



# THE ST. MARGARET'S BEACON

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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

### HOLY WEEK IN MY REAR VIEW MIRROR

*By Reverend Steve*

I think it is remarkably fitting to begin our Newsletter after the celebration of the Resurrection! As we “resurrect” this tool of communication I am hopeful that it will provide for us more than simply a way of conveying important dates and information. In my sermon on Easter Saturday I talked about how Jesus spent his entire earthly ministry providing a glimpse of what His Kingdom looked like. I spoke of how he makes us aware in the Gospels, that in his Kingdom there is room for everyone and that it is a place where people are healed, transformed, and renewed in every way! I then challenged the congregation to consider that they too are being called to be for others a “glimpse” of God’s Kingdom by showing in word and deed that the Gospel continues to be an authentic and effective source of life to those who receive it by faith!



It is with this in mind that I share my hope of this newsletter being for St. Margaret’s, and others in our community, a glimpse into the hearts and minds of those who gather here each week. I pray that as we share our stories, we will get a better sense of what it is that binds us together as a faith community and how that faith inspires us to engage in acts of service that become for our community vital points of contact.

In thinking about this, I am compelled to reflect on our times together during Holy Week and most especially our walk around the neighbourhood during the Stations of the Cross. I am grateful for those who participated in this simple act of service, as I see it as a stark reminder of what Good Friday is all about! I tried to get a sense of the reactions of those who gazed through the windows of their vehicles as they passed us by. Some appeared to understand the ritual while others seemed a little unsure. Still others seemed to express a more defiant stance, as if to say, “You can’t make me believe!” These responses of course would reflect the sentiments of those who passed by the actual crucifixion event so many years ago! Some who were close to Christ knew at least how he got to the place of Golgotha. They understood that his passion for the salvation and well being of humanity had led him to the ultimate act of love expressed in the laying down of his life. Others would have stood defiantly at the foot of the Cross, refusing to believe that the chasm between God and humanity was at that moment being bridged for eternity!

It is this glimpse of the crucified and risen Christ that we are called to reflect in the World as we live out the Good News every day. My prayer is that our stories and contributions will encourage us all to engage our faith more profoundly in order that we might be an effective glimpse of God's matchless Grace and Mercy to those around us!

## FACES OF ST. MARGARET'S



*We hope to make Faces of St. Margaret's a regular feature to profile both older and younger people as well as long time and newer members of the parish. There are so many remarkable and hard working people at St. Margaret's with stories to tell. For subsequent issues, please consider submitting a profile of yourself or your family to let us know a little more about you and the work you do at St. Margaret's and in the world beyond.*

### A CONVERSATION WITH MARTIN BERTELSEN

*When we spoke previously, you were telling me a little about your experiences teaching up north before you came to Barrie. Would you share some of these memories with us?*

Joyce and I met in the Sault. I grew up in the Sault but Joyce was originally from Orillia. Shortly after we got married, we taught together for Indian Affairs, in a Cree school in Northern Quebec which was on an Indian reserve. Joyce had previously taught aboriginals of Rama and she thought that going up north would be a good way of saving money. We began teaching at the first Indian permanent day school which at that time was a four room school. Now it is an elementary and high school combined, for a Cree school board. When we left, we did have enough money to make a down payment on a car, house etc. Transportation in and out was by chartered aircraft at first so we just made it out to visit a couple of times a year for holidays and summer vacation. We left Mistassine Post in 1967.

Our son Stephen went there also for a while and some of the parents of children remember Joyce and I. One frustration was dealing with bureaucracy with out-of-date forms. You never knew what you were going to get. For example you had to order from designated suppliers like a restaurant supplier for cookware resulting in pots and pans too big to use.

We taught at Base Borden, lived in Creemore for a few years and then moved to Barrie. After twenty years on base, I retired but did some supply teaching after retirement. Joyce did leave the base and taught for the Simcoe County Board.

*When did you come to St. Margaret's? How long ago was that?*

We came after the storefront moving to the portable – I think it was between 1990 and 1995.

*What was it about St. Margaret's that attracted you?*

We were impressed by the excellent pastoral care both by the clergy and lay people. Joyce had a chronic illness and when she was hospitalized and housebound, St. Margaret's would always visit and bring communion. We also noticed that St. Margaret's was a very child friendly church where children were welcomed and appreciated and had a role to play. We also admired the work that Anglican clergy did with native peoples. I was Lutheran and Joyce Presbyterian, but we found a home in the Anglican Church and we found what we needed here at St. Margaret's.

*I know that you and your family have been active members and supporters of St. Margaret's and have assisted with the Christmas hamper program and in many other ways.*

Joyce was always very active in delivering hampers and originally clothing was part of the goods donated and distributed. There were always so many people in need and our efforts were very much needed and welcomed. Joyce worked with pastoral care with meetings and visits and was one of the first involved in delivering meals to shut ins.

