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December 20, 2009

4th Sunday of Advent

Bagel Sunday – 1st Sunday of each month
 8:15 am Holy Eucharist - Church
 10:00am Holy Eucharist – Church
 10:00am Wednesday Healing Service – Chapel
 7:00pm Thursday Healing Service – Chapel

Sun	Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30-9 pm
Mon	Interfaith Counseling	9:00 am
Mon	Maycourt Club	6:30 pm
Tues	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Thurs	Interfaith Counseling	9:00 am

Inspired by Christ, we dedicate ourselves to grow together in faith through active stewardship and ministry to one another and our communities.

All people are welcome here!

Name Tags are a ministry of hospitality and respect.

We invite you to wear yours every Sunday.

Readings for Next Week

1 Samuel 218-20,26; Psalm 148
Col 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Christmas Flowers

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex for Christmas poinsettias for thanksgiving and in remembrance of loved ones.

Today is the last day to sign up.

Flower Chart for 2010

The new Flower Chart for 2010 is now posted in the Narthex,

HELPFUL HINT

Don't carry cash - carry grocery vouchers.

Purchase your vouchers today before or after service.

Women's Book Club

Date and time change **Dec 30 at 6:00 pm**

The Guersney Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Jan 20 The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

All discussions will take place in the Fireside Room at 7:30 pm. All women are welcome to join us even if you haven't read the book or can only come occasionally. We have a lot of fun & refreshments are served! Come check it out. Contact Marg Ryrrie 519-578-5913

SMALL DONATIONS NEEDED

All food donations are going to the **Food Bank**. If everyone could pick up just one item when you are shopping, our donation bins would overflow and the Food Bank would be overjoyed with your kindness. Many Thanks....Outreach Committee

St. John's Kitchen Meal

Please remember to drop off your food donations downstairs next Sunday Dec 27 or on Wednesday, December 30 from 1:00-3:00pm or 7:00-8:30pm.

Vestry Reports

It is time to think about your vestry report. If you are the head of any group; social, liturgical, property, outreach, etc, please write a report of your group's past year. Please email your report to Valerie no later than Jan 3 2010.

Christmas Services

Dec 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Party for Jesus
	7:00 pm	Choral Eucharist
	9:00 pm	Choral Eucharist
	11:00 pm	Choral Eucharist
Dec 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Eucharist
Dec 27	9:00 am	BAS Service
Jan 3	9:00 am	BCP Service

The office will be closed Dec 24 and will re-open Jan 4, 2010

Do you love music? Do you need a Christmas gift for that someone special? We have the ONE answer to these questions – "ONE VOICE CD"

"One Voice" is a magical double CD set of inspiration and celebration from some of Canada's top names in music, created to help raise funds for The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). Designed to appeal to a broad range of musical tastes, One Voice is a PWRDF 50th anniversary initiative, with 100% of the proceeds going to support the work of PWRDF. Join us in bringing our voices together as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of PWRDF. You can pick up your copy for \$20.00 - please see display table in the Narthex. Outreach Committee

Nursery

The nursery will not be staffed Dec 20th, Dec 27th and Jan 3rd. Staff will be there on Jan 10th. If this is a problem please contact Reta Risto.

Household Needs for the Refugee Family

The following items are needed by the refugee family who arrived on December 9th. Please let Kendra (519-954-6738) or one of the Youth Group know if you are able to donate any of these items. It is important that we document your contribution so as not have duplicate items.

Radio	Coat hangers (40)	Cookie Sheet
Flashlights (1)	Sewing Kit	
Baking Pan	Storage Containers (4)	

Thank you in advance for your help!

Refugee Family Committee needs volunteer drivers to take our family to appointments. Please contact Wendy Sherlock or Ruth Pearce or leave your name and number in the church office.

Tune In To Our Web-Site Homilies

We have two new homilies in the Worship section of our web-site:

www.stgeorgesofforesthill.com

Bishop Terry Dance's Homily to the Deanery Confirmation Class

If you missed the wonderful homily by Bishop Terry at the Deanery Confirmation service November 12 it is now available on our web-site.

Mr. Bruce Whitmore, Retired School Principal and Licensed Lay Minister, United Church of Canada - Aids Requiem

Bruce was the key-note speaker at the recent Aids Requiem service. Don't miss his message.

How to Find the Homilies on our Web-Site

Once on the church web-site click on: 1. Worship, 2. then in the box titled Sermons (right side of the page) click on the highlighted "Sermons" and then follow the directions

Thanks to Michael Duboulay, Nelson Cuthbert and Alison Olmsted for making this possible.

Your Web-Site Team and Stewardship

Upcoming changes to Mailboxes and Name Tags

As discussed and supported by Parish Council and as recommended by the Magnetic Church committee, please note these upcoming changes.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be reorganizing the mailboxes to ensure that they are being used more effectively. They will still be organized alphabetically, but you may notice that your mailbox location has been shifted to accommodate these changes.

At the same time, your nametags will be available on a table as you enter the church, filed alphabetically. On leaving the church, a basket will be available for the nametags to be deposited into. They will then be filed away so they are ready prior to the next service.

ANGELS OF ST.GEORGE'S

The Outreach Committee would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to everyone for supporting the Angel Tree again this year. With your generosity, we were able to provide Christmas for 7 families. These families will have gifts to open and groceries in their homes. St. George's people are truly remarkable and know what Christmas is all about!

Thank You from the Outreach Committee

Readers

Would all Lectern Readers please check their mailslots for the new readers list (January - March - 2010)

Financial Update Dec. 16, 2009

Part 1

A number of parishioners have asked why the deficit ballooned from about \$20,000 in October to \$40,000 when we sent out our letter in November. It's a very good question.

Throughout the year, up until October, we had calculated our actual income and expenses, and any net apparent shortfall to that point. Early in November, we sat down, poured over detailed figures from the last four years, identified the trends in these years and in 2009, and calculated where we would be at the end of December, if regular givings to the church did not improve. In other words, we extrapolated to the end of our financial year. That's why the deficit 'jumped.' Executive needed to make this prediction in mid-November, since a report in early January about an actual \$40,000 full-year accumulated deficit would leave the parish with no time to take stock of it or address it. Unfortunately, in our November letter we did not fully explain how we got to the higher \$40,000 figure.

Our overall intent in citing the \$40,000, which we viewed then as neither optimistic nor pessimistic, was to make sure that everyone knew where we were headed with respect to the whole year, so there would be no 'surprises' in January, or at Vestry. We are trying to keep the congregation as informed as possible.

Part 2

We have some modest good news. We have made a significant 'dent' in the deficit. There are several ways of looking at this.

The context for the observations below is that we highlighted our challenge to parishioners in mid-November.

- A) From Nov. 22 – Dec. 13 (inclusive) our Sunday givings in 2009 have totaled \$21,721.88 – a sizable figure. This compares to the \$15,243.82 contributed a year ago over the same four Sundays – a difference of roughly \$6500.
- B) Our budget for donations from parishioners for all of 2009, set at Vestry last January, was \$247,000. As of the end of November, we had received \$182,300. As of Dec. 13, the donations were \$195,800 – a huge jump for only two additional Sundays.

We are definitely heading in the right direction. All we can do at this point is to continue to ask parishioners to do whatever they can to address the deficit and hope that the weather is conducive to good attendance at our remaining services in December.

From the Executive