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The Journey At St. Matthew's

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EASTER 2019

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

A Message from Our Rector

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Άληθῶς ἀνέστη!

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" In those few words, we find the most ancient statement of the Christian faith. It's no exaggeration to say that the entire history of the Church has its foundation on these very words. Throughout the Easter season, our Sunday liturgies begin with the responsive Easter greeting (BAS pg. 185 & 230). This greeting can be traced – directly and indirectly – to each of the four gospel accounts of the resurrection. In Matthew (28:6), it is an angel who makes the announcement that Jesus is risen; in Mark (16:6) it is a young man. Luke's version (24:5) has two men delivering the news, and in John's (20:18), it is the risen Lord himself.

Countless biblical scholars have devoted years to studying just how the story of Jesus' resurrection gets told in the bible. Some people find it frustrating that the four gospel accounts differ in detail. But it's clear that all four evangelists agree on one thing: the news that Jesus has been raised from the dead – the original proclamation of the resurrection – is entrusted to *women*. And the woman who is mentioned by name in all four gospels is Mary Magdalene. For this reason, she has been given the designation of being "Apostle to the Apostles." In other words, she is the one who is first commissioned to deliver the startling news to the others. The others, in turn, will be sent to spread the news among wider groups of people.

Every so often, I overhear the question: "Where would the Church be without women?" It's the sort of question that assumes that we all know perfectly well what the answer is! The answer, of course, is that the contribution of women has been vital to the life of the Church. In terms of communicating news of the resurrection, women were of utmost importance. The role of women in Christ's Church has not been without controversy, and there are plenty of instances of women being kept from full participation in ministry. The debates will continue for some time, I'm sure, and from time to time, we will be called upon to challenge any suggestion that women ought to be marginalized or even excluded. We can be thankful for the fact that our Anglican Church of Canada collectively moved beyond this question many years ago. The Diocese of Huron has been served by outstanding and faithful female clergy (now including a bishop), and I see this as an affirmation that like Mary Magdalene and the others with her, women are recognized and celebrated in their roles as bearers of good news, particularly the good news of the risen Lord's life and activity throughout our faith communities. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Alleluia, women and men have been entrusted with that life-changing news for millennia. May that be our song throughout these 50 days of Easter and far beyond.

. Andreas+

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5

look



While some volunteers were mixing and pouring batter, and flipping pancakes in the kitchen, others were serving endless portions of them, along with crispy bacon and sausages. Syrup and sauces, beverages and even a full dessert table were offered as well:













guests, and the friendly greeters at the free-will offering station completed the perfect pancake supper, with a grand total of \$1,200.00

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Our friends from the 89th Scouting Group once again joined the effort, to

THANK YOU ALL!

All photography on this page by Gordon Drake

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday April 14







Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

Submitted by Dianna Iannicello

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh ... As Mary stands Beside the Cross, those are the words that beat Upon her brain, and make her clench her hands, On Calvary, in noonday's burning heat.

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The Magi kneel By simple shepherds all agog with joy, And angels praising God who doth reveal, His love for men in Christ, the newborn Boy.

Where now the incense? Where the kingly gold? For Jesus only bitter myrrh and woe. No kingly figure hangs there – just a son In pain and dying ... How shall Mary know

That with his sigh "Tis finished," all is told;
Then – in that moment – Christ's reign has begun?

From "The Deacon's Treasure"





The Paschal Candle

The Paschal candle is first lit to mark the end of the Lenten season during the Great Vigil of Easter; it remains shining at all liturgies from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost. Kindled in the new fire, it is a symbol of the Light of Christ, a reminder that the Resurrection is the promise of everlasting life.

Our new Paschal Candle was first lit last year, so in the photo, it is marked with the year 2018; this will be updated to 2019 by this year's Great Vigil. It also has a cross, with the Greek Alpha and Omega letters, to represent "Christ yesterday and today ... the beginning and the end ... May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." (Book of Alternative Services, p.333).

A Blessed Easter to All! Christ is Alive, Alleluia!

Paschal candle photographs on this and front page by Gordon Drake

St. Matthew's Church proudly presents

The Windsor Symphony Orchestra Neighbourhood Concert Series

Daniel Wiley, Conductor Madeline Doornaert, Soloist April 27, 2019 1:00 pm

General admission \$20/ students \$10
For tickets, contact our Parish Council or call: 519-969-1510



Monday, April 22, 2019

Happy Earth Day!

EARTH DAY 2019 - PROTECT OUR SPECIES

Cities play a critical role in protecting biodiversity and educating the public about the importance of species and biodiversity in regard to community health and well-being:

Community gardens and urban farms feed cities.

