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*** Phil Barnett ***

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COME AND WORSHIP

- Sunday, December 20 - 10:30 a.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
(Please bring some of your Christmas baking to share during coffee time).
- Thursday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Pageant and Eucharist
(ditto for Christmas baking)
- 11:00 p.m. Sung Eucharist
- Friday, December 25 – (No Service)
- Sunday, December 27 - 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Consider the postage stamp, it sticks to one thing 'till it gets there.

ST. PETER'S YOUTH

The youth in our church are becoming much more involved. They seem to be wanting to take party in many more activities. I think a lot of the enthusiasm coming from the youth in the church has to do with the new diocesan youth program. Catherine Pate has done a wonderful job in getting youth to participate in the different youth programs and in eventually recruiting them onto planning committees for these various events.

The youth participation for these events has at least doubled in the past year. The turnout for these diocesan youth events has also helped the parish youth groups tremendously.

Youth leave the bigger events invigorated and wanting to make an impact upon their parishes.

The St. Peter's youth group has yet to be introduced to a lot of these diocesan youth events. There is a soccer snow tournament coming up next month which we hope to take part in. There are also a few retreats coming up in the spring.

Aside from diocesan youth events, there is a Teens Encounter Christ weekend held once a year in the fall. This retreat is for youth between the ages 15-21. It is 3 days full of talks, fellowship and a few surprises. I have helped out with this event for about 6 years and I think it's a positive experience which every youth should try.

Next year, there will be about 6 youth attending from St. Peter's. This is an important event in their lives and it helps to have your support behind them. There are many ways in which this can be done. Encouraging notes to them throughout the weekend and participation in some of the surprise events are two of the most important.

The youth services we have throughout the year are another way for the youth to express themselves. They have each taken an active part in the services and are continuously looking forward to the next ones.

Youth are becoming a very important part of the church whether they know it or not. My job is to make them aware of how important they are becoming and to show them how to use their talents to help make the church a better place for them.

*** **Sheri Kowaski, Youth Director** ***

Congratulations to Sheri Kowaski, Alana Peterson, Bill Townsend and Megan Bloomfield from St. Peter's who were involved on Team at TEC.

CBC Radio listeners are acquainted with the This Morning Show from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. One of its occasional Tuesday morning features from Calgary is the Dead Dog Café. It's an entertaining First Nation's program written by Tom King who starts in it along with Bracie Heavy Hand and Gasper Friendly Bear. (Gracie and Gasper are stage names). It's great hilarious entertainment. They always end each program with the words "stay calm! Be brave! Wait for the signs!" What great words for us all to remember.

*** **Gene Saunders** ***

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

A. PWRDF

Outreach hosted a PWRDF fundraiser on Sunday November 1, 1998. About 40 people attended our African Lunch. The food was fabulous and was prepared by Ben Parker. Special thanks are extended to Ben for all the time and effort involved in preparing authentic African dishes for us.

We were very pleased to have two guest speakers at the Lunch. They were Wanda Breed, Host Coordinator, Interfaith Immigration Council and Sarah Adwar, a new Canadian from the women at risk program.

Wanda Breed presented us with information about the host program and encouraged us to consider making a commitment to befriend a refugee family and help ease their transition into Canadian society. Orientation and training is provided and the commitment calls for a couple of hours per week for a year.

Sarah Adwar spoke movingly of her experiences in the refugee camps in Sudan and Kenya and her subsequent re-settling in Winnipeg and her 2 children. She reinforced the newcomer's need for friendship and emotional support and she stressed this was more important to her than material possessions. If anyone is interested in move information about the Host Program – please call Wanda Breed at the International Centre at 943-9158.

B. HAMPERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again our suggested list of donations for Hampers will be posted on the Bulletin Board. Please place donations in the Christmas Box in the Narthex.

Outreach invites everyone to an evening of fellowships and music. "Sherry, Shortbread and Song" will be held on Thursday, December 10, 1998. Everyone is asked to bring a donation for the Christmas Hampers and some shortbread or holiday goodies to enjoy that evening. A Celtic group will lead us in song.

C. 10 DAYS FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

1. This year, 10 days in Fashioning Freedom. The Wear Fair campaign aims to persuade Canadian governments and businesses to take action to end sweatshop abuses especially in clothing and footwear industries.
2. The Canadian Jubilee Initiative petition calls for cancellation of the unpayable debt of the world's poorest countries – (see following report).
3. Ten Days will combine to promote awareness of fair-trade coffee.

D. A CALL FOR JUBILEE

The Invitation:

We believe in a Liberating God. In the Exodus story, God hears the cries of the oppressed and brings the people from bondage into freedom. This freeing spirit is echoed in Jesus, who declares, "God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives ... to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18) Jubilee invites us into liberating action with God, calling us to help transform our world. In the time of the bible, this transformation meant

releasing the poor from debt, freeing slaves, redistributing wealth and giving the land time for rest and renewal.

