



St. Timothy's Gazette

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Our Vision:

St. Timothy's **Vision** is to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom.

Our Mission:

St. Timothy's **Mission** is to
Go out into the North Shore community to
Gather all ages into Christian fellowship,
so that we may
Glorify God in worship,
Grow to become more like Jesus Christ, and
Give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

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Message from the Rev. Ken Bell

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes”. Isaiah 45:2

The past few months have been very eventful and exciting in the life of St Timothy's. In December we welcomed Angela Larsen to be our new Director of Music, and she, along with her husband Jason, has added greatly to the music and worship experience of our Sunday Service. Under Angela's leadership the choir has grown and we have been treated to special music and wonderful leading. Our Advent and Christmas Services were wonderful celebrations of our Lord's birth as we thematically moved from darkness to light.

In January we welcomed Eric and Lili-Kayy Park to our church as they take the lead in directing our Youth Ministry. They have already had a wonderful impact on the teens. We look forward to all they bring and the gifts they have to offer us. I want to thank Rita and Jonathan for their great leadership of our youth over the past few years. They have laid a great foundation upon which Eric and Lili can now build. And I look forward to what God will now release Rita and Jonathan into at St. Timothy's to do as they seek to use their gifts and talents in new ways.

In January I had the privilege of attending my third AMiA Winter Conference, this one in Jacksonville Florida. It goes without saying that I will not soon forget all that took place while we were there. The theme of the conference was “Enlarge the place of your tent” as quoted above. The idea is that we are called to make larger our tent of meeting, our worship, to invite in more and more. The part of this illustration which strikes me most is that you cannot enlarge your tent or lengthen the chords from the inside. You must step outside your tent, your place of worship, your place of comfort and safety, if you want to make it larger, if you want more people to come in.

This being the case the underlying theme and reminder, is that we in the Anglican Mission, are part of a Missionary Order. We are not a new church or denomination. We are not simply a safe harbour for people who wish to continue as we have for the past 40 years only in safer (read 'orthodox') waters. The ship we were on was sinking, moving to a safer harbour serves only to make the sinking of the ship a little more pleasant but does not stop the sinking of the ship...we just drown more slowly and with a smile on our face.

As a Missionary Order we are striving to fix the boat itself, make it stronger and more in line with the architect's original design, so that we can then bring more people aboard. We are not seeking a safe harbour but a bigger, better boat...we are on a life saving mission after all.

This is why it was more than just symbolic that so many of you came forward a few Sunday's ago to be anointed and commissioned as part of this Missionary Order. It was covenant and it was sacramental and it was, for me, a holy moment in the history of St Timothy's.

However, now as missionaries, hold on to your hats, because you can never be sure of what God will call us to do as we set out on this rescue mission and strive to enlarge our tents. The only thing we can be sure of is that it does no good to look back and say, "I wish we were back in Egypt. Though we were slaves, at least I felt comfortable".

Your Servant in Christ,

Ken *Rev. Ken Bell, Senior Priest*

Wardens' Update – February, 2007

As we approach our third Annual General Meeting at St Timothy's, it is time to take stock of where we are now.

New Music Director

Angela has now started to form and train our choir to allow us to widen our repertoire of church music. Her training and musical background combine the traditional and contemporary, and her musical interludes after each sermon allow us to pause and reflect. We are grateful to those who have provided our musical accompaniment to date and, in particular, Ron Barrett who has done a great job of filling in when Sara Ciantar was not available, after the departure of Lois Carter who established the high music standards we enjoy.

New Youth Leaders

We are excited at the arrival of the team youth ministry of Eric Park as he (with the support of his wife Lili-Kayy) takes up the reins from Rita, who now finds she has less time available with baby Anna and her full time job. Eric has Bible College Training and a successful track record already in youth ministry. He has some flexibility in job hours, which is ideal to accommodate the myriad of interests of our busy youth. Of note was the fact that our youth were involved in the interview process and decision-making in hiring our new leader.

New Chairs

For some of us, the arrival of more comfortable chairs for our weekly worship service is a welcome addition. Thanks to the persistence of church council and Linda Taunton, this long-standing issue has been resolved.

Fully funded Budget for fiscal 2006.

There are not many organizations and even fewer churches that exceed their annual income budgets! Last year we passed a budget that challenged us, with the possibility of having to use cash reserves from prior years to meet our planned expenditures. Our outreach levels are a substantial expenditure, and all members should take pride in achieving our plan. We met and exceeded the challenge, and start the new fiscal year in an even healthier position than last year. What a wonderful financial status we have, not being constrained by lack of money.

