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# Saints Alive



November – December 2017



*The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives.*

## Rector's Ramblings

Dear Friends,

Oct. 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the official start of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther's "95 Theses" invited public debate on matters of Church doctrine and practice. This was certainly not the first call for reform within the church, and it certainly wasn't the last. Throughout the sixteenth century the reformers of the English Church established a number of principles that have governed reform in the Anglican Church ever since.



The main principles include:

- 1) Worship in the language of the marketplace;
- 2) The ecclesiology of Via Media (Middle Way), today expressed as 'unity in diversity';
- 3) and theology as the balance of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason.

The Reformed English Church retained a catholic church structure and liturgical worship, while at the same time embracing both catholic and protestant theology. It is the holding together of these traditions that is the genius of Anglicanism. As we celebrate 500 years of protestant reform, let us remind ourselves that the work of reforming the church never ends. Let us remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as God shows us new ways to proclaim the Gospel in our place and time.

Blessings,

Paul Bowie+



### Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music

Sunday School 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Friday: 9am – 10:30am – Centering Prayer

Childrens' Area & Mother's Room

Healing Prayer offered during Communion or after the Worship Service.

The deadline for submissions for 'Saints Alive is December 16, 2017. Thank you for all your contributions.

### Editor of Saints Alive

**We are Stewards of the Church.**

**What does it mean to be a Welcoming Parish?**

A parish strives to be a welcoming and inclusive community that knows and shares the love of God and serves those in need. We are a face in helping a community live up to this high calling. God's Church is to be a house of prayer, refuge, joy, hope and giving for all people. In God's house even the sparrow can find a place to rest; even the widow can find a place to offer her pennies.

In other words, **we need to help people feel at home**. Remember that everyone is a stranger somewhere. Imagine yourself hosting friends and family at your home and offer the same hospitality. We need to be ready to receive people where they are, not with any preconceived notions of who they should be. We are inviting people into God's house to share God's meal. God is the host, we are the guests. The stranger, the lonely, the sick and the poor are the guests of honour. Just like many people welcomed Jesus in their homes with open arms, we should do the same. When we serve others we are serving Christ.

### **Invitation**

Whether a new or long-standing member of a parish, parishioners need to be invited to serve in the most personal way possible. It often takes more than one invitation before a parishioner decides to become involved,



so perseverance is important when we invite people. Parishioners who are quiet can be misinterpreted as disinterested. Understanding that people often receive information in different ways, varied forms of invitation are necessary. Bulletin and pulpit announcements, personal invitations, personal phone calls, and visits by members of the welcoming committee are effective tools. Noticing a particular talent or gift of an individual parishioner and personally inviting that person to share that gift with the parish family is most effective. Above all, we must persevere in our efforts to invite all parishioners to recognize the gifts given them individually by God and to ask them to share those gifts for the good of the parish family and the wider Church.

### **Communication**

Consistent, continual, updated, friendly and clear communication of parish events in the bulletin, announcements, newsletters, parish websites, phone calls, etc. is vitally important to foster hospitality. Where people believe that they are informed, they experience that sense of belonging. Where communication is lacking within the parish, people feel disconnected. Often, this results in inaccurate and destructive conclusions drawn by certain members of the parish family, which when shared among parishioners, leads to confusion, hurt and anger.

### **Social Activities**

The parish is a place of many social activities. Participating in these activities nurture our sense of community and belonging. At these events, greeting and talking with parishioners, especially new parishioners, is an important function of all members. If the leaders of the parish committee, which organizes the activity, make the welcoming of parishioners a priority as part of the event itself, this models hospitality for all those who attend.

### **Empowerment**

Parishioners have a great sense of empowerment to want to serve the parish when hospitality is present. The priest's personal invitation and empowerment of committee members to carry out the mission statement help foster a sense of hospitality. Identifying the gifts and talents of parishioners aids their sense of empowerment.





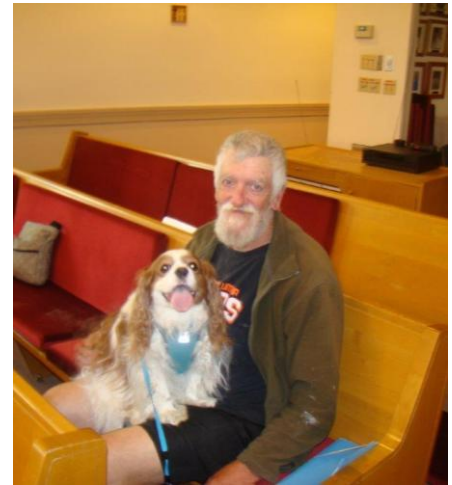
Thank you to all who participated in our annual WALK- RUN- BIKE-ATHON!  
The fellowship, food, fun, exercise and sun made it a wonderful day.

