

The Fish Net

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Lent 2020

Dear Friends,

Earlier this year Susan and I were fortunate enough to go on a wonderful vacation along with Andrew and Meghan. It began with a day spent at Disney's "Magic Kingdom" but the magic didn't stop there. After that we went on a cruise stopping at St. Maarten where we toured the island, Puerto Rico where we walked around the fort and the old city of San Juan, and the Bahamas where we spent the day on a beautiful beach. The cruise was a wonderful experience even if the swells and waves were strong enough to sway the ship day after day despite its immense size!

On the day we flew home we went to the Kennedy Space Centre which was most interesting; we even got to touch a piece of moonrock! It just so happened that while we were there, there was a rocket launch and that was truly spectacular; seeing the rocket go up as a roar filled the air and the ground trembled.

Seeing that rocket launch was truly awesome embodying as it does one of the human race's greatest achievements, space travel. As impressive as it most certainly was though, what is that compared to God's creating it all in the first place? Indeed what are we with all of our accomplishments compared to God? In the words of the psalm: "What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

Yet mindful God is and that is what Lent, Good Friday and above all, Easter Sunday are all about. Perhaps these well-known words from John's gospel say it best.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him."

Wishing you a most blessed Lent and Easter!

Calendar of Events

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, March 1st. We will be having a special offering that morning in support of Presbyterian World Service and Development, our denomination's Third World relief and development agency. Your gift may be placed in your regular offering envelope marking PWS&D on the line for "other".

A St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre Night will be held on Friday, March 13th beginning at 6:30. Everyone is encouraged to wear green. All are welcome. As always, even if you do not wish to remain after the dinner to play euchre, you are most welcome to come out just to enjoy a great meal and fellowship. If the weather is inclement that day, you may call Audrey Peddie (905-878-3749) to find out if the event will go on as planned.

The Good Friday Service will be held at Omagh on April 10th at 10:30 a.m. Prior to the service there will be a light continental breakfast between 9:00 and 10:00. There is no charge for the breakfast but donations would be gratefully received.

Easter Sunday falls on April 12th this year. Following the service a Coffee and Fellowship time will be held. This will be in place of the regular Coffee and Fellowship time normally held on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Our 200th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner will be held at Granite Ridge Golf Club on Saturday, April 25th. A social time will be held at 6:00 p.m. followed by the dinner at 6:30. There will be entertainment, door prizes and a silent auction, the proceeds of which will go towards the Townsend Smith Hospice. Tickets cost \$50 each and are available from Donna Parsons (905-854-2362) or Audrey Peddie (905-878-3749). This dinner is not just for those with a connection to the church; all those who are interested in joining us for this time of celebration are most welcome!

The Choir and Friends will be putting on an Anniversary Concert on Friday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. so please save the date! More details will follow closer to the event.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7th.

The 200th Anniversary Service will be held on Sunday, June 21st at 11:00 a.m. The guest preacher for this special milestone in the life of our congregation will be the Rev. Dr. Mark Lewis. The Rev. Rod Lewis will also be present and participating in the service. Those attending will be given a special bookmark to commemorate the occasion. There will also be an opportunity for all those attending to sign a special anniversary banner. A light lunch will follow the service.

Our annual Anniversary Dinner will be held as usual on the Tuesday, following the Anniversary Service, June 23rd.

From the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at the church on Wednesday, February 5th. One of the main purposes of the meeting is to elect people to the various offices that need to be filled and the results are as follows:

Trustees: Audrey Peddie, Tom McDonald and Doug Wilson

Auditors: Bob Merry and Don Mincoff

Congregational Representative for the Benevolent Fund: Don Mincoff

Board of Managers: Jean Sterritt and Peter Sinclair were elected to a three year term, John Fisher and Ted Colgan have two years left in their term, while Tom McDonald and Doug Wilson have one year left in theirs.

It was agreed to commit ourselves to raising at least \$8000 for Presbyterians Sharing this year.

A vote of thanks was also made expressing appreciation to the members of both the Refurbishing Committee and the 200th Anniversary Committee for all of the hard work they did during the past year as we look to celebrating our church family's 200th anniversary.

The next annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021

Food for Thought

If God went on Strike

It's just a good thing God above has never gone on strike
Because He wasn't treated fair on things He didn't like.
If He had ever once sat down and said, "That's it ... I'm through,
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do ...

I'll give My order to the sun – cut off the heat supply,
And to the moon – give no more light and run those oceans dry.
Then, just to really make it tough and put the pressure on,
Turn off the air and oxygen til every breath is gone."

Do you know, He'd be justified, if fairness was the game,
For no one has been more abused or treated with disdain,
Than God – and yet He carries on supplying you and me
With all the favours of His grace and everything – for free.

Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God to whom everything we owe.
We don't care whom we hurt or harm to gain the things we like,
But what a mess we'd be in if God should go on strike!

Submitted by Audrey Peddie / Author Unknown

