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### From The Editors

“Summer is y-cummin in, loude sing Cookoo.” The words are Geoffrey Chaucer’s and English children of my vintage sang them as a round and will forever have them burned into their brains! A jolly little song sung happily at this time of year which after the long winter reflects our hopes for a good growing season and lots of summer fun. In Canada, we don’t look for the cuckoo, but we see the geese returning and notice robins in the yard and then we know that things are on track, and we feel comforted.

The season of Pentecost is upon us and we are reminded of the presence of God the Holy Spirit in our lives. Jesus said “I will not leave you comfortless... (John 14, v 18) speaking of the force which cannot truly be described but for which we have in mind the words: comforter, advocate, companion, teacher, witness, breath of life . . .

Manifestations of God the Holy Spirit are experienced at St. Mary Magdalene in very many ways. Think of our joyful Easter and Pentecost celebrations, time spent with family and friends, the recent AFP Prayer conference involving many people from our parish, Preston’s opportunity to preach and Jane Barter Moulaison’s presentation of a paper at the recent Human Sexuality Conference, the Garage Sale with its community building and fellowship aspects, the work of our Sunday school and Youth leaders, and the presence of the children themselves, and the list goes on.

All these may be high points but we need to acknowledge that the Spirit is also present in

the everyday and the routine and in fact is with us “every step of the way” of our lives. Through our adult bible study program we can access a website called “Spirit Sightings” which gives us examples of the Spirit at work in the world today. We invite you to look for “Spirit Sightings” in your own life and in the life of the parish, as we move through the summer together.

The Spirit is with us. Thanks be to God.

Heather Birtles

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**From the Rector’s Desk**



The Reverend  
Preston Parsons

This Pentecost, we read from the book of Acts, where the prophet Joel is quoted: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” (2:17).

One of the great benefits of being a parish like ours is that we have a great deal of diversity of ages present in our community. Being the size we are offers some opportunities that we wouldn’t have if we were much bigger. A larger parish is blessed with enough people of the same age to form colleague groups based on age proximity; perhaps one day we will be blessed this way. But for now we have another kind of blessing available to us, one just as good (if not better), a blessing rarely found in many parts of our lives: we have the opportunity to build significant relationships across generations.

And what a blessing that is – for children to have the benefit of wisdom, and for the wise to have the benefit of the energy that youth brings!

To this end we are working at developing these relationships in a formal way, pairing children with older members of the parish, in the hopes of intentionally cultivating meaningful relationships across our generations. If you or your children might be interested in this, please let me know. And if you are a parent, let me know who you might see as having this gift of cross-generational friendship.

The Holy Spirit gives little regard to generational difference. God pours out his Spirit on *all* flesh, sons and daughters, the young and the old alike. And if God offers his gifts to us all, we should hardly stand in the way! Let us share our gifts, not only with those who are close to us in age, but also with those who may be years younger, or even years older than we are.

God bless,

Preston+

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## From Deacon Dayle

### Deacon, Priest or maybe Bishop?

A while back I wrote a piece which was distributed after Sunday worship. I explained how suddenly (it seemed) I was no longer a lay parishioner, but was now wearing a collar and a stole. I explained that being ordained a deacon had not come overnight, but after many years of study and a deep desire for just such a moment of completion in my life. I promised to write something further to explain that being a deacon is not always a stepping stone to becoming a priest.

Some have asked if I were “planning to become a minister” or “working my way towards something more?” Yes, and no. I have been ordained, so I’m already a minister, in one sense of the word—although we are all ministers in the Church of God, and hopefully I have been one all along. Do I plan to be ordained to the priesthood? No.

For quite some time, in more recent history, being ordained a deacon was just that—a step in the direction of becoming a priest—which happened about a year later, usually. Today, these ordinands are called transitional deacons. However, the Anglican Church has slowly been returning to a time, when priests, deacons, and bishops each had a valid, significant and unique ministry.

In the early church, deacons played the important role of being ministers “in the world”—reaching out to widows, orphans, the sick, needy, marginalized, and disenfranchised. The deacon worked directly under the Bishop, making him aware of the needs of the world; in other words; interpreting to the church what was happening outside the church building.

