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**Inspired by God and the example of Jesus to serve our community
by offering love and acceptance to everyone.**

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Notes from the Editor:

Thank you for so many wonderful reports, articles and pictures for this issue of Spirit. June is full of events at St. Peter's and in the community. The Nimpkish Regional Meeting is June 3. Put the ordination of Alistair Hunting on your calendar for Saturday, June 10, 4:00 p.m. I have been told, "It's as close to a Royal Wedding as you will ever attend!" Bring your kids/grandkids to the Fun Craft Day on June 18, our Sunday School wind-up. The Parish Picnic is the following week; and starting July 2, Summer Sunday School; the Creation Theme and Mural are back! And in the community, try to attend the talk on Reconciliation in the Big House on June 13. Chief Dr. Robert Joseph speaks with authority but with a gentle delivery. And wherever you go this summer, travel safely!

Reports...

Phil's Family Story - Life is in the Details - Part 2



How did Bruce and Mary meet and beget my nuclear family? Mom, Mary, was unusually vague about how she and dad, Bruce, met, dated and later married. Mary said something like, "He was supposed to marry my older sister Ellen." Dad was more pragmatic, as already stated. Dad's story read, "I corralled her around the kitchen sink while she was slicing a tomato and I proposed! Will you marry me Mary?" (End of Part 1)

(Phil's Family Story – Continued)

Mary said yes to Bruce and they married January 13, 1943 at Church of the Epiphany, Seattle, Washington.

Mom and Dad came from different protestant

traditions. Prior to their marriage, they attended Confirmation classes at Epiphany and joined the Parish Church. In mid-December of that year, Bob Zimmerman was born. September 28, 1945 Kathy joined our growing family. I turned up in the cabbage patch, as brother Bob often joked, September 18, 1949. My childhood was as idyllic as the post WWII years were for many middle class families in the United States. Dad worked and mom was a full-time at-home mom. We walked, later rode our bikes, to elementary school. It was downhill all the way in the morning but a grunting uphill walk or ride to home in the afternoon.

We spent most summers living on Bainbridge Island at the Beach House. Three months of endless days swimming, fishing, boating and playing in the woods. September always came too soon signalling the start of school again. We moved back to the House in Town. The reader will hear my bias here. School was boring compared to life on the beach. As I entered the teen years, mom and dad built their dream house in the North end of Seattle. We moved from the house of my birth and that idyllic childhood. Ugh, the teen years were kind of rough in places. As the youngest, I had the benefit of two older siblings to model what life was going to be like. We three were encouraged to aim high and do well in whatever we took on. Bob was an honour student, Kathy not so much, and me, a solid C student. By the grace of God, I graduated High School and went on to University.

The Vietnam War was raging and the military draft still in effect. My brother Bob, drafted late September 1968, me in January 1969. The next few years were a significant culture shock to

both Bob and me. My bro was no soldier. He was an academic and the roughest sport he played was tennis. The US Army turned him into a rifleman in the First Cavalry Division and sent him to the Central Highlands of Vietnam to a Fire Base. In contrast, I volunteered for two additional years and spent a year in training for flight crew in US Navy P-3 Orion aircraft, ultimately deploying to Vietnam in 1970. Bob and I spent my 21st birthday together at Cam Ranh Bay, RVN. What a paradox! I could finally legally drink alcohol and vote and had already spent four months in a War Zone serving my country. Within a year, the draft was eliminated and changed to a lotto system based on your birthdate and the voting age lowered to 18. We were young and idealistic following our parents view of life and service to your country. Life lessons learned the hard way perhaps. Bob and I finished our university educations with the G.I. Bill paying some of the financial costs.

Concurrent with the above experiences, I married the woman of my dreams in December 1969. Three months later, I was deployed on the first of two 6-month tours in Vietnam, returning stateside for seven months only, to leave again for another six months. Our daughter, Melissa was born September 08, 1971, I returned stateside that October meeting this pink wiggly bundle of joy. The first grandchild within the extended family was quite a celebration. Elaine, Melissa and I spent a whole nine months together before I deployed again. Melissa was taking her first steps before I departed. Upon my return, she was running circles wearing her first pair of Stride Rite shoes. Discharged from the Navy in January 1973, we moved back to Seattle which became home until we immigrated to Canada in 1977.

Settling in Calgary I worked in the High Canadian Arctic doing Frontier Planning Research for oil companies. This took me away from the family for often 6-8 weeks at a time. I loved the work but disliked the time away from my family. On a whim and a prayer, I took a job with a small Oceanographic Consulting Firm near Victoria, BC. We were back living on the West Coast, which felt like home. The job did not work out but we loved the area. We joined the local Anglican Parish, St. Stephen's, South Saanich. Life took another direction. I felt a call to ordained ministry. Off to University again. I was now in my mid-thirties and ready to learn in earnest. More time away from family during the week though. Three-day weekends were the norm and the goal looked warm and fuzzy. I had summers off with quality time with family. The summer of 1985 I was offered a student ministry placement on Cortes Island. What a grand summer that was. Graduated and ordained in 1987. Assigned a Shared Ministry at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul Gold River, BC, I spent five years there.

Many changes took place during this time living in Gold River. Melissa graduated High School. Our marriage died in 1988. The family dog died, the cat ran away, my mother, Mary died that August. Yikes, life unloaded a whole lot of stuff all at once. Then I turned forty. The gift of faith does much to temper times like these. The losses were massively painful to accept and work through. I moved from Gold River to Victoria in 1992. I answered a help wanted ad from Family Services, Campbell River, offered the position and thought, "what the heck? I will try it for six

months and see if I like it." Twenty-one years later, I retired from that job. It was a very good fit and match for this guy. I commuted from Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo and Courtenay to this job. I worked three days per week staying two nights in Campbell River. In late 1995, I moved to Campbell River. Commuting was still part of my life. Sure glad I enjoy driving.

I risked and fell in love all over again with a gal from Saskatchewan. It was fun, feeling like a giddy teenager again. We were both divorced, she with three grown children and me with one. She was a mature student finishing high school, continuing on to University. The first eight years of our relationship she was in school most years. Much travel to and from Duncan, Nanaimo, Victoria and even classes here at North Island College.

In 2002 she graduated with honours from University of Victoria with a Bachelor of Social Work. What persistence and focus on a life goal. She was the first in her extended family that graduated university. I was the proud tutor.

Along this path we both suffered more losses, her mom in 1999; the family rock and matriarch of their family. My dad and sister in 1995; 20 days separated their deaths. And, my older brother in 2001; at age 57. With the loss of our loved ones, our relationship also died, and we separated in 2004. Better to have loved and lost than to not love at all; perhaps a cliché but I think not. The German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger." This well used phrase does not hold up under scrutiny though. Pain and suffering are encounters in life. Being knocked down does not necessarily make us stronger; actually these experiences weakening us. Mayhem and chaos do not toughen us up and they do not prepare one well to deal with the terror of this world. What do strengthen us are tender love and care and the hope and promise of a tomorrow. They strengthen our capacity to learn and adapt, learning how to fight and adapting to a later hardship. This is a truth that permeates the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The past ten years have seen many miles of road travel in my 1987 VW Vanagon Camper. The VW is now in a shop where I am restoring the body rust and installing a modern engine to increase the reliability of the van. I enjoy day hikes on local trails, mountain biking in Beaver Lodge Lands and Snowden Forest, canoeing in the Campbell River Estuary and generally enjoying life in retirement. In retirement, every day is Friday stated a retired friend of mine, saving the best for last.

With this Interim Ministry assignment, I gave up my comfortable pew for:

Most days I pinch myself to make sure I am awake and really here. I would prefer to remain an associate priest and help when needed. As I commented to the congregation and the Bishop, I have fallen in love again, with the work I do as priest and pastor, especially in this place, which is my own home parish church. This will be for a short time, friends.

All too soon I will retire to my comfortable pew, epistle side, halfway back, preferably by a window where I can gaze and meditate on the finer things of God and Christ in this place.

Regards, Phil

Chuck's Chatter - The Handcuff Key



Remember the story about Easter and the hollow egg? Well, Art Linkletter had no monopoly on "kids saying the darnedest things" in his television show of a few decades back. I am sure if cameras had been set up in many a congregation during children's time, a production just as funny could have been aired.

There are two stories in particular which come to mind when I think of using real life physical illustrations and the resultant children's comments. The first was "Easter and the Hollow

Egg," which was in the last issue of the Spirit. The second is "The Handcuff key."

One Sunday the scripture lessons and my children's story and sermon were related to the keys of the kingdom. In my unquestionable wisdom, I had decided to talk to the children about the same thing; i.e.: what are the keys that can help us to get to the kingdom of God. I intended to talk about hymns, prayers, meditation or thinking about God, coming to worship together as Christians, following God's commandments, saying the Lord's prayer, going to Sunday School, being good boys and girls and doing what parents and teachers want them to do and staying out of trouble.

As an illustration, I had taken a key ring, which had about a dozen keys on it. I explained that all the keys have a different purpose for different doors and locks like the garage, the car, the front door, the back door, a bicycle lock, a strong box, a pad lock, safety-deposit box etc. As I talked I held up each different key. And, I talked about how we use different methods and tools of worshipping God within our lives so as to get to know God and talk to Him, and how that was like using different keys at home. I mentioned that we called these things the keys to the kingdom of God.

I said that there were times when we did things that prevented us from getting into the kingdom of God. I explained that when we get ourselves into trouble by doing things we

should not do, that make our parents and teachers mad at us such as drawing on the walls, or not doing things like putting our toys away, then we need to make amends and say we are sorry. I stated that if we continued to do bad things we could get into very serious trouble indeed.

It was then that I made my mistake. I held up the last key on my key ring, a handcuff key, and asked the children if they knew what that key was. I was trying to lead them in the direction of saying sorry and asking forgiveness when they did something wrong. I was going to use the symbol of the handcuff key as being a symbol of freedom, and that asking forgiveness was a way of freedom from the hurt of doing something wrong (with adults I would have used the word "guilt").

When I first asked if anyone knew what this particular key was, one eager lad piped up quite excitedly, in a very audible voice, and said he knew what it was because, "The police use it quite often on my dad; it's a handcuff key." There was one loud gasp, a few knowing nods, and some not so quiet chuckles from the congregation. I hemi-demi-semi-successfully regained a semblance of composure and finished the story and I hope I made my point.

Report from David Fitzsimmons



Many of you will have noticed that my participation as a Deacon at St. Peter's, Campbell River has been pretty limited over the last year. This has been the consequence of my journey through cancer treatment. I wanted to give an update to the parish.

My treatment, which began last July and which has consisted of medicines and radiation, appears to have succeeded. Blood tests show positive results. Throughout this, I have not suffered symptoms of the disease, and the consequences of the treatment have been, for the most part, mild.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Over the last three months that I have been off work, I have had the time to think about what I want to do with my time, and what I do not want to do and have gained the

freedom/courage to make those decisions. I will be returning to the practice of Law part time, having found “retirement” unfulfilling. I also anticipate participating in the life of the church more fully. I am looking forward to doing things I find I miss.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.*

Thinking that I was going to die, and then learning that I was not (at least not right now) has given me a real appreciation for each day, and the experience of it. David Letterman asked Warren Zevon (who was in his last few days of life) what his experience of imminent death had taught him, and Warren answered, “Enjoy every sandwich”. He was right. Every day is a part of the dance of life, and we can dance if we want to.

He restores my soul.

I have learned that the “cancer community” that Lance Armstrong speaks of is a real thing. People shy away from speaking of it. The word “cancer” stops conversations, but for those who have lived it, it is the beginning of a different conversation. In my work with the church, it is a conversation I can now have with those who need someone to talk to.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Cancer teaches you what you know, but wish you did not; that life is finite. We all pretend that we will live forever and act surprised when we find we will not. When the finite becomes real, however, it becomes less frightening. The spectre of remission will always be present for me, and yet that spectre is not prescient. It is like the paint on the walls; the wallpaper. It is part of the landscape, but does not define it.

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

I have been blessed by so many as I went through this. The staff at the cancer clinic was uniformly professional and caring. My Oncologist was honest, and did not try to minimize the discomfort I faced, and yet hopeful and positive in his outlook (even when I was not).

Dawna, Ron, Annalise, and Sophia, with whom Kate, Rowan, and I stayed while in Victoria, were so welcoming and I was blessed by them in a way I could not have anticipated or otherwise have experienced.

Kate, especially, has been a blessing to me in ways I could not have imagined. I could not have gone through this with the equanimity that I did without her support.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

So many of you have prayed for me throughout this. I am grateful for your prayer, your support, and your help in my time of need.

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Warden's Report

As usual, we are a busy bunch! Your Wardens really had no idea how full our plates would be!

As you all know and have seen, the church grounds clean-up went very well. Thank-you to all involved and a special thanks to Elaine and the army cadets who volunteered time and effort on our behalf. The barbeque was a huge hit and we had just enough burgers! Whew! There are still a few jobs to complete. The most obvious is to get the pile of branches chipped. We were waiting until the last of the cutting is done. Sometime next week (we hope) the pile will



disappear. The final “job” that remains undone is to weed the memorial garden on the south side of the church and perhaps top dress it. We will be looking for a crew to accomplish the weeding and top dressing. The garden area at the church entranceway was a weed patch and very over grown. Many thanks to the busy hands that cleared it up! It looks great! Now to add a few flower pots and it will be beautiful for the summer!

We, along with Phil, are moving the announcement time to before the services. Before the processional hymn (8:30 AM) and before the Praise songs (10:00 AM) is where the announcements will occur. This eliminates the interruption of our service before the recessional hymn.

It was agreed upon at the most recent council meeting to have only one service at 9:00 a.m. over the summer months. This will begin on July 2 and go through until September 3.

The final family of the three refugee families we are sponsoring has now arrived. The father of the second group stayed behind to make final arrangements for his mother. He will be joining his wife and two daughters soon.

We have two exciting events taking place in our parish in June. The Nimpkish Regional Meeting on June 3 and the ordination service on June 10. We will be responsible for arranging for refreshments etc., for both these events. We hope a large number of the St. Peter's family will attend the ordination. It is a very special privilege to be selected to host this important event. We expect up to 20 rectors from the diocese to attend.

The church family picnic will be held on site on June 25. We will be inviting residents in our neighbourhood to join us. Diana Hicks is the lead coordinator and will be making her announcement as well as posting a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Let's pray for good weather!

We are in the process of arranging a retreat for council members. This yearly event brings us together for fellowship and discussion on the best ways to serve our parish.

The annual plant sale was a great success as usual! Some changes were made in the format to reflect the ability of volunteers to commit to such challenging physical work. The total raised is approximately \$5300.00. A huge thank-you to all involved. It was a lovely day and was so well organized.

It has been decided to postpone the St. Peters garage sale until the Fall. Summer is almost upon us and this a big endeavour that needs volunteers and time to coordinate.

We are aware of two new families at St. Peter's. Please be aware if you see new people in church that you introduce yourself and invite them to coffee following the service. Introduce them to our other parishioners. It is our hope that those who are new to the congregation, either visiting or joining the parish, will be introduced to the congregation, invited to sign the

visitors book and be taken to the hall for coffee following the service. Often people new to the city will visit several churches before deciding where they will set down roots. We may only get one time to make a favourable impression. We are a caring congregation and we must show this to newcomers.

Grass Roots – Kind Hearts is an outreach program in Campbell River that Diana Hicks has introduced to our parish. This organization feeds the hungry, downtown behind the fire hall every day of the month! Approximately 50 people attend. Our parish now provides the food one day per month, the third Wednesday. A group of our parishioners served on May 17. We left feeling grateful, blessed and so thankful for this new ministry.

Our thanks to each and every one of you for all you do for St. Peters. It does not matter how big or small; everything is important. We wish you all a happy and safe summer! Please remember we are here to serve. Come to us anytime with any questions or concerns you may have.

Blessings,
Bill, Cathy and Pauline



Our Wardens - Bill, Cathy and Pauline
Many thanks to all you do, too!

The Spirit of Finance - Treasurers' Report

Well, welcome to Spring!! It has been a long, wet winter but I think that we are finally going to get some sunshine and warm winds. Just what we all need.

We want to thank all of the good people that were involved in the Plant Sale. Once again, you made it a wonderful St. Peter's event for the community. I could not believe how many people were there browsing, shopping and working. The final tally of \$5,442.65 is amazing! A special thank you to Rick and Jane Monchak for their "dahlia table" – what a lot of work went into organizing the bulbs, packaging and sales!

Our financial picture is very healthy. At April 30, we had \$19,335 in the bank but that does not include the Plant Sale or the deposit from the April 30 service (which were both deposited in May). Our Envelope – General and Special Revenue number is \$938, just under our budget for the end of April!! How exciting! Let's keep it up!

| Revenue | Actual Jan-April 2017 | Budget Jan-April 2017 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Envelope – General & Special</i> | <i>\$43,995.70</i> | <i>\$44,933.64</i> |
| Total Revenue | \$59,553.71 | \$62,236.88 |
| | | |
| Total Expenses | \$68,306.93 | \$62,236.36 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$(8,753.22) | \$0.52 |

If, at any time, you want a detail of our financial picture, please request a copy from Kerrie)

In this transition year, we will have an easing of expenses in one area and an increase in another. Your Council has budgeted for this – all except the Maintenance Expense which includes snow removal!!! Now THAT was a surprise!

We thank you for your continued faithfulness and ask God's blessing upon all of us as we look to find a new Shepherd for our flock.

In Christ,
Holly Finn and Jill Cook

Wednesday Morning ACW

The ACW are planning on a "Fruit Pie and Jam Festival" for later on this summer. We will be offering blueberry, raspberry, loganberry, blackberry and rhubarb jam, jellies, pies and tarts for sale. If you want to pre-order, that would be great as there are so many berries and limited time to enjoy fresh! Please feel free to contact "Chef Lois" at 250-923-8108. This event is to tease your taste buds for some items you may be able to purchase at the fall Bazaar later on in November!

In the meantime, please keep your eyes open for suitable jam jars to donate, to help us keep the costs down. In addition, if you are making jams, jellies, pickles or other preserves and would like to make an extra jar or two for the bazaar, your contributions would be more than welcome, as we will be having a table with homemade preserves at the Bazaar this year. The "Food Safe" practitioners have "passed" this to allow contributions to come from our kitchens.



Speaking of the Bazaar, we will be having our knitting, sewing table, collectables and Christmas table. If you would like to work on a project during the summer, please consider a project you could make to donate to the Bazaar. This year, to tickle your fancy, we have a Tree of Bears and a Choir of Angelic Angels, as well as our other regular tables. Christmas cakes have always sold out so this year we will be increasing our dark cakes as well as offering a light Christmas cake. Stay tuned for more information in the early fall.

Regards,
Lois Tirebuck
President of ACW

Library Line - Summer Special "Bag of Books"

Bring a bag – fill it with books and media, take it away with you. Return your books when you have finished with them. Refill your bag as often as you wish. Last year, our books traveled from Campbell River across to Newfoundland and went on camping trips. The program begins in July. Happy Holidays! See you in the Library.

Choir Notes - Meet Brock Lupton our Interim Choir Director



Brock Lupton has been our interim choir director as of early 2017. Brock is a retired Anglican priest, having served parishes in the Diocese of Yukon and the Diocese of Kootenay. He is also a retired music teacher, having taught in West Vancouver and the Comox Valley. Like many music teachers, Brock is a multi-instrumentalist, playing clarinet, saxophones, French horn, piano, and occasionally guitar. He was widowed in 1994 and is the father of four adult children. He has been married to Janice since June, 2007. The couple

moved to the Comox Valley in 2009. Brock worshipped at Comox United Church on first moving to the Comox Valley. He has been worshipping at St. Peter's since the fall of 2016.

Additional Choir Notes

Did you happen to loiter in the Sanctuary after the 10:00 o'clock service on Sunday, May 21? Keiko Bailey, who is replacing Tomoko while she is at school, treated us to "Waltz in E-flat Major" by Marie-Auguste Durand. She learned to play "Waltz" in Japan and it is her Mom's favourite piece. Keiko is from Osaka, Japan, same place as Tomoko, and has been in Canada for seven years. She plays at about a grade 10 level although she told me she has never taken an exam. She plays mostly classical but wanted to expand her contemporary pieces so is currently taking lessons, with her 15-year-old daughter, from Cindy Taylor. We are thrilled to have Keiko play for us. Next time she plays at the 10:00 o'clock service you might not want to rush out of the church too soon! Stay around for the mini-concert at the end of the service!

Parish Profile is Complete

The parish profile describes our church, congregation and community. It is now complete and in the hands of Bishop Logan. Once approved by the Bishop, the Diocese will commence advertising for a Rector for St. Peter's Church. We are planning to conduct interviews in September and to have the Rector in place by Advent.

What's Been Happening...

Lenten Food Drive - March 5 - April 16

The children of the Sunday School would like to thank the parish of St. Peter's for participating in this year's Lenten Food Drive for the Campbell River Food Bank. On Easter Sunday, Reverend Phil Zimmerman and Bunny Rabbit blessed the donations during Children's Chancel. We were able to deliver over 400 items to the food bank. Debbie Willis, owner and manager of the food bank thanked us for our generous donation.



Good Friday Ecumenical Service - April 14

Many thanks to Reverend Phil Zimmerman, St. Peter's, who opened the Good Friday Ecumenical Service and to Reverend Wayne Hughes, Campbell River United, and to Reverend John Green, Trinity Presbyterian, who also participated in the service.

In addition, a huge thank you to the combined choirs of Trinity Presbyterian, Campbell River United Church and St. Peter's Anglican Church as the music was truly amazing.



Spring Healing Service - April 30

On April 30 at 4:00 p.m., St. Peter's Anglican Church had another Healing Service, which was very well attended. Thank you to Pauline Woods for her moving talk about the Lord's hand on her life and her healing. There was not a dry eye in the church.

The prayer ministry was led by the Holy Spirit, to lay on hands and pray for each person; many thanks to each of them. The anointing oil Phil used on everyone had special prayers by Bishop Logan. Phil had bought it from an artisan on Cortes Island. Thank you for supporting this ministry, Phil.

Last but certainly not least, many thanks to Georgia Smith who planned the music and played throughout the one and a half hour service.

Our next Healing Service will be July 31 at 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar.

Sue Vickery

Plant Sale - May 6

The Plant Sale Committee thanks everyone for supporting this year's sale for: potting up your plants at home; helping to label and organize plants prior to the sale; weeding the garden and cutting the grass next to the hall (with special thanks to Jennifer Coolen and John Hedderson); helping on the day of the sale; shopping at the sale; encouraging your friends and family to contribute plants and to shop; supplying baking and soups; plant-sitting a plant for next year, and cleaning up after the sale! Whew!

A picture is worth a thousand words so here are a few to express how the day went!



The sale is ready to go!



Lots of help on the day!

Plant Sale continued...



The community came out and shopped!

Very little left to clean up!

