



# WHAT'S UP?

ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*ST. GILES' MOTTO: "Called by Christ, Committed by Faith, Connected by Community."*

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### *What a difference...*

The last Saturday in September involved an early start, even for me. I am taking a Landscape Photography course at the SAIT Polytechnic and we had a fieldtrip that started at the *Big Rock* near Okotoks. I carpooled with the instructor who wanted to leave at 5:00 am, which meant that I had to be up at 4:00 am.

It was an interesting morning, first with cloud cover, then with a few sunny breaks, then some mist in the distance with a rainbow, then more cloud, sunshine, overcast, and more. By the afternoon we were in Sheep River Provincial Park and it was mainly sunny with some clouds and occasionally a little windy.

When we arrived at Sheep River Falls I had no idea what to expect.

Photographing a waterfall is a lot of fun. It is even more fun, interesting, and beautiful if it is possible to use a longer shutter speed. This allows you to capture movement in the clouds and trees; the water becomes milky and looks almost molten.

How do I do this without overexposing the picture? I use a filter. In this case I

used an Infrared Filter and I had an exposure that gave movement in the clouds and made the waterfall look much nicer.

#### **What's - Inside?**

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Since Easter we have looked at Esther, Ruth, and Jonah. In Esther, God's providence, grace, and divine purpose prevail. Mordecai's and Esther's lives were transformed when they actually grasped the truth that God is the One who provides. In Ruth, Naomi had a hard time recognizing God's grace and yet we also see how her life was transformed when she started to realize that God was not out to get her, but was indeed by her side showering her with grace upon grace. In Jonah we saw a man who knew God's grace, but was very reluctant to share this grace with people he thought were unworthy. And yet, we will see how God did not let Jonah, a man who knew God's grace, go, but helped him realize that grace is meant to be shared, and we will see how the grace of God that Jonah shared with the Ninevites transformed their lives.

God's grace is like the Infrared Filter. Without God's grace life is just like an ordinary picture of a waterfall and

blue skies. God's grace transforms life into something different, something unique and more beautiful, just as the Infrared Filter transformed an ordinary picture into something more unique and beautiful.

*As we approach Thanksgiving and Advent it is my prayer that we will embrace God's grace, but even more so share God's grace and see the transformation His grace brings.*

Blessings,  
Rev. Dewald (Dewey) Delpont

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *"St. Giles' mission is to nurture a vibrant Christian life; we will seek to grow in our relationship with God, we will care for the community and we will dare to follow Christ into the world."*

## EDITORIAL

Dear Members and Friends of St. Giles,

Some time ago when our Bible study group was examining the first epistle of Peter, we were struck by the apostle's opening words, *'To God's elect, strangers in the world...'* (NIV). As we studied the text it became apparent that the word *strangers* - found in most translations - can be misleading since Peter was not suggesting that his readers were unknown to their neighbours. Better is the somewhat archaic word 'sojourners', people making a temporary residence in a place. This idea is perhaps more clearly expressed in Hebrews 13:14, *'For here we do not have an enduring city, but are looking for the city that is to come.'* Further examination showed that this truth isn't restricted to the New Testament for 1Chronicles 29:15 says *"For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding."* (KJV)

This brought to mind our family's experience living in Egypt. Cairo was our home - we lived, worked and went to school there. We were involved and active in our church and community and had a wide circle of friends. At the end of summer holidays we would tell our friends that we were going 'home'. And indeed in one sense we were. But that was not taking into account the overriding truth that this was not really home; at the end of our sojourn there we would leave and return to where we had come from. There had never been any doubt that our residence in Cairo was a temporary interlude and not permanent arrangement.

Similarly, although we live in this present world and enjoy experiences God gives us, we must keep in mind where our real Home is and patiently await the consummation of the Kingdom, when our 'expat' experience in this world comes to an end.



Denis and Dianne Mascardelli for the Editorial Team

## NOTE-WORTHY

Dear People of St. Giles,

I am so grateful to the Pastoral Care Committee and all the congregation for the huge support that both John and I have received during the last four months of recovery. Delicious meals, visits, flowers, goodies, cards, phone calls, and most of all your prayers, were delivered and received with joy and wonder! Thank you one and all.

The road to recovery is continuing and showing healing and improved ability to do all the things that I have previously taken for granted. Praise the Lord!

Joanne Watson

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To the Congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian Church,  
On behalf of all the children at our school, Thutong, Ya Bana, Thank you very much for EVERYTHING. May God bestow His rich blessings upon you and Bless you.

God Bless You all,

From the Teachers at Thutong Ya Bana School:  
Mercy, Michelle, Shadrack, Ursula and Boitumelo

Dear Members and Friends,

The leaves of Fall have turned colour and everywhere we are reminded that the season for Thanksgiving is here. My family and I want you to know that we are grateful and thankful to each of you for your kind acts, your cards and messages, and your support during Ike's illness and following his passing. Rev. Delpont visited often bringing words of assurance and news of St. Giles.

Ike and I were married for 59 years and of those years, the last 26 have been within the circle of the St. Giles family.

Thank you for that!

With love,  
Audrey Harms

# **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES: BLUNGERS, SLIP TANKS AND PUG MILLS, OR WHAT I DID DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS BY JANET ASTLE**

Over the years, I have visited several exotic locations where I have seen some amazing ceramics. These include: the Terracotta Army in Xian, China; statues and other pottery items from King Tutankhamun's tomb in Cairo; the Sevres Ceramics museum in France; and the Plain of Jars in Laos. To be honest, the latter are not made of pottery, but are carved from solid stone. They deserve to be mentioned because these pots are 1 to 3 metres high, almost as broad, and date from 500 BC to AD 500. They are the most extraordinary things I have ever seen. The Jars are not on any major tourist routes because, while there are thousands of them scattered over a plain in south-central Laos, there are, unfortunately, considerably more unexploded bombs from the Vietnam War scattered between them. Staying on the beaten track took on new meaning while visiting the Jars!

