



St. Paul's Matters

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Summer - 2011

St. Paul's is a family, commissioned by Christ, gathered together in faith to glorify God and nurture spiritual growth through worship and service.

Our Sunday Service begins at 10:45 AM.
We are located at 319 Prescott Street at the corner of Mary.

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"Fishers of Men" or "Keepers of Aquarium"

A man from a small village found himself one day in a large city, for the first time standing outside an elevator. He watched as an old, haggard woman hobbled on, and the doors closed. A few minutes later the doors opened and a young, attractive woman marched smartly off. The father hollered to his youngest son, "Billy, go get mother!"

One of the great constants of life is change. It seems that everything around us is constantly changing. Spring becomes Summer. Summer becomes Fall. Fall becomes Winter. Winter becomes Spring. The young become aged and the new becomes old. The world of just thirty years ago no longer exists today. Morals change. Institutions and ideas which seemed sound and enduring no longer exist. Things which were unheard of fifty years ago are now taken as ordinary.

How many things in your life are different today than they were just one year ago - ten years - twenty years? We change. Our perspective of the world changes and the attitude of others towards us change. Physically we are all changing.

Change is often hard to deal with. When the railroads were first introduced to the United States, some people feared that this was the sign of the breakdown of the nation. Martin Van Buren, the governor of New York in 1829 wrote a letter to President Andrew Jackson saying:

"As you may know, Mr. President, 'railroad' carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by 'engines' which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

Sometimes it is hard to know how to think about and deal with changes happening around us, in our lives and in our church. Many times we ask ourselves questions like: What is God's will for St. Paul's? How are we to adjust to the new changes in our building or in our worship? How to evaluate what we need to embrace and what we need to let go of?

Dears, God's will for us is very clear. He calls us to be fishers of men not keepers of an aquarium! If we focus on our calling as the people of God, if we remember that we are the people who by our actions will make tomorrow's church and if we examine the changes according to God's word, then in this context God will lead us through all the changes to fulfill His aim in the life of our Congregation and our community.

May we continually allow God's word to speak to us and evaluate our lives, our actions and give us understanding to the changes we see in our church for His glory. God Bless you all.

Soli Deo Gloria
Rev. Samer Kandalafi

This Summer at St. Paul's

June 19th - St. Paul's Church Service and Strawberry Social

The service will be held at the pavilion in Baxter Conservation Area at 10:45AM. It will be followed by a potluck picnic lunch and strawberry social. Activities and fun for all ages.

July 1st - Canada Day Parade

The Anniversary Committee has decided to enter a float in the Canada Day Parade. We will need people to help build the float, ride on it and to sing. Volunteers should speak to Ray Porter.

August at St. John's United Church

St. Paul's will be closed in August and members are encouraged to worship across the street at St. John's. Their service starts at 10AM. Your offering envelopes will still go to St. Paul's.

A Moment in Time - Celebrating our 160th Anniversary

To celebrate the 160th Anniversary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Kemptville, the 160th Anniversary Committee has compiled a number of one-minute historical vignettes about St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Kemptville; the early history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; its presence in South-East Ontario, and some notable area Christians/Presbyterians.

These little news bullets - called "A Moment in Time"- are read near the beginning of the worship service. The objective is to provide some food for thought about our ancestral Presbyterians and the challenges and tasks they

faced. They are historical, sentimental, and amusing and meant to turn our thoughts to the meaning of 160 years of Christian witness in the town of Kemptville. Let us give thanks to all those who have gone on before us to pave the way! At the end of the year, the stories will be collected and published in a souvenir brochure.

Submitted by Janet Stark



Welcome Back to Church School Pizza and Movie Night

We will miss you over the summer, so we are already planning a party to welcome you back to Church School in September! Back by popular demand, it's the 2nd annual Welcome Back to Church School Pizza and Movie Night!

Date: Friday, September 9, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

(dinner will be served first; children will then break into two groups for age-appropriate movies)

Location: St. Paul's Church Hall, Kemptville

All Church School children are encouraged to attend – and bring a friend! Parental participation is not required.

Please RSVP to Margaret Armour at 613-258-7577;
m.armour@cogeco.ca by September 1st.



News from the Pews

Congratulations to Karen Messenger who achieved her goal this year of qualifying for the Canadian National Biathlon Championships.

Biathlon is a grueling combination of cross-country skiing and target shooting. The sport is both physically and mentally demanding because the skills required for skiing and for shooting are the exact opposite. With skiing, you must concentrate on technique and push yourself to go as fast as you can. In order to shoot, however, your breathing and heart rate must be slowed down as quickly as possible. With every missed target, a competitor is required to ski a penalty lap so everyone tries to be accurate!

