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Dean Valerie happily served her homemade vegetable soup to hungry students at Northern College in South Porcupine. Dean Valerie is a member of the Porcupine Ministerial Association which endeavours to serve the college students.



Tom Cunningham and The Reverend Catherine Murkin enjoyed the parish's farewell party.

Northern Warmth & Soup

Article by Dean Valerie Isaac, Diocese of Moosonee.

SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN Timmins/South Porcupine, I began to work with the Porcupine Ministerial Association and have enjoyed every moment since. My first full group meeting was in September when we met for our monthly luncheon and business. It was there that I met Pastor Brynn Carson from Porcupine United Church and there struck up an instant friendship.

Through Brynn, I learned that the Ministerial has an outreach to the students at Northern College in Porcupine and it was then that I asked if I could join in and help out. Yes, was the instant reply and the following week I was helping set up a table in the lobby of the college. Many of the students there are from India and as you can imagine, far from home and family and this is a wonderful outreach to them and



Many of the Northern College students who enjoyed Dean Valerie's soup hail from countries other than Canada. Their smiles and obvious appreciation crossed all cultural barriers.

all the other students who pass by.

We set up a table of hot chocolate and glazed donuts that Pastor Brynn picked up. Also, there were some Bibles and information about the various churches in Timmins, South Porcupine, and Porcupine on the table. It was at this outreach that I noticed how the students wanted to talk or were just happy to see a smiling face.

The following month, I began to notice that some of the students would come back and ask for another donut if there were enough to go around and we said yes but the cost was a little higher. Looking startled and afraid that they didn't have enough or any money to buy a donut - we said that just a smile will do! After that day, Brynn and

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She Rocked the Rock

Article by The Reverend Vivien Clarke, St. Peter's on-the-Rock

FIVE YEARS AGO, St. Peter's on-the-Rock Anglican Church in Kirkland Lake welcomed The Reverend Catherine Murkin as our priest. Now we are saying goodbye to her as she moves on to be with other congregations. We are sad to see her go but also happy that she is going to be much closer to her two grandchildren.

Catherine has many hidden talents. She is a great artist, decorator, and crafts person to name a few. She is known for her jovial antics - singing and dancing along, starting a song with the first verse and then continuing on to another because she doesn't know all the words!

Catherine's accomplishments for our church are as follows: she organized a monthly sharing

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Fond Farewell *continued from page 1.*



Diane Thompson, Dean Valerie Isaac, Ron Isaac and Marshall Thompson were four of the many well wishers who attended the parish farewell party for The Reverend Catherine Murkin.

supper not only for our parish but also for the people in our community. She also hosted a Christian band once a month with coffee hour. Catherine added a Wednesday morning service using the Kenyan Rite. Moreover, Catherine encouraged me to become a deacon, and this was something quite new to our parish. In addition, Catherine travelled to Schumacher once a week to run a drop in centre for children immediately after school, youth in the evening, and adults throughout the morning and afternoon.

It is time for her and her constant companion, Honey, to move on. Some people come into our lives and quickly go, Others stay awhile and make footprints on our hearts. She will be meeting a lot of new people, learning new routines and serving several parishes. She is going to be scared, but in Jeremiah, it says, "you must go wherever I send you and don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you."

Catherine's new churches are incredibly fortunate to have her as their new priest. We pray that they love her as we do.



The Reverend Catherine Murkin was surrounded by her parishioners and others who came to wish her well.



Rector's Warden, Anita Assad, proved that "parting is such sweet sorrow" as she bade farewell to Reverend Catherine on behalf of the entire congregation of St. Peter's-on-the-Rock.

Lovely Lunch *continued from page 1.*



Dean Valerie's soup secured the attention of many college students.

I sat and talked about the students and what their needs might be. I suggested that more than just donuts as these students were truly hungry for food. So we talked and began plans for next month when we would bring hot soup to them. Vegetable soup for them as most of the foreign students are vegetarian and even some of the North American kids are too. The big soup pot soon emptied and we knew that that was what we needed to do to help them out.

