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# THE DRAGON FLYER

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Our prayer lives are an essential part of our Christian journey. When, where, how and why we pray are well worth some contemplation. For years I have searched for places, times and methods in my prayer life. Let me offer just a few reflections about that journey.

As a child and even into my teenage years, I

remember too many prayers sounding something like this: "Help! I'm in big trouble!" One hopes that time, experience and wisdom gained over the years results in a deeper journey with prayer. First, I think it's important to "give thanks" for the many blessings one has received in one's life. There is wisdom in the advice that we need to deliberately focus on our blessings rather than on our problems. Giving thanks not only acknowledges the majesty and glory of God, but also reminds ourselves that there is much to celebrate in our lives. I also think it's important to "ask for forgiveness". This can allow a person to surrender to God's mercy and grace in our lives. Scripture promises that when we



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sincerely ask for forgiveness that indeed the forgiveness is granted. As we continue in prayer it is important to ask for our own needs. Our culture is in a troubling time and often we need to ask for strength and courage, wisdom and patience. Just as important as praying for ourselves, we need to take time to pray for others. I think that when we take the needs of those we love to the throne of grace, we are showing our love for them and trusting their well-being to God of creation and salvation.

In the busyness of life we often “send up” quick prayers and request for God's intervention but how often do we truly take time to commune with God in the sanctity of prayer? Even if we were to carve out 15 minutes a day, would that potentially change our attitude and perspective about life?

As many of you know I have occasionally travelled with Br Mark on a camping adventure. The picture at the bottom of the previous page is the location of this summer's adventure. Perhaps it was the “roughing it” adventure of a well-made tent and warm sleeping bag with no undermat or pillow that was the beginning of my understanding that this trip would be different. You may not know this but, Br Mark is quite the cook and he knows this geographical area well. Therefore, I really had nothing to worry about, but instead could concentrate on the relaxation and spiritual significance of the trip. Sometimes where we pray affects how we pray and even who comes to mind in the midst of those prayers. May I encourage you to find a place...to discover some time...and to intentionally spend time with God that loves you beyond your imagination.

*Blessings  
Fr Stephen*



*Tim-Summer Livestream Team*



*Summer In Person Worship*

## Fall Services

- September 8** Bible study resumes at 7:00pm
- September 9** Bible study resumes at 1:30pm
- September 12** 2 services at 8:15 and 10:00am
- September 26** Back to church Sunday, BBQ lunch at 11:00am
- September 26** Deanery Confirmation Service 4:00 pm
- October 10** Thanksgiving , 8:15 and Baptism at 10:00 service





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*Jim Baker's Legacy-  
Puppet Theatre*



*Zoe & Grandma*

## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self Control: the Fruits of the Spirit. During the past 18 months, most of us have experienced and exhibited these

qualities as challenging and as difficult as that was. Supporting each other during these times is what being part of a church family, a church community is all about. Mind you, Patience was quite strenuously stretched as well Joy and Peace! Yet, when you think about it, the rest of the Fruits of the Spirit made up for those that we found challenging. Being practising Christians, our Faithfulness is what has kept us going. Our love for others was evident in the kindness and goodness that we showed to others. Wearing masks, washing our hands, social distancing are the Self Control we needed--and still need--to end this pandemic.

Let's continue to persevere a while longer so we will be able to worship together and eventually celebrate and return to coffee hour with friends. In a world where we can be anything, let's be kind.

Peace to you!

*Rev MaryLynn Forrest*

## *For the Beauty of the Earth...*

**If you haven't heard** John Rutter's version of *For the Beauty of the Earth* you are in for a real treat. Go online, tune in and relax to this very moving piece of splendid music.



**I was reminded** again and again this summer of the beauty of creation and the wonder of the world. With that came the realization that I have been created to have fellowship with God. [1 Cor. 1.9] and so have you. When I said this I was reminded of the hymn, *I Need You Every Hour* – and I do and you do too. The summer afforded special opportunities to be “in the Garden” and I am truly thankful. Remember we were created to have fellowship with God who loves us dearly.



**Continued blessings everyone** — you know what I mean right? The ones you can feel in your heart and see in your life.



## Milestone – Marion Kidd



*Happy 95th!*



*Fall Perspective  
Paul Brown*



*Time to pull out your  
Name Tags!*

## Humour: The Best Medicine



**In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"**

**When our minister and his wife visited our neighbour, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. "Mom!" she yelled toward the living room. "God's here, and he brought his girlfriend."**

**The pastor asks his flock, "What would you like people to say when you're in your casket?" One congregant says, "I'd like them to say I was a fine family man." Another says, "I'd like them to say I helped people." The third responds, "I'd like them to say, 'Look! I think he's moving!'"**



**A trooper pulls over a priest and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat. "Have you been drinking?" the officer asks. "Just water," says the priest. "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and shouts, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"**

**During our priest's sermon, a large plant fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the ground. Acknowledging his reputation for long-windedness, he smiled sheepishly and said, "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep."**

**At our weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer. Walt did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Walt replied, "I wasn't talking to you."**