Preaching Plan

At St Timothy's we have now established a balance of Anglican liturgy with current preaching, and have developed long-term themes throughout each year, which has allowed our clergy to develop in detail, the relevance of biblical themes over several weeks. With the use of Power point presentations, video clips and audio tracks, we have reached a balance between traditional and progressive Anglicanism. It has been our aim to augment these with hymns of appropriate words for the theme and music from plainsong to modern day popular, all tied to the weekly theme.

Bicycle Missionaries in New Zealand?

It is true that 5 of our members organized a cycling trip in New Zealand in January, but the original intention was to try a new experience and see new territory. Rev. Ken saw the trip as an ideal opportunity to "tell our story", as the group was predominantly from St Timothy's congregation. And so the endeavour was kept in our prayer cycle as our members cycled and talked to the people they met. At St Timothy's we are constantly learning of how we can evangelize those around us and grow in faith ourselves. It is remarkable that even we older folk can learn to see the world and our place in it differently, by seeing it from a different perspective.

Rev. Paul Carter.

We were all shocked and deeply affected by the news that our Network Leader and former Senior Priest, Paul Carter, had suffered a serious heart attack while attending the Annual Winter Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. Once again we learn that there are many things over which we have no control, and so must submit to our heavenly Father our concerns in prayer. How little we know of our Father's plans for us. Once again we are reminded that our time here is short and that if we plan to take positive action, we had better not leave it too late. We continue to hold Paul and his family high on our prayer list, and in the meantime resolve to grow in His grace and further action St Timothy's growth in our daily lives.

The Future.

Of course nothing that we have achieved in the three years of our existence has been done by us alone, but all has been accompanied by much prayer, and entirely through His grace. As wardens we see the church at St Timothy's poised to move ahead, with such a solid base behind us. The annual Winter Conference has revitalized our clergy and parishioners who attended alike, although we were alarmed to hear of Rev. Paul Carter's heart attack at the conference. We pray that he will be healed, and that the good work started by Paul will be carried on in his temporary absence. We see the coming year as exciting in the potential for even greater growth than we have seen to date.

Respectfully submitted in His service.

Ron (the Elder) and Peter

Reports from our "G"s

Go and the AMiA Winter Conference

The AMiA Winter Conference in Jacksonville had a profound effect on Lucy and me. Laying aside the shadow that Paul's crisis created, the Conference enabled us to see first-hand what kind of a church we now represent. We were able to hear the integrity expressed by five archbishops about their views on the future of God's Anglican Church. We were able to worship with nearly 2000 other Anglicans – and the Holy Spirit was definitely present!

Of greatest importance was the emphasis that **we are distinctively a Mission Church**, not an institutional denomination. We are charged with a mission order to go into the world, to heal the sick and bring people to the kingdom of God (Luke 10:9).

The theme of the conference was the evangelical proclamation from Isaiah 54:2-3 which says:

- enlarge the place of your tent;
- stretch your tent curtains wide;
- do not hold back;
- lengthen your chords and strengthen your stakes;
- spread out to the left and to the right.

You can appreciate that this speaks to our Go Committee. More importantly, it speaks directly to all of us at St Timothy's.

To help us with our mission, we were supplied with encouragement from six quality speakers. I sincerely hope that you will all be able to hear the DVDs that were made of these speakers.

- The Chairman of the AMiA Council of Bishops, Bishop Chuck Murphy, spoke about building a faithful and authentic Anglican presence in North America. He encouraged us to think big and to expect a powerful expansion of the AMiA. He told us that AMiA is now made up of 108 congregations (up from 11 in 2002), grouped into 14 geographical networks (Canada being one) and that a new church was joining AMiA every three weeks!
- Andy Piercy, former music director at Holy Trinity Brompton and home of the Alpha movement was, for me, the highlight speaker. He will be in Vancouver next month and is not to be missed. He said that “the church was born singing and all God’s people want to sing in praise and worship”. He traced the history of music in the church – one of continual periods of exuberant congregation expression followed by solemn periods characterized mainly by choir music. He asked whether our preference was for songs about God or songs to God – both are valid and we need to use both. He encouraged us to be open to embracing modern expressions of praise, whatever our preferred style and taste.
- Jack Deare, Rebecca Pippet (of the Salt Shaker Ministry) Greg Bunch and Michael Green are all best-selling Christian authors and all gave us practical ways of doing missionary work and talking to others about God’s word. All of them encouraged us to use the gifts that have been given to us by the Holy Spirit to express enthusiastically the love we have for Jesus and to do so in ways that are natural to ourselves.

