

# Connections

## Council Perspective

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

“2019” .... how does that sound to you? Here we are, already through the month of January. Does 2019 still have that new ring to you? And how are those resolutions going? Many people say that it only takes about three weeks to find out whether these new adoptions will truly stick or crumble. Are you at that point?



For myself, the passage into 2019 brought to mind changes in my own life I would like to make. Like some of you, I’m old enough now to have recycled a number of thoughts or resolutions from the past and have become wise enough to know or predict how realistic these resolutions might become in the New Year. This conversation within my own mind often turns into an argument of kinds between searching for a more refined realistic resolution and simply abandoning the thought of creating resolutions for change in the first place. And then I began to reflect on the words from my previous month’s article in Connections. I quoted the Psalmist. **“Be still and know I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10**

With that thought, this conversation about resolutions within my own mind began to quieten. The arguments that my mind was spinning about slowed and my perspective seemed renewed. My life is not my own. My life is a gift from God. It’s on loan. Every moment of this new 2019 year is a gift from God. The argument changed in my mind from what do I want to change or resolve to rather what does God want for my life in this New Year. How does God want to use me? Who will I become? I began to think about the word stewardship and how that might look like for me in 2019. How does that look like for you in 2019? What does that look like for us at All Saints?

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## Council Perspective Continued

I know from working with members of the Church Council that they share this perspective. It is good to have a point in time, perhaps the New Year, to slow ones thoughts down and revisit this perspective of stewardship. The perspective of Council is that it does not serve its own purpose but rather God's purpose working through the congregation of All Saints. This is underlined and detailed in our Constitution. I can once again commit to you in 2019 that Council will prayerfully carry out that role to the best of our abilities. With a New Year upon us, I pray that all of us will discern what is the will of God for our own lives in service and fuse our efforts at All Saints to serve God's purpose.

Council, at the point of my writing this, has not met since the end of November. Our next meeting is January 30<sup>th</sup>. With this in mind, our efforts continue to address a number of issues I reported previously.

- ◇ Establishment of a Privacy Policy for All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. You will hear more about this in January-February. A new policy was passed and a new permission form re use of personal information including photos taken within the church will be distributed to the congregation.
- ◇ Work on a revised Building Policy Use. This has now been directed to the Finance Team for further input.
- ◇ Revisiting the present building rentals, space, etc. We are presently looking at our longer-term rentals both within our mandate of Outreach and outside users.
- ◇ Research and submit an application for possible funding of accessible power door for the outside of the church. We have submitted a grant application to the Anglican Niagara Diocese for possible funds. Over the holidays, we received notice that this was denied. We will take next steps to access possible provincial and federal government funding.
- ◇ Budget for 2019. This was passed during our Congregation/Vestry meeting in December.
- ◇ Establishing a fund-raising task force for the possible electronic church sign on Silvercreek. If it is to happen, one half the cost is to be raised from church members. There is a small leadership team from Council willing to carry this interest forward. I'm sure they would welcome help with this. Look forward to hearing from them in the New Year. This has essentially turned into a fund-raising project if we are to see it to fruition.
- ◇ Looking at what do outreach projects at All Saints look like.... how are they established, organized, funded, space needed, etc. This was discussed at the November meeting and a proposal will be introduced at the end of January.
- ◇ Reviewing of monthly team and committee reports.
- ◇ Bringing the use of the Ogilvie bequest funds to completion. The narthex floor has now been completed. Expansion of the organ resources now being planned and implemented soon, and the installation of the commercial dishwasher in the kitchen being worked on as we speak.

**A biblical world view of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."**

Wikipedia

## Council Perspective Continued

Aside from the above, mention too must be made to all within Council and other staff and volunteers who have stepped up to fill in the many responsibilities that many of us don't see or assume while Pastor Jeff continues his rehabilitation from surgery. It is always a dangerous task to begin listing those in light that others might be overlooked.

Special thanks must go to Jan Nielson for coordinating our ushers as well as keeping the Worship and Music Team running during the Christmas Season. This team plays an important role in keeping the organization of our regular worship services together. Thank you to Peter West and the choir for being flexible as to the needs of each service during this special time. A special thank you must be extended to Jennifer in our office for going beyond the call of duty. Without Pastor's immediate direction, she has excelled in keeping the hub of our business operations together. Thank you to Sandra Christie for once again maintaining our financial transition from one year to the next with the issuing of new offering envelopes and tax receipts. Thank you to Kathryn Smith who despite not officially being on the Worship and Music Team, continued to provide important guidance on our worship experience.

