



Newsletter of The Church of St Timothy, North Toronto, February 2017, Volume 12 Issue 1



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It is just over a year since you welcomed Janet and me to St. Timothy's. It has been a rich and rewarding first year. We have experienced a wonderfully warm welcome and a genuine sense of

anticipation for the vision that lies ahead of us, a vision for a parish community that is vibrant and healthy, and a vision for a church that experiences growth. Growth in fact involves several dimensions and if the growth of any faith community is going to be healthy we need to grow in all of them. We need to grow in depth, in relationships, and in numbers. Let me say something about each of these in turn.

Faith is supposed to make a difference, and the more we are aware of our faith and what it offers to us the more of a difference it will make. Growth involves a deepening understanding of faith and how it informs, shapes and empowers our life. This is linked to the NCD category, "passionate spirituality". It is clear from the results of our surveys this is not our greatest strength. The same can be said for most mainline churches, and I would suggest that this is one of the reasons we have all experienced long-term decline. However, we have some wonderful resources such as the Breakaway weekend. Sadly not everybody is able to enjoy that. We need to explore more opportunities for faith formation that are available to more people of all ages and outlooks. And we each of us need to commit ourselves to grow in our faith for the sake of the whole community.

When we talk about growth in relationship we have many strengths. There is a real sense of community here, and a deep commitment to care for each other in ways that are truly inspiring. The question now is how we extend this sense of community in a way that is inviting to those who are not yet part of St. Timothy's. It has been striking over recent months that we have seen a number

of visitors some of whom have continued to come. We even have a few families and individuals who are inviting friends and neighbours along. This is wonderful! Still, we have more work to do in this area. During the selection process I noted that St. Timothy's described itself as, "welcoming", and I asked the question, what would have to change for St. Timothy's to describe itself, not as welcoming, but as inviting? In other words, what would make our relationships grow, not simply with each other but with the wider community around us that St. Timothy's is called to serve.

The call to grow in numbers can make many of us uncomfortable, and there are some good reasons for this. Still, numbers are important. Without growth in numbers the long-term future of St. Timothy's is very bleak indeed. There is some evidence that we have begun to stem the decline that was experienced for many years. Now we need to plan and work for growth. Perhaps we start with those around us who have some connection, but are not integrated into the life of the community. They might be encouraged to be more involved. We need to pay attention to changes that are taking place in our neighbourhood and be a faith community that is engaged, relevant, and attractive, not just to those who are "like us", but to the many for whom the love of God in Jesus could be tremendously good news.

As we move into the future we can no longer be satisfied with patterns of church life that accept decline as normal and inevitable. Growth is hard work, but it is an essential sign of life and health, and it is a task in which we all share. It is going to require us to think about our common life not simply from our own perspective, but from the point of view of those who are not yet our members. It is going to call on us to deepen our faith in ways that help us give reasons for the hope that is within us. It is going to call us to use our resources not simply to survive, but to thrive, so that we can truly be salt and light in the community where God has placed us.

*Eric*

## Liska's 'Pasta' Sermon

*Editors' Note: Several people asked if we would put Liska's sermon in Timprint.*

*Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 5:13-20*



I'll never forget the first time I cooked pasta for Italians. Now before I went to Italy, I knew how to cook pasta. Or, at least I thought I knew how. Here in North America,

pasta is sort of a simple, foolproof kind of meal. I'd made macaroni and cheese. And spaghetti and meatballs. But it turns out that it's not as simple as it sounds.

In Italy, cooking pasta is serious business. It's an industry. It's an art form.

The first time my American friend and I teamed up to make a meal at L'Arche, I thought we'd done an OK job. No one seemed to struggle to finish what was on their plates. So we were entirely unprepared for the sit-down we were invited to after the meal, by a couple of older Italian women who gave us a kind but firm talking-to. It turns out that there are some things you need to know, some pretty serious considerations.

There are rules for matching sauce to pasta. A heavier sauce—a Bolognese—belongs on a short, sturdy noodle. A lighter sauce merits a thinner, longer pasta. Seafood is always paired with a long pasta. Grated parmesan should never be used as a garnish on a seafood sauce.

And a celebration always calls for long pasta. To fail to serve pasta lunga at a festa was a serious offense. It was like saying to the person that they didn't deserve a celebration. (I learned this one the hard way.)