This summer my ceramic explorations took on a considerably more prosaic turn when I visited the Historic Clay District of Medicine Hat. This destination is worth mentioning because of a close connection to St Giles Church. While most people who visit the Clay District concentrate their interest on the Medalta pottery museum, we took a guided tour of the Medicine Hat Brick and Tile factory, from which the bricks for our church most likely came (there was also another brick factory in the neighbourhood called Alberta Clay Products, which burnt down in 1961). This tour proved to be considerably more interesting than I expected.

I have visited various industrial museums over the years where I have seen machines that are 100 to 200 years old, but this museum was very different because the factory had components that dated from between the 1920's and 2010. It was very odd to be walking through a completely deserted building that looked as if the workers had just left for a coffee break. There was even a white notice board with a marker pen attached and a photograph of the company cat.

We learnt during the tour that the location of brick factories has to meet four criteria. Bricks need ample

supplies of good quality clay, water and energy for the production process, and an efficient means of transporting the very heavy final product, which is usually by water or rail. In this case the factory at Medicine Hat was located at the foot of an escarpment made up mostly of clay, right beside the South Saskatchewan River and adjacent to a short spur line off the main CP rail line. There were also vast supplies of gas to be found in the vicinity (a gas well was drilled right in the forecourt of the factory in the 1930's). Because Medicine Hat was ideal for clay products the various factories that produced bricks, drainage pipes and pottery thrived, and the area became the centre of the clay industry in Western Canada. Millions of bricks were shipped all over Western Canada and beyond. Our tour guide told us that care was taken to locate this factory above the normal flood level of the South Saskatchewan River, but over the years additional buildings had been built a few feet lower towards the flood plain.

The factory was thriving in 2002 when St Giles was undergoing its major renovation. Bricks were required to construct the new narthex, which was to connect the church to the house next door, and also to face the front of the house. The building committee, consisting of Margaret Moorhouse, Jack Alexander and me, wondered how it could ever match the new bricks to the old church ones as bricks come in various colours. The architect, Lyle Hallett, quickly told us that there was no problem at all as the original bricks had come from Medicine Hat, so all we had to do was ask a salesman to bring us samples of the various colours available. I remember that the salesman came on a day that was terribly icy and we were worried about his drive. As it turned out we need not have been anxious, because his car trunk was loaded with full size bricks (we had assumed he would bring some sort of sample sheet, the brick version of paint chips) so he had substantial ballast for the drive. The four of us stood in the cold and ice holding up bricks against the south wall of the church to see which one was closest in colour. I will leave you to judge how well we did.

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## **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES: BLUNGERS, SLIP TANKS AND PUG MILLS, OR WHAT I DID DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

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In 2006 the factory invested in a brand new plant with kilns that could churn out a continuous stream of bricks at an astonishing rate. It even installed what our tour guide told us was the first shrink wrapping system in North America for finished pallets of bricks. Several of these pallets are still sitting in the packaging area all ready to be transported by vehicles that will never arrive. This is because between June, 16-18, 2010 huge amounts of rain fell not only over Medicine Hat but, more importantly, over the Cypress Hills to the southeast. Numerous creeks that run northwards from the Hills converge on a usually innocuous little stream called Ross Creek that runs beside the factory before joining the South Saskatchewan River. This creek quickly rose to unprecedented levels, flooding the entire area around the factory and eventually bursting through a wall of the new plant. The staff had just enough time to escape, and that was by climbing the clay cliffs behind the buildings. No sooner had they regrouped at the top than they realised they had forgotten the factory cat. Two men descended and drove a front-end loader through the flood in order to reach an office window that they could break to reach the frenzied animal. The water reached waist height and poured into the kilns that were running at over 1,000°C. Photographs show spectacular clouds of steam issuing from them for days afterwards. As we all know now, these floods bring masses of mud and debris that inundated the kilns and all the other equipment, rendering it all useless. There was just enough



insurance money to clean up the mess, but not enough to get it working again, partly because the kilns would have had to be rebuilt.

The factory was sold to the Friends of Medalta Society in 2011. It seems that no sooner had all the remedial work been done than the Great Flood of June 19-21, 2013 hit. This time it was the South Saskatchewan River that flooded the factory and it had to be cleaned all over again.

The Friends continue to be stewards of the property which had been designated a National Historic Site in 1999 and a Provincial Historic Resource in December, 2012.

After the tour of the brick factory, we returned to the Medalta pottery where we toured that old factory. This is where I collected the names for the title of this article. Blungers, slip and pug mills are all terms used in the pottery making

process. We were told that blungers are machines to mix slip. Slip is the liquid mix of finely pulverized clay particles and water that is poured into moulds to produce such things as crocks and jugs; and pug mills knead a drier combination of clay and water together for extrusion through an opening like toothpaste. This drier paste is used to make such things as plates and bowls.

*So, next time you are wondering what to do, consider a trip to Medicine Hat, but not when it is 38 °C, which is what the temperature was when we passed through a few days before we took the tour!*

## **PRAYERS AND SHARING**

**P**RAYERS and SHARING is held in St. Giles Park Room on the second Wednesday afternoon of the month from 1:00-2:30 pm. It is a VERY SPECIAL TIME to spend with friends, drinking tea, speaking of concerns, expressing our thankfulness, and quietly praying or just being silent together.

We pray for our congregation and that all may feel welcome. We light a candle. There are no expectations - just warm friendship. Please come and join us! If you wish to know more about this special time, or need a ride, please call Joanne Watson at 403-280-0510. It is fun too!

Joanne Watson,  
Coordinator



# FALL IS HERE AND IT IS TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

## BY JANET ASTLE

Here is the annual overview of all the activities that you are welcome to participate in at St. Giles...

**Policy and Planning Committee** - ensures the activities of the various congregational groups are organized in such a way as to provide effective leadership within the congregation. It also oversees major projects.

**Human Resources Committee** - deals with any employee-related issues.

**Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)** - oversees church school teaching, youth leadership and facilitating adult education groups. Includes:

**Sunday morning Church School.**

**Vacation Bible School** - a one week event held during the summer

**Youth Group**, for grades 3 and up, meets monthly on Fridays

**Adult Bible Study Group** is held on Wednesday mornings

**Library** - located in the house, from which you are welcome to borrow books.

**Mission in Action** – provides information and fund raising for international, national and local mission opportunities, e.g. the Food Bank, Camp Kannawin and a special Christmas project that is chosen each year.