Ecosystem health and growth is a key aspect of all city planning, essential for protecting our species in the decades to come.

Pollinator protection plans prioritize native pollinator species, such as bees. Did you know that beeswax candles create beautiful soft light, and they actually clean the air as they burn?

From Our Parish Council

Notes from our meeting March 20, 2019

Let us come together to celebrate the rebirth and renewal that comes with spring and the joys of Easter, as symbolized by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are pleased to present the following summary of recent events, as recorded by the Parish Council, and especially to note the entry of our new Deacon, Glenda Fisher, into our services and Parish life.

Concert: A definite decision was made to proceed with the planned Windsor Symphony strings concert on April 27. All members of the Parish Council were asked to help with selling a block of 6 tickets to family and friends. Tickets have been distributed and plans are well underway for the concert. Our friends at St. James have offered to help with selling tickets, but due to conflicts with other events they will not be officially acting as partners this time. Thanks to Mary Louise Drake for organizing tea and refreshments afterwards. For future events, a proposal was approved for a joint Blue-Grass concert with St. James on September 22. Thanks to Bill Wilkinson at St. James, we have connections with a prize-winning group of musicians for the concert. We expect that this will be very popular, and will attract a substantial audience from the broader community.

Finances: Thanks to Jane Patterson for her accounting skills. According to her statements, the past month has been a good one for St. Matthew's. Our net income was \$5660.98 before a special loan repayment of \$7000, leaving a **final deficit of \$1339.02**. Jane reports that we have almost \$3400 in the roof fund now to provide a healthy reserve for future loan payments. The balance owing is approximately \$34,000. Thanks also to Beth Felet for her very able work as envelope secretary. We are grateful to all our parishioners for their continued generosity in support of the work of St. Matthew's.

Property: Our contract for snow removal has now finished, and so attention has turned to the need for a new contract for grass cutting and spring clean-up. An email on April 6 has confirmed that Frog Lawn Care will handle the grass cutting and spring clean-up for 2019; John Rossi and Onorio Felet are looking for ways to repair the pot-holes that have appeared in the parking lot. Discussion also continued on accessibility issues for the women's washroom, and the need for fresh wall paper and paint in both washrooms; thanks to Onorio and his helpers for their attention to these issues. Also, thanks to Richard Hucal and Gordon Drake for their attention to the updating of the electrical system in the kitchen. Further concerning the kitchen, a motion was passed to designate May 4 as the kitchen cleanup day.

Outreach: Thanks to Karen DeVries for taking over management of our English language classes for recent immigrants in our neighbourhood. These continue to be fabulously successful, attracting more than 20 participants every Thursday morning, and included is a 30 min. Bible study led by Rev'd Andreas. We are thrilled that one of the participants (Abbey) has asked to be baptized in the coming weeks! In addition, Andreas has initiated an informal "Second Wednesday Worship" service, on the second Wednesday of each month. He also continues to serve as Chaplain at Huron Lodge. In other forms of outreach, Cathy MacKendrick reported on her continuing work with the Marlborough school breakfasts, back packs for those released from the Windsor jail, and her sewing program for the female inmates. The Parish Council strongly supports these initiatives, and encourages this form of outreach to our community.

Pancake Supper: Thanks to John Rossi for organizing our very successful pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, including genuine maple syrup supplied by the Drakes from the silver maple trees of South Windsor. The experiment, of instituting a "free-will" offering in place of a fixed charge for the supper worked out very well, resulting in an income of approximately \$1200.

Praise be to God, who makes all things new!

Your Wardens, Janet Williams and Gordon Drake.

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 Meeting: May 15 2019

The Celebration of a New Ministry March 3

During our 10:00 am service, we celebrated the Covenant in Ministry with the Rev'd Glenda M. Fisher.

At the end of the service, our wardens presented our new deacon with a framed selection of St. Matthew's special moments, a token of appreciation for her commitment to our congregation.





The celebration continued in the church hall, with a selection of cheese and cold cut trays, veggies and dip, refreshments, featuring a beautiful handcrafted carrot cake, made with love by Margaret Kissau and decorated with the help of Cora Bradford.

Welcome Rev'd Glenda!





Photography by Gordon Drake

Stay tuned for news from our newest deacon, Rev'd Glenda, in our next issue of *The Journey*.

Our Rector Asks ...

Of all of our St. Matthew's outreach ministries, what is it that you most

appreciate/value, and why? Please consider this question and send your response to irene.savva3691@gmail.com, or hand-in to Irene Savva or Sue Bernard. All responses will be included in our next issue of *The Journey*. Thank you for your participation!