The Bishop depended on the deacon to keep him informed of the needs in the world so the church could respond to those needs in material as well as spiritual ways. Today, the return of the vocational deacon is a representation of the church in the world. The Deacon reads the Gospel, the good news, to encourage parishioners as they prepare to go back out into the world. The deacon, because s/he is considered a servant of God, sets the table for the Eucharist, and will tidy up afterwards. The deacon also gives the dismissal to encourage the congregation to go out into the world equipped with God’s message of renewal and love.

Deacons’ roles in the world are as varied as the deacons themselves. The main thing they have in common is that they are servants of God, and they care about bringing the news and needs of the world to the faithful who join together in worship each Sunday.

I have been involved in outreach for some time, and have been part of a diocesan committee that is responsible for ministry to aboriginal people, mostly in the core area of the city. Of course, there have been many other ministries in which I’ve been involved over the years, as you know, because they have been right here at St. Mary Magdalene. However, as the deacon in your midst, I plan to keep you informed about future issues that I consider of importance within the diocese and outside the walls of the building.

As I move forward on this new part of my journey, there is still much to learn and many decisions to be made. Continued prayer and discernment are necessary to learn where my gifts, energy and presence are most needed. Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement in this new role in my life.

Dayle +

## From the Wardens

Since our last report there have been many events and opportunities to worship as a church family and we give glory and praise to God for this.

- The Lenten series of lectures on the Psalms, presented by The Rev'd Canon Tony Harwood-Jones, was well attended.
- Several members of the congregation participated in the one-month challenge issued by Fair Trade Manitoba, which served to increase awareness of products available in our area.
- Thanks to all who worked so diligently to make the services of Holy week and Easter a wonderful spiritual experience for visitors and church family alike.
- Pentecost also was very special with the baptism of Karen and Preston's nephew and the celebratory lunch afterwards. No one among the Altar Guild, choir, greeters, readers, sound system operators, sidespersons, lay readers, servers or hospitality groups does their duty for thanks, but indeed we all do "Thank God for every remembrance of you"!
- We appreciate the leadership and involvement of many people from St. Mary Magdalene in the Diocesan AFP Conference and in the "Human Sexuality-the Nuptial Mystery" consultation.
- Staff and committee members attended Diocesan workshops for Secretaries, Treasurers and Parish recorders.
- Vestry heard a presentation in April from The Rev'd Lyndon Hutchison-Houndsell and Mr. Bud Oliver on the Diocesan Budget process and our Common Ministry.
- We received the Parish Financial Record Audit for the past year and thank the committee members for their work.
- We are hoping soon to give final reading to the Deacon's Covenant and thank all who have worked on this five-year plan.
- The sound system has been upgraded and we thank Daryl Melnyk for his leadership.
- Vestry agreed that BAS books will be replaced gradually using maintenance funds. Books may also be purchased as thanksgiving or memorial donations (\$20 per book is suggested). Make out cheques to St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church and mark them "BAS Memorial."
- On June 1<sup>st</sup> after the service we will welcome Lesley Weir of the Winnipeg Foundation to present information on Planned Giving. This will be of interest to any members wishing to gift the church with annuities, bequests, etc.
- We thank the building committee for its vision and on-going work in upgrading our premises. God willing, exciting changes will take place over the summer. Please see the information on the notice board.
- We have received counsel from Dr. Carey Isaac with regard to sending our Easter offering to the Buganda Meal Programme.
- Thanks to all who have led our Education programmes, especially in the Sunday and Youth School classes.
- We also thank all involved in the Parish Picnic; and in July we will celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene with a Pot Luck Lunch.
- Estelle Haines and her crew have blessed Habitat for Humanity once more by providing morning coffee break for a hundred volunteers. Well done!
- Please review the report of the recent Garage Sale and mark your calendars for the fall event. Thanks to John and Nancy for their amazing leadership and for all those who helped in any way.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer.  
Blessings to all

*Bill Regehr, Alan Forrest & Heather Birtles*

## Companions on the Faith Journey

Hope Bettess

by Heather Birtles

You will see her singing in the front row of the choir most Sunday mornings. She has the lovely name “Hope” and indeed is a person who approaches life with a positive outlook and is fun to be with. Hope Bettess has been a member of St. Mary Magdalene since childhood. She was born in England and baptized at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Woking, Surrey. Hope’s Mum was a “clippy” (conductor) on the buses in London and told many stories of The Blitz. Her father was in the Canadian Forces stationed at Aldershot.