We were also able to take part in several workshops on ministry themes of prayer, children, youth, worship and evangelism. Several of the speakers and workshop leaders emphasised the need for the use of present-day language in our worship and prayers if our mission churches are to grow. My particular inspiration came for Cynthia Brust who is Communications Director of the AMiA. She is a fount of ideas as to how small churches, like ours, can communicate their presence and vision to local communities. She gave us some elementary suggestions about telling people why we are an Anglican Mission, what we are known for and the need for lots of street signs on Sundays! She too will be in Vancouver next month.

Being a mission church is exciting. It is not always going to be comfortable. We will be challenged and it will, at times, be demanding. But we will come to know our God a lot more nearly. In the words of Andy Piercy, “We are moving ahead without leaving behind”.

May God, the Holy Spirit be with us always.

John Collings

Gather Report

We held our Annual St Timothy's Christmas Party in December at a delightful lodge tucked away in the trees in the grounds of Myrna Teskey and John Farncomb's home. Luckily, the snow and storms that night were kept in check and we were not affected by the power cuts most of the North Shore was experiencing. A delightful evening was had by all (47) with delicious dishes providing a potluck style dinner followed by a great sing-along carol session. Thanks go to Ron Barrett for organizing the music.

Future plans include two annual events – first, our Pancake Supper, which will be held on Shrove Tuesday, February 20, 6.00p.m. at Sutherland Church. For those who are not familiar with a Pancake Supper, it is a meal of sausages and pancakes followed by fresh fruit salad and ice-cream, a very informal, fun event for young and old. This will be a great kick-off to our Lenten Bible Study Groups.

The second event, the Seder Meal, will be held on Saturday evening March 31, 6.00p.m. at Sutherland Church, the day before Palm Sunday. This will be a meaningful way to start our final preparations for Holy Week leading up to Easter. Last year's Seder Meal, our first, was well attended. Ken leads us through a time of prayer, meditation and a meal of meat (chicken this year), bitter herbs, unleavened bread and vegetables. There will be a sign-up sheet at the coffee hour following church services. Do sign up and let us know you are coming.

We have been encouraged by seeing some new faces in our congregation over the last few months and our committee hopes that all of us (as well as the Greeters) welcome new people with warm handshakes and plenty of smiles. It is only in extending our greetings that we show a willingness to welcome newcomers. We continue to thank those parishioners who bake goodies for our Sunday morning coffee hours and for those who faithfully attend to coffee hour duties.

We were all shocked to hear of Paul's heart attack in Florida. A card signed by parishioners has been sent to Lois and the family. In addition, Paddy Donaldson has organized casserole delivery to the families who are looking after the three girls, Naomi, Susannah and Sarah. Paddy reports that we and other churches and friends have been so generous that no additional food is needed at this time. She will let us know if we can help in this way in future. Prayer meetings have been held for Paul and I encourage as many as possible to attend these meetings for complete healing of Paul's body, mind and spirit. Lois has felt immense strength and encouragement by the power of prayer.

In closing, my term as chair of the Gather Committee is coming to an end. My successor will be voted in at the A.G.M. and I wish him or her as much joy and satisfaction as I have had in running this delightful and supportive committee. God bless!

Audrey Haigh

Ladies' Group at a Glance

President: Linda Taunton

Vice-President: Myrna Teskey

Treasurer: Carolyn Edwards

Secretary: Ursula Vondette

Memorial Services Rep.: Hazel Blacoe

The primary goal of our Ladies' Group is to raise money in support of local and international outreach projects. In 2005, we donated \$3308.00 and in 2006 the total increased 88% to \$ 6221.67. We were pleased to support the Diocese of the Yukon, Harvest Project, North Shore Homeless Shelter, Partners in Hope, the Mission to Seamen, the Diocese of Rwanda and Scholarships for 10 students to attend school in Rwanda. We hope to continue this giving with our fundraising projects planned for 2007.

