# CORNERSTONE



"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

10:00 a.m. Wednesday — Bible Study and Eucharist

**2:00 p.m. Thursday** — "Seniors' Afternoon Out" Service and Social

7:00 p.m. every other Friday – St. Paul's Youth (SPY) Group

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- Report from Africa, part 2
- School in honour of Rev. Rick Marples

...and more!

December edition deadline: **Tuesday, November 29, 2016**Please send submissions to:

cornerstone@stpaulshk.org



# A message from Father John Saints on the journey

The beginning of November is a time to remember the Saints of the Church - those who are no longer on their

earthly pilgrimage, but are with God in His Kingdom. We remember them because their life and witness has the ability to sustain us on our journey. All Saints and All Souls Day grants us an opportunity to remember people who have passed, and allow their memory to be celebrated. We are reminded that we are part of something bigger than just the present.

Remembrance Day is a great opportunity to help us reflect on the fact that our freedom and liberty comes with a cost. Men and women throughout history have been willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our basic rights and freedoms. We are blessed to live in a country that promotes freedom. We must be vigilant to protect and promote these rights.

As I write this letter for *Cornerstone*, I am two days away from going to the Holy Land. I look forward to seeing the places and people that have been a part of my life for over twenty years, and yet I am worried

about St. Paul's. I know that, given all the changes over these past few months, many of you have had to step in and do more of the everyday ministry at the church. I hope the next few months will be a little less hectic, and that the pace of life will become more peaceful.

Like you, I am waiting for the arrival of our new associate at St. Paul's. I know that we will be blessed by Kerri's ministry, and I look forward to working with her in the leadership at the Church. I know we will welcome her and give her the support she needs to become an integral part of our family.

I will pray for each of you in the holy Land.

Peace,





Photos of the Blessing of the Animals, October 1, 2016, taken by Zdena Harder.

## **God Squad update**

### Advent info Nov 20, Craft Fun Dec 3

On Sunday, November 20, kids of all ages are invited to join the God Squad group at 9:15 and 11:00 am services to learn about why we celebrate Advent.

Everyone is invited to join the God Squad group on Saturday, December 3, from 1:15-2:45pm in Rutter Hall for some craft fun to benefit seniors in our area. We will be making ornaments for the Seniors' Afternoon Out program and Christmas cards. Some of the residents in our local seniors' homes don't receive much mail, and would be blessed by a Christmas message of love. Parents are welcome to stay if they wish.

Our Holy Day parties use various fun activities to help the children understand the meaning of these special days. Mark these dates on your calendars:

**December 24** Christmas Eve Family Service **December 25** Christmas Day **January 1** Epiphany Party January 29 Our Patron Saint St Paul's Day **February 12** Super Hero Party March 5 Our Lenten Journey Has Begun **April 14** Good Friday

**April 16** Easter Party

May 7 Let's Learn About Our Church

**June 4** Pentecost Party

June 25 Picnic Sunday

For more information, please contact the church office at 613-836-1001.

See you at God Squad!

### **Christmas Bazaar**

November 25-26, 2016

Mark your calendars! St. Paul's annual Christmas Bazaar is coming up:

Friday, Nov 25, 4pm-7pm with Chili Supper Saturday, Nov 26, 10am-2pm with Luncheon

This year the Quilting Group has organized a fundraiser with St. Albert Cheese. Check the Narthex for order forms. If you bring completed order forms with cash on or before the Bazaar (Quilt Table), your cheese order will be ready for pick-up at the church on December 10.

We need your donations of:

- Baking, jams & jellies,
- Sewing, knitting,
- Crafts,
- Books, CDs & DVDs,
- Kids' books, toys,
- Jewellery (please put donations in the box/basket in the Narthex)
- Christmas decorations & knick knacks,
- Gently used household items that are easy to sell (NO furniture, lamps, paintings), and
- Gifts for our "Children Only" shopping room!



Donations can be dropped off anytime AFTER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20 in the UPPER LEVEL. You can leave items in the back of the church.

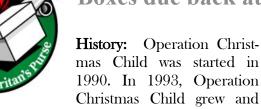
We need help to sort and organize donations! We will be in the church all day Thursday, Nov 24. Please come and help us sort and set up.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

If you can help, please contact Minx Mulhall: email minxmulhall@hotmail.com or phone 613-253-8632.