The ministerial are totally behind us in this endeavour and have asked how things are going with it. During that first episode, I was able to make up a few bags of dried soup mixes so that they could take it home and make it themselves. Those packages flew off the table as well.

With Pastor Brynn having some health issues, Rev. Bill Jones took her place for our January time and George Cribbs, member of St. Paul's in South Porcupine, helped



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Two Great Chapters

Article by Archdeacon Larry Armstrong, Diocese of Moosonee.



Future Events

There will be a Diocesan Gathering held in Val d'Or, Quebec between May 31st and June 3rd.

We shall have a General Synod in Cochrane, Ontario on November 25th and 26th. The Finance & Property Committee will meet on November 24th. in Cochrane.

FUTURE EVENTS: The Reverend Patricia Dorland wants all of us to be aware of the impending Diocesan Gathering and the Diocesan Synod.

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Marshall Thompson (Kirkland Lake)



Assisting Bishop, Fred Hiltz, worked diligently with delegates Laurette Potvin of Hornpayne and Elizabeth Howe of Hearst during the Great Chapter meeting.

Off to a Good Start

Article by Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, Diocese of Moosonee.

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE to be serving as Assisting Bishop of Moosonee in this year of Holy Discernment. I am very much enjoying my work with our Archbishop Anne Germond, our diocesan staff, Archdeacon Larry Armstrong and Canon Patricia Dorland, Dean Valerie Isaac, Regional Deans George Westgate and Phelan Scanlon - all of whom care deeply for the prospering of the Church in Moosonee, its faithful witness to the Gospel of Christ.

Holy Discernment is the work of being attentive to the call of God in our lives and in the life of the Church for the sake of the world. This year we are endeavouring to listen with intent for the leading of the Holy Spirit in how we, in Moosonee, are configured for mission and resourced for ministry. Our

work began in Great Chapter Gatherings in both of our deaneries. For James Bay Deanery we met in Wemindji with about 80 people in attendance and for Watershed we met in Cochrane with about 40 people.

Our first round of conversation began with a remembrance of the Risen Lord's care for the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation. For each Church he has a word of commendation for their faith. He addresses a matter of concern and offers counsel, some of which is gentle and some firm. He gives encouragement and holds the promise of eternal blessings. He requests that John, the seer, put the message in writing to the angel of the Church with a concluding exhortation to, "hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church." In the spirit of those letters we were invited to name the

THE GREAT CHAPTER MEETINGS HELD ANNUALLY BY THE

two deaneries, James Bay and Watershed are one of the highlights in our diocesan calendar. This year, James Bay Deanery Great Chapter was hosted by St. John the Baptist in Wemindji, Quebec on Feb. 21-23. The Watershed Deanery was hosted by Holy Trinity Parish in Cochrane on March 7th.

Every three years we nominate a new slate of lay and

clerical members as well as regional deans. As the year 2020 is a new triennium, we have a new slate of members who will serve for the next three years. Unique to our diocese, the members of Executive Council also serve as the members of the Synod.

Next year's James Bay Deanery Great Chapter will be hosted by St. Phillips in Chisasibi, Quebec. The Watershed Deanery Great Chapter host is yet to be determined.

ministries throughout Moosonee for which we feel especially blessed and grateful. Then we were called to name the challenges we are facing and to share our yearnings for the future.

Our second round of conversation began with a remembrance of the Risen Lord's commissioning of Peter to shepherd all who would come to believe in Him (John 21:15-19). Reflecting on how that image has influenced the way we speak of ministry, we were invited to talk specifically about the ministry of a bishop. To help us get started, we looked at the vows one makes in ordination for episcopal ministry. Then we imagined what the joys of being Bishop of Moosonee might be and the challenges too. Mindful of the variety of ways in which episcopal ministry has been provided throughout our history up to and including the current arrangement with the diocese being an Area Mission of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario with the Metropolitan serving as bishop, we took the opportunity to dream of a model that would be most effective going forward.

In both rounds of conversation, the room was abuzz and the reports from table groups were substantial. The Diocesan Working Group which has members from both deaneries is now reviewing all the feedback - distilling shared blessings, concerns and hopes, and dis-

cerning what the focus of the next round of conversation should be at a Diocesan Gathering in September. From our work in that gathering, the Working Group will begin shaping a report with recommendations for Synod to consider when it assembles in November (24-25) in Cochrane.

