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The Journey

At St. Matthew's



VOLUME V ISSUE 2

EASTER 2017

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

A Message from Our Rector

Speechless in wonder...

Easter brings us face to face with an event that we are powerless to explain. There are no words, and there are no concepts that can ever come close to capturing what God did on that first Easter morning. What we *are* able to do is to affirm and repeat those facts that make sense to us: the fact that Jesus was humiliated and tortured as he made his way to the cross; that his body was bloody and beaten and subjected to the most public and degrading form of execution; that he died after being nailed to a cross; that his lifeless body was laid to rest in a tomb. Those are the facts that were witnessed and recalled by many, and they are beyond debate or dispute.

But once we move beyond the details of Jesus' death, we enter a place where words fail us. We step into a world of surprise, wonder, and awe. And questions! How, now, an empty tomb?? And the missing body?? The first answers that came to the disciples came in the form of overwhelming emptiness. But God's wonder became revealed, minute by minute, as the disciples began to encounter the risen Lord. They discovered that what could not have been predicted has taken place: God's new creation has erupted from the place of death. Jesus is alive, never to die again. As the church has proclaimed ever since: Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

The Easter surprise that we name resurrection should be a reminder to us all that we can never predict how this God of ours might continue to surprise us. However, we can rest in the certainty that God's activity in our lives and in the world will continue to reveal what was revealed on that first Easter morning: light out of darkness... hope out of despair... life out of death. In these 50 days of Easter, we enter into the God-given gift of resurrection. Let us ask God to use us as messengers of **light, hope** and **life** to the world around us. This is a fitting way for us to express our gratitude for the risen Lord. It is our way of singing our Alleluias!

Easter blessings to you all,

Andreast



*Christ is Alive,
Alleluia!*

More on page 3 ...

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 your favourite Bible verse?

A: The answer to that question varies day by day. Today, my favourite verse comes from St. Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. Let's just say that Paul had a very complicated relationship with these Christians: he was angered by their quarreling, their tendency to split into factions, as well as their occasional signs of immorality. But his letters were sprinkled throughout with tender affection, and some of the most glorious reflections of life in Christ can be found in the letters to the Corinthians.

Here comes the verse that I love:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him — (1 Cor. 2:9, NIV)

The apostle is quoting from Isaiah. He wants his troubled friends to remember that God's wisdom transcends the boundaries of human wisdom, and yet, through the power of the Spirit, is made present to those who turn to God in faith. Amen, alleluia!

Andreas†

Stay tuned for other fascinating questions and answers!

A note of appreciation to the Chancel Guild

During Lent, we held mid-week Eucharists at St. Matthew's, and these required some additional work on the part of our Chancel Guild members.

I appreciate all your support and extra work, and also the time taken to produce the beautiful palm crosses.

Thank you for your service throughout our Lenten pilgrimage,

Andreas†



Photos from Irene Savva and our Archives

Pre-planned Funeral Arrangements — Have you ever considered the importance of putting down on paper your wishes concerning your own funeral service?

There are a number of St. Matthew's parishioners who have already done this, and those written directions are kept in a secure file in the Rector's office. It's never too early to give this some thought. In facing the death of a loved one, family members don't always know how they should proceed: should the visitation and/or funeral service be held in the church? Is music to be included? Which passages from scripture, and how many? Will the service include Eucharist? Please consider how you could help those who are closest to you, by making your wishes known in advance. I would be happy to meet with you personally, to support you in this worthwhile endeavour.

Andreas†

A REQUEST TO THE CONGREGATION — Please remember to avoid wearing perfume to our services and other gatherings, in consideration to parishioners with allergies and hyper-sensitivity to strong scents. Thank you!



Our Symbols of Resurrection

“He is not here, He has risen! ...” *Luke 24:6*

Last spring, our Renew project kept us out of the church’s nave, which had been emptied for renovations. This provided an unintended but timely metaphor of the **empty tomb** to give us **hope**, and the promise of new life for Easter, as all the work came to completion.

The final result indeed appears to have given new **life** to our church family and building, and this year we are enjoying the renewed and brighter worship and narthex areas. This setting allows a new appreciation of our surroundings and, in particular for Easter, some of our symbols of the Resurrection appear to have been brightened up along with our worship space. The **missing body** on our empty cross, that for Easter is plainly dressed with a white swathe, reminds us of Jesus’ victory over death, and the new life for all of us. The Paschal candle remains lit during our services throughout the entirety of the Easter season, as a triumphant beacon of **light** after darkness.