Hope and her Mum left England for Canada on June 10, 1946, sailing on the Queen Mary. They arrived in Halifax on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and traveled by train to Winnipeg and then north to Cowan to join her father at his parent’s home. His parents had emigrated from Prague, Czechoslovakia, where Hope plans to visit some day. Later that fall the family settled in St Vital, and Hope credits the Newbold family for introducing them to this church.

Hope’s mother taught Sunday school and was a Guide leader, and her dad Rudy Trnka sang in the choir. Hope remembers the Rev’d H. Sherstone as a jolly man who taught the Sunday school children action songs. She remembers receiving her first bible and participating in the Christmas pageants. She recalls in the time of the Rev’d S. R. Foreman being part of the “longest running confirmation class”, which had to wait until work on the new church basement hall was completed in 1958. The youth group met weekly after Evensong and often joined other groups for fellowship around the Diocese. At

12, Hope began a long period of service as a Sunday school teacher and enjoyed the monthly Diocesan supper meetings to plan and share information.

In 1964 the family returned to England for a holiday and revisited the church in Woking, which Hope remembers with delight for its many features, including bells. A stone from this church is now embedded in the back wall of our church.

The Girl Guide movement played a significant part in Trnka family life. Hope was a Brownie and a Girl Guide, and then trained for leadership in the movement as a Cadet. After retiring as a Guide leader at this church, she took on the Division Archives.

On leaving school, Hope worked in Eaton’s catalogue department. It was while working for Eaton’s that Hope met Ken and they were married in 1967 at St. Mary Magdalene, but worshipped for a while at St. Michael and all Angels where Ken had grown up. They have five children and five grand children, all of whom have participated in some way in the life and worship of the church.

Gardening in the Bettess family’s large yard occupies a lot of time during the summer months. She enjoys the vegetables they produce and of course the flowers. In times past she often collaborated with her mother in entering items into the St Vital Fair in various categories.

In 1995 Hope joined Ken as a member of the choir and feels that this has helped her in her spiritual growth. She helps to maintain the music library in good order, is a member of a Prayer Group and now serves as President of the Altar Guild.

Thank you, Hope, for being a faithful child of God and good companion on the faith journey.

## Parish News

### Tales of the Sale

*By John and Nancy Chan*

What is a garage sale? To most it is lots of work and making money. At St. Mary Magdalene a garage sale is about getting together with our church family and sharing stories, jokes recipes and laughs. We do organize and sort through many treasures and some need a little more elbow grease or “spit and polish” to make them saleable, but through it all, I’m sure everyone can say a good time was had by all. We shared several meals together ranging from a pizza lunch on Monday to a delicious homemade hamburger soup lunch (thank you very much Theresa Livingstone) on Wednesday. [See recipe on p. 11.—Ed.] This only whetted our appetite for the gourmet Friday night dinner provided by the Bible study group—again our whole hearted thanks. It’s such a good feeling to sit down to a catered dinner and be waited on after a long day “at the office”. It’s nice to know that all our hard work and effort are appreciated.

With all this talk about food, one would think that all we did during the week was eat. Well, that’s only partially true . . . we also swap jokes and stories!!! Roy Taylor told me a story about how he got started working at the then-called Rummage Sale. While shopping at one of our church sales, Roy came upon what looked to be a new “weed eater” (an electric tool to cut grass or small shrubs) and being the financially prudent Scot that he is, he figured it would be a good buy because the price was much lower than what he would have to pay from a store. He inquired of one of the rummage sale workers about the tool and was assured that the item was in “like new condition and that it worked fine”. Feeling reassured after his chat with the worker, he pulled \$10 out of his pocket

