# The Fellowship Call

Issue 75

Dear Readers:

I am going to continue to be an optimist, and wish you a wonderful spring season. It may be a bit late settling in, but it surely will.

My calendar and the various contributors speak of things like Mother's Day, Pentecost, the March for Life, and not to be forgotten the long holiday 24th of May weekend. Somewhat surprised that no one spoke of fundraisers, yard sales, and community "do's". Perhaps just as well.

In one of the gardening magazines that came in the mail, one spoke of the fact that a single watermelon seed can produce several fruit weighing forty or fifty pounds each. Such is the power of nature—and our miracle working God who is the master force behind nature's grand design.

Just as a watermelon seed multiplies itself by several thousand times, God can make of us far more than we are if we will let Him work His miracles in and through our lives. He can use us mightily to spread His love . Let's be part of His plan!

Again, many thanks to contributors and course to you readers. Please pass along.

God bless each of you and your families. Shalom.

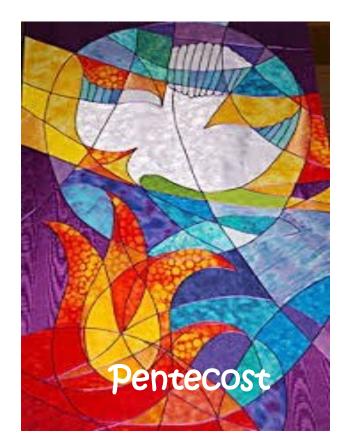






A Woman becomes a Mother the very moment she opens her mind to the idea of loving and caring for a child. It is that very moment that her Mother Heart begins to blossom.





May 2018

## Grace Anglican Church

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#### Congratulations to Grace Church on her 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We give thanks to God for Bishop Charlie Masters who celebrated the Word and Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the Anniversary and Reaffirmation event. We also congratulate *Kenore Labelle* on her Reaffirmation of Faith.





This was followed with food and fellowship and pictures are worth a thousand words.



We give thanks to God for the ongoing Grief Share Program; for Keenagers; and for the Bible Studies.

Keenagers will host Rev. Vicky Hedelius on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30 for lunch and a presentation on the Sanctity for Life. All are invited to join us, please pass this invite on to others.





PARLIAMENT HILL Rally: 12:30 March: 1:30







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#### **Our New Curate!**

We are happy to announce that Bishop Charlie Masters has appointed the Reverend Wesley Creighton Friedrich as the new Curate at St Peter & St Paul's, effective August 1, 2018. Joining him will be his wife, Rachel. Please keep the Friedrichs in prayer as they plan for their move from Plano, Texas back to Ottawa.

At the end of June, we will be saying good-bye to our current curate, our beloved Jared Driscoll, his wife Joni, and their delightful boys. We are so grateful for them and their ministry among us.

#### Seeking a New Sexton

If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the position of sexton (cleaning and building maintenance) at St Peter & St Paul's, please visit our church website for details and <u>email</u> <u>hr@peterpaulottawa.com</u>.



SUNDAYS@7 is an open Christian youth group in an Anglican tradition for kids from grades six to twelve. We meet every Sunday at 7:00 PM at St Peter and St Paul's.



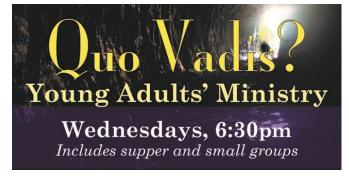
Healing Eucharist: Every Friday, 12:15 PM A service of Eucharist and Healing (including anointing) is offered every Friday at 12:15pm. Since we are all in need of healing, this service is truly for everyone. Come and see

#### -Bible Study - Thursdays at 10:45 AM

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for \every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Join us every Thursday morning in the Lounge for a time of study and growing in God's Word. This is one of longest running ministries at St Peter and St Paul's. Participants meet together to dicuss different books of the Bible, themes in scripture, and how God's Word informs our lives today.

If you're interested feel free to stop by and jump in the study. No RSVP is required.



"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ." - Colossians 1:28

"Quo Vadis?" is Latin for "Where are you going?", a question Peter asked Jesus. He replied, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward" (John 13:36). In this gathering of Young Adults we will be sharing fellowship over a simple meal and growing in relationship as we look to Jesus, the source of our community. As we study God's word together, we will be asking the question, "Where are you going?" as we seek to find our place in God's story.

Quo Vadis? meets at 6:30pm on Wednesdays for dinner and a time of fellowship. This is followed by a time of small group bible study and prayer. If you're interested in attending feel free to stop by or to contact the church office for more information.

Morning Prayer: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday St Peter and St Paul's invites you to share in a service of Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer is quiet, spoken service using the liturgy found in the Book of Common Prayer.

## Blackburn Hamlet Community Church

**Blackburn Hamlet** 

We have been and continue to be a busy place. Our biggest responsibility is the appointment of a new Rector whom we will share with Faith Anglican. In Limoge.

This is a first in ANiC where two parishes [both small] have joined together to seek a full-time priest.

It will be a challenge for the new incumbent to manage two units and it will be a challenge for each parish to adapt to this new structure.

That is on the plus side. On the downside we will be bidding our 2 clergy farewell as they take well deserved retirement.

They have worked so hard on our behalf and have established us on as firm a foundation as is possible for a small parish.

They have received only a nominal honorarium over the last decade. And had their families not supported them financially we would not have had their outstanding leadership.

However I am ahead of myself as the new person has not yet been chosen.

We had a family service last week and as always it is a marvelous worship experience. The picture is of Henry Vekeman who at 3 years of age is our newest liturgical functionary. He blew out the candles!!!!

We have started having Sandwich Sunday once a month,

where we enjoy one another's company after church.

Last but not least during the academic year we host a community event called "Discovery Cafe". Once a month an academic presents a paper [30 minutes] on a relevant subject. This is followed by Q and A and then coffee and goodies. We have covered the environment, health issues, history, literature and many other topics. We usually draw a crowd of about 30.

## Church of the Messiah

Church on Wednesday, the ministry Messiah participates in at the University of Ottawa, has finished for the term. In the summer Church in the Park will take place on Wednesday evenings at Strathcona Park.



We are looking forward to a visit from Aaron Eime, the deacon at Christ Church in the Old City of Jerusalem (the first Protestant church in the Middle East). He serves with CMJ Israel, an organ-

ization which witnesses to both Jews and Gentiles of God's love and faithfulness found in Jesus the Messiah. Aaron will speak on May 20 at our service to be held at 9am. Please note there is no 10am service that day.

George Sinclair continues his sermon series on the book of John, *Knowing Jesus: the Apostle John's intimate biography*. We welcome one and all to our Sunday morning services, held at the Ottawa Little Theatre (400 King Edward Ave.) The 8am service is quiet and contemplative and the 10am service is lively and interactive combining contemporary and convergent music and language. Please join us!



### Tony Copple

The Copples have now been broadcasting from their mission in South Africa on their own Internet radio station since February 22. Here's a link to their radio web page: <u>http://bit.ly/2HSCeBi</u>. people report high levels of satisfaction! Podcasts are available.

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## Faith Anglican Church

Limoge

Sunday, April 22 we said a fond farewell to Archie and Christine Hunter. Two years ago Fr. Archie agreed to serve as our interim rector for a couple of months while we searched for a new incumbent. The process has taken much longer than anyone anticipated and we are so thankful to have had the benefit of the kind and generous guidance of both Archie and Christine during this time.

We celebrated Archie and Christine's time with us during a pot luck lunch on their last regular Sunday with us. We look forward to seeing them again, along with Fr. Neil, Rev. Liba and Rev. Desiree, as they visit to celebrate Eucharist while we wait for our next Rector. We are thankful for Colton and Devin who will lead us in Morning Prayer on alternate Sundays.

Kelly and Dwight created a beautiful photo album to remind Archie and Christine of their time with us. and Kelly and Cathie made a lovely quilted table runner in the Hunter Star pattern as parting gifts. Cathie put together a gorgeous fresh flower arrangement especially for Christine to thank her for her quiet support all these months.

We hope that Archie and Christine will always consider themselves a part of our family here at Faith.



Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. (Hebrews 13:7 NIV)







More Faith pictures





Sunday, June 10 from 2-4 p.m.

invites you to an Open House

673 Crooked Side Road, Ashton

Everyone welcome!

Questions? 613-523-9528 Come and enjoy an afternoon of

fellowship in natural surroundings and learn more about Christian holism





## Eternal Hope Anglican

**Carleton Place** 

Although spring is here, and we have had a few warm days, it has been unseasonably cool. The poor buds and flowers are having a challenge getting in bloom mode. Bloom they will though – we have faith! *"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime".* Martin Luther



In March, **Eternal Hope** welcomed Bishop Charlie as he joined us in our 10th anniversary celebration. On Saturday, March 17, we enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. A lively sing song of oldies and not so old tunes were belted out. Singing and instrumentation was led by Gord Gover. Who knew that Bishop Charlie likes Neil Young ! The evening was hosted by Pastor Dave with the finger foods and refreshments co-ordinated by Mary Sherwood and Andy Carlson.

On Sunday, It was with great joy that we were able to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the Bishop. His presence made the service all the more special. To top off the festivities, we were treated to a fabulous pot luck luncheon with a lovely birthday cake for dessert. Who doesn't like cake?



Our People

*Margaret Appleby*, a long time valued member, and part of the music team, has rejoined us after visiting her family in France. Welcome back Margaret!

Our dear editor, *Marjorie*, had a special birthday recently. Friends and family surprised her with a gathering at her home. More Cake! Marj's family joined her the next day for the Sunday service. She was truly blessed to be surrounded by and to worship with 14 of her family

*Rich.ard and Dorothea Bendall* are an integral part of a team of people who arranged a fellowship activity in the small community of Ashton, "Ashton and Community Hang Out /Take Out" Every Tuesday, 8-12 noon, at the United Church, everyone is welcome to stop by and enjoy coffee, tea, muffins, cookies, sandwiches and more. 50% of the net proceeds are donated to help purchase vital care equipment for the hospital. Well Done!

*Pastor Dave* has been vacationing in England and Croatia. Safe travels! We were blessed to have had Rev. Liba Straznicky, Rev. Neil Stephens and Lay Worship Leader Gord Gover to cover the Sundays that our pastor was away on holiday.

Our *Mary Sherwood*, part of music team, prayer team, Missionary to Madagascar, leaves Monday the 30th for a month among the children there. Please keep her in your prayers for safety and health. She has just completed a church visitation schedule but plans to be with us more as summer approaches.

All are invited and welcome to a spaghetti dinner sponsored by **Eternal Hope** on May  $17^{\text{th}}$  from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and coffee and tea are on the menu. This is a free will offering event. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our guests, we were able to make a large donation to our hospital.

Peace, Joy and Love – till next time.

