



the Church
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

FRIDGE NOTES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reign of Christ – November 21, 2021

Welcome to St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

We are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you.

In-person Coffee Hour is suspended but you can join the Zoom Coffee Hour. Details are in the weekly email.

Pastoral Care is available for those who are sick at home or in hospital and for other spiritual needs. Please contact the office if you or someone you know is ill and or in need of spiritual care.



Assisted Hearing Devices are available from the greeters.



Sunday School is via Zoom.

- For those 7 – 12 years old from 10:30-11:30
- For those 12 – 18 years old from 1pm – 2pm

Please email Sileen at kidscoordinator@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link



New to SPSS? Please ask a sidesperson for a welcome card and place it on the offering plate.



Learn more about SPSS! Visit us online at www.stpeterstsimon.ca

St Peter & St Simon-the-Apostle on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpeterstsimons

Stewardship: We appreciate your givings and remind you that to receive a tax receipt your envelope number or name & address should accompany all donations.

Pre-authorized giving (PAG): If you would like to sign-up for PAG, please contact the office. We encourage you to support our ministry through PAG. Thank you.

Please do not leave your valuables unattended.

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat, on whose land, and by whose water we gather to talk, listen, learn, worship, share and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for submissions to *Fridge Notes* is Thursday at noon each week. Please send submissions to the Church office.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Christmas, please use the envelopes found at the back of the Church. Include the particular memorial and/or thanksgiving you would like acknowledged. Deadline for a memorial and/or thanksgiving is 12:00 pm Wednesday, December 15th, 2021. Please contact Sheila Thomas for further information.

From the Stewardship Committee - Joyful Giving Campaign 2021

Next week the Stewardship Committee will once again launch the annual Joyful Giving Campaign. The faithful, ongoing, and generous support of St. Peter & St. Simon-the-Apostle parishioners has sustained this community throughout these past 20 months - we are truly grateful for this steadfast loyalty. The campaign launch will provide an opportunity for you to reflect on the important ways we all can continue to be good stewards of this wonderful parish. You will be receiving a letter and supporting documents which we hope will provide you with information on how to continue or enhance your support over the next year. Thank you!

A small PWRDF grant makes a big impact in Haiti

by Janice Biehn,

Communications and Marketing Coordinator



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Hurricanes, earthquakes and political corruption tend to keep Haiti in the news, and this past year has been no exception. Its president was assassinated in July 2021, just weeks after that, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck, with Tropical Depression Grace bearing down on it.

But headlines do not a country make, and bely the resilience and spirit of the Haitian

people. This was never more apparent than in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In March 2020, Nurse Bénicie Pierre feared she would have to close the Saint-Laurent Healthcare Centre of Barbe, where she is also CEO. There weren't enough rooms, medicine or face masks to keep people safe. But she knew that pregnant women and sick babies would be at risk without support or intervention. "We were very afraid when we heard about the pandemic, because we don't have appropriate technologies to deal it," she said. "We prayed to God to protect us, because prayer was the only refuge we had at this time. So we women discussed what kind of initiative we could take."

Local NGO Rayjon Share Care Haiti (RSCH) recognized Pierre as a strong and capable leader and started looking for funding partners to help her keep the healthcare centre open. PWRDF supported RSCH with a \$10,000 grant.



"We thought it was important to share information about the pandemic, because there were a lot of stories going around," said Renaud Thomas, Community Coordinator and Program Manager of RSCH. "We worked with the Haitian Women's Federation to organize awareness, to tell people the truth. We communicated with the women, we shared data and statistics. And we worked with different institutions, like the Hospital of Saint-Nicola and the Ministry of

Health. We tried all kinds of strategies to protect people in the villages."

Pierre and three women from the Haitian Women's Federation and the health centre used some of the funds to travel to a training session at the Hospital Saint-Nicola. "The hospital organized training for women who would then teach people in their villages how to prevent the spread of COVID," said Pierre. Funds also allowed RSCH to provide some medication and equipment to organize the campaign to raise awareness about pandemic prevention.

When the appearance of the virus derailed



the plan for follow-up conferences in churches and schools, the women were not deterred. Instead, they drove a pick-up around the town and into remote areas using megaphones to tell people about the pandemic and how to prevent being infected. Then they distributed face masks in the communities, prioritizing high-risk individuals with widespread community contact, such as motorcycle drivers, patients coming to the centre for treatment, breastfeeding women and elderly people.

Back at the Saint-Laurent Healthcare Centre, there were still insufficient patient rooms, especially a place for women in labour. Pierre pushed to use the funds to improve and expand the building, put on a new roof, stucco the walls, install doors and build a fence.

Completing a construction project in just one month, in the middle of pandemic, interrupted by a hurricane, and complicated by regional gang activity, required all hands on deck. Other local organizations were astonished to see how fast the centre was finished. Members of the Women's Federation are now more aware of their strength and believe in organization and planning. For the next project, they know they will be able to be even more effective.