# **Operation Christmas Child**

### Boxes due back at St. Paul's on November 13



was adopted by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization run by Franklin Graham. To date, Operation Christmas Child has collected and distributed over 100 million shoebox gifts worldwide. Last year our community reached 7,891 children with Good News and Great Joy through shoeboxes. This year our goal is to reach 8600 children who desperately need to know Good News and Great Joy! Please help us reach this goal by encouraging your group collect more boxes in 2016.

I will be organizing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes again this year at St. Paul's Anglican Church. The boxes need to be returned to St. Paul's in the hallway by November 13, 2016. The number of gift-filled shoe boxes donated by St Paul's Anglican Church in 2015 was 150. Thank you for your generosity!

#### How to fill your shoebox:

Include a variety of items from these categories:

- **School Supplies** pencils, pens, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books
- Toys & Other Gifts dolls, soccer balls (with needle and pump), stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks
- Non-liquid Hygiene Items toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc. Please place soap in a

sealable bag

• **Personal Note** - Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoebox (not inside the donation envelope)

#### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- **Toothpaste** (due to customs regulations)
- Food or Candy
- **Used items** (due to customs regulations)
- **Playing cards** (other card games such as UNO are allowed)
- Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break Shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glass, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoe box).

**Items that can scare or harm a child -** War-related toys, knives, and toy guns, etc.

**DONATE \$7 PER BOX**: Donate online at SamaritansPurse.ca or place a cheque or cash donation in the attached envelope with your completed reply card. Place it inside your shoebox on top of your items. Please make one combined donation for multiple shoeboxes. ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATION OR CHEQUE PREFERRED.

For further information, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:jenniferfrigon@gmail.com">jenniferfrigon@gmail.com</a> or go to: <a href="http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/operation-christmas-child/">http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/operation-christmas-child/</a>

Jennifer Frigon

# **Cursillo upcoming events**

124th Men's Cursillo Weekend November 24 - 27, 2016

Please pray for the Rectors, Teams, and those who will be coming on the weekends!

Gifts of love are always appreciated. OACM is a registered charity and completely self sustaining. Please consider the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement in the possibility of making a gift towards a candidate who will attend an upcoming weekend.

# St. Paul's curling group

Grab those brooms and sliders! Curling season is almost upon us. If you enjoy curling, or have never tried it and would like to, you are welcome to join St. Paul's curling group. Stay tuned for dates and times.

For more information, contact Gayle Bridges at gayle bridges@hotmail.com

See you on the ice!



# **Experiences in Africa, part 2**

by Laurie-Ann Copple

Hi! Tony and I continue to unpack from our adventures in Africa. I shared in October's issue about our Harvest Mission school in Pemba, Mozambique, as well as about building a house for a widow and her five children in that same town. The house building is happening! By this date, the Iris Mercy department is adding a roof to her new home. The rainy season in Mozambique is from mid-late November until early March, so we are just in time to keep their heads dry.

**Johannesburg:** I can't deny that Mozambique was a challenge (although Tony thrived). We looked forward to South Africa - but only partly for the amenities offered (in a country with first world amenities and third world opportunities). We found a varied nation that won our hearts even deeper than Mozambique. This is a divided land, which still bears the scars from the apartheid and colonial years. We were in the Johannesburg area at an Iris base for three nights, due to a change in our flight out of Mozambique. LAM (Mozambique's airline) decided it would be more cost-effective to move all Wednesday flights to Mondays, so this meant we had to end our Iris School a few days earlier. Rather than a onenight stopover with our Western Cape team in a Jo'burg hotel, we now had three nights in limbo between the mission school and our outreach. So the Iris base "Footprints" took us in, as well as five other outreach teams.



Fourie flag and wine world drawing by Laurie-Ann Copple.

We found Footprints was a wonderful base with a family of 32 sweet children, loving long-term missionaries, and American visitors who were on their own mission trip. We are incredibly thankful for their hospitality and the sparkle brought to us by bright and fun-loving children. Fierce love was showered on us by "Mama" Yolanda (the base leader), Natasha, her husband Mark, and others that showed deep kindness. They took pity on my disability, and on the fact that Tony had packed all our belongings together in three suitcases, rather than each of our belongings separately. Originally, we were going to be housed with other guests in dorms according to our gender. Thankfully, a long-term missionary couple loaned us their cabin, so we were able to rest and get ready for our Western Cape outreach.

I brought maple syrup candies and Canadian souvenirs with me to share with the South African children in Robertson. But we didn't have to wait to share, since we had more than enough between the two bases. So we gave away our goodies, via the leaders, so it was done in proper fashion, with each child receiving something. The base leader spontaneously gave Tony an opportunity to teach the children about Canada (since their class was learning about other countries). So they learned about Canada's flag and the maple leaf, while they enjoyed the taste of maple syrup candy. These kids were very receptive, and it was wonderful that they could respond in English (a luxury we didn't always have in Pemba, Mozambique).

<u>Cape Town - Robertson:</u> We were really excited by the journey into Robertson, as two of the long-term missionaries, Kathryn and Barbara, drove us from the Cape Town airport. Robertson is two hours east of Cape Town through mountains and valleys where many wineries are located. We were given plenty of opportunities to rest, relax, journal and pray. The area is farming country, and farmers are, well, quite easy-going!

We were housed in a mountain homestead that had no cellphone signal, no wifi and the electrical power

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was generated by solar panels on the roof. Our homestead was located in a beautiful mountain valley, where my drawing inspiration exploded. I had already drawn two drawings in Mozambique. I drew at least five more in this place! Part of my practical ministry was to draw for base leaders Johan and Marie Fourie. They kept a drawing that was commissioned of national flags in a field (Flag World) and another that I gifted them of the house that we stayed in. Because we are a couple, we were again blessed with our own room (with a toilet and shower!). Our team of ten all shared cooking duties and spent a lot of sharing and prayer time together. We were from Australia, England, Germany, Ukraine, South Africa and Canada.

We visited nearby "townships" - neighbourhoods of either the local Xhosa tribe, or "coloured" community. We fell in love with all of the people, but found the most receptive ones were the "coloured" people. These are a mixed-race people that seem to be forgotten in South Africa. I had not known about this demographic group, despite their presence in a documentary I watched this spring about a ministry who works in some Cape Town townships. Many of these people (but not all) are in the service industry, and they are very hard workers. Many of the farm workers in the wine-growing region are from this people group. We listened to, prayed for and loved quite a few of these people as we walked through one of their townships. We also worked with coloured children in an orphanage and others in the local hospital. I found in particular a tender compassion as I was with them, and a sense that I was "at home." The local



Laurie-Ann in the art room at the weekly kids' club.



Pomegranate homestead drawing by Laurie-Ann Copple.

Xhosa (black African tribe) were also quite welcoming, although their township, Nkqubela, had an entirely different feel to it. They felt more 'typically African' and we connected with them as well.

We also worked with the local farmer's children through a nursery "crèche" and a weekly kids' club. We found these youth quite rambunctious. I think they were Tony out through their games of soccer, baseball and catch. I helped in the art room, helping children draw, as well as praying for them, loving them and speaking into their lives. During the second week, we staged a play, based on the Good Samaritan parable. Our South African team member played Jesus, and read scripture in Afrikaans. It was well received, as were our Canada flags, pencils, stickers and maple candy. One of my most treasured moments is of one of the girls asking me about Canada. When I showed her a picture of northern lights I had on my phone, she wanted to see more. She's now a fan of Canada and would love to visit us here in Canada. Also from this girl, I learned proper pronunciation of the Western Cape place names around us.

We also had a retreat in Whitsand, on the Indian Ocean coast. It was during that time that I was able to share with the Fouries about a series of dreams that Tony and I had while in Africa. ALL of them pointed towards ministry in South Africa – especially the dream where Tony dreamed that I had a baby. When he told me the dream, I knew that babies often symbolize something new or the birth of a new ministry. But we were in Africa, so I asked Tony

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what colour the baby was. He couldn't remember – he didn't think he even saw it. Later during that day, I was given the same dream, and I asked in prayer if I could see the baby. It was one of those dream-visions that you were wide awake so you could stop and pray. My prayer was answered, and I was shown the baby – which kept changing colour! The baby was white, then turned black, then mulatto, then red, then yellow, and so on! I wasn't sure what that meant, at the time. When I shared with Yohan and Marie, Yohan cried out in laughter, "it's Rainbow Nation!" When I heard that, it made perfect sense. Rainbow Nation is the nickname that Nelson Mandela had for South Africa.

