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From The Editors

It seems that stones have been on my mind for the past few weeks. Hopefully this is not the same as having rocks in my head! No, I think it is because so many of our recent readings have been about stone. A good geologist will tell you how stones are formed and over what period of time, each type having a story to tell, our local Tyndall stone with its many fossils being a fine example.

On a simpler level, when I think of stone, I think of something hard and unyielding which can be used for paving and for building walls and houses, something which can be relied upon, something requiring a chisel and strength before its shape can be changed. Yet there are many other aspects to stone, including variety of colour and appearance. Think of the agate stones found at Souris, and the beautiful gemstones we all love to wear, and how we admire marble, especially if it has been carved and polished.

Through Lent and Easter we have read the stories of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness where he is invited to change stones into bread, the wedding at Cana where the water in the stone jars was changed into wine, the possibility of the stones of the roadway “crying out” in praise of God if we do not, and the massive stone which covered Christ’s tomb in the garden, which was found rolled away on the day of resurrection. I think too of St. Peter named “the Rock” even though at first he does not seem to be the most stable of Jesus’ chosen companions.

Now as we enter the season of Pentecost we learn more about God the Holy Spirit with whose help we can become “Living Stones.”

In 1Peter 2:4-5 we read “As you come to Him, the living stone-rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him-you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” So let us continue to accept the many and varied opportunities we have, to model our lives and ministries after the life of Jesus, the living stone whose whole focus was to do the will of the Father, and let us build bridges of God’s grace to all people so that others may come to know Him.

Heather Birtles

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Wardens Report.

The following are some of the highlights of recent happenings within our church. For regular updates, please refer to the vestry minutes which are posted after each meeting, and always feel free to ask the wardens and vestry members if you have any questions about our congregational life.

- We are delighted to welcome Karen Stuart as our new Treasurer. Karen will now also be a member of vestry.
- We continue to be well represented in the Diocese by our Rector, Preston; and by Bill Regehr, both of whom are on Council. Brian Crow is also a member of the Diocesan Finance Committee.
- Preston and Heather Birtles attended a seminar at St. Stephen's Anglican Church on "Back to Church Sunday--Unlocking the Growth".
- Alan Forrest and Margaret Jones attended a Wardens and Treasurers workshop.
- We participated in the Viability and Vitality survey for the Diocese.
- Several members attended the Bible and Breakfast session at St. John's College.
- Also, many of our congregation took part in events at St. John's Cathedral marking Dean Bob Osborne's retirement.
- The date for the Ugandan delegations visit has been moved to October.
- We welcomed Bishop Don to our church on April 18th for confirmation of four candidates. A most enjoyable potluck lunch followed the service.
- The Reverend Deacon Tim Perry completed his student placement with us and has been promised the gift of a stole, to be made by Lianne Marsh, in time for his ordination to the priesthood this Fall.
- The Reverend Deacon Jane Barter Moulaison has now returned to our parish.
- The sound system is under review and new headsets are being purchased. Thanks are due to Gerry Brown and Alan Forrest for their leadership in this.
- The building committee, under the chairmanship of Bill Regehr, is moving ahead with plans to re-roof our buildings.
- An electric door opener is to be installed at the main entrance.
- We have accepted a proposal from "Kindermusick Discovery" for them to

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- use our facilities starting in September.
- We responded to a request from Christina Livingstone to give her financial support in attending a Rhythmic Gymnastic event in Victoria B.C.
- We anticipate hearing soon from Dan Hiebert of Faith Lutheran Church on ways in which we can become involved in refugee sponsorship once more.

As the summer weather entices us to vacations and to spending more time in the great outdoors, we wish you a safe and happy summer. Remember to find places of worship along the way and let us know about your journeys and adventures when you return.

Margaret, Alan and Heather.

Companions on the Faith Journey

Judy Asker

by Heather Birtles

If you phone the church after office hours, you will hear a very pleasant voice directing your call and inviting you to worship with us. The owner of the voice is certainly worth meeting in person; and if you do this, you will find she is very kind and most helpful in answering questions and finding solutions to the problems you may have.

Judy Asker began her work as Administrative Assistant with us last Fall; and as Preston and the vestry members will attest, she is very effective at keeping us focussed and seeing to it that all the activities and functions of the parish are on track.

Judy is a woman with many gifts and talents. She grew up in a Christian family in neigh-

bouring Minnesota and has experienced worship in several denominations of the Christian church. Currently she and husband Tom attend St. Mary's Road United Church.

She is the justly proud Mom of her two children from her first marriage. Her daughter lives in California and her son is here in Winnipeg. Things are changing for him, however; as after three seasons with U of M Bisons as a defensive tackle, Eddie Steele is now set to play for the Hamilton Tiger Cats! He has a lot of support from teammates and fans, but none can compare with the enthusiasm shown for him by his Mom.