Maybe not as visible, it is worth noting that several of our kneelers also depict symbols of the Resurrection, such as the **Crown of Thorns—Easter Lilies** (p. 5) and the **Butterfly** (right), which were described in our 2016 Lent and Easter issues, respectively.

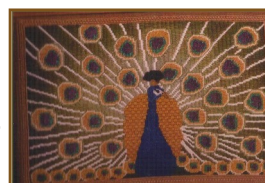
This time, two other kneelers are featured on our front page:

The Gifts of God, new life through Jesus’ body and blood from wheat and grapes, was created and given by Jo-Ann Palin as a thank-offering: “This design serves as a reminder to me of my family’s involvement at St. Matthew’s. My husband Frank has served as lay assistant; I have had the opportunity to prepare the Altar for the Eucharistic service; and our children have been members of the Servers Guild. We used the St. Matthew’s chalice as our model for the design.”

The other one was created and given to the glory of God, as a thank-offering for a precious granddaughter, Kristen Margaret Anglin, by Margaret Snelling: “The sacrificial **Lamb of God**, or *Agnus Dei*, appears carrying the Banner of Victory, as a representation of the **Risen Christ on Easter Day**. His head is surrounded by a red nimbus with three gold rays. ‘Worthy is the lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing’ *Revelations 5:12*.”

And there are two more kneelers with symbols from ancient mythologies, that early Christians used as representations of the Resurrection, created as thank-offerings by Cathy MacKendrick: “The **Peacock**, a symbol of immortality, was taken over from the Romans by the early Christians. According to ancient legend, the peacock’s flesh does not decay when dead, as being eternal. I chose this design because whenever I see a peacock’s spread tail, I marvel, as we do in a similar way at the Resurrection, which is beyond words”... “The **Phoenix** is a mythical bird that burns itself to death, but rises from its own ashes and starts a new life. Christian writers took over the legend from Arabia and Greece.”

Some historians think that the phoenix served as a way for new converts to relate to the mystery of the Resurrection of Christ (from: www.vision.org)



Christ is Alive, Alleluia!

Text by Irene Savva, photos from St. Matthew’s Archives

From Our Parish Council

Your new wardens, Janet Williams and Gordon Drake, are rapidly settling into their positions in the administrative structure of parish council at St. Matthew's. We would especially like to thank those who came before us, and those who have volunteered their time and energy for the coming year; no amount of money can buy these gifts of the spirit.



We would like to recognize John Rossi, Paul Finlayson, and their team for a highly successful pancake supper, on Shrove Tuesday, February 28 (see p. 7).

After expenses, the event raised close to **\$900** for St. Matthew's. This is just one of many initiatives currently in progress.

We are also glad to provide support for Rev'd. Cathy's Marlborough Breakfast Programme, and the sewing programme at the Southwest Detention Centre. Their project for the women inmates to work on making curtains for a Quiet Room in their Range is receiving enthusiastic support from the women, and perhaps a new skill they can use after their release.

Concerning the apportionment, we are pleased to report that St. Matthew's was able to pay 100% in 2016. Thanks for your support! In the coming months, we will continue to provide a brief synopsis of the issues coming before the Parish Council, so stay tuned.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, may you experience the peace, joy, love, and hope that this season brings. Happy Easter!

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

Next Meetings: April 19 and May 17

ST. MATTHEW'S GARAGE SALE 2017

Stay tuned for details coming soon...

Photo from John Rossi



Congratulations to Gordon Drake, on his retirement from the Physics Department at the University of Windsor

Gordon Drake delivered his very last lecture as professor in the Physics Dept. at the University of Windsor, this month. Fellow warden Janet Williams acknowledged this memorable moment with a gift and kind words in recognition of Gordon's remarkable 48 year trajectory at the U. of W.

Gordon will continue in his role as Principal of Canterbury College, as well as his editorial and research work in the Physics field. Janet mentioned that he had gone for three to "only" two jobs, and then Gordon remarked that it will remain as three, since his ministry as churchwarden will surely keep him busy. Should we add choir member, photographer and maple syrup master crafter?

