



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 Street in Kemptville, Ontario.

The Sunday Service at our sister church Knox begins at 9:15AM. They are located at 2227 Simms St. in Mountain.

# St. Paul's Matters

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Fall - 2016

## "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

### Dear St. Paul's Family

For many people, October 31<sup>st</sup> is a day to dress up in costumes and go out for "trick or treat".

For Christians - especially those of the reformed tradition - October 31<sup>st</sup> is the Reformation Day. On this day we celebrate God's work through his servants, the Reformers of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, who preserved the message of the Scriptures and thank God for our roots.

We thank God for we have **"received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted and built up in Him"** (Col 2:6-7). We also thank God for rooting us in a congregation that is rooted in the teaching of **Grace alone, Faith alone, and Scripture alone**. In short, we thank God for rooting us in **Christ alone**.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses on the door of the church of the university at which he taught in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther had no intention of starting the Reformation.

He was simply inviting the other priests and scholars of his day into an ordinary discussion about Christian faith and certain church practices such as the teachings of indulgences, purgatory, and other beliefs and practices of the church that were not in agreement with the clear teaching of the Bible.

The church was not ready to discuss these issues with Luther, rather his attitude was seen as a threat to the church authority. The church eventually labeled him as a heretic and excommunicated him.

As a result, Luther took his reform movement outside of the church in order to preserve the true teachings of the Bible. The Reformation movement is founded on the following biblical teachings:

#### Grace alone

The Bible assures us that salvation is based on the free gift of God's grace, not on our good works.

#### Faith alone

God's gift of grace is received through faith in

what Jesus has done for us. Our good works flow out of having a right relationship with God, but these good works do not have the power to make us right with God.

**"For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"** (2:8-9).

#### Scripture alone

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It alone is the source for what we believe and what we practise in the church.

Tradition, experience and human reason are to serve as methods to help us in understanding the Bible and they are not equal to it.

#### Christ alone

Our assurance of salvation is the person of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection. John's Gospel tells us that **"Jesus is the only way to the Father"** (John 14:6).

During the coming weeks, I encourage you to take some time to remember the great heritage of the Reformation and to learn about the core teachings of Christianity that were preserved by God through the Church Reformers.

Take comfort in the truth that God continues to reform His Church and preserve His faithful ones in Christ alone through His Holy Word and His Grace.

As Luther said in verse two of his famous hymn, **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

*Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
were not a Saviour on our side,  
the One of God's own choosing:  
Who is this Saviour, who?  
Christ Jesus, living, true.  
Lord Sabbath, by name,  
from age to age the same,  
already wins the battle.*

### Have a Blessed Reformation Day

Rev. Samer

## Another Grandchild for Bob and Susan Wood!



Another wonderful grandchild for Robert and Susan Wood was born September 7th weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz. Chris, Megan big brother William are pleased to introduce our newest family member, Callia Susan Pagonis. She is healthy, growing and very interested in her surroundings!

## Presbyterian Record to Cease Publication on December 31st

Facing declining circulation and revenue, the board of directors of Presbyterian Record Inc., publisher of the Presbyterian Record, has decided to cease publication of the magazine with the December 2016 issue.

In a statement board chair Botond Fejes wrote: "Arriving at this conclusion has been a difficult process for the board. Its members have struggled with this responsibility for a considerable time. The continued publication of the Record, in its present configuration, was simply not sustainable ... therefore, we are sadly constrained to allow this ebb in the fortunes of the Presbyterian Record to run its course."

The magazine's publisher and editor, David Harris, said the magazine simply couldn't transition quickly enough from a subscription-based model to a philanthropically financed model.

"Our donors have been fantastic," said Harris. "Over the past 12 years, they have given us almost \$1.5 million. Without that support, the magazine would have folded years ago."

Over the past 25 years, readership has been declining at an average rate of 2,000 subscribers a year, while the denomination itself—the magazine's sole market—has been declining at a rate of about 2,800 members a year.

The Record posted a loss of \$141,425 at the end of 2015 on a \$900,000 budget, with another nearly quarter million-dollar loss projected for 2016. Harris said the magazine would have needed to raise an additional \$75,000 this year and about \$250,000 next year in order to continue.

The magazine approached General Assembly in June for support in

asking the broader church to try to come up with \$50,000. But with committees just beginning to hold fall meetings, the only achievement was free rent at 50 Wynford Dr., the church's national offices in Toronto, saving about \$20,000 from the budget.

Harris also said that publishing an online-only version of the magazine was not an option. "Salaries, not printing and postage, are the biggest costs at a small magazine like the Record," he said. "You need excellent staff whether a publication is online or print. And the Record could not expect to generate significant online revenue."

The Record has been published monthly since January 1876. Over its 140 years it has had eight editors. Harris has led the magazine since 2002.

