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The Journey

At St. Matthew's Church



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LENT 2014

CALENDAR:

- Pancake Supper
March 4; 4:30-7:00PM
- Ash Wednesday Service
March 5; 7:30PM
- Mad Science/Potluck
March 8; 5:00 PM
- Palm Sunday
April 13; 8:30 & 10:00 AM
- **HOLY WEEK**
Monday April 14 to
Easter Sunday April 20;
Please see page 3
- Pentecost Service
Sunday June 8; 5:30PM

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A Message from Our Rector

Keeping a Holy Lent

Each year, on Ash Wednesday, we listen as the words of the liturgy invite us to "observe a holy Lent." What does that mean? And how might it be possible for us – this year – to allow that invitation to take hold in our lives? If we were to take our cue from the ancient lenten practices of *prayer*, *almsgiving* and *fasting*, then we'd ask ourselves:

- Might it be possible to make more time for personal prayer this lenten season?
- Could we identify a special need in the world, and then give generously to support that need?
- Do we have the will to examine our habits of consumption – dietary and otherwise – and scale back on our excesses?

These are some of the ways that Lent can begin to "come alive" for us, rather than merely being a 40-day period on the calendar. If you have questions about your own lenten observances, I'd be happy to meet with you and talk about some of the possibilities. Here, at St. Matthew's, you will notice a subtle shift in our surroundings. During Lent, we place simple greens in the chancel area, instead of our customary flowers. This serves as a reminder that Lent is really meant to be a season of simplification. Faithful people of every generation have realized that when we strip away some of our adornments and extravagances, God's voice can be heard just a bit more clearly, helping us to focus our attention on the things that matter most in life. Let us aim to live simply this Lent, and let us look for ways of observing a holy Lent.

Our lenten observances begin as we gather for the Ash Wednesday liturgy, on **Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 pm**. With Christian brothers and sisters around the world, we will once again make that profound shift, and enter into a time of simplicity and holiness. May you all know God's deep love and abundant mercy throughout these forty days of Lent,

Andreas†



A "One of a Kind"
Christmas
Pageant

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Numbers to Remember for the Great Paschal Season

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The Forty Days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week (not counting Sundays). They are days of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. In these ways we try to become as fully as possible the baptized people we are, living by the Gospel.

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The Triduum (Latin for “three days”) begins on Holy Thursday night and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, concluding on Easter Sunday.

Thursday evening, we enter into this Triduum together. After listening to the Scriptures, we do something strange: we wash feet. Some of us go down on our knees with pitchers of water, basins and towels. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. Then we celebrate the Eucharist. The Thursday evening liturgy has no ending: whether we stay to pray a while or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

We gather quietly on Friday and listen to scripture, including the passion from the Gospel. We pray at length for all the world’s needs. The Holy Cross is held up in our midst and we come forward one by one to do reverence with a kiss or a bow or a genuflection. All the while we sing not only of sorrow but of the glory of the cross. We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ’s repose in the tomb.

Hungry now and full of excitement, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in our Bible: stories of creation, Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Miriam and the crossing of the sea, poems of promise and rejoicing, the gospel of the resurrection. All of us renew our baptism. For us, these are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. All of this is in the communion we call the church.

Together, we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist, as Easter Day begins... **AND THEN ON EASTER SUNDAY, ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG!**



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The Fifty Days of Easter from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. They are the time of birth, marriage, festival and feasting. They are like the wedding of Earth and Heaven, Christ and the Church. The early church allowed no kneeling and no fasting and sang “alleluia” constantly.

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Special Services this Season



Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 pm
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes



Palm Sunday, April 13 at 8:30 and 10:00 am



Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week,
April 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 pm
Holy Eucharist, said service

The Triduum

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 18 at 12 Noon

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19 at 8:30 PM



EASTER SUNDAY, April 20 at 8:30 and 10:00 am

ALL ARE WELCOME - Wednesday evening sessions in Lent, "Our Story, Our Calling" will be offered on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

"Looking Ahead to Sunday's Readings" Scripture Conversations will continue their regular schedule on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am

Have you joined our e-mail communication list? It is the fastest and most environmentally friendly way to receive communications from our clergy. Enroll at saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com

Do you receive "The Journey" by e-mail? You could get your newsletter in PDF format in full colour and save some trees by joining the e-mail distribution list. Request your subscription at davidcandle@sympatico.ca or irene.savva@bell.net

Also, check out these websites and stay connected at all levels of Anglicanism:

St. Matthew's Church
Deanery of Essex
Diocese of Huron
Anglican Church of Canada
Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund (PWRDF)

saintmatthewswindsor.ca
essexanglican.awardspace.com/deanery.htm
diohuron.org
Anglican.ca
pwrdf.org

Ask the Rector

A regular column in which you get to ask whatever is on your mind. (All submissions will be considered anonymous.)

Q: How is it that the first day of Lent is always on a Wednesday?

A: The season of Lent has traditionally been a 40-day period of fasting and prayer. It was during this time that the faithful were called to a season of reflection and penitence, and there were strong associations made between these forty days and the scriptural accounts of Jesus, who preceded his public ministry with a 40-day period of fasting. Some people are confused when they count the days on the calendar (beginning on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, and ending on Easter), only to discover that there are in fact 46 days. However, the church has long maintained that since Sundays are days of feasting (in celebration of Christ's resurrection on a Sunday), they are not to be considered a part of the Lenten observance. Therefore, the season of Lent is understood to be 40 days in duration (minus Sundays), always beginning on a Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), and culminating at the Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Day).

Q: When a new church is built, how and why is the decision made to give it a particular name?

A: Those of you who have read the short history of St. Matthew's (found on the rack in the narthex) will recall a paragraph that mentions several possible church names being proposed in 1956. Suggestions such as 'Grace Church' or 'Church of the Good Shepherd' may have come from individuals who had previous associations with these church names, or the proposed names may have reflected some of the future hopes for the character and identity of the fledgling congregation. Whatever the case, the names would have been presented to the Bishop of Huron, and he, along with the Executive Council, would have given final approval. In our diocese, we are one of only three churches with the name 'St. Matthew'.

Stay tuned for other fascinating questions and answers! *Andreast*

Since our last update in December, we have held our Annual Vestry meeting, at which time Parish Council for 2014 was elected, with the Rev. Andreas Thiel as our Rector.

From Our Parish Council

Jane Patterson has stepped down from her role as Warden and has graciously assumed the new role of Treasurer. We will be maintaining Linda Culmone as an independent "outside" book-keeper; Jane will provide insight and counsel with respect to matters such as budgeting and continue to provide monthly reports to Council with respect to our financial situation.

Paul Finlayson has assumed the role of Warden along with incumbent John Rossi. Pauline Patterson and Richard Hucal are Deputy Wardens. Alisa Yednoroz is secretary. Members-at-large are Paul Allsop, Al McCabe, Jennifer McAlpine and the Rev. Cathy MacKendrick. Shirley Cantle is Synod Delegate; Al McCabe is Substitute Synod Delegate.

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From our Parish Council cont...

2014 will be a year in which we can expect some extensive discussion about significant improvements to the worship space and narthex, including lighting and flooring. In the very near future a committee will be struck to meet with Dr. Norm Becker, Eng., who will inspect our physical structure and prepare a detailed report as to necessary repairs and/or improvements.

It is anticipated that this committee will then prioritize the recommendations put forth and present them to Council for its review and eventual presentation to the congregation for its approval. The congregation will continue to be updated on the progress of this matter on a regular basis through announcements from time to time prior to Sunday services and reports in future Journey articles. We ask for your continued prayers for those involved in these discussions.

St. Matthews will continue to be involved in numerous Outreach programs – such as Jail Ministry, Hiatus House, and Marlborough Breakfast program – for which we are well known throughout the diocese.



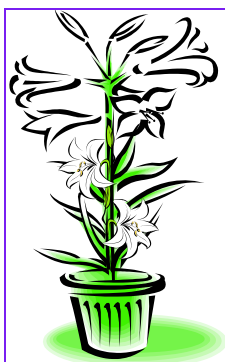
Everybody is welcome to attend our meetings, usually the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, in the choir room. **Next Meeting: March 12.**

Chancel Guild Flowers

by Margaret Kissau, Sacristan



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Did you realize that it wasn't until the mid 1800s that cut flowers in water were used on or near the altar in Anglican churches? Today, there is much flexibility in our use of flowers on the altar: they may be purchased from florists, or may be gathered from our local gardens. Whatever the source, they are an important way for us to offer our gifts of beauty to God and to our congregation.