St. Peter's Supports Grassroots/Kind Hearts - launched May 17 (and will continue every third Wednesday of the month)



With the help of Diana Hicks, St. Peter's has now joined with Grassroots, Kind Hearts Society in providing home cooked meals for "Elders, family and friends" living on the streets of Campbell River. On the third Wednesday of each month, our Parish will prepare a meal to serve 50 people.

If you would like to help prepare a menu item for this Outreach Program, please leave your name at the Church office at 250-286-1613 or contact Diana. stpeterscampbellriver@shaw.ca.

Please note "Outreach-Grassroots" in the subject line of your email. To learn more about the Grassroots Kind Hearts Program visit the website. <http://www.grassrootskindhearts.org/>

Saturday Morning Crafters - Last Saturday of the Month



Crafters created angels and more angels in April and June along with Fairy Garden Kits. Join us in June, July and August for more fun, fellowship, crafts, coffee and a few calories!

Next Craft Saturday is June 24. We will break for the summer.

St. Peter's Welcomes Syrian Family

The Campbell River Syrian Support Committee, through St. Peter's Anglican Church welcomed five more family members from Syria on May 10. The committee is currently searching for rental housing for this couple and their two dogs. This brings the amount of Syrian refugees the committee is sponsoring in Campbell River to ten. In order to help support these new citizens, the committee is continuing on with its various fundraisers. To learn more about this, please go to St. Peter's website www.stpeterscampbellriver.com and click on the links to the Campbell River Syrian Support Committee Facebook page and the Mirror Newspaper, Campbell River.



What's Coming Up...

Nimpkish Regional Meeting – Saturday, June 3 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

What Will We Look Like After Synod 2018?

Come dream with us about what kind of church we want to be and how we are going to get there.



Regional gatherings are designed to prepare clergy, wardens, synod delegates and all engaged members of the diocese for an upcoming Synod. As we live out our vision over the coming year, we will pause together to consider what God is calling us to do and be leading up to and after Synod 2018.

This event is facilitated by Bishop Logan McMenamie and the regional dean in each area. *Please bring a bag lunch.

Ordination of Alistair Hunting – Saturday, June 10, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Bishop will ordain to the priesthood Alastair Hunting (currently serving as deacon-in-charge at St Columba Anglican-United Church, Port Hardy). “This is as close to a Royal Wedding as you will ever attend!” If you are in the area, come and celebrate with us!

Special Talk on Reconciliation – Tuesday, June 13, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

The John Howard Society of North Island is honoured to present a special talk on reconciliation given by Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, O.B.C. at the Kwanwatsi Big House, 1650 Old Spit Road. Chief Joseph is a powerful speaker with a warm and welcoming delivery. If you have ever listened to the story of “The Treasures of Siwidi” in the First Nations Gallery of our C.R. Museum, you will know his voice, as he narrates this story.

A Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation, Chief Joseph has dedicated his life to bridging the differences brought about by intolerance, lack of understanding, and racism at home and abroad.

“Our future and the well-being of all our children rest with the kind of relationships we build today.” Chief Dr. Robert Joseph.

I hope you take this opportunity to hear Chief Dr. Robert Joseph speak.

Fun Craft Day Coming and Summer Sunday School Starts Soon

June 18 - Regular Sunday School is ending for the year with a Fun Craft Day on Sunday, June 18. Come along and be prepared to do some fun crafts.

June 25 – The Parish Picnic is always a great time for families to worship and enjoy fellowship at the picnic which follows the service. This year the service and picnic is outside on the grass beside the Hall. Pray for good weather!

July 2 - Summer Sunday School is ready to go for ages 3– 10 years old. The curriculum is the same as last summer; the Creation Story. We need your help. Please sign up for a week or two with a fellow parishioner. Pair up with someone who has Safe Church requirements. Packages are available for each week and a Master Copy of the program is in the Sunday School classroom. The curriculum comes from website for the Anglican Church of Canada. <http://www.anglican.ca/resources/the-story-of-creation-a-sunday-school-resource/>. Each week the children add to a mural of Creation.

St. Peter's Parish Picnic – Sunday, June 25, St. Peter's Church Garden

The Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 25, 2017 at St. Peter's Church Garden beside the Hall. The service is at 10:00 a.m. followed by the picnic and barbeque. Please take note that there is no 8:30 a.m. church service on this day. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair, and a salad or a dessert. You can sign up on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome!

Time Change for Sunday Service – July 2 – September 3

"Change is good!" announced Phil, a few weeks ago. So, starting July 2, we will be going to one service only at 9:00 a.m. Announcements will be done before the service so as not to interrupt the end of the service. Sunday School and Nursery will continue to be provided at this one service.