We raised \$4,585.00. There may be more to come. Thanks to Dick and Margaret who booked the clubhouse for us, Rose for helping with the pledge sheets, Margaret for helping with the shopping, Marie and Connie for preparing everything for the service, our two chefs David and Peter, Ryan, Dick, and Margaret helping with food prep, Ed for donating bottled water, Juliette and Paul helping to get everything back to the church and Molly for washing the floor.





## *Pet Blessing October 2, 2017*



Pet owners came to Mission's All Saints Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon to take part in the annual St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals. Reverend Paul Bowie performed the blessings after a brief service that included prayers, hymns and a remembrance for pets that have passed away. Free Will Donation divided between SAINTS and FV Humane Society in Mission. *(I would have loved to have included all the photos of the pets but limited space prevented me from doing so.)*

## A letter to our granddaughter

Dear D,

Yesterday was the feast of St Francis Assisi – patron saint of ‘birds and beasts.’ We decided to take your Sheroo to the Church for Pets Blessing. While all the other dogs sat properly with their owners in the pew, with sanctimonious piety, some in laps and others beside their owners, Sheroo just made a nuisance of himself. Eventually your dad had to drag him away to sit at the back of the Church in the last pew.

During hymn singing Sheroo and some of his friends also decided to join in, much to the consternation of the congregation. I think a few, probably belonging to a different denominational tradition, kept barking their ‘amens’ several times while the intercessory prayers were being said, unlike the Anglicans who are disciplined to say ‘Amen’ only at the end.

During the sermon he kept interrupting, though I could not figure out whether he was agreeing or disagreeing with what the Revd. Bowie was saying.

There was a poignant moment when our priest invited the people to come forward and write on slips of paper the names of their pets, who had gone to ‘doggie heaven.’ Your grandmother walked up and tearfully wrote the names of Quito and Champy. Afterwards the priest said a prayer for the departed, whom we had loved and who brought so much joy into our lives.

I can’t say Sheroo either understood the power of the moment or be part of the memoriam.

He did walk up to the altar, with as much dignity and poise as a tight leash would allow, receiving the blessing. Nevertheless our hopes that he might be converted and become a Christian dog were not realized, because nothing whatsoever has changed at home.

I think the only redemption is to find out if we can have an exorcism rite hoping that that will get the ‘Devil’ out him!!

I was wondering about the etymology of the word ‘pet.’ I found that it has Scottish origins dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It means a domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship; a person treated with special favor that others may regard as unfair; to treat someone affectionately; an indulged child; in 1530 the word ‘pet’ meant an animal companion.

Sheroo in his short stay of 10 months has become our affectionate companion; we enjoy his antics, indulge in him, and attribute to him human traits and characteristics (*it is called anthropomorphism*) that make us smile and fill our hearts with joy and happiness. And he in turn gives to us unconditional love. How wonderful it is when he welcomes us home with hugs and licks.

We miss you and look forward to being with you on Thanksgiving.

Love and blessings

Dada. (*Grandfather in Urdu*).

October 02, 2017.

N.B. Sheroo is a 10 month old Samoyed, who came into our lives as a puppy. The letter is addressed to our granddaughter, now at UBC because Sheroo is her special friend.