They were even more serious about the actual method of cooking the pasta.

The pot matters. It should be lightweight, so that the water will come to a boil quickly. Cover the pot. Never, ever drop the pasta in the pot before the water is at a rolling boil.

And it should be large enough to hold at least 4 litres of water for every half kilo of pasta. If there's not enough room for the pasta to move around in, it will become gummy and stick together.

Now you may think that the solution to this is adding some oil to the water.

But this is never, ever done. If you add oil to the water, it will coat the pasta, preventing the pasta from absorbing the sauce as it is tossed in the final stage of cooking.

Timing matters. Everything else should be ready to serve. People should be alerted that you're going to throw in the pasta so they can gather at the table. Never walk away without setting a timer. Test the pasta periodically.

Drain it when you think it still needs a minute to finish. By the time you get it to the table, it will have finished cooking.

Then there is the question of salt. The worst breach of all is to forget to add the salt to the water. You add the salt just as the water has come to a boil. Coarse salt is best. Not just a pinch, or a dash, or a sprinkle, but a small handful. It should be like "acqua del mare"—ocean water. Otherwise it will fail to adequately season the pasta. The pasta expands and absorbs the salty water as it cooks, and seasons itself from the inside out. The salt serves not just to season, but to keep the surface texture consistent—not slimy or sticky.

There was no worse comment than a quiet "e sciappa"—it's bland, or flat. I'd never given it much thought. You could make the best sauce in the world, but if the pasta water wasn't salted, the whole event would fall flat. Salt was the pivotal ingredient.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "You are salt of the earth." Hmm. Light of the world: that sounds shiny and happy. A city on a hill: that sounds important and powerful. But salt of the earth? That's sort of the least glamorous of the three. It's earthy, elemental, gritty. When we say someone is "salt of the earth," we mean someone who's decent, hardworking, genuine, solid, uncomplicated. Good from the inside out.

Now in Biblical times, people would have known that salt served all sorts of vital functions. It was a purifier: the prophet Elisha sprinkled salt into the spring at Jericho to purify the water. It was a preservative, to keep meat or fish from spoiling.

It was a sign of loyalty: to eat salt with another person was like breaking bread together, a sign of commonality. It was used in the temple by priests, who sprinkled salt on animal sacrifices, and seasoned incense with salt. It served medicinal purposes: parents rubbed salt all over their newborn baby's body to ward off all kinds of ills.

This may sound archaic, but even today, the healing qualities of salt cannot be denied. If you walk into the most sophisticated of medical facilities, and order up the highest-octane drugs, chances are they won't work without the help of normal saline—salt water.

Jesus' talk about salt comes just after he's shared the Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the pure of heart, the grieving, the gentle, the merciful, the peacemakers; those who hunger for justice and suffer for righteousness.

Then Jesus speaks of the law: Whoever does these commandments will be called great in heaven. But unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The law is not just a series of rules: Eat this, not that. Eat this with that. Don't do this, don't do that. I think Jesus is

saying that you could follow all of the rules to the letter, but you could do so in a way that is flat and tasteless. You could follow the law without ever really being changed in a fundamental, interior way.

We hear of this in the first reading from Isaiah. The prophet scolds people who seek God day after day through religious ceremony, through the outward appearances of fasting and sacrifice and strict observance of the law, but who, all the while, serve only their own interests.

Through the prophet's voice we hear God's desire for a deeper, truer living out of the law, one that prompts us to enter deeply into the suffering of others, and to allow ourselves to be deeply moved, to be challenged and provoked. And from that place—that place of compassion, that place of solidarity, take action. To break the yoke and loose the bonds of injustice, to share our bread with the hungry, to welcome the homeless into our home, and not to hide ourselves from our own kin—that is, pretend we're not connected to people to whom we truly are connected.

Both the voice of the prophet, and the voice of Jesus in the Beatitudes, challenge us to reconsider what we mean by "blessing." It's easy to say that we're blessed when things are going well. But it's harder to count our blessings when things aren't going so well. Blessing isn't the first word that comes to mind when we're feeling overwhelmed, weak, alone.

