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Diocese of Huron – The Anglican Church of Canada
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend
Music Director: Rob Aszmies
Organist: John Shaw

Presider: The Rev. Joel Steiner
Server & Crucifer: Catherine Carlson, Alfred Butler
Greeter: Mary Ann Millar, Barbara Bailey
Warden on Duty: Catherine Carlson

**Pentecost 20th on Thanksgiving Weekend –
October 11, 2026**

**Holy Eucharist – Book of Alternative Services (BAS) –
10:00 am**

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn - CP #379 'Rejoice, the Lord is King'

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

People: **To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORY to GOD (John Bell setting)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father;
in the glory of God the Father;
Amen.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us
for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit
within us, that we, being renewed both in body
and mind, may worship you in sincerity and
truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 32:1-14 Catherine Carlson

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

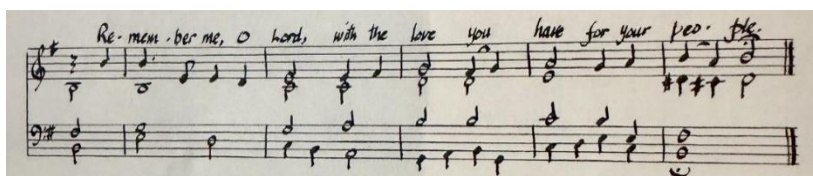
When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from

their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.



THE SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9 Michael
Du Boulay

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul's to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, to together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 'Thy Word'

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14 The Rev. Joel Steiner

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him

into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: 'Rejoice in the Lord Always'

Rejoice in the Lord always

And again, I say Rejoice! (repeat)

Rejoice! Rejoice!

And again, I say Rejoice! (repeat)

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Joel Steiner

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please kneel, or sit, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Catherine Carlson

Intercessor:

The flowers today are given in memory of our son Kevin as we celebrate his 45th birthday, and also in memory of our loving parents, by Mike and Val Weidner.

“A LIFE WELL LIVED - A LIFE LIVED TOGETHER”, given by Sally Powell.

We are invited to the wedding banquet which the Father is preparing for the Son's marriage to the Church. Let us pray to the host of the eternal feast, that we may be drawn to the banquet, responding to each intercession with “Lord, hear our prayer.”

That all in our community may joyously and fully accept God's invitation, and that our heartfelt response be undeterred by distraction and excuses, let us pray to the King of the feast: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who hunger and thirst for the bread and wine of life may be drawn to the meal of fellowship with Christ, let us pray to the Lord of heaven: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For bishops and those in Church leadership, especially Bishop Todd, our diocesan bishop; Archbishop Anne, our Metropolitan; Archbishop Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop; Archbishop Shane our Primate; Archbishop

Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Fr. Brendon our rector, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all leaders of the Church may recognize that God bids the banquet hall be filled with the rich and the poor, the prominent and the unknown, the healthy and the sick, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in civic leadership and elected office, for Charles our King, for Mark our Prime Minister, for Doug our Premier, for Barry our Mayor, and for all the leaders of the nations, that they may make wise and just decisions for the common good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders of the nations may address the global problem of hunger, and that the hungry may be fed, let us pray to the Giver of good food: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in need of Christ's healing and hope, (especially...). For all these and for their health and salvation: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Christians everywhere, abandoning anxiety, may nourish themselves on the marriage celebration with God and on the eternal feast prepared for all peoples, let us pray to the God of lavish and insistent love: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, both those who have professed faith in Christ and those whose faith is known to God alone, (especially...), that they might rest in the peace of Christ's presence and rise in glory on the last day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: O Lord, supply our needs fully out of
your

magnificent riches in Christ Jesus. May all one day appear clothed with amazing grace at your Son's wedding banquet, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling, or sitting, as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A moment of silence is held as any sins of thought, word, deed, or omission are recalled.

Presider: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

Presider: Come, everyone whose heart is stirred and everyone whose spirit is willing, and bring the Lord's offering.

