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The Journey At St. Matthew's

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LENT 2022

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

A Message from Our Rector

On The Threshold of Lent

Once again the church calendar prompts us to move into a different rhythm. The observance of Ash Wednesday (March 2) helps us to do so, with its age-old instruction to enter a season of intentional self-examination. The church is never far from the invitation to repent, but in the season of Lent, the message takes on greater urgency: REPENT!!! Turn away from all the distractions and distortions that can be found in daily living, and return to a life which is grounded in the relationship that God has established for us, through the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. The underlying message is that by doing this, we will find freedom... a freedom that the world is unable to give us.

Freedom is a word that has been raised publicly in these past several months. In the context of disagreements with public health mandates, we have seen and heard about 'freedom protests' and even 'freedom convoys'. At some point, there is a need to clarify what exactly we mean when we use the word freedom; what freedom(s) are we referring to, and why is it that we feel the need to insist so vigorously on our personal freedoms? Is the end goal to have freedom for the sake of being free, or is the goal in fact to be free for something?

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, we find some guidance. Paul writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free... you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another." (Gal. 5:1, 13). There is no ambiguity here; Paul is saying that Christ has freed us from all self-centered desires in order to serve others. And how is this done? Paul provides the answer in the same letter; **we do it by cultivating the fruits of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (5:22-23)**. These are the gifts that we are meant to use in service to others! As we consider the importance of these spiritual gifts in our own lives, we might ponder this question: in the various 'freedom protests' that have been featured in the news lately, how many of them have reflected the gifts of the Spirit that Paul articulates for us? And what might that tell us about the true nature of those protests? A question worthy of consideration.

In the Book of Common Prayer we find these words: "O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord... whose service is perfect freedom..." (from the Collect for Peace, Morning Prayer). A potent reminder that our freedom can never be separated from lives of service; service to God, and service to all God's children.

Wishing you a most blessed season of Lent,

Andreas



Daytime Services

Lenten Season at St. Matthew's

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Advent and Christmas Highlights

With hopeful expectation, we began the season with a bare Sanctuary and Chrismon tree*, but our hearts were full of joy from being able to gather in person, for the First Sunday in Advent, on November 28, 2021.

Each Sunday, still without a full choir due to COVID19 pandemic restrictions, our talented cantors enhanced our services with their clear voices; as Chrismons were gradually added to the tree, the Sanctuary got brighter every week, as did our Advent wreath.



On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19, the Christmas flowers were brought to the Sanctuary, and the Chrismon tree became fully ornamented.



This year, two Christmas Eve services were offered — to be able to observe proper social distancing — on Friday, December 24; one Christmas service followed on Saturday, and the next day, on December 26, one Sunday after Christmas service was held.



The Christmas flowers remained beautiful all through the season, adorning our church even past Epiphany (January 2) and Baptism of the Lord (January 9) Sundays.



* See p. 11 for more on Chrismons

Photos by Gordon Drake

Text by Irene Savva

Special Services this Season



Ash Wednesday March 2, at 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes



Wednesdays in Lent Services of Holy Eucharist
at 10:00 am on March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 13



Palm Sunday

April 10 at 8:30 and 10:00 am

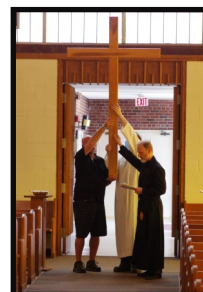
Good Friday

April 15, at 12:00 Noon



EASTER SUNDAY

April 17 at 8:30 am and 10:00 am



All archive photos on this page by Gordon Drake

Wednesday Daytime Worships

As noted above, our

Ash Wednesday service, on March 2, will be held at 10:00 am,
instead of the evening time from previous years.

In addition, join us **every Wednesday in Lent, at 10:00 am**
for a Service of Holy Eucharist

Everyone is welcome

(registration at the door and other social distancing measures in effect)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

Online (Zoom) Lenten Series

"Lent from the Holy Land"

Thursdays, from 7:00 to 7:45 pm; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

A series of video reflections provided by the Diocese of Jerusalem,
followed by group discussion.