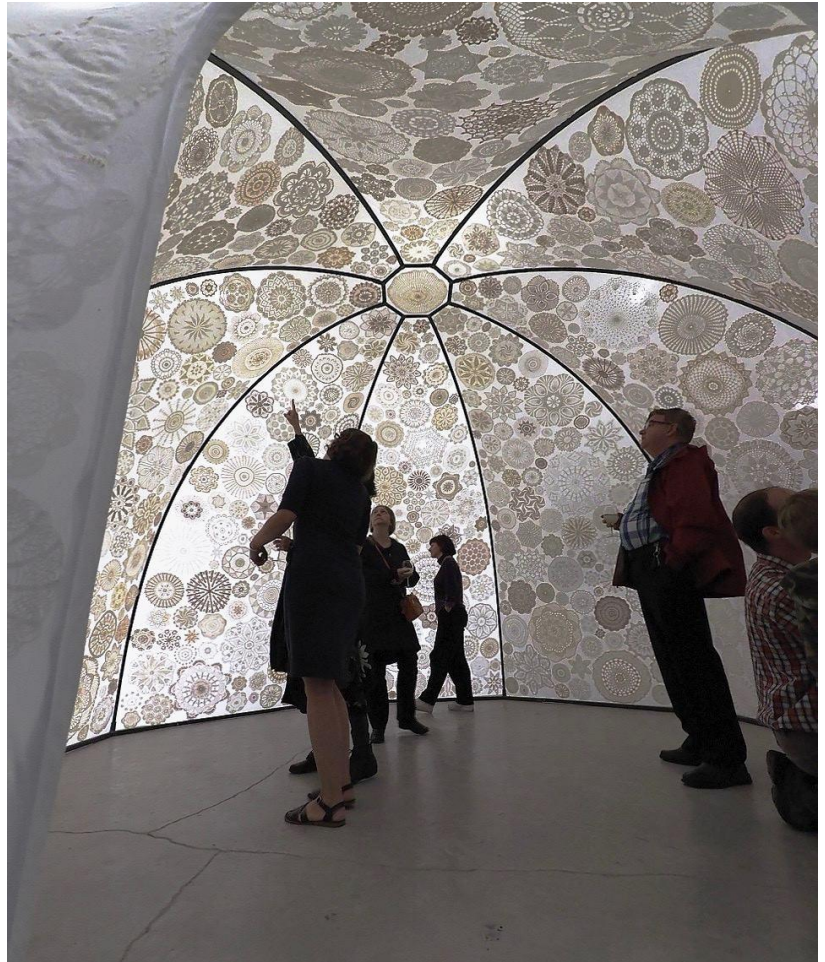
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In September and October, Mission Artist and All Saints Parishioner Brenna Maag hosted a Pop-up Gallery of her work *Observation of Wonder*, an art installation made with a collection of over 700

handmade doilies recovered from thrift stores. Stand under a 9' high dome of doilies in Conservatory. Marvel at a series of cyanotypes (photographic prints made with the sun) that imagine the doilies as scientific specimens. This temporary installation represents a new appreciation of the beauty, symmetry, and mathematical complexity of doilies and invites viewers to see nature's phenomenal diversity reflected in human creativity.



## *Thanksgiving Harvest*

All produce and other food was taken to Haven in the Hollow







## POINSETTIA SALE

Order your poinsettia and raise funds for the Ministries of All Saints Church.

Order by November 26<sup>th</sup> - Delivery December 6-8<sup>th</sup>

Order forms at the back of the Church.

Many thanks to ALL of our MUCH appreciated VOLUNTEERS who assist with our Worship Service every week! - INCLUDING those who willingly 'pinch-hit on Sunday mornings, to fill volunteer spots last moment when they are unexpectedly needed!!!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**David Richard McLean Keil**



JULY 29, 1924 ~ SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Colleen would like to give thanks to everyone who donated to the Elevator Fund in David's memory.

We will miss you David

## *On Sale Now*

*2017-18 Canadian Church Calendars*

*Only \$6.00 each. Get yours while they last. Not only do you get a lovely picture of a Canadian Church each month but the calendar itself has large squares for making notes each day.*

*Please speak to Judy Beale or Colleen Keil.*

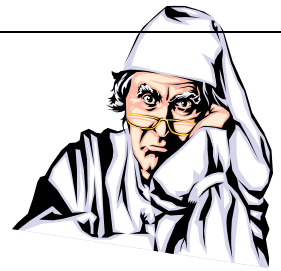




## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees

### Dramatic Reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"

"AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY"



The purpose of the Festival of Trees and Dramatic Reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" is to provide an opportunity for businesses, organizations, groups, churches, families, and individuals, in a very creative way, to support the Mission Christmas Bureau and is hosted by All Saints Church.

Over the last four years the event has been able to raise over \$4,980.00, provide 79 decorated trees that have been distributed to families and seniors in Mission, and hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items and gifts were collected and also donated to the Mission Christmas Bureau.

Our Organizing Committee consisting of Rose Bennett, Jane Boutilier, Rick Chadwick, Simone Redburn, Lesley Drown Joy Cox, and Margaret Peake have been meeting to plan this years event.

