

# CHURCH CHAT

## Development Update ~ Development Committee

### It's beginning to look a lot like...a building and more!

As we approach Christmas, we want to take time to acknowledge the wonderful blessings God has bestowed on our Church community at All Saints. Of course, we have much to be thankful for as the contractor starts to build our new Church home. Additionally, we have settled into our temporary Church home for the next year and are also excited about the progress our Faith in Action team is making as we continue to seek out and minister in the community. It is with thanksgiving to God we provide a brief update on each.

### Our new Church home

After many years of discussion, prayer and hard work – the new building for our Church home is taking shape. It is exciting to visually see the progress being made each week, after waiting for so long to get all the necessary approvals and permits issued to proceed. With things moving along nicely, we are hopeful the external “envelope” of the building will be finished by Christmas and, generally speaking, the contractor is working inside the building early



in 2023. This doesn't change the expected completion date, which we've been told in November 2023. But it does increase confidence we could be worshipping in our new Church home for Advent 2023! In terms of a financial update, the projected deficit is still around \$800,000 with some key dates coming in December where we will hopefully see progress on the anticipated grants and reimbursements to help manage and possibly reduce this number. By Vestry we will have an updated and clear pic-

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ture to share with you on the financial projections including the status of grants and reimbursements.

### **Our temporary Church home**

We successfully moved to our temporary home at 695 Rupert Street in early October. This couldn't have happened without the great support (time and talent) of many involved in organizing and executing it. At this point, we can say the space is functional! We are conducting 2 services every Sunday (8am and 10am), our wonderful Choir is sharing their gifts in worship, we have projection of the service on a newly installed monitor, we have a mid-week Eucharist and Bible Study every Wednesday, the space is being used by the Boy Scouts and 4-Square congregation and we just had our first Baptism on November 20<sup>th</sup>. While it is "tight" and "bright", the space is effective for our worship and other congregational needs.

### **Our Faith in Action team**

To support greater ministry, our Mission and Ministry team has been reformed into two teams – Faith in Action and Discipleship and Faith Formation. The catalyst for this reformation is the visioning and planning required to ensure our new building better serves the local neighbourhood and community. As a reminder, the build is not about erecting a new Church building. It is about extending the ministerial reach and impact we have in our local neighbourhood and community. To that end, the Faith in Action team supported by Pastor Dan continues to envision new ways and new partnerships to support ministry in the neighbourhood and community. And they are not waiting until November 2023 to get started. Talks are already underway with local non-profits on how to use the new building. As well, they are working with the Food Bank to support a mobile food distribution point in North Waterloo early in 2023.

### **In closing**

We hope you find this update is helpful. We ask for your continued prayers for those involved in building our new Church home, those helping make our temporary home as comfortable as possible, and those involved in the visioning, planning and execution of greater ministry in our neighbourhood and community.

Merry Christmas everyone!



## Stewardship Moment ~ Pastor Marty

The end of the calendar year is upon us. Which means any donations received in the calendar year of 2022 can be receipted at tax time in April. Donations to charities in Canada allow individuals to claim 40 cents on the dollar against their taxes. This means for every \$100 donated to All Saints' you will be able to recover \$40 from CRA.

This year, much like 2021 and 2020 has been challenging. Regular attendance has been difficult for many, especially as we were closed or operating at limited capacity for the first couple of months of 2022. This might have reduced your givings over the course of the year and a one time top up before the clock turns to 2023 might be in order. All donations received before December 31, 2022 will be receipted in this calendar year.

This also includes larger one time donations for the new church build. While we are not currently running a capital campaign as we continue to finalize grants and seek relief from development fees through the city and region, you may feel called to make a one time donation to the new build.

My family will be making such a donation. We plan to give a one time gift of \$5000 in 2022 for the new build. This will allow the recovery of \$2000 at tax time from CRA. We also plan to contribute this \$2000 to the new build in 2023 after we file your taxes. And then again in 2024, a donation of \$800 towards the build.

This will allow a one time donation in the amount of \$5000 to almost equal \$8000 over the course of 2 years and will make a difference with the new build. These larger one time gifts are a perfect way to say thank you to the church and to God for the many blessings in our lives.



