



Season of Advent

We begin with the season of Advent. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation. It is a time for calm and thoughtfulness before the hustle and bustle of preparation for Christmas. The Service of Lessons and Carols will be on December 16 - the third Sunday in Advent. In this service, we choose scripture readings,

hymns, and anthems to show, as one person put it, "the loving purposes of God as seen through the windows and words of the Bible."

The Community Chorus, led by Jill Nolli, will be singing at the Service of Lessons and Carols in Church - mark your calendar.

Church Events

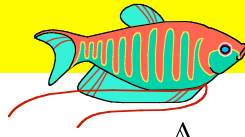
December 2nd - Capital Mental Health Association Christmas Gift Program.
December 9th - "White Gift" Sunday. Hampers are put together and distributed to those on Mayne Island just before Christmas. Please memo your donation "White Gifts" or bring a non-perishable

item to church. If you know of an individual or family who should receive a hamper, please notify Lorna Kirby.

December 13th - Men's & Lady's Christmas Breakfast - 8:30 am at the Ag Hall

December 13th - Parish Council Meeting - 2:00 pm at Church House.





Residential Schools Settlement

Annual General Meeting



The new Residential Schools Settlement Agreement officially came into effect on September of this year. This is good news for the church in that the total financial commitment from us is significantly reduced, about 60% of the original agreement, and the majority of the funds that we paid will be used for healing and reconciliation rather than for legal settlements. Under the new agreement our parish's share is \$3,641; we have paid \$4,500 towards it. This leaves us with an overpayment of \$859. The Diocesan Council has recommended that all unallocated contributions be added to the Anglican Fund for Healing and Reconciliation which is managed by the National Office. In addition to the \$859, we have \$558 in our School Settlement Fund. Council will decide at the December meeting as to how to distribute these surplus funds.

The timeline for the AGM will be decided at the December Council Meeting. Dates will be posted in the Church House.

Sunday School

On Friday, Oct 26th, the Sunday School class (11 children) went on a field trip to the Butterfly Gardens in Victoria, and then visited the Pumpkin Patch at Mitchell Farms to pick out their Halloween pumpkins. The children had been saving up all year for this trip, and "we" all had a great time.

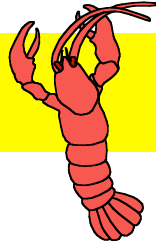
The class now ranges from Age 4 to Age 11; it is Emily & Sue's hope that they can split the class into two age groups and to increase the number of children in the older age group.

Also, thanks to Carol Barker for her musical accompaniment during class.



"In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night"

Luke 2: 8



Church Finances

It has been a number of months since a financial update has been reported to the Congregation. As of October 31, total receipts were \$80,881 (including donations of \$25,011 for the new roof) and total disbursements totaled \$86,615 leaving us with a deficit of \$5,734. By excluding receipts and disbursements for the new roof, ie, ignoring the extra-ordinary roof fund account, we are ahead of our budgeted forecast by \$6,839. As well, we are above our budgeted forecast for receipted and open-donations.

Amazingly, we managed to put a new roof on the Church with very little financial 'hand-wringing', thanks not only to the congregation but to the many Friends of the Church. Total donations amounted to \$25,111, as of November 18th. An additional \$10,000 (\$5,000 from 2006 revenue and \$5,000 from the 2007 Church Fair) was transferred from the General Funds to Capital Funds - New Roof. The total cost of the new roof was \$38,002 of which \$1,075 (gst) will be reimbursed by Revenue Canada in 2008; the small short fall was transferred, with approval, from the General Capital Fund. At one point Council was prepared to transfer \$10,500 invested in our Diocesan Trust Fund to complete the project, however, we managed not to touch these invested funds. It is hoped that next year we can re-shingle the church house with the help of volunteers and assistance by Per Nielsen who will volunteer his expertise. The cost of the shingles will be part of the 2008 budget. If you have not contributed to the Roof Fund or wish to again, your donation will be used to replenish the Capital Fund for future projects.

Thank-you to the Congregation & Friends of the Church for your continuing financial support.

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" And his father and
mother were amazed at
the things which were
being said about Him."

Luke 2:33
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Church Grounds

The weekly "grounds crew" have been working diligently every Thursday morning to maintain the grounds including the Memorial Garden. If you would like to 'pitch in', please join us Thursday mornings at 9 am. Please note that John Larsen will be away from November 24th for a couple months. If

you have any maintenance issues, please contact Dennis Watts or Dereck Atha. Thank-you



Ten Things That Children Can Teach Us About Worship

By Christopher Page

1. Don't sit down all the time - move around.
2. Don't just listen, also look.
3. Be honest and admit that sometimes worship is boring.
4. Wear loose-fitting clothes to church.
5. Make notes and drawings on the church bulletin (then take the bulletin home and put it on the refrigerator door).
6. If something happens that is funny, then laugh.
7. If something happens that is sad, then cry.
8. Sit next to your friends in church.
9. Sing loudly even if you don't know that tune.
10. If you don't understand something, ask someone to explain it to you.