We live in a society that wants to sell us instant transformation, changes that are skin-deep: beauty products, cosmetic surgery, new clothes or the like. These promise a change from the outside in. If we change the way we look on the outside, we will change the way we feel on the inside. But I think that what we really long for is for transformation that is real and true.

What we long for is to be changed from the inside out.

What the Beatitudes offer is the reality of being changed and seasoned at an elemental level. By immersing ourselves in the salty, gritty realities of human experience, we can find new and deeper capacity to receive blessing, the kind of blessing that expands and stretches us, and leads us to fullness of life.

Author Isak Dinesen writes, "The cure for anything is salt water: sweat, tears, or the sea." Think about it. When we are present to one another in terms of salt—toiling with, lamenting with, being immersed with—we can become powerful agents of healing.

There is a climate in the world in these past weeks that denies our elemental connectedness, the elements that show that we are one. Everywhere we turn, it seems, there is much to lament, to give us worry. But what gives me hope is salt water: sweat, tears, the sea. The goodness of people who dare to connect on a human level.

I think of the tears of neighbors, friends, and total strangers grieving together the deaths of six fathers, whose lives were taken as they worshipped in their place of sanctuary. These tears give me hope.

I think of the customer who was unable to complete his travel because of the travel ban. He called the airlines, angry...but to his surprise, was genuinely consoled by the agent on the phone. After refunding his money, she just cried and said she was so sorry, so ashamed. The customer said: I couldn't be angry at her anymore. This gives me hope.

I think of the parishioners from a church in Washington DC last week waiting for the refugee family they'd sponsored to arrive from Afghanistan. The travel ban had thrown their plans into uncertainty. But each day the parishioners went to the airport anyway, and joined the crowds of people holding signs saying "You are welcome here."

This is the hope of the Gospel: the salty reality of blessing imparted through sweat, tears and immersion in the sea of life. Blessing that lies in sweat...working together for justice. Tears...grieving together through loss. Or the sea....immersing ourselves in our common humanity, in our shared desire for peace and mercy.

As we gather today around this table, we bring our desire for healing and wholeness, our longing to be transformed from the inside out, through these simple gifts of the earth, and in this act of sharing. May God bless us to be true salt of the earth.

*Liska*

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## **Friday Evening Badminton We need you!**

It is probably not well known that a group of St Timothy parishioners, along with others from the neighbourhood, meet in St Timothy's gymnasium at 8:00 pm on Friday evenings to play badminton for a couple of hours. We are looking for others to join us. Our standard of badminton varies considerably so if you are not very good that is fine, you certainly will not be embarrassed! Even if you

have never played badminton please come along one Friday evening, take a look at us and decide whether you are interested in joining us. We do not play during the summer months.

*John W*

*Editors' Note: Rumour has it that the social get togethers of the badminton group are just as much fun as the badminton*

## Dear Saints of St Timothy's,



It's a wonderful honour for me to have the opportunity to serve alongside you these next few months as part of my postulancy process with the Diocese of Toronto. I've already enjoyed meeting some of you over the course of my first six weeks here, and look forward to getting

to know you all better as our time together continues. I've been asked to use this space to help you get to know me a little bit better too.

I guess you can say that I come by ministry honestly, as both my grandfather and father were Anglican priests. My dad's ministry took my family all over the country, from London, Ontario, to Yukon, Manitoba, southwestern Ontario, central Alberta, and Vancouver Island. While moving around so much was a challenging way to grow up, it also provided a wonderful window into our vast, diverse, and wonderful country – not to mention our equally vast, diverse and wonderful Anglican Church! I have spent time in urban, suburban, and rural parishes, high church and low church, ranging from evangelical to progressive, and from struggling missions to anchor parishes. Looking back, I am very grateful for all of these experiences and Christian expressions, as each of them has taught me treasured lessons and its own special

kind of wisdom that has strengthened, deepened, and broadened my faith and perspective. Within this (and particularly after a few years outside the Anglican world in one way or another) I am increasingly grateful for my Anglican home, which has taught me the value of seeking a Middle Way, of keeping our eyes on what really matters, and seeing Christ in the face of those with whom we strongly disagree – and just as importantly, how difficult, risky, and humbling these tasks are.

Outside of church life, I try to engage creativity in any way I can. I love art, architecture and design, and do digital poster art in my spare time. I am also a voracious reader (I often have two or three books on the go at a time) and enjoy writing, jazz music, and following the Blue Jays. I'm fascinated by the human mind and have a deep passion for understanding what makes people tick, and how we can help to shape our experiences. (To this end, I have in the past undertaken training in linguistics, narrative studies, the neuroscience of learning, and professional coaching.)

I look back with awe on how God has led me through every season of my life and all of my varied interests and used each to form me and teach me more about myself, the world, the faith, and the Mystery of God. And, I look forward with expectation to see what comes next. But, for the time being, I am very grateful to be here with all of you.

*Matt Root*

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## Young Adults Ministry

When I was in my early 20s, I stumbled into an amazing group of friends at my parish in Calgary. We were at different places in life and varied in our commitment to Christ and the Church, but we bonded over desserts and common jokes, culture, and concerns. We studied (and argued with) the Scriptures and asked big questions about our faith, our culture, each other, and ourselves. And in the process, we were all wonderfully blessed and grew a lot.

My experience is just one example of the impact 20s/30s ministry can have. While every age and stage of life is important in its own way, I believe few match young adulthood in its potential for positive ministry impact. Younger adults are at a critical point in life: wrestling with the intersection of ancient and contemporary truths within their generation and with how best to face the particular challenges the coming decades will bring, all the while still in many ways discovering and choosing

who they will be in the world and how their callings and passions might impact those around them. It is a time in life filled with potential and possibility. And it is therefore a time in life the Church forgets about at its peril.

One of the new initiatives at St Timothy's this year will be to place some new focus and energy on the young adults of the parish. We will be kicking off with a brunch on Sunday, March 5th, and hope this will be just the beginning of a vital ministry within our community. It is my hope that in time it will develop the kind of supportive, challenging, curious, and engaged community that I encountered over a decade ago in Calgary.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact me at

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*Matt Root*

*Ministry Intern*

## A Tale

*Not too long ago, in a country not too far away, several members of a family worked with a priest to help citizens of their town who were mired in poverty. This help took many forms, and some of their assistance meant that bad people in the town who profited from these poor citizens were no longer able to do so. Over the years, the priest was threatened a number of times. Ignoring these threats, he pressed on with the support of the family and their friends, until one day he disappeared. After many days of searching, his body was found by his friends floating in a river, disfigured almost beyond recognition. When his friends went to the authorities offering to help identify his murderers, the bad people said "If you do, you're next." The family, with all their children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and other relatives were forced to flee. After a while, they found themselves in a new home which, despite the much colder temperature, was full of people who welcomed them warmly. There they lived happily ever after.*

## The Man in the Shadows

If you visit St. Timothy's during the week and you're lucky enough to find yourself in the main body of the church on a sunny day, you may notice someone working in the shadows. Perhaps off in the Narthex, near the front doors.



Photo by George G

Or in the Baptistry on the west side or the Chapel on the east. More than likely you're watching our new Sexton, Gildardo (pronounced "Hildardo") Blandon.

Gildardo first came to us about six years ago as the owner of a small cleaning company with two decades of experience looking after several churches in Toronto. He and his staff - which often included his wife Jholima and

daughter Leidy - made St. Tim's sparkle in a way that it hadn't for some time. Floors were polished to a shine. Litter arising from the use of the church by our many tenants was bagged and into the bins almost as fast as it was generated. Each Sunday after his arrival, we were greeted at our two worship services by a pristine building awaiting us.

Gildardo and his family are originally from Colombia, a country from which they emigrated to Canada in 1996. They arrived with their two daughters, Leidy and Erica. Their son Matthew was born a few years after they touched down in Toronto. The family found the first few years in Canada difficult: they had to learn a new language and culture, and it's cold! Gildardo has a degree in phys-ed and had taught at a high school in Colombia, but he found on arrival that it would take a full three years of re-schooling to qualify for a similar teaching job in Ontario. With a young family to support, he chose instead to begin his working life in Canada by washing dishes in restaurants. Eventually, he moved into the



Photo by George G

cleaning business and started his own cleaning company, specializing in churches. Over the past 20 years he has been responsible for looking after more than five different churches. Along the way, and with clear regret, he gave up his dream of returning to teaching.