And, that was only one dream. There were many more, as well as a deepening love for all the people there. We felt we were more and more in tune with how that Iris base operates. They see everything in terms of building family, which is exactly what a fractured society and people need, no matter the group or colour to which they belong. It is Jesus who brings us into family, as is promised in Psalm 68: 5-6. To me, these verses speak to South African townships: Father to the fatherless, defender of widows - this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets prisoners free and gives them joy."

Our hope is to be a spiritual mom and dad to a township in the Western Cape, while we also help with various ministries at the base. I will definitely be drawing, and there is even a community radio station we could join, unless we are called to start another one. There is so much room for different ministries at this base – with different couples and families ministering in the area, as well as the long-termers right on the base/farm with the Fouries. Meanwhile, we have a lot of preparation work to do here in Canada. Please keep us in prayer for the process, since this isn't official yet.

If you'd like to know more, email me at kootenaysprayer@gmail.com, and/or visit the base page at https://www.irisglobal.org/robertson/home.

Love, Laurie-Ann

## The help of the Holy Spirit

by Joyce Meyer, submitted by Diane Brown

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

–Romans 8:5 KJV

Romans 8:5 teaches us that if we "mind" the flesh, we will walk in the flesh. But if we "mind" the things of the Spirit, we will walk in the Spirit. Our actions follow our thoughts!

Let me put it another way: If we think fleshly thoughts, wrong thoughts, and negative thoughts, we cannot walk in the Spirit. It seems as if renewed, godlike thinking is a vital necessity to a successful Christian life.

Your life may be in a state of chaos because of years of wrong thinking. If so, it is important for you to come to grips with the fact that *your life will not get straightened out until your mind does*. You should consider this area one of *vital necessity*.

Ask God to help you learn to think thoughts that He would have you think. You cannot overcome any problem by determination alone. It is important to be determined, but determined in the Holy Spirit, not in the effort of your own flesh. The Holy Spirit is close to you. He is your Helper—seek His help. Lean on Him. You can make it with His help.

Give the Holy Spirit control of your life. He will lead you into the perfect will of God for you, which includes exceeding, abundant blessings, peace, and joy.

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# Synod Highlights

135th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa October 20-22, 2016

Bishop's Charge: The Rt. Rev John Chapman opened Synod with recognizing "as we gather this night on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishnabe Nation". He referenced the first sermon ever preached to the church, by Peter, calling all the baptized to the cross. The ministry of the cross is a ministry of repentance, reconciliation, and mission. Concluding, he requested that everyone go back to their churches/parishes and invite every person to invite one person/family to come to church, not to increase numbers, offerings, or volunteer based BUT to come and hear the story of Jesus.

Collation of Archdeacons: Ven. Pat Johnston became Archdeacon of Arnprior & Lanark; Ven. Ross Hammond became Archdeacon of Carleton.

Installation of a Canon: Rev. Mary Ellen Berry was installed as the Canon of St. Luke at Christ Church Cathedral.

Interfaith Greeting: Imam Samy Metwally, Ottawa Muslim Association: "Peace be with you, bless our unity, diversity, common morals, and values". He reminded us of the saying "You cannot gain righteousness unless you spend what is most valuable to your heart".

Guest Speaker: Rev. Norman Wesley, Incumbent of St. Thomas, Moose Factory; Diocese of Moosonee. Walking in justice and wholeness: remember to seek first to understand and then to be understood. After sharing his history and the impact of the Residential Schools; Rev. Norm asks: "Walk with us. Journey with us". Remember who you are; not what you do but how you do it.