From Our Chancel Guild

The envelopes for
Easter flowers will soon be out

Please return with your dedications (cash only) to Margaret Kissau.
The Chancel Guild will decorate on Saturday April 16. **Thank you!**



Parish Council News

Annual Vestry Meeting January 30, 2022

Our Vestry meeting was held on a short and virtual format for a second year, through the Zoom platform



Alisa Yednoroz was elected as Vestry Clerk. The meeting included acceptance of 2021 minutes, remembrance of our saints, financial reports, Budget for 2022, and Parish Council membership (see installation, below), including the appointment of Jane Patterson as treasurer, and Beth Felet as envelope secretary. There was some discussion about how the pandemic has affected our financial health, and the present and future of in-person events, which could serve as a turning point to pursue the update and format changes of some of our traditional fundraisers, such as the Christmas Craft and Food Market.



Recognition to Parish Wardens Sunday, Feb 6, 2022

Our wardens Ann Hucal and Gordon Drake were recognized for their outstanding work and dedication during their term, which has now come to an end.



Thank you Ann and Gordon!

The installation of the St. Matthew's Parish Council for 2022 took place at our 10am service on Sunday, Feb 6, 2022

Social distancing was observed while confirming and welcoming: Churchwardens Carol Caverzan (first photo, from left) and Jennifer McAlpine (second); **Deputy Churchwarden** Richard Hucal; **Lay Delegate to Synod** Carol Caverzan; **Alternate Lay Delegate to Synod** Margaret Kissau (third); **members** Bill McAdam, Alisa Yednoroz (fourth), Bob Braidford, and Onorio Felet; and **ex-officio members**, our deacons The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick (fifth photo) and The Rev'd Glenda Fisher (last photo, right).



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

Photos by Mary Louise and Gordon Drake
Screenshot from the Rev'd Andreas Thiel

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MEETING NOTES: 2022/01/19 AND 2022/02/16

Attendance and Finances: As we move closer to the Church's season of Lent, our second one within pandemic confines, we give thanks that with all of our St. Matthew's safety protocols in place, we are able to come together to worship as a parish. We truly are blessed, given that most of our sister churches had opted only for some form of on-line services. Since our last report last November, attendance at our Sunday Service has remained relatively steady at 27-30 parishioners. We are so very grateful to all of you who continue to support our wonderful church and ministry with your monetary donations. As you are aware, it has been two years now since the pandemic has prevented us from having our usual fund-raising activities such as our Christmas Craft and Food Market. Coupled with this reality, as well as that of a significant increase in insurance costs, we are currently facing a deficit for 2022 in the vicinity of **\$7,500**. On a positive note, our roof-loan balance is decreasing. To move it along, our creative rector, Rev'd Andreas, 'cooked up' the idea of a Chili Cook-Off Contest with 5 cooks and 20 tester/judges (see p.11). With an anticipated return to parish life as we 'once knew it', we are hopeful in projecting an increase in parish donations. We also anticipate at least one autumn/pre-Christmas fund raising activity and at least one other event, possibly a garage sale. Our insurance rate (as is the case across the diocese), has risen considerably and is scheduled to rise again. On this note, a Diocesan committee has been struck to determine the feasibility of a diocesan-lower-cost insurance plan (more on that to come.) To meet our budgetary requirements in 2022, we project that we need to realize a 15.5% increase in revenue. We will do what we can (within provincial pandemic restrictions), in terms of special projects. Again, we thank you beyond measure for your continued generous support to our wonderful parish.

