

Bazaar Report 2020

In this very different year, we held a very different bazaar! Pastor Don encouraged us to try a virtual bazaar and did an amazing job of setting up the advertising and the order form. We offered 3 different frozen meals, 2 types of pie, and shortbread cookies. We also had some knitted, crocheted and sewn items from the Circle of Friends, and included a raffle for 7 lovely gift baskets. 3 crafters from previous years took part, and Pat Laidlaw also had a virtual table to raise money for Noah's Ark Haiti. The frozen meals and pies sold out quickly! And the raffle generated much interest. In all we raised almost \$3000 in support of church funds and over \$200 for Haiti. Thanks to all our cooks, bakers, the Circle of Friends, and everyone who contributed to the gift baskets! The virtual bazaar was a learning experience, and a positive one!

Respectfully submitted by Ruth May on behalf of the Bazaar Committee

Chancel Guild Report 2020.

The Chancel Guild team has had a difficult time working as a unit together this year. But making the church look its best during the festive seasons, we managed to do a very good job. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, produce and flowers were purchased for the Harvest season. Thank you, Heather, for another beautiful Harvest banner. A very nice touch.

Poinsettias and Christmas trees decorated the church for the beautiful Christmas season.

Thank you everyone for your support and time and talents this year.

Thank you, Pat Laidlaw, to you for supplying the wine.

Submitted by Marg McGrath and Heather Munich

Circle of Friends Report 2020

Although we were not able to meet every Tuesday this year, everyone in our group produced many items that have been taken to all the groups we support yearly: toques, mitts, scarves, prayer shawls, lap blankets, afghans, baby hats, baby sweater sets, and baby blankets.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Boxes of material and wool plus many useful items were delivered. Knitted and crocheted baby blankets and outfits were also taken down for the people at Samaritan's Purse to distribute all over the world, also items for the Christmas Child boxes.

GEORGE HULL & other agencies

Fred May delivered baby toques, mitts, scarves and baby blankets to George Hull centre. Also Fred delivered afghans to Youth without Shelter.

Circle of Friends continued

Alanna May took hats and mitts to The Elms School in Etobicoke, an elementary school close to the school where Alanna works . Many children come to school without these items and now they are available to the little ones.

KING NURSING HOME.

Carole Whitehead organized, along with her team, the gift bags for everyone in the nursing home.

We did not have our annual bazaar this year but did have a virtual one. There were a few items sold that our little group made.

In the fall we were saddened to say goodbye to two of our strongest links in our Circle. There was a Celebration of Life September 19th for Hectorine Villanovich and on September 27 for Dorothy Stewart. They will be missed immensely. Both these ladies served our church for so many years, with such big hearts and talents.

Dorothy was our strong leader. She was blessed with a long life and spent it helping and providing for others. She had a vast knowledge of just about everything and was always willing to share with everyone. Dorothy welcomed everyone to our group and her home with a big smile and open arms. She had connections to various organizations and always made sure we were busy making items to send them. We don't have Dorothy physically with us but her spirit is greatly felt. She lives in our hearts, in our minds and is behind our smiles. Our lives were enriched with her friendship. Thank you, Dorothy.

Hectorine was such a vital member of our group, great at organizing, and was a strong presence in bazaar planning. She was filled with ideas and energy and always had a concern for those in need. Cheerful and positive, with a great sense of humour, Hectorine had much to offer at Circle of Friends meetings. Thank you, Hectorine.

Submitted by Marg McGrath, Kathleen McGill & Pat Dicks

Christian Education Report to Vestry

Although the Covid-19 pandemic greatly affected the methods of offering Christian education, it also gave rise to new opportunities for us as a parish.

Early in the year we focused on our Sunday school programme. Once again, I sent out personal invitations to parents to consider joining us for Sunday school. In consultation with our teachers, we decided to engage the children in the family area in the church, unless we had more than a few children, in which case the catechists would take the students to the Sunday School Room. In order to reduce costs and make things easier for our teachers, Ruth May collected resources from what we have in our files and provided kits for teachers to take each week. We found this system to be much

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more helpful as it placed less stress upon the teachers to prepare a lesson only later to discover that only one or two children would attend.