and happily purchased his new treasure. Since it was the fall sale, Roy put away the weed eater in his shed where it sat all winter. The next spring, when the grass finally grew long enough to need a trim, Roy could hardly wait to bring his new tool out of the shed and put his bargain to work. He plugged in the weed eater and turned it on but nothing happened. Roy thought for a moment and guessed that the plug on the cord was defective, so he got another cord and plugged it in. Again, nothing happened, and he was stumped. Naturally, curiosity got the better of him so he unplugged the weed eater and took it apart and much to his surprise, there was no motor in the machine. When he went back to church the following Sunday, he confronted the person who assured him the weed eater was in working condition and explained that there was no way it could have worked as there was no motor in the machine. The worker apologized profusely and offered to refund the \$10 that Roy had paid but, being the good Christian that Roy is, he refused the offer of the refund as the money was going to the church. However, Roy did make a promise that he would start helping out at the church sales so that if an item is sold as “in good working condition”, he would make sure it truly would be in good working condition. Ever since then, he and Arnie Roxton have the title of “Official Treasure Testers” at St. Mary Magdalene Church. If you have any problems with any of the items that you may have purchased at the Garage sale, please see one of them.

This year’s sale had a great turnout again of donations and shoppers. In only three weeks the back of Sherstone Hall was filled with a great many items to sell. Fran Duffy and her crew of Sue Simister, June Freeth, Jessie Smith, Barbara LaJoie and Louise Taylor had an exceptional selection and quality in their books, resulting in a record breaking sales of over \$2000.

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Our clean up this year was exceptionally well supervised by Brian Crow. The Ventures group of 6 young men including Thomas Stuart- Dant came out and were a GREAT HELP! With the participation of Ken and Fred Bettess, Dave Gittens, Glen Moulaison, Alan Livingstone, Darryl and Lois, and young Mark Gittens, both halls were completely cleaned by 1pm.

To those who wonder where our leftover treasures go, we package up everything and it is transported by parishioners with trucks to Value Village. After the sale, Doris Davidson loaded bags of men's clothing and delivered it to Siloam Mission. Also through information provided by a customer we were able to contact Hands of Hope who took all remaining furniture. Hands of Hope provide free furniture and household goods to people in need.

In closing Nancy and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Spring Garage such fun and a huge success. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the fall sale.

### **Sound System Upgrades**

Thanks to all of you we have been able to add some new goodies for our sound system. We have acquired two more wireless microphones. One mike will allow the lay readers to officiate from anywhere in the sanctuary. This mike will also enable all of us to hear the prayer before the sermon. The other mike can be used by the leader of the prayers of the people. In addition, we now have a fancy wireless handheld microphone (just like on TV) so we can easily pass a mike around at meetings without the annoying cord. Many thanks to Fred Bettess for getting

them all working and for his ever faithful talents in coordinating them each Sunday.

We have also added some hardware on the other side of microphone – namely two new hearing assist headsets, for a total of seven. We usually have some headsets available each Sunday; so if you are having trouble hearing, please drop by the sound station and try one out. Apparently, they have been known to pick up local radio stations for those of you who might be looking for more entertainment during the service.

As we always say any feedback about the sound system is much appreciated – it is just the feedback from the system we try to avoid.

For your listening pleasure, Darryl Melnyk.

### **Ministry at Vista Park Lodge**

On Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, the following members of our parish were acknowledged for their services to the residents at Vista Park Lodge: Bill Birtles, Maureen Dryburgh, Mary Gustafson, and Jessie Smith. They enjoyed a delicious meal of veal cutlets, potatoes and vegetables followed by cheesecake, served with wine and coffee and tea. They enjoyed the fellowship and even won some prizes and also enjoyed seeing Gwen Johnston, former member and warden at St. Mary Magdalene. Gwen is director of nursing services there and now worships nearer her home, at St Stephen's Anglican church in East Kildonan.

Maureen and the team, which also includes Vickie English, support Preston by holding a communion service at the lodge once a month. If you to feel called to assist with this ministry, please to talk to Maureen or Preston.

