

# Catch the Spirit News



Fall 2017

## St Marks by the Lake Anglican Church Annual Turkey Dinner

Sunday October 1, 2017    ♦    4 pm—7 pm

Free Will Offering    ♦    Cash Bar

150 St Marks Road, Tecumseh  
519-735-4921

Take Out Available

### *CHRISTMAS MARKET*

Look for our updated Fall Bazaar to be held on Saturday, December 2nd. Our one stop shop will feature vendors providing unique gifts and stocking stuffers, pre-wrapped gift boxes and bags, gifts for your pets, preserves and of course Christmas baking. Rumour has it that Santa will be available for pictures with the young and young at heart. Our kitchen will offer refreshments for your much needed break with friends. Mark your calendars now and prepare to wrap up all you holiday needs on December 2nd. Watch for a sneak peek of some of the items available in the weekly bulletin.

P.S. If you are willing to commit to baking for this event, please let Brooke know. We hope to offer trays of goodies as well as the usual smaller packaging of items so we will need lots of contributions for our baking tables.





## RECTOR'S LETTER

**My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

We are living in a season of extraordinary abundance and change. Fall is that season where produce is coming out of farm fields and the face of creation is changing in weather and colour. What we see in the harvest is God's extraordinary grace in giving to the people of this world and to the whole creation everything that they need to survive and thrive. What we see in creation is God's extraordinary grace in making the world glorious and beautiful. We cannot help but be thankful for the ways that God sustains and cares for us. That's why we celebrate thanksgiving at this time of year.

The harvest that we celebrate and give thanks for certainly sustains and enables us to live, but it also directs our attention to God's incredible generosity. That generosity is not limited to food and agriculture. That generosity is evident in our relationships, in our gifts and talents, in our time, and in our financial resources. God has given a great deal to us as individuals and God has given a great deal to us as a church family and faith community. We need to give thanks to God for those gifts too at this time of year. One of the most beautiful ways to give thanks is to use what God has given to us to nourish our own bodies, hearts, minds, and souls and because God is so generous and the harvest is so abundant to nourish others' bodies, hearts, minds, and souls. In God's unbelievable generosity we can hear a call to provide help and care to others.

During the fall season, this year we are developing a mission and ministry plan for our parish. This is a multi-year plan which will help us to have a stable, sustainable parish life that is focused not just on existing, but on reaching out to our community with love and care, with faith and friendship, with grace and the gospel. We are also going to take some time to look at the abundance that God has given to us as a parish and how to be good stewards to use all our resources to the fullest for the ministry of the gospel. We are in a season of change, we can see that in creation, we can see that in the church, and the most wonderful thing about this change is that it is born not out of worry and scarcity, but out of God's great generosity and abundance.

This season I invite you to recognise God's unbelievable generosity and give thanks to God in word, in song, in praise, and in action. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,

*Robert Lemon*†

The Rev'd Fr. Robert Lemon



## Children's and Youth Ministry Happenings

The children have been exploring the story of Moses this Fall! Such an important faith story! We are so pleased to have so many children involved this year!

At the end of the rotation, we will celebrate with a family evening of games, art, drama, music and themed snacks based on the story of Moses!

**Join us Friday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> from 630-8pm in the church hall for this event!**



**Tweens/Youth:** This year we are starting up a group for tweens ( grade 4-7) along with the youth group ( gr 8-12). We will meet together twice a month on Friday evenings from 7-830pm at the church (unless otherwise posted). Bring your friends! Mark down these **dates** for meetings: **Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27** (Hallowe'en party), **Nov. 10, Nov. 24, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Christmas Party).

Programs with children and youth are more successful and meaningful with regular participation and encourage you to attend as many meetings as you are able! Developing life-long friendships are so important and provide our youth with a strong foundation for life! Bring your friends!



**Volunteers are welcomed and needed for the following areas in Children's and youth ministry this year:**

**Nursery:** provides direct childcare for those under 4 yrs old during the 10:30am service each Sunday. Two adults assigned to this area each week. Come join our team! You would rotate into the nursery approx. once every 4-6 weeks. (Sally Charlton co-ordinates Nursery).