From "At Home at Holy Trinity" Newsletter, Fall 2011

At St. Matthew's, flower offerings are available every week; please register your text (to appear in the bulletin) in the book provided in the narthex, and make arrangements with Gwen Allsop. After Sunday 10:00 a.m. services, the flowers from the altar and/or the organ are delivered to shut-ins, folks in hospital or members celebrating occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and other special dates in their lives.

The envelopes for Easter flowers will soon be out. Return with your dedications to Gwen Allsop (cash only, please). Many thanks to all who contribute. The Chancel Guild will decorate the Church on Easter Saturday.

Thank you to all who contribute monies for flowers for the Sanctuary. They certainly add beauty to the Service setting.

The Chancel Guild invites you to the Church Hall on **Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.** to help make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. All ages are welcome.

Christmas Pageant, December 22, 2013

Text by Shirley Cattle

Photography by Gordon Drake

This year, our Pageant was a little different.... to say the least ! We were in dire straights for a few days for children to take part, as not too many were available. I was turning a little more grey-haired until Rev'd Andreas came up with a splendid idea to include more people: adult members of the congregation. Well, we all know the result..... **Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious**, as Mary Poppins would say! You had to be present to witness the moment. It indeed was a great presentation to God from us all, and heartily enjoyed by all. Who says church and religion cannot be fun? only the naysayers I suspect !



Typically our 'Christmas offering' is a simple one, if one can attribute 'simple' to the story of Jesus' birth.. but we do not stage it as to be perfect and how it happens on the day is what it is: a story from the pulpit and the lectern, with children in their unrehearsed way adding charm and innocence to the proceedings.



The adults came through magnificently too, and if we were presenting awards there were a few who qualified.... For me, along with other members of St. Matthew's, we smiled..... a lot..... but my main concern was with our ' Wise' men, two of which I really worried about, because as they were on their knees giving gifts to Baby Jesus I did indeed wonder if they would be able to rise from off their knees at the conclusion of their time of homage. I held my breath for a moment as they struggled to the vertical and said a quiet prayer of thankfulness, along with their family members!



In all it was a great success ... to the Narrators, Angels and Shepherds, Herod and Wise men, Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus (a real live baby!) and to Simeon, who was the person responsible for the successful idea, our Rector: Thank you all! Also a sincere thank you to all who helped with costumes and dressing the cast for our Christmas pageant (Green Room people they are called in theatre work), especially to our resident artist Nicole McCabe, who renovated the crowns of the Wise Men...such talent we have in our midst! And to Michael, choristers and their beautiful music as always

Yes, you too... Thank you one and all!

For a heartwarming Christmas "Snowfall Surprise"

go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rUu-OSIBoI> and enjoy one last bit of Christmas spirit.

Submitted by Paul Allsop

The Annunciation

March 25

by Shirley Cattle



Nine months before Christmas is March 25th...so, as marked on our church calendar, on that date celebration is appropriate for the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, the Blessed virgin, announcing the impending birth of Jesus. For me personally, it was a milestone in my appreciation of the event, but also hinged on a Christmas card I have; it is a beautiful vision of the angel praying over Mary as she receives the news before her marriage to Joseph.

It truly is magnificent, and I use that word as 'The Magnificat' is the song of Mary in Luke's Gospel in which she tells of her news to her cousin Elizabeth, so it all links together. At evening prayer, singing of the canticle Magnificat is included, but unfortunately not too many Anglican churches nowadays celebrate 'Evensong' or 'Vespers' as they are referred to in the Roman Catholic church.

Back in the time of the Renaissance in Florence, Italy, there was a painter of the name of Fra Angelico; Guido di Pietro was his birth name; he became a Dominican Friar known as Beato Angelico (Blessed). It was as an illuminator he was known for his talents, eventually turning to working directly on stone walls and such to produce many revered works of art called Frescos.