Parents responded to our invitation and several children joined us for Sunday liturgy. It was lovely to see some familiar faces and to hear the wonderful sounds of little ones in the church. Despite the early successes with children's learning, the pandemic forced us to close the church and Sunday School was suspended. Diocesan protocols continue to suspend Sunday School even when we are open and suggests children remain with their parents during worship in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all.

In light of the pandemic, we've provided activities and resources for parents online at our website and also through our weekly email newsletter and special mailings. Upon the recommendation of the Mission and Evangelism Team, we created Advent packets for all parishioners, which included activities for parents and children. We received several notes of appreciation, with many parents expressing gratitude for the activities. I am grateful for everyone who has helped put together resources for our children and family and look forward to renewing our children's ministry in the coming months and years.

Our Christian education saw some further developments arise out of a weekly session of faith formation for our candidates for Baptism and Confirmation. With the renewed interest of young adults in our parish, we've continued to meet on Tuesday evenings to discuss faith and life. Our young adults hope to expand our young adult ministries this year and invite others from the community to social, educational, educational, and spiritual events. Again, much of this will depend on public health guidelines, but I will say it is refreshing and wonderful to spend Tuesday evenings with our young adults.

Adult education flourished this year, largely in part to our embrace of technology as a means for hosting and engaging in learning programmes. While we had Sunday sessions on Christian life between our liturgies, we shifted all our adult education to Zoom. In the spring we had a couple of evening events, such as Vex the Vicar and a Men's Bible study led by John Marshall. And we also had a weekly Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. Those sessions initially focused on the Sunday scripture lessons, culminating with a study series on the Gospel of Matthew.

After a break for summer, our adult education continued with a series on prayer led by Wilma Clarke. Wilma's training and formation as a licensed spiritual director is a blessing to our parish. That was clearly evident to all of us who participated in the series, as Wilma creatively interwove media in each session. I look forward to more sessions with Wilma in the future.

We will continue to expand our learning opportunities in 2021 to further include some online videos and courses that people can participate in if they are unable to join during the usual times. If you have any topic or theme you would like us to discuss, drop me a note and let me know.

Submitted by Rev. Don Beyers

Community Garden 2020

In the winter of 2019-2020 John and Heiki Marshall pulled together a plan to build a community garden on their property at 12653 Gore Road, on behalf of Christ Church Bolton. The intent was to include as many users of the Caledon food bank as wanted into the care and experiences of the garden. During the winter/spring they co-ordinated with the Exchange and the Caledon food bank on a list of produce that would successfully serve the users of the bank.

Then, as so many sentences have started this year, the Covid19 pandemic hit the world! Several roadblocks needed to be overcome. Lumber costs skyrocketed and materials were in short supply due to supply chain interruptions. Bedding plants were unavailable because of migrant worker shortages. But John, using his many contacts, found a friend who was doing a project with tomato seedlings for her Master Gardener Certification. Suddenly there were 1000 Roma tomato seedlings available for free. Calls went out to parishioners, friends, and friends of friends, for other plants and seeds. Lettuce sprouted on window sills and under lights across southern Ontario and grocery store garden centres were scoured for whatever could be found.

John worked to source lumber and supplies to construct 10 raised planters 4'x12' in size. He reclaimed two in-ground garden beds, sized 75'x6' and 60'x3' from an area mostly inhabited by thistles and burdock. He also repurposed piles of soil around the property to mix with bales of straw to fill the raised beds for planting. All this and more by June 1, 2020 and within the constraints of Covid19 lockdowns!

The first two weeks of June saw bed preparation and the planting of tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, onions, beans, kale, and herbs, as well as a random selection of whatever was offered. A team of intrepid gardeners, or weeders, more accurately, from Christ Church kicked into gear.

Many, many thanks to Pam Leudke, Wilma Clarke and Carole Whitehead for their always cheerful, unfailing willingness to do whatever needed to be done during one of the hottest, driest summers on record! Sometimes singly or as team they met the drop-off days at the Exchanges with pounds and pounds of produce. We delivered well over 1200 pounds of fresh, organically grown to the Bank in our first season of production!