Karen's accomplishment is all the more remarkable when you consider that she only picked up a .22 calibre rifle in 2008. Before that, she had concentrated almost entirely on cross-country skiing at Lakehead University and as a Level Two Instructor. Her parents Judy and Donald credit the many hours that Karen spent skiing the trails in the G. Howard Ferguson Nursery with her sisters, Nancy and Catherine, for her cross-country skill.

With intensive training, Karen qualified to ski in the National Biathlon Championships held in Charlo, New Brunswick, this past March. Being new at the sport, Karen was encouraged with her performance at the Nationals finishing 8th in the competitions. In the 7.5 km Pursuit Race, she had the best shooting results of her short career hitting four of five targets standing and five of five targets in the prone position. She said that these results were a big confidence booster.

The National Championships weren't just about competing. Karen was able to take part in mentoring sessions for young girls interested in Biathlon through "Fast and Female", an organization that motivates girls to stay active through sports. Teaching and mentoring is an important part of Karen's life in Canmore, Alberta. When she's not training, Karen finds time to give back to the Jackrabbit Ski Program - which was where she got her start so many years ago, right here in Kemptville.

Karen's next target is the International Biathlon Union Championship in Europe. Her goal is to do as well as she can and to see how far she can advance in her new sport.



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News from the Pews (cont.)

Hello friends at St Paul's:

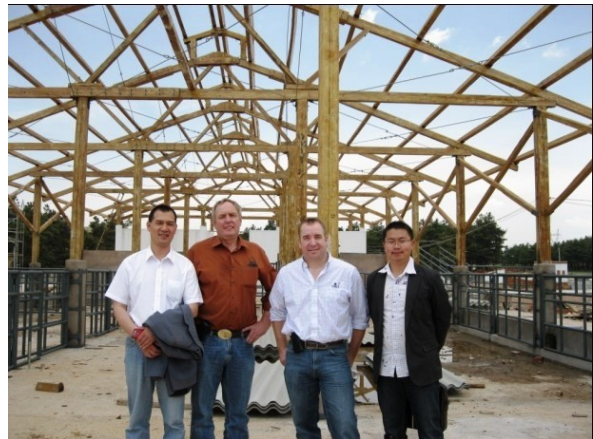
I am in Qujing (Kunming), which is in south western China, in what is referred to as a 4th level city. From what I can understand, it receives its designation because of being under the 100 million population number. The city core is approximately 5 million but with the amalgamated villages and counties the population rises to 50 million people.

I am here working on behalf of a Canadian company which specializes in producing and distributing both beef and dairy genetics. The company is Semex Alliance from Guelph, Ontario, and they are working with the city government here in Qujing to build and operate a production facility that will help to employ people and to help improve the livestock sector in China. The project is part of an Agricultural Technology Park in which there will be a number of Canadian companies working to improve farming practices here in Yunnan province and for the rest of China. The average farm income is less than 1000 RMB per month, which translates to \$165-\$170 per month. Therefore, with improved livestock genetics and improved plant genetics, the quality of the cattle and produce should create a better living for the rural persons. There are many obstacles to overcome; the most difficult one is traditional methods and willingness to accept new techniques.

At the moment we are still acquiring the permits to start the construction and with some good fortune we hope to start construction of the 1st phase of the facility by mid June. This might be delayed as the rainy season starts around the end of May. Here in Qujing we are 1700 metres above sea level so it dries out quickly after the rain, therefore we can only hope construction goes well.

In closing, I would like to mention my appreciation of St. Paul's web site; it certainly helps to stay connected with the church activities and the people who make it happen. My hat is off to the men with their aprons on for Easter morning breakfast.

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. Kind regards, Ron Stewart.



Congratulations to Melissa Verhey who graduated this spring with a diploma in Jewellery Arts from George Brown College in Toronto. Melissa is currently living in Uxbridge, Ontario and working for Rutledge Jewellers where she is doing jewellery repairs. She will be attending an eight week course in August in the United States studying jewellery repair and hopes to get her certificate in gemology in the future.



Do you have News from the Pews that you would like to share? If so, please email it to j.armour@cogeco.ca



Choir Notes

The Choir would like to thank the Congregation of St. Paul's for their overwhelming support of our fundraising campaign to purchase new gowns and stoles. Through envelope donations and contributions to our "Gifts, Gadgets and Gizmos" table, we exceeded our goal.

In memoriam donations were also received in the names of:

Helen Porter
Olivia Porter
Hugh and Jessie Stewart
The Van der Vaart Family
Lil Bond
Sharron Bond
Sally and Wilf Anderson

Gardner and Edith Dickey
Jean Armour
Helena Robinson

In fact, you were so generous that the choir was able to purchase leather performance folders for our sheet music that can be used at concerts and other special occasions.

