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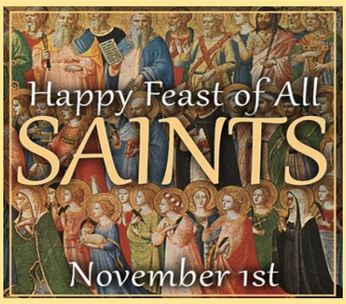
Est.2020 SIMCOE, **ALL SAINTS' DAY,** FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2024 No.40-24

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

8:00AM Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP)
Spoken service

10:30am Requiem Eucharist
Contemporary (BAS) With Music, Choir & Sunday School.
Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER

10:30AM Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP) Spoken service (in the Chapel)

ALL ARE INVITED

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE 5th NOV	**Brant-Norfolk Deanery Clericus**	**10:00am Brantford**
TUE 5th NOV	**SVDP Lunch Ministry**	**11:30am – 1:00pm**
TUE 5th NOV	**Con Brio Kids Music Classes**	**6:00 - 6:30pm 6:35 - 7:45pm**
WED 6th NOV	**SVDP Lunch Ministry**	**11:30am - 1:00pm**
WED 6th NOV	**Bible Study (7/8)**	**12:00 Noon**
THU 7th NOV	**SVDP Lunch Ministry**	**11:30am - 1:00pm**
THU 7th NOV	**Choir Practice**	**4:00pm**
THU 7th NOV	**Migrant Worker Ministry**	**3:00 - 7:30pm**
FRI 8th NOV	**Migrant Worker Ministry**	**3:00 - 7:30pm**
MON 11th NOV	**Remembrance Day**	**10:45am Carillon Tower**

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Pictures from the visit of Bishop Terry and Di Dance, on Sunday 20th October, for the dedication and blessing of the new votive candle stand and Icon, given in memory of Alan Rotherham.

MOVEMBER

Bob Vankerrebroeck is doing his annual Movember hair raising for charity. This year he's raising funds for The Canadian Cancer Society. Their mission: 'In trusted partnership with donors and volunteers, we improve the lives of all those affected by cancer through world-class research, transformative advocacy and compassionate support.'
For more information:
☎Bob: 519-582-2292

"I would like to say thank you to all of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits while I continue to recuperate from my fall. I am currently at Parkview Meadows in Townsend, and I think of you often." **Janice Hall**

Ham Dinner

at the Waterford Legion

Wednesday, November 6th

(Tickets on sale at 5:00 pm)

Serving starts at 5:30 pm

Dessert, Coffee & Tea included

$ 14.00 a person (cash only)

Legion

Branch 79
Simcoe

WING NIGHT

Friday, November 1
4:30—7pm

1lb. $11 3lbs. $30
In the Club Room
Come for Wing Night
Stay for Hallowe'en Party at 7
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Call George for Tickets: 519-718-3666

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: CROATIA/SLOVENIA
14-day group tour departing in May, 2025
Learn why group travel is hassle free
Includes: motorcoach transfer to airport
Monday 4th November at1:30 pm - Jarvis Public Library 2 Monson Street & 4:30 pm – Simcoe – South Coast World Travel, 61 Robinson Street (formerly Norfolk's Marlin Travel) RSVP to janice@ketchen.net
416-505-1658 or 519-426-2144

Gospel Songs and Spirituals

Do you love to sing Gospel Songs and Spirituals?

Come out to the

PORT DOVER COMMUNITY SING-ALONG

We will be covering some of the best-loved gospel songs and spirituals, including:
***Softly and Tenderly, Church in the Wildwood, Amazing Grace, Down by the Riverside, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Deep River, Just a Closer Walk, Steal Away to Jesus, He's Got the Whole World in His Hands,* and many more.**

Just show up and sing for fun! No musical experience required!

Tuesday, November 12th at 7 pm

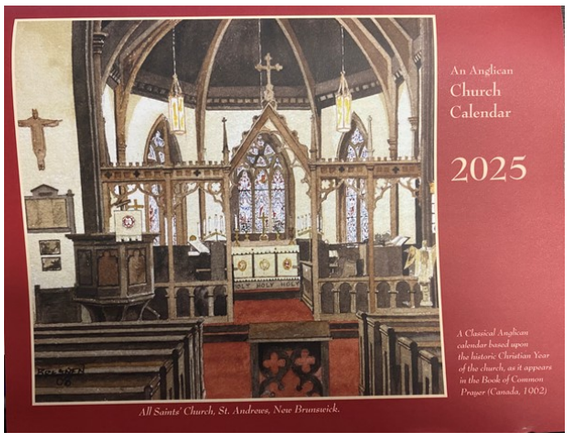
Grace United Church Upper Hall – 18 Chapman St West (at St. George)

$2 donation to cover costs
Check out our facebook page @ Port Dover Community Choir
For info, call: Janice at 416-505-1658 or email: janice@ketchen.net

SMELL THE COFFEE?

The ministry of hospitality is an essential part of our Christian witness. Time for fellowship is an important part of building community and strengthening relationships. If you enjoy the coffee hour, why not help out? **We need volunteers for Coffee Hour on Sundays.** The sign up sheet in the parish hall has lots of blank spaces (opportunities). Please sign up or contact the Parish Office for more information on what is involved. Cheers. ***F.P***

THIS IS THE DAY



2025 Church Calendars are now available to purchase at the parish office. These attractive calendars feature watercolours of churches from across the country. They also include the Sundays, Holy Days, Saints' Days and seasons of the Church Year, in accordance with the calendar from the Book of Common Prayer (1962) of the Anglican Church of Canada. They are ideal as a special Christmas gift. Calendars are **$10 each.** Available during office hours or by request on Sundays. Limited quantity.