Priority 1 Working Group: Been busy listening, monitoring, and processing ideas and stories at deanery collaborations; discussing potential models of team ministry, and change is happening. We need to focus on what mission we are called to and then look at our buildings. Data over last 10 years shows that attendance and identifiable givers are down, but they are giving more. Deanery of West Quebec: exciting Kingdom building work. God wants us to be renewing his church Spirit. Each of our deaneries are working in different ways; there is no "cookie cutter" approach. Reminder that people are the important issues, not the buildings. Basic trust between all the layers (laity, clergy, synod office) needs to be developed.

Parish Ministry Committee: Congregational Resource Day: May 06, 2017 at St. Helen's Orleans; with a theme of Worship That Works. Parish Ministry Institute is being developed for congregational development; we must plan change and not just adapt to change. (cdcollege.org)

**Deanery Presentation:** Carleton Deanery is both rural and suburban; parishes and deanery council presented their gifts of ministry: Messy Church, Seniors Afternoon Out Program, Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, 150th Anniversary "We are Pilgrims on a Journey", Food Truck Rally, Bud Club, Open Table, Science Club, Morning Glory Community Cafe, Youth Ministry.

Homelessness and Affordable Housing: Goal of 125 housing units by 2021 is well on it's way. We are the first faith based organization to speak at the National Conference (held in 2016).

Community Ministries: "There but for the Grace of God go I". Grace is a two-way street. By the Grace of God goes - deep listening, pastoral ministries, hot cup of coffee, shelter, respect the dignity of all human beings. (Video "Beyond the Shadows": <a href="https://youtu.be/AAJw7JXK394">https://youtu.be/AAJw7JXK394</a>)

Refugee Ministry Working Group: It's been an incredible year. Sponsorships are up; but since 2015 there are twice as many refugees and 373 more children have drown. Memorial: "Greater love hath no more than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends", long-time volunteer with refugees, Ken Bowler tragically died while helping move a refugee family. We give thanks for his sacrificial ministry

Property & Finance Committee: Introduction of new Director of Finical Ministry: Sanjay Grover presented an overview of synod finances for 2015. Of note: net equity up by 4.3 million from 2014, showing a surplus of \$1.2

million due to the sale of All Saint Sandy Hill as budget did not account for sales of property; slight deficit of \$100,000 if sale of building removed. Peter Martin, Chair of Property & Finance Committee spoke of repurposing properties; if not, we should not sell until future relatively clear. We have 2 properties rented, 1 sold, 1 for sale, 1 closed and looking at repurposing. 2017 Fair Share is based on current system; which will be retained after being studied/analyzed throughout 2016.

Nominations Report: All Acclaimed Nominees. Trinity College Corporation: Rev. Canon David Clunie, Rev. Canon Roger Young, David Jeanes, Jane Waterston. Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments: Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah, Rev. Jim Roberts, John McBride. Diocesan Council: Rev. Doug Richards, Alan Preston, Ashley Russell, Pat Leach. Thanks for the hard work of departing members of Council: Audrey Lawrence and Ron Chaplin.

Budget 2017: Budget was created incorporating the responses from Embracing God's Future.

- 2016 was a 1 year budget, we are now back to our regular 3-year budget cycle
- At the request of Bishop John, Parish Fair Share has been reduced by \$200,000; some parishes will see a
  reduction in their Fair Share but not all, as per the 2015 census.
- Areas to be reviewed/revamped over the next 3-year period as ways to trim operations budget: parish support
  grants, the writing off of parish debt, costs of the annual synod, requirements of synod staff, current policy of
  sending 4 people twice a year to Trinity College Corporation, support of Crosstalk.
- Anyone interested in creating a pie-chart of their parishes Fair Share are encouraged to contact Rev. Monique Stone, Parish of Huntley.
- We now have 67 parishes in the Diocese.

Companion Diocese: Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem: Rev. John Bridges points out that in Israel Christians are 1.5% of population. Of that 1.5%, Anglicans make up 2.8%. Good work happening: Upcoming Women's Conference, Joint work on Autism Program between CHEO and the Princess Basma Hospital.

Cathedral Hill Foundation: Phase 1 is complete and generating income. Phase 2 is progressing; should realize \$1million in revenue over 3-year period and long-term revenue.

**Giving Hope:** New Annual Giving Appeal, for individuals with no commitments required from parishes. Will allow us to showcase our story as a Missional Church.

**PWRDF & Justice Camp:** PWRDF saw a shift this year from directed donations towards overseas projects towards relief in our own country for those effected by the Fort MacMurray fires. The first International Justice Camp at Cuba hosted 25 Canadians/25 Cubans; to educate on intercultural and intergenerational relationships.

All My Relations: Continuing to work towards building relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples; remembering our history and walking together in reconciliation.

Government Relations: Compassion, justice, and reason continues to guide our priorities, focussing on a range of key social justice issues; including alleviating poverty, ending homelessness and ensuring affordable housing, developing a new relationship with indigenous people, welcoming refugees, and working towards peace in the Middle East. Our Diocese has led the way on submissions to the federal government in their consultations on refugees, a national housing strategy, and on the political activities of charitable organizations, while supporting PWRDF's submission on international assistance.

**CLAY & YIP:** Canadian Lutheran/Anglican Youth was held in PEI, August 17-21. Ottawa sent it's largest delegation ever, and one of the largest Anglican delegations ever of 44 youth (out of 250 Anglicans from across Canada). Youth Internship Program continues to grow. Initially funded through GIFt, it supports the diocese. If you have any questions: contact Donna Rourke (donna-rourke@ottawa.anglican.ca)

For more information on what took place at Synod:

Slide Deck that was presented at Synod (<a href="http://www.slideshare.net/OttawaAnglican">http://www.slideshare.net/OttawaAnglican</a>)
Summary of the Social Media Conversation (<a href="https://storify.com/OttawaAnglican">https://storify.com/OttawaAnglican</a>)

# School to be built in honour of Rev. Rick Marples

### SchoolBOX project in Nicaragua

When Ray and Lorna Brule planned their trip to Nicaragua to work on a SchoolBox classroom building project, they were immediately reminded of their dear friend, Father Rick Marples, whose life had made a similar impact on so many kids in his community. During their trip alongside St. Paul's (Kanata) and St. Thomas (Stittsville) Anglican churches, they experienced education's power to transform the lives of children in Nicaragua. They promised to return to Nicaragua to build a school. Their hope is to build it in honour of Father Rick.

Father Rick passed away on September 17, 2015, but his life touched so many. Always ready to lend a helping hand, Father Rick volunteered at schools, coached softball and minor hockey, was a high school chaplain, and canvassed for charities. With an infectious smile and compassion, Father Rick served in several parishes in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

Now friends and community members whose lives were impacted by Father Rick are working together with SchoolBOX to build a school in Nicaragua in his honour. They are requesting prayers and donations for the construction of a new school, complete with washrooms and a mini-library. As Father Rick loved sports, their hope is also to construct a soccer field that children could use on a daily basis.

Father Rick's School will empower countless students to get a basic education in Nicaragua for generations to come. Family, friends and community members connected to Father Rick are invited to travel to Nicaragua to work on this school building project. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email volunteer@schoolbox.ca.

You can donate through Father Rick's School Campaign page. Go to the SchoolBOX web site (schoolbox.ca/fatherrickschool/).

Let's make this school in Father Rick's memory a reality.

Ray Brule

Ray and Lorna Brule during their July 2016 SchoolBOX experience





St.Paul's and St.Thomas Anglican Churches group at the Mirna Martinez School site









### Just for fun...

#### A Chorister's Confession

Almighty and most merciful Conductor,

We have erred and strayed from Thy beat like lost sheep:

We have followed too much the intonations and tempi of our own hearts.

We have offended against Thy dynamic markings. We have left unsung those notes which we ought to have sung

And we have sung those notes which we ought not to have sung

And there is no support in us.

But Thou, O Conductor, have mercy upon us, miserable singers;

Succour the chorally challenged:

Restore Thou them that need sectionals;

Spare Thou them that have pencils.

Pardon our mistakes, and have faith that hereafter we will follow Thy directions

And sing together in perfect harmony.

#### Anonymous



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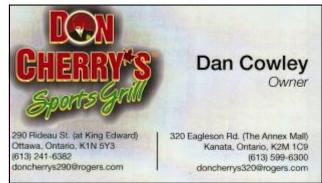
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