Second Wednesday Worship

Join us for an informal evening service of music, scripture and prayer on the second Wednesday of every month, at 7pm.

This is a perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbours!

Our next service is scheduled for: May 8, 2019

Our Anglican World

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Prayer for Our 178th SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF HURON MAY 26-28, 2019

"God of truth and compassion, as we gather for this our 178th Synod of the Diocese of Huron, we are filled with gratitude for the gift of good news and the coming of your Kingdom. As we are sent by you out into the world, confident in your provision for us in all things, may all that we do and say be a proclamation of this good news of the Kingdom of God and its power to heal and transform. Loving God, we ask this in the name of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen." https://diohuron.org/prayers/

Attention All Golfers!!!

This year's Deanery Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19
Also, many opportunities to volunteer! Stay tuned for more information coming soon
All proceeds help to fund the Youth Ministry in our Deanery of Essex

Respect Justice Camp

An offering of the Diocese of Huron in the Deanery of Essex

August 13-19, 2019 St. Clair College, Windsor

What if we began with the assumption that God is in every person we meet?

How would that impact the ways in which we relate to all around us?

These are the fundamental questions that will be explored at Respect Justice Camp 2019.

Through plenary sessions, activities, and worship, it is the hope that participants will take part in meaningful conversation, also sharing food and fellowship.

In addition, an individually selected 3-day immersion experience will engage participants through the lens of a particular focal group or area. These immersions include: Respect for Creation; Collaborations with First Nations; Respect for and collaboration with People with Disabilities; Collaboration with those living in Poverty; Respect for and collaboration around Mental Health and Mental Illness; Respect for and collaboration with LGBTQ2+; Collaboration with Migrant Workers.

The Camp is opened to those aged 18 and up. The cost is \$450 which covers food,

For more information, please talk to Rev'd Glenda, and also check out:

Website—<u>justicecamp.ca</u>
Facebook—Respect Justice Camp
Twitter—@CampRespect



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Windsor Police Safety Presentation

On March 18. Windsor By Janet Williams, warden Service held a Safety Presentation geared towards places of worship.

Four members from St. Matthew's and representatives from many other community places of worship attended this presentation at Congregation Beth El (2525 Mark Ave.) Barry Horrobin, Director of Planning and Physical Resources for Windsor Police Service, gave a comprehensive workshop highlighting ways to help keep our respective places of worship safe for all of us by making safety and security a top priority.

Barry said that safety is the responsibility of everyone, and he placed special emphasis on the importance of having all members of the congregation, staff and visitors be aware of the need to be continually observant and aware of activity in the church and on all church property. He emphasized that undesirable activity should not be tolerated and strongly suggested that any undesirable activity including loitering or trespassing be reported to the police non emergency number: 519 258-6111. He cautioned that it is imperative that all exterior doors be secured and double checked after every church function, as it is possible for a door lock to be compromised by the placing of an item such as a small stick or piece of plastic at the bottom of the door. Later, this would make it possible for someone to easily gain entry to the entire building.

The importance of good lighting for the exterior of the building and adjacent parking lot was emphasized. The use of adequate LED lighting is an efficient way to discourage unwanted activity on church property. By showing night photos of the respective religious sites, Barry was able to advise us that increased LED lighting of our church and adjacent property is highly recommended in order to illuminate these areas and discourage unwanted activity.

Christian foundations GROUNDING FOR A LIFE OF FAITH

At St. Matthew's this May-June!

This booklet is a study developed out of Wycliffe College in Toronto for "new" Christians. It is meant "to build a foundation on which people will continue to grow as apprentices of Jesus Christ." Introduction. However, it is good for us older Christians too. In fact enlightening.

This nine-week series will be led by our deacon, the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick. The first session will be on Wednesday May 1, and then every Tuesday evening from May 7 finishing by the end of June, starting at 7:30 pm for 90 minutes.

More details and picture from: https://wycliffecollege.ca/wycliffe-serves/christian-foundations

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 in full colour by joining the e-mail distribution list. Request your subscription at irene.savva3691@gmail.com

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

St. Matthew's Church Diocese of Huron Anglican Church of Canada

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) pwrdf.org and Fredsays.ca Anglican sites around the world

saintmatthewswindsor.ca diohuron.org

Anglican.ca www.anglicansonline.org

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

The breakfast programme continues to thrive. The Food for the Hungry cabinet continues to fill as quickly as the items are taken to the various distribution points. Hiatus House is supported with donations as well. The Backpack programme received a huge box of shampoo from Church of the Epiphany and 10 backpacks were taken to the Detention Centre.

