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Rector: Rev. Canon David Smith

MESSAGE FROM DAVID SMITH

“**I** bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

“Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word” Hebrews 1:1 – 3

I am really looking forward to celebrating my first Christmas in the Parish of Marysburgh! It is such a joyous time for us as followers of Christ as we gather with thankful hearts to praise the Christ child in carols and in the Eucharist. It is also wonderful to gather together to share our love for each other and to commit ourselves anew to loving the world God so loved and loves.

A father sound asleep was awakened by the small voice of his little girl that penetrated the stillness of the night. “Daddy , I am scared” Out of his groggy , fuzzy state he replies” don’t be afraid, Daddy is right across the hallway” After a brief pause the little voice is heard again,” I am still scared” to which the father thinking he had the perfect reply said , “ You do not need to be afraid God is with you”. After a bit longer pause the voice returns” I do not care about God, I want someone with skin on”

The little’s girl’s logic illuminates the meaning of Christmas. When we gather to worship Christmas Eve we will celebrate the amazing truth that the best way for God to demonstrate His love for us was to put skin on. God in the baby Jesus became one of us, heard our cries and came into our room. As Hebrews describes it, Jesus is not a word from God but is actually the divine Word.

It is through Jesus that we truly learn what our God is like. Thomas Long commenting on the Christmas reading from Hebrews compares Christmas to a man he knew who lost his father when he was an infant. While other boys worked alongside their fathers in the fields or played catch or went fishing together this man had no memories of his father. So he diligently searched out people who had known his father, a schoolteacher when his father was a boy, a retired pastor at his father’s church, and an aging cousin of his father. He would urgently ask them.” What can you tell me about my father?

In a very real way our spiritual quest is a hunger to know our heavenly parent the one who gave us birth. And because of Christmas when we look upon Jesus our heavenly parent is revealed. As John Calvin put it, “The Father however infinite, becomes finite in the Son. He shows himself only in the Son- as though he says here I am, contemplate me.”

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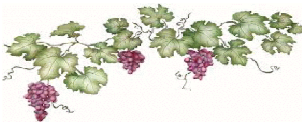
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It is my prayer during Advent we will avail ourselves of spiritual disciplines that will enable us to contemplate God by keeping focus on Jesus. (See Newsletter for some opportunities to do this) and so be truly prepared to joyfully worship and serve anew the Christ Child.

Wishing you God's peace and grace.
David

**ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
MISSION STATEMENT**

**OUR MISSION IS: TO BE A
CHRISTIAN CENTRE FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD BRINGING
MEMBERS CLOSER TO CHRIST,
PROCLAIMING THE WORD AND
MAKING HIS LOVE KNOWN TO ALL.
WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN
THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT,
WELCOMING EVERYONE; HELPING
THOSE IN NEED AND SUPPORTING
THE ENDEAVOURS OF OTHERS.**



Growing on the Vine: Rooted in Christ,
Nourished by Prayer, Maturing in Faith

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Advent Video Bible Studies Friday,
Nov. 22nd Nov. 29th, Dec. 5th, 6th, 12th &
13th - 4.30 - 6.00 p.m.**

**Sat. Nov. 30th Advent Wreath Making
10.00 – Noon at St. Andrews,
Wellington**

**Sat. Dec. 7th Rembrandt's Prodigal
Son Study 10.00 – Noon St. Philip's
Hall**

Sunday, Dec. 15th 9.00 am carols and
readings at St. John's & **11.00 am** at St.
Philip's .

Saturday, Dec. 21st at 10 am
decorating the church

**Sunday Dec. 22nd Living Creche 11.00
a.m.**

**Saturday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
4.00 p.m. Birthday Party for Jesus** at
St. Philip's. BAS Eucharist Service **6.00
pm** at St. John's and **9.00 pm** at St.
Philip's

**Sunday, Dec 25th Christmas service -
10.00 am at St. Philip's**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WARDENS' REPORT:

The Wardens of St. John's and St. Philip's have been meeting with Rev. Canon David Smith on a regular schedule. These meetings are open for anyone to come along who wants to observe, make a presentation or raise their concerns. We have had Wardens Meetings on August 28th, September 18th, October 16th and October 30th. We start the meeting with a short Morning Prayer service.

