

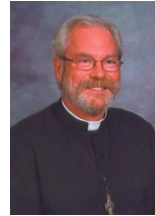
The Source



Fall Edition 2010

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Message from Father David

Fall 2010

Welcome to our Fall 2010 edition of the Source. I trust you all had a relaxing and energizing summer. I did, although the job jar at home kept me busy. Toni always reminds me that it's me who fills it up....not her. Oh well, I love to work outside. My flower beds are really taking shape although it was brought to my attention that the beautiful, flowering, unknown plant that I tended faithfully is actually a weed. I think it was a beautiful weed though. They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder!

As you read this edition of the Source our study will have started on September the 28th. It's called "H2O – A Journey of Faith." As you know H2O is the symbol for water and as Christians we are invited to drink of the true water; the life giving and life sustaining water given to us by the Lord Jesus. The evenings will begin with a meal, followed by the presentation and then a discussion period. I like to think that we are all pilgrims on a journey of faith. Some will have travelled a relatively easy road while others may have had a more difficult time. The point is that we are all in this together. If you have questions, concerns, worries or thanksgivings that you'd like to share this is an excellent opportunity. Of course if you'd like to come and just listen then that's OK too.

In June we had a wonderful talent show in support of our "Hug the Children of Haiti" campaign. I was amazed at the talent we have in our Parish, everything from playing spoons to singing and dancing. I'm told some even wore kilts!! This was the brainchild of one of our youngest members of St. James, Ross Peter. I have tremendous hope for our church when I see young people stepping up to proclaim Christ's message of care and compassion for all people.

The Bishop will be joining us on November 28th at our 10:00am service. Four of our young people will be confirmed at this time and it occurred to me that this would be a wonderful opportunity for those wishing to be formally received into the Anglican Church. It's painless!! The Bishop simply says a prayer for you and you get a lovely certificate stating that you are a member of the Anglican Church. If you would like to be received into the church or if you would like more information please contact me. You won't be alone as we have three adults already signed up.

As you can see there's lots going on at St. James and with God's blessing there'll be lots more to come. I wish you all a safe and wonderful Fall and look forward to travelling with you as we continue our journey of faith together,

God Bless,
Father D+

Wardens Report

Welcome back to all you folks that have been spending the summer at the cottage or on holidays. It is good to see the pews filling up again. Looking about St. James you may notice a few changes that are obvious and at least one that is not.

For those of us whose eyes are not what they once were, you will note that it is a little brighter in the nave thanks to new fluorescent lighting that was recently installed on the overhead beams. An executive decision was made to replace the old lights because a large number of them were burnt out and required ballast replacements. Moreover, the old fixtures required much more electricity to function than the new ones. Thus, in addition to being able to read the fine print in the BAS, we are doing our bit for the environment by installing energy efficient lighting. Fund raising to pay for the new lighting is under way.

Perhaps the most noticeable thing up front is the brand new KAWAI grand piano donated by Ralph Langtry in memory of his cherished cousin Margaret Elizabeth Langtry. It not only looks beautiful but sounds beautiful

too. The KAWAI upright that Ralph had donated in memory of his parents is now located in the choir room for rehearsal purposes.

The thing that is not noticeable, but vitally important, was the re-pointing work done on the inside of the belfry. This work was completed early this summer and we are pleased to report that, thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners, the expense for this project has been paid in full.

As we get back into full swing from our summer hiatus we would like all Parishioners to consider participating in one or more of the many ministries here at St. James. Check out the list of ministries in the Narthex (entry way) and get involved. There is always room for fresh faces.

Finally, we would like to share with you our concern about our fiscal health. At our Vestry Meeting in February, you approved a status quo budget that provided sufficient funds to pay our operating expenses. To date we are not meeting the requirements of our budget. We must do better if we are going to grow and do God's work here at St. James today and in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Allyson, Sylvia, Brenda and Ross

Letter from the Editors

Hello,

Welcome to the latest edition of The Source. We plan to issue the next newsletter at the end of December so please submit any articles by December 4th. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of The Source. We are always looking for content so please let us know if you have anything you want added to the next edition. You can contact us by email at ryanamenta@gmail.com.

