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St Paul's
ANGLICAN CHURCH



“A growing community called to know Jesus Christ and make him known in the world by our presence.”

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion Said service

9:15 a.m. – Traditional/Choral Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

11:00 a.m. – Praise Music Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

Other Services

9:45 a.m Wednesday –
Eucharist and Bible Study

2:00 p.m. Thursday –
“Seniors’ Afternoon Out”
Service and Social

9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday –
EPIC, for youth aged 10 to 18

Come and Celebrate the
Birth of Jesus with us!

Christmas Eve Services
4:00pm Children’s Service and
Pageant

7:00pm Candle Light Service

11:00pm Candle Light Service

Christmas Day Service

10:00am Christmas Day Service

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deadline:

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Please send submissions to:
cornerstone@stpaulshk.org



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A Message from Father John

Christmas — A gift to us, that we must share

It is my hope and prayer that this letter finds you and your family in good health. In addition, I pray that your homes may be filled with the peace of the Christ Child. I know that this is a hectic time, packed with many preoccupations. But the truth is that many of our neighbours and friends do not know the meaning of Christmas. The world likes to turn this season into a shopping frenzy and consumer extravaganza. Let's stop expecting the world to be different and understand that we are responsible for what we do. We need to recapture this Season as a time of reflection, a time of generosity, a time of restoration.

We are constantly bombarded with images and ideas that conflict with the true message of Christmas. Commercialism, overindulgence, greed or simple generosity, are not at the heart of Christmas; God's unrelenting love and extravagant generosity are.

The Birth of God's Son, as a free gift of Love, brings Hope and Joy to our human condition. As His Church I encourage all of you to take time to

pray for the world, support the less fortunate, and strengthen your relationships. I encourage you to do this so that others may see in your actions the hope and Peace of Christmas.

We are the followers of Jesus Christ. The Christmas Season is ours. This season is a time of proclamation of Hope and Love. The wonderful event of Christmas is found not in the message of "reward, indulge and benefit." The Gift of Christmas, known as the Incarnation, demonstrates God's love and action in our history.

We make the claim that Jesus Is the Reason for the Season. Let us make this known — not only by our words, but also by our actions. Christ should be in the centre of our Family Rituals and Celebrations.

From my family to you and yours, we wish you all the Peace and Joy of Christmas.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John".



From the Desk of Father Craig

Journey to Bethlehem

And so we begin a new year in the Church calendar: Advent, and a new Journey! That has been what I have felt since returning to St. Paul's — a new day!

As we approach Christmas, we will be considering those people who began that journey and how we and they are part of the Story of God! We will explore the *Journey to Bethlehem* over the course of three education nights: Dec. 3, 10, 17, from 7-8:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy meeting biblical characters from the Christmas Story once again, not to mention a few characters from St. Paul's! Please sign up so we can make sure there is coffee, tea, and supplies for all!

I must say I am still smiling, knowing that we met our commitment to the GIFT Campaign and then some. Absolutely amazing! I am truly humbled to worship with such a faithful community.

And so we move forward... forward in Christ. We have cause for celebration in what we have accomplished in Christ's name, cause for thanksgiving for the great gift of salvation we have received from Christ, and cause for great hope in the Good News we share!

We know the story ends in resurrection, but all the details along the way may be a little unclear. I am certain that we will come to see clearly as we pray and serve together.

What act of love is Jesus is calling you/us into? Have you been asked to serve in one of the ministries of the church? God came as a child to remind us that we are to nurture, care and love. Let us show the world that truly a "child shall lead them" in acts of love and service.

A teacher from Yale once put it this way, "This Advent season we would do well to keep the shopping mall behind us and the expected Christ-child before us. We can best do that by concentrating on the time we spend together as a family, on lowering the adult voice and listening more to our children, on beginning and ending the day with a word about and from our children, on cutting down on outside commitments and being home more." Let us listen to the children, ours or others, for in fact they are all God's children!

Every blessing this joy-filled season,

In Christ,
Fr. Craig +

If you look for me at Christmas

you won't need a special star -
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations —
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.

But if you take just a moment
From your list of things to do,
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find Me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.

With all My Love.



