

CHURCH CHAT

God has me where he needs me to be!

I had the pleasure of spending some time recently with Dan Bowyer who has been appointed Associate Priest at All Saints starting in September. He will be spending 60% of his time providing pastoral leadership and outreach support to All Saints and the North Waterloo community.

Dan should be familiar to most of you as he has been part of our All Saints community since March 2020 supporting pastoral care and outreach ministries and filling in from time to time for Marty at Sunday's worship service. Dan's main responsibility as Chaplain at Trinity Village in Kitchener left very little time to support All Saints Waterloo. That is about to change and we are blessed to have such a thoughtful, kind, and faithful minister join the Clergy leadership here at All Saints Waterloo.

When you hear Dan's story you know that God has been integral to Dan's life journey. He is what people call a "clergy kid" with his father, David Bowyer serving as the priest for many years at St. John's Cambridge and his mother's father Geoffrey Parke-Taylor a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Huron (1976 – 1981) and Diocese of Toronto (1981 – 1985). As you might expect,

Dan was "conscripted" into the altar service as a teenager. He diligently served the Lord in this capacity but had dreams of going into sports management and at one point interned with the Guelph Storm.

Dan ultimately ended up at Huron College where he started in pre-business and ended up completing his psychology degree. It was during this time Dan felt led by God to "voluntarily" join the altar service at St. John's



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Strathroy. Bill Cliff was the minister at that time and he took great interest in Dan, acting as a mentor to him. Bill is currently the Bishop of Brandon. Dan reflects fondly on their discussions about God and his will for Dan. What's interesting is that Bill was mentored by Dan's father – what a great story of “paying it forward”!

It was during Dan's time at St. John's Strathroy that he felt “the call”. Over 18 months he would prayerfully consider the priesthood. The final “nudge” came from the Dean of Theology, John Chapman (retired Bishop of Ottawa). Dan saw him in the morning of January 16, 2002 and then met with Bishop Bruce Howe in the afternoon. If was that day after those meetings Dan decided he couldn't run away from God's call any longer and knew he'd be going to seminary. With thanksgiving to God, he started seminary in September 2002.

The concept of time and discernment is woven throughout Dan's life of ministry and his personal vision which encompasses two themes:

1. Jesus wants me to love God, love my neighbour, and live that love in this world, and
2. God always has me where he needs me to be!

This is the foundation of his ministry and leadership. After being ordained in 2006, his first appointment was Assistant Curate, St. Jude's Brantford. He was there until 2009 when he was appointed Priest at the Parish of Grace and St. George's Ilderton. His next move was in 2014 when he took his ministerial leadership to St. Paul's Stratford. And in 2019, God wanted his leadership and support to go to Trinity Village Care Centre as Chaplain.

As I mentioned, the concept of time and discernment led Dan to each of these appointments. But God's hand has reached further than these appointments. Dan's life has been influenced by his wife, Sarah Franklin whom he met in college and married in 2005. She has a masters degree in economic development from UW and currently works in corporate communications for Perth County. They live together in Stratford today and are God-parents to Hannah and Abigail – yes, the daughters of our very own Marty Levesque and Carolyn Marshall.

God also “nudged” Dan to look at other vocations to compliment his commitment to the Priesthood. After careful discernment Dan started the process in 2017 to become a registered social worker (RSW). He recently completed his “practicum” requirements while serving at Community Living Stratford and Area and will be joining the organization part-time in September as a Support Facilitator. He needs 2 more academic credits to become an RSW and expects to graduate in June 2022.

Bringing together Dan's natural ability for pastoral leadership with professional accreditation in social services shows the brilliance of God. And now two organizations are going to benefit from Dan's gifts – All Saints Waterloo and Community Living Stratford and Area. As always, God has him where he needs to be!

~Mike Banham

Welcome To The Team Tianna

Hello, I'm Tianna Gocan, and I am the new Office Administrator here at All Saints'.

I grew up in London, Ontario where I was baptized into the United Church of Canada. I moved to the Waterloo Region in 2015 and graduated from the University of Waterloo in 2020 with my BSc in Honours Science and a Minor in Biology and Music.

During my time in Waterloo, the Holy Spirit has lead me to St. John the Evangelist, an Anglican



parish in downtown Kitchener. I've absolutely fallen in love with the liturgy and the tradition of the Anglican Church. I've been involved in different aspects of church life, both in my parish and in the Diocese of Huron. Because of the passion I have for the church, I'm currently undergoing the discernment process in the Diocese of Huron and I'm taking MDiv courses at Huron University.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, writing, gardening and cross-stitching.

My office hours are 9 am-1 pm Monday through Thursday and I can be reached at contact@allsaintswaterloo.ca or 519-884-6600.

A Dash of S.A.L.T.

On August 20-22, some members of the youth group attended the CLAY Virtual Camp gathering. the first and third day of the camp were attended individually by the youth group at their own homes but they agreed to meet and attend as a group on its second day at All Saints Church.

While it was a virtual youth camp, CLAY 2021 was able to provide different fun and fruitful activities for the youth to learn and be aware of what is currently happening not only in their own community but also on what is happening around the world.

Thus, of all the lists of the different workshops, our youth group participants chose to join the workshops on Climate Change Advocacy, Social Justice and Gospel-Based Discipleship. These

workshops definitely broaden the mind of our youth in protecting the environment and to strive for social equality since it is the mandate of being God's disciple.

Indeed, CLAY 2021 was an exciting virtual camp and though time zone was a little bit different and the youth group didn't personally attend, it was still a successful gathering especially when you see young people gathering in group while they worship God with fun and full of energy.

Meanwhile, here is an annual report about Joylyn Impas, the child that the Youth Group is supporting to send to school in the Philippines through International Team;

Evaluation and Recommendation:

Joylyn continues to dream of becoming a doctor someday. She aspires to help those who are sick. She became more inspired to help the sick because of the current pandemic. Due to the pandemic, face-to-face classes in school are suspended right now. The students are now learning through online teaching and modular (at home) studies. According to her mother, Joylyn is a very smart girl. She is doing well with her modular classes. The program and the support from her donor is very helpful because they can afford to sustain her online schooling. Joylyn's favourite subject is Filipino. She is also into singing and dancing.

At home, Joylyn is doing very well with her family. She helps her mother in their small store, and she is taking care of her younger siblings. She is also responsible in taking care of herself. There was no reported sickness this year. Even before the pandemic struck the country and spread across the globe, Joylyn's family was having a hard time to make ends meet. Housing is their number one problem and also the father is having difficulty in finding a permanent job. Just when Joylyn's father got hired as a company driver, the strict community quarantine was mandated. He eventually lost his job. He is currently borrowing a jeepney (public transportation vehicle) to drive on a part-time basis and at other times he is also working in a wrecker company. Aside from those challenges, Joylyn and her family kept on moving from one house to another. Her mother shared that they are grateful for the financial assistance they receive from the child sponsorship program. With the help of the ministry and their supporter, they were able to afford to move on to a new home and also start a small food business. Joylyn's mother does made-to-order meals and snacks. She is also into retailing of cellphone data. Furthermore, she is working as a



volunteer community worker at IT Tender where she receives a small financial 'love gift". With all these income generating initiatives, they are somehow able to survive these dire times, by God's grace. Based on the family's difficult socioeconomic situation, Joylyn is recommended to continue with the educational assistance program. Especially in these challenging times, Joylyn and her family need all the support they are receiving. Although Joylyn doesn't go to school in person, she uses her allowance for data for her online class and also to help her parents to meet their daily needs. Thank you for your continued support that provides Joylyn with an education and a brighter future.

~Pastor Rambie Bernardino

Evangelism Moment

Like, Comment or Share your Church's Social Media Content

Just how important is each user? How important is each like, subscription or share? Why put so much effort into social media, websites and ethereal content? About the best answer, I can give is to point to Metcalfe's law. Metcalfe's law states the effect of a social network is proportional to the square of the number of connected users of the network.