Watering of all the beds fell to John and Heiki, and I believe sometimes that had to be done by flashlight. John mowed, Heiki tied up tomato vines and kept a watchful eye on the plant health throughout the growing season, all while managing their 'real' jobs.

July, August, September and even into October the team harvested and weeded and chased bugs from the garden. The tomatoes and peppers never stopped until finally in late October the garden was 'put to bed' for the season. Garlic was planted for next year and another 20 bales of straw were spread on top of all the planters and in-ground beds for the winter.

None of this could have been done without the many, many people, retailers, farmers and suppliers who all did their part. We'd like to thank everyone at Christ Church who donated, whether that was money, or materials, labour or expertise, and prayers for our success. As well to Home Depot for

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help with sourcing lumber, Mono Farms for the straw and Davis Feed and Farm Supply plants and materials...and for the Marshall 'girls' who supplied the weary workers with fresh eggs, an occasional cackling chat and never ending entertainment.

Respectfully

John & Heiki Marshall and Heather Somers

DESIGNATED FUND 2020

Our Designated Fund is a separate bank account where we temporarily place funding for specific uses until the time comes that it is required. At the end of 2020 we had the following amounts held in Designated Funds:

CAFFI funds	\$ 505
Choir funds	271
Community Garden	1050 (includes Diocesan grant)
FaithWorks local fund	807
Local outreach	534
Noah's Ark, Haiti	2485
Stained glass repair	1500
Total	\$ 7152

Submitted by Ruth May

2020 ENVELOPE REPORT

Thanks to everyone who supports our church and its ministry through your financial contributions. Every contribution is receipted if we receive a name and address (or envelope number) along with the donation. Pre-Authorized giving has made cash flow more predictable and is something to consider if you wish to make a regular donation each month. Just call or email the church office to sign up. Canada Helps provide another way to give and may be accessed through the church website; if you use Canada Helps your receipt will come from there rather than from the church office.

In 2020 we had 70 regular givers receipted through the church, and 15 one-time donors. The one-time donors are usually supporting a special cause such as Haiti or giving a memorial.

Receipts for the 70 regular givers may be summarized as below:

Amount	2018	2019	2020
Under \$100	26%	15%	8%
\$100 to \$499	22%	19%	14%
\$500 to \$999	15%	17%	23%
\$1000 to \$2999	31%	38%	47%
\$3000 to \$4999	3%	8%	4%
\$5000+	3%	3%	4%

One-time donors ranged in amount from \$10 to \$200.

If you do not have an envelope number, you are encouraged to call the church office to have a number assigned. It is much easier to record your contributions if an envelope number is used to identify them.

Respectfully submitted by Fred May, Envelope Secretary

Garden Report

An early Spring would be a welcome surprise, after this cold winter, but we will have to wait sometime to see if the Groundhog was correct. LawnMart continues to care for our lawns and I have some concern about a large area that has become quite barren of grass. Weed control has much improved but the bare spot is not good. I will contact them when the snow has gone for assessment. Two of the fir trees are not looking their best and will also need to be assessed in the spring. The walkway to the front doors is part of an ongoing conversation regarding repair/replacement due to safety concerns and appearance. Thanks again to Sean Baker for his dutiful lawn cutting.

Respectfully,

Karen Code

Christ Church Heritage Fund – Report to Vestry for 2020

Background

In order to preserve the legacy of Christ Church and make a vibrant future possible for our parish, in 1999 we initiated the Heritage Fund.

The purpose of the Heritage Fund is to receive memorial donations and bequests from parishioners who have thoughtfully remembered the parish in their wills or as beneficiaries of their insurance policies, and to wisely administer such monies for the benefit of the parish. Upon establishing a base amount of \$200,000, the annual interest/income generated by the Fund becomes available for the benefit of parish ministry as determined by our Minister and Wardens.

When the Heritage Fund investment first reached and exceeded the \$200,000 level in 2016, the following disbursement protocol was established:

- Up to \$205,000 in the investment at December 31st -- 50% of the excess funds beyond \$200,000 will be disbursed; and
- Anything above \$205,000 in the investment at December 31st -- 100% of the excess beyond \$205,000 will be disbursed
- If the value of the Heritage Fund investment is \$200,000 or less at December 31st, then there will be no disbursement of monies.