In tending to the call to Holy Discernment, I encourage one and all to be confident in this - that there is an Angel of the Church in Moosonee - one appointed by the Lord to bear a message of his care and counsel, his encouragement in plans for ministry that strengthen our witness to the Gospel, and to his promise of blessings beyond our imagining. Imagine that Angel watching, whispering and moving us along with courage in the leading of the Spirit. In all of our work, may this be our prayer: "Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, our wills to serve you, for we are yours. Into your hands, incarnate Saviour, we place ourselves: receive us and draw us after you, that we may follow in your steps; abide in us and enliven us by the power of your indwelling. Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves: take us and fashion us after your image; let your comfort strengthen, your grace renew, and your breath inspire us for a beautiful witness to the reign of God on earth as in heaven. Amen."



Diocese of Moosonee Activities

Menaywaywyn and Susan Spence worked at the combined Porcupine Horticultural Society and St. Paul's Anglican Church's chilli lunch during the South Porcupine Winter Carnival.



The Reverend Anne-Marie Carriér and Miss Daisy watched a presentation during the Great Chapter meeting for the Watershed Deanery held in Cochrane.



HOLYSMOKE AT HOLY TRINITY - The Reverends Isabel Dube & Anne-Marie Carriér joined Marshall Thompson and others for the fellowship of the cigarette during a break at the Great Chapter meeting for the Watershed Deanery held in Cochrane.



The Reverend Isabel Dube paid close attention to Archbishop Fred Hiltz during his presentation to the delegates at the Great Chapter meeting held in Cochrane.



Lisa Ahern, Catharine Cribbs, and Margaret Hoggett of the Porcupine Horticultural Society worked with St. Paul's parishioners in South Porcupine to make and serve a chilli lunch during the Winter Carnival.



Cathy Millions and Jim Nicholls are seasoned 'chicken foot' players and they enjoyed the 'seniors' games offered at St. Paul's during the Winter Carnival.



Dean Valerie provided smiles and homemade soup to Northern College's students as part of the ongoing outreach effort of the Porcupine Ministerial Association.



The Reverend Catherine Murkin and Lesley Curtis had their cake - and ate it too at the farewell party hosted for Rev. Catherine at St. Peter's-on-the-Rock in Kirkland Lake.

Stay Home and Stay Safe

Article by Archbishop Anne Germond, Bishop of Moosonee.

“ALTHOUGH I HAVE MUCH to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink; instead I hope to come to you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.” [2 John 12]

The words being penned on this Easter Monday will not be read until June, but my deepest hope and prayer are that by then the immense suffering we are seeing in our world as it groans in agony over COVID-19 will be decreasing. One can hardly bear to watch the news anymore as the daily death toll increases and as much needed medical supplies decrease. In the space of a month, after the WHO declared COVID-19 to be a worldwide pandemic, our highly organized and routine lives were turned inside out and upside down.

Who would have ever imagined that in Canada we would have to line up outside a grocery store to buy essential supplies, that family gatherings would be held via Zoom, and that birthday wishes would be extended to loved ones from the safety of a vehicle or through the window of a nursing home. And who would have thought that on Easter Sunday morning we would be watching liturgies of the Word delivered via YouTube or livestreamed from our living rooms.

Following the government guidelines in early March which put limitations of gatherings larger than 250 people, then 50, then 5, all religious groups closed their doors of their churches, synagogues, and mosques where the faithful had gathered for worship for centuries. As the Metropolitan who issued the letter recommending that worship be suspended on March 15th, I waited with baited breath for the backlash I was certain would come from all quarters. As one important event after another was cancelled or postponed, I imagined the waves of criticism flooding in. Nothing of the sort happened. In the same way that congregations respected the earlier guidelines regarding other restrictions around Holy Communion and the exchange of the peace, people respected every directive and quickly adapted to life outside our church buildings. No one minded at all because we had in our hearts and minds the well-being of the cities and communities in which we reside. It was important for us to stay home and stay safe to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. We continue to pray for all those whose lives



Archbishop Anne worked as recording secretary for her group at the deanery meeting held in Cochrane.

have been forever changed by it.