The ladies got together to cook pies and sell them. There were no cliques – as long as you were willing to work – you were in. Both Joyce and I taught Sunday school at various times. My major claim to fame was starting the Men's Breakfast and this still continues today.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"I thank my God every time I remember you...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 1:3&6). These words of St. Paul to the Philippian Church indeed resonate in the hearts of your leadership here at St. Margaret's! We are convinced that God has truly begun a wonderful work in our lives, and we are confident that He is faithful to grow us in ways that are best for us both individually and collectively as a body.

As we consider those wonderful things that God is doing in our midst, we would be remiss not to identify our financial situation as one of them! We are so thankful for the way in which people have responded to God's call to financial stewardship. As we continue on in our debt forgiveness program with the Diocese, we should be encouraged to know that we have reached and surpassed our first benchmark of \$13,000 – an accomplishment for which we can be proud. Our only hope and prayer is that, by God's Grace and your continued faithfulness, we will maintain our momentum and carry on to realize our financial goals in order that we might succeed in our ultimate goal of building God's Kingdom!

We feel it important to report our financial position in order to keep our goals before us. While our present figures show something of a deficit, we are convinced that God will continue what he has begun and that our dreams of reaching this community with the Good News of the Gospel will be fulfilled.

We reached our Year 1 goal. We paid all of our current bills and paid back \$13,000 of our operating debt. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Diocese is going to forgive us in excess of \$200,000 of our capital debt on both the Church & Rectory. We all should be very proud of our accomplishments. We need each of us to do everything we can to maintain this momentum.

With this in mind our current situation is as follows:

March 2012 – First Quarter Update	
Total Revenue	\$44,775.21
Total Expenditures	\$53,327.95
First Quarter Deficit	(\$8,552.74)

Looking forward to our continued journey together,

Sincerely in Christ

The Reverend Stephen Pessah  
Incumbent

Bill Gray  
Rector's Warden

Peter Beckett  
People's Warden

## BUY A SHINGLE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

We are announcing our "Buy a Shingle" fundraising campaign in order to replace our badly worn roof! Shingles can be purchased for \$100.00 each or half a shingle for \$50.00. Any wishing to donate lower denominations are welcome to combine their gift with the gift of a friend or family member to fund a shingle or half shingle. We have a cardboard roof set up in the foyer with cards representing shingles. We would suggest donating shingles on behalf of families, in memory of loved ones, or in honor of a special event such as a birthday or anniversary! Donors are then encouraged to write on their card their family name, the name of their loved one or the special occasion they are celebrating - and then tape the card to the cardboard roof. My prayer is that we will cover that roof quickly and consequently have our Church roof replaced before any water damage occurs. Thanks in advance for your thoughtful generosity! Rev. Stephen

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - NEW ROOF NEEDED

Submitted by Ron Steffler



St. Margaret's is in desperate need of a new roof. That is the shingled roof especially on the south side. The flat roof appears to be good for now. From a distance the south side looks ragged. Up close it is shocking. It will definitely leak some this year. Although not as bad, the north side shingles are drying out and cracked, showing more fatigue than 14 year old shingles should.

Rick Branch from Midhurst Roofing brought the condition to my attention a few weeks back when he was up on the roof patching a couple of spots where shingles had blown off.

When Jim Scott owner of Brentwood Roofing was on the roof providing an estimate, he just said, "Oh my!" when he got his first close-up look of the south side. Yes, we must do something now before we have water

coming through, damaging drywall and insulation and causing mould problems that we will have a great deal of trouble stopping.

## CUPCAKES FOR HILLARY

Submitted by Cathy Gray

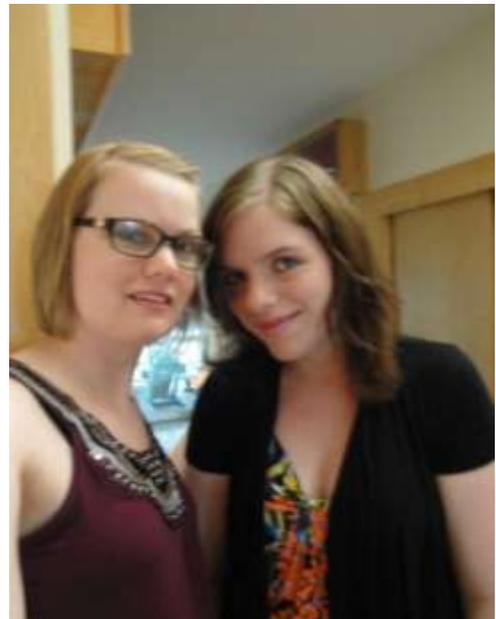
Last February there were seven fatalities due to car accidents in the Sudbury area. One of the fatalities was Hillary, a friend of Sarah Gray and her co-worker at the Easter Seals Camp Merrywood. In Sarah's words:

