



The Anglican Regional Ministry of Saugeen Shores, Tara and Chatsworth

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Dear siblings in Christ,

As we see the gentle slide of days move from September to October, I am once again struck by the beauty of our little corner of the world. Rolling hills, fertile fields, deep pockets of forest, sandy beaches along the shoreline of Lake Huron, and some of the best sunsets I have ever seen, truly support my “best ever” declarations!

We are so blessed, not only by our location, but by the people who we live among, who create these welcoming and warm communities we call home. Communities come in many shapes and sizes, and we are members of multiple communities—those made up of our families, our worshipping life, our neighbourhoods, our friends, and our work. Each community brings something special and important to our lives, and in so many ways intersect and weaves into each other.

In my new community of scholars (who will help to inform the work we will do together over the next few years) an African proverb was offered for reflection. “If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” – The wisdom of this has continued to resonate deeply with me as I have thought about my field of studies, and our common life together. We are



called to travel together. Not just as a congregation, or even as a regional ministry, but with one another in our humanity. We are called to live out our lives and love of God in community, and the perimeters of that just keep getting wider as we become more aware of who our neighbour truly is. It can be an unsettling, even fear-provoking, but we are also called to remember that God is with us. Psalm 32.8 was written in a card and given to me by a parishioner from my home parish back in 2008, when I started my Master of Divinity, and it continues to offer comfort and guide my prayers as I embark with you

on this new educational journey. “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Imagine what we could accomplish together if we took that promise to heart. How big can we dream, and how courageous can we be, knowing in the deepest recesses of our heart that God is with us, and guides us with God’s loving eye upon us.

With Thanksgiving just a week away, I invite you to ponder

this question, and to take some time to look around, take in the beauty of our towns and surrounding area, feel the love of our friends and family, and offer up words of gratitude and thanksgiving for the blessings in our lives, and the visions and dreams that God puts in our hearts, for ourselves, our neighbour and for all of God’s creation.

God bless,

Canon Carrie

Seasonal Workers' Dinner at St. Paul's:



July 11 brought with it uncertainty regarding the weather, but the fact that we moved the venue indoors to Bevan Hall did not dampen the spirit of the event. Approximately 45 workers from Hi-Berry Farm, along with Luke Charbonneau and sons, and hosts from the parish, enjoyed a delicious dinner, prepared with the capable assistance of the ACW and the great BBQ skills of Southampton Rotary Club. We appreciated having the language skills of a local interpreter to ensure

great communications. An enjoyable evening was had by all!



Mexican Migrant Workers' Dinner at St. John's:

St. John's held a dinner for the Mexican migrant workers on Monday August 14 in the Parish Hall. Out of 38 potential diners, 31 came, some forgoing their baseball game in favour of a prepared dinner. It was just a short walk for them



down the street as they were greeted by Rob, Jim, John and Chuck, our barbequers. With modern Mexican music playing in the background, they were treated to a selection of burgers, sausages (or "dogs"), potato



casserole and salads. Cakes were homemade by Shirley, Karen, Cass and Thelma. Marilyn talked with each of the Mexicans, map of Mexico in hand and asked them, "Donde vive?" Where do you live? They pointed to the place they were from, and they are from all over Mexico! A number of our St. John's community sat with them and conversed/gestured, whatever way they could communicate. All of them were very appreciative of our efforts and shook our

hands on their way home. Thank you to all who helped to prepare and serve the meal (Barb, Christine, Marilyn x 2, Shirley, Cass, Linda, Shawnee) and set up and clear the hall. We have made new friends in our community.

Regional Ministry Involvement at the Marine Heritage Festival:

The weekend of July 21-23 was a very busy one in Southamptton, with its annual Marine Heritage Festival. With picture-perfect weather, thousands of visitors were attracted to its many events, including Fun in the Park and the cardboard boat races on Saturday, and the ecumenical church service held under the “big top” tent on Sunday morning. The Regional Ministry was among



16 vendors who provided free, family fun, by proudly hosting a Driftwood and Rock painting centre in the park, with almost 100 excited children participating. Canon Carrie, with the assistance of parishioners, provided an entertaining



space for the children in attendance. John Irwin was captain of the cardboard boat entry by St. John’s, aptly named “Paddle and a Prayer”. On Sunday morning, The Anglican Regional Ministry, along with Southamptton United Church and Southport Pentecostal Church, hosted a lakeside service at the river mouth. The tent was filled to capacity for this wonderful, “best ever” ecumenical service—an opportunity to worship with community friends from many denominations. All in all, it was a FANTASTIC weekend!



St. Paul’s Welcomes a New Treasurer:

We are very pleased to welcome our new envelope secretary and treasurer—Christine Scholz! Christine was born and raised in Southamptton. She has recently joined St. Paul’s, and saw a way that she could offer her financial and accounting skills. Thank you for sharing your talents in this ministry. Thanks as well to Scott Saunders, retiring treasurer, for a job well done!



Bishop's Friends North:

Have you got your ticket yet? You are invited to "Come to the Table" on Thursday, October 5, for an evening of good food, good fellowship and good fun, when Bishop's Friends



North will be hosted at St. Paul's. The evening will commence at 6:00 pm with a social time, and opportunity to bid on the many wonderful silent auction items available. Following introductions and grace at 6:45 PM, you will be served a scrumptious dinner, with prime rib, chicken or vegetarian options. The meal is being catered by Chef Extraordinaire Rev. Gilles Hache, who is known to our Regional Ministry, having led services for our congregations. Your taste buds will be amazed by his culinary expertise! Dessert and entertainment will be next on the evening's agenda at 7:30. The Bishop's address is scheduled for 8 pm, followed by the silent auction wrap-up.

As part of his ministry, Bishop Todd Townshend has the full pastoral care of our clergy families within the Diocese, and other forms of outreach. That ministry requires the strong support of the people of Huron to provide the necessary resources to fulfil this mission, as there is no Diocesan budget for this important ministry of care required when unforeseen events create emergency situations and need for support. Support for this cause began over thirty years ago, and continues still.

Although there is NO CHARGE to attend the dinner, there will be opportunity throughout the evening to contribute to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Income tax receipts will be issued. You need to register for the evening TODAY at the latest, via email to StPaulsSouthampton@diohuron.org. Come and meet Bishop Todd in a fun and informal setting, while supporting the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. See you there!



New Promotional Tool at St. Paul's:

St. Paul's was the very grateful recipient of a new electronic sign on the front lawn, thanks to a generous donation from **The Dr. Helmut and Nell Mathies Family Foundation**. This sign has replaced the sign which needed to be changed manually. It allows for images, videos, as well as script to be displayed. It has already been used extensively to bring attention to church and community events. The old sign has been donated to the Southampton Rotary Club, and will be mounted at a prominent location in town.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to programme the sign, keeping the messages current, and adding detail as necessary. It is easy to do, and ample in-service training will be provided. If this ministry is of interest to you, please speak with the wardens.



Lakeside Baptism:

Some of the great pleasures of summer in our neck of the woods are the beautiful beaches, and refreshing waters of Lake Huron. Several years ago, we on the Shoreline began a tradition of holding a Lakeside Baptism in late July or early August. This year we were delighted to welcome into our worshipping family two young men who braved the waves of Lake Huron to be baptised. This year we had the added pleasure of having a number of folks from South-Port Pentecostal Church join us along the water's edge, as Pastor David Baker, Rev'd Annie and I waded in to baptise William Shular and Foster Luscombe-Ashley. Not to be outdone, in a slightly less wet baptism, Edwin and Marigold Synder were baptised by Rev'd Annie at Christ Church Tara on August 6th.



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Gentle Chair Yoga:

Did you know that Chair Yoga is offered at St. Paul's every Thursday? - from



10 –11 AM, in a comfortable, welcoming space, for \$10 per session. No equipment is needed. Look at these faces. They are having fun! Everyone is invited to participate. For more information, please contact Arlene Windsor at 519-797-3633.

A New Photo Directory for the Regional Ministry:

We had a very successful photo studio this past week in preparation of our updated church directory. Thank you to those who assisted by making reminder phone calls, or sitting for a few hours acting as a host during the photo sessions. We look forward to receiving our new directory and we will keep you posted as to the anticipated arrival of the books, along with your complimentary 8 X 10" photograph!

If you were NOT able to attend to have your photo taken at the church, it is not too late to still be included in the directory. You may submit your own photograph of yourself / family!

Please contact either Marilyn Stewart at 519-386-7078; or email Cathy Woodley at: woodley@bell.net by no later than Sunday, October 8th.

We want EVERYONE in all of our parishes to be included!

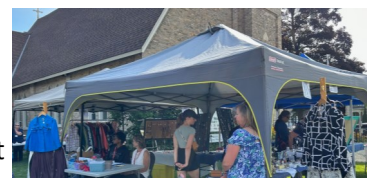




Festival of Treasures—A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 9th Annual Festival of Treasures is now history. Thanks to everyone for your tremendous support in promoting the event, donating treasures, jewellery, jackets, assisting with setup, working at the sale, contributing baking, baking at the church, cleanup following the event, etc, etc! Contributions from the entire community were astounding! This year's event was a true COMMUNITY EVENT! We are delighted to announce that in excess of \$9,300 was raised, with all proceeds going to support the

community: Salvation Army Food Bank (\$3000), Living Hope Food Basket (\$3000), and Chapman House Hospice (\$3000). THANK YOU!



Time for Community:

This summer has offered a couple of opportunities for us to gather as a Regional Ministry with others in our communities. In July, at the Marine Heritage Weekend, a service was organized and led by the leadership of St Paul's Anglican, SouthPort Pentecostal, and Southampton United. With musicians traveling from Lion's Head, our own talented Director of Music, Brenda Manderson, and a blended choir, music filling the tent where we gathered at the river mouth. Over 150 people overflowed the open air tent and spilled out into the sunshine. A truly blessed occasion.

Then on September 10th, we came together in Tara to attend the Tara Agricultural Community Service, where almost 300 people came together at the Community Centre to participate in a worship led by the leadership of Christ Church Tara, Cornerstone Presbyterian, Tara United and Glad Tidings Mennonite Church. Beautiful music, scripture, prayer and hearty lunch made for a wonderful event. Thank you to everyone who came out to support not only one another, but also our greater community. Another blessed event.