In addition to using her skills and talents with our congregation, Judy is employed as Community Resource Co-ordinator/Executive Director of the South Winnipeg Seniors Resource Council. Her degree in Recreational Studies from the University of Manitoba and her many certificate studies in Administration, Finance and Human resources, along with her teaching and leadership skills, make her an ideal person for this position.

The Vital Seniors organization hopes to have Judy speak at one of their lunch meetings in the near future on the topic of Falls Prevention.

Although this admirable lady seems to be super busy with work, she manages to give volunteer hours to various projects. We're glad to know that she and her husband find recreation and relaxation, too, in skiing, hiking, enjoying nature, reading, theatre and travel.

Judy, thank you for your care for us. Long may you continue to be our companion on the faith journey.

In the Parish

The Parish Register

Marking major life events and passages in our congregation.

Confirmation:

Lissa Wray, Nellie Sinclair, Shurjeel Bhatti and Ashbeel Bhatti, who were confirmed April 18, 2010, at St. Mary Magdalene. Welcome to the family!

Anniversary:

Congratulations to **Neil and Doreen Giesbrecht**, celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary!

Birthdays:

Many happy returns to **Jean Johnson, Wilf McTavish, Bea Weger**, and **Bill Birtles** who are celebrating significant birthdays. If you want to know how many candles on their cakes, you'll have to ask--we'll never tell!

Garage Sale

THANK YOU to all Garage Sale Volunteers! The sale was a great success. We could not have accomplished it without each and every one of you!

Our Favourite Recipes

Ocean Maya Mexican Cookies

1 ½ c. butter or shortening (or combination)
1 ½ c. white sugar
1 egg
½ tsp. almond extract or vanilla
¼ c. water
4 c. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder

- Beat together the butter and sugar till well blended.
- Add and beat in the egg, almond extract and water.
- Combine flour, baking soda and baking powder.
- Add flour mixture to the moist ingredients beating continuously.
- Roll into 1 Tbsp. balls and flatten slightly.
- Cook at 335°F (170°C) for 12-13 mins.
- Cool in pan briefly then on wire racks.
- Makes 60

Contributed by **Brian and Barbara Crow**. Brian writes "We got it from the chef of the resort where we stayed recently - Ocean Maya, near Playa del Carman in Mexico. The recipe was in metric weight, for example a kilo of shortening and a kilo of sugar - I assume they made large quantities at a time, so it took a bit of trial to get the quantities into a system we use here!"

Lemon Crisp Cookies.

2 c. flour
¾ c. white sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1 c. shortening/butter/margarine
¼ tsp. salt
1 pkg. lemon pie filling
2 eggs beaten

- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Sift flour, salt and soda.
- Add pie filling. Blend in butter and sugar and lastly the beaten eggs.
- Roll into small balls and flatten on cookie sheet.
- Bake at 350 F. until the edges are slightly brown (10-12 min).

Submitted by **Hilda Rudnicki**.

Around the Diocese

Anglican Family Picnic

Date: Sunday August 29, 2010

Time: 2:00—7:00 p.m.

Place: Bird's Hill Provincial Park
Group Use Area 1 — Site 3

Pack a picnic lunch, bring a lawn chair or blanket, umbrella, sporting equipment, swimsuit, a musical instrument, and the whole family!

- Talent Showcase--call Anglican Centre, (992-4200) to get in on the "act"--instrumental, singing, dancing, etc.
- Come meet and mingle with Anglicans from other parishes in the great outdoors!
- Go for a hike, a bike, or the "mic" in the Anglican Talent Show!
- Bring your own snacks or purchase a hot dog, chips & drink.
- Play games or sports or just relax.
- Or, if it's really hot, visit the beach and go for a dip!

A picnic is what you make it!

Nominations for The Order of Rupert's Land

Nominations are now being received for The Order of Rupert's Land, which was established in 1984 by the Bishop of Rupert's Land. It is given in recognition of outstanding support and leadership in the Church. If you know someone whom you feel should be considered for this honour, please obtain a nomination form from the Diocesan Office. Call 992-4200 or e-mail to general@rupertsland.ca. Nominations must be received by the Bishop's office by June 30, 2010.

And in Other News . . .

Crocodile Tears

by Dylan Jones

(Dylan is a junior high school student and the grandson of St. Mary Magdalene parishioner Margaret Jones)

When I was asked to write an article for the church newsletter about healing, and where I have seen it during my life, I immediately thought of my hero from when I was young,



Steve Irwin. Better known as The Crocodile Hunter, a man who does not actually kill crocodiles like the name may suggest but rescues, examines and teaches the viewers of his TV show about reptiles, mammals, birds and fish. Crocodiles were his favourite animals and mine too when I was small. I loved his show and

watched it all the time. It was so cool to see Steve adventuring into the wild with his wife Terri, coming face to face with dangerous animals, not even flinching, just taking the proper procedure to restrain it safely and tell the viewers all about it.