Photo from Richard Hucal

Nature in Christianity: Easter Flowers

By Sue Bernard

Do white lilies make you think of funerals, spring or Jesus Christ?

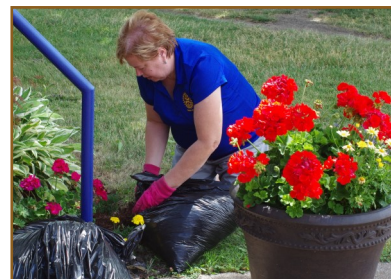
For many, the white lily flower is often associated with funerals. The distinctive scent can evoke memories of past visitations to various funeral homes for friends and family members who have passed away; the white lily has, in the past, come to symbolize the return of the departed souls' innocence. For many the color white speaks of purity, innocence and chastity. In early Christianity, the white lily appeared to be connected to the virgin Mary as a symbol of her purity and goodness.



The white lily has also come to be representative of Christ's resurrection and victory over death, so much that it is known as the Easter Lily. The lily appears in spring, blooming from a seemingly lifeless bulb; the long trumpet-like flower on a tall, but somewhat unsteady stem was thought to be a metaphor for Christ. In the eyes of God and humanity, Jesus had the capability to be an imposing figure, but he willingly bowed to his father's will. The Easter lily speaks to us of Christ's purity, innocence and resurrection.

Easter Flowers at St. Matthew's

For us here at St. Matthew's, we no longer display the lily plant at Easter due to allergy concerns of various parishioners. At one time the chancel guild did decorate the narthex with a select number of white lilies surrounding the simple wooden cross, but this too has changed. The white Easter lily can still be a symbol of Christ's purity, piety and resurrection in our outdoor gardens and at home. The spring season bursting with many other new blooms in many colours can always represent God's precious gifts to us, new life, and never-ending love. Last year, colourful geraniums adorned the Sanctuary during the Easter season, and then they were re-planted outside to allow them new life, and as an environmentally sound way to enjoy them all summer long.



Photos from St. Matthew's Archives



**Saturday,
April 22, 2017**

The St. Matthew's trash and recyclables make their way out of the hall - week in and week out - thanks to Ed Levergood's mighty effort.

Three cheers for Ed!!!

A friendly reminder: Let's all do our part by being careful with how we use our recycling bins. Paper only in the red box; used paper plates with food contamination, **cannot be included**, and if there are cardboard boxes, PLEASE flatten them. Thank you!

On Sunday, April 23, we will be cleaning up our St. Matthew's grounds, after the 10 am service. Bring your gloves and rakes. Happy Earth Day!

News from Our Deanery and Diocese

Mission and Ministry Plan

On March 28, priests and deacons from Essex Deanery met with Bishop Linda, to learn more about our Bishop's vision for the future of our diocese. We were introduced to a Mission and Ministry Plan, something that every parish or regional ministry in the diocese is required to complete and have approved by early 2018. The Mission and Ministry Plan is designed to help us take a careful inventory of our congregational health; this includes an assessment of our ministries, our finances, our buildings as well as some well-articulated plans for the future.

Our rector and churchwardens will soon be forming a task force as a way of starting the process, and there will be "Town Hall" opportunities in the coming months, giving everyone opportunity to contribute their ideas.



Rev'd Andreas will be one of the featured speakers at this year's **Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen Diocesan Conference**, to be held on Saturday, April 22, at St. Mary's Church, Walkerville. The theme for the conference is "The Power of Prayer." The Bishop of Huron, The Rt. Rev'd Linda Nicholls will also be addressing the BAC.

Attention All Golfers!!!

This year's Deanery Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, at Seven Lakes Golf & Country Club. The format is the same as in past years, namely, Texas Scramble.

In 2016, St. Matthew's fielded two foursomes; preliminary indications are that both groups are prepared to venture forth again this year to seek the championship, and are urging others to join them in their quest.

John Rossi

There are also volunteering opportunities: assist on the day of the tournament, provide items for the raffle, sell raffle tickets, or sponsor a hole (\$100). Tickets for dinner only, at St. Mary's Church in Walkerville, are \$30.00/ea. For more information, please contact John Rossi or Rev'd Andreas.

All proceeds help to fund the Youth Ministry in our Deanery of Essex (including a part-time youth worker)



Canterbury College

will offer courses in Church History, with instructor William G. Cliff, Bishop of Brandon.

