

ST PAUL'S NEWS

All are welcome! Please join us Sundays at 11 Reverend Harry Klassen

Christmas Lunch and Bazaar

Once again the Presbyterian Church Women held a very successful Bazaar on November 15th. Thanks to the many people who attended we raised \$2400.

Community Carol Sing



Sunday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 pm

St. Paul's Presbyterian and St. Alban's Anglican will together host a delightful community carol sing at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. This is a family event with Christmas songs and some traditional carols. Everyone welcome!

Book Celebration

Join Anthony Gifford on Saturday November 29 from 2 to 4 to celebrate his book "Simeon's Gospel" at Janet's House, 350 Third Concession.

Zander and Nancy To Leave the Island

A celebration of the contribution of the Dunns to the life of the Island was held on November 22 at the Community Centre. A great crowd was on hand to wish them well as they embark on a new adventure in Stratford Ontario.

A Word from the Dunns

Nance and I want to express our thanks to all who made our Farewell reception such a great experience. We laughed; we cried; we were amazed; we were thrilled. Thank you for the stories, the



history, the songs, the poems, the presentations, the pictures and the food.

We also were humbled by the large amount of money given to us by so many people and by the great contribution in our name to the work of Presbyterian World Service and Development. Insofar as we know all these things require time and effort we appreciate everything that was done for our benefit. Amherst Island will always be home for us, thanks to people like you.

Thanks from Zander and Nancy at DUNN INN

Photos courtesy of Brian Little. Thank you!

WI Seniors' Dinner Sunday December 7 at 3:45 pm

Community Centre Call Sharen English at **384-6535** to confirm



Children's Advent Celebration

Sunday December 14 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

Once again, St. Paul's will host an Advent party for all children on the Island. A light supper will be served so that the children can remain for the carol singing beginning at 7 p.m. We will enjoy games, story telling, crafts and great food.

Advent Services

Advent features:

Special music, advent wreath lighting, timely sermons.

Sun. Nov. 30 11:00 a.m.

Advent 1 with communion.

As we anticipate the approaching Christmas season, we look forward to the HOPE for a brighter world, in which Light shines in the Darkness.

Sun. Dec. 7 11:00 a.m. Theme of Peace

Sun. Dec. 14 11:00 a.m. Theme of Joy

Sun. Dec. 21 11:00 a.m. Theme of Love.

Christmas Eve, Thur., Dec. 24th, 7:00 p.m.

A candlelight service of Lessons and Carols for the entire family. Please join us for this very special time on the eve of Christmas celebrations.

From the Minister

My two year appointment to St. Paul's is rapidly drawing to a close. I began my ministry with you on March 20th 2013. As the congregation continues its search process for a new minister, Annemarie and I give thanks for the opportunity to serve the wonderful people on this community based island.

It is with some sadness that we note the coming departure of Zander and Nancy Dunn from the island. But as they embark upon a new chapter in their life at Stratford, we know that God will accompany them on their journey.

We are encouraged that St. Paul's remains healthy and eager to serve the island community. They will not grow weary in well doing.

Island life has been good for us, but we have had a challenging year with some health considerations and a daughter who received a severe concussion playing soccer in June. Her two children are being cared for by our son and daughter-in-law near Acton, Ontario. Hence we need to be freed up to be of more assistance in the family.

Of one thing I am certain. The Christmas message of "peace on earth, goodwill to human kind" has never been more important to hear and implement than right now. We desperately need to hear that terrorism, Ebola, the rich and poor divide, does not have the last word.

How wonderful to know that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Peace

Harry Klassen

*May your Home be warm, may your
Holidays be grand and may your Heart be
held gently in the Lord's Hands!*