Submitted by April Forsberg

GIFT Campaign update

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

The active phase of St Paul's GIFT Campaign is now over. **Our goal of \$400,000 has not only been met, but exceeded.** As of November 25th, we stand at \$401,500 pledged. The Diocese of Ottawa is at \$9.3 Million of their \$12 Million goal with several months yet to run.

We thank GOD for the generosity of our parishioners who have so faithfully supported this Campaign. We thank GOD for the time and energy of the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly to ensure every parishioner was contacted and offered the opportunity to participate in GIFT. We thank GOD for our partnership with the Diocese of Ottawa and M&M Consultants who provided much logistical and administrative support. We thank GOD for the opportunity to reach out through GIFT and welcome those on our Parish Roll who have not been with us for some time. We thank GOD that we have already been able to submit payments to the Diocese of \$42,000 towards our mortgage debt reduction goal of \$300,000.

Of course, the GIFT Campaign is not over. Every dollar raised from this point on as part of GIFT

will stay with St Paul's in the support of its mission and ministry. If you have not yet had the chance to return your pledge, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you have not received a GIFT Information Package or have misplaced it, please call the Church Office at 613-836-1001 or e-mail us at gift@stpaulshk.org. Monies to fulfill pledges will continue to be received over the next 5 years. During this time, updates will e given on our progress and opportunities to participate in GIFT will be extended to newcomers and to those parishioners who for whatever reason were unable to be involved in the initial Campaign phase.

Watch for our periodic updates about St Paul's GIFT progress in the coming weeks and months. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Thanks be to God for a
successful Campaign!



And the "Golden Pickle" goes to...

everyone who contributed to the Jams and Jelly table – by making the jellies, pickles and persevered in the past hot summer to do preserving.

This year, the J & J table had 26 varieties of preserves. To name just a few: apple jelly, apple butter, beet pickles, dill pickles, strawberry and raspberry jams, apricot and hot pepper jelly, green tomato mincemeat, green tomato chutney, peachy pepper relish, ginger pear jam, orange cranberry sauce, red wine jelly, 5- fruit marmalade, bread and butter pickles, red pepper jelly, mint jelly, Lady Ross Relish, and mandarin orange jelly.

Thank You to all who helped on Bazaar weekend to be there and "man" the table.

B.L.Dukes



Going green and supporting a charity

You may have heard about Waupoos Family Farm from previous issues of Cornerstone. The farm is a registered charity located on a 200-acre property just south of the Ottawa Airport whose main mission is to provide vacations for families in need in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. Our family, along with two others, live on the farm and we have committed to volunteer our time there for the next 2-3 years serving under-privileged families meeting low-income guidelines.

Waupoos Farm opens its doors to families looking for respite and a get-away from the day-to-day struggles that are often associated with financial strain. At the farm, we offer various programs throughout the summer and winter. During these vacation programs, families have the opportunity to Pray, Work and Play as many volunteers devote their time to organizing activities, games, special times of reflection and spiritual support.

One of the highlights of the farm is the many animals. We have chickens, a rooster, multiple cats, turkeys, ducks, bunnies and pigs. These furry or feathered friends have provided many hours of joy for the children that visit the farm. Both children and adults have the chance to experience taking care of the animals, petting them, feeding them and loving them. Unfortunately, the farm's current financial status makes it difficult to provide enough food for these animals on a regular basis. This is

where YOU can help!

As you know, St. Paul's church is trying to encourage a greener approach to our garbage and waste disposal. You may be doing the same at home. I would like to encourage you to support the animals at Waupoos by collecting your table scraps and vegetable/fruit peels so that we can feed the animals at the farm.

It's easy, and the animals will love you for it! All you need to do is line a sealed bucket (ie. Kirkland dishwasher/laundry soap containers work great) with a plastic bag and toss your old vegetables/fruit, leftovers, unfinished desserts, peels, stale breads, old buns or anything that you would scrape off a dinner plate into the bag (no meat or bones), tie it and toss it in the freezer. Then on Sunday, bring these bags to church and place them in the green bin marked "Feed Waupoos Animals" by the black composter in the church parking lot, across from the kitchen entrance.

We will collect your scraps and bring them to the farm to serve to the animals – they will delight in your leftovers! And you can feel great that you are supporting Waupoos Farm animals that bring so much joy to the families in need from your community who come to visit us on the farm! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Zdena Harder at zeeharder@rogers.com.



Your table scraps could make some Waupoos Farm animals very happy!



A letter from Sally Gadd

Dear Saint Paul Friends,

This is a very belated personal thank you note to a special community of people. Thank you so much for the welcome you gave me when I arrived at Saint Paul's in 2007. And thank you for your farewell cards as we left. The smiles and friendly conversations made me feel right at home. I have enjoyed thought-provoking sermons and familiar hymns in the services. My colleague and friend, John, generously invited me to celebrate and preach whenever I wished. You folks were always appreciative when I took up his offer.

The education events were a favorite time for me. The serious discussions and the laughter made that time both challenging and enriching. Craig is providing some wonderful education events for St Paul's, the Diocese and even larger audiences, so I may likely see some of you there.

And you do know how to have a good party! Our Lord did some of his best work around feasts, and so does St Paul's. The bazaar was a lot of work and a lot of fun. I can't believe I was too late to get some of the Allen's sinfully delicious Christmas cake this year.

Ed and I are off to new endeavours at St John's, South March. I will miss my friends at St Paul's, but I expect to see you often. Meanwhile, know that you are both a blessing and blessed as a community. Long may your blessings and faithfulness continue.

Wishing you the joy and richness of the Advent and Christmas seasons,

Sally Gadd

Get your Christmas shopping done early

The Gift Card Program can help

When you participate in the Grocery Gift Card Program, you get to spend every cent of your money on groceries and the store gives a portion of the money spent to St. Paul's, by means of a discount.

This Christmas, pop a gift card into a gift basket with some special treats to make a thoughtful gift that keeps giving after the festivities are over.

Participating stores include: Farm Boy (5.5%) Bulk Barn (5%) Food Basics/Metro (4%) Sobey's (5%) Loblaws (5%) Your independent Grocer (5%) Super Store (5%). The last three stores all use the same card.

Smart card technology allows you to purchase a card for \$100. You get the full \$100 to spend at the store. Each time you shop, the amount of

your purchase is deducted, leaving the unused balance on the card for next time.

We accept cash, cheques or debit card.

Questions? Come and see us:

Larry @ 8,
Jean @ 9:15, and
Darell @ 11.

Or, please call Darell at 613-831-7580.





Do you have something you would like to, sell, trade, or give away?

There may be someone in our parish looking for that very thing!

You are invited to place your advertisements in this section of the Cornerstone, free of charge. This is an opportunity for us all to come together to meet each others' needs. Kind of like a parish garage sale, without the rain! Simply send your ad to: cornerstone@stpaulshk.org

Please, no business advertisements, or offers of professional services. If you would like to purchase a space for your business card in the Cornerstone, please send an email to: cornerstone@stpaulshk.org. St. Paul's Church is not responsible for transactions conducted through this section.

St. Paul's Agora

FOR SALE – Upright Freezer

Woods 17 Cu Ft Upright Freezer for sale, manual defrost, lockable, right hinged, in excellent condition. Dimensions are: 66" high x 30" wide x 28" deep. Can deliver with help in moving it. Asking \$350 OBO.

Call Gordon & Heather Walt at 613-836-3644.

FREE – Shelving Unit

Two dark gray metal shelving units. Consists of 5 shelves. 70" high x 30" wide x 16" deep.

Please contact Chris or Mary Seal at 613-831-0280

FREE – Child's Desk

It is presently painted white with 7 drawers. It would need a coat of paint.

Please contact Michele Beckett at 613-270-9945.



Just for fun

Q: What's white and goes up?

A: *A confused snowflake!*

Q: What do you call an old snowman?

A: *Water!*

Q: What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

A: *Freeze a jolly good fellow!*

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: *Frosted flakes!*

Q: How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza?

A: *Deep pan, crisp and even!*

Q: Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?

A: *They both drop needles!*

Q: What happened to the man who stole a calendar at Christmas?

A: *He got 12 months!*

Q: Who gives puppies Christmas presents?


A: *Santa Paws!*

Q: Who gives sharks Christmas presents?

A: *Santa Jaws!*


http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/christmas_jokes_for_kids.htm

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

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