Family is very important to Gildardo. He has around 140 relatives now also living in Canada. They have settled in Winnipeg, Québec City, Montreal, London and Toronto. Every Saturday night, Gildardo rents the St. Tim's gym for weekly family gatherings which involve sharing some food, catching up on news and playing volleyball. (An invitation is extended to anyone at St. Timothy's who would like to join them in a friendly volleyball game.) Both of his daughters are now working, Leidy in a dentist's office and Erica as a pastry chef. Matthew is still in school and working in a co-op program. It's clear as you talk to Gildardo how much his family means to him, and how much they must have supported him during their early years in this country as they built their new life here. Of particular note, Gildardo will become a grandfather for the first time this month, with Leidy expected to deliver a son in February.

At his own request, in late 2016 Gildardo transitioned from being a contract worker to a full-time employee at St. Timothy's. From the perspective of the Churchwardens and Clergy, this was a relatively easy decision to make. The increased volume of rental tenants makes the upkeep of our church a critical daily task. At the same time, our church hadn't looked so good in quite a while, and we were being offered the opportunity to take on the person responsible permanently after a "trial period" that lasted six years. What a gift!

From Gildardo's perspective, while the benefits that come with full-time employment - pension, health



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insurance and so on – were an attraction, what really made this something he wanted to do were the people at St. Timothy's. With many years of church experience, St. Tim's was the first place that truly felt like home to him, where people openly valued his work and where he was treated as a human being rather than a worker. He says that the work here is not easy – the number of tenants using our buildings has increased over the last few years, and the cleaning needs have risen significantly. But in his mind, our church is a sanctuary, a

place where people come to worship God. He sees his job as making St. Timothy's a place the congregation will be happy to come into every week, a place that is clean and welcoming, a place where they can find peace and spend time with both God and their friends.

If you have an opportunity, please say hello to Gildardo. He would enjoy getting to know us all better. And perhaps pass on a word of thanks, a welcome and congratulations on becoming a grandfather.

*George G*

## Settlement Committee Update

Our sponsored family of San Dar, Win, Raikit and Rolang has now been in Canada for just over six months. They have adjusted extremely well to their new life in Canada



Photo by Carol S

and are well entrenched into a regular routine. After spending their first two months in temporary accommodations, they moved into their leased apartment on September 1st. San Dar and Win are enrolled in ESL classes which they attend 4 mornings a week and they also receive English tutoring lessons twice per

week. As Win and San Dar are gaining in confidence, they are more comfortable in using the language skills that they are being taught. Raikit has been attending senior kindergarten since September and is doing very well. She was praised by her teacher during the parent/teacher interview for the way she has adapted and her participation in class. Rolang attends daycare at the ESL facility and like Raikit, he is quickly developing his English language skills.

The Sings have chosen to be part of our congregation and have been actively involved in various activities within the parish. They attend the church service every Sunday, attend coffee hour, participate in Messy Church, attended the Cabaret show, attended the Pot Luck Dinner and were part of the Christmas Pageant on December 24th and Breakaway in January.

Since their arrival in Toronto, the Sings have experienced many "firsts". Some include:

- Raikit celebrated her birthday for the first time in her new homeland
- The family celebrated their first Christmas in Canada
- They experienced their first frigid weather
- They experienced their first snowfall and Raikit and Rolang quickly learned how to make snowballs
- They went skating at the Family Fun Time event

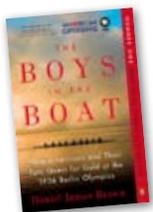
From a monetary perspective, the Sings are being mentored on managing their budget with monthly meetings being held to review their income and expenses. So far, they are doing extremely well in managing their finances. The committee members have endeavored to have the Sings experience various aspects of the city and have taken them on many outings which have included the Science Centre, The AGO, the Royal Winter Fair, the Riverdale Zoo, Ripley's Aquarium, the CN Tower, a movie theatre, Christmas light displays at the Eaton Center and City Hall and a visit to their local Fire Station.

Supporting the Sings has been a very rewarding experience for all of us on the committee. Many hours have been committed by the members in supporting the family to ensure their success in adjusting to their new life. I would like to thank our committee members for their tireless work and also the members of our parish and that of Saint Leonard's who have been so welcoming to the family.

