

## We Sing the Glorious Conquest

We sing the glorious conquest,  
Before Damascus' gate,  
When Saul, the Church's spoiler,  
Came breathing threats and hate;  
The rav'ning wolf rushed forward  
Full early to the prey;  
But lo! the Shepherd met him,  
And bound him fast today.

O glory most excelling  
That smote across his path!  
O light that pierced and blinded  
The zealot in his wrath!  
O voice that spake within him  
The calm, reproving word!  
O love that sought and held him  
The bondman of his Lord!

O Wisdom ord'ring all things  
In order strong and sweet,  
What nobler spoil was ever  
Cast at the Victor's feet?  
What wiser master builder  
E'er wrought at Thine employ  
Than he, till now so furious  
Thy building to destroy?

Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,  
Still in her darkest hour  
Of weakness and of danger,  
To trust Thy hidden power;  
Thy grace by ways mysterious  
The wrath of man can bind,  
And in Thy boldest foeman  
Thy chosen saint can find.



## News From the Pews

... the **ACW** held their annual meeting this past Thursday. They have a winning team of leaders who all will be continuing in their positions for the coming year: **Jean MacDonald**, President; **Olga Grant**, Vice President; **Cassie Stanley**, Treasurer; and **Christian Turnbull**, Secretary. The ACW distributed \$8628 to several local and international outreach organizations. We give thanks for the presence and ministry of our ACW and ask God to continue to unite them in their support of the mission of the Church ... the **Mission Beyond the Parish** held their January meeting this past week. They enjoyed a shared lunch together at the home of **Don & Elaine Brown**. The committee was pleased to welcome **Al Smith** as a member of the committee. The committee agreed to sponsor 6 new Form 1 students at the Sigowet School in Africa. This will bring the total number of sponsored students for 2016 to 41. The committee also set the date for their spring Yard Sale: May 13 – 14 ... a word of thanks to **Lew Hounsell and Hadley Wood** for donating cordless drills to our parish workshop. This is much appreciated ... we are happy to report that **Ann King** is home from the hospital. We send her our love and support ... I will be out of the Parish most of Tuesday of this coming week to attend the funeral of **Bishop Dan Bohan**. For nearly all of my time in Riverview, Bishop Bohan, was the Roman Catholic Priest in the Town. We became quite good friends, sharing many services and projects together. He went on to be made an assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Toronto, and then Bishop of the Diocese of Regina. He was born in Moncton. He died with cancer at the age of 74 ... *that's our news, from the pews.* ALS.

## Welcome McConnells

We have all been looking forward for some time to renew our friendship with the McConnells. It is great to have them among us once again. It is also our pleasure to meet their grandchildren, Zachery and Mason who are with them. The McConnells retired to Bay du Vin in 2014 and Fr. Richard is doing some ministry in the Parish of New Bandon, which is down shore from Bathurst. We thank them for joining us on this St. Paul's weekend.

## Pancake Supper Tues Feb 9

This year's pancake supper will be held on Shrove Tuesday, Feb 9 from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. The supper is brought to you this year by neighborhood #5



however, it is a group effort and there are signup sheets in the lobby. **Many hands are needed, and much appreciated.** There is a job for everyone. Tickets are not needed, nor is there a set price. Donations are received at the door, with proceeds going to the work of the Mission Beyond the Parish.

## News from Vestry

The Parish forwarded donation to the *Caring for Colin Appeal* at the end of 2015, totaling over \$5000. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Vestry asked that we remind people that donations to this appeal will not appear on your income tax giving receipt. *Canada Revenue Agency* determines that appeals for specified individuals are not eligible for tax benefits.

The finance committee has been very busy preparing end of the year statements, as well as preparing the budget for 2016. A special vestry meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 7** after church to address these two matters, in preparation for the *Annual General Meeting* of the Parish on **Sunday, February 21**.

The Nominating Committee for 2016 Wardens, members of Vestry and delegates to Synod will consist of Debra Godlewski, Lea Lord, Bruce Cook and the Rector. Vestry passed a motion that every effort be made to continue the custom of having both a man and woman as Parish Wardens, but that the committee not be limited by this position. The congregation is encouraged and invited to make nominations for the positions. There will likely be a one-day Synod in the fall of 2016. Please consider serving your Church in this important area.

The Rev. Eileen Irish will be doing some home communions and visitation in the Parish. We welcome her with gratitude to this ministry among us.

Mission Within announced that Lent is coming very early this year. The pancake supper (brought to you by Neighborhood #5) will be on Tuesday, February 9. Bishop Edwards is encouraging the Diocese to study the book *Meditative Prayer* by Richard Pearce. We are looking into doing a simple soup meal and study on Sunday evenings in Lent. We are also looking into a shared Good Friday Liturgy with other Anglican KV churches, with perhaps a combined children's program. Details still to be determined.

The Mission Beyond had their meeting postponed due to a snow storm. They will meet this coming week to finalize our commitment to student sponsorships and building development at the Sigowet School in Eldoret. There was concern expressed about the news report that *Safe Harbour* is having to close its doors due to funding issues. Bruce Cook agreed to look into this.

It is with regret, but also with great appreciation that Vestry acknowledge that Tim Place has decided to step down as sidespeople co-ordinator. He has been performing this quiet but valuable task for sometime. Robert Taylor volunteered to step in for awhile. Vestry felt it would be good to have two people in this role, especially having someone linked to the 8 a.m. service and the 10 a.m. service.

**The Altar Guild** will hold their meeting on **Wednesday, Jan 27** at the home of Pam Iype, 18 Tranquility Lane, at a time to be announced.

**The Parish Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, Feb 21**, following the 10 a.m. service. We are preparing the Reports Booklets. The office would appreciate receiving reports by **Jan 29**

## Summer Services

A question was recently brought to the wardens to have vestry, and the congregation, consider moving to a single service through the summer months — with the goal of giving a (short) break to our rectors.

Vestry would like the congregation to consider this idea for this summer (July and August 2016). At the Annual General Meeting in February, we will place this as an item on the agenda for discussion.

Next week's bulletin will include a poll with a couple questions to gather a broad idea of opinions.

## EVENTS BEYOND THE PARISH

### Items needed for Syrian Refugees

Non clothing, non fabric household items are still in great need for Syrian refugees, and can be dropped off at the Lancaster Baptist Church at 87 Church Ave, just off Main Street West on the west side.

Office Phone: 506-635-8980

Items can be dropped off on Saturday Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 20 and Feb 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Items urgently needed:

- Dresser with mirror, Chest of drawers
- Kitchen table & chairs, Pots and pans
- Coffee tables, small end tables, night stands, table for TV
- Waste cans/ garbage bins, and bags
- Iron, ironing board and all items for kitchen/bathroom cleaning (mop, bucket, plunger, paper towel, cleaning products, etc.)

If any donations were to be brought into the church before Jan. 30, Mary & Jim Stokes-Rees have volunteered to take them over to the Lancaster Baptist Church.

### Seniors Luncheon

A Seniors' Luncheon will be held on **Thur, Jan 28** at 12 noon at St. Augustine's Church, 239 Quispamsis Road (corner of Quispamsis and Pettingill Roads). Please come and join us for a warm, nutritious meal of chicken leg and thigh and some great conversation! Cost – free will offering.