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## How to Dress a Deacon

[Editor's note: All of Deacon Dayle's lovely new stoles were crafted by our own very talented Lianne Marsh. Here's a brief overview from Lianne of the symbols and their meanings,]

### Green

The color green is used throughout the largest portion of the liturgical year. Green is the color of spring; of new life and growth. This stole has the Tree of Life placed against a background of a sunrise or sunset depending upon one's point of view, thus representing our life as God's creatures.

### White

White is used primarily for the seasons of Christmas and Easter, but also for several holy feast and saints' days. It represents purity as well as the glory of God. This stole shows a cross and a dove, symbols of Christ and the Holy Spirit. The cross is a Celtic cross as requested by Dayle.

### Blue

Blue is specific to Advent and is frequently used as the color of the Virgin Mary's robe. As the color of the sky, it can also symbolize Heaven and heavenly love. On the blue stole, Mary holds a candle representing the light of the Christ child she is to bear. The four candles signify the four weeks of Advent.

### Purple

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, which is the color of royalty as well as the color of penitence. The purple stole contains a variety of shades of purple which I intended to cover a range of emotions from reverence to humility and penitence. Lighter bits of color help to maintain the hope that keeps the Christian faith alive through the darkest

moments of Lent. The colors are pieced together in the style of stained glass and contain a segment with three crosses symbolic of the three crosses on which Jesus and the two thieves were crucified.

### Red

Blood, passion and fire readily come to mind with this color. Perhaps best known as the color of Pentecost, it is also used for Passion Sunday, during Holy Week, for Holy Cross Day and several Saint's days. The red stole is composed of flames, representative of the Holy Spirit appearing as tongues of fire to the apostles on Pentecost.

Although the making of this stole was in no apparent way any different than that of any of the others, it is of particular interest to me. The design, cutting and layout had all been done and I was proceeding with the application of the flames to the background when I noticed something quite unusual. Even though I could see that my hands were manipulating the fabric through the machine, I felt as though the flames were forming themselves; as though I was a separate entity merely observing the Spirit's formation of the stole. It was an awe-inspiring moment, and with over 50 years of sewing experience, it was definitely a first.



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## Making Global Connections

By Katie Reynolds

This February, I was given the opportunity to visit Honduras on a youth study tour with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Two leaders and eight participants set off to learn about food, justice and faith.

Because our mission was to meet with people and learn more about the initiatives already in place, one of the main things we did on the trip was meeting with farmers. The places we visited had set up innovative projects like building a solarium to speed the coffee-drying process, or setting up a program to teach youth about integrating crops and organic farming. Some of them have had help from NGOs and projects, some of them have set up cooperatives with their neighbours. The one thing they all had in common was that it was the hard work and commitment of the local people who had made the projects a success.

Staying at a local coffee farm and eco-hotel really showed us what life is like for rural Hondurans, and we learned a lot about the process of producing coffee, even trying our own hand at grinding the fresh beans. Here, a woman named Dona Maria produces organic coffee for sale. But because she isn't certified, she gets paid the same as if it were regular coffee. Generally, Honduran growers earn about \$0.90 to \$1.20 per pound of coffee. The coffee brokers sell it for about \$2.50 to retailers such as Starbucks who might charge as much as \$15.00 for that same pound of coffee.

In North America, we often are completely disconnected from what we consume. One of the really interesting things that I learned, or was reminded of, on this trip was that when I choose the cheapest coffee in the store, that has an impact on the person who grew that coffee. But the truth is that spending an extra dollar to buy fair trade or organic can mean that the producers are actually

going to make enough to feed their families. Small communities like Buena Vista are the ones who are affected by our consumption choices.

For me, one of the most meaningful and memorable days of the trip was the visit to the dump in Tegucigalpa. We visited AFE (*Amor, Fe y Esperanza*, or Love, Faith, & Hope), a school set up by a man named Joany for the kids whose families live and work at the nearby dump. There are over 1000 people working in the dump, looking for food for their families as well as recyclable materials they can sell for a bit of money. Often there are whole families living in makeshift homes around the outskirts of the dump and over 300 kids are growing up in this environment. The school teaches the kids in the mornings, giving them breakfast and lunch and a bit of money to bring home to their parents.

