

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - MAY, 2024

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere)

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May 2024 Readings

May 5 Easter 6 Holy Communion

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 12 Easter 7 Service of the Word

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 19 Pentecost Holy Communion

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

May 26 Holy Trinity Holy Communion

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, Pastor Doug Reble, Assistant to the Bishop will be our guest preacher at Grace, Eganville. He is visiting churches in the Eastern Synod one last time before he retires. We will have a luncheon following worship.

Of People and the Passage of Time:

In Memory of:



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Irene Mary (Buelow) Churchill, (April 18, 1949 – April 15, 2024).

Keep the members of her family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

Baptism



On Sunday, April 21st, we welcomed through the waters of baptism Charlie Cressman daughter of Steven Cressman and Cassie Jessup. Pray for this family as they teach her the love of Jesus.

New Member

On Sunday, April 21st, we welcomed Cassie Jessup as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation. May the Holy Spirit always be with her and with all of us.

Affirmation of Baptism



On Sunday May 26th, we will be celebrating the "Affirmation of Baptism" of our six confirmation students. Over the past 2 years, the boys have been working hard in learning the books of the Bible and church doctrine. They will also be given their "First Communion" during this service. They have come a long way from when they began this journey. We all should be proud of what has been accomplished."

From Our Quilting Ladies



Monday Quilters – These quilts are hand stitched for a fee and money is given to the church. We welcome new quilters to join us.

Tie Quilting – These quilt tops are either made on site or made by individuals at home and donated to the church for this cause. Tie quilting is a more secure way to hold these quilts together.



We gather on Wednesday mornings, date to be determined if we have enough volunteers interested. These quilts are given to our area Retirement Homes,

our local Hospices, CHEO (Ottawa), Victim Services of Renfrew County, Ottawa Complex Centre, Sexual Assault Centre and the Food Bank.



Cuddles & Hugs – They meet Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The quilts are made and stitched with love. They are given to individuals undergoing cancer treatments .



From The Property Committee

We have scheduled an outside clean-up day for Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Grace, Eganville. Starting at 9:00 AM Many hands make like work.

We have been having a great time at Sunday School this



spring!! It was so nice to see those who came for our Palm Sunday Service and our first skating event with 45 on the ice!! Hot chocolate was enjoyed by all the children afterwards. Check out our church's website where pictures are posted.

Sunday, May 12 will be our last day of Sunday School until the fall.

The children will be singing in church and downstairs there will be a Mother's Day craft followed by bouncy castles and ice cream for the whole congregation! Hope to see you here!



From Personnel Committee

The church is seeking anyone who is interested in the custodian's position at the church. For more information contact Barry Nagora at 613-735-1732.

Service at Fairfields – 1:00 PM

On Saturday May 18th, Pastor Ralph will be leading worship with our home bound members at Fairfield's (in the dining room at 1:00 PM) and sharing communion with them. This has been a welcome ministry by the Fairfield' residents and will occur on a monthly basis in the Fairfield's dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend and if anyone wishes to help Pastor just let him know.



Bible Study

Pastor Ralph continues to offer an Adult Bible Study, Wednesday mornings at 10AM in the board room at Grace. Everyone is invited to join and share insights with each other on Bible texts and life experiences.

ANSWERS TO THE APRIL'S QUIZ

What are the significance of the following dates:

April 2, 1888; according to our history records is the formal beginning of Grace.

On August 6, 1916, there was a special service for the laying of the cornerstone of the church that burned down. .

September 28, 1952; following the special morning service, they laid the cornerstone of the new church hall (it housed the chapel, pastor's office, kitchen, and Fellowship Hall, Church office, furnace room and a Sunday School room in the basement.

May 29, 1994 is the first Sunday we were in our new building after the fire.

August 1, 2019, was Pastor Ralph's first Sunday here at Grace.

How old is our congregation on April 2, 2024?

We are 136 years old.

From the Pastor's Desk



Sisters and brothers may the grace of our lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. May is a time of rebirth. Looking around we can see God at work bringing to life the trees that were once bare, and flowers showing their colors in a beautiful display of newness. Some of us may have started to plant seeds in hope of growth in a few weeks time. It takes work on our part to ensure what we sow will have a chance to grow; dead heading, cultivating, and so on. The fruits of our labor will be in the growth of new plants. So is it with us. We too need to be nurtured so we can also grow in faith and to help those around us. It is through the Holy Spirit, which will lead us and hopefully inspire us to help others grow with us. This can be done through prayer, reading scripture and telling stories of our own faith; with the hope of planting "seeds" in other we meet. May the glory of God fill you with praise, the beauty of Christ strengthen you in service, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace!

Pastor Ralph

Quiz for the month of May



How many different animals or birds do you see on the quilt hanging outside of Pastor's office.

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Celebration for

Fr. J. Kenneth O'Brien

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass

Will be celebrated on

Saturday, May 11, 2024

At 4:00 PM in the afternoon

St. James Church

78 Wellington Street, Eganville, ON

A reception and dinner will follow at
The Royal Canadian Legion, Eganville

28 Wellington Street,

Eganville, ON

Reception: 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM

--- Tickets: \$40.00 each ---

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You're Invited To

"MayPole Tea"

Experiēnce High Tea under the Maypoles!

A special event hosted by:

Haley United Church

Lets send a kid to Camp

Where: **Haley United Church**

760 Calvin Road, Haley, ON

When: **May 11, 2024**

Time: **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Cost: **\$15.00**

Wheelchair accessible Door Prizes.