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## OUR MISSION

*Our mission at St. Margaret's is to be a loving, leading community of God's people, dedicated to involvement in the life of the parish and surrounding community, following the example of Christ and welcoming all in friendship.*

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## IN HIS SERVICE

### A BEND IN THE ROAD

*By Reverend Steve*

This past summer afforded us an opportunity to travel into the States for a brief road trip. We had planned once again to visit Hershey Pennsylvania, stock up on chocolate of varying kinds (what on earth did you think we were going to do!), and then immerse ourselves in the history of Philadelphia before arriving home.

Having done this particular trip before, we were quite confident we knew which exits were ours and which interstates we needed to be on, so off we went to begin our adventure!



Now the savvy tourist would know to be watching out for that slight bend in the road which takes you onto the I- 290 "around" Buffalo, NY – which is the way we have always gone and in fact wished to go this time. Unfortunately we missed the bend and continued on the I-90 through the city. Now we knew we would still make it to our destination by travelling this alternate route, what we didn't know, however, was that our journey would yield smaller roads which seemed to wind through a more obscure part of the state. To quote a familiar Church slogan, "*we had never done it that way before!*" We missed both our coveted visit to the Cracker Barrel as a result of this unsolicited adjustment, and the familiar countryside we were accustomed to seeing. When we finally did reach our destination, I took a moment to reflect on what had happened. At first I didn't know exactly how to feel about going a different way. While I missed seeing the familiar landmarks on the route we intended to travel, I did find it somewhat exhilarating to engage a journey we hadn't planned and to see towns and landscape we hadn't seen before. And I realized that no matter what road we travelled, we were still together experiencing everything as a family! At the end of the day, I felt we may well have broadened our horizons just a little by adding this little adventure to our vacation experience. Who knows where we might go next year!?

As I contemplate this, I can't help but see a parallel between our summer travels and the Missional Transformation Process with which we are

presently engaged. As you can see from Eileen Cunningham's article, we at St. Margaret's are also on a journey of sorts. Our goal or destination if you will is to build God's Kingdom in our Church and community. This may happen via familiar ways that have worked in the past, or it may require following that proverbial bend in the road and trying something new. In any case, my prayer is that regardless of how the journey unfolds before us, we will find the experience of following God's Holy Spirit as one that is both exhilarating and life changing in the best of ways. My hope is that this process will grow us in ways we never imagined possible and prepare us to engage the World with the Hope of the Gospel as we set out together as a family resolved to forge ahead one step at a time!

*"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" Philippians 1:6*

*Sincerely in Christ  
The Reverend Stephen Pessah*

### WHAT IS THAT NOISE?

*Submitted by Eileen Cunningham*

You may be sitting in church one Sunday, enjoying the serenity and peace... when all of a sudden you hear a strange noise coming from somewhere behind the walls.....it sounds like cheering! Well you are probably right, it is cheering and it's coming from the Sunday school. We have started our new school year and our classes meet during the 10 a.m. service with children aged 3-14. We have a group of dedicated teachers including Eileen Cunningham, Bill Goodyer, Jane Robinson, Pam Kernan, Trina Rowe, Robin Birnie and Matthew Pessah who take turns teaching once every few weeks or so. Matthew however has been helping out every Sunday with the younger ones and is especially good with those kids that need a little bit of extra attention!

On most Sundays we have around 15 very lively and sometimes noisy children. We have lots of fun playing games, making crafts and hearing stories. We pray for each other and our families and learn about God's Word through the Bible. Our teachers strive for the children to experience and feel God's love through us. It is a true blessing when one of these little ones opens their heart with their concerns, cares and hurts. Having gone through a sometimes turbulent and difficult childhood myself I know what strength a child can draw from knowing that God loves them no matter what. However they won't know that unless someone tells them.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful and important ministry please talk to Eileen, Rev. Stephen or any of the teachers about what is involved. You don't need any special skills other than a loving heart and liking children. Give it a try and you might be rewarded beyond what you expect.

### "FROM MY LIPS TO GOD'S EARS"

*Submitted by Robert Hamann*

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 was my first healing anointment. I had broken my ankle through a series of unfortunate circumstances back on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Surgery and three months of convalescence left me feeling anxious and a little worried as to whether my ankle was going to heal properly. During the anointment part of the healing service I physically felt something in my ankle (physical caress perhaps). There are occasions in life when one just knows. This was one of those occasions when I just knew my ankle was going to be healed. After returning to the pew I felt confident that everything was going to be alright. After the anointment there were a few more of those healing feelings in my ankle as if for reassurance. Yes, part of its faith but I can't deny the healing feeling in my ankle at the exact time of the anointment.

