

JOYFUL NOISE/PARISH PULSE

Church of the Evangelists

Newsletter



To be living instruments of God's love, truth and healing

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WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



In discussion with the children of the Sunday School, Reverend Naomi brought together a craft which they had made and the Christ Candle which is lit for Easter Season. The topic was that Jesus said “We are the light of the World”.

FROM THE DESK OF REVEREND NAOMI

You are more generous than you knew!

In the week after Easter, I had lilies from our Easter Garden with me, on my way to a meeting- hoping I would be finished in time to make some deliveries and visit with our members and friends who were unable to come to Church.

When I made a stop on my way to the meeting, a member of the community looked into my car and said “Oh! You have Easter Lilies.

“well, it is that time of year”

“I didn’t get one this year, I usually do”

And here, I had a choice to make. So, relying on your generosity, I made it:

“Do you want one?”

“You aren’t just giving them away, are you?”

“Actually, that is exactly what these flowers are for: to be given away”

So out went the lily, through the window, and into the hands of a someone who, it turned out, had experienced a death in the family on Good Friday. They didn’t buy a lily because that grief and chaos had disrupted all their usual Easter customs.

So thank you. Thank you for the beauty of the Easter Garden we create for our worship. And thank you for creating opportunities for me to carry that garden out from our sanctuary and into the world. And thank you, THANK YOU, that I move through the community as a messenger of your generosity, and your love.

You all did a kind thing for a stranger that day. Happy Easter. Grief and Chaos do not get the last word. Alleluia!



NEWS FROM ST. JOHNS CHAPEL & CEMETERY

ST. PADDY'S DAY CONCERT

St. Johns was filled with the sound of Irish music this past St. Patrick's Day thanks to the musical direction of Lorne Derrough and the talents of many participants including the audience Sing-a-Long.

It was a most enjoyable and well attended concert.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St Johns Memorial Service, June 2nd at 3 P.M.

St. Johns Saturday Services begin June 8th – July 27th
Beginning with a celebration of Baptism on June 8th
And ending with Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. David Neelands on July 27th

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is pleased to welcome two new members; Tracy Burkitt and Judy Henderson.

Also, with the assistance of Vi Ivany, we have published a new directive for the duties of Altar Guild members.

TOOT'N HOLLER



The weather didn't cooperate but our helpers did and the Church garage sale was held in the hall. The Good News Cafe' was open for business and bargain hunters were appreciative of a warm drink while shopping. A great day was had by all.



KITCHEN CREW

The Kitchen Crew (which started out meeting in the Church Hall; preparing a meal and enjoying the fruits of our labours together) have been meeting once a month for dinner at local restaurants. We have suspended this practice and look forward to 'something new' in the Fall.

THE FAMILY MARKET

The Family Market has been very busy. We have many new people coming in to shop as well as many familiar faces. Some new volunteers have been added to our numbers who are greatly needed and appreciated. This Spring, all Winter clothing which would normally be stored or passed on was donated to an Indigenous Community in the far north and also to an Indigenous Centre in Barrie.



THE GOOD NEWS CAFE'

The Good News Cafe is having a slow start but is getting more known. The numbers fluctuate but we look forward to a new start in the Fall after our last day on June 1st. Tell your friends and neighbours to drop in for a coffee, tea, muffin (and maybe Chili?) on Saturday morning. They can visit the Family Market while they're here and maybe get a bargain too.

NAOMI'S PUMPKIN MUFFIN RECIPE:

In celebration of the launch of the Good News Café, and its summer break, here's my favourite (and most forgiving) muffin recipe- modified to use one whole can of pureed pumpkin:

1 14oz can of pumpkin	2 ¼ cup flour
¾ cup vegetable oil	1½ tsp baking soda
1½ cup white sugar	½ tsp salt
¼ cup brown sugar	1 tsp each: cinnamon, nutmeg
3 eggs	½ tsp ginger
	¼ tsp clove

Combine wet ingredients in large bowl, and mix.

In a separate bowl combine dry ingredients and mix.

Add dry mixture to moist and mix to combine.

Bake in 350°F oven for 20min (for mini muffins, slightly longer for full size)

SUNDAY SCHOOL



On June 23rd, our service will take place outdoors (weather permitting) and the Sunday School will have their celebration before Summer Break.

ANNUAL ROAD CLEAN UP & OUTDOOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

DATE: May 24th at 6:30 P.M and May 25th at 8:30 A.M.



Thanks to everyone who participated in our roadside clean-up

(many of whom are not pictured here).

We did good work,
and we could not have done it without you.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE