

**Corporal Fergus Schappert** - Fergus is done his tour of duty in Afghanistan on August 25. He enjoys receiving your emails. His address is [keyknowte@gmail.com](mailto:keyknowte@gmail.com)

**Deaths & Funerals**

**Betty Gerrard** – passed away on June 26. Her funeral was held on July 2.

**Ron Milman** - Rector's Warden of All Saints Church, Maymont died on June 23.

**Wally Sanftleben** – passed away in June. A memorial service was held at St. James' on July 5.

**Moved**

**Wilmotte McCallum** – 1318 Konihowski Rd, 652-8843. Visitors are welcome.

# Thank You

**St. James' Garage Sale**

Thanks to all who helped out with the sale held on June 21. We made approximately \$1,800.

*I would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and prayer shawl I received over the past few months. Your support and prayers have been greatly appreciated.*

*Donna Morton*

## A Reminder to Remember



**Don't Miss**

*Through the summer when you are on holidays, the church isn't!*  
**Operations, Outreach & Worship continue**

*Please ensure that your regular offering doesn't lapse*

Thank you from the Stewardship Committee

# An Appreciative Thank you to Servers & Crucifers

from Mary McKay

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| ❖ Eric Addley             | ❖ Xander Nichol                |
| ❖ Alistair George         | ❖ Aryn, Emily & Sean Otterbein |
| ❖ Jacob Guenther          | ❖ Philip Stonhouse             |
| ❖ Brendon, & Shayne Hardy | ❖ Gwen Van der kamp            |
| ❖ Nisa Heximer            | ❖ Kyle Zale                    |

These dedicated young people have given of their time, talents and effort to assist in the worship services through the past year. As a token of my appreciation for their ministry at St. James' each of these 'Servers' will receive a book for their own library.

## An Opportunity for Youth Late Summer/Early Fall Servers Training

*We will need several new members for the Server's Guild come fall!*

### Benefits?

- Experienced training & guidance by Mary McKay
- Better understanding of worship
- Opportunity to participate & take on responsibilities of ministry
- Connecting with St. James' traditions
- Being appreciated
- Stewardship of serving in worship

Contact Mary McKay (374-9407) to discuss training arrangements

### **All Our Sisters: STORIES OF HOMELESS WOMEN IN CANADA**

by Susan Scott

A Garamond Book, 2007, [www.broadviewpress.com](http://www.broadviewpress.com)

*In this powerful book, Susan Scott tells the stories of women who, because of a multiplicity of interwoven and interdependent reasons, do not have a place to be safe 'at home'. Scott didn't just interview these women; she gained their trust by walking their path with them. If anyone has a desire to have empathy with homeless women, their frustrations and privations, this is essential reading. This is a book that you will have to set aside so as to let your mind grasp the reality of each woman's story. They are our sisters. Matthew 25:35*

*This book is available from the Saskatoon Public Library.*

*Susan Scott is a freelance writer who worked for many years at the Calgary Herald. She is the author of No Fixed Address, Tales from the Street (Calgary Drop-in Centre)*

Reviewed by Mary McKay

# Many Mini Ministry Mysteries

Compiled by Mary McKay

## 1917 to 1923 – Walking the Financial Tightrope

### Did you know.....?

When The Rev. Eustace Purdie came to St. James' in 1917 the church was actually in rather dire financial straits. WWI had decimated not only most of St. James' families but also the student body and faculty of Emmanuel College. At that time, the College was very closely linked with St. James' so both were struggling to keep afloat. The Rev. H. Broadbent, who had optimistically seen to the building of our red brick church in 1912, had returned to England on an extended leave of absence. He forfeited his stipend of \$1500 to help relieve some of the financial burden of the Vestry. He left in November of 1914 just after the start of WWI. By September of 1915 he had become a chaplain to the British armed forces in Europe so he submitted his resignation to St. James'. He also requested that his furniture be packed and shipped back to England!

Until February of 1917, when Eustace Purdie was appointed as St. James' rector, the vestry decided the parish was not in a financial position to call a rector. The Rev. Henry Wilson served as locum tenens (interim) for a grand stipend of \$60 a month. He left St. James' in March of 1916. How ministries were carried out over the intervening 12 months is only to be speculated but it can be imagined that it was probably a fretful period to say the least. Less intrepid folk would have let the whole thing go but we can surmise that the Holy Spirit sustained them and being true pioneers they forged forward.

The Rev. Purdie was a pentecostally inspired preacher. He revitalized the flock with prayer meetings and fervent motivating sermons. Despite the fact that his evangelical nature brought in many new parishioners the vestry still had to employ creative ways to raise funds enough to stave off closure. St. James' was spiritually enriched but it was still financially challenged. You could say that the money on the Sunday plate didn't quite 'fit the bill'.

The tactics that were undertaken by the wardens and vestry were amazingly optimistic. There was a concerted effort to eliminate St. James' debts. The following endeavours illustrate how St. James' walked a frightening financial tightrope. The following events were recorded in the 1967 Diamond Jubilee Yearbook.

- **July 1916** – Foreclosure, which had been threatened in April on the first mortgage by Toronto General Trusts, was averted by a gift of \$6,146 from the Colonial and Continental Church Society.
- **July 1916** – The parish still owed \$10,700 on all church property and \$5,365 was payable immediately.
- **February 1917** – The Rev. Purdie arrived and was informed that the church hall (original church wooden building) had been sold for taxes!
- **Spring 1917** – How these catastrophes were averted is not known. The back taxes had to be paid before a rebate on current taxes, granted by City Council, could be applied. - The Bank of Commerce obtained a signed judgement on its loan to the church.
- **April 1917** – Mr. Henry Wallace, people's warden, proposed and implemented an innovative plan to put the church on a better financial footing. A proactive plan was needed because:

1. The Blonde Lumber Company was in danger of liquidation and refused to extend the church note.
2. The Fiscal Corporation refused to renew a church note for 90 days.
3. The city advised the Vestry that the church building and rectory would be sold for taxes unless the levies were paid. And to top it all off...
4. The Diocese, in an effort to reduce a debt incurred setting up missions, assessed St. James' for \$536.

The plan was this: St. James' was to form a joint stock company among parishioners who would promise to buy \$100 bonds at \$5 per month. The bonds would pay 5% interest and would be redeemable 'when the church was in a better financial position'!

- **September 1917** – Mr. Wallace had 40 parishioners who had promised to buy bonds but he needed 10 more people to sign up.

Sadly, the initiative was too optimistic. By **January 12, 1920** it was reported that only six members had contracted for bonds in more than two years, and that only three had paid the full \$100. When one parish member requested redemption there was no money to redeem it!

So the question is ----- How was the debt reduced? The following generous creditors each helped out.

- The Rev. Broadbent in England (Bless his soul) forgave a debt of \$407.
- The Rev. Principal G.F. Trench of Emmanuel College liquidated a \$2,190 loan for \$1,500. (By special effort \$1,110 was raised towards it.)
- Nutana Plumbing & Heating settled a \$700 debt for \$300.
- The Blonde Lumber Company settled a \$300 debt for \$150.

Even after these transactions, the capital debt was still listed as \$7,000!

- **January 1923** – It was stated that a bank loan had been outstanding since 1913 ---- for 10 years!
- **January 14, 1924** – At the Annual Meeting it was reported that the church roll was comprised of 270 families that represented 1,007 souls. As well 'The treasurer, Col. R.W. Stayner told the meeting that St. James' owned property valued at \$24,000.25. It is not known whether the extra quarter was the result of close figuring by Col. Stayner, or whether he just "threw it in" so as not to have such a nice round figure.'

Through all of this St. James' persevered. The ministry of the church never wavered and on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Dufferin, St. James' was and still is a witness of Christ's love. The Good Lord did Provide!

## *A Special Harvest Sunday in Sept – Floral Tributes to Woodlawn Cemetery*

### ***Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home***

On a Sunday in September we will celebrate God's gift of the harvest. The window wells will be adorned with garden flowers. Before the Altar, the harvest bounty of grain, vegetables and fruit will be displayed. Joyously, the wonderful familiar hymns of Harvest Thanksgiving will ring out. After worship the fruits and vegetables will be taken to Friendship Inn and this year, as a new ministry, the flowers will be made into bouquets to be taken to Woodlawn Cemetery.

In the process of researching our history, Mary McKay learned that the burial place of many St. Jamesers is Woodlawn Cemetery. To honour these persons Mary will arrange that the flowers that will have given beauty to the sanctuary for Harvest Festival be taken to the cemetery to be placed at the gravesites.

Pioneers of St. James', W.P. & Maud Bate as well as Captain E.Shelton & Mary Ellen Andrews and the Hazen family along with more recent members: The Rev. Canon Bruce Rathbone, Jack & Phyllis Summers, Lena Salloum, Keith Thompson, Bob Paterson, Anna & Peter Prebushewski, Mable Colebank as well as many others are at rest in Woodlawn Cemetery. We will honour the memory of their lives as they were lived out in Christ through our church family at St. James'.

The plan is that families or individuals will each take five or six bouquets to designated graves that will be in fairly close proximity to each other. The location of the graves will be marked on a map with the burial block – lot and section numbers clearly indicated.

If you are willing to help carry out this ministry or if you know of a parishioner's gravesite that we of St. James' should honour then please contact Mary McKay.

***For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home.***

### **St. James' Vestry**

Karen Addley, Christian Ansaldo,  
Fran Forsberg, Patricia Hoffart, Mary  
McKay, Linda Popkin, Curtis Gulka,  
Alan Otterbein, Susan Pattison,  
Dorothy Platzer, Maurice Pardoe

**People's Warden** – Bev Orr

**Rector's Warden** – Jason Coutu

**Treasurer** – Scott Verity

**Youth** (non-elected)– Emily  
Otterbein, Kathlene Whiteway

**Parochial Committee to serve until  
Rector's appointment** – Karen  
Addley, Jason Coutu, Mary McKay,  
Bev Orr, Scott Verity

### **Directory**

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