Ryan and Jennifer Amenta

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New Piano at St. James

At the end of June, 2010, St. James' parish-church was the scene for the delivery of a new KAWAI grand-piano, placed there in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Langtry, who was born in the parish in 1919, the daughter of Frank G. and Alice Jane Langtry, and the sister of J.F. (Sam) Langtry.

Trained as a nurse at the Ottawa Civic, and later at the University of Toronto in Public Health Nursing, Margaret's career took her to Toronto, British Columbia, Whitehorse, and, especially, Peterborough, where she resided for the last 50 years. Like her brother, she kept in close touch with Carleton Place and with St. James' Parish.

Margaret was buried in St. James' Cemetery in 2009.

Margaret's cousin, Ralph Langtry, has treasured a lifelong friendship with Margaret, and, as an expression of that friendship and admiration for her, has donated the piano to the Parish.

The KAWAI upright piano, which Ralph donated in 2001 in memory of his parents, is now located in the Choir Room for rehearsal-purposes.



H2O: A Journey of Faith

"Everyone thirsts but there is only **ONE** drink that will truly satisfy!"

VIDEOS - FRIENDS - DISCUSSIONS - LAUGHTER -LEARNING

STARTS SEPTEMBER 28, 2010, 6:30PM-8:30PM

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

H2O is informal, friendly, fun and non-pressured. Have you got questions?

Join us as we begin a ten week experience designed to create a safe atmosphere where people are comfortable considering the person of Jesus Christ and takes the participant on a powerful, engaging journey that is a carefully crafted progression designed to bring non-believers to a willingness to accept Christ.

H2O is an experience that will enable believers to share their faith with confidence and unprecedented effectiveness. In our world of moral relativism, secular humanism and religious pluralism, where expressions of the Christian faith are becoming increasingly unacceptable and even illegal, the average Christian wanting to share his or her faith needs to be properly equipped for the task.

H2O will start with a light snack supper, followed by a video or DVD that uses carefully crafted storytelling to reach a media savvy generation. We end with a small group discussion time allowing for open and honest investigation of the video topic. There is no charge for the course although we welcome donations to help with the cost of food.

More info call: [Sandra Schappert](mailto:Sandra.Schappert@rogers.com), 613-492-1006, sandyhank@rogers.com

FX - Fresh Expression 2010

Our mission: as explored through the Bishop's charge at Synod.

Fresh Expressions is an ecumenical program that calls us to become a mission church within our own neighbourhood; working in parallel with traditional programs to serve the "unchurched"

- to enable people to know Jesus Christ and to share the Good News as we grow in faith and serve God's world
- We must look broadly at our capacity to include anyone who lacks historical presence in our communities of faith and to make sure that hospitality remains a standing item on our parish council agendas.
- The Diocese of Ottawa is now fully engaged in this new and creative way of taking Church into the marketplace and communities

Positive steps taken by St. James to date:

- Expanded number of greeters, their roles, distributing Welcome Kits
- Liase with our own Youth Ministry and the Carleton Place Youth Centre

The Youth Centre welcomes volunteers to support a Homework Assistance Program. Contact Rhonda, Megan or Bonnie at 257-8901, cpcoreyouthservices@gmail.com

- Church Cafe/Social Time after 10 am service, expanded and organized
- Church Dinners
- Ecumenical Lunch Cafe at Zion Memorial on Tuesdays
- Website and presence on town committees and at community functions
- Providing Welcome Wagon handouts
- Presenting H2O...Journey of Faith: open to all
- Planning and research for a Messy Church opportunity
- Providing resources re: Fresh Expressions: DVD, books on shelf with name tags.
- Invitation to join the community Social Concerns Committee.