**Sunday School:** 2-3 Volunteers to assist with the Sunday morning program. Ideally, you would volunteer one week per month, allowing you to attend church as well. High school students would receive volunteer hours.

**Tweens/Youth:** 2-3 volunteers to assist with meetings, snack prep, planning of events

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above, please contact Jane Cornett (cell 519-818-5263) or [janecornett231@gmail.com](mailto:janecornett231@gmail.com) and I will be pleased to speak with you further!



## OUTREACH JUSTICE TEAM

The Outreach Justice Team would like to thank you for all your support in the collection of back packs and school supplies. We collected 90 backpacks and a huge amount of school supplies.

### THE LEONE RESIDENCE FOR WOMEN

The Leone Residence has been helping young women between the ages of 12-18 years for the last 49 years. The Leone Residence provide a safe and nurturing residential environment for these young women who are still in the care of the Children's Aid Society. The home provides support and guidance to these young women who suffer from significant psychological, psychiatric and behavioural issues and who have experienced extreme conflict with their schools, families and community. The Residence's focus is to strengthen the young women in all areas of their lives in an attempt to transition them to foster home settings or independent living situations. The Leone Residence has a pasta fundraiser at the Riverside Sportsmen Club every Wednesday in the month of September from 5- 8 PM. This year St. Mark's has donated some of the school supplies and lunch bags to the Leona Residence. The Outreach Justice Team are looking forward to working closely with the Leone Residence.

### WINDSOR RESIDENCE FOR YOUNG MEN

The Windsor Residence for Young Men have a program called KID NEXT DOOR. This program gives the homeless youth experience doing general maintenance work for residents in the community. This program is designed to provide the type of environment that most youth have when growing up in a more traditional family home. If you have home maintenance, flood and yard clean up, moving furniture, cleaning out eaves troughs, planting, weeding, painting, washing outdoor windows, please consider these youths to help you. The charge, minimum wage and the work is fully supervised by an adult. The supervision is free. If you are interested in giving these young men some work, or, if you are interested in volunteering please call Greg Goulin at 226-221-8464. The Windsor Residence for Young Men are having their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party pasta dinner at the Caboto Club on October 4, 2017 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Admission \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors, \$6.00 for children 5-12 years old and \$10.00 for take-out. They will also be having a bake sale, draws and silent auction. Please consider attending and supporting the young men.

Please note that we **no longer** require milk bags or egg cartons.

*Sincerely – Jeannine Renaud-St. Louis*



To the end of August, we have one significant area of concern financially.

While costs are fairly consistent with prior years and current budget, offerings are unexpectedly down. Capital and regular offerings are \$9,000 less than a year ago at this time and more than \$14,000 lower than planned.

At vestry, we proposed and approved a slight increase in overall offerings to cover the increased costs that that we all experience year over year. Unfortunately, the increased offerings have not appeared and have actually gone down.

As a result, we are managing a much larger deficit than planned.

Please carefully consider your intended contributions and make appropriate changes.

# *Praying Into the Calm: Creatively Responding to Life in Flux*

with the Rev'd Laura Marie Piotrowicz

**Saturday, October 7, 2017; 10am-2pm**

St Michael & All Angels, London

**Saturday, October 21, 2017; 10am-2pm**

St Mark's By-The-Lake, Tecumseh

**Saturday, October 21, 2017; 10am-2pm**

St Paul's, Southampton

When the world seems to be spiraling into confusion, and the daily news brings distress, we are called ever more strongly to enter into careful and intentional prayer. Join us as we discuss theoretical and practical aspects of prayer to calm the mind and the soul, to live in the transcendent peace which passes our human understanding.

*Our day will also time for fellowship and book browsing.  
Snacks provided. Please bring a bag lunch. Freewill offering taken.*

*To register for any of these locations please contact the Rev'd Kim Metelka:  
[kametelka@gmail.com](mailto:kametelka@gmail.com); call or text 519-464-8892*

**Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Huron) Fall Gathering 2017**

## Altar Flowers

Many parishioners have commented on the beautiful altar flowers that we have been seeing each week. We would like to acknowledge and thank the St. Clair Beach Zehrs for providing the weekly flowers. Special thanks to Manager P.J. Dough, who waived the delivery fee. If you are in Zehrs, please pass on your positive comments to the floral department. We know that they appreciate the acknowledgement.