In 1975, circulation stood at 88,000. By the turn of the century, that number had fallen to 50,000 and has continued the slide to about 10,000 today.



## Update on the Sale of the Manse

The Board reports that we have been working on getting the Manse property severed from the Church property so that it can be put up for sale.

We were close to getting this completed when we were informed that there had been a change of mind in the municipality and instead of a "Severance" a "New Lot" would need to be created.

Much work has already been done, but we now expect the new lot to be severed and paperwork with a proper deed to be in place by the end of November.

In the meantime the Kandalafsts have purchased a home and are anxious to move. They have made necessary renovations and are now ready to move in to their new home.

The Board of Management and Session have

agreed that the church is not in a position to pay our minister a full housing allowance until the manse is sold and proceeds from the sale is invested.

We have determined that we would be able to pay our minister a Utility allowance if they vacate the Manse and we shut down most of the utilities to reduce cost.

The Kandalafsts have agreed to this and are making plans to move into their new home at the end of October.

As soon as the Manse property is severed from the the church property we will list the house for sale.

Steve and Cathy Verhey are still very interested in purchasing the Manse and will do so as soon as their property is sold.

## Happy 60th Anniversary to the Roffeys



On August 6th 2016 friends and family gathered at Pierce's Corners Hall to celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Darlene and Albert Roffey.

A lovely luncheon was served and a great time was had by young and old alike.

We were also celebrating Albert's 80th birthday and Darlene's 77th.

Lots of reminiscing and fond family memories.

Congratulations to you both.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR WEBSITE AT ST. PAUL'S IS UPDATED EVERY WEEK? IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO LOOK FOR PHOTOS AND INFORMATION. YOU CAN FIND IT AT:**

[stpaulskemptville.ca](http://stpaulskemptville.ca)

**IF YOU KNOW OF FRIENDS OR NEIGHBOURS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL, CONTACT JIM ARMOUR AT [j.armour@cogeco.ca](mailto:j.armour@cogeco.ca)**

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE HELD ON:**

**Nov. 27, 2016  
April 9, 2017  
June 4, 2017**

## Nope ... No Family Resemblance There.



Recently, the Carmichael brothers gathered to celebrate Robert and Betty Carmichael's 50th Anniversary. Left to right are Bill, Robert, John, David and Stephen. Bill & Valerie travelled from Scarborough; John & Maybn came from Okatoks, AB; Stephen travelled from Fort Nelson, B.C; while Robert and Betty reside in Ventnor. Many nieces and nephews also gathered to celebrate this wonderful occasion. We enjoyed lots of stories and reminiscences of the past! We remember Harry and Eleanor Carmichael, who were long-time members of St. Paul's. All of the brothers were active members of the Sunday School and Young Peoples

## Thank You From The KandalafTs

A big thank you from the KandalafTs to all who have helped them during the renovation of their new home with their advice, suggestions, tools and time.

The KandalafTs especially would like to thank:

Alan Gilhooly	for helping in construction work.
Rev. Feras Chamas	for helping in construction work.
Rev. Alan Jorgensen	for helping in wood work.
Roger Stark	for helping in drywall construction.
Donald Messenger	for mowing the lawn at the manse and the new home

Judy and Nancy Messenger for providing us with meals during the work.

Steve and Cathy Verhey for lending us their trailer.  
Heather and Ron Stewart for lending us their trailer.

God Bless you all.



## Refugee Sponsorship Update from Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

In late 2015, in response to the refugee crisis in Syria, the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry voted to sponsor six Syrian refugees to Canada through Presbyterian World Services & Development (PWS & D).

The Presbytery formed a Refugee Sponsorship subcommittee, composed of representatives from the various churches in the Presbytery, to select six Syrian refugees and work with PWS&D to sponsor them.

The Committee chose a family of five (parents, two adult daughters and one child), as well as a single woman. All are Christians living outside of Syria (the family is in Lebanon, and the single woman is in Qatar).



The Nahhas family consists of father Walid, mother Dalal, daughters Hiba and Tamy, and Tamy's son Joud. They are originally from Homs, Syria, and fled to Beirut in late 2014.

Walid and Dalad are retired education professionals, Hiba has her degree in Pharmacy, and Tamy has her Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. Hiba and Tamy both speak English fluently.

They have requested to settle in Kemptville, so that Hiba and Tamy may bring their Syrian academic credentials up to date at one of the Ottawa universities.

Nouida Daghistani is a divorced woman who is currently teaching English at a private girls' school in Qatar. She has her bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Damascus, and her credentials to teach English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from Arizona State University.



The plan is to locate her initially in Brockville, as she has some contacts in this community that will aid in her resettlement.

