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The Journey

At St. Matthew's Church



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ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2015

"We are called to share God's love as we welcome
and care for our community"

A Message from Our Rector

Advent: A Season All Its Own

On an excursion to the grocery store in the middle of November, the thing I've been dreading finally happened: That familiar musical phrase began to play over the sound system: "I'll be home for Christmas..." A sure signal that we are well on our way to the "Christmas season." But wait just a minute, isn't there another season that precedes Christmas? Of course there is!

O Come

*O Come
Emmanuel*

*O come
Thou Rod
of Jesse*

O come

Thou Day-Spring

Come and cheer

our spirits by

Thine advent here

O come

Thou Key of David

Come and open wide

our heavenly home

Rejoice! Rejoice!

*Emmanuel shall
come to thee, O Israel.*

In these darkening days of late fall, we enter the season of expectation and waiting, known to us as Advent. In the four weeks of Advent, we look back to a time before the birth of Jesus, and by doing so, we learn once again how our ancestors waited in faith. By waiting, they kept their hope for Messiah alive. Advent is also a season of looking to the future – beyond the birth of the baby Jesus, to the true object of our faith: the Lord who will come as King to conquer the darkness, restore creation, and establish his kingdom forever. As we look forward in hope for that day, the concept of waiting becomes more real to us. This season of Advent is a gift, because it reminds us that God has a plan for all of history. None of us will ever know just how that plan will unfold, but we can trust that the Author of history will bring his purposes to completion. In this season of waiting, we can turn to a prayer which expresses the character of Advent. I invite you to make this your daily prayer in the weeks ahead:

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the
works of darkness and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life in which
your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,
that on the last day, when He shall come
again in his glorious majesty to judge both the
living and the dead, we may rise to the life
immortal; through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

(Book of Alternative Services, Collect for the First Sunday of Advent)

Andreas+

Ask the Rector

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

Q: What is the Anglican teaching about angels?

A: As with most teachings, Anglicans look to the scriptures for guidance. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of references to angels; the Hebrew word “malach” means “messenger” as does the Greek word, “angelos.” Therefore, an angel is a bringer of messages from God. If you want to delve into the bible, start looking for all those messenger figures – and there are many! Sometimes they are obvious, such as in Luke’s familiar story of a meeting between Mary and a special messenger: “In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee named Nazareth.” (Lk. 1:26.) Then again, there is the story of Jacob, who wrestled with what appears to have been a mysterious “angelic being”... except, the word “angel” never gets used (Gen. 32:22-30). This is only the beginning of a study which could take in such beings as cherubs, seraphs, choirs, and of course, the archangels, headed by Michael, the “captain of the heavenly armies.” For those who might be overwhelmed by such a biblical survey, maybe it’s enough to know that God watches over us with infinitely loving care – both directly and indirectly. Anglicans join other Christians in affirming that humans and angels are part of God’s good creation, and that with the angels, we can continually direct our prayers and praises to this wonderful creator God!

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

On behalf of the Parish Council, we hope you and your family have a wondrous Christmas this holiday season

From Our Parish Council

changes to both improve our church and decrease our energy use.

We have replaced all the bulbs in the soundboard over the altar with LED bulbs, which are more energy efficient. This change will hopefully eliminate the difficult task of replacing bulbs in the soundboard for many, many years. We are also replacing other bulbs with LED lighting as quickly as possible. The parking lot was sealed this year as further neglect could have resulted in the need for tens of thousands of dollars in repairs. The result looks great and we again have parking lines we can see.

Regarding Building Maintenance, your Churchwardens ask that, if you find a maintenance issue, you write it down in the ledger book in the Choir Room, and do not make the changes yourself. Firstly, we want to keep a record of maintenance. Secondly, we have supplies for specific uses, and when they are not used appropriately (e.g. wrong bulbs), this causes extra work and delays to find these supplies. Thank you for your co-operation.

We continue to meet with Norm Becker to refine our renovation plans. We are getting close to our fund raising goals, but still need all to consider donating or adding to their donations for this important improvement to our church.

Financially, following the great success of the Christmas Craft and Food Market, we are close to a balanced budget. We continue to pay our entire apportionment each month.