## Fall Newsletter 2017 Parish Activities Council (PAC)

"The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already"-John Buchan

We are ¾ of the way through the year. At Vestry in January the Fundraising goal was budgeted at \$24,000 for Parish Activities Council. WE can all assist with these fundraising efforts.

**HELP WANTED: LOOKING FOR COORDINATOR FOR PAC-please apply!** Qualifications: able to smile under stress, able to do shopping for events, organize volunteers to help with events, and enjoy doing GOD's work....If you are interested, please let the Warden's know. Coordinating PAC really is a team position.

Events that have happened to date: meat pies (3), quarter auction, Golf Tournament, Pig Roast, and the Kentucky Derby



Three events still to come: Steak Dinner/Auction, Bazaar, and Turkey Dinner.



**BAZAAR-Saturday, December 2-food, meat pies, bake goods for Christmas, books, craft items, jams etc.**

Another way that parishioners can help and have done so in the past is by donating goods to these events. Every box of cookies that is purchase, every can of coffee (at present we have about 15 cans of coffee-thank you so much everyone), someone paying for the event ie: pancake supper (\$290), meat pies (\$200 per 8 batches of meat), or donating money to purchase items helps to lower the cost of the event will increases the profit. THANK YOU to all of you who over the last couple years made this a weekly or monthly mission to keep the cupboards filled for coffee hour and extra purchases for events. Rose also is in charge of the pantry in the kitchen so the more donations, the less shopping she needs to do.

If you have an idea that you think would be a fun event and a community building event, please let the PAC committee know. All suggestions are worth having further discussion.

Another thing that will be available this year is an Outline of "How to Run An Event". After each event, I will be writing up directions on how to run the event so that anyone can pick up the event and make it happen. The parish needs to have continuous leadership and this will help those that might wish to do an event but might not know where things are or how to do this event, the ability to be a part. These are available from the office. Christie manages the poster development and advertising per event.

I have to express my sincere thank you to each person that helps PAC meet its goal. It is team work and without it, we are only one person....

*Angie*

Submitted by Angie Tuovinen

\*\*\*I would personally like to request that if you are interested in purchasing paper products for events, please purchase paper not Styrofoam. WE are trying to reduce our carbon footprint on the world we leave behind. Thank you again for all the donations.

## Warden's Letter

Although it's September and not January, it feels like a new year at church. The children (and teachers) are back to school and church activities are suddenly very busy. As Father Rob said, you can tell it's a new season because the bulletin is full of notices! We are already looking forward to The Turkey Dinner (please sign up to help if you haven't already done so) and the Fall / Winter bazaar. Choir practice has resumed and a parish council meeting was held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The wardens would like to thank each and every one of you for all that you do, be it through your time, talent or treasures. Whether you are already actively involved, or looking to just begin participating in church life, please prayerfully consider joining a group, signing up to volunteer for a special event, or suggesting a new activity. Together, we are St. Mark's by the Lake – a wonderful place to worship.

Yours in faith. The Wardens.



John Anderson  
Rector's Warden



Amanda Dibbs  
People's Warden



Christian Paulton  
Deputy Rector's Warden



Carolyn Mastellotto  
Deputy People's Warden

First and foremost we would love to thank all of our donors who keep us going, we cannot thank you enough. From January until now we have sent 409 items such as **hats & scarves to Children's charities, lapgans to Nursing homes & Hospice, also item's to Dr. Bacheyie Outreach Orphanages in Ghana, as well as various items to the Operation North Point project.** We also welcomed new volunteers to our group and had to bid a tearful farewell to Cheryl who has moved to Ottawa. Thank you so very much for all your support, it is gratefully appreciated.

***You're Knit-Witts***

# Pastoral CARE

Our team is back after summer hiatus; we are ready to visit you. Currently we have a list of 15 – 20 parishioners we are visiting on a regular basis, either in their home, retirement home, nursing home and sometimes hospital. We would love to add to our list. If you would like a visit, or know someone who would benefit from our visits, please get in touch with the church office or contact me at 519 966-7732 or [blyons6@cogeco.ca](mailto:blyons6@cogeco.ca).



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