**"Inn from the Cold"** program is held at St. Giles once a month. This provides a bed for the night, an evening meal, breakfast and a packed lunch for up to 15 homeless people.

**Pastoral Care Committee** - congregation members who maintain contact with sick and homebound members.

**A special communion service and luncheon** is held twice a year for those who find it hard to get to regular services.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, where members knit or crochet shawls for those friends of St. Giles who are sick or grieving.

**Mid-Week Praise** – an evening communion service held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

**Choir** – Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. Any adults and youth who love to sing are welcome.

**Finance and Budget Committee** - responsible for the financial affairs of St. Giles.

**Facilities and Maintenance Committee** - ensures the building, surrounding gardens and parking lot are well maintained, and oversees the work of the custodian.

**Events** – is no longer a formal group but several social events are planned during the year, such as the Rabbie Burns Dinner, Spring Tea, Folk Night, September Welcome-back Pot-luck Lunch, and Christmas Bazaar and Lunch.

**What's Up?** - An editorial team produces the church newsletter three times a year.

**Midweek Mix** - is a light-hearted get-together at 11:30am on Wednesdays where participants bring a bag lunch and meet for a variety of activities, which may include seated exercises, crafts or a talk.

**Fanning Centre** (a long-term care facility) **Service** - church members hold a monthly (Tuesday) service with the members acting as escorts and providing the music.

**Second Sunday Singers** - shares the joy of Christian music with residents at the Hillcrest Nursing Home on the second Sunday afternoon of the month.

**Moms and Tots** – usually held on the second Thursday of the month provides a chance for mothers of young children from birth to age four to meet and interact with resource professionals who lead discussions and are able to help with problem solving.

*There is certainly no reason to say that you are bored if you belong to St. Giles! All of these groups would welcome newcomers, so please speak to Rev. Delpert to find out whom you should contact for more information.*

***"...what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 (NRSV).***



## ST. GILES—INN FROM THE COLD

### BY SUSAN CARMICHAEL

**The Inn from the Cold's mission is to provide emergency shelter, support and programs to homeless children, their families and others in need, with the goal of building healthy, stable families and ending homelessness.**

It is the vision of the Inn from the Cold that Calgary will be **a community where no family is homeless.**

The Inn from the Cold program in Calgary offers two distinct shelter programs. The Inn from the Cold's Emergency Family Shelter is a permanent facility located in Calgary's beltline community on 11 Avenue SW. If there is space available, families will be given a room in this building. During the past year, Knox United has offered an additional Emergency Family Shelter space as the Inn has been known to run over capacity 85% of the time. (This additional space will not be offered in 2016.) If there are no available rooms in the Emergency Family Shelter, guests can register daily for the Community Inn program. Guests are provided transportation to and from the hosting organization. Once there, they are provided a hot dinner, fellowship, a safe place to stay, breakfast and a bagged lunch. On average guests will stay in these temporary shelters for less than 2 months as the Inn from the Cold works to provide support to families to help them find appropriate and affordable housing.

St. Giles is one of approximately 60 Community Inns staffed by more than 2000 volunteers that offer hospitality to Inn guests in Calgary. We host approximately 15–18 guests one night per month on the first Wednesday of the month. We have a dedicated group of volunteers, some who have served in various roles since our initial Inn held back in March 1999. We have also welcomed many new people as volunteers as well. At this time we especially need people who might consider joining the clean-up crew. This crew arrives after the guests have left in the morning. It is a one-hour commitment (7:00–8:00 am on a Thursday morning), with a bit of a work out combined! Beds are stripped, cots dismantled, mattresses and tables wiped down, chairs stacked, laundry taken over to the basement of the house (a different crew does the laundry), and bathrooms made to sparkle. If this sounds like your dream job, ha, ha, please consider joining the wonderful group of people who have been filling this role for years.

Thank you to the congregation of St. Giles for the generosity provided through dedicated volunteers and financial support. You are making a difference for families who have indicated that seeking shelter was a last resort. Lives are being turned around by the opportunities and guidance that programs like The Inn from the Cold can provide. You are all a part of that.

## PASTORAL CARE COMMUNION AND LUNCH

**P**astoral Care Communion service and luncheon was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015. The service was attended by those members who are unable to be with us on a regular basis. It is so good to be able to share fellowship and connect with them during this time. This Thanksgiving season we are very thankful for good friends, our homes, a bountiful harvest, and all the blessings that God has provided.



At this time we are again learning from the scripture of Jonah chapter 2:9, "But I with voice of Thanksgiving will sacrifice to you, what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord".

Blessings to you all,  
Jenny Thomson and Pastoral Care Team

### Prayer for help and Thanksgiving for it

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7 (NRSV).*

## A JOURNEY BY MICHAEL MOORHOUSE

A couple of Sundays ago somebody remarked over coffee in the narthex that Margaret and I must find the prairies a long drive on the way home from 'the lake'. I probably said no it's not, but sitting here now I figure that was maybe a bit smug. I like the prairies but maybe I should go over the journey again. You could come along if you want.

I confess that on the earlier eastbound trip out of Calgary in July, by the time we reached Strathmore I've realized that this is going to be a long day. Somewhere around Bassano I turn on the radio to get the news we missed while packing up earlier on. The part between Brooks and the Saskatchewan border is flat and pretty empty so we break out the thermos for a late-morning coffee and watch for antelope. This year we saw a group of twelve and that's really rare. And time was when you could breeze past Medicine Hat in a minute or two, but now it's become a bustling city and it takes a while.

As we leave Alberta the road starts to go up, and the highest point between Calgary and anywhere east is just a few kilometres inside the Saskatchewan border. Then for a long way east it's hummocky rolling ranch country. No trees, but the land has a warmth and comfort to it in the midday sun. We always stop for a sandwich lunch at the provincial information centre just west of Maple Creek. It's busy but we're warmly greeted because the lady that runs the place knows us. She's the one who bailed us out a few years ago when I stupidly left a battery-operated cooler running in the van with the engine off during a homeward-bound pit stop. Not surprisingly, when I turned the ignition key to leave nothing happened. It was late afternoon on a cold overcast day in early September, the lot had emptied, and they were closing down for the season. Talk about scared. But these are prairie people, and that woman drove four miles home and back for a set of booster cables and got us going. That's why I always stop there going and coming. She remembers and we get a laugh.