Your pocketbooks will be pleased to learn that we will be taking a break over the summer, but our wish list is far from exhausted. Our next project will be to replace some of our electronic equipment like a new pedal for the keyboard and some wireless microphones, so watch this space for details.

Submitted by Ruth Bond

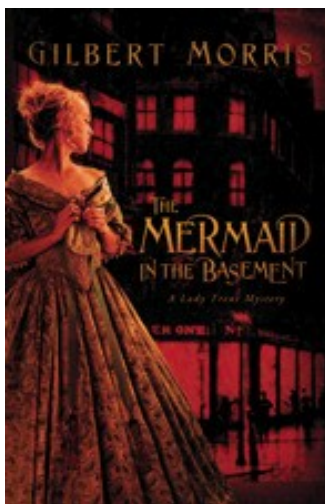
Library Review

The Mermaid in the Basement **A Lady Trent Mystery by Gilbert Morris**

A murdered actress known for her cruel ability to toy with her admirers, a jilted suitor without an alibi, a strong-willed sister willing to take on Scotland Yard to save her hapless

brother from the gallows and a handsome born-again Christian with a shadowy past. All this ... wrapped up in 19th century London.

Lady Serafina Trent is an anomaly of her time. Married into the aristocracy and now living a life of privilege as a young widow, she is not the frail example of romantic womanhood one would expect. Rather, she is a skeptic, only believing in that which can be proved by science. No poetry or Shakespeare for her, she prefers invigorating



discussions with Charles Darwin. Her actions are ruled by her head, not her heart or soul.

But when her brother is faced with an almost certain guilty verdict in the murder of a famous actress, Serafina's reliance on science is put to the test: all evidence points to his guilt! But her timely introduction to the mysterious and magnetic Dylan Tremayne allows her to see the world from a slightly different perspective – and accept that faith, hope and trust in God will ensure that justice is done. At the same time, her eyes might be opened to joys she never knew existed until she opened her heart.

This book covers many categories: historical novel, mystery, romance and Christian-themed. Overall, it's a light read that isn't too preachy. If you can ignore the small historical inaccuracies (and keep a dictionary handy for some over-the-top adjectives), it's one for the summer reading list. Check it out in the St. Paul's Library.

Submitted by Margaret Armour

If you would like to review a book for the next newsletter, please speak to Sharon Côté or Jim Armour.

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Congregational Round-Up

Report from the WMS Presbyterial Meeting at St. Paul's

The Brockville Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society met at St. Paul's on May 11th to discuss the struggle for peace and justice in the Middle East. Reverend Samer Kandalaft and Mary Ballantyne spoke to the group about the challenges faced by people working for change in the region and how their work can come at a high personal price. The day included educational workshops, music, prayer and special food from the Middle East. The next Presbytery-wide meeting of the WMS will take place in Spencerville on September 29th when we will hear from David Pandy-Szekeres, a Presbyterian missionary who works in Eastern Europe. Please speak to Judy Messenger for more information.

Big Changes Coming This Fall

"While you were out" is a television show on The Learning Channel that surprises people by redecorating rooms in their house when they are off doing other things.

Something similar will be happening at St. Paul's during the month of August, so don't be surprised when you walk through the front doors in the fall and things have changed.

In May, the congregation approved plans to make St. Paul's more accessible. This includes a user-friendly platform area at the front of the church and wheelchair accessible washrooms. There will be a new back entrance that will connect with the staircase to the basement and the church school hall. Also approved in this meeting was an upper loft area for an office and a modest modification of the basement space that will add a new classroom.

To do all of this the existing choir loft will disappear and everything - including the stained-glass window - will move forward. In a way, we will be returning the church to how it looked before 1904.

Architects and engineer have visited the church to see what work needs to take place and we trust they will soon

provide us with the final structural plans for the renovation. Our intention is to have most of the intrusive work done during the month of August when we are across the street for worship. With time restraints and the approved budget, the finishing work may not be completed until later in the fall. We have great hopes that as many people as possible will be able to help move furniture and do some preliminary demo work in August. Later on we will be looking for skilled help with such work as painting and trim fitting.

If anyone in the congregation is able to help in any way we would love to hear from you. If anyone knows of tradespeople (particularly plumbers) willing to offer their time, at least in part, the board of managers is waiting to hear from you. Any financial contributions are also very welcome.

Most importantly, if any of these areas are not your forte, we ask for your prayers. Pray that the finished project will reflect who we are as a congregation. This congregation has an "open-door" policy to all those who would worship with us, or who would share our building. This project will make this more evident. Pray that as the building is renewed in this anniversary year, we as a people may be renewed as well.

Submitted by Steve Verhey