Travelling to the landfill site to hand out water and sandwiches to the people was just indescribable. We watched as trucks drove through and dropped loads of garbage, and saw the people swarm to dig through it before the birds. When we returned to the school to say goodbye to our new friends, it finally hit us that at the end of the morning these kids were going home to join their families at the dump. The feeling was a mixture of overwhelming despair and yet there was a glimmer of hope in seeing the difference that the school could make in these kids' lives.

The question I'm left struggling with is how to reconcile the global issues that I've learned about with the local poverty I see every day. After seeing the projects in Honduras, I'm much more aware of how interconnected our world really is. The decisions that I make in my over-consumptive life have an effect on people around the world and the injustice of this overwhelms me. But becoming aware of it is the first step in changing our own habits.

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Micah 6:8 tells us what is required of us: to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” After meeting with the Hondurans, MCC reps, and other project workers on this trip, I have no doubt that the wheels of change are already in motion. Large-scale institutional change is necessary and important, but it's up to us as individuals to be thoughtful, committed to justice and loving of our neighbours.

“I sense that a new spirituality is being born in the church today, flowing from the wounded hearts of the weak and broken who are crying out for friendship. This friendship is also a source of healing for those who answer their cry.”

- Jean Vanier  
*Spiritual Journeys*

### You asked . . . More Recipes!

Here are some much-requested recipes from recent parish events.

#### **Hamburger Soup** (Theresa Livingstone)

1 lb. hamburger  
1 large onion, chopped  
3 carrots, diced  
3 stalks celery, diced  
2 potatoes, diced  
¼ small turnip, diced (optional)  
1 litre canned tomatoes (or frozen)  
1 litre water  
2 tbsp. onion soup mix or 2 tsp. beef bouillon)

1 can tomato soup  
6 tbsp. barley  
1 bay leaf  
1 tbsp. parsley  
½ tsp. thyme  
Pepper to taste

Brown hamburger and onion. Drain off any fat. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 2—3 hours, covered. In the last hour you can add a cup of frozen peas and corn.

#### **Banana-Cranberry Bread** (Maureen Dryburgh)

1/3 cup (Crisco) shortening  
1 ¼ cups sugar  
3 eggs  
¼ cup sour cream  
4 small ripe, mashed, bananas  
1 capful almond extract  
2-3 tsp cherry brand  
1 ¾ cups flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp baking soda  
½ tsp salt  
Chopped walnuts or pecans to your liking.  
Dried cranberries

Cream shortening, sugar and eggs until light. Add sour cream, flavourings and mashed bananas. Mix well. Combine dry ingredients. Stir into creamed mixture. Add cranberries and nuts, mixing well. Pour batter into 9”x5” loaf pan. Bake at 325 F. for 75 to 80 mins. Test with toothpick for doneness. Cool 10 mins and turn out of pan. May be frozen.

**Deadline:** The deadline for submissions for the Thanksgiving issue of *Magdala News* will be **August 31, 2008**. Submissions received after the deadline may not be included in the current issue but will be considered for the next issue.

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### **Cranberry Cheesecake Bars** (Hilda Rudnicki)

#### Base:

2 c flour  
1 ½ c. quick-cooking oats  
¾ c. brown sugar  
1 cup margarine

#### Filling:

8 oz. light cream cheese  
1 can sweetened condensed milk  
¼ c. lemon juice or 2 tbsp. frozen orange  
juice concentrate  
2 tbsp. grated orange rind  
½ tsp. vanilla.

#### Topping:

1 398ml can cranberry sauce  
2 tbsp. cornstarch

#### Method:

Heat oven to 350 F and line 13x9 pan with non stick foil.

Combine flour oats and sugar in a bowl and cut in the margarine to make coarse crumbs. Reserve one and a half cups for topping and press remaining mixture into a greased pan. Bake for 15 mins until lightly brown

Beat cream cheese in large bowl till smooth. Combine milk with lemon or orange juice, rind, and vanilla, and whip into cream cheese until well mixed. Pour filling on top of base in pan.