The church has a lot to offer while asking very little in return. Too bad more people aren't in tune with this. When life looks a little dire, through prayer and the church we have the reassurance the Lord provides.

P.S. I am participating in the "Run for the Cure" after all I went through with my ankle. (As you can see from the photo above, Robert indeed kept his promise.)



## ST. MARGARET'S HONORARY ASSOCIATE INSTALLED AS A CANON OF THE CHURCH

*Thank you from Canon Elizabeth Morley*

A sincere "thank you" to all of you who have sent me cards or messages to congratulate me on becoming an honorary Canon in the Diocese. I was installed to that role along with nine other priests during a beautiful service of Evensong at St James Cathedral on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The honorary title of canon is bestowed upon clergy who have contributed to the life of the church through long and dedicated service in some area of ministry. It came as a surprise therefore, albeit a pleasant one, when Archbishop Colin Johnson nominated me to this role for "outstanding ministry in challenging interim ministries."

During the service at the Cathedral, we were required to make a number of vows, one of which was to "further the life and witness of the Church in this Diocese in our work and in our prayers", and "to encourage those we minister to, to do the same." It is exciting therefore, to continue my role as your Honorary Assistant, at the invitation of Rev. Stephen. St. Margaret's is a warm and loving community with a heart for others, and Keith and I feel blessed through our membership here. All of your expressions of appreciation and support have truly warmed my heart, and will continue to fuel my enthusiasm for ministry in the years ahead. In turn, I also encourage you as we journey forward, both as individuals and as a faith community, to trust in that all-sufficient grace that comes to us through our Lord Jesus Christ.



In the photo above, Rev. Elizabeth is installed as an Honorary Canon at St. James Cathedral during Evensong on September 16, 2012.

Dr. Keith Morley, Canon Elizabeth and Archbishop Colin Johnson after the service.



## MUSICAL NOTES

*Contributed by Gayle Haley*



The choir is actively seeking new members – there are plans in the works for some beautiful new Christmas music and a possible collaboration with another church to make a larger choir. New music will be presented on a CD with learning tracks and just a few special evening rehearsals. And we are always looking for singers to help us lead the worship music, so if you enjoy singing, come join us. We hold occasional practices to review hymns after service on Sunday.

Some biographical information about our Music Director: "I have been a teacher of the deaf and hard-of-hearing for over 35 years and also been a private music teacher for just about as long. I also love performing and have done shows with Kempenfelt Community Players and South Simcoe Theatre. As a member of Barrie Huronia Soundwaves Chorus which is part of Sweet Adeline's International, I am able to sing and perform with my daughter Elizabeth, and my quartet, Own Accord. I have recently begun arranging vocal selections, and I am proud to say that I have had my first arrangement published through Sweet Adeline's. The song, Hallelujah, by Leonard Cohen is one of my favourites, and now we perform my arrangement in our shows. It seems I have found a new hobby for my retirement, if that ever actually happens. It seems that my childhood dream of being a full time musician may actually come true. My parents would be so happy to see me using all that I learned in those piano lessons they paid for 12 years!"

## UPDATE FROM THE MISSIONAL TRANSFORMATION GUIDING TEAM

St Margaret's is taking part in a "Missional Transformation Process" with a number of other churches in our Diocese. We started this journey at the suggestion of Archbishop Colin Johnson. A "Guiding Team" was formed and we attended a workshop last spring and will continue to meet with the other teams once every three months for the next year or so.

This journey has had us asking some of you to answer some survey questions and participate in interviews about your experiences at St Margaret's. These results were sent anonymously to the Missional Transformation Leaders for interpretation and we were given the results about our strengths and how we perceive ourselves. We believe that St Margaret's was formed by God to be a kind, sharing and devoted family... but what is a family? The dictionary says that a family is a group of people related by blood ties, but our church family is something more than that...

We are a group of people who are very different from one another...we are different in our appearance and our abilities. We come from very different educational, economic and religious backgrounds. We each have our unique story, but we have come together with the common goal of wanting to worship God and to learn more about Him. As we gather together, we become a group of people related, not by blood ties, but by the bonds of the common experience of being the children of God.