*Michael Clarke*

*Chair, St. Timothy's Settlement Committee*

## St. Timothy's Book Club



**March 21:** *The Boys In The Boat* (non-fiction) by Daniel James Brown

This is the story of the American rowing team and their quest for gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

It is also the subject of a P.B.S. documentary titled *The Boys of '36*.

Join us at 10:30 am in the Boardroom'. All are welcome. Questions?: Irina Cameron 416-483-9884 or [ivcameron7@gmail.com](mailto:ivcameron7@gmail.com)

## Breakaway 2017



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Photo by Kawashi T



Photo by Anne D

85 members of St Timothy's participated in another memorable weekend retreat at Fair Havens Conference and Retreat Centre near Beaverton. To everyone's delight there was lots of fresh snow and sunshine, plenty of camaraderie and outside fun, great food and entertainment (hats off to Marianne Cassin and Carol S for the Friday Night Break the Ice, Eric Gall and all the performers at Saturday Night Alive, as well as Rosemary and Gord Hendra for catering Friday night's supper).

Our speaker, The Reverend Sylvia Keesmaat delivered a masterful program on Faith and the Natural World. Many said she was the best speaker we have had in years. She led us through the Story of Creation as told through the old and new testaments and had us act out stories in relation to food security both in the ancient world and today. We will not forget Sylvia Skippen as Queen Jezebel or Andrea Gall feeding 5000 with a box of crackers. Concluding our program with a focus on the Fruits of the

Spirit (*Galatians 5: 22*) we looked at what these fruits look like in our relationship to creation and to our daily lives.

Something wonderful happens when we take time to be with each other in community. We give thanks for the memories as the third generation shared in the love and fellowship we have with each other. New people, the children (with Liska, Emily Gordon and Jason Rahel), the youth (under the leadership of Anne DeGrasse and Marianne Cassin) all contributed to the success of the weekend. I sincerely thank all the members of the committee - acknowledged in the Vestry report, who fulfilled many tasks and made sure everything ran smoothly.

*Frances F*

*P.S. Be wary if John W offers  
to make you a hamburger.*

## Children @ St. Timothy's

### Show and Tell at Church School



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Eric and the children were asked to bring things that had a special meaning to them to show the class.

Eric brought:

1. Photographs of his parents; Janet his wife; and his children Adam, holding a violin and Kate, holding a cello when they were young. These show that Eric has a family who he cares about and loves, and they love him.
2. An icon of Jesus and Mary. Icons are used by the Eastern Church for prayer.
3. A Harry Potter book. Eric likes reading books – serious ones, ones about religion, and fun books. In the Harry Potter books, the deepest magic is the self-giving love of a mother, so there is a relationship between this and the icon Eric brought. J.K. Rowling, the author, is a Christian and attended an Anglican church when writing the Harry Potter series.
4. A soft-sided case containing both a violin and a viola. Eric's son makes violins in Montreal. Eric played a musical phrase on the violin and then on the viola. He pointed out that the viola has a deeper and slightly different sound. As a teen Eric wanted to play the violin professionally but his parents wouldn't let him. Eric asked if any of the children played instruments and a number of them do, playing the violin, piano, drums and ukulele. Eric bought his violin at a market in London; it is

an English violin about 120 years old and required some work to get it into its current condition. His viola was made in Montreal and is about 15 years old. It is a copy of a very old one. Eric likes music because even if people speak different languages music is a common language that speaks through the ear to the heart.

5. A small telescope. This is an astronomical telescope to see things very far away and works with mirrors. Eric can tell the telescope to look at a particular star in the sky and the telescope will find it. Julia mentioned a book about the number of stars in the sky being a picture of God's power and love. Eric likes to see God's work in the whole of the cosmos.
6. A bird guide book. Eric said that both bird watching and star gazing are two areas of science where amateurs can still contribute something.

The children also brought items to show the class.

1. Nyella showed her purse.
2. Liam brought Buster, his teddy bear, wearing a hockey outfit, which he got for his birthday. The bear plays 2 songs including the Leaf's charge call.
3. Two sisters, Kiara and Nyla brought a photo of their family and a photo of their older sister's baptism at St Philips Church.
4. Linda brought a little pink stuffed owl.
5. Mackenzie brought a stuffed Teddy Bear.