Combine cranberry and cornstarch, then spoon carefully on top of filling. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Bake at 350 F until brown and bubbly. Cool and cut into bars.

Makes about 32.

## **Around the Diocese**

### **Christ Church, Cartwright, Celebrates 110th Anniversary**

The Anglican Church at Cartwright, Manitoba, is celebrating its 110th birthday this year. Cartwright, which is situated at the junction of Highways 3 and 5 in the south-western part of the province, describes itself as the Gold Rush Border Town. Sonata and Besant Indians lived in the region 2000 years ago, and four miles or so north of the town is a Bison Jump viewing area. The church, part of the Pembina Hills group of parishes, now has services on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2 pm., followed by fellowship at the coffee shop across the street.

Once there was a full time priest, but the rural population has changed; and although farming flourishes still, there are fewer people to serve. Typically, there are special services when young people return to be married and also when funeral services are held, all of which unite the community in thanksgiving for the lives of loved ones. The ACW remains active in ministering to the sick and lonely and providing hospitality at special events, as well as spear heading fund raising activities.

The church, built of local stone, is quite small but very beautiful. In 1940, stained glass windows by Leo Mol were added. Recently it has undergone some restoration which has proved more costly than at first imagined. Since it was designated as a heritage building, it is eligible for grants and matching funds. Our vestry recently agreed to make a donation in support of these efforts and the thank-you note, along with pictures of the work done so far are on our notice board. If you are travel to this area, please make a visit to this lovely and historic spot.

# FALL GARAGE SALE

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church  
3 St Vital Rd (on the corner of St.Vital  
and St. Mary's Rd)

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 9AM-8PM

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM-12 NOON

## ACCEPTING DONATIONS SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

If you wish to donate any gently used items, please drop them off at the church, Monday to Friday between 9am-12noon. We accept gently used toys, books, shoes, purses, jewelry, kitchen items, tools, small electrical appliances, furniture and clean used clothing particularly fall and winter apparel.

**Due to safety standards we cannot accept the following items; used mattresses, pillows, children's car seats, strollers, cribs, baby gates, high chairs, playpens and helmets. We also do not take Computers, Reader's Digest, weekly magazine publications or encyclopedias.** For more information, please call 253-0555 or check the church's website

***["stmarymagdalenechurch.ca"](http://stmarymagdalenechurch.ca)***

## Fall Garage Sale September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2008

It's time to take advantage of the cold weather and clean out those closets and declutter your life.  
Accepting donations September 2<sup>nd</sup>

- A. Bring in your donations of gently used toys, books, shoes, purses, jewelry, kitchen items, tools, small electrical appliances, furniture and clean used clothing particularly fall and winter apparel. **Due to safety standards we cannot accept the following items; Used mattresses, Pillows, Children's car seats, Strollers, Cribs, Baby gates, High chairs, Playpens and Helmets. We also do not take Computers, Reader's Digest, Weekly magazine publications or Encyclopedias.** Pictures and advertisement of very large items such as appliances is preferred over picking up the item and delivering to the church.
- B. Set up in the lower and upper hall will take place after service on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>. All able bodied persons are asked to assist.
- C. Sorting and displaying of items. From **Monday through Thursday 9AM – 3:30** volunteers are busy unpacking and placing donations in there assigned area. Sometimes we find occasional items we can't identify. Bring your lunch and share in the baked goods the workers often bring. Can't get away from work? No problem! Nancy and John are at the church **Monday** evening from **6-9pm**. Come join the evening sorting crew AKA Sorting Elves.
- D. Folding Bags! Sounds boring and not very important. Yet a vital part of our sale. When the cash line gets long, having those bags neatly placed in boxes really helps. Drop by some day during the sale week to pick up a box or stay and have a coffee while folding.
- E. Be a St. Mary Magdalene Greeter. We are known for our friendly and helpful service at St. Mary Magdalene. Gerry Brown is always looking for some one to greet our shoppers and inform them of what we have for sale.
- F. Friday evening meal. Any church group or group of parishioners who would like to provide a simple hot meal to our workers please come forth. Dinner starts around 5pm serving 24-28 persons.
- G. Clean up crew!!!! Many of our workers as exhausted by Saturday Noon and we need fresh bodies to pack up, fold tables and put away shelving units, carry and deliver the leftover items to Value Village. From 11:45 to 1:30 we need as many persons as possible.
- H. Any persons with a van or truck, which we can load, with boxes to deliver to Value Village please contact Nancy or John at 254-2574.
- I. Advertising!!!!!!!!!! At the beginning of September flyers will be available at the church, on the Greeter's bench or the church office. Place them in your apartment building or pass them on to friends.

