



# St. Timothy's Gazette Advent 2010

## *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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**St. Timothy's Anglican Church**  
Sunday Services at:  
**Sutherland Church**  
630 East 19th Street,, North Vancouver

First Sunday: Matins at 9 a.m.  
Other Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

Sunday Sermons are available on our website

# Message from the Rev. Ken Bell

## *We Wait...*

When I was growing up our family, like most, had a variety of traditions. One of my favourites was that on our birthday we could ask for any meal we wanted. I always asked for my dad's lasagne. To this day I don't know how he made it or what all went into it and I am not sure he remembers anymore either. All I remember is that it was the best lasagne in the world.

The process would begin early in the morning with the creation of the sauce. In short order the aromas of onion, garlic and tomatoes filled the house. Before breakfast was ready to eat, the sauce was made. I am quite sure that he made the sauce with typical tomato sauce ingredients and putting it all together did not take long. But what made this sauce extraordinary was that now it would sit and simmer for several hours until it was finally ready. By mid afternoon the other components had taken shape and it was time for assembly, then into the oven for what seemed like hours. Finally after what I think must have been a twelve hour process the lasagne was ready to eat. And it was always delicious!

Looking back I am sure much is legend and imagination but what I now realize is what made that meal so special every year. Yes it was made with loving hands just for me but it was something else. From the moment the onions hit the oil I wanted to eat it. But I had to wait. It was the waiting that made it special. We had no choice but to wait, for it was in the waiting the sauce came to life and the flavours formed. Sure there are quicker ways to make lasagne, store bought sauce and no boil noodles speed everything up. Or just buy the pre-made ones and throw them in the oven for two hours, no work and little preparation. But it would not be the same. The hours of waiting were always worth it. (Thanks dad!)

I write this not because it is almost dinner time and I am hungry, (which is true but not the point), but

because it is almost Christmas time and I am eager for the gifts, the smiles and the feast. But in order to enjoy Christmas fully we must wait. Wait for our need for the Christ Child to form in our hearts. Wait in the busyness and confusion of the season to find our way to the Holy Family. Wait as a cacophony of song and noise echoes around us and we strain to hear the voice of the angels. Wait in the cold darkness of the winter season for the star of Bethlehem to guide us to the manger to be present at the birth of God, Emmanuel.

So together, let us wait with fervent expectation, in hope, peace, love and joy for Christmas.

A Happy and Hopeful Advent to you and all you love,

Your Servant in Christ  
*ken bell+*

## Book Reviews

### **Emmanuel Kolini: The Unlikely Archbishop of Rwanda**

by Mary Weeks Millard

We all know who Emmanuel Kolini is. This book explores the formation of the man and of a true bishop. It is a biography so the 'plot' is self explanatory, however the story Millard records is both remarkable and humbling. Kolini spends much of his life living in exile, moving between war-torn nations longing to return to his native Rwanda. His integrity and wisdom is surpassed only by his deep faith.

### **Rethinking Life: What the church can learn from Africa**

By Emmanuel Kolini and Peter Holmes.

In this book Kolini and Holmes trace the history of the church in Africa from biblical times, through to the East African Revival and the churches modern day explosion in much of Sub-Saharan Africa. They show how God had prepared the peoples of Africa for the Christian message well before the White Fathers and the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century missionaries

ever arrived on the shores and in the jungles of ‘the dark continent’.

*ken bell+*

## *Waiting*

I wait for my extra hot grande latte  
I wait for the bus  
I wait in traffic  
I wait to get money out of a machine  
I wait to see my doctor  
I wait for my children to catch up  
I wait to grow older  
Will I wait for him?

I hope my coffee will wake me up  
I hope the bus is on time  
I hope traffic clears  
I hope there is money left  
I hope my doctor knows what's wrong  
I hope to see my children catch up  
I hope I grow old  
Will I hope in him?

-- Ken Bell

## **Wardens' Update – Advent 2010**

St Timothy's have been holding our worship services at the Sutherland Church for three months now. Members of both congregations have gathered to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas this week, and this is just one of the many examples of mutual respect and cooperation that have made the transition from our old location at the Lynn Valley Community center to Sutherland Church so very smooth and painless. Of course there is still some preparation and John Hopkins continues to schedule the setup crews and fine-tune the arrangements. Corinne Burns and the Altar Guild now have the option to set up on Saturday afternoon and have a secure

storage across the hall. Monica Craver has the library set up in a cabinet that Sutherland was not using and Patricia Young has the video library in hand. Hazel Blacoe has the coffee teams working smoothly and the refreshments after the service are a great time to catch up with people.

All in all it is amazing. Praise the Lord and give thanks.

Nobody wants to talk about the elephant in the room at this time of year. Our treasurer Leddy Lilley has prepared a budget to be formally presented at the AGM next February. This proposal was given out after services Nov. 21st. We are asked to pledge our giving for the year by Dec. 5th. The reasons for this process are simple: accountability and inclusiveness. Council prepares a budget, the congregation either supports it through pledges or does not, and council makes adjustments accordingly.

