

Announcements for Sunday, January 21

Readings for next week	
Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalms 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

Last Week's Attendance

815: 31 10:00: 53 Livestream: 63

Givings

On the plate: \$ 2758

Auto Debit: \$2445

Vestry

The annual Vestry meeting is on January 28 after a 9:00am service. Please plan to attend.

Parish Council

January 23 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.

Topics: Budget and Building Proposals for 2024.

Palm Crosses for Burning

Please bring your palm crosses back for the burning of ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket on the back table to collect them. We will accept them until the 11th of February.

Pastoral Care

Please contact Canon Stephen for home visitation or hospital visits.

Outreach Initiatives for January

Collecting NEW OR GENTLY USED items for people experiencing homelessness in our community

YWKW has an urgent need of the following NEW OR GENTLY USED items:

Single size bed blankets, Single size bed sheets, Shower towels
A box has been provided in the Narthex for these new items and we will be accepting donations from Sunday January 7th to Sunday, January 28th.

Ladies Lunch

The first Ladies Lunch of 2024 will be at Country Boy Restaurant, 5 Manitou Drive, Kitchener. We will gather on Friday, 26 January at 12 noon. Please confirm your attendance with Sue at suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com by 24 January. Let's get this year started!

Lenten Retreat "Listening During Lent"

March 23; 9am – 1pm at St George's. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Canon Stephen will facilitate.

Worship Committee Meeting

The worship committee meets next on Wednesday February 7 at 8pm. The agenda will be sent February 1. New members are welcome, speak to Canon Stephen.

Kitchen Cleaning

In order to keep our Kitchen viable for Coffee Hour after Sunday service and other activities and meetings using the kitchen, we need volunteers to help keep it clean and tidy to meet Public Health standards. This involves teams of 2-3 people to volunteer once a year to spend about 2 hours tidying up the Kitchen. A list of instructions is posted in the kitchen, cleaning supplies are provided, we just need people to help make everything happen. At present we have 4 teams set up, we need at least 6 more to cover the 10 months when the Church is most active. If we had 8 more, we could cover all 12 months.

Please give this your consideration for your stewardship commitment.

Contact the office. 519-744 4751 or Fran Rothenberg. 519-744-2502

Prayer for Christian Unity Service

January 21 at 3pm hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

The group which created this year's service was from Burkina Faso located in West Africa. There are around 21 million inhabitants in the area. 64% are Muslim, 26% are Christian and 9% adhere to other African beliefs. The country is experiencing

a serious security crisis, which affects all communities of faith. After a major jihadist attack which was mounted from outside the country in 2016, the security situation and social cohesion in the country declined dramatically. The country has endured a proliferation of terrorist attacks, lawlessness and human trafficking. This has left over 3,000 dead and almost 2 million displaced persons. Thousands of schools, health care centers and community town halls have been closed. The socio-economic and transport infrastructure has been destroyed. Christian churches have been expressly targeted by the terrorists. Priests, pastors and catechists have been killed and the fate of others who were kidnapped unknown. Christians can no longer openly practice their faith in certain areas, 20% which are not controlled by the state. Because of terrorist activity the majority of churches in the east, north, and north-west have been closed. The faith leaders of the Christian, Muslim and African religions are working to find lasting solutions for peace and social cohesion in the country.

Karen Ruth Baker

May 17, 1943 – January 13, 2024

It is with sadness that the family of Karen Baker (né Killby) announce her passing on January 13 th at Age Care West Williams LTC Home in Kitchener.

She is predeceased by her parents, Walter and Dorianne Killby and her loving husband of fifty-seven years, Jim (2021), as well as her parents in law, Jack and Mae Baker. Karen is survived by her children Jennifer Dryburgh (Paul) of Trent Hills and Jason Baker (Lori) of Kitchener, and granddaughters Merlyn, Marleigh, Evangeline and Kalynn. Karen is also survived by her brother Robert Killby (Chatham), sister-in-law Dorothy Randall (Chatham), brother-in-law Bob Baker (Chatham), brother-in-law Rae Baker(Toronto). She is predeceased by her brother-in-law Don Baker and sister-in-law Meta Green.

Karen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend, neighbour and parishioner.

Born and raised in Chatham, she was active in all things social, whether at school, Rondeau Park or with her family. It was at school

that she met Jim and they began their life together.

One of the early stops in their journey was in Kitchener. It was here that they had their children and Karen met the PUC ladies ((Shirley, Carol, Marilyn, Myrna and Mary) with whom she shared a lifelong friendship. Further stops along the way included Huntsville, Burlington, Oshawa and finally back to Kitchener. At every place Karen was quick to establish a home, make friends and get herself and her family involved in the community.

She was actively involved in her children's lives, always encouraging them to do their best and advocating for them if she felt they were not receiving the best in return. This devotion extended to Jennifer's and Jason's spouses and especially to their granddaughters. She could often be found cheering them on from the sidelines, even when she did not understand the rules or objectives of the event.

Karen stoically battled MS for decades and later suffered the effects of dementia and heart disease. She passed quietly after a long battle, likely still wanting to carry on, afraid of missing out on more of what life might offer.

Thank you to all the staff at Age Care West Williams for their time and care during Karen's final years.

Karen's family will receive relatives and friends from 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM on Saturday, January 27th, 2024 at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749-8467. A Memorial Service will be held in the chapel at 10:30 AM with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church where she and Jim were active members for forty years or to the MS Society of Canada.

Thomson, Glenn:

Passed away after a fierce but short fight with pancreatic cancer. Glenn passed peacefully with family by his side, on January 15, 2024, at his home at the age of 68.

Beloved husband for over 40 years to Margaret Walker. Loving brother of Don (Lori) Thomson and brother-in-law of Richard Walker (Kim), Dr. Simon Walker (Dr. Emma). Proud uncle of Brett, Duncan, Millie, and Lottie. Great-uncle of William and Violet. Glenn will be missed by his in-laws Christopher and Mary Walker and by his dog

Sprocket. Predeceased by his parents Norman and Lois.

Glenn met Margaret while both were studying mechanical engineering at Concordia University, Montreal. A job in Cambridge brought them to Waterloo Region. While at ComDev, for 18 years, Glenn earned four patents.

These engineering skills were applied to his hobbies including racing both vintage and modern motorcycles. Participating in the Iron Butt Association including earning the Master Traveler National Parks Tour Gold and the Ultimate Coast to Coast Challenge, crossing the continent on a motorcycle. Making wine and being judged Best-in-Show with Amateur Winemaker of Ontario. Learning woodworking and sharing his skills at Wilmot Seniors Woodworking & Craft Shop.

Skills learned in his first jobs at CN Rail and Montreal Locomotive Works Engine R&D were used most recently as he volunteered in maintenance for Waterloo Central Railway, in St. Jacobs, especially working on the vintage steam engine, #9.

Glenn's family will receive relatives and friends from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2024, and again from 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749- 8467. A Memorial Service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, at 10:30 AM. A reception will follow.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to Waterloo Central Railway, Pancreatic Cancer Canada, and Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society would be appreciated by the family.