

News & Views



St. James Church



In the Heart of the Village

Fall 2014



From the Rector's Desk

I was rearranging a few books on my shelves at home several weeks ago and came across an article in an old issue of *The Anglican Digest*; a publication that used to be widely distributed throughout the United States and Canada. It was about the "Laity." As we are entering a very busy time in our church year, I thought I would pass the article on to you. It's called the *Church's Front Line*;

"The laity are the **PRIME** ministers of the Church. They constitute up to 99% of the church's membership. They are the most typical, the most usual, the most regular, the most ordinary Christians. They are the normative Christians.

Through its Laity the Church is present in every area of human activity. It is in offices, in schools and universities, in hospitals, in stores, in factories and hotels. The Church is present where

political decisions are made; in courts, in state (and provincial) legislatures, and Congress. Through the Laity the Church is present in conference rooms and executive suites; it is there when corporate questions are deliberated. On docks, in the streets, in bars and restaurants, on farms, in cities and towns and suburbs, the Church is present in every human undertaking. Christ is represented in an employee's concern for an employer, in a nurse listening to an anxious patient, when a teacher understandingly listens to a child's question, when the telephone is answered with warmth, in the meeting of minds, in laughter, when a trusted companion relieves one's worries. Christ is represented when anger is not repaid with anger, when the irritating individual is treated with kindness, when a stranger is welcomed, when a foreigner is treated as a neighbour. He is represented over the counter at the supermarket and over the gas pump.

Christ is represented when the ambulance team responds swiftly and efficiently to the heart attack victim and when the realtor makes an honest sale. He is represented when a stranger helps a stranded motorist; when a widow comforts the bereaved, when the hungry one is served at the table and when the little girl runs an errand for the old man. He is served when the gardener gives his produce to the soup kitchen and when the paperboy lingers a minute to chat with the lonely lady on his route."

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I think it is very interesting to note that in our Prayer Book Catechism it clearly states that “the ministers of the Church are Lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons.” IN THAT ORDER.

I pray, as we enter this busy time, you’ll remember your important role in the life of the Church.

Blessings, Mark

Need a restful break during your busy week? Join us for our

10AM Thursday Service

Informal communion in the library followed by coffee, tea, goodies and interesting conversation.

Every Thursday morning starting September 11th.



MILESTONES

Death: Gloria Nelson

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DEATH IN THE CHURCH



Picture a Tombstone – The name on the stone is:

SOMEONE ELSE

The church was bowed in grief that week to learn of the passing of one of our most valuable members. “Someone Else” has passed away.

This death creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else has been with us for many years. During all those years, Someone Else did more than a normal person’s share of work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend one name was on everyone’s list. “Let Someone Else do it.” Someone Else was among the largest givers of the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Now Someone Else is gone. Who will pitch in to do the things that Someone Else has always done?

If you are asked to take a job in the church, we hope you won’t reply “Let Someone Else do it.” Now we need you to pick up where Someone Else left off.



We have been on a hiatus from our Lifetree Program since the end of June. Our organizers were having some difficulties sustaining the Lifetree Program in its initial configuration with the few people available to run it. But, we are pleased to report that we are being offered a new program and format that will make it more feasible for us to run and maintain. However, we are still in need of more support from our church family and more willing hands to help present the program.

As mentioned in previous emails, we are still awaiting the new program and have been promised that it will be in our hands shortly. It is hoped we can have it up and running again by the 1st of October.

We will keep you updated as the information becomes available to us.

If you are interested in helping with some aspect of the Lifetree Café, please contact Mark.

Your Lifetree Team.

Puns for the educated!

King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world.

Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it."

"But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested.

"Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"

Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

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"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." – Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943



SILENT AUCTION COMING TO ST. JAMES!!



We are setting plans in motion for a Silent Auction this fall. We're looking for your Time, Talents and Treasures - (T3).

Would you like to offer a catered dinner for four? Do you have a cottage you could make available for a week next summer? Have you got a pair of season's tickets to a show or sports event you could make available? Or a piece of fine art or furniture you no longer have room for?

In short, we're looking for any goods or services you would like to donate. Timing and duration of the T3 auction will be finalized soon so keep an eye on the bulletin and your emails.

There are some Christians who cannot be called "Pilgrims" because they never made any progress.

Author Unknown

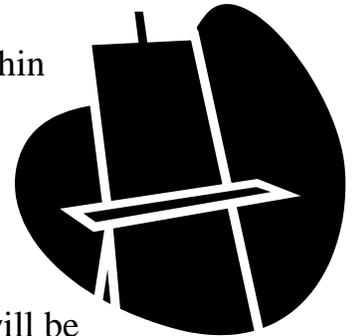
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Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

45th ANNUAL FALL ART SHOW AND SALE

By John Walsh

As a proud venue within the Hills Of Headwaters Arts Festival, the Orangeville Art Group's 45th Annual Fall Show and Sale will be held October 4 and 5, at the Tony Rose Arena Banquet Hall, Orangeville. This is a successful annual show represents the art of our 85 plus members, which now includes 2-D and 3-D work. The show is the culminating event of the year for the Orangeville Art Group, fulfilling our mandate as a not-for-profit organization to contribute to the arts and culture of the community.



Mark those dates in your calendar.



UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Mondays – 7 p.m. – Fun Bridge

**Thursdays – 10 a.m. – Eucharist and
Companionship**

**Saturday, September 26 & Sunday,
September 27 – Bridge Tournament
Catering – a Fund-raiser for St. James.**

**Sunday, October 5 – 10 am – Breakfast
– Followed by Sabbath Rest Service
11 a.m The Blessing of Animals**

**Wednesday, October 7 – Lifetree Café
resumes in a different format – details
to follow**

**Sunday, October 12 - Harvest
Thanksgiving and National
Thanksgiving**

**Saturday November 1 - Turn your clocks
back!**

**Sunday, November 2 – 10 am
Breakfast – Followed by Sabbath Rest
Service –
All Souls / All Saints**

**Sunday, November 9 – Remembrance
Day Service**

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News & Views is a newsletter for the people of St. James Church. It is published four times per year - Lent, Pentecost, Fall and Advent.

For submissions in the newsletter:

Any member of the Parish of St. James Church may submit an article for the newsletter.

To do so, email

newsletter@stjamescaledoneast.ca

or leave your articles in writing or on a CD in the newsletter box at the church office. Articles are considered, based on space availability and relevance.

Thank you for your submission.

Donna Davies, Editor

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*We look forward to
seeing you at our
Fall Services*

Come and See

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