



The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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Some More Grumbling

Elaine Duncanson

Are you bored yet? Have you read all your books for the second, or third time? Have you sorted out all your cupboards, cleaned out your collection of odds and ends, rearranged the furniture? The summer vacation was great, wasn't it? Did you spend it in the backyard or on the front verandah? Perhaps it was just a balcony to catch a breeze or two.

They say this will end. Someday. The Hundred Years War ended. So did the War of the Roses. And the bubonic plague and the Spanish flu. The Depression ended and there were some good years after it. After the war, of course. We just have to be patient and do as we are told to get the numbers down and wait for people to get better.

A friend of mine sends me a few bits of cheer every day which help to see another side of life. She said that she had received a shot of vaccine for the virus. It came from Russia and there were no side effects and she was feeling fine. I was really excited but I could not make out the end of the message. Some words looked a bit strange and then the last two sentences were in the Cyrillic alphabet. It took a second or two but then I had the first laugh of the week.

Maria has kept me informed about all the sports events that have been cancelled, how many businesses have closed for good. She is concerned about the hospitality industry and all the other ventures related to tourism. She spent a couple of summers in Fredericton working in tourism and knows how much advance planning needs to go into getting a venue prepared to open for a season.

Her friends in Brazil and Peru have talked about the training they are doing, some competitions in the near future and some are even running events. In Canada, a national cycling championship for November has been cancelled but the athletes are now over in Italy for the World Championship.

So far we are better off than Quebec. We can still have our little bubbles but do people understand that is 10 people total and not just ten people at a time? With so many people unemployed these days, many have time on their hands and can find little to do. I have done an astounding number of Sudoku puzzles and my year long pad will soon be finished. The extra one on Saturday in the newspaper usually lasts a day or two while the daily ones are finished with my breakfast coffee.

There is work that I could do if I could lift and bend as I did a decade ago. Instead I have done some reading. The current book is a novel about Richard, Duke of Gloucester, from the time he went looking for the woman he wished to marry until his death at the Battle of Bosworth. He was the seventh son and tenth child of the Duke of York and his wife, Cecily Neville. He was probably destined for the church but three sons died in infancy, one died as a teenager in battle, one was executed, and Richard became the trusted confidant of the remaining brother who was Edward IV of England.

Richard's motto was "Loyalty binds me" and in the fifteenth century, many a noble changed his loyalty with his hat. Chapter after chapter shows the hesitation to commit or the double dealing in hopes of gaining more goods or

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titles. Battles were brutal and capture often meant a hideous death. Life at court was elegant, splendid, and treacherous. Loyalty was a valued commodity except to those who could not bribe the person or tempt him to betray others. Then it was feared.

One source of fear in northern England was the bands of Scots who arrived in the night or at dawn to butcher the inhabitants of a hamlet, burn their buildings and make off with the sheep and cattle. Richard was sent north on a diplomatic errand and came upon such a hamlet an hour or so after it occurred. He threw some coins to a woman who had survived telling her to go to his castle three or four days journey away and his wife would look after her.

Then he sent some men to catch and behead the marauders while he continued on his errand. Another time he came upon destruction where among the dead was a page boy, about eight or nine years old. Part of him had been cut off and he was thrown face down to drown in the mire. Today we are much more civilized and just do our damage with Twitter.

We try to keep our grumbling muted. Most of the time. We are not likely to have to endure this for forty years as the people of Israel did. Some folks get their manna from the government. Some still have a paycheque. I looked out my windows today and the trees in front have turned a golden yellow. The tree near the back is bright orange and a tree across Queen Street is scarlet. Soon we can grumble about the snow and wind and all that sort of thing. At least it will be a change.

Monica Place

For more than 50 years, Monica Place has been providing a residence, supportive housing, training and counselling for young mothers and their babies in Waterloo and Cambridge.

Traditionally, St. John's has supported Monica Place each fall with donations of clothing and other items needed to support these young mothers. Now the threat of the Covid virus has limited what we can donate to this wonderful community organization. So now, rather than donating items Monica Place would really appreciate donations of gift cards or cheques. Gift cards for grocery stores or drug stores are appreciated but especially practical are Walmart gift cards because of the wide variety of items that can be purchased. Everything from food, clothing, toys or housewares allow "one stop shopping" which is helpful if transportation to stores is a challenge.

