in relationship with each other, their community, and God, while being their whole selves. It was kind of like coming home."

Rose proves that you don't have to be old to be a saint at All Saints'. She lives a life of faith, loving God and her neighbour with youthful energy, compassion, and dedication. She is an example to us all, and gives us hope for our future.

She told recently wrote, "I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all better and excited to play a part in our continuing work to offer support, care, food security, and God's message of love, hope, and inclusion to our neighbours and community."

Rose is indeed an All Saints' saint.

WANTED: Nominees for "Saint of the Season"

Here is your chance to nominate a deserving soul for All Saints' sainthood. **Do you know of someone who has made or is making a significant impact on this parish, who lives a life of faith, who loves God and their neighbour?** If you do, please send their name and a brief outline of why you think they qualify for All Saints' sainthood to sylvia.sutherland@outlook.com