We thank you for your great support and special thanks to God for providing such generous and talented members in St Timothy's Church. Please join us at our next meeting at Corinne Burns's home on March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Linda Taunton

Coffee Hour

Once more I wish to thank the coffee team members who faithfully prepare the coffee, tea and juice each week as well as those who contribute goodies of many varieties for us to enjoy. Those who place contributions in the jar enable me to not only cover costs arising each Sunday, but also to provide extra goodies on special occasions. Anyone willing to serve on a team once every five weeks or serve as a standby during absences is warmly invited to contact me.

Hazel Blacoe

On a Lighter Note...

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly. Do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Submitted by Corinne Burns

Glorify Report

Chancel Guild

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Corinne Burns. The new executive will be elected.

Members are busy preparing for the Lenten and Easter services. The 4th Sunday in Lent, March 18, is Mothering Sunday. The Guild will purchase daffodils for the congregation. April 1 is Palm Sunday. We will make the palm crosses on Thursday, March 29 at 9:30 am. Patricia Young has again kindly offered her home.

Contributions toward the purchase of flowers for Easter Sunday, April 8, would be appreciated. Please contact Joan Buss or Corinne Burns

Anyone interested in learning more about the role of a Chancel Guild member is invited to attend the meeting Tuesday, March 20 at Corinne's. No obligation. We meet twice a year - March and September. New members are urgently needed.

Corinne Burns

Choir Report

Jason and I want to express our thanks for the warm welcome we have received at St. Timothy's since beginning work here in December! It was a wonderful season to join in with the church and specifically the choir. The choir has begun meeting regularly on Monday nights at 7:30pm at the Haigh's, (new members are always welcome!) and is working on music that we hope will be a blessing during the Lenten season. As a choir we desire to glorify God and to give to the congregation with our voices when we join together as believers. As a music director, I pray that the music that is chosen and brought to the services whether by the choir or through the hymns and liturgy, may be something that encourages us towards prayer and allows our hearts and minds to feel free in worship of God. Jason and I look forward to getting to know you all better, and again, are thankful for the kindness you have already shown us.

Angela Larsen

Editors' Message

Our thanks go to all contributors as usual. Special thanks go to Muriel Newton for sending copies to those on the mailing list (usually about 50). **Deadline for the next newsletter is April 1. We welcome your items and input.**

Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton

LENTEN SELF-AWARENESS PROGRAM 2007

All parishioners are invited to join the Ladies' Group in this Lenten Self-Awareness Program. It is thought-provoking and also fun. A few pennies are gathered each day in thanksgiving to God for some aspect of our lives.

After Easter, all the collected money goes to Carolyn Edwards, Ladies' Group Treasurer, who will ensure that it is sent to our sister diocese in Rwanda.

Ash Wednesday February 21	Praise God for the gift of life. Give 1c for each year of your life.
Thursday February 22	Thank God for changing seasons. If it's fine give 25c, raining 10c, changeable 15c, snowing 5c.
Friday February 23	Thank God for good food. Give 5c for each meal you eat today; 10c for each meal outside home.
Saturday February 24	Pray for those confined to a wheelchair. Give 2c for each pair of shoes you own
Sunday February 25	Thank God for the opportunity to share hospitality. Give 5c for each person who shares Sunday dinner with you.
Monday February 26	Pray for those who are hungry today. Give 2c for each inch of your waist measurement.
Tuesday February 27	Thank God for the gift of His Holy word. Give 5c for each Bible you personally own.
Wednesday February 28	Thank God for the gift of the sacrament of Baptism. Give 1c for each letter in your full name.
Thursday March 1	Praise God for making a wonderful variety of people. If born in Canada, give 25c; if an immigrant, give 15c.
Friday March 2	Praise God for the gift of music. If you play a musical instrument, give 10c. If you enjoy music, add 25c.
Saturday March 3	Pray for those who work in plantations to give us tea and coffee. Give 5c for each cup of tea and coffee you drink today.
Sunday March 4	Thank God for mobility. If you came to Church by car give 20c; by bus or taxi 6c; on foot 2c.
Monday March 5	Praise God for freedom to travel. If you went out by car today, give 20c; by bus 10c. Confined to home, 5c.
Tuesday March 6	Pray for faithfulness to the promises you made for your Godchildren. Give 5c for each of your Godchildren.
Wednesday March 7	Praise God for the beauty of plants. Give 2c for each living plant in your home.