Prepare for Next Year's Plant Sale

You can do a number of things to prepare for next year's sale. You can plant-sit a potted plant from this year's sale. Buy an unusual perennial now; plant it. Divide it in the early spring. Keep one, pot the second, and donate it to the sale. Take pictures of the flowers, include the picture and label with the perennial. Pictures sell plants especially if the buyer knows what the plant looks like and does!

Unless you need pots to pot up plants, bring them to the old shed behind the church. We will need them for next year.

Save the date – Next year, St. Peter's Plant Sale is May 5, 2018

Articles of Interest...

Africa - Hilda Shilliday

February and into March brought me another incredible experience at the Mengo Hospital in Uganda, East Africa. Usually I am working as a nurse in the HIV/AIDS clinic, or out in the community at clinics or on home visits to patients who are too ill to come to clinic.

AIDS is such a dreadful disease. Research has not yet discovered a vaccine to prevent it or a medicine to heal it. We do have anti-retro viral drugs to prolong life, but eventually opportunistic diseases such as tuberculosis, pneumonia, skin cancer or meningitis take over.

This was my seventh trip since I first went in 2007. About four years ago, a new drug became available. Doctors give the drug to an AIDS-infected mother so her baby is born free of the disease but only about fifty percent of mothers get pre-natal care.

As well as the AIDS clinic, I have three other organizations with which I am involved. Ten years ago, I met Abey, a young social work student, who has devoted his life to get young people out of the slums and into healthier living. He now has a school funded by a Rotary Club where nearly 600 children attend. In addition, there is a home there for teen mothers where their children can attend the school and the girls learn a trade. His organization is "African Hearts."

Seven years ago, I met Kenneth, also a social worker, who is the CEO of Reach one Touch One Ministry (ROTOM). I am proud to be on the board of ROTOM Canada; we have our meetings by tele conference! It is an organization where grandparents around the world can sponsor a grandparent in Uganda who is raising grandchildren with very little help. I spent three days at their wonderful medical center at Mukona, about one hour out of Kampalla. On my third day there, Kenneth asked everyone to step outside; staff, patients, and volunteers. He took us to a hole in the ground and to honour me, he handed me a mango tree plant and a shovel and asked me to plant it. Therefore, in Africa I now have two latrines, a cow and a mango tree named JaJa Hilda! I think that is just as fine as a school, a church or a hospital that some people have named after them!

The third organization is "Gendemi", a home for Orphaned Vulnerable Children (OVC) and an incredible home for girls found in great need. I know of it through St Stephen's church in Central Saanich, which I attended before I moved here. I am not sure how long it has been in existence but there are nine pictures of university graduates in the director's office. Three of the young teens there now have little or no schooling so they are being home schooled and will eventually be able to attend school and perhaps someday have their picture on the wall with the graduates. I asked Henry what I could do to help and he said, "Do you think you could provide curtains for the girls' bedroom windows?" So some of the money sent out with me now provides privacy for the girls' windows.

Some money goes for school fees, shoes or uniforms so a child can attend school; or food for a family that has none; or medication; or to pay a hospital bill so a patient can go home, or many other things. I am very careful to tell people who I help that it is not my money but from friends and family who give it to me to use in Africa. The recipient always says they will pray for the donor, so there are many prayers coming to Canada from Africa.

Currently I am helping with tuition for three young nurses who are studying clinical medicine. I know one day they will help someone else. I have seen it happen.

Will this be my last trip to Africa? Well my children say I have said that before!

I have two mottos in my heart. One, "the world's children belong to all of us" and two, "the will of God will never lead me where the Grace of God will not protect me." I am lead, protected, blessed and privileged; to be able to go and volunteer in Africa.

Hilda Shilliday



Hilda was an angel in this year's Christmas pageant and an angel in Uganda.

Over the last ten years, Hilda has been going to Africa; she has helped many young people attend school, and during that time, she has seen those who have graduated and in turn help others. Currently she is providing tuition for three young nurses taking clinical medicine. It is a three-year course and after graduation, they will be able to work as a doctor in the clinics. She used to have garage sales and fundraising dinners to make this happen. She is not able to do this now. If anyone would like to help with this project, you can donate to St. Peter's African Orphans fund by using your yellow Special Envelope and write "St. Peter's African Orphan's Fund" on it.

Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice

Coordinating Committee of the Anglican Church of Canada

The first face-to-face meeting of the 2016-2019 triennium was held on April 27-28, 2017 at Church House in Toronto. Chair, Nancy Harvey, led the meeting; PWSEJ animator, Ryan Weston, facilitated. The meeting gave us “an opportunity to learn about our mutual commitment to social and ecological justice issues, set priorities for this triennium, and to engage in strategies with the wider church.” The committee, six representatives from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, had previously met by teleconference in November, 2016 and with these two meetings several issues were identified as priorities for this time.

