

The Periodic...

(A somewhat regular but mostly irregular publication)

GETTING READY TO PREPARE

With Advent beginning next week I thought it might be a good idea to issue a Periodic to sort of wrap up autumn and get us ready to prepare for the coming of Jesus (second and first coming). We have had quite an active season with bible studies, First 5, Tasting Room, Mental Health, Ladies group, Synod, Bishop Trevor's visit and more. Below are some updates on other happenings:

Rwanda University Student update (from Gerry Taunton): This is the year we max out on the number of students covered. We have our seven original students now in their fourth and last year, three in their third year, five in their second year and five new students in their first year, for a total of twenty. As for disciplines, four are in Mathematics/Engineering, three in Education, two in Information Technology, two in Medicine/Nursing, two in Chemistry, two in Agriculture and five in other programs (including one, I am happy to say, in Economics!). I foresee that once these kids graduate, they can make lasting contributions to their country.

Rwandan Kids for Kids: After almost a decade and more than 200 students this ministry is wrapping up its work. It has been wonderful to be a part of a ministry that has helped so many children finish their high school education. A few of us still have students who have a year or two left and we will see them through to the end.

Rwandan Healthy Mums: The first training program was held this past summer and so now the work of developing the Healthy Mums' program in our sister parish of Kaduha is well under way and we will continue to support it over the next several years. (If you want more information about this ministry please ask Ken).

Rev. Grady Buhler: After several months of prayer and having spoken with Bishop Trevor, Rev. Grady has asked us to set up a discernment team for him as he considers seeking ordination to the Priesthood.

Advent & Christmas

Advent Devotional Guide: will be handed out next Sunday, there is still time to send me a picture of a past Christmas or a favourite family recipe.

Advent Carols & Lessons: Our Advent season begins Nov. 29, with this rich and beautiful service of music & scripture.

Sweet Christmas: Dec. 13, 7pm this is a joint event with Sutherland featuring a night of music, singing, a little drama & cheese cake. This will be a great event to invite friends & family.

Nine Lessons & Carols: December 20 9am more beautiful music & Scripture leading us to the manger.

St. Timothy's Christmas Party Brunch: Dec. 20 after Nine Lessons & Carols.

Christmas Eve: 4pm Family Candlelight Eucharist and 9pm Candlelight Eucharist.

Update on Financial Things:

We are in the process of putting together next year's budget. Normally we hold a 'Pledge Sunday' in November to help us estimate giving for the upcoming year. This year we are going to move 'Pledge Sunday' to January so as the budget numbers can be based on a whole year not just 10 months and so that the time between the initial presentation and final budget are closer together (and not lost in the Christmas melee).

As for this year, we are very close to budget estimates both for income and expenses. With a small uptick in giving in December we will be able to meet all our financial and 'Outreach giving' responsibilities. So thank you all so much for your amazing generous and cheerful giving over the past year. Please keep this in prayer for this year and the year to come.

	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Estimate for the year</u>
Offertory Giving	134,149	163,000
Other Giving (i.e. Ladies Group)	4,857	9,000
Total	139,006	172,000
Budgeted Expenditures	129,071	153,600
Other Outreach	6,289	6,500
Budgeted Outreach (10%)	0	16,300
Net Income/expenses	3,646	(4,400) (short)

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday, Nov 23: Games afternoon at the Haigh's 1pm.

Friday Nov 27 6pm First 5 'A Christmas Cinema'

Friday Dec 11 6pm First 5 'Christmas Family Dinner'.

Sunday Dec. 13 "Mission to Seafarers" donations.