Thursday March 8	Thank God for family life. Give 5c for each brother and sister, 10c if an only child.
Friday March 9	Thank God for the gift of sight. If your sight is good, give 25c; if you wear glasses or contacts, 15c.
Saturday March 10	Thank God for access to knowledge. Give 10c for each television and 5c for each radio you own.
Sunday March 11	Thank God for freedom to worship. Give 25c if you attended church today; 10c if confined to home.
Monday March 12	Thank God for the precious gift of sleep. Give 5c for each bed in your home.
Tuesday March 13	Thank God for comfortable shelter. If you own your home, put in 25c; if you're renting, 10c; other 5c.
Wednesday March 14	Thank God for the ability to read. Give 10c if you have a library card and 2c for each loan at present.
Thursday March 15	Thank God for the gift of communication. Give 10c for each television and computer in your home.
Friday March 16	Thank God for Post Office services. Give 5c for each piece of mail received today, including bills.
Saturday March 17	Thank God for clean water in abundance. Give 10c for each bathroom in your home.
Mothering Sunday March 18	Praise God for the blessing of maternal love. This Mothering Sunday, give 25c for your mother.
Monday March 19	Praise God for the convenience of the telephone and e-mail. Give 5c for each call and 1c for each e-mail message you receive today.
Tuesday March 20	Thank God for time to use in His service. Give 3c for each clock and watch that you own.
Wednesday March 21	Thank God for the gift of friends. Give 5c for each special friend.
Thursday March 22	Praise God for your personal talents. Give 5c for each hobby you pursue.

Friday March 23	Thank God for the talent of artists. Give 2c for every picture in your home.
Saturday March 24	Thank God for the love of children. Give 2c for each child (sons/daughters/nieces/nephews etc) in your family,
Passion Sunday March 25	Thank God for fellowship. Give 5c for every Church meeting attended this year.
Monday March 26	Thank God for the loyalty of pets. For each dog you own give 10c; cat 8c; bird 5c; fish 2c; other 2c.
Tuesday March 27	Thank God for His healing power. Give 5c for each of your operations. Give 25c if you've never had one.
Wednesday March 28	Praise God for the beauty of precious gems and metals. Give 5c for each ring you wear regularly.
Thursday March 29	Thank God for modern conveniences. Give 2c for every electrical and gas appliance in your kitchen
Friday March 30	Thank God for good health. Give 20c for your doctor. Add 10c if you haven't seen him/her this year.
Saturday March 31	Praise Jesus, the light of the world. Give 2c for each light bulb in the room you are in now.
Palm Sunday April 1	Praise God for the opportunity to increase "in stature and wisdom and in favour with God and man". Divide your height in inches by three and give this amount.
Holy Monday April 2	Praise God for the gift of hearing. If you have good hearing, give 25c; 15c if you use a hearing aid.
Holy Tuesday April 3	Thank God for warm attire. Give 5c for each coat you own; 2c for each hat.
Holy Wednesday April 4	Thank God for the gift of information. Give 5c for each newspaper and magazine you read regularly.
Maundy Thursday April 5	Pray for humility. Give, in the spirit of the Maundy Money given by the Queen to the poor.
Good Friday April 6	Pray for the awareness and strength to respond to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Make a special offering for this overwhelming gift.

Thank you for participating. Please give any money you have collected to Carolyn Edwards, Treasurer of the Ladies' Group.

Grow Report

St Timothy's Grow Ministry, the aim of which is ultimately to "grow" each person's faith in Jesus Christ, is a very busy ministry. Specifically the ministry is divided into the following areas: Nursery, Sunday School, Youth Program and Adult Education.

The Nursery is probably the busiest area in this ministry. Many Sundays there are 6 or more children under the age of 3 years. With this many young children two adult volunteers are needed and sometimes a third person is required. The children sing songs, hear bible stories and do simple crafts. The focus is always on how much God loves them. If you are interested in helping out with these children please contact Sonya Bell.

The Sunday school focuses on teaching the children between 3-12 years of age. We have fewer children in this area, but there is always an adult prepared and ready with a lesson for any children who attend. Please contact Carolyn Edwards if you would like to teach in the Sunday school.

Our Youth Program has recently had a few changes. Rita Seiki who has been the Youth Leader has decided because of full-time work and an almost 1-year-old child, that she is unable to continue this work. She has, though, volunteered to help out when needed and will continue to play an active part in the Sunday School and Youth Programs. Her continued presence will be a great asset for Eric and Lili Park who have just joined St Timothy's and who will now lead our youth. Eric and Lili have been members of Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church and have been very involved in the youth ministry there. They come to us with lots of ideas and enthusiasm for ministering to our youth. Their deep love for Jesus will be modelled in all of their activities with our youth. The senior youth continue to meet during the week for Christian education and occasionally both the junior and senior youth get together for a social occasion.

Adult education at St Timothy's continues to focus on encouraging everyone to become a member of a small home group. There are at present 3 small groups meeting weekly and during Lent we are very happy to announce that there will be 6 groups available meeting at different times and days during the week. During Lent each group will be learning about Jesus the "compassionate healer". The theme of these studies will be introduced at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, incorporated into the Sunday sermons and concluded during Holy Week at the Maundy Thursday service. We are hopeful that everyone will find a small group to "grow" with during the season of Lent.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10: 24-25

Lenten Small Groups

Jesus: The compassionate healer

6-Week Study

Daytime Groups

Begins	Day	Time	Place	Leaders
Feb 27	Tuesdays	7:00-8 am	Holiday Inn Restaurant North Vancouver	John Collings
Feb 27	Tuesdays	9:15-11am	Patricia Young's home North Vancouver	Patricia Young
Feb 28	Wednesdays	9:30-11am	Florence Wilton's home West Vancouver	Florence Wilton Paddy Donaldson
March 1	Thursdays	9:15-11 am	Vera McLoughlin's home North Vancouver	Ron & Carolyn Edwards

Evening Groups

Begins	Day	Time	Place	Leaders
Feb 28 th	Wednesdays	7:30-9:00 pm	Ken & Sonya Bell's home North Vancouver	Ken & Sonya Bell
March 1 st	Thursdays	7:30-9:00 pm	Sam MacDonald's home North Vancouver	Sam MacDonald Audrey Haigh

Patricia Young

St. Timothy's Church Library

Did you know -- almost ALL the books in our Church Library are banned in places like North Korea, Saudi Arabia, etc. In a free country like Canada, we can pick and choose to read what we like with out fear of persecution. Some of these books cannot be found in our own public libraries, though. But -- only a few people come to check out St. Timothy's Church Library, weekly. Please come and check out our books every Sunday at coffee time. Suggest new books. Donated new and "gently used" books are always welcome for the library.

New additions to the library: The complete set of Wanda E. Brunstetter's "**Daughters of Lancaster County**" is a heart-warming fiction that gives us insight into the simple ways of the Amish.

Book 1 - The Storekeeper's Daughter;

Book 2 - The Quilter's Daughter;

Book 3 - The Bishop's Daughter.

Monica Craver

Prayer Corner

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Compiled by Ignatius Loyola

Teach us O Lord to serve Thee as Thou deservest;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward
save that of knowing that we do Thy will, O Lord our God.

Submitted by Doug Haigh

CYCLE ON PRAYER

I thought I would start a cycle on prayer in St Timothy's Gazette. For the first one I thought I would start with:

What is Prayer?

Prayer is talking with God- our greatest privilege, asset, weapon, and sadly, neglect.

"Pray without ceasing" is a command to be followed. *1 Thess. 5:7*

We think of prayer as the preparation for work....whereas prayer is the essential work. *Oswald Chambers*

When we work, we work; when we pray, God works. Better if God works.

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night. *Spurgeon*

The church at prayer is heaven's outlet, the channel of release for heaven's power.

Prayer is the most Holy Place for the Christian. *Dr. Brian Allison*

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work, prayer is **the greater work**. *Oswald Chambers*

Prayer is the place of admitting our need, of adopting humility, and claiming dependence upon God.

Prayer is the practice of the presence of God.

Prayer is man working together with God for the achievement of His [purposes]. *S. Winward*

Prayer is an act of gratitude. 'How can I repay the Lord?...I will call on the... Lord.'" Ps.116:12

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness. *Philip Brooks*

Prayer is.... the prescribed way of subordinating our will to His. *John Stott*

Ask and God will do. Prayer is giving Jesus the opportunity and the room to work.

Of all the things that Christ wants for us, loving Him and focusing our attention on Him are the most important. *Charles Stanley*

Samantha MacDonald

Prayer for Paul Carter

Many prayers have been voiced for Paul's complete healing and strength, wisdom and comfort for Lois, Naomi, Susannah and Sarah Louise. The prayers for the Ministry to the Sick in the Book of Common Prayer express our desires so well:

"O Lord and heavenly Father, who dost relieve those who suffer in soul and body; stretch forth thine hand, we beseech thee, to heal thy servant, Paul, and to ease his pain; that by thy mercy he may be restored to health of body and mind, and show forth his thankfulness in love to thee and service to his fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

"Almighty God, giver of health and healing; Grant to this thy servant such a sense of thy presence that he may have perfect trust in thee. In all his suffering may he cast his care upon thee, so that, enfolded in thy love and power, he may receive from thee health and salvation according to thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Simon's Church North Vancouver presents:

20th Annual Renewal

Mission 2007

The Rev. David A. Rich

Cost: \$30 (\$35 after February 18th)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ST. SIMON'S CHURCH, NORTH VANCOUVER AT 604-328- 5175 OR EMAIL: STSIMONSchURCH@YAHOO.CA

Theme:

“Healing the Whole Person”

Dates: Friday March 2nd (evening)

Saturday March 3rd

and

Prayer and Praise on Sunday March 4th at 7 pm at Harvest City Church, 7416 Victoria Drive, Vancouver

Location:

St. Simon's Church North Vancouver

Lions Gate Christian Academy

420 Seymour River Road, North Vancouver

Co-sponsored by
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Harvest Project

Needed: Client Care Partner Volunteers

Client Care Partners are the front line volunteers of the Harvest Project, walking alongside people in the midst of challenging circumstances. They play an integral role in developing goals with clients and connecting them to other services. An ideal candidate has good communication and listening skills, a compassionate heart, is assertive and can maintain boundaries. The ability to handle difficult and emotionally intense situations is a must. We ask for a minimum commitment of 4 hours per week for 6 months. For more information, please contact Wendy at 604.983.9488 ext 316 or wendy@harvestproject.org.

Wendy Hiebert, Coordinator

THE NORTH SHORE LIGHT OPERA SOCIETY's 60th annual presentation: "Offenbach's ORPHEUS: Gone to Hell!"

"A hilarious new take on the gods' musical mythadventures from Mt. Olympus to the Underworld."

Director Peter Jorgensen has completely rewritten the dialogue and lyrics of the original production. This modern adaptation is a **World Premiere**.

This Story: "Orpheus and Eurydice can't stand one another; the Gods of Olympus are eternally bored; everyone is looking for a little action on the side; and "on top of all that" Public Opinion is demanding that this story remain true to the original Greek tragedy. Will this epic tale be told as intended or will it all go to Hell?"

What: "Offenbach's ORPHEUS: Gone to Hell!"

When: March 16 – 24. (except Monday & Tuesday.)

Where: Presentation House Theatre, 333 Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver.

When: March 28- April 1.

Where: Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver.

See Nancy Vondette for Tickets

More on a Lighter Note...

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered,

"Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Calendar of Upcoming Special Services and Events

Choir Practice is each Monday at the Haigh's at 7.30pm.

Church Council meets the second Thursday of each month at 6.30pm.

The **Ladies' Group** meets the second Monday of each month at 1.30pm.

The **Prayer Group** meets each Monday at 1.30pm (except the second Monday of each month).

Feb. 20, 6pm **Pancake Supper** at Sutherland Church

Feb. 21, 7:30pm **Ash Wednesday Service** at Lynn Valley Rec. Centre

Feb. 24, 5:30pm **Welcome Back Potluck Supper** at the Donaldson's

Feb. 25, after the Service, **Annual General Meeting**

Feb. 27 start of **Lenten Small Groups** *Jesus, the Compassionate Healer*

March 8, 1-4pm **Craft Meeting** at Ursula Vondette's home

March 20, 1.30pm **Chancel Guild A.G.M.** at Corinne Burns's home

March 31, 6pm **Seder Supper** at Sutherland Church

April 1 **Deadline** for *St Timothy's Gazette*

April 5, 7:30pm **Maundy Thursday Service** at Lynn Valley Rec. Centre

April 6, 11:00am **Good Friday Service** at Lynn Valley Rec. Centre

April 8, 11:00am **Easter Service** at Lynn Valley Rec. Centre

April 28, 6.30pm **Dine Out Dinner** at Amici Restaurant, West Vancouver

May 25 Ladies' Group **Games Night** (watch for details later)

June 10, after the Service, **Annual Barbecue** for St Timothy's Anniversary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND WATCH THE SERVICE LEAFLET EACH SUNDAY FOR MORE DETAILS AS EACH EVENT DRAWS NEAR. PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO SIGN UP, WHEN APPROPRIATE, TO HELP THE ORGANIZERS.