As of this date, Pastor Jeff will begin to return to active service February 10<sup>th</sup>. This no doubt will be a gradual progression. Until then, please direct all immediate concerns to myself at 519-824-5469. From my point of view as Chair of Council, I am extremely proud of how we as All Saints have pulled together over the last couple of months... particularly during a festive season. Despite a few challenges, God has truly blessed us and dare I say, made us stronger. Continue to share those blessings with our neighbours.

Peace,  
 Brian  
 Chair: Church Council

### All Saints Financial Report by Sandra Christie

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>As at December 31, 2018</b>
Offerings .....		\$202,718.26
Other Income .....		11,468.30
Transfers Rectory Fund.....		1,200.00
Dowry Fund.....		7,500.00
Housing Fund .....		<u>12,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>		<b>\$234,886.56</b>
<b>Current Expenses</b>		<b>\$217,873.27</b>
Transfer to Capital Repair Fund		10,000.00
Transfer to Housing Fund		4,000.00
Transfer to Dowry Fund		2,500.00
Transfer to Rectory Fund		<u>400.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$234,773.27</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b><u>\$113.29</u></b>

# Mary Guse Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mary Guse Giving Tree project this year.

20 tags were placed on the tree for each of the following groups:

- Adopt A Family
- Beginnings
- Salvation Army and

Women in Crisis.

Every tag was taken and replaced with a gift except for two tags.

What a wonderful response from a generous, caring congregation. I was very proud to be part of this event.

Laura B.  
Altar Guild



# How To Stuff A Car

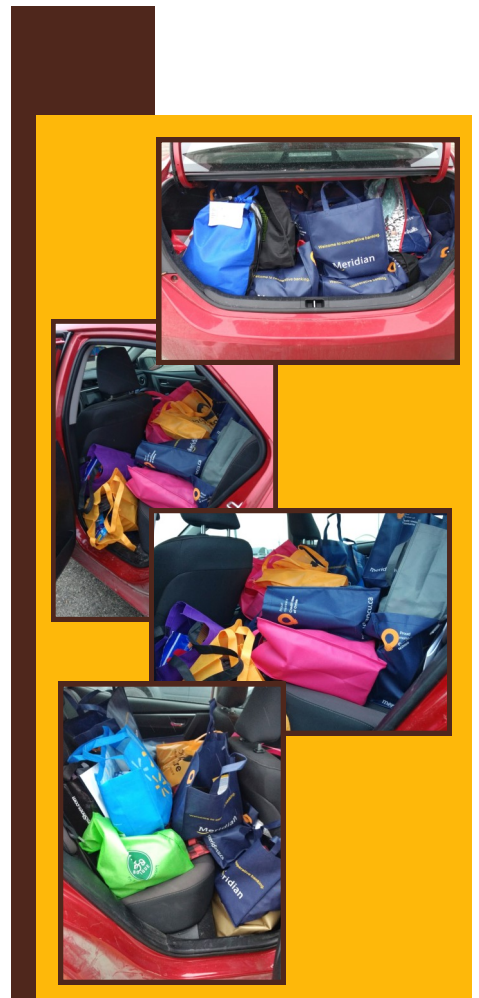
Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Chalmers Community Gift Bag Campaign. Your generosity caused my car to bulge at the seams. The Chalmers volunteers were ecstatic to receive our **54 bags!** Well done All Saints!! A formal thank you letter will arrive from CCSC, and I will post it on the bulletin board, for you to read.

A special thank you to Jeff Guse for helping to procure the bags to fill. If you have extra cloth bags, and wish to donate them to the cause please just pass them to me any Sunday.

Thank you again for making a difference. (If you work the

Saturday Night Suppers, keep your eyes peeled, you just might see someone walking around with one of our bags.

Respectfully submitted.  
Robin



## Chili After Church / Talent Show

62 people had signed up for CAC and there 10 tables with 8 chairs per table set up. Most of the tables were full. After the chili lunch was enjoyed our dashingy dressed MC David Maguire introduced the talent acts with his humor and stories.



\$427.00 was raised through the Free Will Offering. Expenses totaled

\$47.37. Pearl's gift table totaled \$315.00.

Faith Life will contribute \$300.00 to the event. Please note this is the last time that Faith Life will support fund raising in this manner.

The funds raised will pay for a digital recorder for the church choir/general use. Any remaining funds will be directed to the Sunday School to purchase new curriculum and materials.

Thank you to those who contributed chili, buns and desserts. To the MC and the people who showcased their talents and stories. Finally, thank you to all that helped and attended!

Laura B., All Saints Fundraising Committee



## Calling all the Baptized!

**Sunday worship is everybody's responsibility and joy.**

Our congregation is expanding the ministry of laypeople preparing and offering the prayers of intercession (also called the prayers of the people) in worship. They are everybody's prayers. This congregation, All Saints, takes the priesthood of all believers literally and seriously.

You are invited to prepare (and lead if you wish) the intercessions for Sunday worship.

The purpose of these prayers which are offered after the sermon is to truly "intercede" on behalf of all in need (the church, earth, creatures, nations, all humans, and everything else!). Ideally, these prayers are prepared during the week by someone in the congregation and led by a lay leader (not the pastor).

A two-day training opportunity for new and returning intercessors will be offered on Sunday, February 24 and Sunday, March 3 from 11:30 to 1:00.

The best preparation is a life of prayer. No other experience necessary.

Please speak with Kathryn if you are interested or would like more information.



## Silvercreek Community Market Update

**Thank you** to everyone who has been part of the many fundraising efforts for the Market over the Christmas season, especially the Cookie Walk which raised just over \$2,300.00 and the employees and owners of Capital Paving who raised \$2,000.00 for the Market. Thank you also to the private donations and the congregation for their ongoing financial support.

In 2018 the cost for fresh produce purchased was \$10,867.50. This food was distributed to **5311 people** (1946 of whom were children). That works out to about \$2.00 per person/market, which was made possible by purchasing our fresh produce at wholesale prices through The Seed (Guelph Community Health Centre). We still average between 50-60 families attending each Market and I am happy to report that our Market costs will be covered for 2019! We are now working on funds for 2020.



**“Best before dates”** are found on most packaged food items produced in Canada. Using the guidelines for Canadian Food Banks, we do not give out non-perishable food items that have exceeded the best before date or items that do not have a date stamped on them. When we empty the food basket each Sunday (or after a food drive) these items usually end up in the garbage unless someone wants to take them home. It would be a tremendous help to us if everyone would check the best before dates of non-perishable food items you are donating before you bring them to church. ***If you cannot find a date*** (for example, food produced outside Canada may not have them, food purchased in bulk packages may have them on the case but not the individual items) ***we cannot give to our guests.*** Thank you!



Also, thank you to everyone who continues to bring in non-perishable items! We have also received support in this area from Capital Paving who held a food drive as part of their Christmas fundraising and from St. Joseph’s RC congregation who held a food drive in December. These partnerships help us extend what we collect at All Saints each week and last for several months. As a result, we will be having an **All Saints Lenten Food Drive** to help fill in the gaps on the most popular food items that we always need. Please continue in your non-perishable food support but listed below are the items we are most in need of and which will be the focus of the Lenten Food Drive:

March 10	Breakfast cereal and peanut butter	March 31	Canned fruit and vegetables
March 17	Jasmine rice and dry red lentils	April 7	Cereal and peanut butter
March 24	Pasta and pasta sauce (please no KD!)	April 14	Pasta sauce and Jasmine rice

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## Market Continued

We are in need of these particular items at all times, not just during Lent!

Thank you also to all the amazing volunteers who come out to help at each Market. We could not do this without you!

Michele



## Saturday Night Supper Schedule for 2019

Save the dates!! We are scheduled to serve Saturday Night Supper at Royal City Church two more times this year: March 23 and June 29. Please put those dates aside to help in the kitchen, serve on the line, or provide food. We need hands in all three areas. Food and workers are requested to arrive at Royal City Life Center at 5:15 p.m.

If you are unable to participate in person cash

donations and prayers are also gratefully received. We always need at least 20 volunteers, and are happy to have "first timers" come out. Val and I really appreciate the ongoing help, given so generously, to sustain this outreach.