Swift Current used to be little more than a truck stop but now, like Medicine Hat, it's bigger and busier, and they've lowered the speed limit going through town. Part way to Moose Jaw there's Chaplin where they extract sodium sulphate from one of those big alkali lakes. Great white piles of the stuff, just like winter. We bypass Regina - well sort of, but you have to go for a bit along Victoria Avenue on the east side and by now it's rush hour so it's a drag. Gas up east of town and away again. It'll be two or three



*Westbound past Moose Jaw*

hours to Manitoba but there's not much traffic. This is fully farmed grain country, but somehow the general ambience seems softer than on the open plains to the west. Maybe it's the gentle evening.

We enter Manitoba almost unnoticed and pass by the old oilfield at Virden, with the first working pump jacks seen since around Swift Current. Then it's not very far to the slope down into the pretty Assiniboine River valley. Up again and in just a little bit you're coming around the north side of Brandon and checking in at the motel. It's around nine o'clock, getting dark, and everyone's tired, but there's a McDonald's next door for a burger.

No need to rush in the morning and the dining room's not crowded so there's time for a good breakfast, then it's load up, gas up, and away east by nine. The road's still pretty empty, not yet the one-after-another eighteen-wheelers that will build up through the morning. A little bit east of town we pass through the Brandon Hills, hands-down the prettiest stretch on the whole trip. They're really just the same as those rolling moraines in western Saskatchewan and they can't be farmed, but here they are forested - pines mostly, because the underlying glacial material is sand and gravel. Now it's just a couple of hours to Winnipeg. You don't notice it, but somewhere east of Portage la Prairie we enter the Red River Valley which is superimposed on the bottom of the post-glacial Lake Agassiz. There's nothing flatter anywhere, which is why the Red River in flood is twenty miles wide.

We take the perimeter road north around Winnipeg and pass not far from Margaret's family church, Kildonan Presbyterian. It was built in 1852, and was the first Presbyterian church west of the Great Lakes. In the surrounding tree-shaded cemetery, the oldest of the deeply weathered limestone headstones is dated in 1854, and

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## A JOURNEY

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there are many whose recorded birth dates are in the late seventeen hundreds. So many of the grass covered graves are those of children. Life must have been hard.

We didn't stop to see family and head east again. A dozen or so kilometres out of the city there's a gentle rise. We've entered 'the bush' - nothing spectacular, just small poplar and a few spruce, but it's a significant boundary, marking the edge of the broad hinterland that divides Canada into east and west. An hour or so later we cross the final edge of the prairie limestones and pass onto the far harder and two billion years older basalts and granites of the Precambrian. Past Falcon and West Hawk Lakes - Winnipeggers' resorts - and into Ontario. We won't take the turnoff to our cottage at Laclu because I've told you all about that before. Instead we'll head on past Kenora and turn south for a couple of hours to the small town of Fort Frances on Rainy Lake (see photo). We've got family there and there's a lovely supper of pan-fried pickerel.

Next day is Sunday, and after checking on his patients in hospital our son insists we go berry-picking. This is good blueberry country, so we pile into the truck and head for an old burn that's just starting to grow over. Locals call these berry patches 'picks'. I'm not a good berry-picker, and after a couple of hours I've managed just half my small pail, fallen over, and dumped the lot. Fortunately there are others more gifted.



*Rainy Lake in Summer*

I mentioned that this was Sunday. As we were about to leave the pick, our son, a less than perfect graduate of the St. Giles church school, observes that 'you can pray from the pick but you can't pick from the pew. At least that's what the Mennonites say.' (This last to deflect the blame.) Of course he is well aware of our usual Sunday habits, but it's a good laugh, and we took home enough berries for three pies.

So that's the journey, prairie miles and all. Plus you got a little geomorphology. Hope it wasn't boring.

## HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Those of you in church on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, know that it was a nice sunny day and a perfect day for our annual Evacuation Drill. The actual fire alarm was used and people, recognizing the sound, quickly left the building. Those with specified duties such as Elders, Nursery Worker, Church School Teachers, the Sound Person and Church Officer, performed their duties very efficiently and the buildings were vacated within 3½ minutes. We appreciate the painful efforts of those with mobility issues who were required to go down the ramps only to turn around and come back to the Narthex for refreshments.

A positive note is that our staffing has been stable since January of this year leaving the committee time to work on Emergency Booklets that will be hung by all five 'land line' phones in the Church, and one in the church basement where there isn't a phone. If you didn't know, the five phones are located in: Rev. Delport's office;

the Administrative Assistant's office; photocopier room; main kitchen in the lower hall; and the hall outside the Park Room.

These booklets contain procedures for: evacuation; bomb threats; CPR for adults, children, and infants (with pictures); choking for adults, children and infants; as well as some basic signs to recognize strokes and heart attacks. The current empty pages will be filled with the same procedures in Korean.

Currently we are working on updating enlarged floor plans with '**You are Here**' spots in English and Korean. In October, we will be reviewing and recommending staff salaries to Session in preparation for the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Marilyn Machum  
Convenor, HR Committee



## TEACHING, LEARNING, AND TRAVELLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

### BY MARNI STROME



Dear friends of St. Giles,

This was my seventh trip to South Africa, and Thutong Ya Bana school in the township of Galeshewe – a settlement of metal shacks and small brick houses that stretches for miles in every direction, on the outskirts of the city of Kimberley.

The more time I spend in South Africa, the more I learn about the country and realize that like any country, it is difficult to characterize it in a story or a talk. I find there are a number of similarities to our own country – their history with apartheid has some parallels to our relations with our First Nations. As a multicultural nation, there are some similar challenges to ours. And of course, the gap between rich and poor and all the gradations between seems to be a world-wide phenomenon, as there are many beautiful and rich neighborhoods alongside the townships. Another struggle I perceive is one to fully embrace “rule of law” and fight corruption in all levels of government. It is a country of contradictions.