We strive to be a place where someone loves and cares about what happens to you, regardless of what you do or who you are. We enjoy long conversations with each other and sharing our stories. We are a place to rest when we are tired and need to refresh ourselves, a safe harbour in the sometimes stormy seas of life...for we all have to go through some storms.

These images help us to see how God is forming us as a unique expression of his love in our community. This journey will be successful as we resolve to take it together.

The Guiding Team is excited at our progress so far and we look forward to your continued participation in the weeks and months ahead. One way you can participate immediately is by taking the new Parish Survey on line. This survey is different from any survey done previously and will serve to provide a clearer picture of how we perceive ourselves at St. Margaret's. You can find the survey at: <http://msurvey.org/c/2012/07/smb/>

*Sincerely your Guiding Team,*

*The Rev. Stephen Pessah, The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Morley, Susan Cronje, David Paradis, Margaret Paradis, Eileen Cunningham, Trina Rowe, Bill Gray, Peter Beckett, Marilyn Lavender, and Beth Steffler*

### Wings

Look up,  
 catch the wind of God's Spirit,  
 rise to wisdom's perch,  
 where failure,  
 deepest grief,  
 disappointment,  
 and profound guilt,  
 trail away .....

Borne up  
 on the wings of the Eagle  
 glimpse that far horizon  
 where God makes all things new.

-- Elizabeth A. Morley --

## CONNECTION

### FACES OF ST. MARGARET



*Many of you will remember that after the 10.00 a.m. service on September 23, we celebrated Mary White's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with her. Mary is our featured parishioner for this issue's Faces of St. Margaret.*

Mary was born in Montreal and grew up there through the Depression. Although times were hard, her father had a steady job with CPR so there was always food on the table. She was the only girl in a family of three children. While in high school, Mary met her future husband Tom and they married before he went overseas during World War Two. Tom served in the Army as a volunteer with the "Can Loan" program under British command and found the British and Scottish accents a challenge to decipher. While he was away, Mary worked in the Dominion Bank in Montreal.

When Tom returned he worked for Southam Press; he and Mary bought their first home and eventually had two daughters, Barbara and Sandy. Mary and Tom shared an interest in the outdoors and water sports and were determined to have a cottage. When they were first married, Tom sent away for a cottage pattern in Women's Day magazine and throughout the winter worked on putting parts of the cottage together in their garage. The following spring they bought a lot just outside Montreal on Lake L'Acigian and finished the cottage. After a couple of years they sold that one, bought property near Montfort and built another summer home. Mary says that they used a paddleboard long before it became fashionable and also enjoyed swimming, waterskiing and other water activities. The cottage became a gathering place for extended family and a part of treasured family memories.

Mary volunteered with the Church Army through Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal working in outreach and with street people. After a while they insisted on paying her a little and she continued to assist them with clerical and administrative work. During their later years in Pierrefonds near Montreal, Mary's mother who had served in France during World War 1, moved from Vancouver to live with them. When she died, Mary and Tom moved to Ontario and settled in Peterborough to be closer to their daughters and family who had settled in Ontario.

Mary said that she and Tom both enjoyed Peterborough and made many friends. Some of these friends were amateur organists like Mary who did not consider themselves accomplished enough to perform in public. Instead they formed a group and performed for each other in their homes and both critiqued and encouraged each other. When Mary's husband Tom died at the age of 90, Mary stayed in Peterborough for a year but then moved to Barrie to be closer to her children.

One day Mary wandered into St. Margaret's about six years ago and was welcomed. She says that she now feels part of a warm church family. Mary attends the mid week Wednesday service regularly and has participated in many study groups throughout her time here. Otherwise she is busy five days a week continuing with her daily exercises, assisting the blind both with lawn bowling and five pin bowling and participating in activities at Parkview Centre. Five years ago, while there one day she heard music and found a recorder group playing. This inspired her to learn recorder and join them! Mary said it did help that she already knew how to read music.

Mary has enjoyed extended 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations with her family which now includes six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Her secret for a long and healthy life – to keep active as long as you can in both body and mind. Mary has certainly lived her life to the fullest and we all wish her many more happy and productive years.