AMAZING GRACE!

1.Grace is our origin and our source-code
In the beginning, all there was was God, so in order to bring the world into being, God had to kind of scoot over. So God chose to take up less space—you know, God make room. So before God spoke the world into being, God scooted over. God wanted to share. Like the kind-faced woman on the subway who takes her hand-bag onto her lap so that there's room for you to sit next to her. She didn't have to do it, but that's just who she is . . .; the kind-faced subway lady's nature is that she makes room for others. Then God had an absolute explosion of creativity and made animals. Amoebas. Chickens. Crickets. Bees. Orangutans. Then God said,"Let us create humans in our own image and likeness." Let us. God the community, God the family, God the friend group, God the opposite of isolation, said, "Let us create humanity in our image and likeness. Let there be us and them in one being." So God created every one of us in the male and female image of God. Then God gave us God's own image - something so holy that it could never be harmed, and never be taken away. A never-aloneness. An origin and destination. A source code of grace. **2. I've got good news and bad news** The thing is, in order to really speak of grace, we must speak of why grace is needed. Which means we simply must speak of sin - even if liberals tend to think that speaking of sin is the same as celebrating low self-esteem. But friends, how can we ever understand why grace is amazing if we think we don't need it? I mean, a free lifetime supply of injectable insulin is only good news if you happen to be someone who has diabetes. The problem, of course, is that the word sin is too often used as a synonym for being immoral. But you could live an entirely moral life, never cheat on your spouse or on your taxes… you could never break a law and be a so-called good person and still be a total sinner. In fact, the word sin has been so misused and misunderstood (not to mention weaponized), that I'm grateful that writer Francis Spufford substitutes the word sin for the HPFTU - the Human Propensity to F**k Things Up. The human propensity to fuck things up cannot be avoided. Do not be fooled into thinking that with enough therapy or meditation retreats, or with enough wokeness or with the right elimination diet or with good enough intentions that you will not still F things up. You will. I will. But also, friends, do not despair because **3. You are indeed a mighty sinner, but Shame is optional** Martin Luther in a letter he wrote to Philip Melanchthon told his friend, "If you are a preacher of grace, then preach a true not a fictitious grace; if grace is true, you must bear a true and not a fictitious sin. God does not save people who are only fictitious sinners. Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly, for he is victorious over sin, death, and the world. As long as we are here we have to sin. So pray boldly – you too are a mighty sinner." While it can be healthy and useful to have regret about the ways you fuck things up, and to even make amends, you need not have shame about it because on a really basic level, if we did not fuck things up, we would not need God. There wouldn't be any space for her. Which brings me to… **4. Feel free to name your sins** – after all, it's how WE scoot over and make room for God. I like to think of Grace not as when God is a good enough guy to forgive me for my failings, but as when God is a source of wholeness, redemption and healing which makes up for my failings, which is more powerful than my failings. Grace, to me, is God's source code. It is the Spirit's renewable resource and confession of sins, or completing a moral inventory and speaking it to another person isn't the way we earn forgiveness – it's just the way to force our egos into a posture where we can receive forgiveness. **5. Grace and gratitude.** When I forget about the grace all around me I start to feel entitled to all the good things in my life. To be a living being on this glorious earth is, itself grace. But what did I do that God would knit me together in my mother's womb? How

could I earn the right to eat a perfect peach – that the creator even thought to make the peach is grace to us. My friend Jeff Chu was working with wild bees recently and said that honey is grace in a jar, a sweetness entirely given that we did absolutely nothing to deserve. **6. When we experience grace we become more compassionate.** As Richard Rohr says, "once you have received real grace…real mercy… you are no longer in the position of deciding who the so called "deserving poor" are". When we see how God's source code of grace has redeemed our HPFTU we give other people a break. We stop holding others to a ridiculous standard. We believe God can make beautiful things out of even other people's HPFTU.

But to be clear, **7. Faith isn't about self-improvement.** Because God isn't interested in making you a better person. God is interested in making you a new person. Because if this whole thing was only a matter of self-improvement then trying harder should do the trick in which case we basically we don't need Jesus anymore. Being better people – being good-er Samaritans is something we can do on our own. But to become new people we need God. To become new people we need a God who offers us a way where there is no way. Becoming new people is what this whole Jesus-following thing is about and it doesn't happen though trying harder to be good. It comes by being robbed. Robbed of our old ideas about ourselves. Robbed of our self-sufficiency. Robbed of our piety. Robbed of our selfishness. It is grace that the sweet Holy Spirit intercedes for us. It is grace that our prayers are welcomed by the creator. It is grace to hear each other's prayers and to make them our own. Every day that myself or any other alcoholic or addict is clean and sober - that is grace. The sun rising in the East every day is grace. My virtue could not pull that ball of fire up over the horizon. It is grace that God would make her home in the womb of a peasant girl. That God would hang out, see what it's like to have a body that aches and a mother that loves, and bread that nourishes, and sunrises that stun, and friends that console and friends that betray – and be under an empire that persecutes. God saw what all of that was like and said now is the time of salvation and opened their arms wide on the cross and welcomed every horrible thing that our human propensity to f things up could do and responded with only forgiveness. It is grace that God would again scoot over and make room for our hearts and hurts and prayers and say to us you are mine. I know only one thing – that there is only grace, my sweet friends. Everything else is a measure of worthiness. Everything else leads to insiders and outsiders. Everything else can fail us. But - O to grace how great a debtor daily we're constrained to be. Forever and ever. Amen.
Carry on, you beautiful saints and sinners, ***N***
The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber (Lutheran Pastor & Public Theologian) This is from her last sermon at House For All Saints & Sinners. Full article can be found at:
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Visitors always welcome.