There are many weak, ineffectual churches and we are not one of them. Money is muscle for a church and we are able to give corporately supporting the excellent things we do because our parishioners give. Tithing hurts – it is supposed to. The Bible tells us our giving is the only thing we are permitted to test God on. So give – and pray expectantly.

Every week we pray for Rev. Callixte and our sister parish in Rwanda. It is time we grew closer and in order to do that we need to go there. We have established a timeline with an exploratory mission trip to Kaduha in June of 2011. At this time we are gathering ideas for what we can take with us and getting some feedback on this from Rev. Callixte through the Rwandan diocese email. Understandably this is a long process as Rev. Callixte is only able to pick up his emails when he makes an infrequent trip to Kigali. We will endeavour to arrange some beneficial trade; a market for

some crafts or other goods here giving them some income.

In closing, we wish you all the blessings of the season; that Advent and Christmas bring you and yours closer to Christ.

Your Wardens, *Nancy Vondette & Ron Barrett*

## Reports from our "G"s

### Go Group

#### *Go out into the North Shore community*

The Season of Advent is – to recognize and locate ourselves in the same mindset as at the time of Christ's incarnation. (Please see my previous article about history before the New Testament in the June 2010 issue of the Gazette) In that dark moment of history and the light came into the world.

In our present day, science dominates the "truth" and all things can be considered with empirical approbation, thus everything becomes "data", and without it, nothing has significance. If, in the modern approach, one cannot make sense of Biblical narratives (especially the Nativity) with empirical systems, then one fiddles it to "some good tale of family tidings and child bearing" or worse, replace it with commercial jingling of "Santa Claus is coming to town". However, in the spiritual world, people still hope for some type of protection and luck for their life situations. Believing is now relegated to individuals cheating their fate, and making them rich, healthy, and beautiful. Over the past 2000 years of our history, we have introduced Pagan nature back to our society. It seems to be that we are again living in the enchanted world. What is worshiped as gods in society today? Are they not those who are so familiar in our

midst– great heroes of the world who make significant differences in the society for the better? The world lays the foundation of social community and networking of people based on this. However, there is no need of gods in such case, but humans needing other people to be comforted and to share relationship. Today, this has become "online" as people are communicating on hand held devices, following "great" figures on social networking, and exchange information to satisfy their knowledge at speed. There is no face-to-face relationship, but turning into rather radio wave, disembodied from reality. Thus, humans create idols to reason its existence (Ref: Rev. Ken's recent sermon series "counterfeit god" and about Malachi: visit church website for archival listening). Even Christians are losing their identification in some ways and are becoming like the one mentioned in the Book of Malachi. Things are going a bit pear shaped everywhere– similar to the time of Jesus.

Listen to Handel's Messiah as you read the following. (Open Gospel of Mark)  
Isaiah 40: 1-5, Haggai 2: 6,7, Malachi 3: 1.-3,  
Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 40: 9, Isaiah 60: 1-3,  
Isaiah 9:2, Isaiah 9: 6

In point form the Scriptures shows the:

- Announcement of people being comforted
- Calling of Equality and Obedience
- Announcement of Judgement ,especially to the priests (against corrupted religion)
- Emmanuel – this is not the comforter figure but one who judges the Israel.
- Great salvation has been given to those who suffer in the darkness.
- And the very presence of Yahweh comes!

Now, I would like to introduce something from Genesis 15.

This is the section that God makes a covenant with Abraham, in the ancient form called

“death passage”. In this style of covenant, both parties walk through half cut dead animals, cursing, pointing at the corpses, “If I break the covenant with you, let this happen to me.” Abraham did not walk through this passage, but “Smoking fire pot and flaming torch” (the presence of God in Exodus) went between the dead animals when the earth turned dark.

At Calvary, darkness fell upon the earth and Israel saw her God covered in blood, naked and dead for their iniquity. God has never broken His covenant, but Israel abandoned Him. Instead, God took their place and saved them with His own blood. This is the Lord who, taking the situation very personally incarnated in the person of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark and Handel’s Messiah reflect on the theme, very well. God opened heaven and came down among us in the time of darkness. (Read Isaiah 63-65) (Note: 400 years in Egypt / 400 years of no prophesy in Israel before Christ)

There are many similarities between our time and Christ’s. At one point, western society was entirely Christian, but many departed, and it has become “of the world”. Absolute Holiness in judgement is preserved for the “Revelation” but until then, all need to continuously turn, accept the eternal life, and identify themselves as “of Christ”. One must recognize the darkness yet not fear it because of Him. The incarnation, announces the coming of the servant King, who is to destroy the beastly foe enrooted in us, and to turn us to be truly human in His very likeness by reconstituting New Israel – the Kingdom of God. By human strength, we can never accomplish this – good will alone is not enough, bloodline cannot save us, the empty praise of men can never buy favour – only by God, only in Christ, and only through Holy Spirit, the World will be shaken and give up its sting of death.

Let us celebrate the season of Advent, coming after the feast of “Christ the King” - so that we may recognize ourselves once again and be

subject to the Kingdom of God where Christ Jesus governs forever. Let us cherish this citizenship, and betray it not.