It only took a day of wondering how we would manage without communal worship, the regular receiving of Holy Communion, and seeing each other in person for our usual meetings and gatherings. What we knew was that we could not manage without God or one another and, through forced separation, something new and beautiful came into being in our church communities. We embraced technology and offered morning and evening liturgies of the word, prayers and teachings, stories and children's talks through the wonders of Zoom and livestreaming. And the people came from near and far to share in those beautiful times of worship with us in the middle of the world's heartache. Not in their usual tens or fifties or even a hundred - sometimes in their thousands. Folks who haven't set foot inside a church building in years 'dropped in too' and immediately felt a sense of connection to their new online community. Through them, man have assumed a regular pattern of evening and morning devotions in their homes. We were offered new liturgies for Holy Week and Easter to use in our homes and they might just become a regular form of worship in the years ahead.

It didn't matter that the clergy were standing in their living rooms or that the camera wasn't still, that the dog or daughter arrived in the middle of the service, or that there wasn't any music. Our desire to connect with God, to listen to words of hope, peace and comfort, and to pray for our hurting world and one another was more important than all the trappings we so

often claim we need for true worship to happen. Some people formed small online communities for the study of God's Word and every imaginable meeting was held in the privacy of our homes. Life in the church moved on as we adapted to this strange new world.

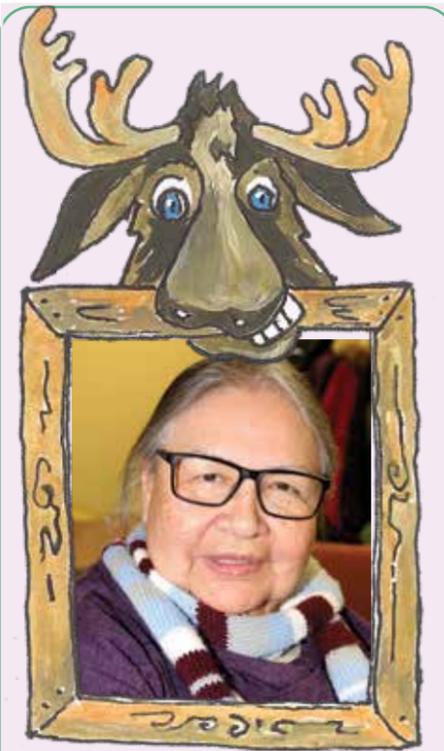
Even as we discovered new ways of worshipping we also re-acquainted ourselves with the use of the telephone and paper and ink to reach out to one another. One cleric said she had an aversion to the telephone and usually had her wardens make phone calls on her behalf. COVID-19 changed all that - she has spent hours on the phone getting to know her parishioners and finding it isn't such a terrifying medium after all! And our people responded with words of appreciation that they had been remembered at a time when they were so afraid.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for the amazing ways you are 'being the church' beyond the four walls of our churches. You are creative, resilient, faith-filled people fulfilling your calling to be the body of Christ in the world.

By the time you read these words, Trinity Sunday (June 7th) might just have passed. The appointed gospel for that day is from Matthew and is an account of The Great Commission that Jesus gave his disciples prior to his Ascension into heaven. *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28: 19-20)

Writer and preacher Tom Lang says, *“Telling this little band of confused and disoriented disciples that they would herd all the people of the earth towards Mount Zion in the name of Jesus would be like standing in front of most congregations today and telling them to go and cure cancer, clean up the environment, evangelize unbelievers, and while you are about it, establish world peace.”* (Feasting on the Word, Year A, vol 3).