"That's Amore!" – Christ Church Spaghetti Dinner:

Well, it certainly was! Nearly 40 pasta loving folks laughed, chatted and spiralled up plates of yummy pasta, home made sauce, garlic bread and potent Caesar salad, not to mention the fantastic dessert selection (of course). The Guild Members did a stellar job making sure plates were full and smiles were plentiful.



As a fundraiser for the Guild's end of year donation spree to local and global initiatives \$773.00 was raised. And "That's Amore!"



Upcoming Services and Events within our Regional Ministry and Community:

The following information lists the events that you need to mark in your calendar!



Thursday, October 5: Bishop's Friends North at St. Paul's—Email TODAY to reserve your seat the table! See details on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Sunday, October 8: Harvest Thanksgiving services: St. Paul's (live & broadcast), and St. John's, at the regular service times.

Wednesday, October 11: First Community Supper in Southampton from 5:00—6:15 at St. Paul's. Enjoy great meals and fellowship with your

friends! 15 suppers are scheduled for this season—on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (1st and 3rd Wednesdays in December) Admission by donation. Bring your friends! See you there!



Saturday, October 14 from 1-4 PM: Cultural Heritage Walk in Southampton: Step inside four of the oldest buildings in Southampton

to view awesome stained glass windows, historical artifacts and community cultural spaces. Discover how these significant structures fit into our town's history. Refreshments and treats will be available in Bevan Hall as

you stroll through downtown Southampton to visit Southampton United Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Saturday, November 25—Mystery Event

We all know that just about that time we will all be looking for ways to relax, have fun and get into the spirit of the season. An event is coming to Bevan Hall at St. Paul's that will allow us to show support for an outstanding organization previously spotlighted in our newsletter from March, 2023. Start humming those songs from our "younger" years... My Guy...I Will Follow Him...Mashed Potato...that's it - hum along! Keep your eyes open for more info coming soon, but for now ... CIRCLE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 ON YOUR CALENDAR!



CULTURAL HERITAGE WALK

WHEN

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1 to 4 pm**

WHERE

'close to' Downtown Southampton

WHAT

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Great opportunity for a lovely fall walk or bike ride with your family and friends

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade, Cider and Sweet Treats (by donation) at Bevan Hall along the way.

FREE EVENT

STROLL AND STOP AT FOUR DESTINATIONS ALONG THE WAY

SOUTHAMPTON UNITED CHURCH

18 Victoria Street South

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

248 High Street

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

47 Albert Street North

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

36 Albert Street South

An idea to inspire interest.
Saugeen Shores Municipal Heritage Committee

From the Priest Assistant's Pew:

It's fall right? I mean the thermometer isn't saying so but the leaves are beginning to change and it's time for a new season. I always find the beginning of school to be the beginning of new things but also a time to reflect on the summer and what events that brought. I know we all remember the teacher asking us to talk about or draw a picture of what summer vacation was all about. In keeping with that theme I included this picture. Somewhere between Holstein and Durham there were not one but two fields solid with sunflowers. I was on a mystery road trip with my travelling girlfriends (The Spa Girls) and we just happened upon this magnificent place. We pulled over and took some pictures (being very respectful of the flowers of course). It was in the middle of nowhere really. What a find! There have been many times where the road has led to something totally unexpected and then, totally beautiful once seen. That's

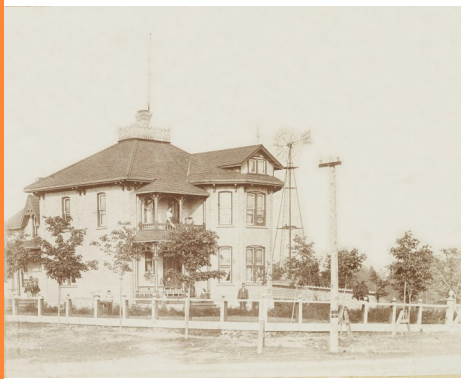


kind of like the life that God wants us to lead, I think. If we just let her take the driver's seat and we sit back and just enjoy the ride there is no telling where we might end up, who we might meet, what opportunities there are ahead and what we'll see. Isn't that what an adventure is all about? Yes, you can plan, pack, hope and envision but until you're really there or even on the road you don't know what's coming. Trust, Hope, Grace (and love of the adventure of course) are all things that must be packed in a way that you know God will give them to you in the right time, many times when you least expect it. So, I encourage you to stop planning, worrying and fretting. Just let it go to God and see where you end up. There are many travellers on the road to help you. You won't get lost, and you know what? maybe you're supposed to take a journey that might be a little off the beaten track. Enjoy, Explore, and be with God each and every day.

Shalom,

Annie+

Looking Back on Community History: A few images to remind us of our history as a church community.



Left: Anglican rectory at 254 High Street, circa 1905

Right: Original communion set, circa 1859, from the first St. Paul's building, before it was destroyed in the Great Fire of Southampton in 1886. Photo taken in July 2009, at the 150th anniversary service at Pioneer Park.



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