

“EPIPHANY UPDATE”

Summer 2010

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

Thank you to all who have given so generously to reduce our deficit. Donations are coming in each week and as of June 22nd we have passed the \$10,000 mark. As the parish council looked at the May 31st figures we see that so far in 2010, our envelope donations are up by \$6000 over last year and our expenses are down by \$12,000 from last year. Part of the reduced expense is that we are holding back 75% of our monthly payments to the diocese because of our cash flow problems. This will have to be made up by the end of the year. Over all, the financial situation has improved in the last two months. As we head into summer please consider using the monthly automatic donation system. Forms are available in the office or at the back of the church. So far there are 40 people using the system.

DAY CREW

Our Day Crew quickly dismantled the stage in Grey Hall and did some simple rewiring of outlets. The wall at the back was neatly covered with carved oak from former choir stalls. The only thing remaining is that the flooring needs to be finished and this is in process. Again, we thank the Day Crew for a job well done.

GARAGE SALE

Sidewalk Days are coming again this year and will be held on the weekend of August 6th, 7th and 8th. We are planning to have a garage sale and pie sale on the Saturday morning. For details contact: Ann Campbell 537-2773. There is a rumour that the B.A.C. may be scooping and selling ice cream cones. There are also plans to have the bell tower open as it is the centennial of our bells, and the church will be open as well.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Thanks to Julie and Chris Winger, Cecile Hoare and all the team for such a success. They raised \$4,000 for the Cancer Society and won the prize for best campsite. The theme was Gilligan's Island, but it was more than a three hour cruise!

SANCTUARY WINDOWS

Our unique seven window set of Sanctuary Windows are the next project for our "Window Queen", Jenny Gray. She did such a wonderful job over the last three years getting the Rose Window refurbished that the Parish Council has agreed to let her go to work on the restoration of our Sanctuary Windows. All of the seven windows need to be storm glazed and protected from the weather at the cost of \$4,000 each. In the future they will need to be re-lead at the cost of about \$4,000 each. Our parish council approved that the three neediest windows be storm glazed this year. One has been donated by a family, one has been donated by the A.C.W. and the third has been paid for by the estate of Florence Lewis. We hope that the remaining four can be done next year.

BEQUEST

As mentioned above we are grateful recipients of a bequest from the estate of Florence Lewis. Florence lived in Woodstock from 1937 until the 1980's and was a faithful A.C.W. member. For several years after moving to Masset B.C. she continued her ties to our congregation with donations and knitting mittens.

YOUTH

Our youth have been busy fund raising to attend the CLAY conference which will be in London this August. C.L.A.Y stands for Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth. With the support of the A.C.W., donations and their fund raising efforts it looks as if there will be four of our youth attending.

CHIMNEY FLUE

Our thanks go to all who have given toward the installation of a flue in our furnace chimney. At the end of May there was \$6,102 in the Flue Fund. There were two reasons to do this work. First we need to protect our chimney from the effects of wet freeze and thaw which damages the brick and mortar. Secondly we were told that a flue would improve the efficiency of our furnace, cut our costs and our carbon consumption. Then we were advised that a flue will be more expensive and the improved efficiency will not be that great. The new advice is that a less expensive solution is to put some kind of cap, cover or roof on the top of the chimney to prevent the water (rain or snow) from getting into the interior of the chimney. This is currently being looked into and our hope is that whatever we need to do will be done before the next heating season.

CONCERT FOR HAITI

On May 29th we were thrilled to enjoy an evening of musical favourites with Denise Pelley and Angus Sinclair. Over \$2000 was raised for the Primate's Fund earmarked for Haiti Relief. There was a good attendance (89 tickets sold) even though there were other big events going on that night in Woodstock. Thank you very much to the committee who worked so hard to arrange that wonderful evening.

GARDENS

Thank you to the "gardening angels" who continue to look after our Labyrinth, planting new, watering and weeding. On June 5th the children and youth gathered on the south side of our building and planted an expanded garden. The garden includes flowers and herbs as well as vegetables. Let us hope that the pumpkins don't take over completely like they did last year!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

This news letter is being distributed by e-mail as much as possible. This saves us hundreds of dollars in printing, stationary and postage. If you haven't given us your e-mail address, please contact Laura in our office and she will make sure you get on the list.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE AUTUMN

- Next Confirmation Class will be starting in September. If you are interested please speak to Canon Rich.
- Bus trip to the Jay's ball game is set for September 11th. For tickets contact Marie Bowerman 519-539-1075
- We are presenting "The Three Cantor's" on Tuesday evening, October 19th.
- We are hosting Choral Evensong for the Deanery of Oxford on Sunday, November 14th, led by the choir from St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

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