Everybody is welcome to attend our meetings, usually on the **third** Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, in the choir room.

Next Meeting: December 16 (at the Cantles' residence this time only)



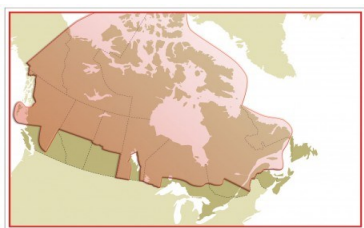


Special Services this Season



<i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	- Nov 29	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	- Dec 6	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	- Dec 13	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	- Dec 20	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Multi-generation Pageant at the 10:00 am service)
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	- Dec 24	- 7:00 pm Eucharist service
<i>Christmas Day</i>	- Dec 25	- 10:00 am service only
<i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>	- Dec 27	- 10:00 am service only

Photography by Gordon Drake (Wreath 2014, and Pageant 2013)



Advent Soup Luncheons

Every Sunday in Advent, after the 10:00 am service,
in the church hall

Free will offering All proceeds go to the Ministry of
The Council of the North

*Come and enjoy delicious donated homemade soups and breads,
and the best fellowship!*

“And the angel said to her: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus...””

Luke 1: 30-31.



A Service of Blessing of the Animals

Text by Sandra Hall and Lauren Wilkinson Photography by Lauren Wilkinson

A service of

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 4, 2015
3:30 pm

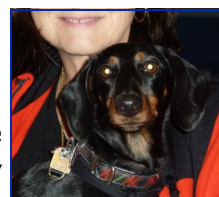
St. Matthew's Anglican Church
with
St. James' Anglican Church

The Rev'd Andreas Thiel
The Rev'd Rob Henderson
The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

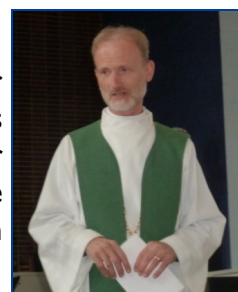


.....All creatures
great and small!

On this grey and cloudy day we were joined in the Blessing of the Animals by many dogs, a few cats, and even a rabbit!



The Reverends Andreas, Cathy, and Rob led us in giving our Intercessions and Thanksgivings for our furry friends; Andreas reminded us of the importance of our companion animals in our lives: our beloved pets bring a sense of calmness and peace to the young and old alike, and it is right to take the time to thank them for their important position in our families.



Andreas and Rob then visited each and every dog, cat, and bunny; and bestowed a blessing upon each critter companion. **We love our furry friends!**



Saint Francis of Assisi is known, amongst other things (see page 11), as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Many churches hold special ceremonies of blessing of animals on his feast day, October 4.

A Service of Choral Evensong Sunday, October 25



The choristers from St. Paul's Cathedral led us in **A Service of Choral Evensong**, featuring the beautiful music of the English Cathedral tradition, under the direction of **Andrew Keegan Mackriell**, with organist **Angus Sinclair**



"As last year, the whole evening was a special one. This liturgy has always been one of my personal favourites and it is sad that these days is so infrequently used. The service and choral rendition were sublime and for myself I hope this will be an annual event. The supper afterwards was extraordinarily good, as mentioned by many of our visitors...it was only them and their talent that upstaged the food! Thank you one and all who made this evening a very successful one."

Shirley Cantle



Photography by Gordon Drake
Director's photo from: threecathedralsfestival.ca

A heartfelt "Thank you" to anyone involved in any way with our Service of Choral Evensong and potluck here at St. Matthew's

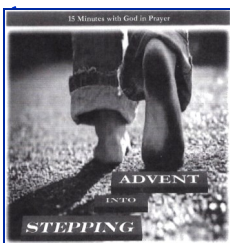
An Advertisement from Our AFP Representative

Would you like to learn more about our faith, educate yourself and have fun? Well, try and make it to our Wednesday Morning Scripture Meetings at St. Matthew's, starting at 10:00 am.

The one hour that I look forward to all week. I originally had hoped for a Bible study, but after attending these meetings regularly, I realize this is just what I was looking for.

With Andreas as our guide, we read the scriptures assigned for the following Sunday. Then the question is put to us, "What do you see in this passage?" or rather "What questions do you have?" or "What calls to you of interest in it? Is it a word, a verse, or even what it is all supposed to mean?"... and quietly then we follow on from there. Sometimes we think for a while, but most of the time the questions, answers and discussion come thick and fast, and often with much collegial laughter.

Realizing that all who attend are at different points on the path - or "journey" - to a greater faith in God and Jesus Christ, we battle on and sometimes come to a satisfactory conclusion. At other times, we have to leave the answers to faith. We share much and I really describe the weekly meetings to myself as "outward" meditation! Whatever I call it, I am sure that those of us who share this valuable one hour per week leave refreshed and rejuvenated – and it is much cheaper than a visit to a spa! Respectfully submitted by Shirley Cante, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Rep.



The 2015 Stepping into Advent resource is a contribution of the AFP and Abundant Life with selected day by day readings and reflections. If you would like to review this resource, please contact Rev'd Andreas or Shirley Cante, or visit <http://www.diohuron.org/what/renew-all/renew-all-advent.php>

"I do see an interesting choice of the readings, not your usual penitential style as demonstrated in our journey in Lent towards Easter, but Advent is also a penitential time as we look forward to Christ's birth." (SAC)

News from Our Deanery

The congregation of St. George's has vacated their old building in Walkerville (because of unsafe structural conditions), and are now worshipping at the former St. Michael and All Angels, on Jerome Ave. The Rev'd Gordon Maitland continues to be their priest.

On November 22, the Rev'd Mark Loyal was inducted as Rector of St. John's-Sandwich, Windsor.

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world as we care for our community. The Marlborough Cooks are thrilled to be in a real kitchen, even if it is not quite fixed yet. The children are delighted to have a big, bright, clean cafeteria to eat in. We are delighted to have Joe helping to keep things clean and Jackie to supervise the kids. Life is good!

We are still collecting items for the Detention Centre. More backpacks with great knitted hats and gloves were taken out recently. Thanks to Patricia St. Jean and Bill Timpson, St Stephens, Oldcastle for their knitted contributions. The sewing programme is on hold at the moment due to the activity room being used by the laundry while their space is being repaired. The ministry is good and God will provide the right time for this venture. It really is a venture into the unknown. Stepping into their type of space we remember Jesus' words "Be not Afraid".

Outreach News



Children's Aid Society — As it has become our tradition, the Christmas Giving Tree has been posted in the narthex for parishioners to pick one or more ornaments listing items from the wish list of our Children's Aid Society family. Please tape the ornament on each corresponding item and place your gift(s) in the boxes provided in the narthex **no later than Sunday, December 6.**

All gifts must be new and unwrapped, but feel free to include wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen Allsop.

Thank you for your generosity!



Our Sunday school students have built and decorated gingerbread houses. During Advent, get your tickets for a chance to win one of these edible creations. All proceeds will benefit Maryvale Children's Centre.



Photo (Advent 2014) by Gordon Drake

Don and Pauline Patterson were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Hiatus House last September in recognition of their great job as our Hiatus House outreach ministers. They also accepted a glass plaque on behalf of our parish, awarded to St. Matthew's Church as a long term sponsor of Hiatus House.

Photo from Pauline Patterson

Our Sunday School hosted a hot dog lunch on Sunday, October 18 to benefit Ghana initiatives, and collected free-will donations for a total of \$352.35. Gordon & Mary Louise Drake travelled to Jirapa, in the North-West corner of Ghana this November as part of their humanitarian work as Rotarians, carrying eight 50lb. suitcases filled with such things as: medical supplies, dresses for little girls, soccer balls and eyeglasses. Look for more details in our next issue; Gordon and Mary Lou will tell us about their trip, and how St. Matthew's donations have contributed to this amazing on-going project.



Giving Tree and this photo by Irene Savva

Please remember Hiatus House this season

In addition to toiletries, diapers and non-perishable food, donations of hats, socks, mitts, and books (including colouring books) for the children would be greatly appreciated for our next visit to Hiatus House.