## Evangelism Moment ~ Judy Paulsen in The Institute for Evangelism, Wycliffe College

### Gospel Conversations – Conversations that make stories from the Gospels accessible to seekers, explorers, and the somewhat curious

Having a conversation over a cup of coffee or tea is a familiar way for people to meet with friends or colleagues in our culture. As restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic have started to relax, small personal gatherings like this have been one of the first forms of social interaction to return. For people who might be hesitant to attend a more formal expression of church held within a church building, a simple conversation focused on some of the stories from Jesus's life can be a way for them to talk about their own perceptions of Jesus, to learn more about him for themselves, and to voice some of their own spiritual questions and longings.

These sorts of personal conversations also offer an environment of simple hospitality and friendship to which Christians may find it easier to invite their unchurched or de-churched friends, neighbours, and colleagues. While the data on Canadian spirituality suggests fewer people are going to church, it also indicates that many believe in God, pray regularly, and have spiritual questions they can't readily discuss with anyone. In such an age, it is going to be critical to equip all Christians to be the transmitters of the gospel message. And for that to happen we'll all need to engage with the people around us in a context that they are comfortable with. A conversation over coffee may just be a simple yet profound way through which someone you know starts to consider the person of Jesus for themselves.

### Getting ready

1. Begin with prayer. Ask God to bring to mind someone in your life who doesn't have any church connection. This could be a family member, friend, neighbour, colleague, or even a new acquaintance. They might be someone who once was part of a church but drifted away, or someone who has never been connected to a church. Then, ask God to give you an opportunity and the right words to invite them to have these conversations with you.
2. Try this experiment with some others in your church so you can pray for each other as you have these conversations with unchurched or de-churched people.
3. Invite the people God has brought to your mind.



## Here are some examples of invitations:

“Our church is hoping to learn to talk with people beyond our congregation about spiritual issues. Would you be interested in meeting a few times over coffee with me to explore some passages from the earliest biographies of Jesus?”

“Our church is trying something called Gospel Conversations, where we meet over coffee with a friend or neighbour to discuss three different stories from the life of Jesus. I’d love to hear your views on these encounters people had with Jesus. Would you be interested?”

“Hey \_\_\_\_\_, along with others in my church I’m trying to learn how to talk with other people in my life about questions of faith. Would you be interested in meeting over coffee a few times to discuss some passages taken from the Bible about the life of Jesus?”

Or, if you think a small group discussion would be less threatening than a one-on-one conversation, you might like to invite a couple of friends to join you. Perhaps these are people that share a hobby with you or are members of some sort of group that you belong to. For such people you could use this sort of invite:

“Hey, would you be interested in being part of a small discussion group that explores some of the stories from Jesus’s life found in the Bible? My plan is pretty low-key; just to meet for a coffee and chat together, meeting two or three times. What do you think?”

4. Pray again as you select three passages to discuss together in your Gospel Conversations. What passages might especially resonate with the person you will meet with? Here are some examples to choose from:

- John 4:5–42 [Jesus talks with a woman at a well]
- John 3:1–21 [Jesus talks with Nicodemus, a religious leader]
- Luke 19:1–10 [Jesus engages Zacchaeus, a tax collector for the Roman Empire]
- Luke 10:25–37 [Jesus’s parable of the Good Samaritan]
- Luke 24:1–12 [The resurrection of Jesus]

## Some suggestions as you begin to meet

1. During the conversations let the following questions be a guide, but don’t feel bound to them. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation.
  - What words or phrases stand out for you?
  - What do you think this passage tells us about the culture of the day?
  - What do you think this passage wants us to know about Jesus?
  - Do you see any connection with our lives today?

2. Don't worry if they have questions that you don't know how to respond to. Simply admit that you don't know, and let them know that you'll ask someone who might be able to address the question they've raised. Perhaps that will be your pastor, or another member of your church. Remember, this is a conversation, and conversations are different from a Q and A session.
3. Be ready to suggest a possible next step if they seem open to continue exploring questions about Jesus, Christianity, or faith in general. Are you willing to keep meeting? Is there a book you could read together and discuss? Would they like to meet over coffee with you and your pastor? Would they like you to pray for them? Test these waters gingerly, but don't be shy to encourage them to keep exploring.
4. Enjoy your conversations! Be open to where God may take them. Perhaps you will have simply planted a seed that will germinate much later. Perhaps you'll meet regularly. Perhaps you'll invite them to church, or a book club, or some other "easy access" event or program at your church. Above all be genuine, and love them as Jesus would have you love them.