The fact that the job at hand was so impossible means that the disciples have no other choice but to place themselves utterly at the mercy and strength of God. This is what so many of us have found during the time of COVID-19. We can do nothing in



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WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE NORTH: *Freedom to roam & live - fresh air, open space!*

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT THE NORTH: *Too many people*

YOUR BIRTHPLACE: *On the trapline - inland in Quebec*

WHAT'S THE FURTHEST YOU HAVE BEEN FROM HOME:

Hawaii
YOUR BEST HIDDEN TALENT: *Open to meeting people of all ages*

YOUR FAVOURITE HOBBY: *Reading*

YOUR FAVOURITE CHURCH ROLE: *All of them*

YOUR BIGGEST FEAR: *I fear nothing/no one - God is my shield*

YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL: *Anything made with chocolate*

YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM: *Montreal Canadiens*

WHICH SECULAR JOB HAS BEEN YOUR FAVOURITE: *Working with elders (home care) and children at school.*

YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK OR MOVIE: *Princess Bridge.*

our own strength but in God's strength some formerly incredible things are possible, indeed are actually happening. In the end all 'authority' is not ours personally or even the church's but comes from God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Even if we are back in our buildings by June, I encourage you to keep leaving the safety of your church buildings and go into all the world in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Parenting MU Style

Article by Kathleen Snow, Mothers' Union, Regional Trainer, Worldwide Parenting Program, Worldwide Trustee, The Mothers' Union, Fredericton, New Brunswick.



The Reverend Gladys Matoush participated in the 'Tangle Exercise' as part of the Parenting Program course offered by the Mothers' Union in Sudbury, ON



Kathleen Snow, pictured here with the Reverends Catherine Murkin & Agnes Flam, introduced the parenting course at a clericus conference held in Timmins.

A COMMENT WAS MADE by one of the participants at the recent Facilitator Training Course for the World Wide Mothers' Union (MU) Parenting Program in the Diocese of Moosonee in Northern Ontario, "The rain will fall on me the same way ... nature does not judge." Nine participants attended the training course in Sudbury led by Lena Edmonton and Kathleen Snow, regional trainers for the MU Parenting Program. They were assisted by Maxine Simpkin, parenting coordinator for the Canadian Mothers' Union. Kathleen is a regional trainer, Worldwide Parenting Program with the MU and is a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton, NB.

Many participants travelled two days by car to attend the course. They hailed from Wemindji, Wasikaganish, Eastmain, and Waswanipi First Nation communities in Northern Ontario and Quebec. They came to learn about facilitating support groups for parents and families in their communities.

The planning for this course first took root in September, 2018 when Bishop Tom Corston invited Kathleen to attend their Clericus Conference and introduce the parenting program to the clergy of the Diocese of Moosonee. Interest was expressed after the presentation and it has taken almost 18 months of planning and prayer for the training course to become a reality.

The goal, of course, was to train facilitators to run parenting support groups in their communities to address the challenging issues of raising our children to become health adults. They facilitate these



support groups in discussing topics such as: effective communication, developing trust, and positive self-esteem, building healthy relationships, and setting boundaries. The parenting program is open to those of all faiths or none.

The facilitator training was very much experiential, with the use of: energizers, ice breakers, role playing, physical and artistic exercises, sketches, story-telling, improvisations, and more. Music, laughter, learning, and prayer occurred each day; joys as well as sorrows were shared. We heard stories from our participants - stories of laughter, stories of pain.

Seven of the nine participants were Indigenous Cree. Lena, Maxine, and I were impressed with the strength of the people, of their respect and love for one another, their wish to support those in their communities who are struggling. One participant had initially not planned to take the course, simply came along with a family member. But that person took part in the course, shared much with us, and was such an asset and a leader in the group.

The facilitators will use these tools and skills to meet with people in their communities to facilitate support groups where people share and discuss. They are teaching but rather listening to those in the group and allowing everyone to share or not.

The Parenting Program is not bib-

lically based; it is up to the group if they wish to include this as part of the sessions.

The Mothers' Union Parenting Program has been successful at a grass roots level in 23 countries worldwide since 2002. Part of the success of the program is that it is run by people in their own communities, embracing their own cultures and dynamics. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkvqvyGVWoM&t=4s>)

The injustices which have occurred to the Indigenous People in Canada have been acknowledged for a number of years now, but much more is required. Reconciliation has begun but it will take time and will be a long process. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada cited in the Calls to Action under Legacy - Child Welfare, Section 5: "We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to develop culturally appropriate parenting programs for Aboriginal families." This parenting program is a first step to just that.