On a recent trip to Florence I visited the Convent of San Marco in which this fresco of the Annunciation is housed. I was stunned by its beauty and situation, at the top of a flight of darkened stairs with special lighting; it was an experience that was conveyed by the artistry and vision of the friar in his handiwork and Faith. Where did all the gold highlights come from? Mary and Gabriel had halos of gold that had survived 500 years of time.... they were not on my card: it did not compare!

The reason I am sharing this here is that as we enter Lent we find ourselves also overlapping the Feast day of Mary's Annunciation. It brings to mind our liturgical year and how it is spaced. Jesus....His life and ministry crammed into a year starting in November and...ongoing today.

Sometimes it races on as we attend church each week in a pattern that we can hardly keep up with, for all of this is our Christian walk. Blessings, SaC.



It might have all started something like this... "An Unexpected Christmas", based on a true story <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TM1XusYVqNY>

News from our Deanery—

We have a new Archdeacon, The Ven. Jane Humphreys (Rector of St. Mary's, Walkerville).

A communication from the Bishop's office: The Rev'd Bill Bradley has written to the Bishop to express his wish to retire as the Rector of St. John's (Sandwich), Windsor effective August 31, 2014 with his last Sunday in parish being July 27, 2014.

Talent Show January 18, 2014

Text by Jen McAlpine

Photography by Gordon Drake



Our potluck and talent show were well attended this year. I think it's safe to say it was very entertaining and everyone had a fun evening!

During our dessert we had a wonderful treat as we watched Kate Westray performing a solo which was dedicated to her Grandma Mary Davis' "48th" birthday!



Our evening started off with a demonstration from Nicole S.'s group "The Peaceful Warriors". We watched boards being broken as well as some self defence moves when Nicole put a couple of men to the floor. You don't want to mess with this girl.

Our next entertainers were composed of Jane Patterson, her Dad Bill Wilkinson and Jen McAlpine. They sang "The Rose" which was made popular by Bette Midler. Bill played his guitar and sang backup. This was very special, especially to Jen, as this was her first time performing at the talent show. Thank you to Jane and Bill for making one of Jen's dreams come true.



Nicole S. shared with us one of her other talents as she treated us to a beautiful solo. Josh Canty and two of his daughters, Rosalind and Isabella, performed a couple of numbers for us. This trio has been entertaining us from the beginning.

This year we had a reading from Anya Laurence-Thiel. Anya shared with us one of her poems about everyone's best friend: the dog. It was funny and entertaining. We look forward to hearing more from Anya in the future.



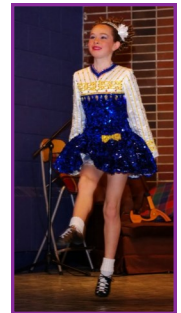
This year for the first time, Doug Warford treated us to several Magic tricks. Everyone enjoyed Doug's Magic Act and his friend Sammy.

For four years we have been entertained by Caitlin H. and her beautiful Irish Dancing. Caitlin has been dancing for six years.

Mike Herrington shared with us his love of music and his piano solo, which was so beautiful. Danielle Richer treated us to a few of her favourite pieces on her recorder, which is always so enjoyable.



As our evening was wrapping up, we were treated to a special surprise by our own John Rossi. John has an amazing song writing talent. He took Frank Sinatra's "New York" and added a few words to make it a tribute to our new Rector, Andreas Thiel. I wouldn't be able to do it justice by trying to share it with you in detail. Please read on as it has been added to this edition of "The Journey". It was very touching and funny; thank you John for making our night truly magical.



Bill Wilkinson took the stage once again and shared with us "Smoke, smoke, smoke that cigarette" Bill has been performing for many years and is a pro. It was a pleasure for all of us to have him be a part of our talent show. Next he and daughter Jane took to the stage for our last performance of the evening. Jane has started a tradition of performing "Hallelujah"; this year she added a twist with her own words (do we have more than one songwriter here?) it was a wonderful tribute to our St. Matthew's family.

Thank you to everyone for making this a truly special and a one of a kind evening.

We look forward to 2015 and our 5th annual potluck and talent show.

Talent Show cont...