Thanking you in advance Nancy and John Chan

## And in Other News . . .

### The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

The Government of Canada announced in April that it will provide \$5 million in additional funding to help address the rising cost of food. This is in addition to Canada's annual \$20 million contribution to CFB.

Food commodity prices have risen dramatically around the world, with some prices doubling in the last year, contributing to growing hunger and social and political unrest. It is costing governments and aid agencies much more to provide food assistance to the most vulnerable. With the increased demand that this food crisis is causing in developing countries, however, even more requests are anticipated to support the growing number of people who can't afford to buy food.

Despite challenging logistics, more than 95% of food shipped arrives at its intended destination. CFB operates with no commercial debt and has a funding agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) that has provided 4:1 matching grants up to a maximum of \$20 million a year.

PWRDF is a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB), a partnership of Canadian church-based agencies working to end hunger in developing countries by increasing and deepening the involvement of Canadians in efforts to end hunger.

On behalf of its 15 member agencies, the CFB collects grain and cash donations, provides funds and expert advice for projects submitted by member agencies and their partners, manages the procurement and supply of food commodities, and engages in public policy and education activities related to hunger

and food security. CFB is a federally incorporated, non-profit corporation registered as a charitable agency with its head office based right here in Winnipeg.

### The Rising Cost of Food

CFB is no ordinary bank. Helping to relieve hunger is no ordinary cause. Whether you give grain or cash, **you can support the relief and development program of your own denomination**, or the general program by mailing a cheque to Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Box 767 Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2L4. All gifts are tax-deductible. Receipts will be issued for contributions of \$10 or more.

[Information taken from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website <http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca>]

### PWRDF Accepting Donations for Partners in Burma

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is accepting donations which will be sent to partners in Burma to help them rebuild communities and lives. PWRDF will also work with other partner agencies in ACT (Action by Churches Together) to coordinate a response in the wake of an unprecedented 200 km/h tropical cyclone in Myanmar (formerly Burma). The western part of Burma, Irrawaddy Delta and Rangoon Division were particular hard hit.

The death toll at last report was between 10,000 and 15,000 and rising; thousands of people were injured and left homeless.

Tin Maung Htoo, executive director of Canadian Friends of Burma said "The prices of basic food have also doubled overnight and people are in panic now" adding that Canadian Friends of Burma is requesting individuals and organizations to help provide assistance as soon as possible.

# Calendar

## June – August 2008

June			July			August		
1 Pentecost 3			1. Canada Day			3 Pentecost 12		
8 Pentecost 4			6 Pentecost 8			10 Pentecost 13		
10 Vista Park 2 pm								
15 Pentecost 5 Father's Day			11 – 13 Visiting Boy Scout Troop #420			17 Pentecost 14		
19 Meadowood Manor 2 pm			13 Pentecost 9			21 Meadowood Manor 2 pm		
22 Pentecost 6 First Nations Day of Prayer								
24 Vital Senior's lunch			17 Meadowood Manor 2 pm			22 Catherine Place 2 pm		
24 Vestry meeting 7:30 pm			20 Pentecost 10			24 Pentecost 15		
27 Catherine Place 2 pm			25 Catherine Place 2 pm			31 Pentecost 16		
29 Pentecost 7			27 Pentecost 11 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene					
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<p><b>Deadline for next issue August 31, 2008</b></p> <p>253-0555 Office 256-6893 Fax &amp; Hall <a href="mailto:stmary@mts.net">stmary@mts.net</a> e-Mail</p>					
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Choir</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>						
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>						