## TREASURES OF TURKEY

*Submitted by Rose Scott and Paul McIntyre*

The following are some highlights of our two-week bus tour of western Turkey. We arrived in Istanbul after a long flight from Toronto via London. We started on the following morning with a cruise on the Bosphorus, the natural strait, which divides Istanbul between Asia and Europe. We saw mansions, palaces of former Ottoman Sultans and two large suspension bridges that connect two sides of the city and two continents.

Except for a New Zealand couple and five young women from Hong Kong, we were the only non-Australians on the tour. On the north side of the Dardanelles Straits, in an area of fierce fighting during World War One, we visited the Anzac Cove and the Lone Pine Cemetery where over 300 Australians were laid to rest. An Australian couple were able to place a flag at the burial site of her grandfather in the Lone Pine Cemetery. We all shared their emotions.

We toured several very large mosques including the famous 17<sup>th</sup> century Blue Mosque, with its blue tiles and the Hagia Sophia (mosque) now a museum with its display of old Royal jewellery, including an 86 karat diamond. We also visited the Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races during the Byzantine Era. The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul is a very large old covered shopping mall about the size of a city block with entrances on all sides. We were advised to bargain and I did not have a problem. You could buy beautiful rugs, items of clothing and a lot more than we had no time or wish to search for, out of fear of getting lost in the maze.

The ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus are the largest Roman ruins in the world and one of the world's finest archaeological sites. Walking through them gave us a greatly improved perception of that ancient world. The beauty and size of the facade of the Library of Celsius was wonderful to behold. The House of the Virgin Mary is a substantial one room stone building where she is said to have spent the last years of her life.

Goreme is a town in the region of Cappadocia. It lies in a very large winding valley with solid rock walls and curious cone shaped rocks in which people have carved out caves where people are living to this day. There are even boutique hotels built in such accommodation. In the cliff-sides we went in ancient churches created in caves that had been excavated out of the rock. These had Christian paintings on the walls.

On our way to the capital city Ankara, we drove through many kilometers of huge agricultural fields extending on each side of the highway to distant rocky highlands. Interestingly, the farmers build their homes in little clusters instead of each on his own piece of farmland. On the way, we stopped at a huge mound of earth beside the highway. It was the burial mound of Phrygian King Midas, the man with the "golden touch". The mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey, is fittingly huge and splendid, sitting high above a set of steps at one end of a huge square. It is guarded by the military and we witnessed the changing of the guard. We visited the huge white limestone terraces of Pamukkale, which means cotton castle in Turkish. They are still growing from the flow of water containing lime. We were also treated to a garment show at a "very fine" leather" factory, to the artistry of a pottery studio and to the wares of a high quality Turkish Carpet business or cooperative where many were tempted to buy.

## ST. MARGARET'S HAS A NEW ROOF!

*Submitted by Ron Steffler*



Although we still need to raise \$1,607.76 to repay money from our other special designated funds, St. Margaret's has a new roof. On July 10th and 11th Brentwood Roofing installed new shingles on St. Margaret's roof and so our beautiful church has been saved from water damage in the sanctuary. It is wonderful that parishioners have realized the gravity of the situation and rallied to make this happen in a much shorter time than initially expected.

When I forwarded the invoice from Brentwood to the church executive on July 12<sup>th</sup> I wrote the following, *"Although I am a small voice at St. Margaret's, I think my voice joins many others who are extremely grateful that we have a new roof before any damage was done to the interior. Jim, your employees have completed a professional job promptly without any disruption for us. We are impressed and happy to do business with you."* The Jim I refer to here is Jim Scott owner of Brentwood Roofing. Companies usually send out their estimator to provide a quote for a job but Jim was kind enough to climb up on the roof with me and discuss the work. He provided a very professional estimate and a website where we could check out the quality of the new shingles for ourselves. His reasonable estimate and professionalism gave us the confidence to hire Brentwood Roofing and I believe we are all happy with the results.

## **AWARE - Anglican Women Alive, Renewed and Enriched**

*with contributions from Maggie Prentice and Sherry Osmond*

- A** Anglican by denomination
- W** Women by God's design
- A** Alive in Jesus Christ
- R** Renewed by the Holy Spirit
- E** Enriched for service

AWARE is a conference started by women for women. Originally held in Geneva Park near Orillia, it is now held in other locations in Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador. This year's Ontario Conference was held at Elim Lodge near Peterborough Ontario on May 4,5 and 6. Elim Lodge is a Christian facility located in the country with a cottage atmosphere and offers conference facilities, overnight accommodation and delicious food.

Maggie Prentice and Sherry Osmond from St. Margaret's joined over 200 women from across the Diocese. This year's theme was based on Psalm 118 - *This is the Day the Lord Has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.* The guest speaker was Dr. Dana Fisher, a retired priest with a Doctorate in adult education and spiritual direction and a former professor at Trinity College. She was also an intern in the Ministry of Spiritual Direction with Jesuits in Guelph. Rev. Elizabeth Green from St. Gile's Church in Barrie was the Chaplain. Maggie reports that both of these women had previously worked together and made an interesting and dynamic pair.

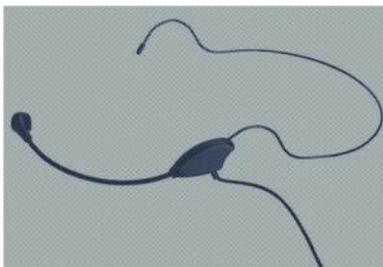


There were small group sessions and Maggie was the leader of one of them. Other activities included canoe rides, walks and campfires. A Christian book table was also available. Students from Elim did all the cooking and serving and prepared delicious meals. Cabins were spacious with kitchen and bath. Worship services including a Taize service featured beautiful music assisted by vocalists, keyboard and flute. Each year, banners are created on a theme with a draw allowing the winning church to take a banner back to their church for a year and then return it. Maggie won a banner for St. Margaret's during a past conference. There was also a draw for a Care Bear with money raised going toward assisting another person to attend AWARE.

Why attend? Maggie has been attending now for 14 years and says that she always comes away feeling strengthened and enlightened, ready to face any challenges in the upcoming year. It is also a time to unwind, relax and make new friends. A friend from the 1998 conference has become a lifetime friend and supported Maggie with her attendance at the hospital when Blake was undergoing serious surgery and then again at his funeral. Cost this for the 2012 weekend was \$215.00 which included everything.

### **WIRELESS MICROPHONE**

*Contributed by Ron Steffler*



At the end of last summer, August 2011, all the television signals in our area went digital and we immediately lost the use of one of our wireless microphones. The other one which Rev. Stephen uses is subject to intermittent hissing for the same reason. The audio supplier we normally deal with informed me that the frequency range our equipment uses is no longer available for wireless microphones. However a new set of wireless microphones will cost at least \$1000 and that expense has not been built into our budget. The good news is that some generous parishioner has already donated \$500. There maybe some grant money available for this cause and with just a small donation from you we will be well on our way to fixing this situation. Thanks so much for giving this your consideration.

### WATCH THAT HEAT!

Contributed by Ron Steffler

Here is the energy-saving way to get the temperature you want from the furnaces at the church...



1. If the window indicates that the temperature is on hold, open the door and hit "Run Program".
2. Press the up or down arrow until the temperature indicates what you wish it to be.
3. Press the "i" key. That will set the temperature for the interval of the day rather than forever as "Hold" will.

I am mentioning this because a great deal of energy and expense is wasted at St. Margaret's because people who do not know how the thermostats work are setting them on "Hold" to the temperature they want.

There are four furnaces at St. Margaret's that control the heating and cooling. Three are 125,000 B.T.U. furnaces and one is 75,000 B.T.U.'s. That is a total of 450,000 B.T.U.'s to control. The two furnaces that heat and cool the sanctuary must work in sync. Also heating and cooling temperatures must not conflict or be within two degrees of each other. The average home uses a furnace of around 75,000 B.T.U.'s but you would not want to be paying for unnecessary heating or cooling because you know how expensive it is. That is why most of you have programmable thermostats. Well, St. Margaret's has programmable thermostats for the same reason, but they are complex. There are four heating and four cooling settings for every day of the week. 56 settings in total can be confusing. People don't want to deal with that so they simply set the temperature to what they want press "Hold" and walk away. You may get the temperature you want out of the furnace but you have totally defeated the purpose of an "energy star" thermostat. Think about the cost of unnecessary heating and cooling at our church and please do not use the hold feature. It will help reduce our operating cost.

### CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS SAMARITAN HOUSE

Submitted by Cathy Gray

The Barrie & District Association of REALTORS® Charity golf day was held Thursday, September 20, 2012 at Bear Creek Golf Club. The Charity sponsored this year was Samaritan House Community Ministries, with an amount raised of \$2,860.00. Dave Thomson is on the left in the photo.



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### Message from Dave Thomson

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