



The Church Mouse

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Rev. Stephen
Says

Lately I have been quite challenged by Luke's account of "the two" walking on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). We are among the privileged that get a "bird's eye view" through the author's writing which allows us to see all the details playing out like a scene in a play. We are aware that Jesus was present with "the two" all along, but they in fact did not recognize Jesus until he sat with them in their home and broke the bread. It was then that their eyes were opened and they realized with whom they had been all along. Prior to this they were lamenting the fact that Jesus had been crucified. They mentioned how they were hoping that he would be the one to "redeem Israel." In other words, life was not unfolding as they thought it would – plans and purposes were not, in their minds, being fulfilled. Perhaps we can relate to "the two" as we journey through life not always sure where things are headed. We may also lament the fact that life is not unfolding as we anticipated it would.

As we continue to find ourselves in the "afterglow" of our Easter celebrations and contemplate anew the empty tomb, we can be encouraged by the fact that despite life's tentativeness, we are not journeying alone. The eyes of "the two" were opened as Jesus broke bread in the "intimate space" of their home. As we continue our journey through Pentecost and on into the summer months ahead, may we too find that "intimate space" where we can commune with Christ in the "stillness" and consequently be enabled to see the reality of his presence in our lives in ways we never dreamed possible. Amen.

Respectfully Submitted

The Reverend Captain Stephen Pessah
Associate Priest, Youth and Young Family Minister

PLEASE NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGES FOR SUMMER SEASON

Services will be held
at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
beginning Sunday July 5, 2009.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday May 23 – 8 am to 1 pm –

Spring Rummage Sale

(see flyer on back page for more information)

Sunday May 24 – Anglicans in Concert at 4 p.m.

Willow Creek Baptist Church, Midhurst (see ad next page)

Sunday May 31 following the 10:30 a.m. service the 4th Memorial Tablet will be dedicated in our Millennium Memorial Garden.

Sunday June 21 – End of Sunday School celebration – last class until September - outdoor games and a barbecue!



ANGLICANS IN CONCERT

**Sunday, May 24th
at 4:00 p.m.
Willow Creek Baptist
Church(Midhurst)**

All Saint's (Collingwood), St. George's (Allandale), St. Giles (Barrie), St. John's (Craighurst), St. Jude's (Ivy), St. Paul's (Midhurst) and Trinity, Barrie are joining in a **Mass Choir** under the leadership of **Sharon Fitzsimmins**.

The concert will also feature singers; **Jane Black, Dianne Jones**, and **Rev. Stephen Pessah**, fiddler; **Lloyd Preston**, pianists; **Frances Hayter** and **Keiko Yoden**, clarinetist; **Susan Connolly** and flutist; **Carol Hardy**,

It will be a variety afternoon including works by Mendelssohn, Dvorak and Rutter as well as favourite fiddle tunes.

All proceeds will go to **Samaritan House** and **The David Busby Centre** as part of Faithworks. There will be a free will offering and tax receipts will be issued from individual Churches.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

Coincidence is when God chooses to stay anonymous.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your co-pilot – swap seats!

We don't change the message,
the message changes us.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

From the Library –

Barb Shotlander's Picks for Young People

In less than 2 months children and youth will be leaving school behind for the joy of summer freedom. Why not borrow some children's books from the Library for when they are visiting Grandma and Grandpa – something different to read to the grandchildren on a rainy day or for them to read themselves? Kids – why not borrow a book or two from the library – we don't hold you to a two or three week due back date. Perhaps you will even be able to use one of the books as a book report for next year. Here are some suggestions. If you are unsure about how sign out books, just ask me during the coffee hour.

For those up to approx. age 8:

Franklin's Baby Sister/Paulette Bourgeois (C/BOU) – Franklin waits for a baby sister to be born

Arthur's Tooth/Marc Brown (C/BRO) – Arthur waits impatiently for his loose tooth to fall out.

Whisker's Great Adventure/Meryl Doney (C/DOW) – Whiskers disobeys his father and gets into serious trouble before being rescued.

For those between ages 8 and 12:

Blazer Drive/Sigmund Brouwer (J/BRO) – in a WHL mystery, will Josh choose the hockey he loves or help the girl who needs his help?

Amy's Promise/Bernice T. Hunter (J/HUN) – 12 yr. old Amy tries to keep a promise made to her mother who has died and dreams of a better life.

Karen's Plane Trip/Ann Martin (J/MAR) – one of a few Babysitters Little Sisters series.

Young Adults – ages approx. 12 – 16:

Ghost Boy/Iain Lawrence (YA/LAW) – Harold, an albino and outcast, seeks acceptance by running away to joining the circus.

Last Summer in Louisbourg/Claire Mowat (YA/MOW) – Andrea Baxter is offered a job at Fort Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island.

The First Miracle/Jeffrey Archer (YA/ARC) – what does a 13 yr old encounter when sent on an errand by his mother?

OUTREACH

THANKS to everyone who has participated in "CASSEROLE TUESDAY" in support of Youth Haven. Tuesday, May 26 will be the final collection day until the fall. Our plan for this final date is the same as last year. We hope to collect the \$10. donations rather than a casserole, and then we will buy a supply of hamburgers for Youth Haven. With that finished, our SUMMER COLLECTION PROGRAM will begin in June with the collection of 'SOAP' that will be distributed between various agencies around town.

Joan Rothko
Outreach Coordinator

WEDDINGS:

Ronald Scott and Joyce Winifred Stewart
April 4, 2009

David Ian MacLeod and Gertrude Elizabeth Charman-
April 25, 2009

BAPTISMS:

February 15, 2009

Charlotte Denora Cadman
Kayden William Scott Gosselin
Sidney Nathaniel Sabastian Procee
Jesse Alexandra Arnott Upton

April 11, 2009

Elliott Barbara Elsa Kahler
Landon David George Kahler

BURIALS:

Kenneth James "Jim" Lester - February 13, 2009
Rhona Elizabeth Thompson - February 14, 2009
Kelen Elizabeth Morrow - February 22, 2009
William F. Schwekendick - March 11, 2009
Katherine Grace Buzanko - March 19, 2009
John Burke Mitchell - March 28, 2009
Kevin William Little - April 4, 2009

Barrie in February

Softly, the flakes come down from heaven,
Touching the trees, the roofs, the drifts of snow,
Which had arrived, some time ago.
Winter, in its frozen beauty,
Ready to welcome, each new speck of snow,
Like babies nestling in their mother's arms.

The Bay, where children swim and play,
Is quiet, lined with fishing huts
Taking their place, until the warm winds blow.
Patches of solid ice appear.
Roads are difficult to travel
All eyes are searching for a sign of Spring.

Each season has its pupose,
As the earth moves, ever closer to the sun.
The cold and severity of the winter breezes,
Will soon give way to changes in our lives.
Birds will return, to give us serenade,
As trees and flowers burst with life again.

Perhaps, we fail to understand,
The Plan, that rules our universe.
We have four seasons to enjoy,
Each with its beauty and distinctive mode.
Variety has been our special journey in life,
Thanks to our Creator, for His gifts to man.

By Bruce Fraser, B.A., L.Th, M.Ed.

A lesson from a \$20 bill

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He then proceeded to crumple the dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well", he replied, What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went in the air, "My friends you have learned a valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20." Many times in our life we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will ever happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him. Psalm 17:8 states that God will keep us, "as the apple of His eye." THOUGHT: The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we are but by "WHOSE WE ARE! You are Special - Don't ever forget it!



February 25, 2009

St. George's Anglican Church
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Dear Joan Rothern and friends:

"It takes hands to build a house, but only hearts can build a home." ~Author Unknown

To Joan Rothern and kind friends, on behalf of the staff and youth at Youth Haven Barrie, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of groceries. We are so thankful for all of your hard work that you have provided to us for over the years. The kids were very excited to be enjoying a delicious, pancake dinner. Your contribution to Youth Haven re-affirms that angels do indeed live among us, blessing our lives with the blessed work that they do.

The quote mentioned above, truly reflects the generosity you have all put forth towards our home life. It does take hands to build a house, but it's the kindnesses in your hearts that have contributed to supplying our house with food, to the hundreds of young homeless people who call Youth Haven home each year. We realize that each pair of feet has made their tracks along our worn out floor, but the home takes in the spirit of these kids with it throughout the years. Our home reflects some of the imprints our homeless teens have left from over the years. They are the memories of those who have stayed with us and used our services in hopes of a brighter tomorrow.

A home should reveal signs of aging, but as long as it has been mended with care our home will always be build from love and offer its love to any teen in need. We thank you once again, for caring for our home when it to is in need. Especially to filling a hungry belly. We hope that you will please continue to support Youth Haven and the youth of Simcoe County.

Sincerely,

Denise Ummels

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Executive Director

Sarah Lockhart

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Fund Development Officer