Volunteers are needed to help on the Admission Table, as a floater, and in the kitchen during the hours the event is open. Shifts are Tuesday to Friday, 3:00 – 5:30 pm and 5:30 – 8:00 pm;  
Saturday, 2:00 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Please sign-up and volunteer for any shift that you are able to do with Margaret Peake at [jmjmission@telus.net](mailto:jmjmission@telus.net) or by 'phone, 604-826-4089.

If you are not able to volunteer, perhaps you would consider donating some cookies/squares, etc., for the refreshment table.

Many thanks to folks that can help in any way; this is a fun family event with lots of children's activities, refreshments, and entertainment set in the beautiful surroundings of the lighted, festive decorated trees, and as has been our tradition, finishing the event with the Dramatic Reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" on the Saturday evening.



#### Event Dates:

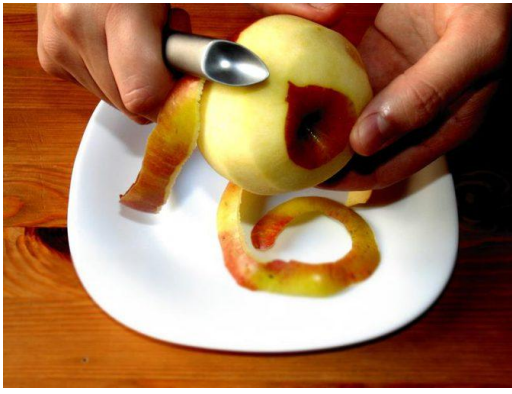
**December 5 – 9, 2017 ~ Tuesday-Friday ~ 3:00pm to 8:00pm  
Saturday ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm**



**Dramatic Reading: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Santa's Grotto: December 7-9, 2017 ~ Thursday-Friday ~ 3:00pm to 5:00pm  
Saturday ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Children's' Program: December 5-10, 2017 ~ Tuesday-Friday ~ 3:00pm to 5:00pm  
Saturday ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm**



*Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm*

Please come and help peel apples for the preparation of the Mincemeat for our Bazaar on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. More hands make less work!

We always have a great time socializing as we work. If you haven't joined us before come and see the process of preparing Mincemeat.

Donations of firm baking apples are welcome; a bag or a box, all will help. Thank you.



*Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> - 6pm*

We need 8 volunteers to bottle the prepared Mincemeat. Please let Judy or Colleen know if you can help out.



## *Christmas Bazaar & Tea*



Our annual Bazaar will be **Saturday, November 18, 2017** from noon until 3:00 p.m.

*There are MANY ways to be part of this Parish Event.*

***ALL DONATIONS ACCEPTED & APPRECIATED***

- ☐ **JEWELLERY:** Donations for the Jewellery table. No boxes please.
- ☐ **WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE:** Smaller gently used items or Christmas decorations
- ☐ **BOTTLE DRAW:** We need filled bottles. Fill with Scarf, toys, candy, candles, lotion, beverage or food. Give your donations to Dick Blades, or place in box in Narthex.
- ☐ **HOME BAKING:** Baking and home preserves for the bake table. Friday and Saturday morning.
- ☐ **SERVE TEA – 12 – 3pm, SELL, CLEAN-UP 3-4pm**
- ☐ **SET-UP, PRICING, MAKING SANDWICHES** (Thursday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> / Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> )
- ☐ **BAKE A SQUARE:** for the Tea



Coordinated by the ACW. They request that you sign-up in advance, so every job is covered.

**St. Andrew's will be hosting tables of Cookies Plus in the Lounge.**





## Christmas Vendor Craft Fair Event - November 25<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3pm.

For the fifth year in a row we will be hosting the Christmas Vendor Craft Fair Event at All Saints. Tables will be rented out for outside groups and Crafters to come in and sell their wares. More than half the tables will have home-made items: crafts, sewing, knitting, Gayle's embroidery, plus JMJ Photos.

Vendors will include: Discovery Toys, Tupperware, Epicure and doTerra

Plan to pop in and see what is being offered. As well we have had a concession for all to enjoy!!! Each Vendor will be asked to donate one item for our Raffle Basket. Profits from the Raffle will be donated to a Community Outreach program.

Tell your friends and family all about it! Come on down and see the great items for sale and pick some up for Christmas! We have sold out our tables every year!

If you are interested in getting a table call the Church Office at 604-826-2814 for more information and registration forms. Or contact Leanne La Chapelle or Polly Betterton for more details!



