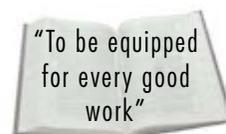




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Thanksgiving 2014 Parish Newsletter



Pastor's Letter

*Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
For six days you shall labour and do all your
work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the
Lord your God; you shall not do any work.*
Exodus 20:8-10

Have you heaved a sigh of thanks lately? When I am really busy, I feel a constant pressure to GET THINGS DONE. I sometimes forget to be thankful for all that is already happening around me. It is time to stop, catch one's breath, and acknowledge God's blessings in this community.

Thank you, God, for the faithful life and witness of parishioners. This past year, we have said goodbye to some significant elders of our congregation. We will miss Laurie Norman, David Holmes, Jean Olsen, and others who have joined the communion of saints above. The stewardship, ministry, and prayerful work of our parish pioneers enables those of us now entrusted with mission to make plans for the future.

Thank you, God, for the skills and talents represented here. Surveying, accounting, computer expertise, nursing, baking, teaching... so many gifts shared amongst us. Every time someone offers to take on a task or comes up with a proposal, our leadership potential grows.

Thank you, God, for hearts and minds willing to engage in the matters of the Kingdom. From our KidsChurch and Cat Groups to our adult Bible studies and education programs, I am grateful and affirmed by each person's participation.

Thank you, God, for our wider Church. We have been blessed with the vision and energy of our new Bishop, Melissa. Changes to our deanery and region have opened new ways to work together. As regional dean, I will be learning new skills and asking for help more often (a good thing).

Thank you, God, for the health of this community. With each other's spiritual, emotional, and tangible support, we have

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weathered a major labour dispute, unexpected building problems, the loss of our church signs, and an aging facility. What could have demoralized and worn us out has forced us to find new helpers, new partners, and new ideas.

There will always be something more that needs to be done: deadlines to meet, last-minute scrambles to find the right document or the right person or the right light bulb. But I am thankful that Scripture reminds us of the importance of Sabbath time in our lives. We don't stop and rest *when* we get everything done. We stop and rest and give thanks even though everything is not done, trusting that God will give us enough time tomorrow if it is God's will.

This Thanksgiving, take the time to stop, breathe, and give thanks for what we have together. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,
Stephanie+



KidsChurch

*Put on the full armour provided by God, so that
you may be able to stand firm against the
stratagems of the devil*
Ephesians 6:11.

This year we were glad to be able to offer Sunday School on many of the summer Sundays and we took the opportunity to do a project on the Armour of God, which definitely captured the imagination of all involved! Each week we looked at a different part of the armour; the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit. It was good to be able to talk with the children about the importance of each piece, how it helps us stay firm in our faith and fight the temptations which face us. That said, the children might remember more clearly the games and crafts used to explore each different aspect.

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They certainly seemed to have a lot of fun making each part of the armour and then wielding it or playing a game of attack or defense using their swords, shields, and rolled-up paper.

This fall, we are delighted to have so many teachers on board, enabling us to run both a school-age group and a preschooler group. We will be looking at creation and the beginning of God's people (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), followed by a unit on Joseph before moving into Advent and Christmas. Many thanks to all for your support of our Children's Ministry in so many different ways. Please continue to pray for all who are part of it!

Caroline Chady



Planning a Kitchen for Food Ministry

Anyone who has worked in our kitchen will tell you that it is inadequate to our current use. Floor space, counter space, electrical outlets, burners and oven, refrigeration – all inadequate for anything but coffee service. Our kitchen is licensed for out-of-school care snack service. It has never had a health inspection. We are permitted to serve food to our own congregation only. Any outreach with food involves a dance around Food Safe standards and health and licensing regulations.