“Creation Matters” - “Creation Matters Working Group” is an active national group within the Anglican Church and is represented by “diocesan ecological justice representatives.” The fifth Mark of Mission is the guiding principle, “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.” Nancy Harvey and Dean Ken Gray of the Territory of the Peoples co-chair.

Responsible resource extraction: The Joint Assembly 2013, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutherans of Canada highlighted this and it continues to be a priority.

Peace and conflict: The chairs, Dwayne Hodgson, and Debbie Grisdale, past, of “Project Ploughshares,” met with us. “There is more money spent on Arms than on Diplomacy”. There needs to be more knowledge, discussion and action concerning “Peace.”

Justice and corrections/Reconciliation: This committee will work with the newly appointed Reconciliation animator, Melanie Delva, who serves as the Archivist for the Diocese of New Westminster and the Provincial Synod of BC and Yukon. She researched much of the information on residential schools during the “Truth and Reconciliation Commission.”

Homelessness and affordable housing/Human trafficking and modern day slavery. This area was one of the greatest concerns at General Synod 2016, as human trafficking is growing. Andrea Mann of the Vancouver School of Theology teleconferenced with us calling on the Anglican Communion into education and action on human trafficking.

Interconnected issues: Harvey stated that on the first day the coordinating committee “almost felt overwhelmed” because there are so many social justice areas that need attention. When we explored the committees and groups dealing with these many areas: General Synod, Diocesan Synods, the secular world, and inter-faith, there was a sense that something is being done. We continue to meet by teleconference.

The committee worked well in a transparent and honest manner. It was a pleasure to have the General Secretary of the Anglican Church, Michael Thompson attend the meeting as well.

Barbara Henshall, Vancouver Island representative

Facebook Posts

If you are not on Facebook, public or the private St. Peter's pages, here are a few recent posts that you are missing. Sign up soon, to become a member. If you are not sure how to do this, contact our webmaster and Facebook expert, Trina.

Thank you - If you happen to see Elaine Jansen, the compost diva, when you are at the church, say "thanks" for all the work she does around the grounds. She is the one who has been cutting and edging the grass. She was also responsible for arranging to have the Army Cadets work on the clean-up. She has assisted us in many, many ways. A great "neighbour."

Bill Ritchie, May 21

The Syrian New Comers Committee - is currently in the midst of a major fund raising push. They are always doing fund raising activities. However, this time they are doing a telephone campaign to ask those who have helped in the past if they could donate yet again. Please pray; to move people to help. If you are able to help, contact any member of the committee. OR, contact me and I'll let you know who that might be.

Bill Ritchie, May 21

Grass Roots/Kind Hearts - Wow, I don't have the words to do justice to explaining what being a part of serving dinner yesterday for GrassRoots, KindHearts. There are times I can feel, right place, right time, and that was of them. The laughter, the smiles. God was present. Thank you, Georgia Smith, Pauline Woods, Bill Ritchie, Sherry, Lois, Carol, Glenda Woodward, Andrea Ritchie, Iain, Hilda Shilliday, Glenna, and Phyllis Hicks for being a part of our inaugural dinner.

Diana Hicks, May 18



Mystery Parishioner!

Guess who this is!

Announcements...



Baptisms

Bradley William Woehry (father) Saturday, May 20, 2017
Anna Elizabeth Woehry (daughter) Saturday May 20 2017

Weddings none
Confirmations none

Deaths

Scott Chrisholm Meyer February 7, 2017
Hilda Taggart May 29, 2017

Weekly Schedule at St. Peter's

MONDAY: 9:30 a.m. – Noon Library
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study (resumes in the fall)

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. – Noon ACW
12:10 p.m. Noon Day Eucharist
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Mindfulness as Spiritual Practice Group

Other Monthly & Occasional Activities at St. Peter's

1st Tuesday of the Month Eucharist at Yucalta Lodge at 3:00 p.m.
1st Wednesday of the Month Eucharist at Berwick at 1:30 p.m.
1st Thursday of the Month Hymn Sing, Evergreen Seniors Home at 10:30 p.m.
3rd Thursday of the Month Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
2nd Sunday of the Month Service at St. Saviour's, Cortes Island
4th Sunday of the Month Service alternating between Yucalta (2:00 p.m.)
and New Horizons (2:00 p.m.)

Notable Future Dates (*Mark your calendars*):

Ordination Service for Alastair Hunting Saturday, June 10
Sunday School Windup - Fun Craft Day Sunday, June 18
Parish Picnic Sunday, June 25
Summer Sunday School Starts Sunday, July 2
Ladies Summer Brunch TBA
Garage Sale TBA – in the Fall
Harvest Supper Saturday, October 14 (tentatively)
St. Peter's Book Sale October 20 - October 21
Peter's Bazaar November 24 - November 25 (tentatively)
Christmas Pageant December 17 (tentatively)