Song by John Rossi (To the Tune of "New York...New York")

Start spreadin' the news, he's preaching today - I want to go and listen to, Andreas Thiel.
 He was just a baby, when he came from Germany - Became a musical prodigy, Andreas Thiel
 He starred with symphonies that spanned cities from A to Z
 His star was rising you see - Even made a C.D.
 One day got the call, forget Carnegie Hall - Your star can shine in the Angli.....can ministry.
 If he could make it there, he'd make it anywhere - And now he's here among us all. Andreas Thiel



He'd like to wake up, in a parish that never sleeps
 And find he's "A" number one, top of the list - Will Parish Council, grant him his wish.....
 Those Lucan town blues, are melting away - He's gonna make a brand new start of it
 In ole' St. Matt's - And..... if he can make it there, he's gonna make it anywhere,
 It's up to us and Reverend Thiel.....Andreas Thiel....

Some exciting developments in Outreach Ministry for the St. Matthew's family:

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

- The Windsor Jail is preparing to move to the new regional facility soon. In preparation for that the Volunteer Co-Ordinator June Bondy is stocking it and keeping some items for the present facility. Here is the wish list: Stamps, greeting cards (birthday, anniversary, thank-you, thinking of you, blank etc), Sudoku puzzle books, Find Word books, colouring books, nontoxic crayons, jigsaw puzzles (100-200 pieces preferred), dice, books (paperback with no sexual content), toothpaste, hand lotion, shampoo etc. More potential interesting things to come.

- Out of the Cold programme at the Downtown Mission. This programme is run Jan-March which provides a supper from 6 to 9 every night. We have partnered with St. Paul's, Canterbury, and St. James to provide soup and sandwiches and company to the homeless and those who live in centers where they cannot prepare a meal. It is a new venture for us but worthwhile ministry.

- Marlborough Breakfast Programme is booming. We are averaging about 50 kids on Monday for hot grilled cheese sandwiches, chocolate milk, and fresh fruit. Busy and fun preparing food for these kids who come hungry and appreciate what they receive.



**We are God's hands, eyes, ears,
 and hearts in the world.
 We are the ones blessed
 by the outreach ministries.**

Celebrating this season:

Birthdays

March

1 – Richard Hucal
 6 – Amy Hucal
 6 – Don Patterson
 7 – Bob Braidford
 8 – Eddie McCabe
 10 – Vickie Paraschak
 12 – Steve Pidhorekys
 15 – Alisa Priddle Yednoroz
 16 – Mark Rene
 18 – Stephanie Paraschak
 20 – Jen McAlpine
 21 – Mary Louise Drake
 21 – Elaine Dunsmore
 21 – Mike Paraschak Jr
 22 – Gwen Allsop
 23 – Margaret Snelling
 30 – Margaret Goldspink

April

4 – Jane Patterson
 6 – David Paraschak
 6 – Sandra Hall
 7 – Colin Allsop
 7 – Noah Allsop
 7 – Jacob Ritchie
 9 – Andreas Thiel
 9 – Erin Henderson
 9 – Nicole Sussens
 10 – Michael Chantler
 16 – Ted Clarke
 17 – Mark Goldspink
 18 – Emma Westray
 18 – Frank Stanley
 20 – Ken Hea
 21 – Tom Dunsmore
 21 – Scott Ritchie
 25 – Colin Patterson
 27 – Ryan Patterson
 27 – Helen White
 30 – Chuck Boyd

May

2 – Caitlin Henderson
 7 – Catherine Fettes
 7 – Ron Darrach
 8 – Paige Chandler
 8 – Jake Fettes
 10 – Irene Savva
 15 – Dianna Iannicello
 16 – Josh Canty
 17 – Margaret Canty
 19 – David Goldspink
 21 – David Hitchcock
 23 – Norma Huckle
 28 – Jane Bayne
 28 – Jeff Wilkinson
 30 – Thomas Hucal
 30 – Carole Lawn
 30 – Sharon Ritchie
 31 – Rosalind Canty

Anniversaries

March

4 – Janet Williams & Doug Warford
 11 – Ron & Gail Henderson

April

18 – Mike & Irene Paraschak
 23 – Louise Davis & Roger Wurdemann
 25 – Don & Pauline Patterson

May

2 – Neil & Gwen Cowley
 8 – Erin & Steve Pidhorekys
 17 – Chuck & Linda Boyd
 19 – Richard & Ann Hucal
 22 – John Rossi & Patti Weir
 24 – Alan & Sue Trenhaile
 26 – Jen McAlpine & Toni Ligori
 27 – Mark & Sue Bernard
 29 – Greg & Catherine Fettes
 31 – David & Linda Hitchcock

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday March 4 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.– Pancake Supper! Mark your calendar to volunteer, invite your friends and also enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat meal at St. Matthew's.