## Advent Lessons & Carols ~ Dec. 3rd

*Hope · Love · Joy · Peace*



*Reception following with Shortbread & spiced apple juice.*

## Merry Christmas

### Special Services

#### December 17<sup>th</sup>

6pm – St. Andrew's Wassails (Christmas Carols) All Welcome. Bring sweet or savoury to share.

#### December 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Spoken Service

9:30am – Advent 4 Family Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Joint Family Service with St. Andrews

11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Eucharist

#### December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day a simple said service

#### December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 am – Spoken Service

9:30am – Christmas Lessons and Carols (No Eucharist)

#### January 8, 2017

8:15 am – 9:15am Pancake Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - Celebration of Epiphany

## *ADVENT at All Saints 2017*

*December 3, 2017, begins a new Church Year. We begin Year 'B' in the church Calendar Cycle.*

*Advent is a Season unto itself, reflecting on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love that will be celebrated all year. Advent is meant to be a preparation for the whole coming year, not just Christmas. There are no Christmas Readings during Advent.*

*The Advent Wreath will be lit by Parishioners every Sunday.*

*There will be 'silence' after each Reading in Advent, and there will be a Dramatic Reading of the Gospel each Sunday in Advent.*



*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"*

*Luke 2:2-14*

### **Help provide support to local Indigenous students for post-secondary education: Our Alternate Christmas Gift Giving Project 2017**

Each year, we at All Saints demonstrate stewardship of our resources by reducing our consumption while supporting social justice: many of us donate to a worthy organization instead of giving material gifts to our family and friends for Christmas. We prepare a special Christmas card that informs recipients that a donation has been made in their name. Over several years now, we've donated over \$12,000 for projects as varied as pigs for a women's coop in Guatemala, to art supplies for the creative studio at Mission Youth House.

In 2016, All Saints' Truth & Reconciliation Committee was able to present two \$500 bursaries to Mission Secondary School Indigenous students to help them with post-secondary education. The response was wonderful from the students and from the community, and we would like to continue by offering as many bursaries as possible in 2017!

Here is how to donate:

- Pick up a donation envelope in the narthex, at coffee time or from the office. Make cheques payable to All Saints, with *Student Bursary* in the memo line. If you would like a tax receipt, put the number of your offering envelope or name and address on the outside of the envelope.



- Put your donation in the offering plate during service or drop it off at the office.
- Pick up as many gift cards and envelopes as you need from the display in the narthex, at coffee time, or from the office.

### **Donation envelopes and cards will be available beginning Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The Alternate Giving Project is coordinated by the Outreach and Truth & Reconciliation Committees. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please speak to Susan Truman or Jan Openshaw.

### *An Email Received from Harold Vos and Sue Burhap*

You have found us well and kicking. Who on earth could or would complain of a world where all you need is a pair of flip flops and shorts? Couldn't be more perfect for a gardener with year round gardening. We do think of you all, especially with winter approaching. We do miss our All Saints family, please say Hi for us and wish them all a Happy and Blessed All Saints Day.

Here are a few photos of the progress on the drain at Meem's house. Since the work started it has been relatively dry, a blessing since we are now moving into the wet season. But like all over the planet, the weather has changed. Current cost so far is five thousand dollars of which we have collected \$1400.

We would really appreciate it if you would pass along our condolences to Colleen with David's passing.

Do keep us informed, we love hearing from you. And boy, do I miss the bacon and pancakes.

Be well and God bless,  
Harold and Sue.



## *"An Elevating Evening"*

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> was a great celebration and elevating evening; dining and raising funds for our Elevator Project. Forty-three folks enjoyed a Buffet Dinner prepared by well known, Chef Kerry Martin, in a lovely setting at Martin's Downtown, located on First Avenue.



Brian McIntyre, as M.C., kept the evening's events happening throughout, with Door Prizes, Little Duck Sales, and the Silent Auction. The Social Hour before dining gave everyone an opportunity to view all the wonderful items, and get a head-start on the bidding for items in the Silent Auction. Immediately after Rev. Paul had said grace, everyone enjoyed the delicious Buffet Dinner.

A special "Thank-You" to everyone who participated/supported this event in any way: those who donated items, Rose, Margaret, Naomi, Brian, Rex Cox Men's Wear, Joy, Mission City Farmers Market vendors, and all those who made cash donations, and of course, all those that attended the event.

The amount raised for the All Saints "Elevator Project" was in excess of \$2,000.00.