We anticipate that the refugees will arrive in Canada sometime in the spring of 2017. In the meantime, please consider fundraising events to help support the families once they are here.

We will also need "in-kind" donations, especially of furniture, bedding, kitchen and other household items, but please do not start collecting those until we have a much better idea of when they will coming.

If you would like someone from the Presbytery for your event to update you on "our refugees", please contact Rev. Marianne Emig Carr at [rev.marianne@myhighspeed.ca](mailto:rev.marianne@myhighspeed.ca), or speak to a subcommittee member.

Thank you for all you do to help and support these people who are fleeing war and violence that most of us will never know. Jesus calls us to help "the least of these, my brothers and sisters", and we are grateful that we are able to serve in this very special way.

Deepest thanks to the subcommittee members: Jennifer Adams, Iris Clark, Rev. Feras Chamas, Angie Cowan, Henny and Ed Donkersteeg, Mary Ferguson, Hugh Gallagher, Christine Hains, Lisa Jennings, Heather Lightfoot, Garnet Thompson, and Neil Williams.

## St. Paul's Mission Projects - Beth Donovan Hospice & Shoeboxes

Thank you to everybody at St. Paul's who supported our spring-summer mission project for the Beth Donovan Hospice.

A dedication ceremony was held on October 2nd where a cheque for \$1500.00 was presented to Debbie Watt who is Executive Director at Beth Donovan.

Debbie was very appreciative of the donation and said the money would be used toward the operation of their new building on the French Settlement Road.

Our fall mission project will be to again support the Christmas Child Shoe Box program.

Last year, thanks to the help of Knox Mountain, we collected an impressive 148 boxes. Let's see if we can surpass that total this year.

The shoe boxes will be going to the Ukraine, as well as countries in Central America, South America and Africa. The deadline for the filled boxes to be returned to St. Paul's by **Sunday, November 13th**.

Fall Photos From Pioneer Nursery - Submitted by Judy Messenger



## St. Paul's Celebrates 165 Years of Service



Photo of the Reverend Samer Kandalaft and Piper Gary Harper. Gary acted as the "Greeter" on Anniversary Sunday playing "Amazing Grace" and other hymns on his bagpipes.

## What's the Story Morning Glory? Why Coffee, Of Course.

### **MORNING GLORY CAFÉ** - Opening soon!

At St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall on Rideau Valley Drive South in Kars.

The hours will be Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to Noon.

This is a new cafe operated by Karin Rabuka, owner of NO GO COFFEE Co. Their coffee is organic, fair-trade and available here in Kemptville at B&H. It's also served at St. Paul's on very special occasions.

([www.nogocoffee.com](http://www.nogocoffee.com))

Karin is the daughter of Dianne and Allan Jorgensen.



## Changes Coming Soon to the St. Paul's Website

Over the next few months, the Board and Session will be looking at ways to refresh our congregational website. It's starting to show its age and some of the links are unreliable.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please share them with an Elder or Manager. In the meantime, Samer's weekly sermons can be found at - <http://www.buzzsprout.com/8587>

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**Poet's Corner – Submitted by Gerald Anderson**



**SIGNS OF FALL**

The chickadees have returned  
A little early this year  
The Blue Jays are stocking up  
For a long cold winter here

Frost has nipped at the leaves  
Turning them orange and red  
Flower pods face the ground  
And put their seeds to bed

Behind the house, in the marsh  
At barely the slightest sound  
The geese will honk a warning  
While fleeing from the ground

The days are getting shorter  
The mornings are quite cold  
The signs say winter's coming  
So prepare and behold

Trudy Tangen MacMillan

**LORD OF MY HEART'S ELATION**

Lord of my heart's elation,  
Spirit of things unseen,  
Be thou my aspiration  
Consuming and serene!

Bear up, bear out, bear onward  
This mortal soul alone,  
To selfhood or oblivion,  
Incredibly thine own, —

As the foamheads are loosened  
And blown along the sea,  
Or sink and merge forever  
In that which bids them be.

I, too, must climb in wonder,  
Uplift at thy command, —  
Be one with my frail fellows  
Beneath the wind's strong hand,

A fleet and shadowy column  
Of dust or mountain rain,  
To walk the earth a moment  
And be dissolved again.

Be thou my exaltation  
Or fortitude of mien,  
Lord of the world's elation,  
Thou breath of things unseen!

Bliss Carman - 1903



**INDIAN SUMMER**

Along the line of smoky hills  
The crimson forest stands,  
And all the day the blue-jay calls  
Throughout the autumn lands.

Now by the brook the maple leans  
With all his glory spread,  
And all the sumachs on the hills  
Have turned their green to red.

Now by great marshes wrapt in mist,  
Or past some river's mouth,  
Throughout the long, still autumn day  
Wild birds are flying south.

Wilfred Campbell - 1889