Property: Onorio Felet (our property maintenance aficionado), has been busy with some repairs in our worship space and is just waiting for warmer weather to replace two outdoor (flickering) sconces at the parking lot church entrance. Also, if you recall, at parish council meetings in the fall of 2021, there was much discussion regarding the need for a security camera near the alcove between the outside hall door and the church entrance door. This was a result of young people making their way to the roof (on more than one occasion), with police and fire department involvement required in order to help them down without injury. Both the police and firefighters recommended a security camera. The camera (\$65.00), installed in January, is wide-angled and therefore also includes a view of the parking lot. Currently, Rev'd Andreas and Warden Carol are monitoring the camera-captured events. Finally, in the near future, we will be conducting some repairs to one section of eavestroughs and also to the plaster in the narthex/foyer.

Guests in Our Building: Our Sunday bulletin announcements continue to remind us that we have two Al-Anon groups using the church hall on Sunday evening (7 to 9pm), and Wednesday afternoons (11:30am to 2pm). Two other groups have recently requested use of the hall on a regular basis; after much deliberation, it was decided that, as our Scouts Group friends are due to return, along with other parish activities, we are however not in a position to 'tie-up' more days or evenings on a regular basis at this time. Council did agree to rent out the hall on a per-use basis, such as for a family reunion, baptism celebrations, etc. On that note, and given inflation and the increasing cost of hydro, paper products, and janitorial services, Council determined that we are in need of a review of our rental-fee schedule, comparing ours to similar rental venues, as well as determining current market value. Deputy Warden, Richard Hucal, along with Onorio Felet and Bob Braidford, have formed a research committee with a view to proposing a new rental fee schedule, based on their findings.

Thank You: Council expressed gratitude to out-going Wardens, Ann Hucal and Gordon Drake, as well as to out-going Council member, Scott Ritchie. Council acknowledged St. Matthew's new Wardens, Carol Caverzan and Jen McAlpine, as well as new Council member, Bill McAdam. Gratitude was also expressed for Beth Felet who recently developed a new, user-friendly, computer-based spreadsheet for our Collection Supervisors' use, and also to Ted Felet, computer expert (son of Beth and Onorio), who volunteered his time to build us a new hard drive (tower) and install it ... a much-welcomed upgrade to our existing system.

Where would we be without the generous hearts of so many at St. Matthew's? Thank you!

From Your Wardens: Carol Caverzan and Jen McAlpine

Our Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, currently in a virtual conference format due to the pandemic.

For more information, please contact our rector or our wardens.

Cathedrals of the World

In this series, *The Journey* will be featuring photos, information, and stories about Cathedrals in Canada, and all around the world, as received from the congregation. If you would like to share some of yours, please talk to Sue Bernard or Irene Savva, or send to irene.savva3691@gmail.com. **We are looking forward to featuring all your contributions, thank you!**

In this issue, from the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick:

Lincoln Cathedral (England)

Kim and I visited Lincoln Cathedral several times on our prowls around the churches and churchyards in Britain. Lincoln is at the top of the hill with its three towers stretching up to God. The walk-only street up to the cathedral is a real challenge and at its steepest point there is a railing down the middle of the roadway, so on wet or slippery days, a person does not slide to the bottom. For myself, it was a welcome support for aging legs.



Our first visit happened in the spring right after the fete had occurred – sort of like our Market. The huge nave was emptied of the chairs. An organ concert was to occur in a few days and the soloist was practicing. We stood entranced with the beauty of the building and the magnificent music.

We were obviously new to the cathedral and one of the volunteers showed us the misericords, which are small wooden structures formed on the underside of a folding seat. The monks traditionally stood for prayers and services, but they did have some support in those little seats that could be raised to rest a backside upon during long stands. The wood carvers of medieval times had a great opportunity to display their craft. Here is what Lincoln misericords look like:



This short lesson became an obsession for us. A craftsman had taken models of some of the more interesting medieval and Victorian carvings, and created resin replicas. Of course, we loaded up with a few; it was at this point that I discovered Kim was fascinated with the Green Man — the pagan male fertility symbol — a man's face with greenery growing out of the orifices of the face – eyes, mouth, ears, nose. We got one of Lincoln's. It was the start of a collection of reproductions from various cathedrals and churches in the UK. Our dining room is surrounded with these delightful reproductions, which reminded us of lovely places and times.