## Book Club ~ Joyce Harry

I am happy to report that the Book Club has started meeting in person again, this started in August. It is so nice to actual see people for our discussions.

We have been meeting in the board room of 695 Rupert Street, Waterloo, our wilderness address since October. Meetings start at 1:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month.

Would like to welcome newcomers who are book fans and would enjoy a lively discussion.

Our November meeting was delayed by one week, so we will be meeting Wednesday December 7 to discuss "The Tatoonist of Auschwitz" written by Heather Morris, the title may sound a little heavy, but Ms. Morris, I believe will tell a captivating story.

We usually have a few books scheduled for reading, but at this time we just have one for January which is entitled "All Our Worldly Goods" by Irene Nemirovsky.

At that meeting we be bringing forward titles for the coming months, if you have any ideas please let us know.

We are so sorry to have lost Val Haiser, one of our dear book club members, she was always up for a good discussion. We hold her Family in our prayers.



Book Club is a great way to get to know other 'readers' at All Saints' If you would like information about us, please contact: Elizabeth Pinnell, Rachel Prichard or Joyce Harry.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can"

Arthur Ashe

## Youth Sponsorship

Joylyn Rose Impas

Nickname: "Joy-Joy"

12 years old, Female

Born on March 11, 2010,

Alabang, Muntinlupa City,

Philippines



Joy-Joy is a graduate of our Simula ("Beginning") Daycare Center. She was recommended to the sponsorship program because of her family's poor financial situation.

Thank you for your support. Through your help, your child is now moving on to Grade 7 at the High School Level this School Year 2022 to 2023 at Pedro E. Diaz High School.

### Home Life

At home, Joy-Joy is always sweet to her mother. She helps with the household chores by washing the dishes and watching after her two younger siblings. Joy-Joy has a lot of friends in their neighbourhood. She loves decorating and making crafts. she is the fourth child amongst six siblings.

According to Joy-Joy's mother, she rarely gets sick and has been working on her hygiene. Joy-Joy is actively attending the worship services of Jesus King of Kings Community Church, a partner church of IT Tender. Joy-Joy seems interested in volunteerism, and this year she started participating in vocal trainings at IT Tender to develop her talent in singing.

### School Life

Joy-Joy sometimes has difficulty with her homework, but she loves her Filipino subject. Even when she is having trouble, according to her mother, Joy-Joy still works hard to complete her assignments and submit them on time.

For the last few months of the school year, Joy-Joy has been having trouble in her mathematics subject. To help her to improve, she started attending mathematics tutorials at IT Tender.

Joy-Joy's family has been struggling because of how many months the father hasn't had work. The mother Genelyn cooks and sells food in their community, and she sells "cellphone data/minutes" to augment their daily needs. The mother said that the father has been unable to have any regular job or income. To help with the monthly expenses of the family, the mother Genelyn also continues to serve part-time as a cook at IT Tender.



Joy-Joy's Family Home

## Filipino Church Community Ministry ~ Pastor Rambie

All Saints Filipino Community Church continue to hold its regular Fourth Sunday of the Month Eucharistic Service.

These past few months, it is overwhelming that there was a little bit of growth on the number of attendees. In June there were 28 people who came and attended the 2o'clock service and in August there were 30 in attendance.

These numbers are little bit higher than the previous months when we are starting to conduct Filipino Sunday Service which is satisfying at this moment given that it is only being held once every month.

With the building of the new church, it comes with excitement and with high hopes that this will attract more Filipinos to join All Saints Church and will be able to create a stable community so they could become productive members of the All-Saints Family in near future.

On October 30, we had our first service in Rupert St. since we moved from the old All Saint's building. It was indeed great to see thirty-six people who came and attended the holy eucharist service and enjoyed a little Halloween party organized by the kids' moms called Momshies.

Expecting that attendance will not be great in November since some of the families went back home for vacation this winter, it was still surprising that twenty-five people showed up On November 27 for our regular 4<sup>th</sup> Filipino Sunday Service. On this Sunday, we offered a thanksgiving mass for one of our members who graduated in Laurier University and for one of our members who receive his Canadian Citizenship.

As Filipinos, Christmas is one of the happiest and biggest celebrations that we are looking forward every year. It is for this reason that as early as November we are already preparing for our traditional Christmas party after the Christmas Service.