Contact person: Sandra Schappert sandyhank@rogers.com 613-492-1006

Touching Lives in Madagascar

The children and staff of our Madagascar orphanage, Akany Famonjena, and our inner city centre, Akany Tafita, ALL WANT TO GREET YOU and send their love to you! They thank you for thinking of them, loving them, praying for them, and for your gifts of money to provide food, clothing, medical help, their home, and schooling for each child.

ORPHANAGE, AKANY FAMONJENA:

After a wonderful two-month vacation from school when they enjoyed basket-ball, volley-ball, extra time to sleep, time to create fun crafts and learn new songs and games.....NOW.....all children have returned to school and to very early morning wake-ups, nightly homework and studying and then even more studying!



The Directress helps Tiavana with his ability in conversation, colours and picture recognition. He is enthusiastic and wants to study just like his older brothers and sisters in "his house"!

INNER CITY CENTRE, AKANY TAFITA:

Two month vacation time was very exciting this year for Akany Tafita children. The Directress and staff took them by bus for an exciting excursion. This was the first time that most of the children had been away from their own sad poor area of the capital city. THEY HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!!



And now see their "first day at school" LOTS OF FUN!



THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- ** Please keep our ministry to children in Madagascar in daily PRAYER**
- ** You can GIVE gifts via the "Madagascar Box" or your Church envelope**
- ** How about GOING to visit the children in Madagascar?!**

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IN SUPPORT OF

THE LANARK COUNTY

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FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS STOCKING DRIVE FOR 2010

COLLECTION DATES AT ST.JAMES CHURCH ARE NOV 28 AND DEC 5

OR PLEASE DELIVER TO THE FOOD BANK

THANK YOU!



HUG the CHILDREN OF HAITI

In the past few months St James' Parishioners have been so supportive in aiding the two orphanages in Haiti - St Vincents (school for handicapped) in Porto Au Prince & Centre Vie (Life Centre) in St Marc.

We started out in March having a Family Movie Night each month and ended our season with a great Talent & Supper night in June, great fun was had by all. Ross Peter, one of our youth, inspired everyone with the idea of having a Talent night to raise funds for the children of Haiti. We are all very proud of our youth and he has shown a wonderful example of being involved and helping other young people in need. With the funds raised and our monthly envelope donations, we have been able to donate \$1000 to each orphanage so far. We have also collected and donated School supplies and purchased medical supplies which the Director, Dieudonne Batanville of Centre Vie, has shipped to St Marc, Haiti.

Dieudonne had a meeting Sept 4th at the Presbyterian Church in Almonte Saturday afternoon to greet and to thank those who have contributed in supporting Centre Vie since the Earthquake. Dieudonne is hoping to be able to return for a short period of time around Christmas, and may be she will have more time to visit St James and talk to the Congregation.

We do have a photo album in the narthex showing photos of some of the children and Fr Sadoni Leon from St Vincents & Centre Vie children, please feel free to look through it from time to time and their responses. Your donation, no matter how big or how small makes a huge difference in a child's life.—you have already started to make a difference in these children's lives----let us continue!!!

God bless,

Sandi & Ronette

Youth Group

Here is a brief update on what our youth have been up to:

In April we watched Jesus Christ Superstar most of the group had not seen it and were very impressed - by the movie not our singing along to the tunes - oh well, it was a great fun filled afternoon.

April 11 we had our first youth led service, which went very well. The Youth enjoyed their participation in preparing for and being a big part of the service. We had many wonderful complements from the congregation and would love to have the opportunity to lead another service in the future. We wish to thank everyone for their support.

On April 18th we had our Spring into Spring brunch which again was awesome. We had more than expected - 93 in all - it was nice to have to add more tables and chairs to accommodate for the extra. The youth really enjoy serving and getting acquainted with our congregation. A great time was had by all and yes, there will be another one in 2011.

April ended with a regional event held in Carp. This was a fun night with a youth service followed by supper and entertainment by our talented youth. We even learned to Salsa - which we will not be demonstrating. It was great to see what talent there is within our youth community.

May was our closing party for the youth group, with our May birthdays. We had a great evening at Sharon and Ed's with a BBQ, cake and fireworks, an awesome way to end our year.

June saw our Sunday school closing picnic complete with food, races, fun, and ice cream and with an increased number of parishioners attending and participating. Hope to increase this event number again in June 2011.

In August two of our youth, Rachel Moffa Andrew and Samantha Lommen, attended the Ask and Imagine High School Program in London Ontario. They will be giving us a report on what it was all about and what they got from the program.

After a nice restful summer, we are ready to get started again. We welcome the addition of Jackie Alexander who will be joining the youth group as a volunteer to help out at events and meetings. We have many things in the planning stage and will report on them soon.

Thank you all for your support, love and confidence in us.

Following in God example,
Pearle and Sharon

Upcoming Youth Events

Oct 3rd - Rachel and Samantha will be speaking at both services about their experiences at Ask and Imagine this summer - then we will be having our regular meeting in the Lantry room

Oct 10th - Thanksgiving - no youth group - enjoy your turkey

Oct 17th - regular meeting with lunch - we will be starting crafts to sell at the fall bazaar and this will be an open craft for anyone who wants to join us

Oct 23rd - we are participating in the Halloween parade through town - this was great fun last year and we will be handing out flyers for our Halloween for Hunger party/dance the following Saturday

Oct 24th - regular meeting upstairs this week in the Lantry room - final planning for the party and crafts

Oct 30th - Halloween for Hunger party/dance in the hall - from 7 to 10pm with games, food, dancing, prizes - bring an item for the Carleton Place food bank - last year we raised 90 pounds of food - this year we are hoping for more

Oct 31st - Halloween - no youth group - Trick or Treat

Youth Led Service



Spring into Spring Brunch



Clean-up Day



Sunday School Picnic





Why Go to Church?

by Janet Morris Grimes

Church has always been a regular part of my life. As a young child, I remember the smell of the hymnals as I sat next to my Granny, watching her hold the book close and sing as if she and God were the only ones in the room. I drew imaginary pictures on the back of her thin hands. I loved the rattling of the pages of the Bible that sounded like rain as everyone followed wherever the preacher was taking them. Even back then, though I sometimes found it boring, there was no place that I would rather be.

As I grew older, I embraced the social aspects of it all. Our church was our family, sharing in one another's weddings and being present as soon as they heard of the births of our three children. We celebrated as one when a family member returned after being away from home for a long period of

time, or mourned as one when we lost one of our own. When someone was sick, the Church, as a family, came to their knees to ask for healing.

Going to church is about so much more than a worship event on Sunday morning. Worship should always remain the focus, and if allowed, it can truly change lives. But there are no moments like that of squeezing the hand of a loved one during a prayer or holding a young child in your lap while they quietly accent the church bulletin with their own artistic creations. Singing songs about Heaven on Sunday somehow allows those precious words to interrupt your thought processes throughout the week.

My own children grew up with the luxury of having both sets of grandparents sitting beside them on the pew, usually on the third row. They took turns sitting in the laps of the people who loved them most in the world. They learned about the love of Jesus while surrounded with the love of family. They showed off their new baby sister, and later led her to Bible class as she learned to walk. The memories wrapped in that church building are impossible to measure.

The truth is that Jesus is everywhere, as long as you are looking for him, and is never contained to a building. So, it is not necessary to be at church in order to get to know Him, to become a Christian, or to get to Heaven. But worshiping together allows us to forget ourselves and our busy schedules for a few minutes, marvel at all God has done and continues to do, and perhaps learn something we did not realize that we still needed to know.

So, what is the big deal about going to church? For me, it is the chance to kneel at the foot of the cross, where we all become equals. It protects my Sundays by keeping them holy, and my heart focused on what matters most. But more than this, it confirms that we were not created to face the trials in this life alone. We definitely need a church family to share life with us.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

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