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Getting Back

September is a time when many people are getting back to things. Families are returning from the cottage. Vacationers are returning to work. Young people and their teachers are back to school. This is also a time when the church is returning to its more regular life of worship and ministry after the quieter summer season. I have just myself returned from a wonderful break with Kathy, Fiona and Kaelynn, as well as my parents, as we visited Scotland and England, seeing the sights and visiting with our Scottish family. As wonderful as the vacation was, it is nice to be home and exciting to be getting back.

This year we have a special opportunity to invite our friends and family—as well as people we may not have seen for a while—to come back to church with us for at least one special day: **Sunday, September 26, "Back to Church Sunday."** We are planning a special welcome for all worshippers on this day. Is there someone you haven't seen in church for a while? Can you think of someone who once came to St John's, but who for whatever reason, we no longer see? Why not give them a call or write them a little note and let them know about Back to Church Sunday. Or, perhaps, you have a family member or friend who has never been to St John's—or maybe any church. This is a perfect opportunity to invite them to come back to church with you. We promise special welcome at all of our services.

As we all get back to things, I would like to ask your prayers especially for people who are beginning in new roles. Especially I would ask your prayers for **Susan McKay** who is in a new role as Coordinator of Congregation Care. She will be working with a team of people, who together will provide our congregational care programs. While we pray for her and her team, I encourage you to remember that caring for one another is a joyful service we all share. I also ask your prayers for **Sarah Wayland** and **Debbie Rudderham** who will be supporting our various ministries as Volunteer Coordinators.

Please also remember everyone involved with our Youth Ministry. We are taking a different approach towards Youth Ministry this fall, realizing that as a parish family we are equipped to meet the needs and receive the gifts that our youth offer. Please remember **Emily Hill** and **Pam Battersby**, who continue with the Wednesday Night program and for **Ed and Marlene Reid** who are joining the team, as well as a long list of people who are going to be helping both behind the scenes and on an occasional basis. Let's not forget to pray for our new Children's and Youth Choir. **Loralee McGuirl** has graciously agreed to assist us with our re-launch this fall.

There is also, of course, a long list of us who are also getting back to the various ministries of the parish this fall. We begin a new ministry year with prayer for all those who serve,

Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers who care for our family of faith and reach out in our wider community. Help them to be faithful, patient and confident. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

(Prayer from the "Service of Commissioning and Blessing of Ministers" at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Sunday, September 12, 2010.)

Peace,

Worship Services

Regular Service times	Said Communion	8:15 a.m.
	Discovery Service	9:30 a.m.
	Choral Eucharist	11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays	Said Communion	10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Introducing the new 47th Hamilton Group Commissioner

Hi I would like to introduce myself. My name is Beverly Brown and I am the new Commissioner for the 47th Scouting Group here at St John's.



I am thrilled to be involved with our community, St John's and the Youth here. I have been with the Group for 5 years, both as a parent of children involved and a group member.

I am looking forward to a good year in the wonderful space that has been provided and hope to build on the relationship between the church and the Scouts. Our Past Commissioner Sarah Wayland will continue to act as a liaison between St. John's and 47th Hamilton as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

**Registration for
the 47th Scouting Group ~
Monday, September 13
at 6:30 p.m.**

People Working for You at St John's, Sept. 2010

Who to contact when you need help/information.

Rector and Parish Priest	David Anderson
Director of Music	Simon Irving
Discovery Service Music Director	Loralee McGuirl
Parish Secretary	Jane French
People's Warden	Mary Donkin
Rector's Warden	Larry Ricciardelli
Deputy Warden	Norm Newbery
Treasurer	Tom Shears
Children' Church Coordinator	Susanne Adams
Director of Youth Activities	Emily Hill
Congregational Care Coordinator	Susan McKay
Stewardship Coordinator	Dave McKay
Volunteer Coordinators	Debbie Rudderham and Sarah Wayland
Welcome Teams	Stephen Fielding (8:15) Judith Purdell-Lewis (9:30) Hal Devins and Bonnie Munn (11:00)
Choral Service Worship	David Anderson
Discovery Worship	Mary Donkin (chair)
Community ConneXions	Barb Edwards (chair)
Greening	Brian Henley (coordinator)
Missions	Judith Purdell-Lewis (chair)
Programme	Susan Little (chair),
Property	Norm Newbery
Raising the Roof	Sarah Wayland (chair)
The Reverend Deacon D. Carman Wilson	Pastoral Assistant (on leave)
The Reverend Donald Eustace	Honourary Assistant
The Reverend Jody Medicoff	Honourary Assistant
The Reverend Dr. Peter Widdicombe	Honourary Assistant
The Reverend Tom Wilding	Honourary Assistant

Crafters

Our normally industrious crafters enjoyed a real potluck dinner during the summer. The conversation was lively, of course, and it goes without saying that the food was delicious and varied; we had hors d'oeuvres, main dishes, salads, and desserts without any planning. How fun it would have been to have had 12 desserts! Maybe next time.

The crafters try to meet twice a month in the Crypt on – the second and fourth Tuesdays. From 7 to 9 p.m. Intricate bead angels, beaded book marks, tea towels, table napkins, adult bib aprons, tree

It would certainly be appreciated if you would like to contribute some of your fine handiwork to enhance the craft table at the bazaar. This is a fine opportunity for all of us to work together.

If you would like to join the crafters on Tuesdays or donate some finished crafts please call Judy Duncan.