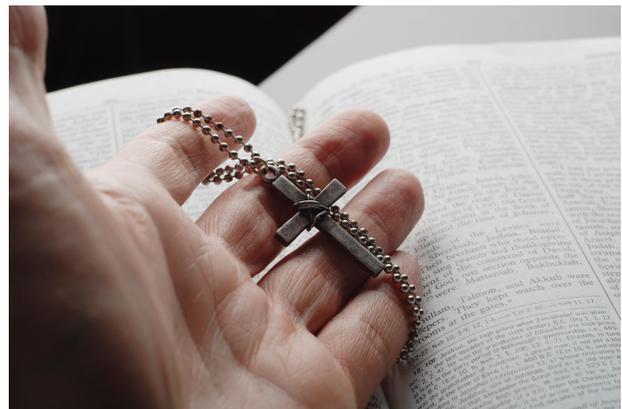
Having a place where we are welcome to worship together and be with our community is such a very wonderful gift that All Saint's Anglican Church is giving us and it is our hope and prayer that once we get settled, we could also extend our ministry to others.

## An Opportunity to Pray ~ Barry Ferguson

Beginning in January, I will be hosting a monthly prayer exercise at All Saints'.

The first will take place on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. and we will explore praying around a piece of scripture using the Lectio Divina approach. No prior knowledge of this is required, I will lead us through the process, which should take about an hour, depending on how many of us attend.

The next two sessions will be held on Monday, February 13 and Monday, March 13. The style of prayer for these later two sessions will be announced in the new year. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.



## The Places God Calls Us to Go ~ Pastor Dan

Dear Friends,

I am so very thankful for the support of the parish as I completed my social work degree in June and began serving in a social work role in August. Many in the parish have expressed interest in knowing how I decided to become a social worker and what I do as a social worker. I am glad to share about my social work role for this edition of the “Church Chat”.

Just as I engaged in discernment to become a priest, for me, the process to become a social worker was also a discernment. The question was not “Should I get a job as a social worker?”, the question was “Is God calling me to be a social worker as well as a priest?”.

As many of you know, I entered seminary very early in life at the age of 22. Therefore I had not served in another field previous to ordination as Pastor Marty (who still holds his mechanic’s licence) and many of my other colleagues in ordained ministry had.

As such, I first felt called simply to further education, to putting “another tool in my toolbox” that would enhance my service in ordained ministry. I began with prayer in 2015 around whether God was calling me to further education, and if so, what that education might look like and be focused on. I then consulted with family and friends who know me well and know my gifts. I actually consulted twice with Bishop Todd who was the Dean of Theology at Huron College at the time. Todd was able to point out what a number of different programs (some in theology and some not) would emphasize. Through conversation with Todd, the idea of studying social work began to take shape. This is because I recognize that in any ordained ministry appointment, my joy has always been found in pastoral care, caring for people and outreach ministries.

In 2017 I enrolled in my first social work class, committing to “trying it out”. I have always been very clear about the fact that I feel just as called to ordained ministry as I did when I first discerned it, so I was not interested in leaving ordained ministry. I finished the first social work class with a 90% grade and very much enjoyed it. I then enrolled in the next class, and a process that took almost five years to complete had begun.

As I got closer to completing my degree, I had to think about what area of social work I wanted to serve within. I have always enjoyed walking alongside people pastorally. Until coming to All Saints’ I had served numerous parishes that were made up predominantly of senior citizens. Therefore it made



sense to look at social work in a long-term care context, particularly having had experience in chaplaincy in this context at Trinity Village in Kitchener.

Shortly after I graduated, I connected with an agency that places social workers in part-time roles in long-term care centres. This led to me becoming the social worker at the long-term care centre in Seaforth, Ontario. I serve there one day per week (generally Thursdays) in concert with my ministry at All Saints'.

The things I am asked to assist with as a social worker in Seaforth generally fall into two different categories. Firstly, I am asked to walk alongside residents and families in the midst of challenges they are facing, which is very similar to what the wider Church would call "pastoral care" in a secular con-

text. Secondly, I am asked to navigate numerous government systems in order to advocate for residents. In my short time as a social worker I have liaised with the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Veterans Affairs Canada and various branches of the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee on behalf of residents at the long-term care centre in Seaforth. For me, although not overtly stated in that context, the work I do is always in the name of Jesus and particularly relevant to Mark Three and Mark Four of the Five Marks of Mission: To respond to human need by loving service (#3) and To seek to transform unjust structures of society...(#4).

My prayer is that being a social worker will make me a better priest and that being a priest will make me a better social worker. In fact, I am not sure that I would want to be a social worker if I were not a priest. I thoroughly enjoy drawing on both ordained ministry skills and social work skills at All Saints' as we consult with community partners to discern community needs and shape what the ministries and initiatives we offer from the new community centre will look like. Although my vocation as a priest has not changed, I am so grateful to all of you, the Christian community here at All Saints' for your support of my work as a social worker.

## Deanery Refugee Committee Update

The Deanery of Waterloo Refugee Committee is happy to say that we have applied to bring a family of four to Canada. They are currently living in Sudan, but the Mum and Dad came from Eritrea a number of years ago, and both children, a little girl, 8 and a little boy, 6, were born in Sudan. The parents both have some English, so this will help them when they get here.

We have some good leads on accommodation and hope to have that settled in January. We can expect the family to arrive in the new year - perhaps between January and March, but we will not know till closer to the time.

Please continue to hold the family in prayer as they seek to begin a new life in Canada.



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## Wool Gatherers ~ Rachel Prochard

This year the Wool Gatherers have continued their industrious work and knitted and distributed 6 preemie hats, 56 other hats, 12 Alzheimer muffs, 20 scarves, 3 cowls, 11 prayer cloths, 6 headbands, 4 blankets, and 2 toys. The preemie hats got to the hospital, some hats went for migrant workers, Pastor Dan takes the blankets for the sick and shut-ins, Jane G takes the muffs to the Alzheimer society (colourful Christmassy ones too), the prayer cloths go into our box on the table at Rupert St. and everything else goes to Carizon.

Very many thanks to all knitters (and some crocheters) for your efforts. We also send thanks to those who help to sew on labels.

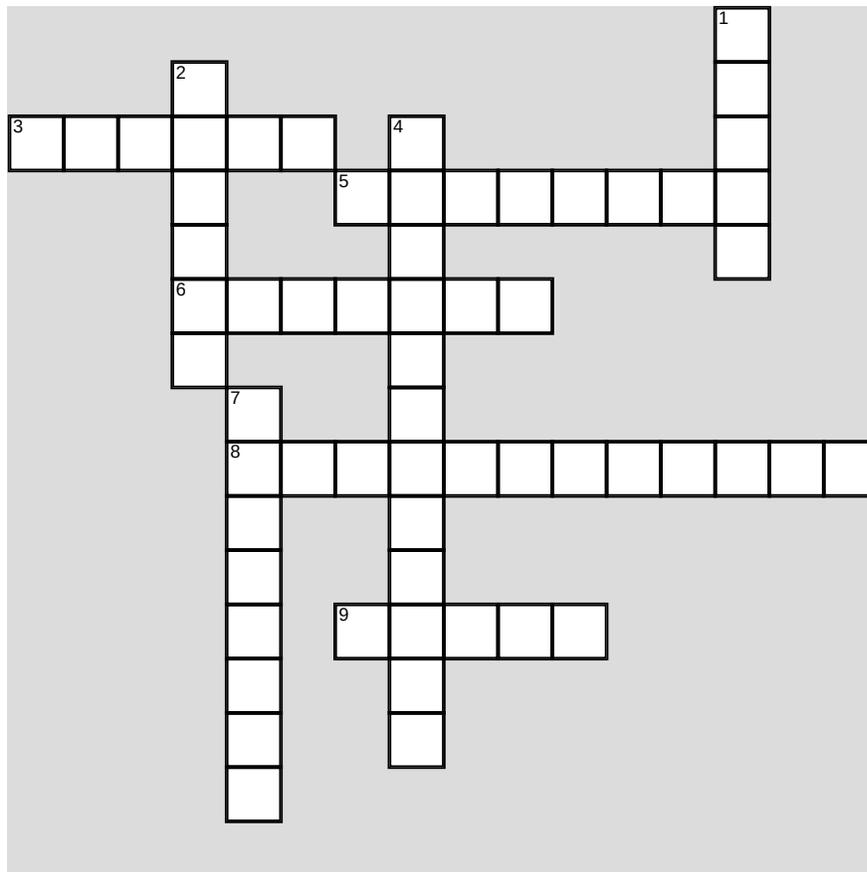


## Funnies



# 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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