## We Celebrated the Arrival of the Wise Men



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## Family Fun Time - Skating



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What an incredible night for a skate! On Saturday, February 11th we gathered at Otter Creek for our annual Family Fun Time Skate. The weather and temperature were beautiful. The children and adults enjoyed playing tag, and for the most part, having the entire rink to ourselves! The Sing family experienced their first time skating, and much to everyone's surprise Raikit, age 5, was the adventurous one, and the first to try skating. Sandar, the dad, with his usual grin from ear to ear, got on the ice and there was no looking back. At first he had

one or two people support him, but after awhile he made his way around the rink, again and again, on his own – the smile always present. 3 year old Rolang got enough courage to try skating and although he enjoyed himself, he had more fun pointing to his dad and smiling at him skating. The evening ended with everyone enjoying some hot chocolate, brownies and chocolate chip cookies.

Our next Family Fun Time event will be our Easter Egg hunt which will be on Saturday, April 15th from 1-2 pm.

*Sarah K*

## Family Fun Time – Games Night



Photo by Sarah K

On Friday, November 11th, the St. Timothy's gym was the place to be for some Minute to Win It games as part of Family Fun Time. The premise is that you have numerous challenges with only a minute to complete each one. We had plenty of silly and fun challenges for the families to try, some just for the children, some in teams, and, some for everyone altogether. A couple of the favorite ones were:

1. On The Nose: touch your nose to a plate of vaseline, pick up a cottonball, run across the room and



Photo by Sarah K

deposit the cottonball into a bowl, then run back to do this as many times as possible in a minute. Watching the parents run around with cottonballs stuck to their noses was a sight to see;

2. Cookie Face: everyone balances a cookie on their forehead and without using their arms, and without the cookie dropping, they have to move the cookie from their forehead to their mouth. The evening was full of fun and friendly competition.

*Sarah K*

## News from the Old Orchard Blossoms

2016 was the tenth anniversary of the Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and many of the grandmothers groups went all out with their fundraising. During a very jam-packed year, the Blossoms were pleased that we raised over \$24,000 for the Campaign. We held several events with other groups and found that this was a great way to increase our earnings, spread out the work and have a lot of fun.

This year we are once again selling tickets for the North Toronto Players' production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. A portion of each ticket will go to the Grandmothers Campaign. Tying into the 150th birthday

of Canada, they have moved the setting to Ottawa, and the cast includes a gaggle of senators – not the hockey playing variety!

Fri, Mar 3 – 8 PM, Sat, Mar 4 – 8 PM, Sun, Mar 5 – 2 PM  
Fri, Mar 10 – 8 PM, Sat, Mar 11 – 2 PM and 8 PM,  
Sun, Mar 12 – 2 PM

Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive  
Tickets: Adults \$25 Seniors \$22.

Order from any 'Blossom' or email me at [marykirton@rogers.com](mailto:marykirton@rogers.com)

Hope to see you there!

*Mary K*



## Fashion Show

The St. Andrew's Group is excited to announce they are hosting a fashion show and tea on Wednesday **April 5th at 1 pm.**

Clothing will be provided by *Lady Sophisticate* on Avenue Road.

Tickets will be available for sale from the beginning of March.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any member of the St. Andrew's Group.

## World Day of Prayer Service

**1:30 pm on Friday March 3, 2017**

Join friends and neighbours at this ecumenical worship service which is a joint project of many neighbouring churches.

This year's service is at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, on Yonge Street, a block south of Lawrence Ave. The same prayer service will be celebrated around the world on that day.

## Joan Elizabeth Wiseman – In Memoriam



Joan Wiseman was a long-time member of St Timothy's who passed away in June 2016, just shy of her 85th birthday. Not only a 'cradle Anglican', Joan was a 'cradle St Timothy's parishioner', something very few of us can lay claim to! Her parents were married at St Anne's Church, Diocese of Toronto by Reverend Henry Marsh but soon become parishioners at St Timothy's Anglican Church. Joan was christened and confirmed here, she played an angel in the Christmas pageant, taught Sunday school and she and her husband William were married by Henry Marsh as well, with the Junior Choir singing Sweet Jesus Had a Garden.