Thank you for your support,

Don and Pauline Patterson

**Remember your gifts to
The Downtown Mission
and The South West
Detention Centre**

The Holiday Spirit Comes Early at St. Matthew's Church

The second annual **Christmas Craft and Food Market**, held on Saturday November 14 was a huge success. While trying out some event promotional changes (e.g., exit poll and lawn signs), we tried to remain true to our original goals of outreach with the Children's Room and quality products in our Crafts, Meat/Turkey pies and Baked Goods. In particular, the exit poll was well received, and visitors volunteered some very useful information in exchange for a chance to win a door prize. We will examine the surveys and use them to inform our advertising decisions for next year.



Even small changes can be difficult to implement, yet the folks at St. Matthew's proved once again how flexible and trusting we are as a community. The possibility of needing more Meat Pie and /or Turkey Pie assembly sessions to meet demand is an example of this spirit. As it stands, the demand for both meat and turkey pies exceeded our supply, and extra assembly sessions were needed to fill the orders for our church family. We felt it was important to wait until after the Christmas Craft and Food Market to fill the orders from our own membership, and we are grateful that this idea was generally well accepted. We sincerely believe this change will stand us in good stead. **We are pleased to announce that initial proceeds from the day sit at around \$7,500. Once we fill the turkey pie orders and a few after market sales, it is projected that the total receipts will be over \$9,000.**

Such an event would not be possible without the complete and unequivocal dedication of every one in our Church family, and even in our extended community family. So many people have been working tirelessly (and maybe tiredly too), that they are too numerous to mention. But rest assured that your actions have been noticed. We have been trying to say thank you to every one as we see them. If we have missed you, let us know, we will say thank you again. Finally, was it just us, or was there a more peaceful feeling to the whole event this year? It all seemed to come together so well. Perhaps this feeling comes with experience; perhaps there is a Spirit among us.

Whatever we may call it, it is surely a blessing. THANK YOU!

Your CC&FM Convenors.



Photography by Paul Finlayson and Irene Savva

Candlelight at St. Matthew's PART VI: Advent Wreath

By Irene Savva

We conclude this series and complete the full circle of our liturgical calendar, very appropriately, by returning to the St. Matthew's Advent Wreath. The use of evergreen circles and candles in Christianity can be traced back as early as the 16th Century, but the tradition as we know it today was conceived much later. In 1839, Johann Wichern, a pastor in Hamburg, Germany, devised the first Advent wreath so the children in his mission school could learn the way to Christmas. A ring of evergreen was placed horizontally on a board with small red candles all around that were lit one by one on every weekday and Saturday in Advent; larger white candles were placed on each quadrant, and reserved for Sundays, starting with lighting one and adding another on each subsequent week. In the 1920s and 30s, when the tradition was adopted worldwide, the small candles were removed, and the larger white ones changed to red, blue or violet. The third Sunday in Advent is also known as "Gaudete Sunday", from the service in Latin which includes the words "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always") and a rose-coloured candle may be lit instead to represent **JOY**.



For both our services, the corresponding candles on the Advent Wreath are lit on each Sunday in Advent. At the 10:00 am service, this task is assigned to members of four families from the congregation.

From 2014, left to right: The Weir, Wilkinson-Hall, Rossi-Weir and Henderson families.

Photography by Gordon Drake

Facts from: catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/f/Gaudete_Sunday.htm
blogs.transparent.com/german/the-history-of-the-adventskranz-advent-wreath/

From Our Chancel Guild

The Christmas flower envelopes are now in the pews.

Please fill out the front exactly as you would like the message to appear in the bulletin, including your full name(s). Also, please specify if the dedication is a thank offering or in memory of loved ones. Submit your envelopes to Gwen Allsop or place them in the collection plate no later than Dec. 13.

CASH ONLY PLEASE. Thank you!



Photo by Gordon Drake
(December 2014)

The Angels and the Shepherds

Luke 2: 8-20

“And in that region, there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch of their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”** When the angel went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

Unexpected encounters with God

By Myrna Atkinson

I was 16 years old for my first heavenly experience. I was at a church camp on a cliff overlooking Lake Erie when a door in the clouds opened. My spirit was accepted into Heaven. The boy sitting next to me said afterward that he felt a change had come over me.