These informative courses will be offered on the week of July 31 - August 5

Anyone interested may call the college directly at 519-253-3000 x4944 or visit their website

www.l.uwindsor.ca/canterbury/

Cost is \$300.00 per course.

St. James Anglican Church Annual Chicken BBQ

Wednesday May 3, 2017

**Tickets: call (519)969-4472
TAKE OUT ONLY**



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

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
essexdeanery.com
diahuron.org
Anglican.ca

pwrdf.org and Fredsays.ca

AND: www.anglicansonline.org

An interesting website featuring links to various other Anglican sites around the world.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 28

Another smooth operation by the amazing group of volunteers who:

- Donated and purchased supplies
- Baked bacon
- Prepared coffee and tea
- Took care of desserts and beverages
- Warmed up and served toppings
- Mixed and poured batter
- Cooked pancakes
- Served the food
- Looked after the tables
- Sold tickets
- Cleaned, organized ... and more!



Special thanks to Cramdon's for cooking and delivering the sausages, which completed the best pancake supper ever! The net earnings after payment of all expenses was **\$846.46**.

Photos from Gordon Drake, John Rossi and Irene Savva; see also p.4

And speaking of great food...

The St. Matthew's Legacy Recipe Collection is here!

Our 2017 book includes 180 recipes from our clergy, staff and congregation, many of them with meaningful background stories. From appetizers and soups to desserts and preserves, this legacy of our true St. Matthew's tradition will help recreate these flavours and memories at home! Also a great gift for family and friends, and sure to become a culinary heirloom, the books are printed in heavy letter size paper with card stock covers.

Price: \$15.00/each (cash, or cheque to: St. Matthew's Church)

For purchases or questions, please contact Susan Bernard, Sandra Hall or e-mail irene.savva3691@gmail.com

BONUS: Visit our website and download the **Companion Booklet** in PDF format, at no extra charge, with photographs and information to supplement many of the recipes and stories in the book.

St. Matthew's
Legacy Recipe Collection



Outreach News

Lenten Soup Luncheons



Fellowship, culinary skill, and hard work from volunteers of all ages, resulted in a total of \$1,206.15 towards the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

THANK YOU ALL!

**Please remember
The Downtown Mission, the
Southwest Detention Centre,
and our Food Cupboard.
Thank you for
your continuing support!**

The Rev'd Canon Greg Smith, chairperson of PWRDF/Huron Hunger Fund, will be joining us here at St. Matthew's on May 21, to talk about some of the new initiatives supported by this fund.

Rev'd Greg says: " ... PWRDF, as a relatively small yet effective and respected organization on the development scene, in recent planning has refocussed its work in the areas of food security and sovereignty; maternal, infant and child health; and poverty — in addition to its ongoing relief and emergency work." **Quote from:** diohuron.org



On Sunday, March 19, Gary Pryor the executive director of Windsor Homes Coalition, joined us for the 10:00 a.m. service. After enjoying a soup lunch, Gary spoke briefly about the work that the coalition carries out in the Windsor community. This non-profit, charitable group offers affordable housing throughout the core area of Windsor, as well as a food bank.

St. Matthew's food donations during the fall are donated to this cause. There is always a need, so please be generous and help support this worthy program.

For more information: windsorhomescoalition.com

Photography by Gordon Drake

Auto-deduction giving – Please consider this option, which helps us meet our monthly financial obligations. To learn more about this option, enroll or change amount (a small increase of \$10/ month would possibly bring us to a balanced budget for 2017!), contact Beth Felet, our envelope secretary, at (519) 969-3035.

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

A note on the Sewing Programme at the Detention Centre: Several times we have heard from the women comments like: "I requested this facility because of the programmes", "where can I get a sewing machine?" "I have been in jail many, many times for substance abuse, but this is the first place that has helped me get dry [she meant the programmes, nurses, the social worker etc.] and now I know what it feels like, and I do not want to go back." With our volunteer hours and the congregation's continuing support, I think we are making progress.



Photo by Gordon Drake

Recently I was at a meeting with some of the clergy of the Diocese. I heard something that I must have heard in the past, but it felt new to me this time. It was the 20/80 ratio. It means 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Although this may feel this way at St. Matthew's, it is not. Bishop Linda tells us that the real work of a parish is the work of the gospel – **outreach**. So I did some stats. Marlborough Breakfast Program – Muffin Makers – 8; Cooking – 19 individuals with a few doing both tasks. Feed the Hungry – 3 individuals. Detention Centre – 4 individuals. Hiatus House – 2 individuals. Children's Aid Christmas – 1 individual. 37 individuals doing at least one aspect of outreach ministry for St. Matthew's. There are many who do more than one thing. Our percentage is not 20% but **35.2%**. And that is not counting the multitude of folks who contribute from their resources of fabric, items brought in, and money to purchase food, backpacks, towels, face cloths, toilet paper, toys, and items of food, such as Valentine's cookies, and etc. etc. etc. It is very humbling to be a member of such a vibrant Christian family. **Our generous and gracious God has blessed us all with giving, caring hearts and hands.**

Our Deacon's Stoles: **White**

Since my early years I have met God in nature - birds, flowers, and wilderness. So for my white stole, I chose a background from muddy to clear white and used the trillium flower as the motif. The three petals, three sepals, and three leaves, symbolize the Trinity. These flowers also remind me of the resurrection because they come up in the woods before the leaves of the trees are fully out, showing new birth in the bare forest.



World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a global ecumenical movement which welcomes Christians of all traditions to join in prayer and action for peace and justice every year, on the first Friday in March.

The World Day of Prayer program for **Friday March 2, 2018** will be prepared by the Committee of Suriname with the theme:

"All God's Creation Is Very Good."

Our own Parish of St. Matthew will be hosting the event in Windsor, ON. Stay tuned for more information, and contact Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick to learn about opportunities to volunteer.

This Little Light of Mine

YOUTH @ ST. M'S

"...Kitsch elements challenge taste standards in the contemporary art world."

Alyssa Pisciotto



Alyssa Pisciotto is a multi media artist who challenges beauty standards and the idea of "good" taste by playing with the "kitsch" quality of different materials and subject matter.

Alyssa's practice primarily consists of painting, but also includes: printmaking, bookbinding, paper making and collage.

Alyssa graduated from OCAD University in 2016 with a major in drawing and painting, and a minor in printmaking.

For more, visit: <http://www.alyssapisciotto.com>

Alyssa recently presented some of her work at the Arts & Crafts Display in our church hall as part of our Talent Show on January 21, 2017. Thanks, Alyssa! (Photo by Gordon Drake)

The Sunday School has been working on a jelly bean prayer for Lent.

Our students have opportunities to earn different colours of jelly beans for specific tasks.

An example would be to earn a red jelly bean for giving something up for Lent. The children decorated their jelly bean bags and will take them home at the end of the Lenten season. They are having fun, and this activity is creating some wonderful conversations!

Jen McAlpine

Happy Easter
from Sunday School

Images from Creative Commons

89th Windsor Scouting Group Canadian Jamboree Fundraiser

At Cramdon's 2950 Dougall Ave, Windsor - Sunday, April 30, 2017 5:00pm to 8:00pm
All you can eat chicken and pasta buffet includes: salad, veggies, potato, dessert and beverage

Adults and youth, \$15.00; children: 3-12, \$10.00; 2 & under FREE. Prices include tax and tip

For tickets, contact: Jim or Tracy Golab: 519-969-4987 or jtgolab@kelcom.net
or Beth Felet: 519-969-3035 home, 519-817-9626 cell, or efelet@cogeco.ca

Art and Social Commentary — The Hijab in North America By Elissa Weir

How does an artist respond to Islamophobia when her best friends are Muslim?
Make art to protest, of course.

One project in my Media Arts class last semester was to use portraits to comment on a social issue. I knew immediately what I wanted to do: Muslim women who wear the hijab in North America. The issue is close to me since my two best friends are Muslim, and choose to wear the hijab. I've been with them through good times and bad, and feel scared for them and their families whenever I hear whatever racist, xenophobic words come from the media, politicians or anonymous notes left by classmates. I always wanted to make a statement about my experience of Muslims. This project finally gave me the chance and the motivation.



Originally I was only going to have images. However, I decided to include sound as well, since what we hear from the media influences us. The work has two parts: first, a canvas with photos of my friend in her hijab. One side is specific to her religion, showing her praying. The other shows her in situations many of us can relate to, doing homework and sitting at the mall.