Saturday March 8 at 5:00 PM.– Potluck and Mad Science Demonstration. Great food and interactive fun! Let your friends know and bring them along, there's always lots of room! More information: Jen McAlpine (519– 948-1457).

Sunday June 8 at 5:30 PM. – Pentecost Service of Choral Evensong, offered by our Cathedral Choir. The choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, travels throughout our diocese, leading congregations in services of Choral Evensong. Their Director of Music has confirmed that they are pleased to offer this ministry of music to St. Matthew's. Potluck dinner to follow after the service.

Why Do Friends Forward E-mails?

By Margaret Kissau

This example of a “forwarded joke” helped me answer that question:

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road; it looked like fine marble...at the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it, the man saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out,

‘Excuse me, where are we?’

‘This is Heaven, sir’ the man at the desk answered.

‘Wow! Would you happen to have some water?’ the man asked.

‘Of course, sir, come right in, and I’ll have some ice water brought right up.’

‘Can my friend’ said the man, gesturing to the dog, ‘come in, too?’

‘I am sorry sir, but we don’t accept pets’

The man thought for a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree reading a book...

‘Excuse me!’ he called to the man, ‘Do you have any water?’

‘Yeah, sure; there’s a pump over there, come on in.’

‘How about my friend here?’ the traveler gestured to the dog.

‘There should be a bowl by the pump’ said the man.

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashion hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

‘What do you call this place?’ the traveler asked.

‘This is Heaven’ he answered.

‘Well, that’s confusing’ the traveler said, ‘the man down the road said that was Heaven, too’

‘Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and the pearly gates? Nope, that’s Hell’

‘Doesn’t it make you mad for them to use your name like that?’

‘No, we are just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind’

So, you see, this joke shows that friends sometimes have nothing to say, but still want to keep contact, or they have something to say, but don’t know how, so they forward jokes. A ‘forward’ lets you know that you are still remembered, you are still important, you are still cared for, and that your friend at the other end of a computer wanted to send you a smile, be there for you, just as the friend at the other end of the leash.

You are welcome at my water bowl anytime!

T.N.T. Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT (“Theology ‘n Tap”) meetings, starting at 6:00 pm, at Cramdon’s Restaurant. Some come with their children, some with a partner and some by themselves. Come for dinner or just drinks or just good conversation and friendship!!

Our next T.N.T. night will be March 7, 2014

Richard Hucal

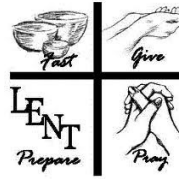
Hiatus House Update

from Pauline Patterson



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**Please remember
Hiatus House
this season**

Toiletries, diapers and non-perishable food, as well as donations of clothing and books for the children are always greatly appreciated.

**Thank you for your
continuing support!**

January 15, 2014

Dear St. Matthews Anglican Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of toys and games to Hiatus House. We truly appreciate the support you've shown toward our work with families experiencing the tragic effects of domestic violence. We'd like you to know that donations like yours are used directly in our emergency shelter programs by women and children in need.

Hiatus House relies heavily upon community support to maintain our programs. We hope that you continue to support the programs offered at Hiatus House by donating throughout the year. If you have questions regarding the services provided at our agency, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for helping Hiatus House in its mission to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Thom Rolfe, M.S.W., R.S.W.
Executive Director
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In helping others, we shall help our

Dear St. Matthews Anglican Church,

On behalf of the residents and staff here at Hiatus House, I want to say **thank you** for your kind donation in the amount of \$50.00. Without community support from people like you, it would not be possible for us to maintain the programs and services that are crucial to breaking the cycle of domestic violence in Windsor and Essex County. Some of these programs include:

- **Residential Program** - 42 bed emergency shelter and crisis counselling services 24/7 for victims of domestic violence.
- **Transitional & Housing Support Program** - flexible services to women in Windsor and Essex County as they establish violence-free lives within our community.
- **Crossroads Program** - Early Intervention Program for child witnesses of woman abuse.
- **Fresh Start Program** - long term counselling programs for victims of domestic violence and abusive partners.
- **Hiatus House School Based Program** - counselling services for child witnesses of domestic violence within the educational system.