My next encounter happened in February 2008 in Haiti. We were in a group prayer in an extremely poor area. The air was very heavy with the presence of God. I had an out of body experience, and can still see myself looking back at me.

In June 2011, I had extensive back surgery. Twelve days later, I fell. I was unable to stand or walk without extreme pain. Over the next almost four years, I went from a wheelchair, to a walker, to a cane. Then on March 6, 2015 I had shoulder replacement surgery; I was still in recovery when I was picked up on the wing of an angel; what a beautiful floating experience! I felt so loved and cared for; it took time to realize what had happened.

The same afternoon, as I lay in the ward, with noise and activity around me, an extreme sense of calm and peace came over me; this peace was so extreme, it reached into my very soul. To describe this is not possible. As the Bible says: “peace beyond comprehension” (Phil 4:7). During this, a voice said: “No pain.” I was almost pain free for the next month.

Five weeks after this surgery, I fell off the last of the basement steps. How could I fall on my left side, hit my hip, put a bone out of place in my elbow and hit my head, and not have so much as a bruise on my left shoulder or dislodge the surgery? Was God’s hand there to protect me?

All these experiences have changed my feelings. I feel so close to God that I feel his arms around me and a joy in my heart. My motto to live by is “I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength” Phil 4:13.

“For He shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

Ps. 91: 11-12

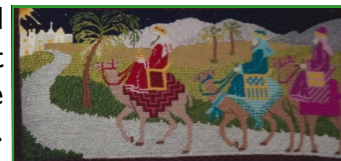
p. 828, The Book of Alternative Services of The Anglican Church of Canada

Christmas Pageant 2015

by Mary Grace Weir

We have come again to the season of Advent, that time of anticipation, of waiting to celebrate again the arrival of God among us in human form. Just as happens every year, the world around us has been humming with Christmas for several weeks already, and it can be hard to get to the actual day of Christmas without becoming somewhat jaded. Sometimes the Christmas pageant at church may seem like just another display of that story we know so well but that seems so far removed from our lives. Sometimes I wonder what it would have been like to experience it for the very first time.

This year, we are planning a slight twist on the pageant that will hopefully allow us to see the story from a different perspective than that of mere onlooker. To put ourselves into the shoes of those who were there that first Christmas and who were directly affected by the events. We hope that the congregation will enjoy it.



Our Pageant will take place on the fourth Sunday in Advent, December 20, during the 10:00 am service.

If you are interested in participating, or having your children do so, please contact Rev. Andreas or Mary Grace Weir.

Please sign in as early as possible so that we will know how many actors we will have to work with. Age is no barrier and we will be able to accommodate both readers and non-readers (or those who can read but do not wish to have a speaking part). We are planning a minimum of rehearsal, probably just one or two run-throughs, and should even be able to accommodate those who can't make a rehearsal but would like to be part of the crowd.

Come and participate!
Christianity is not a spectator sport!

Did you know that Saint Francis of Assisi is widely acknowledged as the designer of the very first live crèche (nativity scene with people) in the year 1223?

For more information go to: www.bethlehem.custodia.org or www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/stfrancis-and-the-christmas-creche.html

Needlework Kneelers of St. Matthew's in this issue:

THE CHRISTMAS KNEELERS— were done as a family project by Dalton & Margaret Snelling, and daughter Linda Hitchcock. Dalton designed each of them, using Christmas cards for inspiration. The Shepherds and Wisemen kneelers were stitched by Margaret, and the Manger Scene was stitched by Linda. The Christmas kneelers were made with love and were dedicated to St. Matthew's in memory of family loved ones. **Front Page: MANGER SCENE. Above: SHEPHERDS, MANGER and WISEMEN SCENES.**

Page 14: BETHLEHEM— The beauty of the star was the first idea behind this kneeler and then the scene of Bethlehem was developed to illustrate a scene to focus on the very beginning of our Christian faith. Created and dedicated by Jean Hayes as a thank-offering for her husband Clifford and children Lynda, David and Stephen.