I spent almost three weeks again working with Brother Liam, a “Christian Brother” who serves the community by running a project school for the poorest of the poor in the township – those who, for a variety of reasons, are not getting an education. The “teachers” are volunteers who are paid a stipend of \$10.00/week and a daily loaf of bread. The small government grant *almost* covers a daily meal for the students (sometimes the only one they will have).

When I arrived at the school this year, I was greeted by many happy and familiar faces. They wrapped their arms around me and sang me songs I taught them last year – once I started to sing along, a crowd gathered and we all continued to sing together. There can’t be a more rewarding experience for a music teacher!

With the money you so generously donated, I was able to buy art supplies, and convert one of the classrooms to an “Art Room”. It was exciting to see some of the kids use paints and pastels for what may have been the first time. And they were so proud of their work when they finished!

I bought much more with your money – including daily snacks such as cheese, other school supplies, and toys and surprises for the kids. I have more pictures and stories than will fit in this article and would love to share them with you. I am planning to do a presentation with all the details after church on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Hall following our Worship Service. I hope you will be able to attend, and see how much everyone appreciated your contributions!



## MISSION IN ACTION COMMITTEE

### Planned Events For The Coming Year

Our Mission Committee is up and running with the rest of the programs at St. Giles and it promises to be another good year.

We have started our Food Bank Drive for Thanksgiving. It always seems so appropriate to assist those that would go hungry if it wasn't for your donations. It is hard to believe that there are still people in Calgary who go to bed hungry.

Our Advent fund raising project will soon be underway. This year's support will go to SAIT Polytechnic students and will include students who are finding it difficult to meet the cost of tuition or are having financial difficulties. We will be providing them with gift cards from Sobeys, Co-op or Safeway.

Let us help them get their education so that they can enter the workforce and help others in need.

Our major fund-raiser (to be determined) will not be held until the fall of 2016. Last year we held it in the spring but moving it to the fall will allow us more preparation time.

There are a number of events coming up that are not directly related to the Mission Committee but wherever there is a need our members are there to help out.

As with the other programs at St. Giles, we thank those of you who are involved in committees. If you would like to become involved in any of the events here you would be most welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Hagen

Mission in Action Committee Convenor

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. GILES

### Beyond the Broken Heart...

We are pleased to offer a Grief Support Program at St. Giles that began on September 14, 2015, and is running for eight weeks (except Thanksgiving Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>). The program is based on a book entitled *Beyond the Broken Heart*, written by Julie Yarbrough.

Each participant of the group received a copy of the book. We meet on Monday nights each week from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm, and watch a ten-minute video on a different aspect of grief. There is no charge for this as it is offered free for the healing of your broken heart.

Even if you have not attended any of the sessions so far

you are welcome to join us. We share stories of the loss of our loved ones over a cup of coffee and Donna's homemade cookies, and offer support to one another. Whatever your story, you need not feel that it cannot be shared. We cannot heal if we do not grieve. Our group - small and intimate, consisting of ten men and women - is one in which you can feel secure in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

This program will be offered again whenever there is a sufficient number of individuals who would like to form this intimate caring group.

Grief Support Group  
Facilitator, Terry Hagen



**CAMP KANNAWIN**  
FAITH GROWS AT CAMP!

After a wonderful summer at Sylvan Lake, things have begun to slow down. Once again the camp was filled with a great group of kids. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who brought the children to us. Our staff took the time to make sure that each child had a camp experience they will always remember, and we thank them for that.

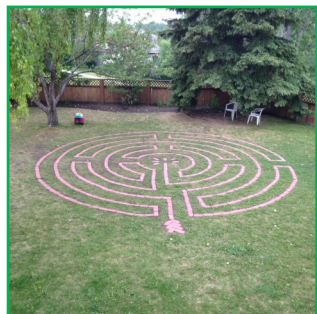
Things have slowed down, but they have by no means stopped. Plans are already underway for next year. A budget has been set out to meet the needs of the camp for 2016. In addition to the usual expenses we have some maintenance that requires doing. If you are a "handyman"

come and join us this fall or in the early spring. Your talents will be greatly appreciated. In fact, anyone who would like to help at the camp would be most welcome. There's a guaranteed job for everyone, and you'll even get fed.

You'll leave knowing that you made a difference in a child's life. Some children are able to attend who wouldn't otherwise get the opportunity to spend some time at a camp. They not only get a camping experience but also one that is faith based.

Camp Kannawin Ambassador  
Terry Hagen

## THE LABYRINTH AT ST. GILES



As most people are aware, St. Giles has installed a labyrinth in the backyard using our Undesignated Funds that are intended for programs and projects supporting St. Giles' mission/vision/core values. In 2015 the focus is on 'Inviting Others' and 'Spirituality'.

Labyrinths are found in religious traditions around the world. Some people walk to slow down and take time out from a busy life. Some come to find strength to take the next step in their life journey. Many come during times of grief and loss.

There is only one path and it is two ways – those going in meet those coming out. You may "pass" people or let others step around you. Do what feels natural.

Information on how to walk the labyrinth will be available on our website and in a handout in the narthex, but here is a suggestion for walking St. Giles' Labyrinth.

**FOCUS:** Pause and wait at the entrance. Become quiet and centered, maybe say a short prayer or close your eyes. Enter when you are ready.

**EXPERIENCE:** Walk purposefully, at your own pace (fast or slow) following on the line of bricks. Concentrate on the placement of one foot before the other and gentle, regular breathing. When you reach the center, stay there and focus. Leave when it seems appropriate. Be attentive on the way out.

**EXIT:** Turn and face the entrance. Give an acknowledgement of ending, such as "Amen".

**REFLECT:** After walking the labyrinth, reflect back on your experience, maybe sit on one of the benches. Adopt a sense of gratitude and offer thanks.

**WALK OFTEN:** You are welcome here. Each journey will be unique.

Sandra Cameron Evans

## CALGARY INTER-FAITH FOOD BANK



Time flies, doesn't it? A year's gone by since we last advertised our annual Food Bank campaign.

Calgary's Food Bank was started in 1982 by a handful of people in a church basement. Now there's a big facility in southeast Calgary and a volunteer base in the thousands.