One day when I was much older and hadn't watched Steve's show for many years I was smacked in the face with some extremely depressing news, Steve Irwin had died. He was taking part in a documentary about some of the most poisonous animals known to man and was diving in the ocean with his camera man. A stingray, the sea creature he had come to document, swam under him, was frightened, and put its instincts into play by thrusting its long, sharp, poison-barbed, tail straight into Steve's heart. The camera man called for help and once on the boat a helicopter came to

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whisk Steve to a medical facility.

The camera man said later that he knew that Steve had died the moment the stingray had stabbed him. This was little comfort to me, finding out the man who had been my role model and hero was dead. I couldn't believe that smart, strong, Steve, who had wrestled and restrained full grown crocodiles and alligators, could be killed by a sea creature smaller than any of the brutes I'd seen him face in the past. At first I was mad at that stingray and wished it had left him alone. But then I cleared my mind and cooled down, realizing that it was only using its instincts and it was just an animal frightened by a large creature which could potentially harm it. I knew then that Steve would have kept on loving animals including stingrays and he would forgive it. So I did too.

Steve had a wife and two small children and the family must have gone through far more than I could have ever felt, but they too forgave the stingray and the older of Steve's kids, Bindy gave a speech to honour her father's death. The strongest piece of healing I've seen in my life had to be those two little kids and their mother continuing on with their lives and not shunning the animal kingdom but still embracing it with intrigue and love.

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World Week for Peace in Israel Palestine

From May 29 to June 4, join churches around the world in prayer and action for peace for Palestinians and Israelis: use the Jerusalem Prayer written by the heads of the Churches in Jerusalem in your services on Sunday, 30

May 2010. Have a look at KAIROS' Countries of Concern: Palestine and Israel page for more information about our work in the region and our position regarding a just peace in Israel/Palestine.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's First National Event on the Legacy of the Indian Residential School System. The event will be held at The Forks on June 16 - 19, 2010 and will provide a great opportunity for the general public to learn about the residential school system as an important part of Canadian history, and an opportunity to honour residential school Survivors. Please note that the event is free and open to all. The Bishop would like Anglican presence at this event and encourages as many lay people to attend as possible.

Canadian School of Peacebuilding 2010 at CMU

Session I—June 14 –18, 2010

- **Poets, Prophets, and Music of Social Justice** with John Bell
- **Our Contested Food System: Cultivating a Just Peace** with Cathy Campbell, Martin Entz, Kenton Lobe, and Ray VanderZaag
- **A Cree Perspective on Non-Violence** with Ovide Mercredi

Session II—June 21—25, 2010

- **Agents of Change in Intractable Conflicts: Lessons from Middle East Peacebuilding** with Marc Gopin
- **Peace Skills Practice** with Karen Ridd
- **Mennonite Approaches to Peace and**

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- **Justice** with Harry Huebner
- **Session III**—June 28—July 2, 2010
- **International Perspectives on Restorative**
- **Justice** with Howard Zehr
- **Thriving in a Firestorm: Congregational**
- **Peacebuilding** with Lois Edmund.

For more information or to apply go to www.cmu.ca/csop or [email csop@cmu.ca](mailto:email_csop@cmu.ca).

Amazing Grace

You probably remember the Anglican Church of Canada's Amazing Grace project in the fall of 2008, in which Anglicans across the country were invited to sing the hymn and send a videotape to the national office, along with toonies collected to help the work of the Council of the North. We were participants in this, and a small clip of our efforts was incorporated into "Amazing Together" which is the compilation video, produced as a result from the 500 submissions from congregations from Canada to Kandahar.

The project raised over \$100,000. The video, which can be seen on YouTube, has now won the Special Jury Award at the 43rd Worldfest Houston International Film Festival. This is the highest award for creative excellence in the festivals ethics/spirituality category. Way to go St. Mary Mags! Look for a sequel to this project, to be announced at General Synod 2010 in June.

General Synod

General Synod meets in Halifax, June 3-11, 2010. Please be in prayer for our diocesan delegation as they prepare for Synod.

Laity:

Mr. George Campbell
Mrs. Patsy Grant
Mrs. Rene Jamieson
Ms Marilyn Jackson
Ms. Susan Suppes

Clergy:

The Rev. Diane Guilford
The Rev. Jamie Howison
The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje
The Rev. Canon Murray Still

Youth: Mr. Daniel Draper

Volunteers Needed: If you have an interest in getting involved with Refugee Sponsorship please see Preston for an exciting training opportunity at St. Mary Magdalene.