Secondly, there is a sound system with two elements. A speaker plays news reports of hate crimes towards Muslims and of terror attacks in recent years. Accessible only by headphones is an interview with my friend, telling about herself, her plans for the future, and her understanding of Islam and its perversion by terrorists. As in real life, the voice of the media is inescapable, but we must choose to hear what the people being accused say or not.

The project was part of Walkerville Collegiate Institute's **Face Value** Exhibition, which ran February 6 – February 10 at *Artspeak Gallery* (1942 Wyandotte St. E.) There were many positive reviews on the work and it was appreciated by many. My friend who modeled was very proud of me, and her father was surprised, but happy, that I chose the subject.



Photos from the Weir family

St. Matthew supports École Bellewood's Science Fair, March 21 2017 by Danielle Richer

It has been a long-standing tradition for Gordon Drake to support my Science Fair at École Bellewood. Gordon not only encourages his colleagues and graduate students to join him as judges for our projects, he will even drive them to and from the school. I am very much indebted for his efforts. From our modest beginnings, our needs now exceed the capacity of the Physics department! Enter Sandra Hall, whose daughter Lauren has been waiting for the opportunity to be in the Science Fair (entries are accepted from students in grades 4 to 8.) Thanks to Sandra's skills, we recruited many new judges, a noticeable contingent from our own St. Matthew's community. Who would have thought we had such scientific talent here? Thank you so much to Al McCabe, Irene Savva, Paul Finlayson, Mary Lou and Gordon Drake, and of course Sandra Hall, for your encouragement of the next generation of scientists. And did you know that many of the youth at St. Matthew's attend École Bellewood? In a way, we are supporting our own out in the community. By the way, Lauren and her partner Alice won third place in the grade four category. Congratulations Lauren!

Celebrating this season

Birthdays

April

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
21 – Tom Dunsmore
21 – Scott Ritchie
25 – Collin Patterson
27 – Ryan Patterson
27 – Helen White
30 – Chuck Boyd

May

2 – Caitlin Henderson
4 – Jane Patterson
7 – Ron Darrach
10 – Irene Savva
15 – Dianna Iannicello
16 – Josh Canty
17 – Margaret Canty
19 – David Goldspink
21 – David Hitchcock
28 – Jane Bayne
28 – Jeff Wilkinson
30 – Carole Lawn
30 – Sharon Ritchie
31 – Rosalind Canty

June

4 – Margaret Jemison
4 – Don Prodan
5 – Benjamin Hahn
7 – Danielle Richer
9 – Marie Darrach
14 – Daryl Hudec
17 – Ted Felet
26 – Ruth Clarke
26 – Louise Davis
27 – Toni Ligor
28 – Shawn McDonald
30 – Sarah Finlayson
30 – Kevin Patterson

On Sun. April 9, we celebrated Rev'd Andreas' birthday. Our Parish Council playfully presented him with a bunch of carrots, acknowledging this as his favourite cake flavour, and because we do believe that our dear rector has "taken roots" at St. Matthew's. The actual cake was vanilla, but still yummy. **Happy Birthday, Rev'd Andreas!**



Photo by Gordon Drake

Anniversaries

May

2 – Neil & Gwen Cowley
8 – Steve & Erin Pidhoresky
17 – Chuck & Linda Boyd
19 – Richard & Ann Hucal
22 – John Rossi & Patti Weir
24 – Alan & Sue Trenhaile
26 – Toni Ligor & Jen McAlpine
28 – Mark & Sue Bernard
31 – David & Linda Hitchcock

April

18 – Mike & Irene Paraschak
23 – Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis
25 – Don & Pauline Patterson Happy 30th! (photos)



Photos from the Pattersons



June

2 – Don & Lillian Prodan
6 – Stan & Margaret Goldspink
8 – Robert & Mary Grace Weir
10 – Mark & Audrey Goldspink

10 – Jeff Wilkinson & Sandra Hall
20 – Donn & Jane Bayne
21 – Bob & Margaret Kissau
24 – Shawn & Linda McDonald
27 – Al & Nicole McCabe
30 – Brad & Stephania Allsop

T.N.T. Reserve the first Friday of the month for our T.N.T. ("Theology 'n Tap") meetings, starting at 6:00 pm, at Cramdon's Restaurant (2950 Dougall Ave.) 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 on May 5, 2017** Richard Hucal

News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from
you soon!