At St. Giles we got involved in 1997 with the idea that a good time to run a campaign would be at Thanksgiving, which for a church congregation makes sense both theologically and practically. That first year we took in 90 pounds of groceries and \$275.00. Over the intervening years, St. Giles people have contributed hundreds of pounds of food, and more than \$10,000.00. It's a worthwhile thing and a good feeling.

Here's some current information. Last year 16 million pounds of food were donated and distributed. More than 130,000 Calgarians made use of the Food Bank. Of those, 43% were children, 29 % were from single parent households, and in 38% of those households one or more persons were employed. That's about one in every ten persons in the city, and if you keep up with the news it's not going to be any better this year.

Our 2015 campaign will wind up on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 12. Food contribution boxes are in place, and distribution of donor bags has begun. Should you wish to make dollar contributions (which the Food Bank people really like because they can squeeze more out of a dollar than you or me), you can do it through the offertory for forwarding to the Food Bank. And now, after 18 years as convenor at St. Giles, I'm turning over the reins to Bud Hamilton. I urge your continuing support for him and this good work.

Michael Moorhouse

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105***



## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE

### Update on the Stained Glass Window Refurbishment

Jody Martin, a stained glass specialist, has been doing the painstaking work of removing the windows, cleaning them, replacing broken glass and re-leading the seams as required, throughout the summer. The first window to be removed was The Good Samaritan, which is also our oldest. It had noticeable buckling and also the odd hole that looked as if it had been made by a pellet gun. This was removed in late March and replaced in late April just when the spring sunshine could highlight the newly washed (three times!) glass the best.

The window opposite (Mary anointing Christ's feet) was next and also took about a month to repair. The adjacent window (Daniel in the Lion's Den) was either in better condition, or Jody was able to concentrate all her time on

it, because that was only gone for two weeks in early June. The scaffolding was then moved across the nave so that the St. Giles window could be removed and go for a drive down Deerfoot Trail (possibly the most dangerous part of the entire process) to Jody's studio.

After that was returned in July, Jody decided she wanted to finish the two windows on the west side of the nave, as the glass on that side has taken the brunt of many hail storms over the years. As a result, The Return of the Holy Family was gone over the latter part of the summer, and Jesus and Mary in the Garden on the Day of Resurrection left in September. We are expecting this window to be re-installed soon. There will then be just two of the large windows left.

Janet Astle

## THE SAGA OF THE GOLD COIN

In July, Niki (St. Giles administrative assistant) and I were sitting in my car at St. Giles parking lot when a man approached us. Although he looked clean and well kept, we were wary. I opened the window slightly and he proceeded to tell a fragmented story about issues with his bank card and wanting to exchange something he had for bus fare. We were still trying to process his story when he asked if I was a member of the church. Unclear of the relevance, I answered with a simple, "Yes." He paused and said, "I can't be bothered with this. It is too much trouble; so, here, it's a donation to the church." He passed a coin through the window opening while stating that it was worth \$1,500. Before we had a chance to react, he had jogged off into the park.

Niki and I looked at the coin and each other trying to make sense of what had just happened. He had given me a gold coin that looked real, but what did we know? A visit to Albern Coins confirmed the coin was valued at \$1,480. Wow!! Now what? I immediately phoned Niki. Not sure of what we should do, I consulted with a friend who's also a policeman. He advised me go to the Police Station and report it, which we did the following Tuesday after telling the whole story to Rev. Delport.

The Detective wanted a week to check for reports of stolen coins. In the meantime, Niki and I went online to look at mug shots. It was a tense week with no answers. Still feeling uncomfortable with the situation and thinking it might be stolen, we decided to wait another month and

then to check again. Two months later, there were still no stolen coins reported. At the September Session meeting, it was decided to sell the coin and donate 1/2 the proceeds to the Food Bank and use 1/2 for food vouchers.

After a final check with the Detective, who assured me that we had done more than our due diligence, I was finally going to sell the coin. That was a happy moment. Too bad it wasn't that easy. I was in the process of selling it to Albern Coins when they informed me that I would get a T-5 slip for *Capital Gains*. After explaining that it was for the church, they suggested I visit a gold dealer at the Crossroads Market as they are not governed by the same laws. This seemed to be getting more and more complicated, so I conferred with Niki and Rev. Delport and phoned the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) who suggested I sell it to my bank. My bank said it would go into my account. So, the church officer, Ted Samson and I met at the church's bank only to learn that they don't buy coins. Still not keen on the flea market, I contacted a friend who has a goldsmith business. I explained the situation including our plan to use the funds for the Food Bank and food vouchers. He thought that plan was very generous and was happy to help. He agreed to buy the coin for the market price of an ounce of gold and made out a cheque for \$1,490 to St. Giles.

This was such a generous gift and a learning experience for everyone.

Marilyn Machum



# Choir News

BY MARNI STROME

Our amazing choir members, with awesome Esther Woelfle at the piano/organ, continued to contribute to the music over the summer months with solos and duets/trios and, of course, the "Stampede Band" led by Ian McKay.

It was great to come together after the Labour Day holiday for our first rehearsal, and spend the month of September hearing about everyone's summer and catching up.

We are happy to be getting back into the swing of things once again with regular rehearsals (Thursdays at 7:30 pm – all are welcome!) – and planning music for Sundays and special services.

The support for our efforts by our friends in the congregation is very much appreciated!



## Birthday Celebrations

On 'Welcome Back' Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the congregation of St. Giles extended *Happy Birthday* wishes to Rev. Dewald Delport and Esther Woelfle. We all enjoyed a special birthday cake that was provided for the occasion.

Rev. Delport has been our Minister for the past four years and eight months. Esther has been our organist/pianist for the past five years.



## MOMS AND TOTS PROGRAM



Moms learn how to incorporate songs and rhymes into their babies' activities at our May meeting.

Our Fall 2015 session of Moms and Tots began on September the 10<sup>th</sup>, the first of our monthly meetings for 2015/2016 (a change from the previous two meetings a month). Acting on the belief that the strength of our program lies in the calibre of the people brought in to lead the sessions - generally professionals or experts with certified training in the subject - we have decided to concentrate on that. We have also moved our start time to 10:00 am to better accommodate moms and sleepy babies.