Outdoor photo from: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lincoln_Cathedral_-_geograph.org.uk_-_1705091.jpg
Photos of misericords and reproductions from Cathy MacKendrick

Our Anglican World



Pandemics are “revelatory”...

“ I see this as a time of difficulty but also a time of liberation. Liberation from some of the habits, patterns, and commitments that slowed us down and weighed us down...

It should be no surprise that the church, at its best, responds well in times like these. It's a strange set of circumstances we navigate today but it's not a strange story to us. This is because Resurrection life is the Strange Story and, through years of living this Easter story in our own lives, we've been led into a strange new world.

It is the real world. It is the world of God's reign where a new creation is underway.”

Bishop Todd Townshend, *Where We Are*, Huron Synod 2020, September 26

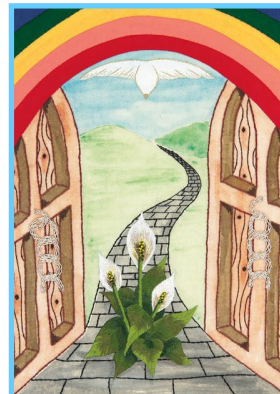
This quote, and full list of COVID19 measures for our Diocese at:

<https://diohuron.org/covid-19-resource-hub>



World Day of Prayer is “a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice on every first Friday of March and throughout the year.”

This year the service was developed by the committee in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Quote, pictures and resources for this year's WDP on Friday, March 4, 2022, may be found at worlddayofprayer.net (there are no registered in-person events in our area this year.)



What's buzzing in the religious blogosphere?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to our Diocese of Huron, and the Anglican Church of Canada websites:

<https://diohuron.org/covid-19-resource-hub/>

<https://www.anglican.ca/about/departments/cir/digital-resources/>

And for other very good resources, also check out these websites:

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (Toronto): <https://ssjd.ca/>

Society of St. John the Evangelist (Boston): <https://www.ssje.org/>

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From the Desk of Rev'd Glenda



Pastoral Presence in a Pandemic – A Reflection

I have been reflecting lately on how my usual way of *pastoral presence* has changed, in particular, since the beginning of the pandemic. No longer has it primarily been a personal visit. The impact of not being able to actually see those who are *alone* or *hospitalized*, or in a *long term care facility* is significant. A number of congregants have been experiencing anxiety and loneliness. Other congregants, for whom congregational participation was a significant source of social interaction, have opted to remain at home for fear of contracting Covid-19.

My ministry has taught me that pastoral care is basically one of **intentional physical presence**. So for me, the question became, “How could I remain *present* to a number of parishioners without *physically* being there?” In responding to that question, I discovered that pastoral care is deeply tied to my sense of identity and my understanding of what it means to be God’s servant. I discovered that the inability to fulfill such an important part of my calling left me with a sadness ... a sadness about not being able to ‘sit with’ and ‘be with’. There is no blueprint for this ... yet, it’s been a crash course on *thinking outside the box* and figuring it out as we go along.

It’s interesting that in non-pandemic times, physical presence does fit pretty well everyone. When having to *think outside the box*, however, what I did discover was that *one size does not fit all*. I have found that for some, the good old-fashioned telephone is as close as we can get to physical presence ... especially for those who are alone or who are not comfortable with computer technology ... just to hear the sound of a human voice. I also discovered that text messages or emails, or Canada Post mail, were more appreciated by those whose lives continue to require engagement in society, even in a pandemic.

The bottom line? I can hardly wait for that time when all pandemic restrictions are lifted, and I can once again *sit in the same room* and simply **be** in my ministry of presence and my ministry of listening and sharing. Until then, I am waiting patiently for that time (hopefully soon), when weather restrictions are lifted, and I can be *physically, intentionally, pastorally present* to others, outdoors - on a deck, a porch, a veranda, a ... !