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On September 15th St. John's hosted a parish pot luck lunch at Judith Van Bastelaar's to welcome David, Esther and family to our parish. We all enjoyed this event very much and the beach setting on the water is beautiful.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Turkey Dinner on September 18th a big success.

On Sunday September 29th David Smith and Andrew Wilson organized a combined St. John's / St. Philip's / St Andrew's church barbecue in the late afternoon again at Judith Van Bastelaar's. There were all sorts of games for the children and rest of us: even a tug of war! The weather cooperated perfectly. As soon as it was dusk Andrew Wilson put on a fireworks display. Everyone had a great time.

Thank you to the ACW ladies for all the hard work that went into the success of the Yard & Rummage Sale October 5th and the Christmas Tea Nov. 9th. Both events were well attended.

We have posted the 2014 subscription chart for the payment of the Building Loan. The \$140.00 monthly sum is the minimum payment for the loan. There is no penalty for us to pay any additional amount at any time or for more than one contributing party each month. We would be most appreciative of contributions to help retire this loan early.

The Wardens would especially like to thank Murray Guy, Josef Cihlar, and Bruce Walker for all their dedicated work that went into completing the Storage Room / Office Addition, renovating the Entrance Hallway and the construction of a new closet for the choir gowns. This has been a major construction project that has consumed a lot of volunteer man hours.

Please note that Rev. Canon David Smith and family have moved into their new house in Napanee and now have a new home telephone number: (613) 308-9064.

If anyone has any issues or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Noel Laine - Rector's Warden (613) 476-1750

Leigh Scott - People's Warden (613) 476-7660

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT:

We begin with a note from the PWRDF: "The Canadian government has announced a matching grant program for donations to relief work in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. Between November 9 and December 9, 2013, all donations received for the typhoon relief from Canadians by registered charities – including PWRDF – will be matched, dollar for dollar, by the Canadian government." If you wish to make a donation through St. Philip's. please indicate that your contribution is

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to go to the typhoon relief effort and a cheque for the total amount will be sent after church on **December 1st**. Thank you very much for your generosity and please continue to keep those affected by this devastating storm in your prayers. As of November 10, over 9.5 million people have been affected

Although the committee has not met since May, outreach continues. Thanks to Diane once again several boxes were collected for the Samaritan's Purse.

White gift Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent, **December 1**. We are invited to bring a gift marked for a man, woman or child to be used in the Salvation Army's local Christmas gift baskets.

We are invited to Dorothy's service for seniors at Hallowell House on Wednesday, **December 4 at 2 pm**. The outreach committee will provide a cake and ice cream for this happy occasion.

The South Marysburgh recreation committee has asked us to join them again to celebrate Christmas in the village. We are to meet at the Milford Post Office on Saturday, **December 14 at 6:30** for the lighting of the village Christmas tree. Then we will make our way to St. Philip's for hot chocolate and treats. Blaine Way is generously donating horse-drawn wagon rides starting at 7 pm. We hope to have some other activities in the hall as well.

We continue to enjoy a pot luck supper and movie together in the about once a month. The movie in October was "Babies". The next movie night in the hall will be on Thursday, **November 28 at 6.00 p.m.** with "The Bishop's Wife", a comedy classic starring Cary Grant. Please bring some food and some friends.

The first outreach meeting of the New Year will be held on Wednesday, **January 8** at in the church hall. It is time to take a look at what we want to do as a committee on behalf of our church. All are welcome to take part in this discussion. Hope to see you there.

Thank you all for the support you give to outreach efforts at St. Philip's and a Merry Christmas to all!

Fran Larkin & Paula Walker

ACW REPORT:

Whew! What a marathon of a fall! But, as usual, the ACW team came through with flying colours, resulting in a good return on our work and the knowledge that we will finish this financial year in a strong position.

We saw the fall season kick off with a very successful Yard & Rummage Sale. Under the expert leadership of Shirley Guy, we sorted and priced all the wonderful donations, creating an

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interesting and bargain filled event for our customers.

As usual, many familiar faces were among the crowd who came to browse and buy. This is a church fund raiser, of course, but it is also very much a community outreach event as many come to outfit themselves and their family members for the fall and winter. I am always astonished that all those quarters add up to a worthwhile event for us, but I also feel happy when I hear people say, "Oh, we wouldn't miss your sale. See you in the Spring."

Mid September brought us together to produce the Turkey Supper. Convenors, Elizabeth Robb and Paula Walker, had everything organized down to a T. Thanks to Diane Walker's generosity and talent, the tables were beautifully decorated, and as always, the food was fabulous, garnering many compliments from regulars and new comers alike. We fed 175 well satisfied people who had a great meal and a good time. It was a nice event and we came away feeling tired, but well pleased with the result.

A couple of weeks to catch our breath, then on to the Christmas Tea and Bazaar. Diane Walker and Sally Cowan co-convened the tea while Valerie Jackson and I managed the bazaar. Over a couple of days the Church Hall was turned into a Christmas Boutique with something for everyone.

We were so blessed by all the beautiful and interesting donations we received for the bazaar. Be it the marvellous hand knitted and hand sewn objects, the elegant jewelery, the festive decorations, the exciting pot pourri items, or the mouth watering home baking, people are so generous of their time, talent, and treasure. It really was a magnificent effort.

After shopping, the tea table was the perfect place to relax and chat with friends. Diane's charming centre pieces added just the right touch to enhance the elegant presentation of sandwiches and Christmas goodies which came out of the kitchen. We were truly impressed with the efforts of our young Sunday school waiters and waitresses, Max, Saunder, Maeve and Katy who so carefully attended to our guests. Well done each of you! By the way our new dishwasher is really earning its keep. With Maria and Emily at the helm there is no problem handling the flow of dishes and making life a lot easier for the kitchen crew. As "Martha" would say, "It's a good thing!"

You get a sense of people's mood at these events. I can honestly say that it felt good being a part of each of these happenings. Sure, it's a lot of work, but we have a great team. It is a tremendous source of satisfaction knowing that we can further the ministry of our church by creating quality events which people really enjoy. I want to thank all of you for all you do for St. Philip's.

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Your generosity of spirit shines through as you help pull these events together. Every single effort, no matter how small, is part of building a successful whole. So, again, thank you! While we pat ourselves on the back just a little, we must never forget the many blessings God has sent our church community. Without his help, we would achieve nothing. Thanks be to God!

Now, the ACW can take a bit of a breather until after the Christmas season. Then, doubtless, we will be busy planning what to get up to next. Meanwhile, don't forget the next **ACW meeting** to be held at St. Philip's at **1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20**. I encourage as many as possible to turn out for this meeting as we will be deciding on our charitable donations for 2013. Hope to see you there.

As we enter into the gentle season of Advent in preparation for the celebration of Christmas, I join with all ACW members in wishing each one of you a heart filled with the wonder of this blessed time of year. A very Happy Christmas to you and yours!

Fran Larkin, President ACW

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Work in the kitchen to install a commercial dishwasher and an island to provide more counter space has been completed. Major purchases for the Kitchen

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included the dishwasher, four IKEA cupboards and countertop for the island, and three IKEA cupboards for the reworked counter encompassing the dishwasher and second sink. The work was done by Bruce and Murray. A special thanks for Bruce's friend Brian for plumbing in the dishwasher.

The building extension to provide more storage space has also been completed. This was a difficult and time consuming task. The additional space provided has been divided into a small office and a storage area accessible through the office. The former closet in the vestibule was demolished, and a sealed up exterior door at its back was opened up to gain access to the new addition. The vestibule was dry walled and painted to match the new addition decor. In the vestibule, a new closet for choir gowns has been constructed by Bruce.

A special thanks to Joe Surman whose hard work, expertise, and supervision was essential to building the extension. He was assisted throughout by Josef and Murray. Also a special thanks to Joel Walker and his crew for the extensive electrical work required.

Submitted by Murray Guy for the Building Committee

FINANCIAL UPDATE – NOV 15TH 2013

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Balance Jan 1 st 2013	5,162.87
Income	49,617.60
Expenses	51,198.08
Balance	3,582.37

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\$1090.00 is owed to PWRDF to be paid in December.

Collins from Kingston had just surveyed North Marysburgh and divided the land into 200 acre lots, Bayside and lakeside giving each lot water frontage and therefore access to the only means of transportation available at the time.

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Payment to Cen.Treas.	36,000.00
PWRDF	6,295.00
Henry Bud	445.00

Memorial Account

Balance 340.55

One of the German soldier/pioneers was Henry David and his wife Elizabeth Keiza, daughter of the Duke of Hesse. Some of the more affluent soldiers brought their wives to America with them in 1778 when they fought the American rebels. Henry and his fellow Prussians were not treated as equal to the other Loyalists that arrived at the same time under Captain Archibald McDonnell. In fact the Germans were forced to pay 5£ for their lots. This did not sit well with many of them and a few picked up and left for Germany, some leaving their wives and children behind. One such person was Henry David. He died at sea on his way home. His wife and son Conrad David were left on their own to survive the hardships of pioneering in North Marysburgh in the late 1770s.

All bills are paid

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

Article by Bill Cowan

At a recent meeting with Canon John Secker from the Diocese, the name Conrad David came up. Marg Mowat from St. Johns stated that he was buried in the most remote corner of St. John's cemetery and wondered why considering that he was a very important man back in the day. Conrad David gave land that now has St. John's church erected on it. This took place in 1830 and the original bond that was signed with the Diocese of Quebec is in the Archives at Kingston.

Conrad, their only son, married Mary Cole in 1811 and raised 9 children. One of them was named Peter born in 1815. He married twice and he and his second wife Sarah Clapp had 7 children: Dr. Egerton, Philip Conrad, John, Ellen, Lavanta, Cynthia and Maude. Conrad, Lavanta, Cynthia and Maude Uretta, never married. Cynthia died in 1944 in Toronto and left \$1500 to St. John's in memory of her sister Maude Uretta and \$1500 to St. Philips in memory of her brother Philip Conrad. A copy of her

The David House that majestically sits above the church now houses the Waupoos Cider business. The first church services in Marysburgh were held in this house. In the fall of 1784, a band of recently discharged Hessian soldiers under the leadership of Baron de Reitzenstein came to Marysburgh to take up land that was granted them for their loyalty supporting the British Army in the American Revolution. The surveyor

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Will is in the Archives at the Diocese. Her Will states: “ to set aside the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars of the aforesaid sum and to pay the income derived therefrom towards the salary of the clergyman stationed at the church...”

This is now a very small amount however Cynthia's heart was in the right place.

Bill Cowan U.E.

The announcements email will contain information on all the meetings and events both external and from the committees. So if you have information for the weekly announcement sheet you will need to send me an email.

As ever we finish the newsletter with photos. These are from the Milford Fair when we had a float in the parade and won an award. Photos courtesy of Noel Laine.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As you have read in the Advent and Christmas Events schedule there is a lot going on in November and December. When the announcements are made towards the end of the service it is often difficult for us to take down the information or retain it until we get home.

I spoke with David after the service on Nov 10th and suggested that I would be happy to send out an announcement sheet with all of the events/meetings on the Monday following the service so that everyone is informed.

I am currently working on the announcement sheet for Monday Nov. 18th together with an Advent and Christmas schedule which will augment the information in the newsletter. By the time you are reading this newsletter you should have already received an email with the announcements and schedule.



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