A strong program has been put together for the Fall including Dr. Karen Colburne discussing attachment issues, a representative from the Calgary Public Library and what promises to be an interesting discussion on discipline. For more information see the church webpage: [www.stgiles.ca](http://www.stgiles.ca) or go to our Facebook page.

Linda Anderson, Teuny Howarth, Dianne Mascardelli, Candace Siddall

## Care of our Church Grounds during the summer months

It is always a joy when driving or walking past St. Giles during the summer to see the beautiful flowers and landscape that greet you as you pass by. Once again this year, we would like to express our thanks to **Norm Miller** for his dedicated and hard work in taking care of our church grounds during the summer months.



## High School Graduate

## Congratulations

**Andrea McCuaig** graduated from Lester B. Pearson High School in June 2015. To celebrate her graduation, she planned and enjoyed a trip with a close friend to Portland, Oregon, USA.

Andrea is currently working in Calgary, having chosen to take a year off before deciding what direction to take her future studies.

Proud parents are Mark and Laurine McCuaig, brother Bradley and sisters Chelsea and Jennifer.



## BAPTISM



*"Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God'."*

*(Luke 18:15-16)*

On Sunday, September 13, 2015 it was a special privilege for our congregation to welcome into Christ's Church by Baptism,

**London Louise Valerie,**

infant daughter of Stephen and Crystal Frost.

To share in this very special occasion were grandparents Evelyn and Rick Sanderson and Ann Frost, great grandmother Louise Sanderson, and many family members and friends.

## Nigerian Wedding Celebration

This past summer, Niki Oguntuase, St. Giles administrative assistant (second from right), attended the wedding celebration held in Calgary for her sister, Bukie. This picture shows all the bridesmaids as well as the Bride and Groom in their traditional wear which was worn during the traditional ceremony held the day before the wedding.

In Nigerian culture, two ceremonies are held for weddings. During the traditional ceremony, both families welcome each other and blessings are sung for the couple as well as prayers for a life of happy abundance. Dancing and dinner follow. The wedding and reception are held the next day. It was a lovely occasion filled with laughter and plenty of love.



# Church School News

BY HEATHER MACKIE

We are once again back in full swing with both Church School and extra events. We are pleased that we had so many children in church for the start of our year.

Our plans for the next few months include making treats to sell at the upcoming Bazaar on November 14<sup>th</sup>, making Christmas cards for the Shut-ins, enjoying some bowling together as well as our weekly Church School activities. We are preparing for the Christmas service on December 20<sup>th</sup>, when the Church School children will take part in the worship service. For outreach this year we are going to volunteer our time as we help out at the Magic of Christmas warehouse. Any adults who would like to join us should let Heather Mackie know.

This year we are also trying a couple of Congregational Fun Nights. The first one will be Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be a Games Night for people of all ages. The second one will be in April 2016 and will be a Painting Night, and again will be for people of all ages. These are opportunities for the congregation to get together to enjoy fellowship with each other and for the children and adults to interact in a fun and meaningful way.

Please note that for the Christmas Bazaar, we will be having a 'Cookies by the Dozen' table where you can pick and choose your cookies. If anyone would like to donate cookies for this table, you can bring them to the church, but label your container with the type of cookies. Cookies of any type are appreciated. For more details, please talk to Heather Mackie.

*Thanks to the generosity of our St. Giles congregation, two of our Church School children went to Camp Kannawin this summer. Here is what they had to say:*

## Madeleine Gaskarth (10 years old)

Thank you so much for sending me to camp. I did mostly the same things as last year but nothing got old or boring. The best thing that happened was seeing Rev. Delport go down the rainbow slide and seeing him polar dip. The rainbow slide is a big water slide and the polar dip, well you jump into the freezing cold water early in the morning! It is to wake you up. You do not have to do it but Rev. Delport lost a bet. I am so happy that I got to go to camp and I will never forget that all of you sent me to camp. I wish that everybody could go. To me camp is a great gift - you get to do so many things you would have never done, like archery, canoeing and low ropes. I wish that everybody would have a chance to go to camp.

Yours truly, Madeleine

## Shannon Gaskarth (12 years old)

I cannot tell you how thankful I am that I got to go to Camp Kannawin again. Each year everything is different and the adventure begins all over. We did a lot of the same things that we did in past years, but each time it was always different. I have improved at most of the activities like archery. Camp is so much fun and I got to see most of my old friends like Julie, Ella, Rowann, Laura and so much more! If I had one wish it would be infinite money, so that I could make everyone happy and make sure that everybody had a chance to go to camp! Some of my favorite things that we did were doing a cookout, canoeing, archery, crafts, rainbow slide, polar dipping, swimming, low ropes, counselor hunt, the dinosaur game (night game), drama games and last but not least Monk dinner. Counselor hunt is where the counselors run and hide from you and if you catch them they have to come with you to the jail. They may not be able to escape from you once you catch them but they are allowed to slow you down. Maddy and I caught Rev. Delport right away and he was really easy to get to jail compared to other counselors. Monk dinner is where we had dinner and if you made a sound you got your fork taken away, and if you made another sound you got your knife taken away, then you had to go outside. In the end Maddy was left with no fork and I had to go outside with 25 other people. Here is how I ended up outside: I lost my fork laughing at somebody else losing their fork, I lost my knife because I laughed at half our table having to go outside, and I had to go outside because Mack (a counselor) and Robbie (our life guard) started dancing together. Camp was awesome, I could talk about it for hours but I am just plain thankful that I even got to go once.

Yours amazingly, Shannon





## **COMMENTS FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ELDER ON PRESBYTERY**

### **BY SANDRA CAMERON EVANS**



Presbytery met on September 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's, Banff for a business meeting and a worship service where Tom Paasuke was installed as Moderator. The Theological Discussion was entitled "Being in the Belly of the Fish".

#### **Discerning the Future of our Presbytery**

- Enthusiasms and Concerns Regarding the Ministries of the Presbytery
  - Varsity Acres celebrated 10 years of Bob Smith's ministry;
  - St. Paul's had received new tables and chairs from the Korean congregation sharing their facility.
- Strategy and Leadership
  - New Standing Orders for the Presbytery were approved.