If at any time you would like more information on these or other services available at Hiatus House please feel free to contact me directly at (519) 252-7781.

Thank you so much your part in *breaking the cycle of domestic violence.*

Sincerely,

Thom Rolfe, M.S.W., R.S.W.
Executive Director

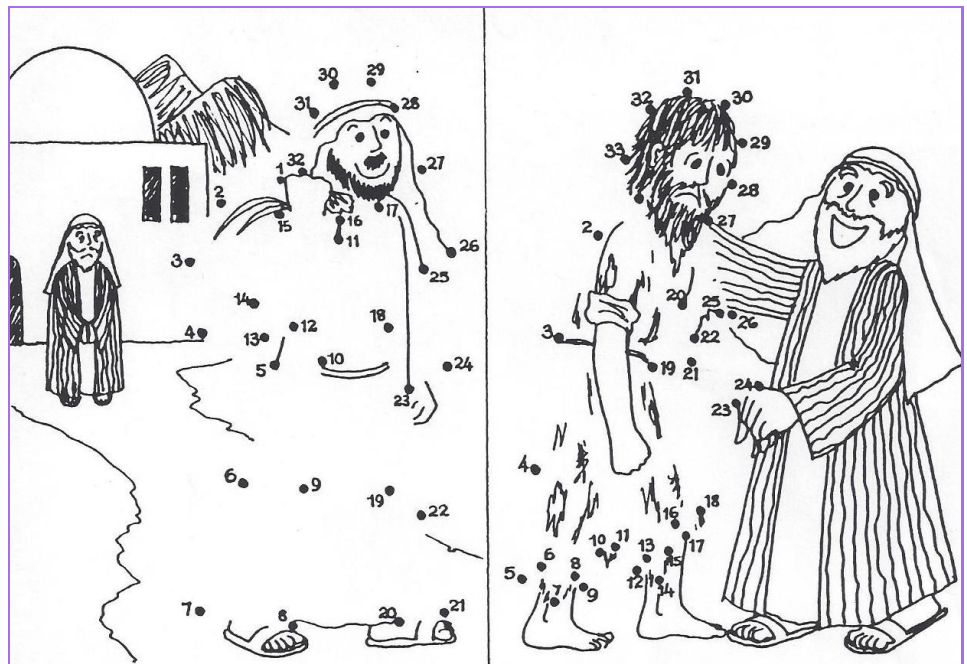
*Thank you for your
ongoing support.*

For the young (and the young at heart), an activity for this Lenten season:

Connect the numbers in order to reveal the full picture.

Identify the Biblical passage.

You may check your answer by reading Luke 15:11-32, and reflect on the meaning of this parable.



News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!

The whole congregation is invited to contribute to this section with their feedback, announcements and suggestions.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own **Nicole S.**, the youngest member of our choir. In January she served us all to a treat in her singing and leading of the Psalm. Well done Nicole, you are one neat lady! The pleasure was all ours.

Pianist Anya Laurence-Thiel will be starting a studio in March. There will be openings for four piano students.

For further information please call 519-250-3440



We celebrated Rev'd Cathy's retirement from The University of Windsor with cake and our characteristic merry fellowship.

BEST WISHES, CATHY!



Photo from Gordon Drake

Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Shirley (davidcandle@sympatico.ca) or Irene (irene.savva@bell.net) or deposit in the box provided in the Narthex. NOTE: Also let us know of any updates needed in the birthday and anniversary announcements; we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.

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September through June

8:30 am & 10:00 am

(Sunday School at the 10 am Service)

July until Labour Day (inclusive)

8:30 am & 9:30 am

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"Looking ahead to Sunday's readings"

Every Wednesday

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