*"To honour her memory, I have created a cupcake - key lime- because it reminds me of summer and sunshine, and the short time that I got to spend with this amazing young woman. I will be selling these cupcakes at Glendon College (Lawrence and Bayview, Toronto) this week for \$5.00 each. But I will not be keeping ANY of the proceeds. I am going to be donating ALL proceeds to Easter Seals in her name, an organization that we both worked for and that I know was so dear to her heart."*

In addition to creating, baking and selling the cupcakes, Sarah set up a Facebook page to spread the word with a goal of \$2,000.00 for donations. As Sarah said:

*"I would love to be able to make a sizeable donation to such an important cause, in honour of such an amazing friend, and it may be noticed that the goal amount is 2000.00 dollars: this is not a random number. At Easter Seals camps, \$2000.00 is enough to send one incredibly deserving child to camp for a session, something that means everything to them and their families. So let's help Hillary's memory live on, and help her send a deserving child to camp this summer. I should add that, specifically, the funds will be going towards the Easter Seals Camp Program, as this is where both she and I worked together."*

Due to Sarah's efforts and dedication, \$4,000.00 was raised enabling two children to go to camp



Hillary and Sarah Gray

## THE CONNECTION

### EASTER AT ST. MARGARET'S—APRIL 8, 2012

*That Eastertide with Joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light. Alleluia, alleluia*  
Common Praise, Anglican Church of Canada, Hymn 231



MORNING WORSHIP AT THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE



#### HOW MANY EGGS?

BILL GOODYER GIVES FINAL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT BEGINS

CELEBRATE BARRIE 2012  
*Submitted by Ron Steffler*

#### Volunteers are needed to help out for this year's Celebrate Barrie held at the Waterfront, Saturday June 2nd



**ST. MARGARET'S BOOTH**  
AFTERNOON SESSION  
2011 CELEBRATE BARRIE

This will be St. Margaret's 9th year at Celebrate Barrie. Out of the past 8 years we have had two wet days the rest have been beautiful days (always the first Saturday in June). Last year was a poor one. It was damp and cold in the morning and very few people showed up but in the afternoon the sun came out and we were busy with lots of kids. I bring a putting green and Bill Goodyer comes up with some simple game that young kids love and we always give away a ton of candy. That is why we have some kids coming back 3 and 4 times but we are busy and the time goes fast. I usually try to get adults to commit to a 2 hour stint with kids volunteering between 10 and noon. Bill Goodyer and I are there for most of the day (8:30 until 5:00). I have always felt that it is a good way to make our church visible in the community. It's one way that St. Margaret's can be "missional".

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Beth Pessah on the occasion of her ordination to the Priesthood at St. George's Church Barrie on April 22nd. We all wish you the very best as you continue through the next phase of your Ministry.

## THANK YOU TO ST. MARGARET'S !

Fellowship and Fundraising

St. Margaret's is very fortunate to have people like Bill Goodyer and his cast for presenting another Murder Mystery Dinner on April 28 and Maureen Daley and Margaret Paradis who organized the Mix and Mingle Jazz Café and Silent Auction on May 4. Thank you to all who assisted and supported these events.

### The St. Margaret's Beacon

There are many people who have contributed to this first issue of The St. Margaret's Beacon. Thank you to Rev. Stephen, Colleen Hamann, the Wardens and to all of the creative people who suggested names for the newsletter. Congratulations to Rose Scott who submitted the winning entry! Special thanks to Rev. Stephen, Sarah and Cathy Gray, Martin Bertelsen and Ron Steffler for sharing their stories and information and to Sherrie Osmond, Ron Steffler and John Phillipps for photographs and images.

Our next issue will be published around Thanksgiving. Over the summer, please think of news and information to share. If you are a young person attending or working at a camp, perhaps you could tell us about it. If you read an interesting book, perhaps you would consider writing a short review of it for The Beacon. Please remember that submissions must be original or have written permission by the author to avoid problems with copyright.

## PART TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED

After many years of faithful service, Kevin LeMoine is retiring from his role as Custodian. Kevin shares this job with Bob Martin and together they have made a wonderful team! While Kevin will remain an active member of St. Margaret's he will be finishing his role as part-time Custodian this September. Anyone wishing to apply for this position is asked to please contact Colleen at the office - 705-721-9528. Special thanks to Kevin for all his hard work and commitment that often went above and beyond the call of duty. Blessings to you and Marie - The Reverend Stephen Pessah.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Best wishes to all mothers for a happy Mother's Day celebration.

## ADVERTISING RATES

To offset production costs, advertising will be accepted for the newsletter at the following rates for two insertions. 1/8 page (business card size) \$25.00; ¼ page \$45.00; 1/2 page \$85.00; full page \$160.00

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Message from Dave Thomson

I would be more than happy to donate 10% of my commissions (after expenses) to St. Margaret's building fund to anyone from, or referred by, a member of our Church's congregation.