Prayer for General Synod

Sovereign God, we gather in your name in Halifax for the 39th General Synod of our Church. We ask you continued blessing on Fred, our Primate, on the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, on Bishops Sue and Ron, and on all who work together to welcome the Synod to their home. Give us the gift of your Spirit, to inspire and lead us, to help us be buoyed up in your gentle breezes, so that, together, we may offer you worship and praise as we plan together for a new future. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, our chief Shepherd. Amen

Prayer for Synod Delegates, Staff, and Leaders

O Holy One, guide all our synod delegates, that those called to serve in these responsibilities may be men and women living a holy life, seeking to be in your will, able to overcome prejudices, examining issues with care, and that the decisions of General Synod may be to the building up of your church and to your glory. May we be truly unified as one under Christ. Amen

Fair Trade Wine!

Everything we buy is produced by someone, and our consumer decisions affect people’s lives. Equal pay and an equal voice for women, education, empowerment, adult labour, work for the disabled, safe working conditions, dialogue, transparency, respect and of course fair wages are words which describe Fair Trade. When we choose to shop fair trade we are supporting long-term change for people and their communities.

Do you know that one year ago there were only two fair trade wines available on the shelves of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission marts and that now there are over twenty? The MLCC has been congratulated for sourcing Fair Trade Certified wines. They can be recognized by the international fair trade logo and come from Argentina, Chile and South Africa. Manitoba now sells more fair trade wines than any other jurisdiction in Canada

Fair Trade Manitoba is a program of the Manitoba Council for International Co-operation (MCIC) and works with retailers, consumers, and organizations to inform people about the benefits of Fair Trade and to encourage its wider availability in the province.

“Express everything you like. No word can hurt you. None. No idea can hurt you. Not being able to express an idea or word will hurt you more. Like a bullet.”
- **Jamaica Kincaid**, *Caribbean-American novelist and professor*

A Letter from Irv Kroeker

(February 12, 2010)

Hi, there,

Thanks for sending the News. I have read the whole thing and remember with fond memories those days when I used to attend regularly, sing in the choir, cantor the psalms and play my tenor sax to the music of worship.

I live in the Silicon Valley an hour south of San Francisco. I do interesting things in California--no matter which way you go, something famous emerges on the horizon. Last night I went to a concert of 1940s music by "In the Mood".

I have lived in San Jose two years now, but the time to return to Manitoba has come, so I hope to return this summer. My only church membership is still on the list of Mary Magdalene, although I am very active in Lincoln Glen Church, mostly in music. This Easter I will have choreographed an audio visual presentations of the Stations of the Cross and a reading of an Easter retrospection, written by my cousin Sandee Pauls, who lives in Kleefeld, MB.

I send regards to all my friends there at St. Mary Mag, my faraway home.

Go gently,
Irvin J. Kroeker



AND, AS ALWAYS, I WANT TO REMIND THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FANNED OUR CHURCH ON FACEBOOK TO DO SO

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*Visit Gardens in Crescentwood
Urban Retreats Garden Tour*

*supporting
St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry
Community Gardens program*

Saturday, June 19, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15.00

available at

McNally- Robinson Bookstore

and

The Garden Room 444 Academy Road

or by calling

St. Matthew's- Maryland Community Ministry

at 774-3957

Manitoba Tea: 11:30-2:00 p.m. at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church.

Tickets for the Tea and Bannock are an additional \$5.00 available at the tea site that Saturday. Please use the Wardlaw Ave. entrance to the church.

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St. Mary Magdalene Church - Calendar of Activities March 2010 – May 2010

June	July	August
2 Kitchen Table Wisdom 9:00 am-1:00 pm	1 Canada Day	1 10 th after Pentecost
6 2 nd after Pentecost	4 6 th after Pentecost	8 11 th after Pentecost
13 3 rd after Pentecost	11 7 th after Pentecost	15 St. Mary the Virgin
15 Vista park Lodge 2:30 pm	18 8 th after Pentecost	22 13 th after Pentecost
16 Kitchen Table Wisdom 9:00 am-1:00 pm	23 Catherine Place 2:00 pm	27 Catherine Place 2:00 pm
17 River Park Gardens 2:30 pm	25 9 th after Pentecost	29 14 th after Pentecost
18 Catherine Place 2:00 pm		31 Vestry Meeting 7 – 9pm
20 4 th after Pentecost		
22 Vestry meeting 7:00 pm		
22 Vital Seniors Luncheon 12:00-1:15 pm		
27 5 th after Pentecost		

Weekly Activities			Contact
Wednesday	Bible Study	12:00 pm	Heather Birtles
Wednesday	Book Study	7:00 pm	Dayle Michaud
Saturday	Bible Study	10:00 am	Ray Nembhard



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