If you would like to make a donation, there are several alternatives. You can drop it off at the church office by putting it through the letter box in the front door. Please indicate the dollar amount on the card and also mark on the envelope ACW FOR MONICA PLACE. If it is more convenient, you can deliver it to Sandra Roy's home mailbox. Sandra lives near Belmont Village. Alternatively, you can leave it at Nancy Chittick's mailbox. Nancy lives near St. Jacobs market. We would just ask that you let either Nancy or Sandra know if you are dropping something off so that they will know to watch for it. Our addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory. Nancy's email is: npchit@golden.net and Sandra's is: roysandra26@gmail.com

***Donations will be collected until October 26.

***Checks should be made out to Monica Place.

*** Please note that income tax receipts are issued for only cash or cheques (\$20.00 minimum) NOT for gift cards. Be sure to include your name and address if you want an income tax receipt.

Memorial Garden Update

Laura Doric

I am pleased to share that we have secured three new trustees for the garden. When the transition process with the bank is complete we will share their names. The trustees-in-waiting have been working hard throughout the spring/summer season to keep things blooming. With thanks to Al Coughlin, we have acquired two garbage containers, one outside the garden gates and one beside the lawn picnic table to help keep things neat and tidy. I am happy to report that many of our regular community visitors are using them well and taking pride in sharing in the care of our space. They regularly express how much they appreciate its beauty as a place to find peace and quiet in challenging times. Many of them are on a first name basis with our regular staff and parishioners found working about the exterior of the property. The picnic table is a mainstay for many in the neighbourhood as a place to socialize, to connect, and to share a take out meal from St John's Kitchen with their community of friends. The parish support for programs such as the Safe Injection Site, Food Not Bombs and Community Kitchen Co-op, just to name a few, are clearly making a profound difference for many.

There was a scattering of ashes on Saturday Sept 12 with a private service for the Butler Family. The damaged garden bench was repaired, a small sample of graffiti covered, the front door planters planted with a fall arrangement, and some white mums added to the perimeter garden in time for the occasion. The summer flowers will soon be lifted for the planting of spring bulbs. Our current list of Friends of the Garden will be contacted for a renewal of their annual donations that help with the perpetual care of the garden. All are welcome to be Friends of the Garden and all donations are welcome. If you wish to contribute please use one of the payment methods described in the weekly updates, and remember to mark your name on it and indicate that it is for the Memorial Garden.

Thank you to all for your support of the garden and the care of our loved ones memorialized in this way.



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Part 2

June & July 2016

By this time we were in a routine. Roy and Kathi Thibodeau were completely smitten with their new family. Thaeer and Rim were improving their English and starting to make their way around the community. They had made friends outside of the Refugee Committee and were now embarking on outings by themselves. Both adults were attending ESL and they were very excited to be living here in Canada. Susan Grenville asked Thaeer how he was able to speak English so well. He replied that he had seen the Titanic ten times!!

It was about this time we knew our 4th family would be arriving from Syria. To date we had supported one family (Thaeer and Rim and two children) completely and 2 families with just social support on behalf of Reception House. So this next family would be like Thaeer and Rim, financial and social support. We had secured a townhouse because we knew ahead of time that this family was a bit bigger with 4 young boys so to put them into a 2 or 3 bedroom apartment would not be wise. We were busy getting things set up and we had established a group of 3 women to be the Primary Contact for this new family. Mary Hunt, Val Haiser and Nancy Carlisle Weaver were the team members.

Before we had a chance to get everything set up we received notice the family would be arriving. Mary Flatt and Stephen Swatridge stepped forward and offered to host the family until we could get the townhouse completed. What a blessing this was.

We finally moved in furniture and clothing and picked up the family. Everyone was relieved we had moved past this challenge. We could now help this family get settled.

Family # 4 – Arrived July 2016 – The group will assume full responsibility for settlement and shared financial support for 12 months. Support ends July 2017.