Glenda

P.S. I would like to share the attached letter of gratitude from Prison Fellowship Canada. A significant number of our parishioners volunteered to be sponsors, and I want them to know they were thanked beyond measure.

Dear Angel Tree Sponsors:

Prison Fellowship
Canada
Serving
Life

January
12, 2022

Many thanks to each of you on behalf of Prison Fellowship Canada's Angel Tree Program. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you through Rev. Glenda Fisher and St. Matthew's Anglican Church as you reached vulnerable members of our communities. I wanted to express my sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity towards the Angel Tree Program this year.

As you know, Angel Tree applications come to us from prisons and prisoners across Canada. Prisoners, Chaplains, PFC staff and community members come together to deliver gifts to the children of prisoners and facilitate a connection between parent and child.

Each year I am grateful for the many hands who make this program possible, but especially so after two years of added separation during the Christmas season due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It can be difficult to predict where children will land year to year, which makes this program both exciting and, at times, challenging. For this reason, it is even more encouraging to us to encounter sponsors such as yourselves, who give generously and support where the need is. This year we had many children both in Windsor and in remote areas in need of sponsorship. And through your kindness and in partnership, '50' children were given the opportunity to receive a gift from their mom or dad in prison. We hope and pray that this gift in the name of their parent fuels the connection between parent and child, and in God's faithfulness we trust that each will know how deeply loved they are. We are very grateful for your continued generosity towards children and families who are affected by crime and thank you for your partnership in this life-changing program.

May you be blessed beyond all measure this Christmas season and in 2022.

Most sincerely, Shirley Buchanan, National Director, Regions

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

Outreach Ministry Continues at St. Matthew's

How blessed we are to be able to continue outreach ministry at St. Matthew's, as we care for our community.

We continue to support Hiatus House and the Homeless Centre, and Windsor Homes Coalition, with generous donations to these needy agencies. The Southwest Detention Centre is supported through items for inmates and backpacks for those inmates who are released "to the street" i.e., homeless.

Marlborough School students are supported through the Nutrition Programme at the school with weekly items to add to the selection of snack (offered 2 times a day) to every student. Our contribution is 12 dozen muffins and fancier granola bars than the school is able to purchase, and cheese strings. We miss being able to provide that weekly hot breakfast to some students, but are glad to be able to give them some interesting options during this restricted time of covid-19.

**Blessings to everyone who contributes items and funds,
to support these valuable outreach activities.**

Outreach News

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

Thanks to our deacon, Rev'd Glenda, and the kindness of many parishioners, St. Matthew's was able to donate close to 50 gifts, delivered to children facing the hardship of a parent in prison. (see p.8)

<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/>



The total collected from our **Virtual Advent Soup Lunches, and Mary Lou Drake's Christmas Bake Sale (see p. 10)** was **\$1,330.00**, which will go to support the Ministry of The Council of the North.

THANK YOU ALL!

A Christmas story: St. Nicholas was a saintly individual who lived in the 4th century, and - among many other qualities - was known for his legendary habit of secret gift-giving. The feast of St. Nicholas is observed on December 6 and, on December 7, 2021, St. Matthew's received a generous gift (pictured) in the same spirit that honours his memory. These items, along with our regularly-collected donations, brought nourishment to the families served by the foodbank at Windsor Homes Coalition. Information and photo from Rev'd Andreas



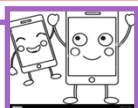
This Lenten season remember Hiatus House, the South West Detention Centre, and our Food Cupboard Thank you for your continuing support!

News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!



On December 11 and 12, 2021, Mary Lou Drake (right) shared a vast selection of her delightful baked goods, preserves and crafts, with all proceeds destined to **The Ministry of the Council of the North.**



IPHONE LESSONS AND EIGHT VERY SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

by: Carol Caverzan

You may recall in our last edition of the *The Journey*, that I developed a 'Basic Training iPhone Course' for anyone at St. Matthew's who wanted to attend. The lessons began in January and ran for 5 weeks at 1.5 hrs. per week. Seven parishioners fully participated along with one friend of St. Matthew's. Due to the provincial pandemic restrictions of only 5 people to be gathered indoors, and the diocesan restrictions with respect to gatherings in church buildings, it was necessary for me to split the class and teach two days per week in two different homes (with gratitude to Mary Lou Drake and Catherine Hillman). The students enjoyed their weekly (technology-terms) quiz and the final exam in which everyone's grade was stellar!!! **The respective graduation ceremonies on the last day of class were memorable**, to say the least, complete with uncontrollable laughter as their unexpected diplomas were handed to them to the orchestral sounds of Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* (aka – the #1 graduation song in North America!) played via my iPhone [of course.] **In short ... a VERY good time was had by all.**

Oh.....and one more thing! Each student gave a monetary donation for each lesson; with the proceeds of \$265.00, we are gifting St. Matthew's with a new WiFi-Enabled Projector for use in future courses, workshops, PowerPoint presentations, etc.

And now.....

PROUDLY Presenting the Graduating iPhone Class of 2022:



Photography by Gordon Drake and Carol Caverzan

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... News from the Pews

MEET YOUR NEW WARDENS

Hello, St. Matthew's Parish Family, my name is Jennifer (Jen) McAlpine. I'm honoured to be one of your Church Wardens for the 2022 year! Time flies ... I can't believe I've been a parishioner since my son, Donnie, was three and a half. He is now 31, and last May, he was married. My Church family is precious to me; these special relationships have sustained me over the years. **I look forward to serving you, in whatever way I am able. Thank you. ~Jen**



Hello Everyone, I am Carol Caverzan, and I am so pleased to be your new Warden. A bit about me: I was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. I have lived and worked in the Yukon, and in the provinces of British Columbia, Nova Scotia & Quebec. I moved here to Windsor in 1991. I retired from the teaching profession in 2010, and just two months ago (2021), I retired from my second career in the field of Social Work. In all my travels, never have I encountered a parish as wonderful as St. Matthew's. It is my 'forever spiritual home' and you all are a very important part of this for me. **I look forward to serving you in my ministry as Warden. ~ Carol**



Photos from our wardens

Take-Home Chili Cook-Off — February 2022 Many thanks to our cooks, tasters, and organizers. No doubt, all were preparing hard, and sacrificing much for this exciting event. Each of 5 contestants picked up 20 colour-coded recyclable cups with lid on February 13 (photo left). They cooked enough of their entry chili to fill the cups, and had them back the following week. On February 20, with social distancing measures in place, and our rector's blessing (photo right), each of 20 tasters/judges was able to get a sample of each entry, to take home along with saltines and a score sheet (and a roll of antacid tablets, too, just in case.) Results and prizes will be announced as this newsletter is being distributed, so stay tuned for a full report in our next issue of *The Journey*. For everyone who did not have a chance to sign up, please consider making a donation; all proceeds go towards payment of our roof loan, and every little bit will help! The stakes are high... the rewards are unimaginable. **May the best chili prevail!!!**



These and all photos on front page by Gordon Drake

Photos by Irene Savva

"The Cross in Eternity" and "The Nativity", shown here, and featured on p. 2, are part of the St. Matthew's Chrismon Collection.



The name Chrismon comes from the Latin words *Christi monogrammus* (Christ's name or emblem). Chrismon Trees are decorated with gold and white Chrismons, and lit with tiny white lights to represent the Light of Christ. In 1979, our chancel guild decided to create a Chrismon tree for our parish.

Thank you all for your contributions, please keep submitting them to Sue Bernard, Irene Savva or send to irene.savva3691@gmail.com. Any milestones? Submit a photo for publication! Also, please let us know of any updates needed on the birthday and anniversary page; **we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.**

Silver Side of Maple Syrup (Updated from Summer 2016)

By Gordon and Mary Louise Drake

Photography by Gordon Drake

For our early indigenous peoples, maple syrup was their only source of sugar. Before the arrival of Europeans with metal pots and pans, they made it by repeated freezing and thawing to concentrate the sugar.

Now we make it by boiling away the water until what remains is 66% sugar by weight. For several years, I have made maple syrup from the silver maple trees that grow so abundantly in Windsor. The sap is like crystal clear water as it comes from the tree. Forty litres of sap are required to make a single litre of syrup.



Back porch sugar shack



Collecting sap from the tree

My system starts by pumping the sap from large storage barrels into the first boiling pan on our BBQ. That part is standard.



BBQ boiling pans

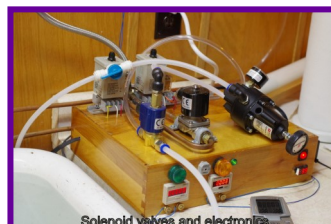


BBQ boiling pan with float valve to regulate level

What is not so standard is the next step, where the partially boiled sap is drawn under vacuum into a converted pressure cooker (see picture, right). There, it boils under vacuum at reduced temperature to prevent excessive caramelization and darkening of the finished syrup.

This, together with the special characteristics of the silver maple tree, produces a unique flavour that many in our parish have enjoyed.

I have once again been allowed to use trees from neighbours, and some members of our congregation, for a total of more than two dozen trees. A typical season will yield about 100 litres (that means 4000 litres of sap!)



Solenoid valves and electronics



Vacuum cooker



Once the sap has been reduced to the proper concentration, it becomes the delicious final product: maple syrup.

We bottle it into Mason jars (hence the request for them at church sometimes.)

The bottles are sealed, labelled, and then they are finally ready!



We always donate a portion of our syrup to St. Matthew's, and all the proceeds go towards apportionment. **Stay tuned for our 2022 sale coming soon!**

Mary Lou and Gordon's maple syrup operation was recently featured on CTV News; to watch the video, and read the full story, please link to:

<https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/it-s-almost-like-a-wine-maple-syrup-season-in-the-rose-city-1.5778611>

Christening Announcement

On Sunday, January 9, 2022, Ellie and Ari Steen, and their family, shared a very special day at St. Matthew's: the celebration of their Baptism! Ellie and Ari were received into our church family with Baptismal water, anointed with oil, and given a candle as a symbol of the light of Christ. **Welcome, little ones!**



Photography by Gordon Drake

Celebrating this season:

February

1 – Ann Hucal
6 – Isabella Chantler
6 – Jennifer Goldspink
8 – Darren Bernard
11 – Jane Gall
12 – Mark Bernard

18 – Nadia Taqtaq
20 – Mike Ricketts
22 – Elissa Weir
25 – Edwin Levergood
26 – Neil Cowley
27 – Stephania Allsop

March

1 – Richard Hucal
6 – Amy Hucal
6 – Don Patterson
7 – Bob Braidford
8 – Eddie McCabe
10 – Vicky Paraschak
12 – Steve Pidhoresky
15 – Alisa Priddle-Yednoroz

16 – Mark Rene
18 – Stephanie Paraschak
20 – Jen McAlpine
21 – Mary Louise Drake
21 – Mike Paraschak Jr.
22 – Gwen Allsop
30 – Thomas Hucal

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

February

5 – Bill & Ginny MacAdam

March

11 – Ron & Gail Henderson

April

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

Lenten Season

“And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days, and when they ended, he was hungry.”

Luke 4:1-2

During the Lenten season, we are encouraged to pause and reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through prayer and penance, we remember Jesus' time in the wilderness before the beginning of his public ministry, while we strive for our soul, mind and body to re-align and energize, to follow Jesus' path for action, renewal, and good works.



"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

Joel 2:12-18

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of advancing clocks as spring time approaches, so that daylight lasts longer in the evenings. **This year, DST will start in Canada on Sunday, March 13; please remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.**

Everybody is Welcome!

Sunday Services (with safety measures)

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Mandatory registration and masks
Limited capacity to allow 2m distancing
Some congregational singing has resumed
for 10 am service

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