A very special "Thank-You" to Chef Kerry, Laurel, and their staff for making it such a wonderful and successful evening.

**We also thank Joy Cox and Margaret Peake for all their efforts organizing the event.**



**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

*(more photos on All Saints Facebook page and our Webpage)*



The Outreach Committee held a business meeting on September 19, 2017.

There it was decided on the division of money earned by making pies.

\$250 will be sent to Hope Central to help with breakfast supplies. Hope Central has not been serving breakfast during the renovations and as such have nothing on hand so this will greatly help.

\$250 will go to My House for much needed feminine hygiene products.

Bottles for Basic Human Needs collected \$250 over the last few months. This has been sent for the School in India.

For the September/October Sunday Basket we joined with the ACW for Bales for the North. This is always a well supported venture. Gloves, Mittens, Toques and Socks. Hand-made, brand new or lightly used.

On Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> we attended an art installation that commemorates the survivors of the Residential School System. We would like to invite all to attend with us.

We are planning a bag lunch and then carpooling to UFV.

Hope Central will be serving Hot Dinners starting in November. Our All St Thursday Supper Servers were privileged to be part of the serving of a special hot meal during Homeless Awareness Week (Oct 9<sup>th</sup>).



Marci W., Jan O., Molly, Jim O., Marie



Jim Wilson



Copper Hall

## Ongoing Outreach



### Harvest Bags

Pre-Order and pay \$5.00 each bag by 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month and pick up on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at *Mission Community Services Food Centre*, between 11am and 12pm.

32646 Logan Avenue

Please consider donating to the **Mission Food Centre** now- there is a serious shortage of food items: canned vegetables, (corn, beans, peas, tomatoes), baked beans, canned pasta with meat, tuna, pasta (plain and mac and cheese), tomato sauce, peanut butter, oatmeal, rice. We'll get them delivered right away to the Food Centre as the need is NOW!



### The Care Home Ministry at The Residence

We offer the residents an opportunity to receive the sacrament, worship and fellowship once a month. Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information



Our international giving goal is achieved through your donations of refundable bottles and cans. Bottles and cans may be put in the wooden chest underneath the stairs outside the hall. Proceeds go to a School that helps support and educate street children in Varanasi India. The work is called Basic Human



### Pies, Pies, Pies!

The Holy Rollers will be pie-making this fall.

If you are able to help please speak with Colleen Keil (604-826-8812) or at Coffee Time.

This is our prime OUTREACH fundraising each year.



Did you know we have a tin for your dead batteries to be recycled?

And your plastic bags?

Ed will take them to the recycling depot.

Help keep our Environment Clean!



### Pancake Breakfast 8:15 - 9:10am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Pancakes \$4.00 (\$3.50 Senior/Child) with coffee, tea, juice and fruit  
Bacon & Sausage .50 each or 2/.75 Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75 French toast 2 slices \$5.00

😊 Ticket draw for a free breakfast the following month 😊

## Symbols of Life, and the beauty of Creation.



Thanks to the people who donated flowers & foliage this past year. The Flowers at Easter and Christmas are purchased by the Altar Guild with money donated by many, who also add Dedications for the Flowers. You will be asked by the end of November if you want to be part of the flowers on Dec. 24, 25 & 27.

Throughout the rest of the Church Year (except Lent) the Flowers each Sunday are Donated & Dedicated by members of the Parish. A Chart is assembled with all the Donors listed for the year. One can view the Chart for 2017 in the narthex, between the office doors. The List for 2018 will be filled prior to January 6th. Please consider and speak to Polly Betterton, the Altar Guild coordinator.

## Church Humour

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1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3b-13

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# *Little Saints of All Saints*

## *The Empty Stable*

*(Waiting for Jesus)*



Right now we are beginning the season of Advent. At the end of Advent is Christmas. The word “advent” means “coming.” It is the season when we remember the coming of Jesus Christ, God’s only son, into the world. Have you ever waited for something for a long time? God’s people had been waiting for a very long time for God to send a Savior to them and keep all of his promises. That Savior was Jesus—who was born long ago in a stable in Bethlehem. The baby Jesus would grow up to save all of God’s people. Yet that is not all of the good news. It was God’s plan to send Jesus to the world twice. He came long ago and he is coming back again. Like the people of Israel, we are waiting for him to come.

*Jesus, thank you for coming down into our world! As we learn about your coming help us to see what you have done for us. Help us to be ready for you to come again. Amen.*

**Bible Readings:** Psalm 130; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