This protocol ensures that a nominal buffer (of \$2,500) remains in the Fund beyond the base financial reserve of \$200,000 to allow for a possible decline in the Fund's value in the following year. Priority use of the monies disbursed from the Heritage Fund rests with the Churchwardens and Incumbent and so it has been recommended that these priorities be integrated into the Church's annual budget planning process.

2020 Update

During 2019, the Christ Church Heritage Fund was the beneficiary of a thoughtful and generous bequest of \$106,863 from the late Mildred Norris, a long-time parishioner. That significant gift, along with healthy positive returns from the Heritage Fund investment during 2019, resulted in a year-end investment value of \$320,960. In discussion with the Wardens and Father Don, and consonant with the disbursement protocol, it was agreed that \$110,000 would be disbursed to the Church at the end of the 2019 year. A residual amount of \$8,460 left in the Heritage Fund investment -- beyond the \$202,500 prescribed in the disbursement protocol -- was subsequently transferred to the Church in March 2020.

Investment returns in early 2020 were very positive with the Heritage Fund investment gaining close to 5% during January. However, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in February and March, market returns declined dramatically and, by the end of Q1, the value of the Heritage Fund investment had dropped to about \$182,000. Very surprisingly, markets rebounded during Q2, Q3 and Q4 of the 2020 year. Somewhat unexpectedly, a further (and final) contribution of \$40,000 was received from the Estate of Mildred Norris in October. By December 31st, the value of the Heritage Fund

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Investment had reached \$261,072 – therefore allowing a contribution to Christ Church of \$58,572 for the 2021 year, pursuant to the disbursement protocol.

Overview of the 2020 Heritage Fund performance

Opening Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 320,960
Withdrawal for Christ Church Ministry in 2020	\$ 118,460
New Donations	\$ 40,450
Growth (Decline) in Fund Value	\$ <u>18,122</u>
Closing Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 261,072

During 2020, the Heritage Fund Board members communicated by e-mail and convened twice by Zoom on August 4th and again on December 3rd. Through the year, we received weekly updates from our investment counsel, Mowbray-Wright Financial, who continue to do an excellent job managing our investment, monitoring its performance and keeping us informed.

At our August 4th meeting, we met by Zoom with Father Don and Deputy Churchwarden Kim Smith to discuss appropriate recognition for Mildred Norris, whose magnanimity effectively funded the Bell Tower restoration, other capital needs and aspects of Church ministry. There was unanimous consensus at that meeting that Christ Church should visibly recognize significant financial gifts of such magnitude.

We continue to encourage parishioners to consider seriously how they might help sustain and perpetuate the ministry of Christ Church by including the Christ Church Heritage Fund in their will or as a beneficiary of their life insurance policies. We recognize that few may be able to leave a gift of the magnitude of Mildred Norris'. Over the years, however, the Church has been the beneficiary of testamentary gifts ranging from the hundreds to the thousands of dollars and all have lasting meaning because of the Heritage Fund program. For many people, there are real advantages of arranging a planned gift. Please speak to any member of the Heritage Fund Board if you would like further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Christ Church Heritage Fund Board

- Steve Dranitsaris (Chair), Julie Haugh, Arnold Busse, Susan Fulcher, Ian Carter

Kitchen Report 2020

The Kitchen Committee had a quiet year in 2020.

We had the dishwasher repaired quickly, thank goodness, in February so that it was ready for the Parish Life Pancake Tuesday dinner.

Over the years, we have gone over and over the procedures regarding food storage and kitchen sanitation. "Wash your hands for as long as it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday' twice" was our mantra. This year television, newspapers and radio took on the job of sharing this information. Now the whole world knows the importance of proper hand washing and sanitation.

We look forward to the time when we can once again be with everyone in person.