After graduating with honours from Branksome Hall, Joan continued her studies at Parson School of Design in New York City and was a lifelong member of ARIDO, the professional

body for designers in Ontario. She ran her own successful interior design business for 40 years and was a role model for women entrepreneurs. Her talents were appreciated at St Timothy's. She was a member of the Chancel Guild, was involved in one of the re-decorations of the Parlour, and helped install a new runner on the middle aisle of the nave, since replaced with our current blue runner. In 2006 Joan gifted to St Timothy's the beautiful stained glass window she had designed and installed in memory of her husband William and daughter Kate. Her favourite place to sit in church was in the pew opposite this window.

Outside of St Timothy's, and her business, Joan's life revolved around her family. She was an avid gardener, gourmet cook, cottager at Lake of Bays and the most ardent of Blue Jays fans. All who knew her miss her impeccable taste and style and her warm sense of humour.

*Submitted by Mary K*

*with help from Joan's daughter Pamela.*

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## Outreach News

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many races, cultures and traditions together to observe an annual common day of prayer. It is celebrated in over one hundred and seventy countries on the first Friday in March. In North Toronto, the service this year will be held on Friday, March 3rd at Blessed Sacrament Church and the featured country is the Philippines. This is an opportunity for us to join in prayer and action for peace and justice with parishioners of other denominations in our neighbourhood.

Our second Stone Soup for 2017 will be held on Sunday, March 12th with guest speaker, Dave Steeves. He is a businessman, who with other professionals, formed the Pikangikum First Nations Working Group in response to high rates of youth suicide and a shortage of clean water in First Nations communities. Pikangikum is a fly-in First Nations community located four hundred kilometres north west of Thunder Bay. Dave spoke to us first in May

2014 and is returning to give us an update on Pikangikum. An article in the January 2017 issue of The Anglican describes the progress being made on this project.

As you are aware, the 2017 Vestry Motion focuses on addressing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Parishes are asked to carry out reflection and study within their congregations and we will do this in the months ahead.

Victor Musowa will be visiting Canada from June to September of this year. He spoke to us on his last trip from Malawi in November 2015 about his work with Able Kids Rehab which he founded in April 2013. His Canadian contact in Orillia has written to say that he will want to visit us at St. Timothy's during his time in Canada. We have supported his lunch program in the past and look forward to seeing Victor and hearing first-hand how his work is progressing in Malawi. You can subscribe to his newsletter and read more at [www.ablekidsrehab.org](http://www.ablekidsrehab.org).

*Linda G, Outreach Committee Chair*

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## Passages

With thankfulness for a life well lived, we mark the passing of Madeleine Yvonne Lindsey.

We welcome into the family of Christ through baptism Cali Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Michael & Christen Clark



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## Plan to Join in St Timothy's Activities on these Dates

Annual Vestry Meeting .....	Sunday February 26 (Financial at 9:00 am; AGM at 11:15 am)
Community Lunch .....	Monday February 27 at 11:30 am
Pancake Supper .....	Tuesday February 28 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday Services .....	Wednesday February 29 at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm
World Day of Prayer at Blessed Sacrament .....	Friday March 3 at 1:30 pm
Messy Church .....	Saturday March 4 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Lenten Study .....	Sundays at 11:15 am in Lent starting on March 5
Younger Adults' (20s/30s) Brunch .....	Sunday March 5 at 12 noon
Monthly Men's Breakfast .....	Saturday March 11 at 8:00 am
Pikangikum Water Stone Soup .....	Sunday March 12 at 11:15
Book Club.....	Tuesday March 21 at 10:30 am
Community Lunch .....	Monday March 27 at 11:30 am
St Andrews Fashion Show .....	Wednesday April 5 at 1:00 pm
Monthly Men's Breakfast .....	Saturday April 8 at 8:00 am
Palm Sunday .....	Sunday April 9
Maundy Thursday Service .....	Thursday April 13 at 7:30 pm
Good Friday Services .....	Friday April 14 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Famiy Fun Time Easter Egg Hunt .....	Saturday April 15 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Easter Vigil .....	Saturday April 15
Easter Sunday .....	Sunday April 16 Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am
Book Club .....	Tuesday April 18 at 10:30 am
Messy Church .....	Saturday April 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Community Lunch .....	Monday April 24 at 11:30 am
Messy Church .....	Saturday May 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Family Fun BBQ and Games .....	Friday June 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

## Advent Potluck Supper



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