Our world is not so unlike that of the Israelites for whom Jubilee was a challenging and inspiring vision. Poor countries around the globe are struggling under an enormous burden of debt, a debt that prevents their governments from meeting the basic needs of their people. The problem of the global debt crisis today, as in the biblical communities, is that debtors not only pay with their lives, but also with the lives of future generations. It is time to cancel these debts, in the biblical principle of Jubilee, and let these countries – these people – make a new beginning.

The debt issue is a faith issue for those of us who believe in the God of Life. Churches and faith groups around the globe are joining an international movement for debt cancellation, called Jubilee 2000. In Canada, this call is launched by the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative, national churches and ecumenical coalitions working together. The Spirit is moving all over the world as people join hands and hearts in a call for Jubilee. Come and join in this liberating work, inspired by our biblical heritage.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Jubilee?

“You shall have the trumpet sounded loud ... You shall hallow the fiftieth year ... You shall proclaim liberty throughout the land ... It shall be a jubilee for you. “Leviticus 25:9-10). Jubilee is an all-encompassing vision of social and ecological justice which calls for release from bondage, redistribution of wealth, and renewal of the earth. In the biblical tradition, it was the “Sabbath of Sabbaths,” a time which occurred every seven Sabbaths, every 49 years. At Jubilee, slaves were to be set free, debts were to be forgiven, wealth was to be equitably and generously shared among all, and the land was to be given rest from its labour. Jubilee is a call to restore right relation among people and with God’s creation. It is a call which is echoed elsewhere in the Hebrew Scriptures and which is central to Jesus’s ministry to “bring good news to the poor ... to proclaim release to the captives and ... to let the oppressed go free” (Luke 4:18). In the biblical tradition, Jubilee is a powerful vision of a new beginning, of re-creation and renewal.

Is this More Year 2000 Hype?

People are responding to the Jubilee theme, not out of the arbitrariness of a calendar date, such as the magical number of the year 2000, but out of the crisis facing our globe to which the ancient vision of Jubilee responds. Our world needs Jubilee – people are dying for it. Whether it is the people of the countries of the South, forced to sacrifice their future to meet the burden of debt, or workers enslaved by the global market place, or aboriginal people seeking justice or the earth needing rest, it is not a time, a calendar date, but the time, compelled by urgency, for rest, release and renewal (not *chronos* but *kairos*). As we have come to say: our world can wait no longer, it is time for new beginning – time for Jubilee. The practices and solutions, vision and challenge embedded in the tradition of Jubilee have never been more resonate.

The above information is from the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative.

Local Initiatives:

At a recent Global Justice Workshop the “call for Jubilee” was discussed. The following is a summary of that discussion and brainstorming. There are 3 themes for Jubilees:

- 1. Release from bondage
 - 2. Redistribution of wealth
 - 3. Renewal of the earth
1. Release for the bondage of Third World Debt. This encompasses the issues of fair labour. We need an awareness of where our clothing is made and by whom. We can choose to purchase fairly traded clothing and goods. We can support organizations that provide no-interest loans to micro-enterprises. We can ask our government to forgive debts owed to us. We can encourage the World Bank and IMF to regulate speculation and prevent crises. We can take control of our own need to buy and accumulate things. We can sign the Debt Petition.
 2. Redistributing wealth demands that we recognize our complicity in the creation of inequity. We need to support small business and reflect on our consumerism. Should people work fewer hours so that others are hired to take up the slack? Can we live more simply?
 3. Renewal asks us to reflect on uses of pesticides and fertilizers. As individuals we can buy organic foods and do composting. We can buy natural fibres. We can decrease our dependence on meat, reducing the demand for more grazing lands and deforestation.

We all can join in on the Jubilee 2000 Debt Petition campaign. This is an international campaign calling on the world’s creditor nations to cancel the backlog of unpayable debts of the poorest countries and to promote social and economic development. The petition will be our message to the G-8 Summit in 1999. Our petition is on the bulletin board.

Outreach members are Phil Barnett, Jim Daun, Rupert Ross, Sheri Kowaski, Mary-El Owen and Karen Fraser. We hope everyone has a Christmas filled with joy and simple pleasures.

***** by Karen Fraser *****

A VIEW FROM A PARISHIONER

**No More Pub Nites!
Where Do We Go From Here?**

For several years the Parish Treasurer has been able to count on \$5000, \$6000 or even more from the Pub Nite activities. But in 1999 who or what will replace this revenue?

Essentially, we, the Parishioners will have to come up with this extra money. Thinking about this I reflected that each year I bought two tickets for \$50 and then over three or four nights spent about another \$30 or so at the bar.

