

THE CROWN

St. Margaret's in-the-Pines



Fall 2007



THE GRATITUDE OF ONE

Harvest Festival 2007

My Dear People:

The Seventeenth Chapter of Luke's Gospel tells the memorable story of Jesus' healing of ten lepers. Of the ten, one returned to thank Jesus, and that one was a foreigner. Ninety percent gave no thanks. Is this not too often a mirror of our humanity, including the rationalisations frequently given, both then and now, for this ingratitude?

'What have I got to thank God for? In God's name, what?'

As you prepare (I trust) to join us for our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharists on Sunday, 7th October, let me briefly suggest a few responses to that question:

I suggest we should first thank God for the historic Christian Faith and its affirmation that life has meaning and purpose, amidst the widespread sense of a lack of both in our often cynical society.

I suggest that we should be thankful for the fact that we can come to worship with (for most of us) the ability to walk, to see and even to sing a bit (even if not in perfect tune!).

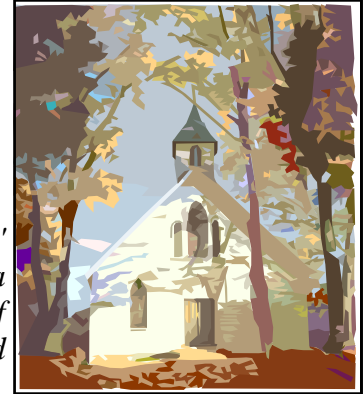
I suggest we remember the fact of the meal that awaits us when we reach home and the gifts of the harvests of the earth, amidst a world in which so many of our brothers and sisters can make no such comfortable assumptions.

But it would be an awful arrogance merely to thank God for our plenty amidst our world's terrible needs. So let me make the further suggestion that we do something as an effective sign - a sacramental expression, if you will - of our true gratitude. Let each of us this Thanksgiving give of ourselves - in time, talent and treasure - as opportunity presents itself (and it surely will) on behalf our needy brothers and sisters, who are Christ's as well.

Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? One returned, giving his thanks. Will that be you? Only you can tell.

*With best wishes for a Thanksgiving both blessed and giving of blessing,
Your friend and priest,*

Fr. Ron Scott +



HARVEST FESTIVAL HOME COMMUNIONS

Fr Ron plans to administer these on **Wednesday, 3 October**. If, owing to illness or infirmity, you or someone you know would like to receive Communion in this way, **PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE**, and Fr Ron will be happy to make the necessary arrangements

Wardens' Report

September 2007

As we write this report, summer has officially ended and here we are at St. Margaret's at a new beginning in the Church's year. We have had a beautiful summer in the sense that there were few major problems with the property and the community and we thank God for all the bounties bestowed on us. St. Margaret's will always be a place where anyone can come and worship in faith and fellowship.

Our many fundraising efforts in the last few months brought some much-needed funds and enjoyment to our community. In the spring, we hosted a beautiful concert involving many members of the wider community. It was a memorable evening of music, talent and enjoyment. There was also the Walkathon in June and the wonderful bus trip to Niagara on-the-Lake in August.

The plumbing problem remains our major problem. The estimate for this work is approximately \$32,000 and we have had to defer any attempt to deal with this to the spring of 2008. In the meantime, we are working feverishly to come up with ideas, plans and applications to raise money to help finance this project.

Our funds at church are substantially depleted. Our givings to date are far below our expenses, hence a deficit of about \$35,000 (see the financial statements on the next pages). We are also still about two months behind in our commitment to the Diocese.

Our stewardship committee is again planning a pot-luck dinner on Saturday September 29. It is going to be an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

We are still looking for a coordinator for the Christmas Bazaar. If you can find the time to organize this important event, please contact the office.

Thank you to our deputy wardens, Norma Tutty and Pauline Smith for their continued support and assistance in all matters pertaining to the church. Thanks also to the many volunteers who with God's grace, help to keep St. Margaret's a warm and welcoming place where we can worship together and serve our fellow parishioners.

May God's merciful love continue to bless you and your families. Thanks again for all your support at St. Margaret's in the Pines.

Respectfully,

Patricia Moore, Rector's Warden,

Ray Russelburn, People's Warden

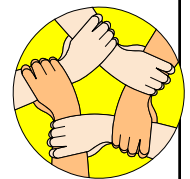
Pastoral Care Visiting Team

St. Margaret's in-the-Pines has 15 shut-ins who receive visits, telephone calls and Holy Communion from the Pastoral Care Visiting Team. Even though these people are unable to attend services, they still feel a part of St. Margaret's parish community. Parishioners who are ill or hospitalized are sent cards of encouragement and prayer by one of the 7 dedicated members on our team. If you know anyone who would appreciate the services of the Pastoral Care Visiting Team, please let us know.

*May God continue to Bless this ministry.
Eileen Loftus*

Welcome Group

We are the parishioners who greet all of you, and any newcomers, each Sunday as you arrive. Our group has had the same wonderful members for a very long time, and would appreciate new faces joining us. The Welcome Group would like to reflect the ethnic and age diversity of our church, so are looking for new members. If, just once per month, you would enjoy greeting people as they come to service, please contact me.



Norma Tutty, Welcome Group co-ordinator

*Treasurer's Report
St. Margaret's in-the-Pines Anglican church
Profit and Loss with Prior Year comparison
January through August 2007*

Joycelyn Williams

	2006 Actual	YTD 2007 Actual	2007 Budget	Variance
Summary				
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Envelope Donations	135,237	78,379	141,999	63,620
Open Offerings	4,411	2,873	4,631	1,758
Hall Usage	23,672	16,311	24,000	7,689
Fund Raising	9,359	4,538	7,500	2,962
Debt Reduction	4,344	249	3,500	3,251
100 Years Anniv	4,759	-	-	-
Rentals	23,820	17,600	26,100	8,500
Advertising-Crown & Bulletin	600	-	750	750
Non-recurring & Other In-	2,080	2,786	2,118	
Total Receipts	<u>208,282</u>	<u>122,736</u>	<u>210,598</u>	<u>88,530</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
Ministry and Worship	108,700	71,929	110,941	39,012
Properties	45,282	47,481	63,670	16,189
Administration	29,392	22,876	31,268	8,392
Allotment	24,196	16,311	24,466	8,155
Total Disbursements	<u>207,571</u>	<u>158,597</u>	<u>230,345</u>	<u>71,748</u>
Surplus(Deficit)	<u>711</u>	<u>(35,862)</u>		

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION:

Funds

General Fund (Acc. Deficit)	(58,185)
Major Maintenance Memorial Fund	15,440
Children's Ministry Organ Fund	2,940
Faith In Action (Outreach)	6,199
	2,039
	831
Total Funds (Deficit)	<u>(30,736)</u>

Represented By:

Less

Cash & Bank Balances	6,717
Accounts receivable	-
Prepaid Expenses	1,956
Accounts Payable-Diocese	(28,038)
Other Liabilities	(8,616)
Last Month Rent (Rect.&Cur)	(2,755)

Net Assets (Deficit) **(30,736)**

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Your Chancel Guild Update!

A warm welcome back to St. Margaret's-in-the Pines Anglican parish family and we hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

Over the summer months your Chancel Guild members were busy attending to weddings and farewells to those who have passed on.

We have been fortunate to acquire some new linen which Father Ron blessed and are now ready for service use. We take great pride in having a wonderful supplier who was also able to repair some pieces.

We will be busy over the fall season as we prepare for Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season which is just around the corner. Please keep in mind we are always looking for new members to join our teams which would mean a commitment of 1 Sunday every 4-6 weeks to help with service preparation. I you could spare 1 hr for set up on a Saturday and 1 hr after service on a Sunday we would greatly appreciate your time and dedication in serving the Lord.

Interested individuals are welcome to call the main office and the message will be passed on the Chancel Chair.

Yours in Faith

Carol Klupsch on behalf of all members.

Your members are:

Margaret Foster	Myrna Pagan	Joyce Russell-
Janice Sialtsis	Fran Plattan	Carol Klupsch
Doris Lewis	Barbara Cheung	Robertha Lewis
Shirley Jackson	Toni Terbenche	Gloria Cadien
Pat Ramsay	Marcia Winterbottom	
Anne Ryan	Beryl Allpress	Thelma Eligon

A Bible in the hand is worth two in the bookcase.
Plan ahead-- it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Once again this year, in conjunction with Giffen Mack Funeral Home, we are conducting our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generous contributions will be forwarded to West Hill Community Food Bank, and distributed to those in need in our community.

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity to those less fortunate.

Choir

During our summer Holiday the Choir was please to organize a successful bus trip. Two full buses, 99 people, left St. Margaret's on Saturday August 11 for a fun filled visit to Niagara-on-the Lake. A good time was had by all!



A request has been made for another bus trip next year. We will let you know about this in the future. Choir practice began September 12. We would welcome any new members, especially men. Please come out and sing the praise to the Lord.

Pat Moore, Joyce Mattis

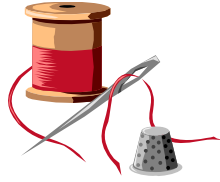


Mark Saturday November 17 on your calendar for our annual Bazaar. Join your friends and members of the community in your hunt for the best bargain on the good stuff.

Contributions for the bazaar will be gratefully accepted. A **Bazaar co-coordinator is needed**, and, as always, volunteers are very welcome. If you can help out please call the office.

“Piecemakers” Group

After the Summer Break we started meeting again on Wednesday September 12 with a Pot Luck Lunch. We will continue meeting every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 12 noon.



This year we did not make a quilt to raffle. Instead we knitted or crocheted Prayer Shawls, which were blessed. As these Shawls were made prayers were said over them, asking God for healing of mind, body and spirit. Father Ron and the Pastoral Care Team will be distributing these to the sick in the parish.

We are making other crafts for the Bazaar.

Submitted by

*Dorothy Gurney, Cynthia Thorn
Group Coordinators*

*Sometimes we need to change our strategy—
if we always do what we’ve always done,
we’ll always get what we always got!*

Thank you!

A hearty thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers. You add so much to our parish and to our community.



Christmas is Coming!



The probable dates and times for services are as follows:

<i>Monday December 24</i>	<i>7 :30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service</i>
	<i>11 p.m. Christmas Eve service</i>
<i>Tuesday December 25</i>	<i>10 a.m. Christmas Day service</i>

More specific information will be available in December.