

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Tuesday	8:30 am	Centering Prayer
	10:00 am	Coffee Hour
	10:00 am	Fairview Manor Service
	2:00 pm	Food Cupboard
	6:30 pm	Centering Prayer
	7:00 pm	Worship Committee
Wednesday	10:30 am	Gospel Conversation
	12:30 pm	Christian Meditation
	1:30 pm	Contemplative Writing Circle
	1:30 pm	Pastoral Care
	4:15 pm	Choir practice
	6:30 pm	Open Table
Thursday	1:00 pm	Contemplative Mixed Media Circle
	7:00 pm	Praise Team Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Hatha Yoga
	1:00 pm	Contemplative Photography Circle
Sunday	8:00, 9:15 & 11:00	Sunday services

Pat will be conducting a Communion Service this Tuesday morning at 10:00 am at Fairview Manor.

All are welcome to come and participate.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2: 42-47

1 Peter 2: 19-25

John 10:1-10

THE WIDER CHURCH

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON: At noon on May 02, 2017, in the United Church social hall. For \$5.00 enjoy soup, sandwiches and home-made dessert sponsored by churches in Almonte. For more info contact Donna 256-1894 or your church's representative. **St.Paul's and Hillside will be supplying the desserts for this last luncheon of the season.** We are looking for 4 large pans (9x13) of dessert (or two pies in place of one large pan) from St.Paul's, with hopefully one being diabetic friendly. **Please speak with Rev. Pat if you can make a dessert.**

FASHION SHOW: St James Carleton Place, 225 Edmund Street, is holding their Annual Spring Fashion Show on Wednesday, May 3. They will be presenting Family Fashions by JOE fresh. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5.00 for 12 & under. You may call the church office at 613-257-3178 to reserve your tickets and pay when you get to the door. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Show begins at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

CELEBRATE THE CLASSICS: Arnprior Community Choir: Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Grace St. Andrew's United Church. Tickets: Adults \$18 in advance \$20 at the door - Children 12 and under \$10.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE: 2 km Fun Walk on May 7 from 1 to 3 pm at the Mill of Kintail (Registration begins at noon). Sponsor a walker or grab a pledge sheet and join us in this annual event. Pat and Jack are always happy to receive your support and their pledge form is by the coffee machine at the back of the church.

PARISH OF FITZROY HARBOUR'S SPEAKER SERIES:

Second talk: Friday, June 2, 2017 (6:30pm-8:30pm) Location: tba Speaker Svd Gravel / **How to Survive PTSD and Build Peer Support** - for more information contact the parish office – (613) 623-3882

MOVING FORWARD IN SONG: John Bell Workshop ~ Saturday June 24 2017 at Kanata United Church.

The Future Without a Blueprint ~ 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. What changes are Christians likely to face in the future and how will we cope with these changes in a positive way given that most Christians are resistant to change? **"Songs that Matter"** ~1:15 – 4:00 p.m. New songs will include several new texts set to known tunes; sung theology that helps enable a larger understanding of God's presence in the world around us.

IN OUR PARISH

Today we begin using a new lectionary book that contains the lectionary readings in proper sequence for our three year cycle. This will help ease the pressure on our lectionary Bible which is a little worse for wear. The Lectionary was donated by Paul and Sally Winslow in memory of Ed and Isobelle Winslow Spragge.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP: A meditation practice of surrender for those who wish to live a contemplative, compassionate, creative life fully awake to the wonder and mystery of all that is at St. Paul's Anglican Church Parish Hall, Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Mentors: Louise Stevenson and Sue Evans; for more information, there are brochures available at the back of the church.

FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION: A four week program (May 1, 8, 15, 29 from 7 - 8:30 pm) based on Jean Monbourquette's book on How to Forgive. This is designed for a small group of no more than 10 people. Please sign up with Pat to register - revpjmartin@gmail.com or [613 256 8613](tel:6132568613).

OPEN TABLE: Wednesday, May 3, soup served at 6:30 pm. The topic: **Since God gave humankind the ability to reason and has, therefore, taken a hands-off approach to humans** (i.e., let them do whatever they feel whether it be good or bad), **why do we continue to pray to God for intervention, forgiveness, repentance and so forth?** All are welcome.

CEMETERY IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED: This past winter, many of the white pines in our cemetery were severely damaged in an ice storm. There are many branches down and some broken branches that are still dangling from the trees. We cannot get into the cemetery with the equipment needed to repair the damage until the snow melts and the grounds harden. For the time being, until further notice, the St. Paul's Community Cemetery remains closed to all visitors. This is being done purely as a safety precaution. Rest assured that so far it looks like there has been no damage to any monuments or grave sites. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Mavis at [613-256-2431](tel:613-256-2431).

PRAYER BINDER: At the back of the church, there is a small wooden box in which people are encouraged to write prayer requests which are then brought forward with the offering. These are silent, private prayers that remain between the prayer and God. In addition and beginning this week, there will be a prayer binder at the back of the church. People are welcome to write down prayer requests that will be given to the intercessor for the prayers of the people.

EVENSONG: May 28, at 5 pm in the church with sherry and shortbread to follow;

PLEASE NOTE:

Sanitizer: If you are using the sanitizer, please make sure you turn off both the sanitizer **and** the the water once you are finished or we may have a flood. Bob Bassett has made 2 signs explaining how to operate the sanitizer.

Parking Lot: Thank you Bob Bassett and Cavanagh Construction for the fresh gravel in the parking lot. Stay tuned for more parking improvements.

Floors: Our wood floors are in bad shape: Wally, at Lanark Hardwood will begin repairing and refinishing the hall floor this summer.

*The cross is not a required transaction,
but the mystery of how evil is transformed into good.*

*Jesus takes away the sin of the world by dramatically exposing real sin
- ignorant hatred and violence - not the usual preoccupation with
purity codes - and by refusing to participate in the usual patten of
vengeance.*

Richard Rohr

