



News and Noteworthy



July 2019

Summer has seldom been more welcomed than this year. The rain and cold that hovered over us for so long has finely moved on leaving us appreciating the lush green growth left behind. God is good. We can see His Hand in many of the happenings in and around St. John's in the past two months. Let's recount some of those blessings.

May 1st a meeting on Human Trafficking was organized by the Growing Forward Together Team. Lesley Kirton, Victim Coordinator for Victim Services, along with two detectives from the O.P.P. gave us a presentation on "What Does Human Trafficking Look Like in the Peterborough Area?" It was distressing to learn that no high school in the area is left out. Girls as young as 11 years old are being trafficked to men in their 50's and 60's. They told us of signs to watch for which may show that a girl is being lured into human trafficking. When asked what we can do to help they encouraged us to pass on this information to others, watching for these signs and reporting them to the police.

Three Life Groups were started in May. One of these groups is collecting toiletries and clothing for young women who have been rescued from human trafficking. These items will be taken to Victim Services and used to fill a backpack and given to a young woman who has been rescued. She may have left with only the clothes on her back.

Mid May a very successful yard sale was organized raising \$1300.00 for St. John's operating expenses

We congratulate Phyllis Selby-Bruniges as she reached her 90th birthday and Kim Krenz his 99th.

On Sunday June 2nd we welcomed Adam Furfaro and Paula Boudreau from St. John the Baptist in Oak Ridges, also called "Light on the Hill". Adam is the Executive Director of Mission and Outreach and Paula heads up the music program, the young people and Junior Church. They showed their inspiring video of events in the year 2018 reaching many of the wider community. Adam said that God would take their ideas and make them into something far bigger and better than anything they could have imagined.

Four of Lakefield's churches took part in the service on Pentecost Sunday held at the Baptist Church. St. John's band returned to Lakefield's gracious Regency Retirement Residence to play a concert featuring favourite hymns. As the band closed the program Elfi was especially appreciated as she played a lively two-step on her accordion.

We welcomed Interim priests the Rev. Bentley Steers and the Rev. Steve Smith. Steve replaced the Rev. Ruth Adams as Interim, who unfortunately had to resign because of a very painful and persistent back problem.

A parish selection committee was formed from 6 elected members; Sheila Bishop, Mike Dry, Marg Henning, Stephanie Jackman, Ed Peacock, Jacquie Thompson, along with Deputy Warden Harold Hoar and Warden Ann Jakins. This committee, along with the help of a coach from the diocese, is writing a profile of our parish and of Lakefield. A breakfast attracting 45 hungry and eager people was organized. This group was asked to offer their wisdom as to what were the three most important attributes we should look for in a new incumbent, what we consider the best qualities our parish has and what might be our greatest weakness.

The Food Bank has been serving our community for more than 40 years. This dedicated and hardworking group has just completed a much needed and secure storage shed.

We were delighted when Kylyne Sutton stepped forward asking if she might be the person who would change the outdoor sign. She showed her enthusiasm when she walked in the pouring rain from school arriving dripping wet to do her first changing of the sign. We congratulate Kylyne who graduated from Grade 12 at TASS receiving top marks in Hospitality and Tourism.

The scaffolding is down, the mortar is repaired. The north east wall no longer leaks.

Christ Church Community Museum opens daily July 1st from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. with four services of Holy Communion the first one being Sunday, June 30th at 8.30 a.m. The CCCM committee is looking forward to the summer season with new displays in brand new up to date display cases. Take a look!

We were asked to look at a full cloth quilt onto which 300 signatures from members of St. John's and the Lakefield community were skillfully embroidered. It is thought that the quilt was made as a fundraiser around 1905 and won at a draw by one of the women. Do you have thoughts on an event that we might have to honour the work of these fine community women?

Watch for this fundraising event in October. A "Chinese Dumpling Making Session" is being planned. Some of the mothers from China whose children attend the Lakefield College School will teach us, men and women, how to make dumplings. People from the community will be invited to come for supper when these fresh and tasty dumplings will be served along with their favourite salads. Funds raised at this event will go the Warming Room in Peterborough, one of the projects sponsored by FaithWorks of the Anglican diocese of Toronto.

Our summer services continue at 10.00 a.m.

Thanks be to God for the blessings He continues to bestow upon us at St. John's.