#### **Reports on the Ministries of our Presbytery**

- Pastoral Effectiveness Group
  - Pastoral Relationships with Individuals in Ministry
    - Roberto DeSandoli, who had been recertified by Presbytery to continue with his studies at VST, spent the summer working with the churches in northern British Columbia.
- Presbytery Youth Ministry Committee Report
  - The Committee continued its work for the 2015 Fall Retreat to be hosted by Westminster Church.
- Interim Moderator's Report for Calvin Hungarian
  - The Interim Moderators have noticed the return of systemic problems in the congregation. It is hoped that some of these issues can be addressed in an upcoming Presbytery Visitation.
- Interim Moderator's Report for Ghanaian Presbyterian Church, Calgary
  - Presbytery approved the congregation's Canadian Ministries grant application to support the cost of a minister;
  - Work has begun on their search with the development of a Congregational Profile;
  - Presbytery will cover the costs of the congregation's dues for 2016.

- Presbytery Representative's Report for St. Andrew's, Calgary

- The Search Team was prepared to present a name for the position of Minister, Family Ministries to the September Session meeting.

#### **Reports on our Ministry Partnerships**

- The Presbyterian Church in Canada

- WMS
  - 'Presbyterians Gathering' held at Varsity Acres was a great success. Grace will host the celebration in 2016;
  - The theme of the WMS Council meeting in May, attended by Eleanor Art of St. Andrew's, was 'Seize the Hope!'.

- Synod of Alberta and the Northwest

- Director of Regional Ministries
  - Leaders from KAINAI Nation and various churches (including the PCC) are hosting the event, 'Moving Forward Together as a People/ KAMOTANI – Remember and Change' on September 23/24 near Standoff. It is part of encouraging local communities to sustain a focus on reconciliation following the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Camp Kannawin
  - The summer camps, with the theme 'Power Up! Living in the Spirit' were well attended.

- KAIROS

- The regional gathering and Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 25-27 in Lethbridge with the theme of 'Reconciliation', individually, collectively, locally, regionally and nationally.

- United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry Committee

- Planning for the Peer Partnership Program that will encourage engagement of young adults from the Christian community while deepening relations between the Campus Ministry and congregations is almost complete with arrangements in the works at Varsity Acres and Grace;
- The Chaplain is exploring the possibility of providing programming at SAIT/ACAD.

**Next Meeting** – The next regular meeting will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm at Knox, Calgary. All are welcome.



## **STEWARDSHIP: A LOOK AT OUR FINANCES**

### **BY REV. DEWALD DELPORT**

**The Church is Stewardship. We share our time. We share our talents. We share our resources.**

The Church is able to minister because of our generosity. Did you know that Jesus talks a lot about Stewardship? For example, the parable of the Good Samaritan tells of a man who shared his time and resources to help another human being.

So far this year St. Giles has done very well in our Financial Stewardship. Not only have we been generous in our Sunday morning gifts, but we've also given generously towards the repair of the Stained Glass windows (at the time of writing we have contributed \$18,955 towards this project).

Usually, when we present our budget we take the total amount and divide it by 12 to arrive at monthly targets. But this method is unrealistic.

Years ago, when we were mostly an agrarian society, churches received very little from November to August, but when the harvest was in, the church received 90% of her income. This must have driven the first church treasurers insane. Today, our revenue fluctuations are not quite as extreme, but it does vary throughout the year. Therefore it makes sense to look at our "Financial Stewardship Health" with this in mind.

When we look at the giving for the past 3 years we get a very good idea what our expected income ought to be in a given month.

So, what does this look like for St. Giles?

Based on 2012-2014 we receive the follow percentage of our total revenue:

Month	Percentage of total giving	Goal for 2015
January	6.6%	\$16,312
February	6.1%	\$15,077
March	7.7%	\$19,031
April	9.6%	\$23,727
May	6.8%	\$16,807
June	8.6%	\$21,256
July	6.2%	\$15,324
August	6.4%	\$15,818
September	7.8%	\$19,278
October	8.0%	\$19,773
November	8.3%	\$20,514
December	17.8%	\$43,995

- This means that our giving goal for the year up to September was \$162,630.
- And we have received \$158,862 to the end of September (\$3,768 less than budgeted).
- And based on the last three years experience our giving target for October to December is \$88,050 in order to meet the 2015 goal.

Thank you for your generous support of the ministry at St. Giles. Thanks be to God for blessing us with a heart

### ***On the Lighter Side***

*Children are so honest!!*

*While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too."*



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### WORSHIP SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

- ★ **Bible Study:** Continues on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am, led by Rev. Dewald Delport.
- ★ **Mid-Week Mix:** Continues with exercises at 11:30 am, followed by a bag-lunch at noon.
- ★ **Mid-Week Praise:** Come and join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We'll sing some old songs, some new songs, and learn a few more.
- ★ **Saturday, November 14:** St. Giles Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon — come and bring a friend.
- ★ **Sunday, December 20:** Church School children will take part in the Worship Service.
- ★ **Thursday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm.  
Christmas Eve Worship Service of carols, scripture and special music in celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- ★ **Friday, December 25:** Enjoy Christmas Day with family and friends.

*Special thanks and appreciation to our Music Director, Marni Strome, our pianist, Esther Woelffle, and to our guest musicians, for the wonderful and inspirational music that they have provided to us.*

### Check our Church Bulletin for other Upcoming Events

## St. Giles Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

Please mark this date on your calendar as the easy way to Christmas shop while you enjoy a delicious chili lunch. There will be a *Bake Table*, *Craft Table*, *Cookie Exchange Table* and much more. There will be beautifully wrapped *Christmas Baskets* for you to give as gifts to your friends.

All this and a hot lunch for the price of \$8.00 per person. Come and do your shopping and wish your friends at St. Giles a Merry Christmas.

Your donations of baked goods for the *Bake Table* and items for the *Craft Table* and *Christmas Baskets* (such as jams, jellies, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, nuts, chocolates, cookies, napkins, soap and hand cream) are much appreciated. If you wish to donate to the baskets please check the bulletin for a complete list of items and bring them to the Church Office prior to Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

***Come and bring a friend!***

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