We are told that the incidents of violence in the new facility are dramatically less, than when the old Windsor Jail was open. I can only tell you that having been in both facilities, the difference in the atmosphere is palpable. The sewing programme continues to thrive. Recently Rev. Jane Piercy-Ballard and myself got the opportunity to visit Lens Mills in London for some discount fabric. We bought about 48 yards of fabric (\$9.65 per yd), 30 zippers (3 for \$1), and some quilted fabric (1yd for \$20) for eye glass cases. For those who sew/quilt we are very aware of how the cost of fabric has exploded in the last year. Many, many thanks for all the financial support for our Jail/Detention Centre ministry. Without this type of I support we would have a much leaner ministry with those women who work hard on improving their behaviour and attitude so that they can attend the sessions to make eye glass cases, tissue holders, pillow cases, tote bags, pocket buckets, and zippered bags of different sizes. The pride in their eyes when they complete an item is wonderful to see. We also received a large quantity of cotton and cotton/polyester fabric from a donor, which has been cut into pieces for pillow cases. It always amazes us at how quickly the women make these pillowcases and how quickly the supply goes down. If you or a friend is divesting some of their stash, we will gladly take the cotton and cotton/polyester fabrics. The easiest sizes for pillowcases are about a yard or more. From one yard we can get I body of a pillowcase and three pieces for the pocket buckets. The fabric for their projects are precut since they only have 90 minutes to do the sewing. Even new sewers can complete a pillowcase in 15 to 20 minutes which are usually gifts for their family members.

St. Matthew's Outreach to the community continues to thrive.

We truly are the eyes, ears, hearts, hands, and feet of Jesus
when we respond to the needs of our community and to the world.

Outreach News



Weekly fellowship centred around warm bowls of delicious soup, along with bread to nourish the body and soul, have all taken place throughout Lent. St. Matthew's has again generously raised funds to support the PWRDF with a total of \$ 1,419.10.

Thank you to all who contributed to this outreach!

This Easter season remember Hiatus House,

the South West Detention Centre, and our Food Cupboard

Photos by Gordon Drake

Thank you for your continuing support!

This Little Light of Mine ST. M'S



KIDZ CHURCH MINISTRY

DEAR EVERYBODY =^..^=

We need 'you'! We are a small, happy group of St. Matthew's Kidz who want to meet in our church hall for about a half an hour on Sundays, starting at 10 am.

We already have two awesome leaders: <u>Ms. Mary Grace</u> and <u>Ms. Carol</u>. We just I need <u>TWO MORE</u> leader types of folks so that we have <u>one leader</u> for <u>each</u>. Sunday in the month.

AND...... we need *grandmothers* and *grandfathers* and other "grand" Kidz fans (who do 'not' wish to be 'leaders') just to sit with us.....maybe help us with our drawing or coloring and just 'listen' to our kidz ideas and stuff. We need 4 Grands (1 for **each** Sunday in the month) to be our Grandmentors (as we like to call you).

<u>Each</u> Sunday, Ms. Mary Grace and Ms. Carol will have <u>'everything'</u> organized and <u>ready-to-go</u>. Actually, it's really a pretty <u>simple</u> plan that Ms. Mary Grace and Ms. Carol and our awesome Rev.'d Andreas came up with.

Our **LEADER** will:

- 1. say a prayer with us [The prayer will be posted on the wall]
- 2. read us a Kidz bible story [From our Big Bible Picture Book]
- 3. have a chat about the story [The questions' will be posted on the wall]
- 4. get us started on our drawing or ready-to-go coloring page, or other activity

Sometimes we might sing Kidz songs about Jesus, too ... and, like we said before, our **GRANDMENTOR** will:

- 1. sit with us and keep us company
- 2. help us with our activity
- 3. walk with us back into the big church when it's time for THE PEACE.

PLEASE? We NEED you for our KIDZ CHURCH MINISTRY.

2 more Leaders and 4 GrandMentors are all we're asking for!

Thanks everybody. You 'are' the BEST! =^..^=

Just call or email:

Ms. Mary Grace at 519 734-0981 marygweir@aol.com

Ms. Carol at 519 966-9664 ccaverzan@gmail.com

Auto-deduction giving – Please consider this option, which helps us meet our monthly financial obligations. To learn more about it, change amount (a small increase can make a big difference!) or switch from credit card to bank account, please contact Beth Felet, our envelope secretary, at (519) 969-3035.

