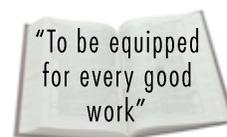




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Advent 2015 Parish Newsletter



Pastor's Letter

"...because there was no room for them at the inn" – Luke 2:7

How much room do we have this Christmas?

St. Timothy's is hosting a Diocesan Arts Ministry production of "A Christmas Carol in Burnaby" that lifts up the challenge of affordable housing in our area. We have people who attend our church who do not have a safe, clean, and reasonable place to call home. Like many in our community, the people we work with through the Food Bank struggle to pay the rent each month. It is a constant stress to live on the edge of having one's accommodation sold to developers to be torn down for luxury condos, or renovated to appeal to new buyers or renters who can pay what the market demands. With word from the federal government that our city could be receiving five hundred Syrian refugees in the next few weeks, the practical problem is finding room for them.

And yet, we live in one of the wealthiest urban areas in one of the richest developed countries in the world. We have more material goods than we will ever use, and better access to services and care than the majority of the planet. When the holiday season rolls around, it is tempting to look at all the goods on offer in the stores and think that we actually need rather than want them. But we don't need a lot: a safe place to live, healthy food to eat and share, adequate clothing so we can learn and work and help our neighbours. Once we take ourselves out of the endless wheel of wanting more-more-more for Christmas, we can go back to working on the basics.

It's funny how a lot of families resist changing giving habits. "I could never ask my in-laws not to give me something: they would be insulted!" But if this time of year is about showing love, why can't we enter into conversation with our loved ones about how we do so? After all, who really wants to go running around the malls searching for "the perfect present" that might not be appreciated? Talk to

your family before Christmas. Ask how you could show your love for them in a way that doesn't add packaging to the landfills or take shelf space in their closet. Give them the gift of your time and your presence. And be clear about what you would appreciate. A donation to a charity in your name or theirs? An evening out with them? Some babysitting coupons? They may still end up giving you an ugly sweater, but at least you gave them room for an option.

Many years ago, a young couple came tired and weary to a new town looking for a place to spend the night. They were turned away by almost everyone because those already resident couldn't find room for them. I would like to believe that maybe some of those folks in Bethlehem had already taken in someone before Mary and Joseph. There would have been many travellers and refugees in town that first Christmas. They are still many. They are coming to where we now live. Can you find room to help one person this Christmas? You may not have a spare bedroom for a Syrian refugee, but perhaps you know where an affordable rental suite or house to let might be found? You might have furniture or household goods that you know you really don't need again (why hold onto it for the grandchildren who have too much stuff already?). You can look in your clothes and offer one of the multiple coats stuffed in the closet. And that twenty dollars you set aside for a nice lunch or a new scarf? How about giving it to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund or the Red Cross instead, to feed or clothe someone who really needs it more.

When you see the photos in the media of hundreds of thousands of displaced people from the Middle East, focus on a family. Maybe you can glimpse another Mary and Joseph: weary, anxious, hopeful that someone will have room for them and the baby they bring. As a faith community, let's encourage each other to welcome the stranger by making a little more room in our lives. So Christ comes among us.

Stephanie +



A Christmas Carol Update

Things are progressing smoothly despite illness among the production team (who have now recovered) and a broken limb among the cast. We have a strong cast of 10 youth from within the Diocese who have performed together in various Diocesan Arts Ministry productions, including “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat,” performed in 2013, and the most recent performance of “Oliver!” this past spring, along with some newcomers as well. We began rehearsals by getting to know each other a little bit by acting out a book each of us was in the process of reading, improvising scenes, acting out emotions, copying each other’s behaviour, and trying to out-gross each other at a bus stop.

Cast selection was difficult, as each performer brought many of his or her own strengths and versatility in both singing and acting, but we got there in the end. Half of the cast members performed in the first Diocesan Arts Ministry production of “A Christmas Carol” in 2013 at St. Augustine’s Anglican Church in Marpole, and got the opportunity to try out new characters this time around. As our ghosts, Ben Hutchings will be performing Jacob Marley, Emma Jang as the Ghost of Christmas Past, Christopher Mortenson and Adana Avon will be performing the Ghosts of Christmas Present, and Myriam Dykstra as the Ghost of Christmas yet to come. Claudia Hill will be playing Cratchit, a hardworking single mother of a sickly yet hopeful Tiny Tim, played by Margot Hutchings. Fezziwig will be performed by Arwen Loh, Harriet Dykstra will be playing the always gleeful and optimistic Fred (Winifred), Scrooge’s only living relative, and the curmudgeonly Scrooge will be performed by Anika Robertson. Everyone seemed to be happy with the parts they were selected for, and everyone gets a chance to shine in their own solo or duet.

This is the third production of “A Christmas Carol” by the Diocesan Arts Ministry, and each time brings new focus to the issue of affordable housing in the Lower Mainland in a modern retelling of Charles Dickens’s classic novella. In this year’s production, Phil Colvin, the creative genius who adapted the story, has highlighted issues of affordable housing in Burnaby and New Westminster. Hope to see you during one of our performances December 10, 11, or 12, and spread the word.