Wishing everyone good health and peace,

Gerri Hill, Sally Landy, Helen McQuade

LAY PASTORAL TEAM VESTRY REPORT 2021

Wilma Clarke, Karen Code, Susan Fulcher, Julie Haugh Guzzo, Susan Koschmider, Sally Landy, Pat Spiteri, Carole Whitehead

In January, Don sent out an email asking for volunteers in a variety of roles prior to Vestry, 2020. I (Sally) volunteered to work as part of a Lay Pastoral Team. Then Covid arrived and everything was put on hold.

In late spring, I contacted Don for some information as to what he was looking for in a Lay pastoral Team. At that time, due to Covid Don felt that it was important to keep in touch with members of the parish, especially as there was no church service. He gave me the names of parishioners who were reaching out to others and those who he wanted to make sure someone was checking in on.

I sent out an introductory email to those who had already been reaching out to others. I asked who they were keeping in touch with and how it was going. As I suspected, some members of the parish were being contacted by several different people, others from Don's list had not been reached.

With Don's permission I reorganized the LPT and their contacts. Each member of the LPT was given the contact information for those who they would be reaching out to. I sent a suggested tracking sheet and stressed that Don was to be contacted if there were any concerns with their contact parishioners. I suggested we reconnect in early December to see how it was progressing.

Don contacted me in October to see if some LPT training might be considered. He is hoping that the LPT might train to be able to pray with, become lay anointers to and/or serve communion to our Parish contacts.

I reconnected with the team via email in November to see who was interested in some LPT training and to check in as to how they and their contact parishioners were faring. I sent out an email asking the LPT to meet for a Zoom meeting at the end of November with Don and me to discuss the possible

Lay Pastoral team continued

training in the new year. Some of the group were interested in this new LPT training but not all at this time.

Don plans to ask Joanne Davies, priest chaplain at Sunnybrook and St. John's Rehab if she would be able to help with the training.

The next stage of this part of the LPT is to start in the new year.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Landy

Missional and Evangelism Committee Report, 2020

The Missional and Evangelism Committee was a new committee that started in 2020. Our goal is to find a way to be more visible in our community and impact the lives that we reach out to.

In order to give us insight we read the book 'Your Church Can Thrive' by Harold Percy. The first action we took was to revisit our Greeters and Sides- peoples' responsibilities and actions. The idea behind this was to make sure that we are a friendly and welcoming Church. With much discussion we determined how we could become friendlier and make all who attend welcome, only to be impacted by Covid. We continued the plan as outlined but had to make some changes in order to ensure that we were following legislated protocol. Due to the work of this group we were able to open for worship.

A survey was designed and sent out to parishioners to determine what the needs of the Parish are. We have had several responses and still awaiting a few more surveys to be completed. This is an extremely helpful tool as we continue to make decisions on the best way to move forward with our plans.

In the past many people enjoyed the Hiking Church and work is being done to revive it and make it at a time that people would be able to attend. As well, we will be making it open to the public with the use of advertising and social media sites.

For 2021 we are hoping to plan events and determine the Social Justice issues we will commit to in order to get into our community and make a difference.

Submitted by Kim Smith on behalf of the Missional and Evangelism Committee

NOAH'S ARK 2020

DESPITE A UNIQUE AND TROUBLED WORLD, OUR LITTLE SCHOOL AND GARDEN IN THE QUIET FISHING VILLAGE OF PHAETON, HAITI KEPT ON AN EVEN KEEL.

IN LATE JANUARY, SOEUR EVA AND I MANAGED TO SLIP INTO THE COUNTRY FOR A FEW DAYS. I WAS ABLE TO FINALLY SEE THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING; NOW COMPLETED AND FILLED WITH MORE THAN 120 STUDENTS AND STAFF...INCLUDING A CRECHE FOR ABOUT 10, 1 AND 2 YEAR OLDS. I WAS AT LAST ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE PENCIL CASE GIFTS FOR EACH CHILD ALONG WITH CELEBRATORY GIFT PACKETS FOR EACH TEACHER. THANK YOU CHRIST CHURCH FOR HELPING TO SUPPLY AND FILL THESE "NEW SCHOOL OPENING" PRESENTS.

THE GARDEN LOOKED GREAT UNDER THE CARE OF MACKENDY. IT IS LARGE AND PRODUCTIVE; SHOWING MUCH PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE NOW THAT THE GOATS ARE NO LONGER INTERFERING. WATERING REMAINS A PRIME CONCERN.