Since I won't be spending this money at a non existent Pub Nite year, I decided we could put that much extra on our pledge card. In fact, I am rounding it out at an extra \$100 because I will get a tax credit, and so actually it will be costing me less than it would have done at a Pub Nite.

It won't be as much fun, nor will it be as time consuming or as tiring, but I can live with that.

You know, if another 69 people do the same, the church will reap \$7000.

Think about it!

WORDS OF WISDOM

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

*Found in Old Saint Paul's Church,
Baltimore: Dated 1692.*

Thank you to Rev. Canon G. Saunders for this article.

To escape criticism, do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.

NEWS FLASH

INTRODUCING ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, December 5th at 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Continental breakfast, fruit, tea and coffee will be served. This is an opportunity for women of all ages to join together for fun and fellowship. Please come and share your ideas and desires for the future of this group. These meetings will be held monthly.

For further information call Diane Panting **477-5719** or Della Harris **261-8868**.

You aren't really old until you're glad to see another birthday.

PUB NIGHT 1998

Pub Night 1998 was in essence a celebration of all previous Pub Nights, which were held for more than a decade. It was a truly amazing effort and surprised us all by its longevity and proved to be an excellent fundraiser and a chance to support others through outreach, specifically The Winnipeg Boy's and Girl's Club.

All this began when we decided to have a fun evening and held our first Pub Night. We played darts, we sang a few songs lead by a cast of 12. We enjoyed meat pies, pickled eggs, sausages rolls etc. It was a very successful evening and the rest is history.

We have had many changes over the years as people enthusiastically gave their time and talents for the job in hand. These people are too many to name individually but they were there ensuring the success of Pub Nights year after year. I WISH TO SINCERELY THANK ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED OVER THE YEARS.

As so often happens in life - good things have to end, and Pub Night is no exception. Pub Night was successful and we had developed an excellent audience following. We nevertheless had to make a decision, that this year would be the last that Pub Night. We did this for various reasons and they are as follows. The costs of running Pub Night had gone up. Specifically, catering would be a problem to maintain the same standard at an economic cost. It was also felt that it was too much hard work for the people of St. Peter's to continue to do year after year.

It was a bitter sweet decision to make, because as we said this, many young people joined in and it was a true blessing to work together with people of many different ages.

Pub Night 1998 was once again very successful and we are pleased to announce that \$5900.00 was raised for the church and \$655.00 will be given to The Winnipeg Boys and Girl's Club. There will also be a GST refund. Cash in hand \$207.71

*** *Della Harris on behalf of the Pub Night Committee* ***

Faults are the easiest things to find.

ROOF PROJECT

The new roof on the church has been completed. During the last few hot days of August the 3" insulation kept the church cooler than on _____ similar days. It is also anticipated that there will be a saving on heating costs and reducing icing on the valley and eavestroughs due to installation of heating cables.

Regarding the fundraises sponsored by the Men's Breakfst event the goal of \$5,000 has been achieved. The _____ sincerely thank you for your support. Looking forward to a warm _____ church.

*** *Bill McKay* ***

A person's ability is usually rated by what he finishes, not by what he starts.

ST. PETER'S SENIORS

The Seniors meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. New members are cordially invited to join us.

At our September meeting it was decided that honorary memberships would be offered to the Venerable Phil Barnett, the Rev. Canon Barbara Barnett, and the Rev. Canon Gene Saunders. All have accepted.

A new idea was proposed in that members would take turns at offering opening and closing prayers at our meetings.

Our September "pleasure" was lunch at Branigan's attractive dining room at the Forks. Then we took the elevator up to the roof and looked out across the city. Finally we feasted our eyes on the attractive wares in the shops.

We again sent a cheque to the Community Health and Welfare lecture series (held at Shalom Temple).

In October Reg. And Betty Lawrence gave an interesting and informative talk on Bonsai Trees. They had brought several from their personal collection.

On October 14th 12 members enjoyed a visit to the historic St. Boniface Museum where details of early Manitoba were in evidence. They were particularly impressed with a papier maché female figure. To complete a pleasant occasion we had lunch at Branigans at the Forks.

At our November meeting a member supplied the program. Don Fraser's collection of stamps contains a fascinating display of Canadian stamps and letters. He delivered a very interesting commentary.

Our November outing was a guided tour of the Legislative Building. Our charming guide, Colette, was well versed in the basic history of the building and "embroidered" her talk with interesting details.

She pointed out two blocks of stone in one of the walls. They contain fossils 45 million years old. In the Lt. Governor's office is a chair brought from Britain. Only a member of the royal family may sit in it.

We are indebted to Binx Remnant for arranging this tour.

December is traditionally a time for friends to gather and celebrate. A Pot Luck Supper is planned for December 11th, to be followed by carols and games.

*** *May de Wet* ***

One of the most difficult thing to give away is kindness; it's usually returned.

CORRESPONDENCE - NEWS

Many thanks to three friends who are greatly missed for sending along the following letters.