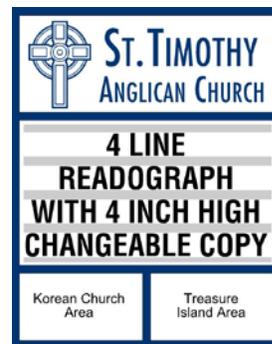
It took about two years to convince Diocesan staff and relevant committees that we have a real need to invest in a kitchen renovation, that we identify food ministry as essential to mission. We want to offer an approved Community Kitchen as part of our community outreach. The Diocesan keepers of the purse-strings will release \$20,000 from our Consolidated Trust Funds if we can match that amount. Remembering that we are dependent on the interest on our trust funds to cover our annual deficit, we must fund raise without decreasing current parish giving. We are exploring a couple of funding sources, accepting offers of expertise in the planning stages and making sure that any plan meets all code requirements.

The L-shape expansion idea essentially takes in areas of the hall currently used during major food service events. It is not the only potential configuration. We are currently re-configuring the hall to demonstrate that the expansion will not encroach on event space.

When we are able to prepare food for the public on site or to heat or chill catered food safely, we anticipate increased use and turn-outs for food-related events. Space donations should also increase. Other churches (e.g., St. Stephen's Downton Abbey event) plan for a second sitting. We are already utilizing the worship space for display and vending to free up food service space in the hall.

Given the limited life expectancy of our kitchen appliances, the repair costs we have seen already, and increasingly stringent food service regulations, we need to move forward on renovations now. Our goal is to have funds and permits in hand for full renovation and expansion of the kitchen at the end of June 2016.

Maribeth Mainer



Signage

For several decades, we have had two large signs on Willingdon Avenue and, since 2005, a smaller one on Kitchener Street. While we knew that the lot on which the larger signs were situated was city property (the Corporation of Burnaby bought the lot from us in 1968), we thought the sign on Kitchener was on our property. We had an informal agreement with the city that the Willingdon signs could stay there until the land was needed for other purposes.

Over the summer, it became clear that all three signs were on city property and that the city was no longer prepared to let any of them stay where they were. Accordingly, we were instructed to remove them all by early July, which we did. However, the city allowed us to move the sign on Kitchener from in front of the meditation garden to alongside the Church as a temporary measure. In response to this, we determined where our boundaries are and marked them to avoid further ambiguity.

A further complication was the zoning and the ownership of the land. We currently hold three lots: 4514, 4550, and 4556 Kitchener Street. Lots 4550 and 4556 are zoned P1 (neighbourhood institutional district); 4514 is zoned R10 (residential).

Lots 4514 and 4550 are listed under the name of the Joint Parish of St. Nicolas and Christ the King; 4556 is listed under the Diocese of New Westminster, despite the fact

that we bought the land back from the diocese some years ago. We want to put new, permanent signage on 4514, but signage is not allowed in R10 districts, so that lot will need to be rezoned first.

Such a rezoning application was made in 2002 by representatives of the Diocese of New Westminster as a preparatory move to consolidating the three properties and this application received initial approval, but it was abandoned in 2005. The leadership of the parish does not appear to have been informed of this at the time.

At a meeting with the city on September 15, 2014, we were advised that rezoning and consolidation is the best way to proceed, but that because the earlier application had been abandoned, we would have to make an entirely new application. The earliest date such an application can be approved is January 12, 2015. In addition, we cannot place the sign where we want it until the adjacent lot on Willingdon is rezoned as road bed, which should happen within the next 6-12 months.

Accordingly, we have switched our attention to the smaller sign on Kitchener. The city also advised that the different ownership of the lots should not present a problem, provided there is a clear common ownership. Nevertheless, we are pressing to have all three lots re-registered under the name of the Parish of St. Timothy.

The city suggested that an application to move the Kitchener sign back out to beside the meditation garden, as opposed to in front of it, and to reface it would be well received. We have completed a revised design and received approval in principle. We are currently working on how to mount the sign, as we will need to ensure the refurbished sign is stable and is high enough not to cause an obstruction.

At this point, we are not able to predict when this move will happen, but we are working to make it as soon as possible.

Gordon Arthur

Financial Update

As of August 2014, the Parish of St. Timothy has exceeded its expected annual income to date by nearly \$4,500 through contributions and space donations. Expenses during this 8-month period have been nearly \$3,000 less than expected, primarily due to a decrease in expected apportionment payments, for a total year to date difference of \$7,400 as compared to our projected budget.

INCOME	Year to Date	Budget	Difference
Contributions	\$56,052	\$52,000	\$4,052
Space Donations	\$14,681	\$13,467	\$1,214
Other	\$3,898	\$4,667	-\$769
Total	\$74,631	\$70,133	\$4,498
EXPENSES			
Apportionment	\$11,472	\$17,192	-\$5,720
Staff	\$68,875	\$67,780	\$1,095
Building & Maintenance	\$17,941	\$14,023	\$3,918
Operating	\$4,668	\$6,840	-\$2,172
Total	\$102,956	105,835	-\$2,879
Excess Income/Expenses	-\$28,325	-\$35,702	\$7,377

Kate Turcotte



Parish Volunteers

When two or three are gathered together....

Familiar words but applied somewhat differently in the maintenance and care of St. Timothy's building and grounds. We no longer

have a verger or facility manager. Seasonal work parties, with many parishioners turning out for the day, have become a thing of the past.

What we do have are groups of two to four parishioners who size up what needs to be done and get together fairly regularly to get it done. Our parish hosts use idle time on Food Bank days to clean and organize the kitchen. We have four regular gardeners, sometimes working together, sometimes alone. We also have individuals who report when something needs tending to and who often go ahead and tend to it.

We are encouraging those people to do less on their own and more in teams of two or more for their personal safety. As individuals or as teams, parishioners have plugged the leak in the pump room, taken down the ancient signs, removed the remains, moved and renovated the temporary sign, repaired a vandalized exterior outlet, and replaced exterior lighting. The odd tree and out-of-control hedge has fallen to the power of the volunteer(s).

The groups parishioners do not see are those contributing their expertise through phone calls, texts, and e-mails. In the absence of a Resource Chair, the warden with responsibility for Resource has called extensively on parishioners with knowledge and experience in building and grounds maintenance. Some of those have, in turn, called on their network of experts, getting us the best solution and price for the work to be done.

We encourage parishioners to offer their talents for the time they have available. If a family can wash one downstairs wall on one Saturday, maybe another one or two families could join them that day. Talk to a warden to arrange access. If a couple of families with older children could rake leaves or shovel snow in season, let us know. We might even provide cocoa. Check out the job of the week for fit.

No names have been mentioned, lest anyone be left out. You know who you are. We are blessed by your service.

Maribeth Mainer



Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 1, from 5:30 pm
“Sinners & Saints” Party

Bring your creativity and culinary offerings to this celebration of All Saints Day. Our parish potluck needs your heavenly rich or penitential healthy food to share. Everyone is invited to dress up as their favourite from Scripture or history. Find a superhero in the Bible or the tradition of the Church, or think of a past or present villain. Angels and demons welcome of all ages welcome.

Saturday, November 22, from 2-4 pm
Muffin Madness

Our pre-Advent fundraiser features a tearoom with old-style muffins, beautiful hand-made items from the Creative Quilters for gift-giving, bake sale, and an “Attic Treasures” table.

Support church ministries by donating items, helping at a table, and bringing your family, friends, and neighbours to make this event a resounding success.

Sunday December 21, at 10 am
2014 Christmas Pageant

This year, the young people of our parish will be putting their energy into a presentation of “The Give-Away,” a retelling of the nativity with masks, music, and Scripture. Auditions and practice begin in November in KidsChurch. This worship service is always a popular holiday highlight for extended families, so come early to get a seat.

Christmastide Services

Wednesday December 24, at 7 pm
Bethlehem Mass

This child-friendly service invites us all to travel to the stable to see the baby Jesus come among us in story, song, and communion. Followed by hot chocolate and oranges before bedtime.

Wednesday December 24, at 11 pm
Midnight Mass

Candles and carols light our way into Christmas. Come experience the holiness and joy of this most special night with your favourite songs and the blessing of the sacrament.

Thursday December 25, at 10 am
Christ Mass

Leave the turkey, the tinsel, and the temporal world, and enter into the true meaning of this day. A contemplative Eucharist accompanied by a special Christmas message will set you right amidst the demands of the season. Keep Christ in your Christmas.