

Pastoral Care Update March 15, 2023



PEOPLE and PLACES



Janet Kagwa & Felix Wambua visited Janet's Mom's church (where they were married) in Kenya, and donated a pulpit



Janet Kagwa enjoying refreshments after the service with children



Steve Lewis & Carl Wagner discussing Men's Breakfast



Jansje Lawrenson & Elaine Griffin connecting over coffee

MARCH MEMO



Happy 66th Anniversary to Bob & Annie Leal, Mar 16, 1957

Happy Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th ~ THINK GREEN!!

Communion Sunday on March 19th

Spring Arrives Monday March 20th at 5:24 pm (can't wait!)

COMMUNITY MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Sat. March 25th, 8 - 10 a.m.

Lower Hall - speaker is David Mann - tickets are \$10 each from Frank Tilley or Carl Wagner

ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, April 16 : please mark your calendars for a "Moments of Celebration" worship service at 10am, followed by our Annual Meeting at 11 am.

Prayer Requests for:

- Ray Conn, Glenn Grosset, Marjorie Heggart, John Heron
- a baby in our town with health issues
- a smooth transition for our Ukrainian family
- caregivers of those with dementia
- those who feel threatened by scammers

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IS THERE TROUBLE
ANYWHERE?
TAKE IT TO THE LORD
IN PRAYER.

The Parable of the The Servant's Duty

Read Luke 17:7-10



This parable, although simple in message, is very profound in its enactment. If all humanity lived by its teachings, the world would definitely be a better place. Is this teaching easy to do? Of course not. It is in the carrying out of His instruction that we understand the meaning of the intent and it is never as difficult as it sounds. Jesus teaches us the simplicity of doing God's will.

One person who lived this parable to the fullest was Mother Teresa. To her, the unselfish way she lived her life, serving the poorest of the poor, was not something extraordinary, but rather just doing her duty. Mother Teresa was very uncomfortable with the recognition that she received from the media. She avoided publicity for a long time and totally steered it away from herself and toward the creation of energy in others to support her work by simply following her example.

Her sisters are examples of this desire. They exhibit pure servanthood in their actions. Mother Teresa was not abandoned by God. He always made sure, often through others' actions, that the needs of the mission were met. This happened through those little coincidences of food arriving at the door, just when The Mission of Charity was down to its last bowl of rice, as well as many supporters around the world who helped the expansion of her mission, and the peace that her belief in God brought her.

We should not seek recognition for doing our duty. Rather, we should pray fervently that when people do see obedience to God's teachings, they will mimic these actions and spread the love of God through similar behaviour.

~ written by the Spiritual Development Committee
of St. John's York Mills Anglican Church

Reflections on St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick was born in 5th century Britain. When he was 16, he was captured by pirates and taken as a slave to Ireland. Six years later, he escaped to Britain. After becoming a cleric, he returned to Ireland to spread Christianity. St. Patrick used a 3-leaf shamrock to explain the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Prayer:

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow - for every tear, a smile
For every care, a promise - and a blessing in each trial
For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share
For every sigh, a sweet song, and an answer for each prayer

Humour:

Never iron a 4-leaf clover... you don't want to press your luck
May your home always be too small to hold all your friends.
May the Good Lord take a liking to you... but not too soon

PASTORAL CARE VISIT with Team Member Fiona McGaw



This past week, Fiona asked me for an early morning visit to chat about a couple of Pastoral Care issues. Fiona had a heart attack last summer, so I asked about her health. Her routine is to cross-country ski on the mountain three times a week and to rest the next day. Fiona takes physiotherapy at the YMCA, eats more fish and less meat, drinks lots of water & is faithful to take her medication. She is thankful to feel well again.

I am amazed at the variety of things that Fiona does to make her Pastoral Visits interesting and meaningful, like taking relevant CD's, photographs, goodies, and newspaper articles to discuss with many church members. She is an avid reader and enjoys books on health issues and self-improvement. Fiona is an elder, with personal devotions & worship very important to her. Fiona is the queen of hospitality and has tea and lunch with many in her home. She continues to knit and coordinate the church's prayer shawl and lap rug ministry.

Of course, painting is her great love. Fiona currently has a showing of her art at the Leisure Time Centre for the month of March. Feel free to check it out. Fiona thinks that this time in her life is "her finest hour". If you wish, you can connect with Fiona at fmcgaw@rogers.com or 705 445 8901.

Thank you, Fiona! Your many good deeds will have such a ripple effect for our faith community and beyond.

