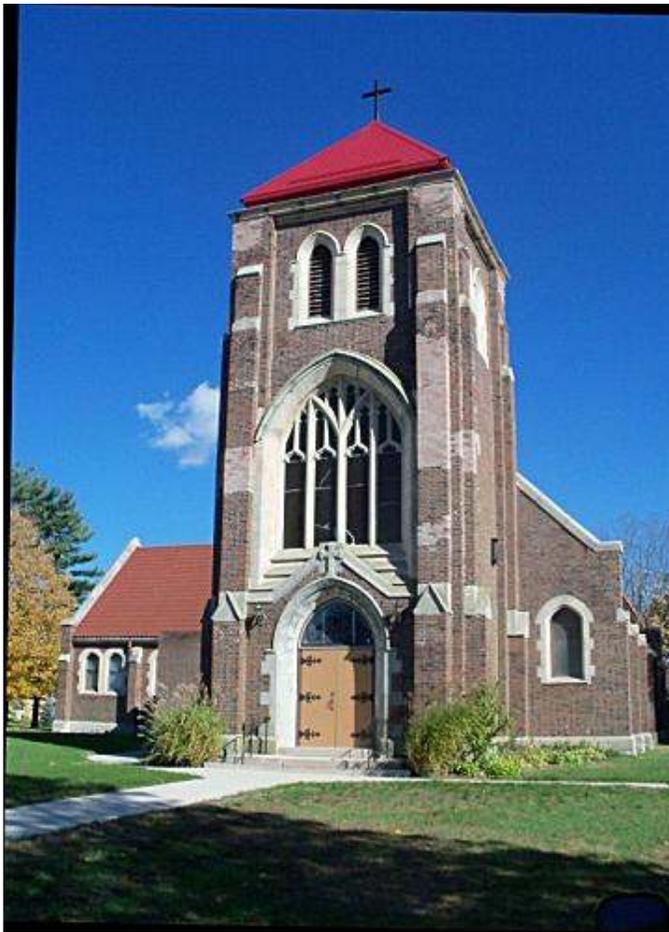
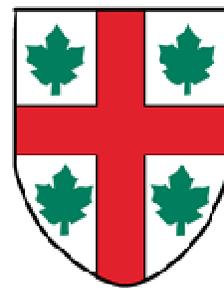


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Happy Birthday Kathy Durkee
Balogh October 25th



Prayer Requests:

We pray for the sick and those who are suffering, those in any special need Kelly, Rick, Ken, Doreen, Gladys, Dorothy, Jim, Jeremy, Jonie, Gail, Tyler, Jamie, Mason, Cheryl, Cora, Jacob, Angelo, Alma, Jane All that are in our hearts alone.

From our Priest: Rev. Larry Brown



“A colleague of mine is living with a form of incurable brain cancer. After much treatment and prayer, it has gone into what is called “partial remission” – it is not growing, but it cannot be removed. One day it will grow again and take his life. But not today. And he is not only grateful but also shares that gratitude. I suspect he has moments where he feels bitter or resentful or fearful or any of the other range of emotions that would be completely understandable, but he chooses to live gratefully, viewing each day as another gift of grace and giving voice to his gratitude.

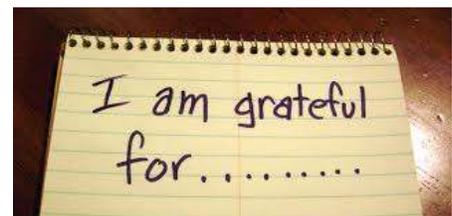
Maybe that seems like a tall order, something beyond the reach of most of us, available onto to a few spiritual giants. Or maybe it is a response that, having been practiced over a lifetime, now comes easily to my colleague and could come just as easily to each of us.

Because here’s the thing: gratitude, like all of our other options, becomes easier to choose as we practice it. Gratitude, like faith and hope and love and commitment, are not inborn traits that some have and others don’t, but rather gratitude is more like a muscle that can be strengthened over time. And as you practice giving thanks and more frequently share your gratitude, you not only grow in gratitude but create an example for others. More than that, you create a climate in which it is easier to be grateful and encourage those around you to see the blessings all around us.

Take a moment to scan the headlines and you’ll see how scarce – and how desperately needed – more expressions of gratitude are. Accusation, excuses, venting anger – these seem to have hold of our culture. Indeed, we seem to live in the age of complaint, whether shared in person or increasingly through the venue of social media. What a powerful response gratitude is in these situations. In this light, saying “I’m grateful” does not simply express our thanksgiving but actually gives voice to a counter-cultural witness that has the power to shape those around us, push back the tide of resentment and complaint that ails us, and make room for a fresh appreciation of God’s renewing, saving grace.”

David Lose.

Blessings to You,



Rev. Larry Brown,



A Devotional thought: **New beginnings Create New Endings!**

I recently saw this quote, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. The conclusion was we don't start over but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives.

As a believer in Christ, it is not about saying I will do this and I won't do that and then dropping the idea or falling short. It is more about asking the Lord to help us each day, to fall deeper and deeper in love with Him. This way our focus will be set on the things of heaven and not on all this earthly stuff.

Fall is the time of year where new beginnings start for those who go to school. It seems that it is often a new beginning for parents as well. For those whose child goes to school for the first time or for those who's last child heads off to college or university. Each year at this time I look at having new resolutions, and this year it would be to have a deeper commitment, a deeper love, and a deeper worship for the Lord.

This fall when we were at Maple Grove to close up our cottage, I felt God speaking to me and He spoke to me in that still small voice in prayer and said, "I am more than enough. I am more than enough in every area of your life." He also said to tell others the same thing.

It has made me realize that I need to be determined to make Him my all and all. He wants our undivided attention in spite of the distractions and temptations that lie waiting around the corner. He has to be our main focus.

How we will end this year will be determined by how we started it. Did we want to get more "INTIMATE" with the lover of our soul? I looked up the word intimacy and the meaning is to be close, familiar, very personal and private.

Do you want a new ending this year? How do you want the ending of your life? If you're not a Christian, please know that this could be the best New Year of your life. Your life can be filled with hope and peace. To know what the ending will be is an extra bonus. Why should every year be the same as the one before with nothing really changing?

If you are a Christian and you feel stagnate in your relationship with the Lord, then now is the time to rekindle the love affair with Him. He calls us to Himself and says, "Come away my beloved." Can you hear Him? He is tugging at your heart. The real ending in our life will be when Jesus says well done my good and faithful servant. That statement will be for someone who took the time to get to know Him, love Him, and that obediently followed Him.

Make this fall a time for new beginnings to create new endings.

Dianne Clark



You are invited to attend the Christmas Potluck on Sunday Dec. 3rd at 5 pm in the Sunday School Hall. Please bring a salad or hot dish and dessert. Also bring a \$5.00 gift.

Sunday December 17th at 11:00
Bishop Linda will be participating in the morning service at St. Albans; you are invited to join after our service.



**Events that are occurring
In the church:**



First Thursday morning of each month: call Barb at 519-688-0961



New: First Nations Women's Circle will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall starting in January. This circle is led by Shirley Waldeck a Cree woman. She calls, the circle The Earthen Fellowship.

The Philosophy of the Earthen Fellowship

Treat the Earth and all that dwell thereon with respect. Remain close to the Great Spirit. Show great respect for your fellow beings. Work together for the benefit of all Mankind. Give assistance and kindness wherever needed.

Do what you know to be right.

Look after the well being of mind and body. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good. Be truthful and honest at all times. Take full responsibility for your actions.



Please remember YOU are always welcome to Attend service with us each Sunday Morning at 9:30 am



Info from the Bishop:

The Bishop of Huron has asked that every parish/regional ministry in the Diocese create a Mission and Ministry Plan for the 5 year period 2018-2022, to be submitted to Annual Vestry 2018 and to the Diocese by March, 2018. The intention is to identify a way forward for every part of the Diocese, with clearly identified mission purpose and concrete goals to support that purpose.

Our Church council as been provided a template that all parishes/regional ministries are expected use, along with some advice on process. This template contains basic goals that must be met by all parishes. Our Church Council has been diligently working the different items so that we will be able to meet the specified date.

The template is divided into sections: five based on the Five Marks of Mission and others on Ministry and Leadership, Congregational Health, Long-term Future, Buildings, and Finances. Each section includes an explanation and room for goal-setting. We have been working on each of these areas and will be bringing to you at Vestry the report for you to see.

BUT one of the items in the Financial section has asked us to bring to your attention that we are consistently having a shortfall in our finances. For the period of March to August 2017 the revenue received was \$9,011.00 and the expenses were \$18,127.00 which gives us a loss of \$9,116.60 (about \$1,519.43 each month). This shortfall does not include any building expenses, insurance, cleaning, flowers, organist, lay reader or grass cutting. We bring this to your attention and ask for you to pray and consider helping us meet our needs. Thank you.