WITH A GIFT FROM OUR PARENT FOUNDATION; DR. CLONEL WAS ABLE TO BUILD HIS CLINIC AND IT IS NOW OPERATIONAL. HE IS DELIGHTED AND SO ARE WE.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF COVID 19 IN THE VILLAGE; ALTHOUGH IT IS RECORDED IN NEIGHBOURING LARGER TOWNS. HORRENDOUS VIOLENCE, UNREST AND DISEASE IN THE SOUTH HAS NOT SPREAD NORTH ALTHOUGH RATIONING AND PRICE GOUGING HAS.

ELMOND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO VISIT FREQUENTLY SINCE THE BORDER BETWEEN THE DOMINICAN AND HAITI IS OFTEN CLOSED.

OUR ANNUAL FUND-RAISING DINNER AT THE WISHBONE HAD TO BE POSTPONED WITH REGRET. HOWEVER; OUR ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR, VIRTUAL THIS YEAR, WAS SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTINUED KIND AND GENEROUS SUPPORT OF MY CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY AND LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING TO PHAETON IN SEPTEMBER.

THERE IS NOTHING YOU AND I AND GOD CAN NOT DO TOGETHER.

Pat Laidlaw

Property Report 2020

Looking back it felt like a quiet year due to the Covid 19 effect, but a lot got accomplished even so. At the Church, the following was completed:

- Albion Appliance and Heating replaced one of the furnaces.
- The Bell Tower was refurbished and the bell is now ringing! Also, I repaired and repainted the Church entrance and enhanced the lighting so it is warm and inviting
- Trevor did the Roof Flashing, repairs and cleaned the eavestroughs
- Many exit lights have been upgraded to LED and meet current standards
- Ron Midgley and I dug out the silt filled window wells of the kitchen and connected both to the weeping tile drain to prevent further flooding.
- Jürgen Schmelzer built a mailbox for the inside of the side door so mail is collected
- Ian Carter handled our virtual transition to proper Live Stream Equipment
- Sean Baker continued with cutting the lawn and Karen Code tended to the garden beds.
- LawnMart continued with fertilizer and weed control of the Church property

Property report continued

At the Rectory:

- Trevor repaired holes in the fascia, and cleaned the eaves
- Kim Smith coordinated the front railing replacement
- Dr. Bug sprayed for bug proofing
- Godon Tree Care Services elevated and pruned the front yard trees, removed the dead silver maple and other dead trees which threatened to fall on the house.

Submitted by James Clarke, Property Chair

SIDES-PERSONS AND GREETERS REPORT FOR 2020

This past year has called for patience, ingenuity and the ability to change...and then change again. The Sides-persons and Greeters team was no exception.

There were two major impacts upon how we performed our tasks this year.

The first related to making our church experience more welcoming and inclusive not only for first time visitors, but for returning parishioners and the regular attending congregation as well. This is one of Christ Church's core mandates noted in several surveys over the past years. Working with the Missional Ministry and the very talented Pat Spiteri we put together a number of strategies. A few of these are- nametags for those on duty which we hope to enlarge to include everyone in church and introductory gift bags for new people with information about us, our building layout and something to entertain their children if needed. Some were either put on pause due to the pandemic or altered to comply with the Covid19 protocols.

The second, but by no means secondary, impact for Sides-persons and Greeters team has been complying with the ever-changing rules from the Diocese and the Province. With invaluable help from Karen Code we welcomed parishioners back to Church while endeavouring to protect against infection. We held a series of practise sessions for those team members who felt comfortable attending in person and even managed to add names to our roster.

In a year where our mandate was to meet visitors and parishioners with openness, warmth and friendliness we did our best to show this through masks and face shields.

I wish to extend a hearty thank you to all on the people on the team.

Respectfully, Heather Somers, Chair.

Social Justice & Advocacy Report

While we didn't have a formal committee for social justice and advocacy work in the parish, many of you continued our social justice ministry and inaugurated new ministries. Some of the highlights of this past year's ministries include the following.