This training course could not have been a reality without the support of the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) through a grant application in 2019. Many thanks to the Anglican Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Mothers' Union and the Worldwide Mothers' Union for their generous support.

During the course, we heard stories from participants about how

they plan to move forward with their newly acquired skills to lead support groups for men in their communities, for parents of children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and for families where there are addiction issues and abuse - physical, mental and spiritual.

They are a resilient people, with a gentle, peaceful history which they wish to share with others. My most fervent prayer is that they will.

So, if we choose to ask others to join in the dance and support them in bringing up children to be healthy adults and parents, that is the most that I and members of the Mothers' Union could pray for.

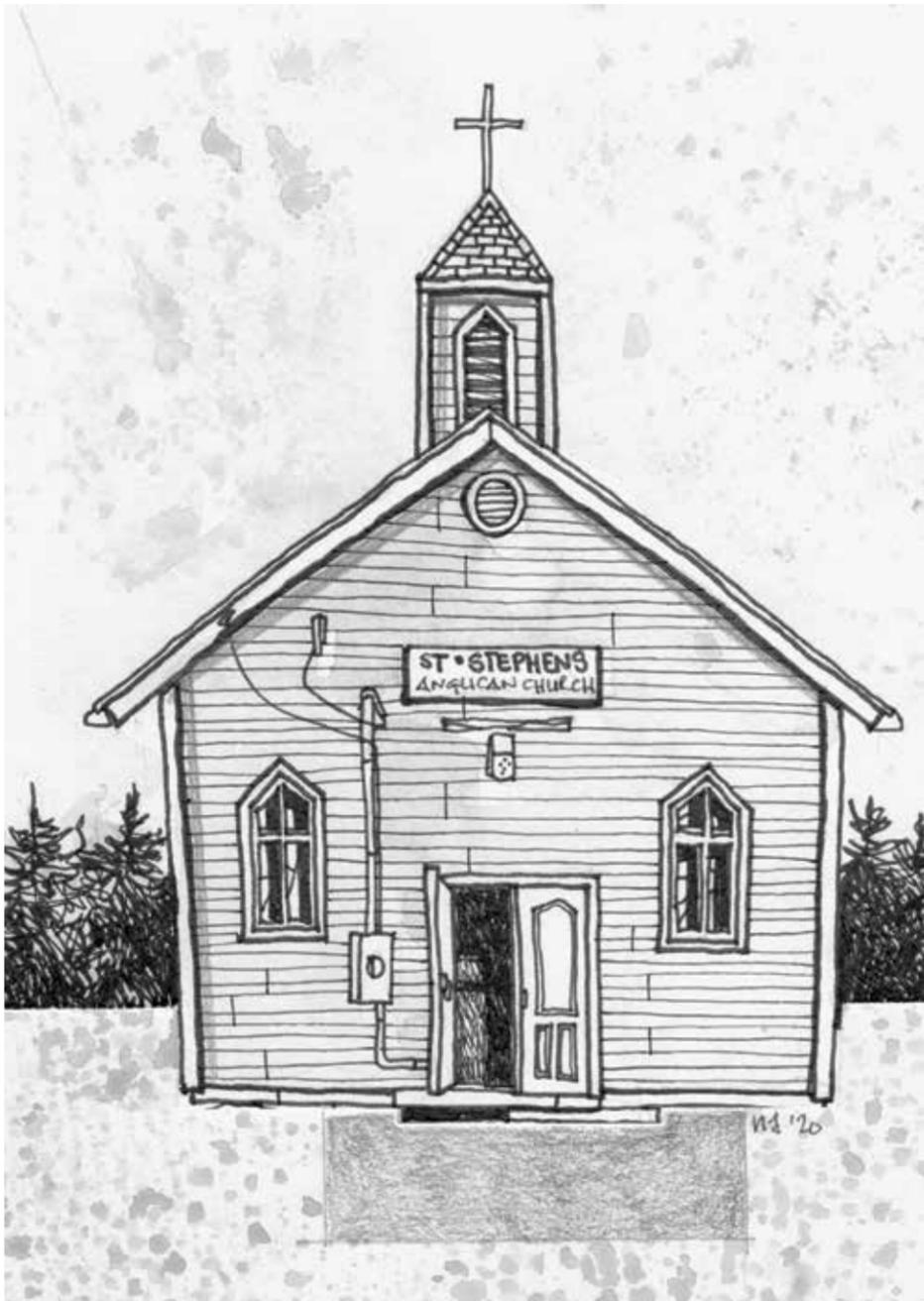
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DIOCESAN CHURCHES: This pen and ink sketch of St. Stephen's Church, Constance Lake, ON was created by the artist and architect, Nicky Alexander.