Offertory Hymn: CP #260 'As Saints of Old'

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - *Eucharistic Prayer 3*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (Holy)

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the
highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the
highest.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the
highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the
goodness and love you have made known to
us in creation; in calling Israel to be your
people; in your Word spoken through the
prophets; and above all in the Word made
flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be
incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the
Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him,
you have delivered us from evil, and made us
worthy to stand before you. In him, you have
brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into
righteousness, out of death into life. On the
night he was handed over to suffering and
death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord
Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had
given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to
his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my
body which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me." After supper he took the
cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he
gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness

of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

People: Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Our Father in Heaven

Unison

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

THE FRACTION RITE

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Administrants: Catherine Carlson, Jennifer Millar

COMMUNION: Music by John Shaw & Rob Aszmies

CHOIR ANTHEM

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are
made one with you. May we who have shared
in holy things always bear witness to your
covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Presider: Glory to God,

All: Whose power, working in us, can do
infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever
and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CP #384 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Readings for Next Sunday	
Exodus 33:12-33	Psalms 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22

Last Week's Sunday Attendance: 8:15 (22); 10:00 (63)

Givings: On the plate: \$ 2,690

Auto Debit: \$2,028

Sunday Smile: If you are lost come inside we have the map to get you home.

Weekly Office Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or ill and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 519-744-4751 and leave a message. If it is a Pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Brendon at 226-898-2884.

For appointments with Fr. Brendon, please feel free to email him (brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or contact the Church Office.

Special Vestry -October 18

There will be a Special Vestry meeting on Sunday, October 18, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service, for the purpose of electing a replacement Deputy People's Warden until Vestry occurs. All members are encouraged to attend.

Coffee Hour after the 10 a.m. service:

Coffee hour is usually quite well attended and is a great time for parishioners to connect. To facilitate this, would you please consider getting together with a group of friends to make the coffee and tea. Although some bring their own treats, we do provide peanut-free cookies in the kitchen for this purpose. Coffee, tea, milk, cream, sugar etc. are provided.

It is being proposed that a schedule be set up. If you would be willing to be on the schedule, would you or your group please sign the list in the Narthex. For October, we will continue with the sign-up that is on the door of the kitchen. Hopefully, we will have enough volunteers to proceed. It is not intended that holiday weekends will be included on the schedule.

If you have any comments or questions, they can be directed to Valerie Cuthbert (519-578-8671). Thank you.

Sunday School

Sunday School is Back on!

Come join us for a new year of faith, friendship, learning, and fun. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and meeting new friends.

Sunday School Helpers Needed

Sunday School would love your help! Whether you think you might be interested in teaching or in being an assistant, you would be so welcome. A police check is

needed. Thanks for your consideration of this important ministry. Please speak with Catherine Carlson, Valerie Cuthbert, or Father Brendon. Thank you.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday October 20th at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. We are discussing the book “The Things We Never Say” by Elizabeth Strout. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 13 – Deanery Council at St. George
- Saturday, October 17 from 10:00-2:30 pm - Deanery Stewardship Event
- Saturday October 17- Men’s Breakfast
- Sunday, October 18 – Special Vestry
- Friday, October 23 – Saturday, October 24 – Diocese of Huron Synod
- Saturday, October 24 - Children’s Community Closet
- Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 pm – Evensong and Celebration of New Ministry
- Saturday, November 7 from 9:00-11:30 am - Fall Cleanup
- Sun. Nov. 8/26: Deanery Confirmation Service at St. John the Divine, Cambridge – 2:30 pm
- Thursday, November 12 from 7:00–9:00 pm
Anglican/Lutheran Conversation about Changing MAID Legislation in Canada
- Saturday, November 14 - Christmas Market

Deanery Stewardship Event – Saturday, October 17

Rev. Kevin Dickson will lead a day of stewardship on the theme “Rewarding Stewardship of God’s Gifts.” Lay leaders, parish members, and clergy are warmly invited to attend this Deanery Stewardship Workshop on Saturday,

October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Cambridge, 12 Blair Rd., Cambridge. Lunch will be provided.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday October 17

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday October 17 at 9 am at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St W, Kitchener. Our long-time server Krista is looking forward to seeing us again. We will continue on the third Saturday of the month on November 21 and December 5.