If you have any questions please see either one of us any Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin and Val

**Save the Dates:  
March 23  
June 29**

## St. Patrick's Day Dessert and Card Party

**Save The Date**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

**Desserts 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Cards 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Pearl will need help to put this on**



All Donations  
will go to  
the Church

Fun Night  
Door Prizes

**If you can provide a dessert and/or help, please contact Pearl**

## Women of Faith

The Women of Faith meeting takes place on the third Wednesday of every second month in the Fellowship Hall.

Our last meeting was on January 17. We enjoyed a much-needed visit while we had our lunch and coffee. There were only 5 of us present but we could solve all the troubles of the world if everyone could sit down together and pray, share and understand the way we do!

Elaine welcomed everyone in her caring way and led our grace.

Marilyn B.S. shared a thoughtful, meaningful devotion that reminds us that we are all different and special to God and He is always here for us. He leads us through all of our difficult experiences in life and He celebrates all of our happy times with us as well.

Gudrun discussed the upcoming Lenten Self-denial program. The envelopes will be placed in all of the mailboxes in the narthex on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

The donations will be given to the Silvercreek Market, an important community



outreach for All Saints.

Grace shared that approximately 30 cards, Christmas trays, plants and boxes of chocolates were delivered with visits before Christmas. A big 'thank you' goes to Grace for organizing this special event each year. And thank you to all of those who donated, purchased, wrapped and delivered the Christmas treats with a visit – Pearl, Joan F., Joan H., Muriel, Grace and Roman, Joanne, Marilyn B.S., Ena, Gudrun and Marilyn C.

We discussed ways we could continue to help members of All Saints. Joan and Muriel continue to bring happiness and understanding during visits to members at home and in hospital. Elaine continues to send meaningful, thoughtful cards to those who need a lift as well as to those who are ill or mourning a loss.

She has several more members to whom she will send 'thinking of you' cards. Pastor Jeff and Kathryn remain in our hearts and prayers during Pastor's recuperation. We blanket our 'bright light and angel', Pearl

*Women of Faith*

in our warm thoughts and prayers as well.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20, at noon. It is the first day of spring! All ladies of the church (our women of faith) are welcome to join us, especially if you need a little 'lift' in your life!

Blessings,

Marilyn



*Do not fear  
for I am with you.*

(Isaiah 41:10)



## POM Project Update

Dear All Saints,

The POM project continues to grow and spread as more people hear the message about the need for reusable period protection and improving girls' access to education with peace of mind. During the first meeting of the year, our council heard about the status of the project, the method for managing the donated funds and the importance of making every day a school day for eager learners in our global neighbourhood and have approved the POM project as an outreach project of our church!!!! Yahoo!

We are starting the All Saints sewing bees again to cut out patterns and stitch the pads and pretty fabric kit bags and our first date is **Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-9p.m.** If you can come that evening, please bring sharp scissors, marking pens and a sewing machine (if you have one) and your generous hands and hearts!

As the Beloved and I are babysitting the cutest little vacuum cleaner you ever saw - every week day (any solid object is instantly sucked into her eager mouth) I am less able to lead an afternoon or

morning POM sewing bee, but if anyone could take that on for me I would be delighted to drop off fabric, patterns and instructions to the church. Many ladies prefer to go out only in the day during these blustery nights.

On January 19<sup>th</sup> I travelled to Waterloo to meet people from the PAN Canada Mission (a group to which both Kurt Christie and Ann Sanders belong) as the group leaving for the March Break trip will be taking along some very talented sewing teachers who plan to start up a new sewing collective in Nicaragua. The participants will be taught marketable sewing skills and, among other projects, will be making POM pad kits.

Over the last months, I have been accumulating kits and kit components from my wonderful Kincardine ladies group and after some finishing touches; I hope to send down lots of kits and

pads to Nicaragua. If there are any home sewers who would like to do a little trimming and zig zag overcast stitching to complete the pads, it would be a huge help. I will bring the partially finished pads with me on January 31<sup>st</sup> or you can call me anytime.