Dear Joanne:

Many thanks for your letter. It was nice to hear from St. Peter's since I do not yet feel I belong here. I feel as if I fell of a cliff! I am picking myself up gradually.

My good doctor daughter found me an excellent physician at the Royal Victoria Hospital where she works and he is trying hard to make me feel comfortable. I still have to have another nuclear test because it seems my heart is scarred in several places, but, we hope, not seriously! There may be life in the old dog yet!

I am attached in a small way to the Cathedral. They have three services daily there and need all the help they can get, so I am taking now day Eucharist services in the chapel about every two weeks, which is not much but makes me feel useful in a small way.

The Dean has been very kind and even brought me a pile of delightful Yorkshire magazines. He and I both hale from there.

I have no car so go on the metro to the Cathedral except on Sundays when Gwen takes me.

Last week I went on a bus trip to the Laurentians to see the tall display of leaves with a group from a local United Church. I enjoyed it very much.

I have an apartment in a high rise on a very trendy road. It is being "done over" and it is rather like living on a construction site.

Vanessa and I are going to French conversation classes. She is an epidemiologist at St. Mary's Hospital and has to listen to seminars in French. Last week I had to talk about a book I had read. Today I watched a French film and have to talk about that in French tomorrow. The teacher talks so fast as if she is going to catch a train, but she says my accent is excellent. Next week I am going to Convocation at McGill to see Vanessa get her PH. D. I hope I don't get lost.

The weather has been beautiful and my apartment faces south and gets the morning sunshine.

A starling sings on my balcony every morning at 8:30 a.m. Sometimes I feel lonely, but it gets better. However, I read a lot and go out for walks. Downtown Montreal I find overwhelming. One would never think I lived in London for 10 years!

Gwen (my eldest daughter) went to a conference in Vancouver last week. She found that the travel agent booked her into a hotel that hasn't been built yet!

I went into a bank here where I had deposited the money from my condo in Winnipeg. I asked to check if how it was invested and was told the balance was zero. After a lot of fussing around they discovered where it was. The girl said to me "You're an Anglican minister aren't you? I said yes. She thanked me for being patient, I replied "What was I supposed to do? I was just standing here having a heart attack." She said, "Oh, of course, it's your profession isn't it?"

So now I know. All I have to do is to be patient.

My best wishes to everybody at St. Peter's. Gladys S.

Dear Everyone:

Greetings from Canada's ocean playground! We are slowly settling into our new home and loving every minute of it.

We had a good trip, with sunny weather, all the way to Nova Scotia. We arrived here on the 7 August and the moving truck was here at 8 a.m. on the 8 August, ready to unload our furniture and effects. That same weekend, we took in a High School reunion, so – needless to say, there was no time to sit around.

Soon after arriving, we had family visit us for a month – so that was a god reason not to hang pictures and do some sightseeing instead. We're happy to report that the last of the pictures will be hung this week.

We are certainly enjoying our new home and have met quite a few of our neighbours. There's a mix of ages in the area, which is really nice.

We have attended a couple of churches, but have not decided where will become members. There are about 5 Anglican churches in the immediate area, al of which are quite old and unique.

The Fall has been absolutely beautiful in its splendour of colour. About 2 weeks ago, we packed up our bagels and cheese and went on a 5 hr. hike. It was a lovely sunny day with the colours at their peak, so it was a great way to spend a day.

Did I mention lobster????? Ummmm-mh!! We have had a few feeds ---- Some Good! As the Maritimers would say.

We were delighted to receive the September Elmleaf. We miss you more than we can say and think of you often! Hope you are all keeping well.

Hugs, Mike and Glenna

The world would be very silent if only the best birds sang.

REMEMBER WHEN?

- St. Peter's purchased 1 ½ dozen Choristers' Ruffles for a total cost of \$9.75. These were shipped from A.R. Mowbray and Co. Ltd. London in August 1956. The following month 10 Oxford Caps were delivered from J. Wippell Co. Ltd. in Exeter.
- To complete the landscaping, two loads of manure were purchased from Stony Mountain for a sum of \$5.50. (October, 1956)
- 1959: 150 stamps cost \$3.00

The most important trip in life is meeting people half way.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Maria Conway, Nicole Lee-Paget, Heather and Laura Pelsler, Jillian Rhodes and Emily Ruter who receive Communion for the first time in November.

Thanks to Peggy McGougan for all the trueisms we used as fillers.

ST. PETER'S ANNIVERSARY

Our 43rd anniversary is just around the corner. Please mark Sunday, January 17, 1999 on your calendar, and be sure to join us that day for the morning service and plan to stay for the reception afterwards.

*** *Joanne Conger* ***

Experience is what you get when you are looking for something else.

May the gift of love live in your heart and home this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

*** *Joanne, Sylvie and Brian* ***