*Jonathan Masahiro Seiki*

## **Gather Group** *Gather all ages into Christian fellowship*

### **Ladies Group Report**

We have been busy with preparing for three craft sales this November. We held one at Amica in West Vancouver on November 6th which was very successful followed by one at Churchill House on November 20th – our third display of crafts will be held following our church service on Sunday morning November 28th to which all are invited. Come and browse and find those special items you might be looking and wanting to buy as Christmas presents. All proceeds from these three craft sales are to be equally divided among Partners in Hope, Northshore Youth Safe House and Sharyn Thomson who recently came to St. Timothy’s to speak about her Bible Translation work in Burkina Faso. Special thanks go to Ursula for all her hard work and dedication to the craft sales and for Carolyn who manages all the money and its distribution to the outreaches.

We started a new venture recently with a car-pooling, block ticket purchase theatre outing to The Sound of Music – it was a superb production – we look forward to our next trip downtown to “Christmas on Air” put on by the Pacific Theatre Company. Monies raised from these two outings will be added to the three outreaches we are supporting this fall. It’s so much fun to be able to go with friends to the theatre having the driving and parking all taken care of.

Our final outreach for this season will be collecting socks, woollen hats and baked goods for the Mission to Seafarers (bringing it to church on December 12th). Any parishioner who wishes to join with us is asked to bring their contribution to church on that Sunday and we will deliver it to the Mission to Seafarers that week.

We particularly enjoyed our November 13th meeting with a visit from Douglas Haigh who came to share some memories of his wartime years in World War II. Corinne, Ursula, Lois and Hazel also shared some of their memories of life back in the war years in the 40s. Please see the following article for more details of that.

Through Corinne we sent a donation to "Bibles for Troops" and were able to purchase four bibles; and we also renewed our subscription through Linda Taunton to support four students to continue with their studies into High School in Rwanda. We find that such a worthwhile project which helps us keep connected with our sister parish in Rwanda. These four students are in addition to those individually supported by our generous parishioners – which now total 35.

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Monday December 13th at Sutherland Church at 12.30 p.m.; and beginning in January we will be holding all our regular meetings at Sutherland Church every second Monday of the month at 1.30 p.m.

All of us in the Ladies Group wish all at St. Timothy's a very merry Christmas and many thanks to all who have helped with our various events and fundraisers this year.

We thank God for all the many gifts that each and EVERY member of our group has contributed to our Ladies Group.

God bless - *Audrey Haigh*

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As the Ladies Group meeting in November occurred near Remembrance Day, the focus of the "talk" was on memories of members during the last World War. Based on a short list of questions, we learned the following:

### **Ursula and Hank Vondette**

*Where were you when war broke out? –*

McGee High School in Vancouver, B.C.

On graduation day half the boys in the graduating class had on uniforms. I joined the WREN's in 1943 and left in 1946. I met Hank as a WREN on a hot sunny day in St. Hyacinthé, in Quebec on VJ day.

Hank was in high school, in Pembroke, Ontario when war broke out. He left school at age 17 in April before his graduation in June 1941. He volunteered, joined the navy and trained as a signalman learning Morse code and flag signals on ships. His first assignment was in the St. Lawrence River after a U-boat had torpedoed a boat in the area and Hank had to climb down the side of the ship on nets with others to pull injured men from the St. Lawrence. The ship had to keep moving to avoid being hit by torpedoes from the U-boat. One of the miracles on that day was that Hank rescued a classmate who had been on a boat going to Goose Bay to as a construction worker. His ship had been the target!

After the war Hank made the navy his career. He was a sub-Lieutenant when he went to Korea, and later Captain of four ships – the Stettler, the Preserver, the Restigouche and the last Canadian Aircraft Carrier, the Bonaventure.

*What were the best and worst about being married to a service man?*

The worst – the long separation

The best – the wonderful people that you met, great feelings of belonging to a big family, great interest in the job.

## **Corinne and Jim Burns**

*Where were you when war broke out?* –  
Medicine Hat, Alberta I was almost 12.

*Where was Jim?* Winnipeg

*Highlights of his career:* Jim was an Air Mechanic in Winnipeg but wanted to be a Pilot. He joined the RCAF in 1943 at age 18. He was in the UK when the war ended, transferred to the Fleet Air Arm, and returned to Canada in 1947. He was CO of a Squadron, had much sea time, and attended Greenwich Naval College in the UK during a 3 year appointment. He was a 25 year career officer in the Royal Canadian Naval Air.

*The best and worst about being married to a service man?* The best was the special people we met - a special breed - it was a fabulous life. The worst was all the sea time and flying time away. Jim left for Florida for 5 weeks hours after our first child was born.

## **Douglas Haigh**

*Where were you when war was declared?*  
I was in India visiting my parents who lived in India (my father was a mining engineer) - and had to return to England by air instead of by ship for fear of the ship being bombed. I returned to finish my university degree.

*Did you volunteer or were you drafted?*  
I finished university and started work in a munitions factory because I was a Chemical Engineer – however, I volunteered and signed up as a serviceman in the Royal Engineers in 1942 and then transferred into the officer corps one year later.

*What was the most memorable experience during the war years?*

D-Day – I was loaded onto a ship the day before June 6th but due to bad weather and delay everyone was very seasick. I landed ahead of the troops with the tank regiment

accompanying the Canadian forces on Juno Beach, in Normandy.

I travelled through France, Holland and into Germany and then spent a year after the war in Germany before being demobilized in 1946.

## **Lois Knight**

*Where were you when war broke out?*

I was in Winnipeg, graduated from school in 1941 and trained as a nurse from 1941-45. As I had a friend who moved to Vancouver she thought it would be interesting to move west and so I arrived in 1945 to work at Toughness Hospital. The hospital was full of veterans many of whom were returning with injuries from Europe.

I worked on the orthopaedic ward and met my husband-to-be there - who was a patient at the time.

Conditions at the hospital were tough – one maid cleaned the corridors but most of the cleaning in the wards, changing the beds etc plus doing all the nursing was done by the nurses - “we worked like beavers”.

## **Hazel Blacoe**

*Where were you when war broke out?*

I was in Belfast, North Ireland when war broke out and remember my father with much affection. He was in the British Navy when war was declared and volunteered throughout the war. My mother had to bring up four girls on her own and went long times without seeing her husband. I remember the time my father's ship the HMS Courageous was torpedoed in 1939 – he happened to step out on deck late at night and saw the torpedo coming towards the ship. By being outside, on deck, he was one of the lucky ones to survive the sinking of the ship by jumping overboard and swimming a long distance to the nearest ship. 1201 men survived but 687 men died. The ship was carrying aircraft for the war effort, and all went

down with the ship. "It was very hard to have a Daddy away so long when I was growing up".

I remember in 1941 as a child, when mother moved us to her sister's house, 7 miles outside the city, watching from a hill as Belfast was bombed.

**Paddy and Ray Donaldson** – reflections of parents who have a son, Stephen, serving in the Canadian Forces today.

Steve entered the military on the day he graduated from high school. He had been in Air Cadets since about the age of 13, and had his gliders license and his private pilot's license when he was 17. He really wanted to go to university away from home, and the only way he could do it was to join the military and see if they wanted him - which they did - as a navigator for the Air force with the Sea King helicopters. So... off he went to University at Royal Roads in Victoria. They closed that university 2 years later, and he was sent to Royal Military College for the last 2 years of his degree.

Then he was sent off to Halifax to train, and when 9/11 happened, he was sent to the Gulf. That was a very scary time for us all, as no one knew what was happening. He was gone for 5 ½ months on a destroyer – the Iroquois. They did a lot of work in the Suez Canal and in and around the Arabian Gulf. He came home safely, and then his time came to sign up for Afghanistan. He wanted to go!!! It made us all sick thinking about it, but the men and women in the military are so well trained for their jobs, that it was just his time to go. I think the thing that really helped us through both of his deployments was the fact that we could send him emails on a daily basis, and that he could answer most of them. They were all read so no sensitive information could get through – either way, but it was a really great way to keep in touch. Steve was working in

the Kandahar Airfield for his deployment, and at that time, the US military was building their troops up there, so it was always busy and there was so much happening in this secured area. I think something like 15,000 more troops arrived while he was there. Also, the fact that he was in a relatively "safe" area was a huge help to our psyche!

I can't imagine what the vets and their families went through in the previous wars with no way of communicating instantly. As most of you know, the other things that helped us through the 7 months in Afghanistan was the fact that we had both of his boys for 4 months last summer. I think that was a gift to us to have part of him here. And of course, the Church and their constant prayers for his safety really helped both of us through this stressful time. One of the worst parts was the 10 or so days before he was due to come home, and really hoping that he would be safe, as that is when so many accidents happen. I think it even bothered him, as he didn't stray from the barracks for those few days. Steve has been in the forces since he was 17, and this year he turned 35. He loves his job and doesn't plan to take early retirement. His wife has also joined the forces.

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While all members of St Timothy's share a common interest in promoting our Anglican form of worship, we come with diverse backgrounds and experiences, some (like the above), affecting our views of both church matters and all aspects of life, strongly. If we knew more of each others stories, as opposed to the insular lives in the fast paced North American life that we lead, we would automatically be a more caring more tolerant society. Could we, as members of St Timothy's build a community that nurtures a biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom?

# Glorify Reports

*GLORIFY: God in worship*

## Prayers of the People

One part of Prayers of the People, prepared by a designated member of the congregation for each Matins and Holy Communion Service, is praying for people affected by disasters or caught up in a particularly troublesome situation, often emphasized by the media. Each week, the person responsible chooses people and situations to bring before God. There are so many situations for which prayer is needed, that it is often difficult to select the most relevant or needy.

In future, the person saying the prayers of the people will invite members of the congregation, either aloud or in the silence of their hearts, to name people or situations of which they have become aware. Some current examples might be "people affected by cholera in Haiti", "street people suffering through winter weather" and "the families of the miners in New Zealand". Each of us, because of past experiences, is affected to a different degree by each news item, so we hope that opening up the prayers for everyone to participate more actively will ensure that more items are included and also that everyone feels more involved.

The person leading the prayers represents the whole congregation and it is helpful if there is a strong endorsement of the prayers by a fervent "Amen" or the response asked for, usually a phrase like "Hear our prayers".

If you have any questions or comments about Prayers of the People, we would be glad to receive your input.

*Samantha MacDonald and Florence Wilton*

# Grow Reports

*GROW: to become more like Jesus Christ*

## Adult Education:

### *Small Groups:*

If you are interested in joining a small group, please speak to either Patricia Young or Sarah Lucas, or contact one of the group leaders. The groups meet as follows:

**Mondays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Meeting at Ron and Carolyn Edwards' home.

Topic: "Spiritual Gifts" by R. Paul Stevens

**Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m.** Men's Breakfast Meeting at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, N. Vancouver. Info: John Collings

**Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m.** Women's Breakfast Meeting at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, N. Vancouver. Info: Sarah Lucas

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Meetings at Florence Wilton's. Topic: "Galatians".

**Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00 a.m.** Meetings at Patricia Young's home. Topic: "Meeting the Spirit" by Douglas Connelly

**Tuesdays, 8:00-9:30 p.m.** Meeting at the Bell's. Info: Ken or Sonya

Most small groups began the fall session with a 5 week Bible Study series to parallel the Sunday Sermon. The topic of this series was "Disenchanted Idols: exploring counterfeit gods in our culture and our lives". Each week led us to examine one or two particular "idols" in our lives today, by examining specific biblical texts and contemporary articles to stimulate discussion within the group.

As always, small groups give us an opportunity, not only to spend time studying the Holy Word and developing our relationship with God, but also to spend time in fellowship and in prayer together.

*Sarah Lucas*

## Altar Guild – PLEA FOR NEW MEMBERS

As we contemplate the arrival of the winter months and the forecast of a long and severe winter season, the urgent need for new Altar Guild members becomes increasingly evident. Members of the Altar Guild, for the most part, are of the older generation and some are dealing with health problems. Many are unable to drive in bad weather and in difficult driving conditions. This group has, for many years, prepared the Altar and credence table for Eucharist each Sunday and for this, we are always most grateful. We do, however, need new blood.

We are all delighted to be in our new church, but the move has meant that scheduled Altar Guild members are now required to come on Saturday morning to set up the Altar for the following day – this takes approximately 30 minutes. After the service on Sunday, the Altar Guild does the dismantling and storing of the Eucharist vessels etc. This duty takes about 20 minutes.

Please consider volunteering to join the Altar Guild. The more members there are, the less frequent the duties involved. Members are usually scheduled for duty once a month, or twice during the holiday periods when some members are away. Training for new members is provided and the duty is not an onerous one – you always work with a partner, so that four people are on duty each week – two on Altar and two on credence.

If you are interested and are able to join this group, male or female, please speak to Corinne or Sarah.

Thank you.

*The Altar Guild*

## St. Timothy's Film Ministry:

*“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.”*

*Matthew 5:44*

“To look at art by people of different experiences – whether cultural, religious, economic, or otherwise – is a way of stepping outside of what is comfortable and familiar in order to become more compassionate. It cultivates understanding, and thus sympathy, with people who are different than us. This is an especially powerful endeavour if we are willing to consider how our enemies experience the world – what a giant step it takes us toward loving them as Christ requires”<sup>1</sup>

One of the purposes of the Film Ministry at St Timothy's is to do just this. To have films available to watch which allow us to enter into the experiences of people different than us, sometimes radically different than us. This is not easy. It is difficult, sometimes very difficult and often it is almost easier just to say, “I don't want to know. I don't need to know” but Jesus calls us to love them and to do this we need to try and understand where they are coming from and what they have experienced. Films can allow us this experience. Good films are authentic and enlightening and have a “Christ like perspective” which is concerned with more than justice. To love one's enemy is to consider and care what happens to him.<sup>2</sup>

I have some new films in the Ministry.

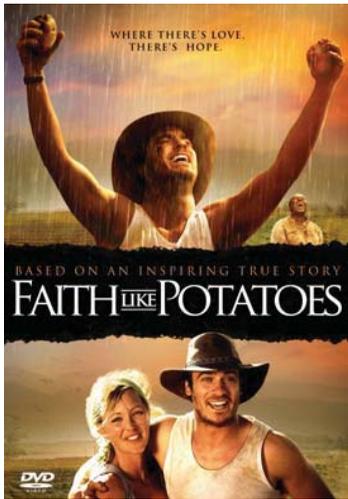
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<sup>1</sup> Overstreet, Jeffrey, *Through A Screen Darkly* (California: Regal Books, 2007), 123.

<sup>2</sup> Overstreet, Jeffrey, *Through A Screen Darkly* (California: Regal Books, 2007), 175.

The first one is titled, *“Faith Like Potatoes”*.

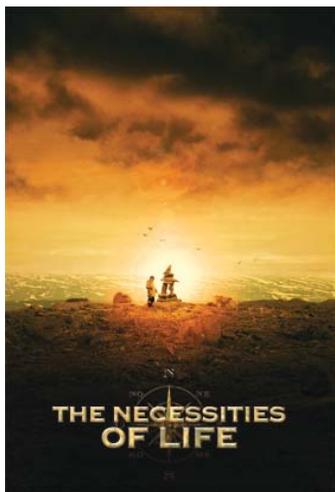
This is a film produced by Affirm Films, a division of Sony this is a motion picture label launched in 2008 to release gospel and Christian films. Based on the novel *Faith Like*



*Potatoes*, this inspiring film tells the story of Angus Buchan, a South African farmer who suffers a series of seemingly

insurmountable losses, but through an unlikely friendship with his Zulu farmhand and divine interventions, discovers the key to healing himself and learning to accept others lies in his unwavering belief in the power of faith. This powerful DVD includes a gripping 54 minute documentary on the real life Angus Buchan, the making of *Faith Like Potatoes*, director and cast commentary, deleted scenes and more.

Another new film to the Ministry is *“The Necessities of Life”*. This film was Canada's submission for Best Foreign Language Film at the 81st Academy Awards. Set in the early 1950s, the movie tells the



story of Tivii (Natar Ungalaaq), an Inuit in the Far North who is diagnosed with tuberculosis by a doctor on a visiting hospital ship and promptly sent south to a sanatorium in Quebec. Separated from his family and unable to communicate with the concerned but condescending staff or his chain-smoking fellow patients, he is devastated by the effects of his isolation. Yet tentative connections with a nurse (Éveline Gélinas) and an orphaned Inuit boy (Paul-André Brasseur) help reintroduce him to the real necessities. This film is in French with English subtitles.

*Patricia Young*

### **St. Timothy's Church Library:**

The "new" St. Timothy's Library has officially opened -- with many thanks to the graciousness of Sutherland Church to offer us a large eight shelf book case that can be closed and locked when not in use. What seemed like "boxes of books" at one time suddenly became much smaller once placed on the new bookcase shelves!

There is room to Grow our Library! There are still quite a few more books and videos to catalogue and place on those shelves. But, for the first time in many years, there is a wide and varied selection of books for borrowing. The Library also has a small collection of Biblical-based VHS videos (does anybody watch those anymore?) and DVD's for children, youth, and adults. Check out your "new" library this Sunday...

*“Make thy books thy companions. Let thy cases and shelves be thy pleasure grounds and gardens.” ~Judah ibn-Tibbon (12th century)*

*Monica Craver*

## Give Reports

***GIVE: of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.***

### KIDS FOR KIDS PROGRAM CHANGING LIVES

Kids for Kids is a grassroots project that started in 2005 from the West Sechelt Elementary School on the Sunshine Coast, sponsoring a school in Kenya, which they called Project Hope.

In order to continue broadening their scope, Kids for kids was formed to link Canadian Schools & individuals to African children needing sponsorship to attend school.

The Chair, Carolyn Spence, is able to take a team to Rwanda each year and track progress, building strong relationships along the way.

The message heard over & over again was the appreciation that students were able to concentrate on their studies and their families did not have to struggle to find the finances needed to continue their education.

Since 2006, St. Timothy's Church has been a strong supporter in helping the secondary students in Rwanda.

A huge thank you to St. Timothy's members for making the commitment to change 35 students lives in Rwanda!

The New Kids for Kids Gift Catalogue for 2010-2011 is now available for other opportunities to make a difference.

Contact *Linda Taunton* (985-4603) for more information.

## Favourite Bell Family Christmas Treats

### Smarties Cookies

This recipe is a Bell family classic; I can remember helping my mom by stirring in the smarties and

spooning out the dough. This for me was always one of the first signs Christmas was on its way.

2/3 cup shortening  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 Tbsp milk  
½ tsp vanilla  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp baking soda  
½ tsp salt  
2 cups smarties

Cream together shortening and brown sugar. Add eggs, milk & vanilla. Mix together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; then add to batter. Finally add smarties.

Spoon onto cookie sheets and bake at 350°F for 12-15 minutes.

### Truffles Royal

I discovered this recipe about 20 years ago. It is a bit messy and gooey but well worth the effort. (While you can get away with using bakers chocolate, the better the chocolate the better the resulting enjoyment).

¾ cup heavy cream  
¼ cup butter  
¼ cup sugar  
7 oz semi-sweet chocolate  
1 oz unsweetened chocolate  
2 Tbsp liqueur (orange, almond or coffee)

Chocolate wafer crumbs, icing sugar or cocoa powder for rolling garnish.

In a small saucepan, combine cream, butter and sugar. Bring to boil over medium heat. Remove from heat, add chocolate and liqueur. Stir until chocolate is melted. Chill until mixture is firm enough to handle (about 4 hours). Shape into balls and roll in garnish. Set in foil or paper wrappers and chill. Store in airtight container in refrigerator. (Makes about 5 dozen).

## Remembering:

### Ernest David Harrison

At our Remembrance Service on 7 November, Rev. Ken read us the poignant letter received by parishioner Bea Messinger's mother right after WWII, during which Bea lost two brothers, Bud on 10 June 1944 (age 22) and Ernest 27 Jan 1945 (age 21) Both were proud members of the Canadian Scottish Regiment. The letter reads:

Dear Mrs. Harrison;

You will be astonished to receive a letter from a German whose name you have never heard. I, however have been obliged to think of you very much and have also prayed to God for you that he might give you strength to bear the heavy burden which was laid upon so many mothers in the war just past.

The reason for my writing is as follows; I am one of the few persons who know definitely the grave of your son Ernest David Harrison. Your son, with several comrades, on a bright moonlit night, when the whole landscape was covered with snow, took part in a scouting operation against the German lines. They were discovered. A German machine gun opened fire. A sergeant was very seriously wounded; your son was mortally wounded. Unfortunately I cannot give you any further details concerning the wounds which he received and which caused his death. I have never actually seen your son, because as a medical corporal I had to look after the wounded.

Unfortunately, also, I could not be present at his burial but I can assure you that he was laid to his last rest in the right way. Later, the grave was shown to me. I would like to describe to you the situation of this grave because I know what comfort it means for a mother if she can direct her prayer in the right direction.

In the neighbourhood of Nymwegan, Holland lies a little German village of Kranenburg, not far from which there is a place called Leuth. From this place Leuth a road runs to another road which runs along the dyke which has been built as protection against the overflowing of the Rhine. Now at this spot where the two roads come together lay the ruins of a farm and in the garden

of piece of land your son is buried. I believe that it is a pretty place away from the noise of the great world. There your son may rest against the great day when Christ returns in order to establish his Kingdom in Glory. That is indeed our only hope in the misery of our present life. May the Lord Christ give to you the necessary comfort arising from this hope of the Day of Judgment.

To me also was given your son's common prayer book with the wish to let you have it as soon as possible after the end of the war. It had a metal clasp in which small angel's heads had been engraved. On the last page there was written in pencil "The best to be lucky - Helen". When I was taken prisoner by the Canadian troops, however, the greatest part of my belongings were taken from me and amongst them was his little prayer book which I wanted to send to you, this precious souvenir. It must, however, be a great comfort to you to know that your son always carried this book with him. He must doubtless have looked upon it in the hour of his death in firm faith upon the cross of our Lord and Saviour. His life had already arrived at his goal even though he was only 21 years old when he fell. In conclusion I have a request to make of you for Christ's sake. Forgive us Germans who through the death of your son have caused such heartbreak, and if it is possible for you to please express this forgiveness to me in a letter. I am a Protestant Minister and should like to say something to my congregation of the love of Christ who can build a bridge between men over the deepest abyss. If you should be anxious to know anything further I am at your disposal so far as it lies in my power. I greet you in heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow.

(This is the English translation, the original letter having been written in German. Unfortunately, the translator omitted the sender's name.)

At the end of November 2010, an update on this story, in brief; the actual facts of Ernest's actions have been verified by the War Diary of his commanding officer (and now released to the public) and further, that there are plans to search the particular location for the remains of Ernest,

and if found, the Dutch government has promised a burial with full military honours. An e-mail in early November has confirmed that the beet crops have been harvested from the field that now covers the garden described, and so the thorough search can occur at any time. It promises to be extensive, including the use of an excavator if needed!

At this time each year, St Timothy's has established a tradition of 40 days of fasting praying and hospitality, just concluded. The background to this exercise is to encourage parishioners to consider what it means to be a parish, to learn more about each other, to focus on the benefits we enjoy living in this country, in our local society and to appreciate the work of God's hand in our daily lives. We are a blessed people, and while as a society we tend to focus on the minor ails that affect us daily, this exercise forces us to see our lives, both corporately and individually, by comparison to others in the world and realize just how blessed we are; materially, culturally and for our freedom of faith. Realizing our esteemed position should trigger our grateful thanks and be reflected in our concern for our fellow citizens – local, national and worldwide - by sharing a portion of our talents, time and treasure. In life, we all have our own story, and learning of others stories of trials and blessings helps us put into perspective our own. We are taught that we individually have a reason for being- in God's great plan. Most of us (I venture) are still working on figuring out our own purpose. Hesitantly, may I suggest that if we expand our response to the second great commandment (Love your neighbour as yourself), that we may in time discern that purpose and fulfil the great potential for which we were put on earth? Thank you Bea, for sharing this particular story with us. May it spur us at St Timothy's to exerted effort in being the community we propose in our Vision and Mission statements!

*Peter Haigh*

*Thanks to Patricia for alerting us to:*

### **Lighter side of life!**

*At day care, my grandson Mitchell and the other children drew names for a gift exchange.*

*When he got home, he asked his mother to read him the piece of paper.*

*"It says that you got Christopher's name for Christmas," she said.*

*Mitchell looked uneasy, "Will everyone call me Christopher from now on?" - Hazel Husner*

*Thanks to Anne Kong*

### **Church Signs in England:**

As you pass this little church

Be sure to plan a visit

So when at last you're carried in

God won't ask "who is it?"

Can't sleep?

Don't count sheep

Talk to the Shepherd!

*Thanks Corinne*

## Numbers in the Bible Today's Quiz: "Six"

*(The Scripture references are taken from the KJV Bible version to avoid confusion).*

1.) God told the Israelites that for six years they were to sow the land and gather the yield. What were they to do on the seventh year?

1. Let it rest and lie fallow.
2. Sow double what they normally did.
3. Gather the yield and take it to Pharaoh.
4. Gather the yield and burn it as an offering.

2.) God told Joshua that for six days they should march around the city of Jericho once. What were they to do on the seventh day?

1. Rest for the Sabbath.
2. Send an envoy to start negotiations with the chief governors of the city of Jericho.
3. March around the city twice, the whole company maintaining silence.
4. March around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

3.) God gave the Israelites six cities of refuge for the Israelites - what were they for?

1. The Israelites could hide themselves from their enemies.
2. Anyone who provoked the anger of God could be safe there.
3. Anyone who killed a person without intent could flee there.
4. They were cities with fortified walls which would not collapse in a storm.

4.) Which of the judges of Israel judged for six years?

1. Ehud the son of Gera
2. Jephthah the Gileadite
3. Samson
4. Deborah

5.) There was a giant of Gath who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. Who killed him?

1. David
2. Saul
3. Jonathan (Saul's son)
4. Jonathan (David's nephew)

6.) Second Kings and Second Chronicles both tell of a son of Ahaziah who was hidden from his murderous grandmother (Athalia) and stayed in the house of the Lord for six years. Who was he?

1. Joash
2. Joram
3. Jotham
4. Jeroboam

7.) Who was woman to whom Boaz gave six measures of barley?

1. Orpah
2. Ruth
3. Naomi
4. An unnamed servant in the field.

8.) In the year that king Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on a throne in the temple. What were the creatures with six wings that stood above the throne?

1. Terrible beasts with teeth of iron.
2. Cherubim
3. Seraphim
4. We are not told.

9.) What oil is mentioned in the six months' preparation that Esther underwent before she went into the presence of king Ahasuerus?

1. olive oil
2. oil of cinnamon
3. oil of myrrh
4. oil of sweet calamus

10.) At the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus told the bridegroom's servants to fill six water pots with water. What did they do?

1. Filled them to the brim.
2. Half filled them.
3. Told him to fill them himself if he wanted water.
4. Told his disciples to fill them

Answers to page 16 Quiz

1. (1) Exodus 23:10,11
- 2 (4) Joshua 6:3,4
- 3 (3) Numbers 35:15
- 4 (2) Judges 12:7
- 5 (4) 2 Samuel 21:20,21

- 6 (1) 2 Kings 11:2, 3
- 7 (2) Ruth 3:9, 15
- 8 (3) Isaiah 6:1, 2
- 9 (3) Esther 2:12
- 10 (1) John 2:6, 7

## First Baptism at our new church – Sutherland

On Sunday, 21 November, we celebrated the Baptism of Layla Eglina Nader. Welcome Layla!



## St Timothy's Church Calendar

*Please join us!*

*Note: All events will be at Sutherland Church  
(Unless otherwise noted)*

November 28– Sunday Advent Carol Service, after service – Craft Sale

December 5 – Sunday St Timothy's Christmas Party starts 4:30 pm (at Myrna's Lodge)

December 19 – Sunday Lesson and Carol Service

December 24 – Friday, Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm Children's Service  
- 9:00 pm Eucharist

December 25 – Saturday, Christmas Day – 10 am with St Simon's

December 26, Sunday - First Sunday after Christmas – 9:00 am

*Watch the weekly Bulletin for updates and additional events.*

# Christmas Presence



December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 8:00PM at Sutherland Church

Tickets available at Sutherland

Adults: \$23

Students & Seniors: \$18.50

Children (12 & under): \$13.00

Perhaps the most “Christmassy” event you might attend this year.

# Advent & Christmas at St. Timothy's

## "We Wait"



**Sunday, November 28:**

**"We wait in nothingness to be formed"**

**Advent Choir Service** Great music & selected readings set the stage for the season of waiting, penitence & hope.

**Sunday, December 5:**

**"We wait in exile to be found"**

'And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken'



**Sunday, December 12:**

**"We wait in silence for a voice"**

'I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news'

**Sunday, Dec. 20 Joint 10:00 service with Sutherland: "We wait in darkness for light"**

'Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the Glory of the LORD has risen upon you'  
**Lessons & Carol Service filled with special music and familiar songs leading us to the stable.**



**Christmas Eve- Friday, December 24**

**"Voici la Nuit"**

'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the LORD'

**4:00 A children's & family communion service.** Followed by a Birthday Party.

**9:00 Candlelight Communion Service.** Followed by Gluehwein and Christmas treats.

**Dec. 25: Christmas Day 10:00am (at Sutherland)**

**"Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning."**

Come and celebrate a joint service with us on Christmas Day.