Community Garden: A highlight of our faith in action was our community garden. After our parish leaders met with Monty Laskin, the Executive Director at Caledon Community Services (CCS), for a tour of the Exchange's food bank, we realized the great need to provide healthy and nutritious food to those in need. Furthermore inspired by a sermon given by Rev. Beverly Williams of Flemingdon Park Ministries in Toronto, John Marshall began conversations with CCS about us starting a community garden. With their guidance, John went to work and began organizing supplies and resources and the parish responded generously by giving financial donations (\$645), plants & seeds, and many hours at the garden planting, weeding, and harvesting the produce. Estimates suggest we gave CCS over 1,000 pounds of food, which is an extraordinary amount of food for the first year. We are thankful to all who participated and are particularly grateful to John and to Heather Somers for their times and effort coordinating this project, but also for John's generous sharing of his property and donation of much of the resources.

Caledon Community Services: As we continue to nurture and build our relationship with CCS, we gave \$1,594 in general donations to the Exchange Food Bank and/ or the Santa Fund plus considerable food donations in the early part of the year, prior to the pandemic. We also gave \$700 to CCS from our 2019 FaithWorks hold back.

CAFFI: We continue to support our friends at CAFFI. While we only gave \$95 to general housing expenses, countless hours were given to cleaning and preparing the house for opening. Several of us also gathered for the opening of the CAFFI house and the blessing.

Family Transition Place: We gave \$700 as well to our friends at Family Transition Place. These funds were also a part of the 2019 FaithWorks hold back.

All Saints Church and Community Centre: Thanks to the initiative and leadership of Nicholas D'Alfonso and Duncan Harding, our parish gave a very large delivery of hats, mitts, gloves, and other necessities to All Saints. In addition, a group of us went down to serve Christmas lunch a day before Christmas Eve. We will continue to develop our relationship with All Saints.

TransHelp Bus: We continued to financially support the TransHelp Bus to help parishioners share in our worship. This has been suspended as the parish is closed for public worship and the Davis Centre continues to be in lockdown.

Report submitted by Fr. Don Beyers.

WHEELCHAIR MINISTRY

Wheelchair Ministry 2020: What can I say? It hardly existed, but let's not look back, let's look forward. 2021: Let's think positive and say we will be back at Church in the very near future.

Thank you to those who are on our list of helpers and of course we would appreciate anyone else who would like to join us to leave a message at the Church office.

The Wheel Chair Ministry is an invaluable service to parish members, enabling them to attend and enjoy our Sunday Service. We rely on volunteers to greet parishioners as they arrive, sit with them during the service and help where necessary.

Anyone restricted to a wheelchair or walker know that we will be there to greet you and be of assistance should you need it.

Yes, Dorothy is looking forward to being back at Church again as we all are. I talk to her often; she is her usual happy self and continues to promote laughter and cheer among the Residents.

Submitted by Pearl Auer.

Worship Report 2020

With the announcement of lockdown because of the pandemic, in mid-March, our worship changed as we followed Diocesan and provincial protocols and restrictions. Worship, however, continued! First Don used Facebook to livestream our services and eventually we had technology installed to allow us to livestream more reliably, through Forget-Me-Not Ceremonies. Thanks to those who contributed to the cost of the live-stream equipment. We re-opened our doors to congregations of approximately 20 through the summer, but with the second wave of the pandemic, were reduced again to no more than 10 people.

As the year drew to a close we celebrated Christmas with a drive-through blessing early on Christmas Eve followed by a more formal livestreamed service later in the evening. Our Chancel Guild did a lovely job of decorating with poinsettias and two beautiful Christmas trees.

We have had a reader, and usually a leader of the Prayers of the People, at each 10 a.m. service. Everyone must wear a mask. For safety's sake we have switched from our usual loaf of bread to wafers, and parishioners may not receive the wine at this time. Our sidespeople and greeters attended a workshop in the summer to learn how to assist with social distancing and cleaning protocol.

While we all look forward to the day when we can gather for worship again as a church family, we are very thankful for the technology that allows us to stay in touch with each other and share in worship in a different way. We are also very thankful for our Incumbent Don and our Wardens who have persevered in providing opportunities for worship during these challenging times.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth May