



PAT'S PATTTER

St. Patrick's Church Newsletter

PENTECOST 2010

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Across the Rector's Desk

Now the earth had one language and the same words. (Genesis 11:1)

Wouldn't that be wonderful? Surely that would mean no misunderstandings between peoples and countries, no missed communications, fewer rivalries, fewer differences.

Do you suppose if we were of all one language that would change cultures throughout the world? Would we want that? Look at how pervasive American culture is in Canada except Quebec. We frequently bemoan the cultural take over of our country.

The story of the tower of Babel answers the question 'Why are there so many different languages?' God confused their language. Why? Because humans began to think they could reach up to God and built a tower stretching into the heavens. Thematically there is little difference with the story of Adam and Eve: a warning against the over-weening pride of human beings who want to be God.

Now this tale seems today to be a little silly when we have skyscrapers of 100 stories and space stations and probes that can make their way through the universe. We have reached into the heavens and have not found where God lives.

However we understand God, God is a spiritual being, not corporeal. But do not humans still try to be like God, to be little gods unto themselves? Think of the life saving technologies that can prolong life well after all semblance of human quality of life is gone. We attempt to be completely separate from any interference of a god.

Pentecost is God's way of uniting peoples not with one language but with one Spirit – God's own spirit. A spirit of righteousness, of justice, of love; God given love is the answer to human hubris. In receiving love from God we acknowledge that we are God's creatures and not the reverse. If we share the common language of love it means we are unified in God rather than in anything we can do and say. It is God's power as a unifying force that prevents us from "building a tower" toward God. There is no need -- we have already been taken into God and given the spirit of God.

The Church office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9am-1pm. Feel free to drop by or to call and chat or make an appointment and come in. If you are unwell at home, going into hospital or know someone who is, please give us a call. I would like to be able to pray, bring Holy Communion or simply visit with you. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call the Church office at 416-225-5151 or the Rectory at 416-221-2024

Wardens' Corner

Spring has finally arrived (after a relatively kind winter!) and your Wardens have turned their thoughts to the warm weather activities needing attention around the Church.

A new Chair of Sidespersons has been appointed – Carol Flynn assumed these responsibilities in March. Our thanks go to Eileen Green, Past Chair, for her many years of outstanding service. The disastrous earthquake in Haiti called for a world relief response – St. Patrick's answered that call with donations of over \$2,100 to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

In late winter, a new heater was installed in a constantly used room of the Christian Education Wing; this seems to be performing well in maintaining adequate temperatures in that section of the building.

Work to be accomplished or considered this year includes:

- larger signs for the unisex washrooms; an emergency alarm system for the washrooms; grab-bars for the handicap washroom; gate repair at the Rectory; replacement of Church heating system control valve

Application has been made to the Carleton Fund for a grant to assist us in making necessary repairs to the Rectory kitchen, washrooms and pavement. The Carleton Fund dispenses money, in the form of non-repayable grants, specifically for needed work to Rectories – the maximum grant available is \$8,000. Estimates and budgets were prepared as part of the application process – work has been started, and the final scope of what can be accomplished will depend on grant monies received. Hopefully, we will obtain the maximum and will be able to complete everything as planned.

Maintenance of both Church and Rectory properties are our duty and responsibility – through careful management and the voluntary help of many, many people, we can truly be proud of our efforts!

The Wardens

AN APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS JOY

At Christmas 2009, using \$1,500 in Canada Tire Coupons and cash (on the usual "2 for 1" basis), \$3,000 of gifts were distributed to needy folk.

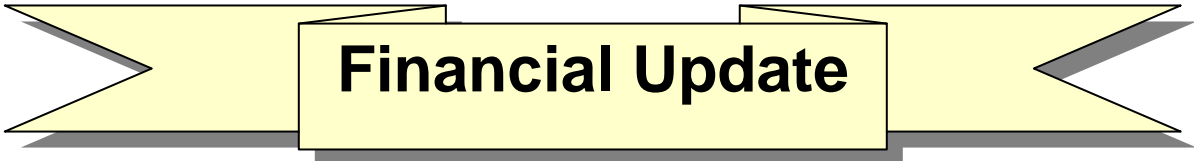
We'd like to at least repeat this for 2010, and I look forward to your gift of coupons or cash.

Rest assured they'll be put to good use.

If you would like to contribute cash, please mark your cheque (payable to St. Patrick's Church) or envelope "Toy Drive" and a receipt will be issued in the normal way.

Thank you!

Bert Chandler



Financial Update

St. Patrick's Finances updated: January 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010

OPERATING FUND:

| | | |
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| Revenue | Forecast | \$60,940 |
| | Actual | 58,568 |
| Expenditure | Forecast | \$73,735 |
| | Actual | 71,469 |
| Deficit | Forecast | \$12,795 |
| | Actual | 12,901 |
| Balance | Forecast | \$ 7,523 |
| | Actual | 7,417 |

Shortfall in Revenue was largely offset by savings effected in Expenditures, resulting in the April 30th balance being very close to that anticipated. However, it is noted that regular offerings to Ministry (top line on the weekly envelopes) at \$22,773 was \$2,227 (about 9%) short of the forecast.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND OTHER FUNDS:

Activity has been limited and very little change has taken place. All funds are "in the black".

ASSETS:

| | | |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Cash on deposit | | \$18,263 |
| Term deposits | | <u>25,008</u> |
| | | \$43,271 |
| Liabilities | | none |

Bert Chandler
Treasurer

E. & O. E.

Just for Laughs!

Real Groaners

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.



Why chocolate is the perfect food:

1. It is a vegetable. Yes, a vegetable. It is made from cocoa beans, which grow on a plant.
2. It also contains dairy products, used to make it smooth and creamy. Eat enough chocolate and you can forget about drinking all those glasses of milk a day that the Daily Food Pyramid suggests.
3. If you eat the kind with nuts, you're adding protein and fiber to your diet.
4. If you eat the kind with little bits of cereal in it, you're also getting a serving of grain. And it's way better than a couple of slices of wheat bread.
5. Eat the kind with raspberries in it, or chocolate-covered fruit of any kind, and you're also getting a fruit serving.
6. Eat chocolate-covered ants, and you boost the protein. However, most of us are willing to forego that.
7. Finally, buy Fair Trade chocolate, and you're doing justice work in the world.

What could be better than that?

Timely Quotes!

Wish I'd Said That! –

There is no illness worse than desire; no foe fiercer than attachment; no fire so ravenous as anger; no ally so reliable as wisdom.

Sathya Sai baba via Don Sandin

A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

Source unknown

A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.

Source unknown

All decisions are made on insufficient evidence.

Rita Mae Brown

WHO SAID IT?

Are you an armchair philosopher? Match the quotes to the author and check your score!

Quotes:

- 1) “A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining, but wants it back the minute it begins to rain.”
- 2) “He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.”
- 3) “Remember: Beer has food value, but food has no beer value.”
- 4) “A true friend stabs you in the front.”
- 5) “Results! Why, man, I have gotten a lot of results. I know several thousand things that won't work!”

Authors:

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| a) Benjamin Franklin | b) Thomas Edison |
| c) Oscar Wilde | d) Winston Churchill |
| e) Mark Twain | |

Answers:

1-e; 2-d; 3-a; 4-c; 5-b

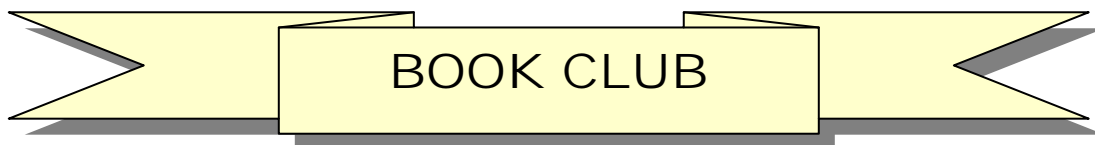


Coming Attractions

*Planned by the Special Events Committee for enjoyment and fellowship.
Any profit from these events is placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund.*

- June 5** **Annual Spring Sale but revamped as a Garage Sale
27 King's Inn Trail
We need your items but please no clothes, shoes or large
furniture**
- June 20** **Parish Picnic following the 10:30am service.
Not just hamburgers and hotdogs
Following the 10:30am Service**
- July 17** ***New (ish)* When was the last Time you went to camp?
Barbeque at the Rectory 6:00pm Dinner
Dress for Camp**
- September 12** **"Bringing Back the Sheep" lunch
Following the 10:30am Service**
- September 25** **Autumn Leaves Dinner:
our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner with all the Trimmings.
6:00pm Drinks and Appetizers
6:30pm Dinner**

For more information on any of the events, please call the Church office, 416-225-5151.



BOOK CLUB

The "Book Club" is a group of people who love to read books and enjoy discussing them. Anyone can attend a meeting, but it's helpful if you have read the book of the month. The group meets from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the church on the 4th Friday of each month, September to May, except December.

We resume on September 24, 2010. The brochure listing the books for 2010/11 will be available in June, just in time for summer reading.

Up-Coming Services

May 23
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist &
Healing

July 25
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 9
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist

May 30
8:00am
10:30am

Trinity Sunday
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist

August 1
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 10
Holy Eucharist
Morning worship

June 6
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 2
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist

August 8
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 11
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist

June 13
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 3
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist

August 15
8:00am
10:30am

St Mary the Virgin
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist & Healing

June 20
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 4
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist &
Healing

August 22
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 13
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist

June 27
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 5
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist

August 29
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 14
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist

July 4
8:00am
10:30am

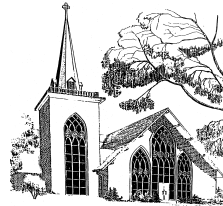
Pentecost 6
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist

September 5
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 15
Holy Eucharist
Choral Eucharist

July 11
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 7
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist



July 18
8:00am
10:30am

Pentecost 8
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist