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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

Advent: Darkness Reigns, but Hope Lingers

Advent begins like any day, in darkness and silence, but in the midst of it, hope for the morning light and the sounds of daybreak linger. For hundreds of years God had been silent, a famine of the word, but the children of Israel held on to the memory of his voice. For hundreds of years they had been in darkness, a succession of occupying forces and empires had beaten them down, stripped them of all their former glory except for one thing. They held on to Hope. A Hope promised to them from near the beginning of time, a Hope given to Abraham, and renewed through people like Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David and Isaiah. The Hope was in God's promise that he would be their God and through them, salvation would come to the whole world.

For generation after generation the world got darker and more silent. Then one day, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined". God broke his silence, the famine was over, light shone through the darkness and the Lion of Judah roared.

It did not take place the way the people thought it would or even ought. Not everyone noticed, in fact most people did not notice, for they had become like their former idols, deaf, dumb and blind. It began gently and softly just as daybreak begins. It began with a whisper..." Zechariah! Elizabeth! 'Do not be afraid. You will bear a son and call his name John'".

Then it got brighter and louder. "Joseph! Mary! 'Do not be afraid. Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus'" (the name meaning Salvation). "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end".

Then just like at the break of dawn, the sun's light broke over the horizon giving light to the whole land for people to see, morning is come. Emmanuel, God with us, is born. Creation herself cried out at the birth of her Lord and King. With the incarnation, God took up residence with us, his famine was complete, his voice and his word returned to the people and the hope which had lingered in the hearts of the faithful was fulfilled. God had kept His word.

Today, some 2000 years later, we look back and garner a new hope from that day. The incarnation changed everything and what would take place over the next 30 or so years would permanently alter human history, human story and the human condition. The death of the king was not the end of His kingdom but the inauguration of it, a kingdom which would never end.

We share something in common with the faithful of that day. We live in a land of darkness, not the same darkness, but darkness still. We strain to hear God's voice, though at least for us it is never silent, just drowned out most of the time. We live in the time of a promise not yet completed; a time of hope looking forward to Christ's second coming. When the inauguration of his kingdom is made complete, and all of creation is renewed, restored and reclaimed. We long for the day when sickness and death will be destroyed, when sin is no more and when we are reconciled to our heavenly father. This is our Hope; the hope of Advent.

My prayer for you this Advent season, this New Year, is that you are filled with hope; hope of a deeper relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hope of greater faith and devotion to your King. I pray too that St. Timothy's may be used to serve and bless those in our community who are walking in darkness, who are looking for hope and a place to belong.

May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit keep you in safety, transform your heart, and hold you in the palm of His hand throughout this new year. Amen.

Your Servant in Christ,

Ken Rev. Ken Bell, *Senior Priest*



Wardens' Update – November, 2006

While your Church Council looks to the future working on next year's budget and as the Nominating Committee works hard to provide for an infusion of new and fresh ideas through the people they recruit to replace some Council members whose terms of office have expired, we, your Wardens, are excited at how bright our future appears. With the expanded budget unveiled at the service on the 19th of November we see great possibilities opening up.

Of immediate interest is finding a musician to add to our permanent staff. With such a person, who is able to lead us in alternative chant tunes and to provide live music interludes, our ability and potential in the Music department will increase dramatically. We hope that we can soon announce that we have found the right person for us and this position; perhaps even before you read this report. The Music Director will also run a weekly choir practice so the service music will be led with more certainty and anthems may become a regular part of our services.

Another exciting area is our Youth Program, revised to allow for more missions, trips and retreats. With a full time job and a young baby to look after Rita, unfortunately, is unable to continue as our Youth Pastor. She has served us well and we are grateful for her. Fortunately for us she is not leaving St. Timothy's nor this ministry and has offered to continue working with the Youth Group as a volunteer. What a great circumstance for the new Youth Pastor to have such an experienced volunteer at the get-go and for the youth to have pastoral continuity. So we are now searching for a new Youth Pastor to take over and expand our youth program, hopefully to be in place early in the New Year.

We have just concluded our third Alpha program, this time in conjunction with Sutherland Church, which has proved worthwhile once again for the participants. On Friday, November 24 we met socially for another dine out at a local restaurant; this time with increased participation. Two daytime Bible study groups are meeting weekly; we have just concluded a 40 Days of Prayer period leading up to Pledge Sunday; members have been involved in two retreats with different emphasis and training has been offered and taken in Small Group Leadership. Opportunities for training of parishioners in various ministries will be available in 2007.

The hard work of the Ladies Group all year was shown as they displayed their handiwork for sale at two Craft Sales on November 25 and December 2, with all of the proceeds being donated to local charities.

Today we celebrate the beginning of a new church year on this, the first Sunday of Advent. We look forward to our annual Christmas Social on Friday, December 15 and thereafter a special pre-Christmas service on Sunday, December 17 with additional music and the participation of our children in the service. Then on Sunday, December 24 we will hold two services to celebrate the arrival of the baby Jesus at Christmas; one at 4:00 pm, a simple service geared towards younger families but also for those unable to venture out at night, with a Eucharist at the end. Our main service will be held at 9:00 pm, followed by mulled wine and Christmas goodies. On Christmas day, we shall again join with our sister Parish, St Simons, at 10:00 am at their place of worship, Lions Gate Christian Academy. Let us not forget our final service for 2006 held at our normal time on the morning of December 31, New Year's Eve.

We are an active church, and for that Praise the Lord. As wardens we are most grateful for the ongoing involvement of virtually all our parishioners, for their desire to be and for being servants to one another and to our Lord and Saviour. Love abounds at St. Timothy's; it's in the air. We thank you for the reminders you give us as to what you would see improved and we welcome all suggestions as to how we might more fully meet our vision – to be a nurturing, biblically based community growing Christ's Kingdom – particularly here on the North Shore.

We extend our best wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and pray that we may all experience many blessings as we start a new church year.

Respectfully submitted

Ron and Peter - Ron Edwards; Peter Haigh.

Reports from our "G"s

Go Report

The Go Committee are working on Christmas advertising to attract as many people as we can to our Christmas services this year. Please help us spread the good news and bring as many friends as we can to worship with us this Christmas.

The Go Committee has also produced a folder of information for prospective new members. Marion Van Duson keeps these folders and brings them to church each Sunday. Prospective members are those we either know or those who come to our church at least a second time.

For those who want to invite a friend or acquaintance to come to church with us, we have cards on the welcoming table each Sunday to assist you with this need.

This Advent, please pray for a large increase in our membership at St Timothy's. As a church, we are rich in talent, steeped in tradition and yet contemporary in our worship. We are eager to do spread God's word and to share it with many new people.

Day of Prayer and Fasting on December 1

The Go Committee held a day of prayer and fasting on Friday, December 1. Their purpose was to show humility to God in asking Him for direction in growing our Church. The day was shared by many of the church council as well as others from the congregation. It was really wonderful having their support.

Today was my first ever fast and was a positive and revealing experience. We reflected in the days leading up to Friday on readings of biblical guidance on fasting. Missing breakfast and lunch on Friday was not too much of a hardship. It did help to focus us on God and prayer and also made us seek quiet times in a busy day. Of course, nobody but ourselves was supposed to know that we were fasting but one of us used the occasion to openly speak to work colleagues about her faith. Somehow not eating was bearable, but I did miss my cup of tea or coffee!

Before supper in the evening, twelve of us met for prayer before breaking our fast. This was a truly spiritual experience. Led by Ken, we said Compline and offered simple prayers and supplications to our Lord. We then enjoyed our meal and fellowship, feeling closer to God and to each other.

John Collings

ALPHA – November 2006

This fall, as most of you know, St. Timothy's co-hosted Alpha with Sutherland Church, as a daytime program. A group of 15 or more met regularly over lunch for the past 10 weeks, and most were able to participate in the Alpha weekend retreat, led by the Rev. Ken Bell and Pastor Todd Wiebe, on November 10 and 11. The program ended on Tuesday, November 21.

Alpha provides a unique opportunity to explore and discuss questions of faith. Participants varied in background; some who had been regular churchgoers for years and some who are still struggling with faith and/or family pressures. This contributed to a healthy and lively debate, both over lunch and during the discussion period. The babysitting services provided allowed young mothers time to enjoy this rare opportunity to voice their questions and concerns, to delve into aspects of faith we do not often have a chance to discuss, and time for fellowship and bonding. I think the following reflection from Carolyn Edwards provides the best testimony:

Ron and I attended the Alpha course as first time participants. The one thing that strikes me, in both Alpha and small study groups, is there is always so much more Biblical information and understanding to gain through listening and discussing. We were very fortunate to be able to share this time with people from St. Timothy's and those associated with Sutherland Church, and to have had very able leaders in Ken Bell, Todd Wiebe and Cheryl Hebb. Our "retreat" was done differently. Since many participants had young children, we decided to hold it at Sutherland Church Friday night and Saturday. I think everyone came away with a different experience, but it was very worthwhile. I personally couldn't believe how emotionally tiring but exhilarating it was.

I really enjoyed the fellowship of our group, the wonderful lunches supplied by St. Timothy's and Sutherland Churches and of course the Alpha program itself.

Sarah Lucas

Gather Report

The Gazette was last delivered on Thanksgiving weekend and here we are with our final edition for this year to be published on the first Sunday of Advent when we will be starting to get busy with our preparations for the Christmas Season. First a few highlights of events that we have held since the beginning of October.

On October 19, Paul Carter very kindly came over and gave a wonderful presentation on his trip to Rwanda. John and Lucy Collings hosted the event and the evening finished with wine and cheese with the 20+ participants. A second coffee morning presentation is anticipated for December 13, 10am at the Haighs. We do thank Paul so much for giving his time to share with us his experiences in Rwanda.

The Pastoral Care team met at Sutherland Church for a training session on Prayer with Dylan Goggs. Nine of us from St. Timothy's attended. The workshop was very informative and Dylan was a wonderful example of how God can work with ordinary human beings like you and me!

As many of you know, Douglas Haigh fell whilst Peter and I were away in Halifax visiting our grand-daughter (less than 12 hours after leaving Vancouver!). The Pastoral team did a great job of visiting my father-in-law (he must have had at least 20 visits from different parishioners!) so it was much appreciated especially as we were so far away. Many thanks to you on the team and also other friends who visited "Dad" with flowers, cards and good wishes. Please remember to let Myrna or Ken know of those who would appreciate a visit at home or in hospital.

On the Friday evening 24th November, over 30 from St. Timothy's met at Palki's

for a delicious Indian dinner and fellowship. It was a memorable evening of fun and good food. It felt good to repay them by our attendance for their generous donation to the auction in the summer in aid of Rwanda.

Our wrap-up Christmas party will be held on Friday evening December 15 at The Lodge at Myrna and John's home – a wonderful location nestled in the trees. It will be a potluck and our sign-up sheet will be at church during the coffee hour. We are also planning a very special sing-along with some of our own parishioners leading the music and entertaining us with their special talents – so do put this date in your calendars.

See Ladies' Group Report that follows. Needless to say, they have been working very hard on crafts particularly over the last few weeks for the two craft sales. It's a delight to see the new items – watch out for those Santa Boots! All proceeds from these two sales are going to the North Shore Homeless Shelter.

Audrey Haigh

Ladies' Group

St. Timothy's Ladies have continued a very busy schedule since our last Newsletter.

Another successful Dine-Out Evening was enjoyed on Nov. 24th at Palki Indian Restaurant. Many of the diners carried onto a taste of port & cheese at the Tauntons.

The crafters were busy at both Harry Jerome (Nov. 25) and Delbrook (Dec. 2) Christmas Craft Fairs. The net proceeds will be donated to the North Shore Homeless Shelter Centre.

We have been collecting items for "Partners In Hope". Our final donations will be made on Dec. 3 and delivered to Alayne Adams for distribution to the homeless and needy people in Vancouver during the Christmas period. Thank you so much for your generous offerings.

Thank you to Ursula Vondette who will be delivering needed items to the "Mission to Seafarers". Donations of Baked Goods as well as wool socks and hats would be gratefully appreciated on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Our final meeting of the year will be a fun Christmas luncheon held at the Haigh's home on Monday, Dec. 11, at 12:30 p.m.

Our first meeting of 2007 will be held on Jan. 8th at 1.30pm at Vera McLoughlin's home (Churchill House). Rev. Ken Bell will be attending to bless Vera's new home. We will also have Louise Warner, Community Liaison Worker from the North Shore Shelter Centre as our guest speaker.

May we continue to be blessed with such willing and talented ladies that want to serve and support our efforts to help those in need within our local and worldwide communities.

Linda Taunton

Coffee Hour

I am delighted to report that the Youth group have volunteered to make the coffee on January 7. Thanks go once more to team members and to Daisy Scott and Lucy Collings who have offered to help out when needed. It would be helpful to have more "spares", so please contact me if you can help out when needed.

Hazel Blacoe

Glorify Report

Glorify God the Father who sent His only Son whose miraculous birth we celebrate this month. The Glorify ministry has enjoyed some material and personnel acquisitions of late. The advertised position for a music director has been accepted by Angela Larsen, who was interviewed by Rev. Ken Bell, our wardens, Ron Edwards and Peter Haigh, and me, and Chris Young sat in for the interview and audition. Angela certainly has the technical skills for the job and she has a wonderful voice that she contributes to the Bach Choir. She has conducted the evening choir at St. John's Shaughnessy and studied the pipe organ with the organist. Angela has a deep Christian faith and values consistent with St. Timothy's. I hope you will join me in welcoming her and her husband, Jason, to our congregation.

Our audio/visual master, Matthew Vondette, has been researching wireless transmission for the speakers and microphones. There should be a trial shortly. This will aid in setup and takedown efficiency but we are really looking for storage improvement. Anyone on setup will share with you the difficulties of handling and storing the cables. We have acquired one new microphone for the pulpit.

I want to highlight the Chancel Guild. These are the people responsible for the setup, takedown, and care of our beautiful altar decorations and implements of communion. Corinne Burns heads up this guild with the support of Carol Anderson, Corinne Burns, Joan Buss, Norma Johansen, Lois Knight, Sarah Lucas, Bea Messinger, Myrna Teskey, Marion Van Dusen and Ursula Vondette. They welcome their new member Jennifer Kincaid-Smith who also helps in the nursery. If you find yourself speaking with one of these ladies you could mention what a wonderful job they do enhancing our purposeful worship. The Chancel Guild has just purchased a brass candle lighter/snuffer. This eliminates the danger of a match head flying off and burning the Irish linen altar cloth. Many church members volunteer for more than one ministry or guild as demonstrated by Jennifer Kincaid-Smith. All our guilds and ministries can use more volunteers. If you feel called to this ministry, please talk with Corinne.

Ron Barrett

Grow Report

Grow: To become more like Jesus Christ.

With this as “our” part of St. Timothy’s mission statement, the Grow Team continues to work hard at creating an environment and providing opportunities to allow God to grow in each one of us, young and old, in our love of and commitment to Jesus Christ.

During November the children in the Nursery have been learning about the birth of Jesus Christ. By hearing the bible story, singing songs, colouring pictures, and making nativity figures these precious children learn just how much Jesus loves them. During December we will continue teaching about the “Christmas Story” teaching about the visit of the shepherds and the wise men. Many thanks go to Dara who has been “in charge” of the nursery program in November.

Sunday school continues to start in song with the able assistance of Jonathan on guitar with Jamie Young helping out occasionally. This is followed by group prayer. On certain Sundays, members of the Youth group participate and this is much appreciated. Advent season is here and the Sunday school will be busy with activities reflecting this special time. The classes have now returned to using the David C. Cook curriculum. The preschoolers will be studying the following: December: 'God sent His Son, Jesus' with the unit value of Joy. In January: 'God made us' with the theme of Thankfulness and in February: 'We worship together'. The older class will be studying 'Jesus in the Manger' with the value on Awareness; 'Jesus Begins His Mission' teaching Purposefulness and finishing in February with 'Jesus uses His miracle power' showing the value of creativity. Many thanks go to Carolyn and Rita who have been teaching in November and December.

Since September the structure of the youth group has been changed. The youth have been having Bible study on Wednesdays and on Sundays the youth either stay in the service or help at the nursery/Sunday School. It has been going well with the new structure and we have good attendance for the mid-week Bible study. During the month of November the Youth did Bible character studies. They studied King David and presently are learning about John the Baptist. On November 17th the Youth had a lot of fun when they went bowling together at North Shore Bowl. During December the Reverend Ken Bell is going to speak to the youth about Advent and they are also planning to watch the movie “The Nativity Story” followed by a Bible study. We will finish the year with a Christmas + New Year party.

Two adult home groups continue to meet. On Tuesday mornings Florence Wilton and Paddy Donaldson are leading a bible study on the book of James at Florence’s home from 9:30-11:00 am. On Thursday mornings from 9:15 –

11am, I am leading a guided study on Philip Yancey's book, "What is so Amazing about Grace?" Both groups will be stopping for a Christmas break but resuming with new studies about Jesus Christ in January. I am also delighted to announce that, beginning in January, John Collings will be leading a study at his home on the Epistles. More details about these studies to follow in the New Year.

Willow Creek Conference

On the 17th and 18th of November the Reverend Ken Bell, Carolyn Edwards and I attended "Shaped by Community", a small group conference at Peace Portal Alliance Church in Surrey. This excellent conference hosted over 500 people from all over B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Washington State representing 29 denominations. It was organized by The Leadership Centre of Willow Creek Canada which is based in Kelowna, B.C.

Willow Creek which has its headquarters in South Barrington, Illinois had its beginning in the early 1970's when a dynamic youth ministry grew from a handful of teenagers to nightly attendance of 1,000 students. Today the church is located on 155 acres, has over 100 ministries and has an attendance often exceeding 2000 people. From the beginning, however, the founders' goal was not to become a big church, but to be the church to each other and the community. Authentic relationships have always been stressed, with small groups offering opportunities for people to develop spiritually while building life-long friendships. Through it all, God has changed thousands of lives and eternities, prompting Bill Hybels to reflect recently, "I've come to believe more deeply than ever that the local church is the hope of the world."

Ken, Carolyn and I gained tremendous insight from all of the sessions we attended. We learned that positive life changes can happen in small groups. We learned how to create an environment conducive to nurturing the Christian faith and that personal stories, just like how Jesus used stories, can shape our lives, and show how and what God is doing in our lives. Life can be "messy" but small groups provide opportunities to offer God's amazing gift of grace. And finally we learned the importance of caring for self while leading small groups. During the 2 day conference we also attended smaller "break out" sessions that covered topics such as key practices of leaders, identifying and launching small group leaders, small group models, coaching practices, choosing small group curricula, and reaching out to our local community with serving teams.

I believe that small groups are central to St Timothy's Church vision of being a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom.

Patricia Young

Give Report

The Give Committee is most appreciative of all those who have returned their pledges for 2007. This will greatly assist your Council in making plans for next year. Thank you all so much!

Chris Vondette

Your Donations and Taxes

As we consider our pledge and commitment to St. Timothy's for 2007, I thought it might be helpful to review a few of the important tax considerations involved in charitable giving. In addition, I will comment briefly regarding two new charitable giving opportunities which have been made available to Canadians in the past year.

Ron Edwards points out each year in his budget presentation on Pledge Sunday, that the tax credit for charitable donations is, for most of us, greater than the taxes we pay to earn the income we use to make our gifts, at least for gifts in excess of \$200 annually. A Canadian/BC taxpayer, making a qualifying gift to a registered charity such as St. Timothy's is entitled to a tax credit against taxes otherwise payable of 21.3% on the first \$200 of giving in the year and 43.7% of amounts in a year in excess of \$200. For BC, the maximum combined marginal tax rate does not kick in until you reach \$118,000 of taxable income. For taxable income below \$118,000, marginal tax rates range from 21.3% to 40.7% depending on brackets. The following table may illustrate this:

Approximate Taxable Income Range \$	2006 Tax Rate Thereon
0 – 9,000	Nil
9,000 – 36,000	21.3%
36,000 – 72,000	31.2 – 33.7%
72,000 – 118,000	37.7 – 40.7%
Over 118,000	43.7%

As you can see, for all except those with taxable amounts in excess of \$118,000, the tax credit, at 43.7%, exceeds the rate of tax applied against our income. One of the very few positives our government has for most of us. I will leave it to you to make your personal estimates but for someone with an income of \$50,000 per annum, the excess credit by making a \$5,000 charitable donation, should approximate \$550, not a bad situation when we file those annual tax returns in the spring.

There are other ways to give, of course, than simply by making an annual cash donation; e.g. using life insurance, endowments, or a bequest under a will. These are all fairly complex and suggest a need to work with your tax advisor and/or financial planner. But there are two new developments which may be of practical interest to members of our congregation:

1. The gifting of publicly traded securities to charities, and
2. Use of a "Charitable Giving Fund"

Gift of Publicly Traded Securities:

Starting in 2006, the federal government has responded to the requests of many philanthropic organizations by eliminating the capital gains tax on gifts of publicly traded securities to charitable organizations and public foundations. We have had a similar incentive for a number of years (a reduction of the capital gain inclusion rate on gifts of public securities from 50% to 25%) but the latest step eliminates such tax completely when these “in kind gifts” are made. For those of us with an “unregistered investment portfolio” (i.e. stocks, bonds, mutual funds not in an RRSP or RRIF), unrealized capital gains, and a commitment to supporting charitable activities like St. Timothy’s Church, this provides an added tax saving when we contribute the shares or units directly to the charity rather than converting the investments firstly into cash and then giving the cash to the charity. A “scenario” is used below to illustrate this process. Obviously this is meant for larger gifts but, if circumstances fit, it may make sense to make all/or a portion of your commitment to St. Timothy’s using this process. Additionally (using the example below), by also gifting the savings “in kind” you could increase your total “in kind” gift to \$6,243, for the same net cost of \$ 3,515 for selling the securities and then making a cash gift of \$5,000.

Scenario for gifting of securities vs cash gift.

Assumptions:		\$
	Amount of gift to be made	5,000
	Available securities @ fair value	5,000
	Adjusted cost base of securities	1,000
	Personal tax rate	35%
	Donation tax credit	43.7%

Alternatives:

- A. Sale of shares and use proceeds for donation
- B. Donate shares to charitable entity

	A Sell Shares – Donate Cash	B Donate Shares – In Kind
Proceeds (fair market value) ⁽¹⁾	5,000	5,000
Adjusted cost	1,000	1,000
Capital gain	4,000	4,000
Taxable capital gain	2,000	0
Tax on capital gain ⁽²⁾	700	0
Donation tax credit ⁽³⁾	2,185	2,185
Net cost of donation ^{(1) + (2) - (3)}	3,515	2,815
Savings from gifting shares	-	700

Charitable Giving Funds:

The commentary above refers to one of the qualifying recipients of a gift of publicly traded securities as a “public foundation” These are similar to charitable organizations in that they raise money for charitable causes but they do not carry on charitable activities directly. They create pools of capital, the income from which is used to support other charitable organizations. As donors, we can provide our gift, receive a full credit for the gift while the public foundation invests those funds on our behalf and uses the income for specified charitable support. Because of the administrative costs involved, these usually involve large gifts of capital. Very wealthy individuals can also create private foundations which operate similarly but are treated slightly differently because they do not operate at arm’s length from their principal donors.

A number of financial management organizations have bridged the cost gap between major public and private foundations and direct personal giving by creating “group plans” where for a minimum of \$25,000, you can set up a “charitable giving fund” receive the full tax credit for the gift and have the financial institution manage the investment of these funds and direct the annual income to the charities you designate. You can also make your personal charitable giving fund a beneficiary under your will, life insurance policy or RRSP/RRIF which may substantially reduce tax owing upon death. While this may reduce the initial funds available to the church or charity, it does provide a relatively simple and inexpensive lasting legacy for those who do not wish to give major amounts directly to the charities they wish to support.

Any of you who wish to learn more about these opportunities are invited to advise me and I will try to arrange some discussion groups and speakers on these and other estate planning issues.

To protect myself and other church council members, I would be remiss if I did not advise you that charitable gifting is a complicated and personal matter. I urge any of you contemplating major gifts in kind or in cash, to consult with your own financial, tax and/or legal advisors.

Leddy Lilley

PROVERBS QUIZ!

1. Fix something right away or it will get worse.
2. An overabundance of culinary help is detrimental to the pot's contents.
3. Just because something is shiny, doesn't mean it's a precious metal.
4. That which pleases the eye doesn't go beyond the epidermis.
5. The capital of Italy was constructed over a long period of time.
6. There comes a time when your canine friend is through matriculating.
7. If you're going to give advice to others, be sure you follow it yourself.
8. Just because you aren't punctual doesn't mean you should quit.
9. If you never try to do anything, you'll never get anything done.
10. It doesn't take long for a person without good sense to be separated from his financial assets! (See answers near the end of this newsletter).

Prayer Corner

My Lord is My Companion

The lord is my companion
My Father and my Friend,
He comforts me in loneliness
His kindness knows no end.

He fills my home with memories
And quiet thoughts to keep,
He fills my heart with hope and joy
And guards me when I sleep.

He's with me in the morning light,
He waits beside my door,
And as I face the world again
He walks with me once more.

Written by Hazel Hesselden
Submitted by Daisy Scott

Prayer by St. Ignatius of Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding,
And my whole will.
All that I have and call my own,
You have given to me.
I surrender it all to you
To be disposed of according to your will.
Give me only your love and your grace;
With these I will be rich enough,
And will desire nothing more.

The prayer of St. Ignatius was used during a recent retreat at Westminster Abbey in Mission that Hazel and I attended – “Believing the Promise”. Rev. Jim and Annette Fergusson led us in a study of Joshua, showing how his conquest of the Promised Land illustrates for us the giving of our wills, our minds and our hearts to God.

Florence Wilton

**See the Go Report for an account of the Day of Prayer and Fasting,
December 1.**

Parishioner Profile: Ledford Lilley

Leddy's parents were both New Brunswickers, and, when his father was sent to England on military service in the Second World War, his mother soon followed. They were married in London and Leddy was born in Fredericton nine months later. He was baptized in the Baptist Church, but later was confirmed an Anglican.

Leddy's father chose to remain in the army after the war. After a brief staff training course, Lt. - Col. Lilley was appointed Commandant at the army base in Chilliwack and the family made their first cross Canada trip. Leddy doesn't remember much about life in an army base but he has often met people from the area who remember the important role played by the military in responding to the needs of thousands of people during the Fraser River floods of the late forties.

The military postings changed frequently as his family travelled from Chilliwack to Kingston, to Edmonton, to Ottawa, to London, England and then to Oakville, Ontario. The year in London extended from one Christmas to the next, involved twice crossing the North Atlantic by ocean liner and a year at a tutorial school in downtown London where Leddy feels he benefited greatly from small classes, individual attention and focused studies on the basics of the "three Rs".

After Grade 12 in Oakville, Leddy planned to join the army and get an advanced education through a military program but was badly injured in a car accident right after graduation. After four months of recuperation, he was deemed not fit for military training and was left with the option of returning to high school or trying to find a university option that did not require Grade 13. Although late in applying he was offered university openings in New Brunswick and B.C. and decided to come west.

He moved in briefly with a North Vancouver family known from military connections and then took up residence on the UBC campus, ironically in former army barracks at Acadia Camp. He began his studies in pre-engineering but transferred into the commerce faculty at the end of his first year. He graduated in 1965 with an accounting degree and joined McDonald Currie and Co. in Vancouver, obtaining his C.A. in 1967, the same year in which he married Doreen whom he had met at Acadia Camp. The firm became Coopers & Lybrand and eventually Price Waterhouse Coopers through mergers and Leddy made his career in Vancouver, travelling to all parts of BC and the Yukon to visit logging and mining camps and many other clients throughout the province.

Leddy and Doreen first lived in an apartment in Kitsilano and then moved to North Vancouver in 1970. Their daughter, Christine, was born in 1971, followed by Vanessa in 1973 and Patrick in 1978. All the children attended Braemar and then continued at either Handsworth or Carson Graham. From the mid-seventies, all the family was involved in St. Martin's. Leddy became Treasurer, Doreen looked after the Sunday School and Patrick was an Acolyte and Server. After their school studies, the children have made their careers in Vancouver and all live close by which has made it easy and happy for Leddy.

After deciding not to move from the family home, Leddy and Doreen decided to look for a cottage and a parishioner from St. Martin's, Dick Roskell, brought them an advertisement for one on Thetis Island. After a short negotiation, the cottage was acquired and Doreen and the children spent the summers there for the next ten years. It was excellent for the children to spend time in this natural setting, to fend for themselves without all the distractions of the city. Doreen lives on the island nowadays.

Leddy has always enjoyed volunteer work and worked with the Red Cross for about 10 years including two years as President of the B.C. and Yukon Chapter. In the late 1980s he won an award as Chartered Accountant of the Year for BC, based on his community service. Leddy is also Treasurer of A Rocha Canada, of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, B.C. and Yukon Chapter and of the Britannia Beach Historical Society, which operates the BC Museum of Mining.

Leddy's mother died in 1997 and in the fall of 2000 he took his father on a trip to the Holy Land with Father Charles of St. Martin's and Kathy Stewart, now of St. Timothy's among others. Needless to say, it was a fascinating and rewarding pilgrimage even though the latest round of Arab-Israeli conflict actually started in Jerusalem while they were visiting the Holy City. Leddy remembers being ushered out the Jaffa gate by Israeli police and returning to the hotel by foot where he learned what had taken place. The group was able to continue their trip but a number of the Palestinian communities were off limits. Fortunately the bombs did not start to go off until they were safely home.

Since Leddy retired in 2001, his volunteer work has kept him busy and, stimulated by his Israeli visit, he has embarked on a number of adventures including kayaking trips through the Broken Islands and the Johnstone Straits, hiking the West Coast Trail and taking part in a cattle drive in the Kamloops area. An upcoming adventure has been organized by Gerry Taunton – a "Roller Coaster" cycling holiday next January in New Zealand accompanied by a group of parishioners.

Leddy was one of the St. Martin's officials fired by Bishop Michael Ingham and he feels thankful that this led to his involvement with the establishment of St. Timothy's, which he has found to be an exciting renewal for us all. We at St. Timothy's are blessed by Leddy's sharing of his many talents. May God continue to bless his retirement and we wish him and his fellow-travellers "Bon Voyage" for the New Zealand trip in January.

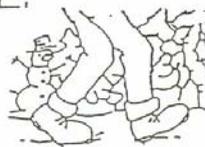
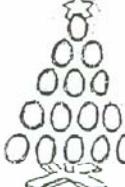
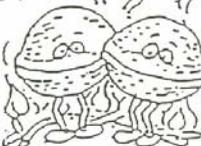
Florence Wilton

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

1. Thou shalt not leave Christ out of Christmas, making it "Xmas", for this is the sign that thou art lazy-minded, and spiritually listless. To most minds, "X" stands not for Christ, but for the algebraic unknown.
2. Thou shalt not value thy gifts by their cost, for verily many shall signify love that is more blessed and beautiful than silver and gold.
3. Thou shalt give thyself with thy gifts. Thy love, thy personality and thy service shall increase the value of thy gift a hundredfold, and he that receiveth it shall treasure it forever.
4. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus take the place of Jesus Christ. In many homes, Santa Claus supersedes the Christ Child and Christmas becomes a fairytale rather than a sublime reality in the spiritual realm.
5. Thou shalt not burden thy servant. The shop assistant, the servant and the merchant should have thy consideration.
6. Thou shalt not neglect thy Church. Its Christmas services are planned to help spiritualize the Holy Christmas season for thee, thy child and thy household. The Church represents Jesus Christ, the only true defence against rising evils.
7. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Let thy bountiful blessings be shared with the many who will go hungry and shiver with cold unless thou art generous in their time of want.
8. Thou shalt be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christ Child. Not until thou hast become in spirit even as a little child art thou ready to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.
9. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas, for verily most of us spend much time and money getting gifts ready, but few seconds in preparing our souls to meet Christ.
10. Thou shalt give thy heart to Christ. Let thy Christmas list have Christ at the top and thy heart as the gift, for in so doing, thou art the same as the Wise Men of Old, and verily thou shalt find thyself born again on Christmas Day.

Do you recognize the Favourite Christmas Songs? Answers - Dec. 17 leaflet.

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Editors' Message

Our thanks go to all contributors. We wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton

Answers - Proverbs Quiz: 1. A stitch in time saves nine. 2. Too many cooks spoil the broth. 3. All that glitters is not gold. 4. Beauty is only skin deep. 5. Rome wasn't built in a day. 6. You can't teach an old dog new tricks. 7. Practice what you preach. 8. Better late than never. 9. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. 10. A fool and his money are soon parted.

December 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Craft Sale at Delbrook Rec. Centre
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10:00 Morning Prayer (info) Craft Sale after Church						
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10:00 Holy Eucharist (info)	12:30 Ladies Group Potluck Christmas Luncheon				6:30 Christmas Potluck Party and Carol Singing	
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10:00 Lessons & Carol Service (info)				6:00 Christmas Skate party at Karen Magnussen		
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4:00 Children's Service 9:00 pm Holy Eucharist (info)	10:00 Joint Christmas Day service at St. Simon's					
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