Servants and Servers

Article by The Reverend F. J. Ann Westgate, Church of St. John the Evangelist, Mistissini, QC.



The Reverend Ann Westgate, Isaiah Trapper, The Reverend George Westgate, and Kathleen Coon posed for a photograph at St. John the Evangelist in Mistissini. Isaiah and Kathleen are two of the three servers in the parish.

SCARY STORY

Article by Martha Westgate, Church of St. John the Evangelist, Mistissini, QC.

WHEN MOST OF US THINK of camping, we think of campfires, wiener roasts, toasted marshmallows and stories. Scary campfire stories would likely include ghosts and witches. There are many scary stories in the Bible. I put together a program for Sunday School that was really good to tell children about 'scary stories' from the Bible.

I thought about how to go about creating a scene in which to tell the stories. We put up a tent in the lower hall of the church; we hung lanterns and stars; and we made an artificial campfire as a place in which to tell our stories. At first, the children would not go in the tent because it was something they had never seen in a building before. However, after a couple of Sundays the children became comfortable with the tent and they even took off their shoes before going into the tent.

I was surprised to learn how many stories in the Bible are scary. We discovered David and Goliath - a teenage boy against a big, old giant and then Daniel in the lions den - I don't know about you but that is a scary story!

When I told these stories inside the tent with the children, we really



The Sunday School children created many items to support the Scary Stories. I felt like we were camping even though we were inside the church.

As we learned about these scary stories, I discovered many more scary Bible stories. However, I did not want this to go on forever. So, I selected four: the writing on the wall, Peter's vision, Moses holding his rod up high, and when one of Jesus' followers was stoned to death.

Yes, the stories are scary but they teach us about trust, and faith in God. Daniel was delivered from the lions den. Daniel was able to translate the writing on the wall and give warning to the king. Peter's vision was to open the door to ministry to spread the gospel to the gentiles. The truth learned is that we do not succeed by anything we do but through the gifts and truth of God. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

THE DEFINITION OF A SERVANT is one who serves others. Jesus himself said, "I came not to be served but to serve." Jesus is the servant of God His Father and to us in that He goes to his Father and intercedes for each of us on our behalf.

In the church, we are all called to be servants. In our baptismal covenant we say that we will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as our selves. Jesus after telling the parable of the 'Good Samaritan,' asked a lawyer "who proved to be the neighbour to the one who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer answered, "the one who showed mercy." We are all called to show Christ's mercy not only in our words but also in our actions.

There are specific or special roles within the church designated as servant roles. Sunday school teachers serve our children. Organists and choir members help by serving the congregation and leading in the music and worship of the church. Lay readers, by their distinctive function,

serve the priest and the congregation in helping to lead worship. Deacons, by their designated role, serve the priest, the congregation and the bishop. However, there is another role that is very important but not always available within the church. It is the role of the server or acolyte.

The server assists by helping to enhance the worship experience, The server lights the candles before the worship service. The server processes the gospel to the congregation. The server also helps the priest or deacon prepare the table for the Eucharistic feast. The server receives the offering and presents the offering to the priest at the holy table for a blessing over the gifts. The server helps to clear the table after the Eucharistic feast. The server also puts out the candles after the worship service.

Presently, St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Mistissini, Quebec is blessed to have three servers. They are: Isaiah Trapper, Chanel Gunner, and Kathleen Coon. Kathleen Coon has graciously agreed to be our head acolyte.