

THE DOVE

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2022



Message from Chairman Ken

Hi everyone!

It's hard to believe this is our last Dove before we break for the summer! It seems like the whole world, including St. Bart's, is trying to catch up for the last two years in only a few months.

Last month, The Dove included a survey to gauge the congregation's preference regarding mask and vaccine mandates. By the end of this month, the Return to Worship Committee will review the results and announce what our next steps will be, so please send those surveys in by email or in person.

We desperately need more volunteers in so many areas of the Church. The Board Secretary position has been vacant for two years now. Responsibilities of the Secretary are to prepare the agenda for Board meetings, take minutes of those meetings and receive correspondence sent to the Board. The time commitment required is about 4 hours per month depending on how quickly you can type.

We also need additional people to run the AV system during worship. You'll need to be familiar with operating a laptop and CD player to get started and for sure you need to be able to multi-task. Sometimes a lot happens there in a short time! For the rest of the duties you get free on-the-job training. The time commitment for this would be every fourth Sunday or less, depending on how many more people we get. Both of these jobs are critical to keeping the Church functioning on a weekly basis.

The search for Reverend Jeff's replacement continues and our posting on ChurchHub will be going up shortly.

As you heard last Sunday, Dorean has announced her retirement as of September 1st, 2022. Although we're planning a tribute

for her that month, since she takes the summer months off, the last chance to hear her play will be the end of June. Please come out and show your support and gratitude. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Ken Pebesma,
Chair

Dorean announces retirement

It is with a great deal of thought and yes, sadness, that I write this letter of resignation as your Director of Music. My years of service have been an incredible journey, a journey of love and fulfillment. I shall cherish the friendship of so many people over the years; the dedicated choir members, both Junior and Senior, the musical celebrations and most of all the tremendous and loving support of congregants and ministers throughout the journey.

Please know that being your organist and choir director has been a lifelong and respectful role in my life. My service has been a commitment of my faith.

I feel that at this time in my senior years and present state of health, I need to spend as much time as possible with my family and in all probability Steve and I will make the move to New Brunswick.

Please accept my resignation effective September 1, 2022.



Thank you for your love and kindness for so many wonderful years.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorean Boss
Director of Music

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

22 Emmett Young
22 Paula Minott
25 Dorean Boss

JULY

10 Daniel Parrish
14 Ethan Julien
15 Liam Leichti
19 Lorraine Boomhour
28 Serena VanAdrichem
29 Moe Asquith

Wedding Anniversaries

9 Bev and Duncan Thacker
17 Bruce and Yvonne Murray
19 Moe and Ted Asquith
26 Bert and Grace Scace

AUGUST

8 Zyan Das
15 Liz Potts
19 Tyrese Julien
20 Meghan & Mariah
Dickson
25 Maurice Stephens

Wedding Anniversaries

6 Peggy and Al DeSaegher
22 Deb and Jeff Bacon

Outreach

Personal Care Products Project

Thirty families have now received their personalized bag.
- 41 adults and 79 children benefited from this project.

There were 5 bags of school/craft supplies that accompanied this donation. They went to a family shelter in Mississauga this week.

St Bart's Food Bank

Your ongoing support of our breakfast items' food bank has allowed us to create 8 small family grocery bags since the last Dove.

Please know that every bag makes a difference in a family's life. Your donations are SO VERY appreciated.

Pass It On Team Volunteers

As you no doubt know, a dedicated core group of ladies have been meeting to sort clothing and household items about twice a month since August 2009. (The Pandemic shut us down for a few months and we have taken off a few summers.) Our team has fluctuated throughout those years as folk moved or health issues intervened. We are blessed to have community members too.

We would love to have some new members. We would love you to come and bring a friend! Everyone is welcome. We used to have some male members too.

We start about 9:00 am; pack up around 11:00. Members can come and go to fit their own schedule. A group email or telephone call announces a sort. No need to come every time.



Please consider joining us... AND one of these days we'll be back to having coffee and treats at sort's end.

Sincerely,
...Bev & your Outreach Team

UCW winds down...

Sincerely Judy Dykes & Bev Thacker

The afternoon of June 9th was a time for the UCW ladies to reminisce and remember all the awesome women we have had the privilege to know and work beside over the years.

Please have a look at the annual flowers placed in the cement planters at the front of St Bart's.

They have been lovingly placed there as a thank you to a formidable army of UCW volunteers.

There was a lot of laughter at our meeting... admittedly, a tear or two... corsages & bouquets for Yvonne and Joan... a rose for each lady... and a takeout container of our favourite M&M squares.



Joanne Knowles wrote a special prayer. We have her permission to share it. We will leave the final farewell to her thoughtful words.

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Joanne's Prayer

Dear holy father,
You are from everlasting to everlasting;
Past, present & future; they are all the same to you.
Our minds set them apart.

Past - when this church was founded, the women of the congregation formed a group to serve and support St. Bart's. And well they did.
For almost 70 years, their lives proved by word and actions
Their love for one another and the Lord.

Present - as the years went by, events were created for
Socials and blessings in the community...
Slowly we saw the arrival of advent services and Christmas bazaars, Easter (and Easter trees), rummage sales, Sunday school picnics, strawberry socials, chili Sundays, welcome back bacon lunches.

With time, the culture changed and the ladies carried on.
Those of us now have served 10, 15 and 20 and more years.
Many events and funerals have been catered by us.
Little did we know that it would soon end
With the pandemic that hit us so hard.
But with the Lord's help we kept the flame burning in spite of it.

Future - now we are down to few in number.
We look to the Lord for his guidance.
This meeting is the last one for UCW as we know it.
Our eyes are upon you as when in September you will show us.
What we should do and be to serve you and the congregation.
We praise you for your faithfulness
And look forward to your wondrous works.

In Jesus' name - Amen

M&P

Greetings from M&P

The winds of change are upon St. Bart's once again.

In June, we have always wished Dorean a Happy Birthday on the 25th.

This year, we will also say Happy Retirement that will commence on September 1st.

Dorean as Director of Music is how we have defined St. Bart's for forever! Her musical expertise has been a joy and a gift to experience. We have been so fortunate. Her contributions are insurmountable!

Dorean is certainly deserving of a well earned retirement. Look after yourself Dorean, like you have always looked after us!

We wish you the best and a Happy Birthday!

Peggy and the M&P team

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is hoping by means of this article to bolster the numbers on our team. We are doing our best to reach those in need of support, but it has become more difficult with reduced numbers. At present, we are relying on cards, emails and phone calls to accomplish our goal, but we know we are missing people. Anyone who would like to help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

If this is of interest to you or you wish more information, please contact Liz Hansen at (905) 848-5544.

Prayer List

Joanne Moote Concisom, Emmett Young, Grace Longfield, Jean White, Isaac Moreithi, Bob White, AnnEva Crane, Rev. Jeff Bacon, all those who are dear to us, and all of us in our isolation.

Mask and Vaccine Survey

Please write Yes or No to the applicable questions below, either 1 and 2 if you currently attend church in person or 3 and 4 if you do NOT currently attend church in person.

1. If you currently attend church in person, would you continue to attend if masks were made discretionary?
2. If you currently attend church in person, would you continue to attend if vaccination was not mandatory?
3. If you do NOT currently attend church in person, would you attend if masks were made discretionary?
4. If you do NOT currently attend church in person, would you attend if vaccination was not mandatory?

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