Celebrating this season:

Birthdays

December

12 – Ed Carey
14 – Carol Bulley
14 – Patti Paraschak
16 – Andy Hahn
21 – Linda Boyd
22 – Sarah Henderson
27 – Helen Cahill
28 – Cory Yednoroz

January

3 – Miranda Canty
10 – Linda McDonald
13 – Sabrina Weir
15 – Jessica Hitchcock
18 – Mary Davis
18 – Jennifer Hitchcock
27 – Max Hahn
28 – Sophia Savva
29 – Nicole McCabe
30 – Ella Hahn
31 – Erica Rossi

February

1 – Ann Hucal
1 – Kim MacKendrick
6 – Isabella Chantler
6 – Jennifer Goldspink
8 – Darren Bernard
12 – Mark Bernard
13 – Alan Dalley
14 – Anya Laurence-Thiel
18 – Nadia Taqtaq
22 – Elissa Weir
25 – Edwin Levergood
26 – Neil Cowley
27 – Stephanie Allsop
28 – Dorothy Knappett

Anniversaries

December

21 – Scott & Laurie Ritchie

February

15 – Dianna & John Iannicello

UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Wednesday December 9, 2015.– Bishop's Friends Dinner at the Macedonian Centre, located on 5225 Howard Ave. (see wardens or Rev'd Andreas for details and tickets).

Saturday December 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm.– Our **St. Matthew's Christmas Social** will be held at the home of Beth and Onorio Felet, 764 D'Andrea Court. Please come and join in the Christmas festivities. Bring your choice of a nibbly or a dessert.

Friday January 1, 2016 from 3:00-5:00 pm. – Anya and Andreas Thiel will be hosting the 3rd Annual New Year's Day Open House, at the Rectory.

Saturday January 16, 2016 at 5:00 PM.– Our 6th Annual Potluck and Talent Show. Come on out if you have a talent you would like to share, or if you like eating well and good entertainment. For more information, contact John Rossi or Jen McAlpine.

Tuesday February 9, 2016.– Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Mark your calendar to volunteer and invite friends to a delicious meal at St. Matthew's. More details to come.

Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM.– Ash Wednesday Service: Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes.

Saturday February 20, 2016 at 5:00 PM.– Our Family Potluck and Games Night. Bring your family's favourite dish or dessert and a couple of board games. This is a fun night, maybe we will have a game of Hide & Seek again! More information: Jen McAlpine.

Saturday March 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM.– Potluck and Mad Science Demonstration (starts @ 6:30pm). 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).

T.N.T. Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT ("Theology 'n Tap") meetings, starting at 6:00pm, 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!! **Richard Hucal**
Our next T.N.T. night will be December 4, 2015.

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.

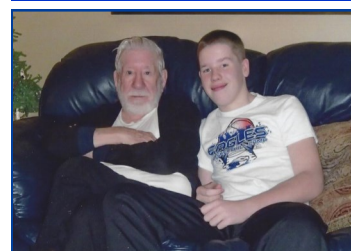
From *News from the Pews*,
Advent 2014:
“...is Ron taking part of
“Movember”? Ask Marie!”



The Journey did ask her:
Ron was growing his beard at
their grandchildren Gannon and
Brennan's request.

The whole family got to see
the result when Ron and Marie
visited them in Findlay, OH for
Christmas.

Photos (right) from Ron & Marie Darrach (Dec. 2014)
Photo (left) by Gordon Drake (Nov. 2014)



Photographs from Arlette Repko

November 8, at the 10 am service

During the Children's Focus, Rev'd Andreas talked about the importance of Remembrance Day (Nov. 11) and the significance of poppies. He invited Ron Darrach to talk about his military service at the time of the Korean War. Ron also presented the children with poppies.

At the end of the service, we all joined to sing our National Anthem.

FROM THE EDITORS: Many thanks to our wardens and Parish Council for the new-to-us photocopier. It has made the printing process of **The Journey** much faster and efficient, and the higher quality of the hard copies is evident.

“The Gourd-on”

Concept and title by Sabrina W.
Art by Sabrina and Elissa W.

Marker on squash (2015).
Gord-on Drake's private collection.



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. Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary soon? **Submit your wedding picture for publication!** 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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Matthew 2:10-11



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