On January 29, 2017, our then warden Bob Braidford (right) presented a glass plaque to Dr. Norm Becker and The Becker Engineering Group on behalf of our parish, in appreciation for their generous assistance with our Renew church renovation project, in 2016. Presiding were: our bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Linda Nicholls, and our rector, the Rev'd Andreas Thiel.

**THE GAMES
NIGHT**
Feb. 18

A small but very enthusiastic bunch came out for dinner, followed by several fun games of Euchre at Margaret and Bob Kissau's.
We had a great evening!

Look for next year's games night, with a few twists, perhaps a fun Euchre tournament!!
Jen McAlpine

Alisa and Steve Yednoroz have assumed the role of beaming grandparents!

Benjamin Steven was born to their son Corey and his wife, Kara, on March 1, 2017
Congratulations!



On March 3, 2017 the merry T.N.T. crowd celebrated dear fellow parishioner Don Patterson, in occasion of his 85th birthday (March 6)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DON!

Our friends from the 89th Windsor Scouting Group joined us for worship and fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 26



MAPLE SYRUP

Silver Maple

500 ml: \$15.
250 ml: \$10.

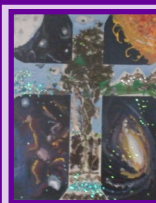
*All proceeds go to the
Church apportionment*



Once again, the Drakes generously donated some of their homemade Silver Maple syrup. A short sap harvest season resulted in a smaller batch than last year, but its clarity and beautiful colour secured a total of **\$285.00** towards our apportionment.

Don's photograph by John Rossi; all others by Gordon Drake

All proceeds from Beth Felet's pretty candy-filled carrots will go to support the Craft Guild and their one-of-a-kind creations.

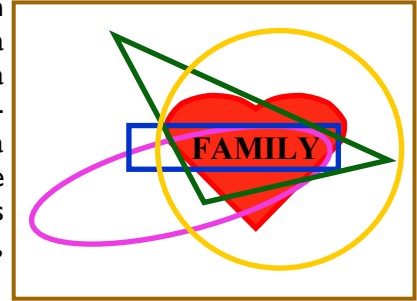


Margaret Jemison is the winner of our cross counting contest; she submitted the highest cross count. How many crosses could you find?

Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Sue Bernard and Irene Savva to irene.savva3691@gmail.com 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.**

Celebrating Our Families Text and Illustration by Irene Savva

A FAMILY is regarded as a group of people sharing common traits. If they are living under a common roof, it is also called a HOUSEHOLD; when sharing a common ancestor, they are part of a GENEALOGICAL TREE; they could have a common affiliation, belonging to a FELLOWSHIP. Defined as the basic unit of society, a family might have as few as two members (e.g., a couple, a single guardian and a child) or any number and combination of grown-ups and minors (mothers, fathers, or other role models, and sons, daughters, fostered youth, etc.)



But many families might not fit any of these definitions. This complexity of family roles and structures opens up the question of how to celebrate family members. Birthdays are straightforward, but other holidays such as Mother's or Father's Day might become meaningless, even painful for some families, depending on their unique situation. The UN's General Assembly declared the **15th day of May** as the **International Day of Families** in 1993, so that common living space, biology or beliefs become secondary to the central theme of love and unity. Some groups have moved towards this concept, keeping away from celebrating single family members. For example, the United Church encourages the celebration of the **Christian Family Sunday**, on the **second Sunday in May**, the same day as, and instead of, Mother's Day. Even the original and avid promoter of Mother's Day in North America, Anna Jarvis, protested against it once Hallmark and candy companies took control over it in the 1920s.

Of course there is nothing wrong with celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day, or the more recent Siblings' Day and Grandparents' Day, as long as it is relevant to everyone involved. However, it seems like the alternatives given by the UN, The United Church, and even some Canadian provinces (**Family Day** as a statutory holiday in **February**) might be more in touch with the reality and complexity of our basic unit of society.

Let's celebrate all our families, thanks be to God!

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Everybody is Welcome!

Sunday Services:

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday school at the 10:00 am service.

Services at Huron Lodge:

Holy Eucharist:

1st Tuesday of the month 11:00 am

Praise & Prayer:

3rd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

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