The family consisted of Mohamad and Siham Children: Oday, Qusay, Omar, Hamza (Maria and Youssef were born later)

Primary Contact: Mary Hunt, Val Haiser, Nancy Carlisle Weaver



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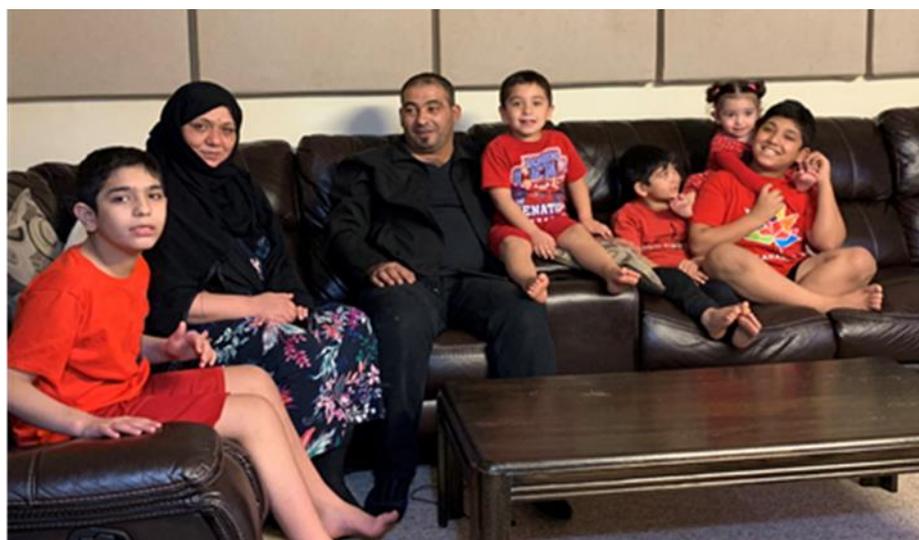
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Al Ramadans shortly after their arrival.



Primary contacts with Siham and Mohamad.



Al Ramadans after the 1st year with the addition of little Marie!

Youssef (not in the pic) was born later and was the 2nd Canadian born into the family.

Look for Part 3 of the Chronicle in the next edition of OEW.

ACW Thankoffering

Jennifer Uttley

In the past we have celebrated the ministry of St. John's ACW during a morning service and collected our annual Thankoffering. We have been unable to do that this year but want to provide an opportunity to contribute to the Thankoffering.

The Thankoffering is a project of the Diocesan Anglican Church Women – a personal way that we can give thanks for our many blessings. It is a way of contributing to our Outreach beyond the Parish. The Thankoffering is sent to the Diocesan ACW Council where it helps support ministries that include Huron Church Camp, college chapels (Huron, Renison and Windsor), Mission to Seafarers, Monica Place, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Children and Youth ministry and Dr. Graham's Homes.

A small offering from each one of us becomes one substantial and enabling expression of gratitude for benefits received. To contribute please send a cheque made payable to:

St. John's ACW and add **Thankoffering** on the **memo line**.

Please mail to our ACW Treasurer Linda Jarrett at the following address:

Linda Jarrett
168 Claremont Ave.
Kitchener, ON
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If you prefer to donate cash, please put it in an envelope addressed to **St. John's ACW** and marked as **Thankoffering** and drop it in her mailbox or at the church.

Our offering will be forwarded to the Diocesan ACW by the end of the year.

Many thanks and blessings.

Will the 72nd Annual St. John's Pudding Factory Survive the 2020 Corona Virus???

Judy Shantz

In order to do that, we require a number of people to take on roles in the following key positions. The Pudding Factory will be different this year with no social time. We will all be well spaced with social distancing and wearing masks.

- Greasing Cans
- Measuring Ingredients
- Mixing Puddings
- Filling Cans
- Weighing Cans
- Stamping Down the Pudding
- Covering Cans with "lids"
- Steaming
- Packaging
- Putting in bags for customer pick-up

As always we will require people to help before we begin our "week" of work to cut wax paper for wrapping all puddings / Cleaning Fruit /Bringing up cans etc from Pudding Factory Room / Setting up tables and Stoves / Unloading ingredients from Ayres.

After the puddings have been steamed we require people to "knock them out" so that they can cool overnight before being wrapped in the previously cut wax paper and then put into gift bags.

Finally Jennifer will have produced labels for all of the pre-orders and we need people to process these orders by putting the correct number and size of the order in another bag with the customer's name on.

We haven't quite decided how we will handle the pick-up this year, it is to be arranged!!

We can only continue this worthwhile project if we have commitment from people for these jobs. The Pudding Factory would be the first week of November, so I need to hear from you by Friday, October 2nd to place our order for ingredients. Please telephone me at 519-743-0845 or e-mail me at judyshantz13@gmail.com