Traffic Notice: Lancaster is currently closed for construction, but you can access Kypreos from behind the mall off Bond Street. If you are coming along the expressway, the eastbound exit to Lancaster is also closed. Check a map and allow a few extra minutes.

Need a ride? Let me know and I'm sure we can find a driver for you.

All are welcome! Invite the guy sitting next to you in the pew or at the coffee table to join us. Let's keep this St. George's tradition of fellowship and fun going! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Tim Taylor 519-807-1498

FALL CLEANUP - SAT. NOV. 7 (9 AM - 11:30 AM)

Yes, it is time again to do our annual fall cleanup of the property. Please set aside Sat. Nov. 7 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Bring your garden gloves and a rake. Coffee, tea and Timbits will be provided.

Thanks in advance. If you have any questions, please speak to Murray Gamble, Chair-Property & Maintenance Committee.

A Lutheran-Anglican Conversation about Changing MAID Legislation in Canada

Thursday, November 12 | 7:00–9:00 PM

Mount Zion Lutheran Church

29 Westmount Rd. S., Waterloo

Please register online in advance: <https://tgo.sh/q3OXbwTV>

Christmas Market - Nov. 14th

We have a date for this year's Christmas Market - Nov. 14th. Mark your calendars and start your prep work!!! Each week in October we will highlight an aspect of the market for your consideration. Please remember to consider donations from books, baking, jams, pickles, jellies, unopened bottles, craft items and loved Christmas treasures.

OUTREACH

OCTOBER NEWS BYTES

St. George's Outreach – a community working together to do God's work

- Collaborate to lead initiatives supporting those in need in our community
- Aid to KW agencies
- Reaching those in need in the world around us
- Environment of caring

Your Outreach Committee has been very busy over the past few months. Thank you all so much for your caring and generous support. We have been able to accomplish together amazing things in support of others in our community and beyond.

Children's Community Closet – Seeking Donations

We are now collecting donations of gently used children's clothing (newborn to teens) and items (diapers, toys, books, strollers, highchairs, pack n' plays, exersaucers, play mats, etc.). Items can be brought to the church office or left outside the Fireside room marked "CCC." We will also be looking for helpers to assist with laying out the clothing and items on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm and Friday, October 23 at 9:00 am, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex. Our closet will be open to the public on Saturday, October 24 from 9 – 11 am. For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay.

SHARE THE WARMTH

October 11th to November 8th We will be collecting good used outerwear for adults and children to take to the Salvation Army for distribution. OUTERWEAR ONLY-Winter coats; Winter boots; mitts; hats and scarves. NO CLOTHING! Please leave them in the back of the Chapel and an Outreach committee member will take them for distribution weekly 😊

THANK-YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING OTHERS ❤️
Heather Murphy from your Outreach Committee

ST. JOHN'S KITCHEN

"WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES PROGRAM"

Thanks to all of you who so generously donated many items to St. John's Kitchen Shoes Program in support of those experiencing homelessness. Since June, we have been able to donate to St. John's Kitchen an additional twenty-six pairs of shoes. These donations have made a significant difference in the lives of many!

Refugee Committee Update Sept. 29, 2026

As of last night, our committee has agreed to let our last sponsored refugee family become occupants of our now empty apartment, for December through to the end of March (the end of our lease). They will be moving from their current apartment on the 2nd floor to ours on the 9th. The family (a mom, a day, a son, and a daughter) will then apply to secure a new lease on the same apartment. This move to our apartment will save them a modest but to them significant amount of money. (There is a fairly good chance that their new lease in April 2027 will be similar to our own current lease - 14 months for 12 months' rent.) In the process, we (our committee) will be paid for their four months as occupants and consequently retain roughly half of the funds we started with when we began to sponsor Mapenzi and her three boys back in February. (As you may

recall, Mapenzi and her boys have moved out of Ontario to extended family in Montreal).

As our committee works through this process, I will give you further updates.

John Ryrie

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page, or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee

Altar Guild Request

Thank you to all who contribute to the prayer candle ministry. On average, we use forty candles per week so keeping a stock of 'Tea' light candles is a priority. If you are able to contribute to this ministry, we would appreciate it.

Attributes

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George Black psalm refrain for psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23