I have lots of pretty flannelette to cut into patterns and plenty of old towels to recycle as pad liners so any pattern tracers and cutters



would be most welcome and John says he is always ready to invite any fellow manly men to put in the snaps at his "riveting" table on our sewing bee nights.

We also need a host or hostess to rustle up some coffee and treats to support our hard working POM Saints

## POM Project Continued

because if there is one thing that Anglicans and Lutherans like better than merry conversation, it might be eating delicious snacks!

Over the past few months, the project has received very generous financial support and it leaves us in the happy position of not having to fund raise when we need extra project materials. Thank you to all those loving hearts.

The next step for the POM project is to get it out of my

disorganized hands. Now that it has gathered steam and funds and lots of great help, we need to form a committee to oversee the project. I am happy to do the motivational speaker/communicator/finder of materials/collector of donations/ shopper for whatever jobs... but someone far better organized than me is needed to manage the bills, make decisions and plan the dates and workshops. Michele Normandin has graciously offered to start up such a group but we need

more folks to come on board. Please see Michele or Deborah if you could help (one meeting every other month).

Thank you all for your kind generosity, the work of your loving hands and your dedication to giving every girl the chance to realize her dreams.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah

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## Walking the Dog

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye Dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Max would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye Dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines! True story.

Things are not always as they appear.

Submitted by the McDougall's



## Coffee Hours at All Saints

Throughout the years, at St. David and St. Patrick Anglican Church and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the social time after the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM services has become an important gathering time for welcoming new worshippers, chatting and sharing with old and new friends, discussing the weather and having a coffee, tea, cold drink and various snacks.

This tradition has happily continued with our All Saints congregation. The narthex has become like Mother's kitchen but with quite a few more people! We share about our kids and grandkids, upcoming meetings, the refreshments, the church mouse (who also likes cookies) and how fortunate we are to have our special place of worship and the people with whom to worship.

I love to be around our worshippers, young and older, and enjoy watching everyone during the din of coffee hours! Hosting our social times has become a mission for some of our



members! Individuals, couples, families and church groups have signed up on the paper taped to the door. Please continue to do so. Help is available in setting up the coffee, cups, sugar, etc. Coffee, tea and sugar are provided, thanks to the Women of Faith. There are usually juice and cookies under the counter. So you can use what is there or bring in baking or store-bought items. You may have noticed that Anglicans and Lutherans love to eat!

I will give you an update on Mickey. A couple of years ago, there was a mouse on the counter in the narthex. It was hiding; however, it did manage to give 'one' of us quite a scare. That was followed by a loud scream! Thank you to Gord Evans for bringing in a contraption that makes a loud noise that only mice can hear, so Gord tells us! About a month ago, we had a hungry mouse visit again and he enjoyed breaking into several packages of cookies that were stored under the counter. He did not like the ginger snaps. We had gotten careless and had not been

keeping the cookies inside plastic tubs. We are, once again, storing the cookies appropriately. Kurt Christie, as chief of the property committee, set up a live trap with peanut butter and checked the trap at least twice a day for almost a week. However, Mickey and family must have headed to a warmer climate.

So please sign up to host a coffee hour after church. You can check to make sure there is juice and milk the week before. It is an ideal way to celebrate a special birthday! Ask for help and offer to help if you see only one person signed up. Our special hostess, Pearl does not like to see any blank spaces on the sign-up sheet! **It has been mentioned to us that we often have a 'traffic jam' near the sink, coffee and milk area. Please try to leave space for others to get their drinks and chat where there is more room.** **Thanks!**



Blessings,  
Dorothy and  
Marilyn

**Sign up to host a  
coffee hour!**

# All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

## FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	<b>4</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	<b>7</b> 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al Anon Journey Together	<b>1</b> 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life	<b>2</b>
<b>10<sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup></b> Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	<b>11</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	<b>12</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	<b>14</b> 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al Anon Journey Together	<b>15</b> 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life	<b>16</b>
<b>17<sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup></b> Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	<b>18</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 8:00-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA District Meeting	<b>19</b> 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	<b>21</b> 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al Anon Journey Together	<b>22</b> 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA New Life	<b>23</b>
<b>24<sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup></b> Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Private Rental	<b>25</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	<b>26</b> 4:00-11:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Easter Star Mtg. 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm – The Parlour Church Council Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	<b>28</b> 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al Anon Journey Together		