In other words, if your page has 50 likes, it has an effective reach of 2,500 people. Add just one more person to the network and your reach increases to 2,601. One user translated to 101 more people in the network.

And as you can see this will grow exponentially. Each person added to a social network, such as a church's Facebook page, opens hundreds of new possibilities to reach out with the Gospel message and leverage growing social media networks.

Coming off the heels of synod and the bishop's charge of being sent into the world, a renewed commitment to social media as a means of evangelism is something every parish should revisit and prioritize.

Over the coming summer months, it is the perfect time to prepare for a robust fall launch and social media engagement. Ask parishioners to like your church's Facebook page, leave a review and purposefully engage with content.

Metcalfe's law applies to not only the number of likes on a page but engagement per content. So if a post is like by 10 parishioners then it has an effective reach of 100 people.

If we take the bishop's charge to heart and take a few seconds to like, comment or share your church's social media content then we can begin to apply Metcalfe's law to not just the number of likes of the page, but to each post we make.



And this would mean that each day, with each post, we all take part in the apostolic ministry of being sent into the world.

The above article first ran in the Huron Church News in the June 2019 edition and was written by myself. As we think about evangelism we should think about our church and our continued live-streaming of Sunday's worship ser-

vice. Each live stream is an event on Facebook. So if we apply Metcalfe's law and hit the interested/attending button, as well as the share button on All Saints' live stream event, then we can reach exponentially more people. This will translate into two things.

- 1- More people will see the church's content and we will gain more followers and more viewers, and
- 2- People will have the option to transition from online viewer to church attendance on a Sunday morning because of you.

We often make evangelism a lot more complicated than it needs to be. As such we think it is about convincing others to attend church, having all the answers or being able to witness to God's activities in your life. And while these are all part of evangelism, some of the most powerful moments of evangelism is simply you interacting with the church's online content and sharing it. By doing so, you are providing an endorsement to your followers. And you never know which of your followers needs that little nudge to exploring a life in Christ. And it all happens with a click of a button.

~Pastor Marty

Book Club

Wanted to make a correction to last issue's edition in regards to the books we are reading, it was noted we would read "A Promised Land" by Barack Obama when it is actually his earlier book, "Dreams From My Father" this is for August and September and will be discussed at our meeting on September 27, 2021.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We added to our reading list "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman, this will be for our October 24 meeting as October 31 is Halloween.

We met by Zoom in July to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett and our usual group attended. We had a very interesting discussion.

Just to keep you updated on my reading goal for the year. I have surpassed the target of 25 that I set and have now read 27. This is what happens when you retire, more reading time.

Summer is quickly becoming history and I trust that you have had an enjoyable one, although the weather has been a bit unpredictable, the heat wave we have been experiencing lately has been great for swimming.

If you have book titles that you would like to recommend let us know.

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me" C.S. Lewis.

~Joyce Harry

Stewardship Moment

Have you ever looked up the meaning of "giving"? When I looked it up the definition I was surprised. It said, "providing love or other emotional support; caring." I sat at my desk and thought about this and realized that is exactly what God and All Saints has given me, emotional support and caring. It turns out that All Saints' and our Lord Jesus Christ are the actual givers, not I.

I have always thought of stewardship as a lifelong practice as to what I give back to God rather than what God gives me in and thought All Saints'. Stewardship in my mind was always the care we take





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to ensure that our church will last, and the new one will be prosperous. As a place that has been made for us and kept for us by generations before, it is a place we keep for the generations to come. But this has shifted for me as I realize that my gift to the church is only the beginning of stewardship.

Gifts are exchanged. My gift to the church really seems meager now when I consider the many gifts All Saints' provides me

daily. All that love, emotional support and caring are invaluable gifts from All Saints' and God sent directly to me. And honestly, I think this is where the very idea of being a generous giver stems from. It is the understanding that when I give my gift to the church, I actually receive more in return from God's abundance through each of you.

Teresa of Avila once said, "Christ has no body now but ours, no hands, no feet on earth but ours. You are the eyes which look with compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. You are the eyes, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body."

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

~Pastor Marty

Cast your Burdens

In the last issue I said I would write this month about a book I intended to read entitled 'Angry Like Jesus' by the Rev. Dr. Sarah Sumner. Well, it didn't happen! I tried but I couldn't concentrate and give it the attention it deserves.

On July 24th I came home from a trip to the grocery store to find the Assistant Superintendent drilling a large hole in the facing wall at the end of the 10' entry hallway which contains the plumbing stack for the kitchen sink. Plaster over cement and you can imagine the dust. This wall and the adjacent short hallway into the living room are galleries for 27 family portraits, a 30" x

42" gilt framed mirror, and right above where he is cutting, my Christening gown, certificate and photograph of the occasion in a 23" x 30½" frame!

The apartment two floors below me had water seeping down their wall and every apartment above them was being investigated. No water was coming into my apartment but after a few more days and cutting two more holes in the wall they finally found a pinhole leak at the back of one of my pipes which meant they also had to cut into that wall from inside my lower kitchen cabinet...again without warning and plumbers don't empty cupboards!

The upshot is the hole in the pipe has been fixed, the holes in the walls have been filled but painting still has to be done. A number of emergency repairs lately in this building and its sister building across the road has pushed painting my walls to the bottom of the list.

The result is I'm distracted and not sleeping well, exhausted from washing cupboards and their contents, cleaning picture frames and glass (now stacked in the small bedroom/office).

All in all though as I march toward my 80th year, I'm grateful I can still get down on my knees to clean as well as pray and better yet, get up again..not particularly gracefully but who cares!

I just need to remember....

Cast your burden on Lord and he will sustain you. Psalm 55, v. 22(a)

~Twila Neimi

PWRDF

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support community health through clean water and Indigenous midwifery. In 2019 they support the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and now many programs in 2020 and 2021.

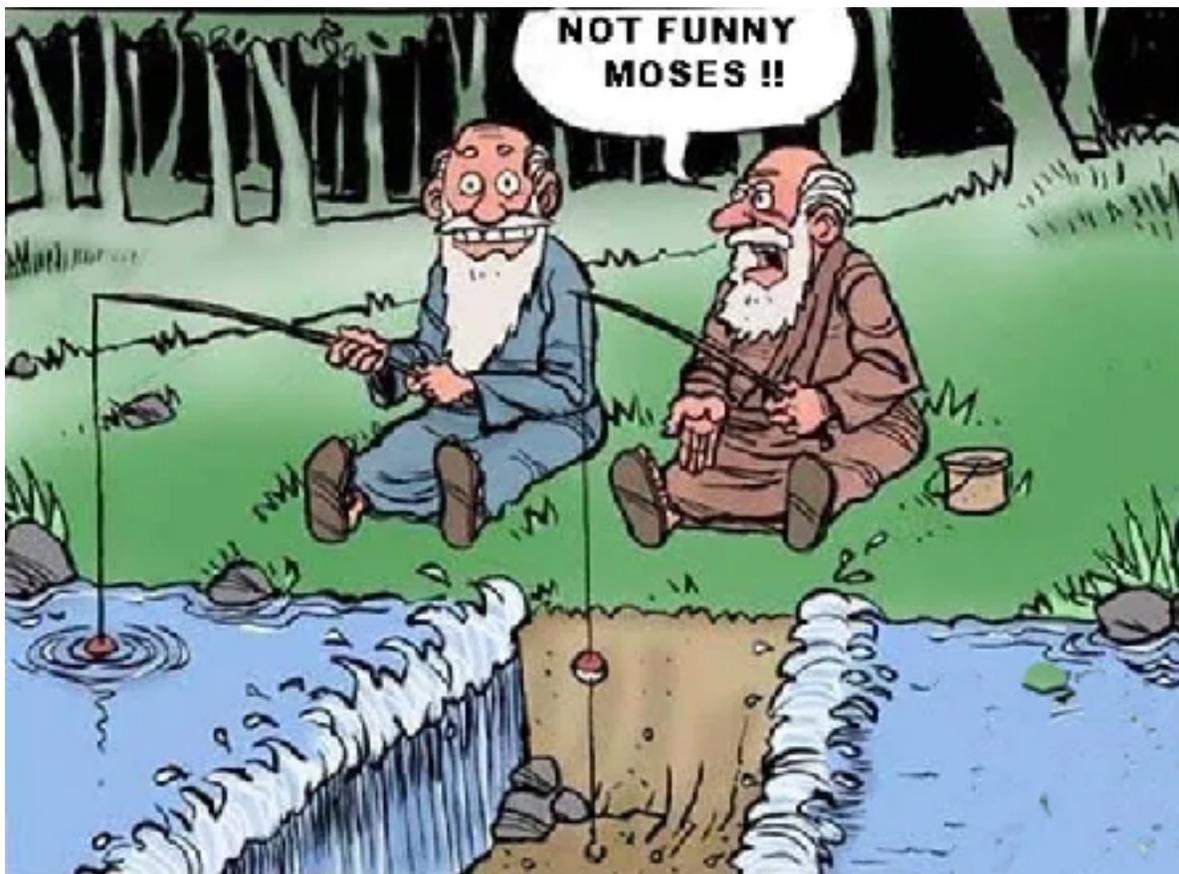
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Learn more by reading on line at PWRDF.org.