The healthcare workers have more space to welcome sick people, they have an expanded dispensary and pregnant women have a new, clean room in which to give birth. They also found a local solution to provide a gynecology table, which was proving too costly when purchased from Port-au-Prince. Instead of giving up, Pierre was able to use the final bit of PWRDF funds to hire a local craftsman to build not one but TWO exam tables, plus a couple of chairs and benches for the clinic. A plan to divert rainwater from the roof into a new garden will be financed by the community and the healthcare centre.

The grant from PWRDF made all these initiatives possible, but it also did something else. It showed the community how effective RSCH could be. Other local groups are now beating a path to partner with them.

The project motivated members of the Haitian Women's Federation, too. They saw first-hand what can be accomplished when partners commit to supporting one another. "They became aware of their strength," says Renaud Thomas of RSCH. "Not because of Rayjon but because of our own attitudes. It's a privilege, it's an opportunity for all of us to learn. And I think the work we did was good. We could see the result."

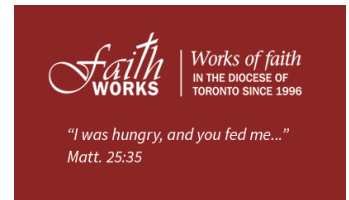
FaithWorks

This parish has faithfully contributed to the worthy causes supported by FaithWorks and the Stewardship Committee thanks parishioners for their contributions that have totaled

\$3,090 over the last three years.

Funds have been raised that provide much needed support for homelessness relief; work with ex-prisoners, newcomers and refugees, at-risk women, children and youth, indigenous people and those impacted by HIV-AIDS.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary, a generous donor from within the Diocese has offered a \$100,000 matching challenge grant for all new and increased donations. For every dollar raised over last year's amount by a parish, FaithWorks will receive an extra dollar.



FaithWorks Sunday on November 21st and an additional challenge this year is to have 100 +1% parish participation! You can view inspirational videos from participating FaithWorks Ministry Partners here: <https://faithworks.ca/video-resources/>

15% of the donations are retained for our own parish outreach! Here is the easy step to donate:

- a) Give directly to the Church and indicate on your cheque or envelope that the donation should go to FaithWorks
- b) Go to **FaithWorks.ca** and click on the **Donating to FaithWorks** menu button. Follow the instructions. Don't forget to put our parish's name in the **Comment Section!**

Learn more about Faithworks by visiting their website at faithworks.ca and watching a Faithworks video. There are short, medium and long videos.

The available videos are:

- 1) FaithWorks 25th anniversary video (5 minutes)
- 2) FaithWorks 25th anniversary -
 - An Evening of Celebration and Appreciation from May 28 (1 hour)
- 3) **The Bishop's Message** -
 - Commemorating FaithWorks' 25th anniversary (9 minutes)
- 4) Interviews with 6 ministry partner workers (16 minutes)
- 5) Interview with Esey of **Flemingdon Park Ministry**, Toronto (4 minutes)
- 6) Interview with Ashley of **Inn from the Cold**, Newmarket (4 minutes)
- 7) Interview with Jessica of **North House**, Uxbridge (4 minutes)
- 8) Interview with Mona of **North House**, Uxbridge (4 minutes)
- 9) Interview with Dorothy of **PWRDF** (3 minutes)
- 10) Interview with Sandra of **Toronto Urban Native Ministry** (4 minutes)

Outreach/Food Ministry Working Group

We are in the process of organising a parish working group to explore outreach ministry possibilities. A first step is to consider the ministries that are going on around us and then discern where God might be calling us to do to minister more effectively in this community. A number of people have come forward who are interested, and we are planning a meeting in the coming weeks. Please speak with Fr Geoffrey if you would like to be part of this important work of discernment.



Homework Club: As we look ahead to January, we hope the Homework Club will resume. This ministry shared by SPSS, St Andrew's United and Rosedale Presbyterian provides a safe, wholesome and fun environment for local children to learn and grow. We are grateful to the Anglican Foundation for their generous support of this ministry.

Church Rentals

Mondays & Fridays: Sunshine Centres in the Parish Hall, morning
Sundays: San Lorenzo in the Nave until 2:30 pm

Covid Vaccinations

The Diocese of Toronto has implemented a Covid-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for all Clergy, Employees and Volunteers at the church. Visit <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/news/mandatory-vaccination-policy-posted/> for all the details. While not a requirement for attending worship services, the church strongly recommends that all eligible people get vaccinated against Covid-19.

Services Looking Ahead

Wednesdays: 11 am Holy Eucharist. In-person worship

Sunday, November 28 – Advent 1

- 10:30 am Choral Eucharist with the Great Litany

Sunday, December 5 – Advent 2

- 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 12 – Advent 3

- **9.15 am – Said Eucharist (NEW)**
- 10.30 am Choral Matins
- **4 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 19 – Advent 4

- 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- Early Christmas Eve Service to be announced
- 10.00 pm Festal Choral Eucharist

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Sunday, December 26 – Christmas 1/Feast of St Stephen, 1st Christian Martyr

- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Covid-19 Protocols are in effect for in-person worship services.



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