OR

April

- 3 Catherine Hillman
- 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 Haylie Hancock
- 10 Michael Chantler
- 16 Ted Clarke
- 17 Mark Goldspink
- 18 Emma Westray
- 21 Tom Dunsmore
- 21 Scott Ritchie
- 25 Collin Patterson
- 27 Ryan Patterson
- 30 Chuck Boyd

Celebrating this season

Birthdays

May

- 2 Caitlin Henderson
- 4 Jane Patterson
- 10 Irene Savva
- 15 Dianne 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

- 1 Glenda Fisher
- 2 Don Prodan
- 4 Margaret Jemison
- 5 Benjamin Hahn
- 7 Danielle Richer
- 7 Steve Sussens
- 14 Bill McAdam
- 17 Ted Felet
- 20 Pauline Patterson
- 23 Daryl Hudec
- 26 Ruth Clarke
- 26 Louise Davis
- 27 Toni Ligori
- 28 Shawn McDonald
- 30 Sarah Finlayson
- 30 Kevin Patterson

April

- 23 Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis
- 25 Don & Pauline Patterson

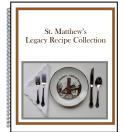
May

- 8 Steve & Erin Pidhoresky
- 14 Onorio & Beth Felet
- 17 Chuck & Linda Boyd
- 18 Peter & Pat Lown
- 19 Richard & Ann Hucal
- 22 John Rossi & Patti Weir
- 24 Alan & Sue Trenhaile
- 26 Toni Ligori & Jen McAlpine
- 28 Mark & Sue Bernard

Anniversaries

June

- 2 Don & Lillian Prodan
- 6 Stan & Margaret Goldspink
- 8 Robert & Mary Grace Weir
- 10 Aaron & Melissa Bratt
- 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



Our Legacy Recipe book is still available; 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 Contact Irene, Sue, Sandra or Rev'd Andreas

100% of the money collected now goes to our Roof Fund!

T.N.T. Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT ("Theology 'n' Tap" or "Tap No Theology") 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 May 3, 2019

Richard Hucal

News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!



"Mary Louise Drake was recognized at the University of Windsor annual Celebration of Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity. To roaring applause, nursing professor Mary Louis Drake won the award for Outstanding Community Engagement, Knowledge Transfer and Knowledge Mobilization. Dr. Drake is the leader behind the Building Blocks for Better Babies program in Windsor and Essex County. The program offers free weekly classes on nutrition, wellness and health for pregnant women and new mothers. The classes are led by registered dieticians and public health nurses."

From: http://www.uwindsor.ca/dailynews/full-issue



On February 24, another successful **Hymn Sing Sunday** took place during the 10 am service. Our pastoral musician Mike Ricketts, the St. Matthew's choir and parishioner Carol Carverzan (pictured during the service) led the congregation through a series of hymns previously requested by parishioners, and integrated into the service with the guidance of our rector, the Rev'd Andreas Thiel.





A cheerful group gathered for the T'n'T meeting at Cramdon's on March 1st, enjoying lively conversation, a pleasant meal and a slice of cake, which was shared in honour of Richard Hucal's birthday. **Would you like to join the fun?** See the information for our next TNT meeting on page 10.



A clear and pure batch of homemade Silver Maple syrup, from the expert craft and generous donation of MaryLou and Gordon Drake, made parishioners happy; they were able to purchase jars of the delicious treat again this year, with an amazing total of \$525 raised, going towards apportionment.

Thank you, MaryLou & Gordon!







Our Craft Guild brainstorming and hard at work

Ed's photo by Irene Savva, all others by Gordon Drake

The Rector and Wardens have been notified that our very own "Waste Removal Specialist", Ed Levergood, will be ceasing his activities in that capacity by the end of this year. Ed has been dedicated to the task of sorting our recycle bins and preparing them — and the 'Herby Curby' — for pick-up every week. Ed has even gone to the lengths of taking some of the St. Matthew's waste to his home. **Ed, we thank**

you for your ministry among us! We appreciate how your regular "behind the scenes" job has made a difference all these years.



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.

A Lesson to Remember

Submitted by Anya Laurence-Thiel

One day, a man went to visit a church. He arrived early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near him, and the driver told him, "I always park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat, and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the church sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change.

Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied..."I took your place."

Author unknown

Remember Matthew 25:35-40:

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Everybody is Welcome!

Sunday Services:

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Services at Huron Lodge:

Holy Eucharist:

Ist Tuesday of the month | | 1:00 am Praise & Prayer:

3rd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

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The Reverend Cathy MacKendrick The Reverend Glenda M. Fisher

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and our Facebook