If you would like to help bring their work to 'life' in our parish, call me anytime at 519 699 4198.

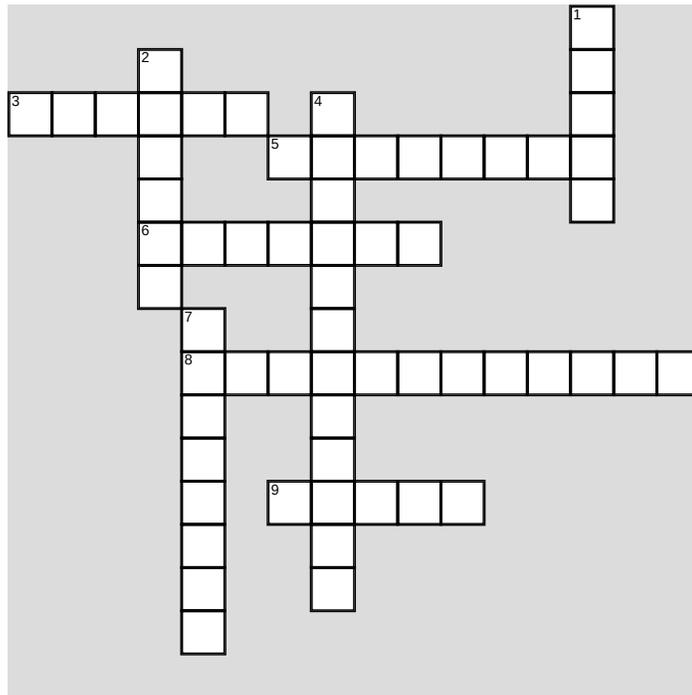
~Parish Rep for PWRDF, Val Haiser

Funnies



Crossword

Bible and Prayer



Across

- 3 Where is one place that we can pray with many people?
- 5 Prayer that involves our own conversations with God
- 6 How Jesus feels when we pray
- 8 Part of the Bible written before Jesus was born. Tells about Hebrews
- 9 One reason the Church wants us to read the Bible

Down

- 1 A way for God to speak to us and teach us. It tells stories.
- 2 Taking time to connect with God to create a better relationship
- 4 Part of the Bible that tells about Jesus and how to live like God
- 7 Type of prayer that involves going to Church and praying together

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