Heather Robertson – Producer



A Brief Citation: Celia Barone

Celia Barone was a foundational member of the Anglican Church in North Burnaby and remains a pillar of support in her parish. When Christ the King was built in Brentwood in 1956, Celia’s ministry expanded from raising children to parish work. Starting in 1972, she assisted at the little parish house as part of Project Back Door, which later evolved into Cameray Child and Family Services. From 1976 to 1994, she was the face of Christ the King as parish secretary. In this role, she has guided many clergy with her wealth of knowledge and straightforward loyalty, including a wet-behind-the-ears young priest named Michael Ingham. Celia balanced church, volunteer, and family responsibilities over the years, even after her husband Frank was diagnosed with ALS in 1985 and needed intensive home care. She has weathered the amalgamation of Christ the King with St. Nicolas and its transition to the new parish of St. Timothy in 2003. All along, Celia has been involved in many aspects of parish life, from Altar Guild to Treasurer, working groups to social outreach. This year, Celia was recognized at the Annual Vestry Meeting with the title of Altar Guild Member Emeritus. She continues to inspire her community with her faith and courage in the face of health challenges. The parish was unanimous in offering her name for the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster.

Stephanie



The Living Saints Project

The Catechism or “Cat” Group is made of our eleven- to thirteen-year-olds who are exploring their baptismal identity with the goal of confirmation and/or moving into adult roles in the Church. Currently they are Anna Chady, Katherine Einstein, Miriam Jang, Claudia Hill, Zepherin Parnell, Shaw-Ern Seel, and Pablo Sharpe. For two months Shaw-Ern’s cousin Kevin has joined the group. They meet every second week with our priest Stephanie.

This fall, the young people of St. Timothy’s were given an assignment: interview one of the

church's senior parishioners and learn a little about how some of our mature practitioners reflect on their faith. The three questions the young people were tasked to ask their interview subjects were:

1. What was church like when you were young? (Or if the individual was not connected to a faith community in their youth, what was your impression of the Church?).
2. How did you come to be part of St. Timothy's?
3. Tell me about a time when you felt close to God.

Below are some excerpts from the conversations:

"When I was young you never questioned. You were told not to argue or go against what was taught. You memorized" – Donnie Foerster.

"I noticed [Christ the King] when it was under construction. I wanted my children to go to Sunday School" – Owen Edwards.

"I felt close to God when I was in the Navy. I had to cling to the yard arm because I forgot to hook the flag" – John Nairn.

The following people graciously agreed to be interviewed by the Cat Group: Celia Barone, Owen Edwards, Donnie Foerster, Eva Hodge, Pat Henderson, John Nairn, and Pat Ray.

The St. Timothy Cat Group



Kitchen Renovation

Preparation work continues on the St. Timothy kitchen renovation. The kitchen working group will be meeting with the contractor Matt Senf of Sasen Construction and architect Keith Sullivan Donald before the end of 2015 to sign contracts for 2016. Grant applications for kitchen appliances have gone out and we are actively sourcing other agencies to approach for funding. If you are affiliated with a non-profit or foundation that serves the people of Burnaby, please get in contact with the Rev. Stephanie Shepard or Kate Turcotte about strategies for requesting a grant. We need every parishioner to help source money to complete

this important ministry project at our site. Our goal is to feed the hungry in spirit and body through the love of Jesus Christ!

You can help support the kitchen renovation by buying raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt, to be drawn Saturday December 5 at our St. Nicolas Fair.

Stephanie



Baking Party

The annual Christmas baking party tradition continues at the home of Caroline Chady, Saturday December 12, 2015. All women of the parish welcome to bring a recipe and ingredients and share the results.

Stephanie



Calendar of Events

Saturday December 5, from 11 am - 2 pm
St. Nicolas Fair.

Thursday December 10, at 7 pm

Friday December 11, at 7 pm

Saturday December 12, at 2 pm

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"A Christmas Carol" – Diocesan Arts Ministry
Production.

Sunday December 20, at 10 am

Christmas Pageant: What the Sheep Saw.

Thursday December 24, at 7 pm

Bethlehem Mass.

Thursday December 24, at 11 pm

Midnight Mass.

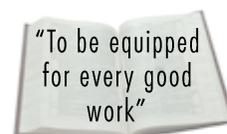
Friday December 25, at 10 am

Christ Mass.

Details on our website: www.sainttimothy.ca.



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Financial Update

As of October 31, 2015

Income	
General Fund Contributions	77997
Kitchen Fund Contributions	16670
Bequests	22287
Fund Raising	1540
Miscellaneous	176
Space Donations	18432
Total	137103
Expenses	
Diocese Apportionment	19627
Clergy, Musicians, Staffing	87524
Building Operations	24483.42
Kitchen Renovations	11425.92
Operating Expenses	10011.16
Total	153072
Deficit	15969

Ways YOU can pledge to help out at St. Timothy's in 2016:

Food Safe – commit to (a) take the food safe course; (b) update your food safe certificate; or (c) provide the church with a copy of your current food safe certificate.

Kids Church – commit to teaching or supporting Kids Church on one or more Sundays – consider taking a unit (three consecutive weeks) or a regular once a month or bimonthly role.

Social Coordination – commit to coordinating or assisting with a social event (e.g., the Strawberry Tea or St. Nicolas Fair, or a parish supper).

Counters – commit to being trained and to count the Sunday morning offerings after the service with an experienced partner monthly or bimonthly (every two months).

Readers – commit to read one of the Sunday morning readings during the service monthly or bimonthly (every two months).

Coffee – commit to be trained and to assist with the Sunday morning coffee time following the service with one or more experienced volunteers monthly or bimonthly (every two months).

Altar Guild – help prepare the worship space for services once a month as part of a team.

Resource – lend your skills, time, and energy for odd jobs or specific projects around the building.