Stewardship Program – Planning for success in 2011

Components of the stewardship program this fall

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| 1. latter part of September | stewardship mailing (brochure, pledge card) |
| 2. first 3 weeks of October | pledge cards for 2011 submitted |
| 3. Saturday October 23 | Thankfulness Event (potluck, celebration, information) |
| 4. Sunday October 24 | Thankfulness Sunday (celebration) |
| 5. after October 24 | follow-up if pledge cards not submitted |
| 6. Sunday November 21 | Town meeting (where we stand, what we can do)
<i>(this meeting will only be held if needed)</i> |

Stewardship is a way of life more than a “program”. It is a recognition that everything we have and everything we are comes from God, and it is an acknowledgement that God expects a response to His blessings. Part of that response is the offering of our money to maintain the ministries at and through the church. The “program” aspect of stewardship during the fall is designed to help individuals make their financial response and enable the church to use that response to maintain strong ministries.

In the latter part of September a brochure will be mailed to parish families. The brochure will describe the living out of our mission at St. John’s. There will be stories about the good NEWS (Nurture, Evangelism, Worship, Service) at our church. There will also be a proportionate giving worksheet that is designed to help parishioners fill out the included pledge card.

The hope is that people will submit their pledge for 2011 so that responsible planning can be accomplished by parish council in the fall. The target date for submission of the pledge cards is “Thankfulness Sunday” (October 24th).

Notice that October 24th is not called “Pledge Sunday” or “Stewardship Sunday” or “What’s in Your Wallet Sunday”. The whole year-round stewardship program is based on the concept of thankfulness, so it seems

appropriate to use the title, “Thankfulness Sunday”.

On Saturday October 23rd there will be a potluck supper at the “Thankfulness Event” (for details see the little blurb elsewhere in this edition of Wings). The point of the event, in addition to the always pleasant pastime of sharing a meal together, is to celebrate our ministries and to consider how we can ensure they continue as we head into 2011.

After “Thankfulness Sunday” there will be follow-up for parish families who have not yet submitted a pledge card. It is probably obvious to everyone that the continuing success of ministries at St. John’s is dependent on each parishioner participating in the stewardship program as God calls them to do and as they are able. The support of ministries must be a shared responsibility with each of us taking our part.

There is a town meeting scheduled for 12:30 pm on Sunday November 21st. At that meeting there will be an assessment on how the income side of the 2011 budget is shaping up. If it is not shaping up well then strategies on how to handle the situation can be discussed. Parish council will then take that input and make timely and informed decisions as they prepare the 2011 budget. Wouldn’t it be great if everyone at St. John’s has submitted a pledge card by November 21st, and

that the income side of the budget is so strong that the town meeting can be cancelled!!

Church School 2010 - 2011

Church school will begin
September 12, 2010.

Our Fall line up will be fun and
exciting.

Registration forms and
information will be available
at the 9:30 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m. services.

Hope to see everyone this
coming Sunday as well as the
Sundays to follow.

If you would like to assist in the
areas of Nursery and Church
School, please
speak to Susanne Adams Church
School Superintendent.

Junior Choir News

You have probably been wondering what will be happening this year with the Intermediate and Children's Choirs. The good news is that the choir program will continue, as one choir, known as the Junior Choir. (rather than two as before). The fact is that many of the older singers have reached the point where they have left the Intermediate Choir (young people have this habit of growing up!) so the average age will come down.

I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that Lorelee McGuirl has kindly offered to launch the choir program. Unfortunately, due to her very full schedule, she can only do this until the end of October, but by then we believe we will have located a replacement director.

Choir registration night will be held **MONDAY** Sept 13th between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. If you want your child to be singing in the junior choir, please **COME TO THE CHURCH** between those times and sign up! Lorelee will be there and will be pleased to meet all members. Rehearsals, at least until the end of October, will be Monday evenings 6:30 till 7:30 pm. It's quite possible that the Junior Choir will sing sometimes at the 9:30 service and sometimes at 11 am, and we will look for your support of this approach. I look forward to seeing you there.
Simon Irving

St. John's Holly Rock Christmas Bazaar

Now that summer is almost over it is time to focus our attention on the fall and winter programs and events here at St. John's. One of these events, our annual Christmas Bazaar, will be held on Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Here are some ways you can join the fun and take part in the Bazaar.

Bake Table

Lynda and Woody Woodward
(905) 930-9726

Pies

Marg DeNew (905) 522-3989

Preserves

Amanda McInnis (905) 393-6930

Crafts

Judy Duncan (905) 547-7167

Christmas Treasures

Judith Purdell-Lewis (905) 628-4176

Basket Raffle

Kathy Anderson (905) 528-5081

Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar to help welcome visitors, serve lunch and help with the clean up.

Please watch and listen for updates on the parish website and at announcement time in Church.

Sue Newbery
Bazaar Chair
(905) 521-2240

Micah House Banquet October 7, 2010

Join our Micah House reps Al Duncan, Sarah Wayland and many others as we celebrate the ministry of Micah House and meet the many "Faces of Micah House." Micah House is a home for refugees in Hamilton, and it is one of the official missions of St John's Church.

The Fall Banquet is the most important fundraising event of the year for Micah House. Attendance is free, but a free will offering will be taken. We encourage your support. We will hear about how God, through the ministry of Micah House, is transforming the lives and hearts of people throughout the city. The evening features superb musical and other entertainment.

The Banquet is being held at Michelangelo's Event Venue & Conference Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa Street. Doors open at 6:30, with dinner served at 7:00. Registration deadline: Thursday, September 30.

To register for the banquet, complete the online form at www.micahhouse.ca or call Cathy at 905-617-2066. If you have any questions, or any household items to donate to residents of Micah House, please contact Al or Sarah.

Thankfulness Event

Saturday October 23rd, 2010

Gather for fellowship at 4:00pm / Potluck dinner beginning at 5:00 pm

Celebration of our ministries at St. John's

(Come prepared to list some of the ministries for which you are thankful)

Information about our stewardship program

(Don't worry ... this part of the evening will be brief)