

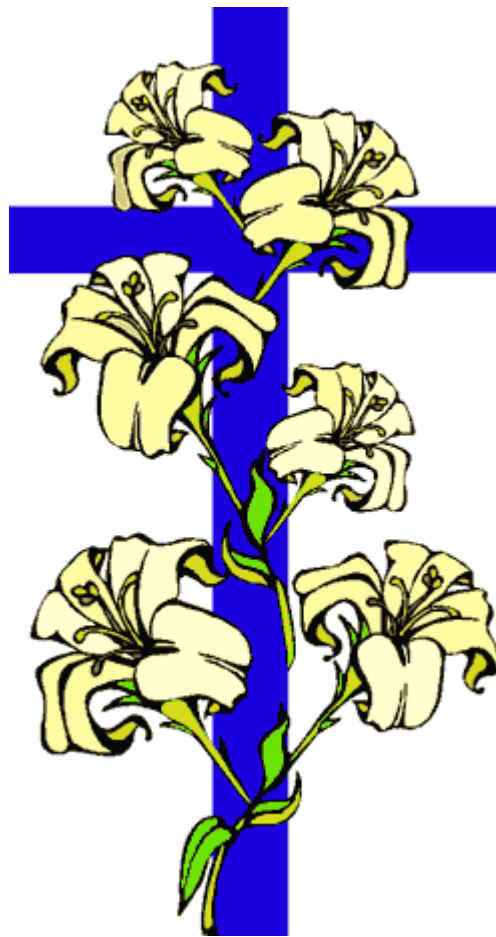
MAGDALA NEWS

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OUR MISSION

Claiming the power of Christ to enable us to have meaningful worship, spiritual development and leadership in order to undertake pastoral and outreach ministries. (October, 2005)



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From The Editors

On reviewing the news items in this issue, a common theme of stewardship seems to arise repeatedly. You will see articles on Fair Trade (pages 5 and 10), Composting (page 8), Garage Sale (page 11/12), The United Nations Food Program’s “Free Rice” game (page 9) and more.

How do we use the resources with which we in this country are so blessed? How do we use our personal resources of time, talent and treasure? Lent is the perfect time to reflect on these questions, not only as they relate to us personally, but to the world around us. As the saying goes, “If a butterfly flaps its wings in Brazil, there’s a hurricane off the coast of Florida.”

Everything we do, say, or even think can have potentially far-reaching effects. If I choose to pay a little more for fair trade products, perhaps the daughter of a subsistence farmer on the other side of the world will be able to go to school rather than end up as prostitute. If you throw your vegetable peelings into the compost instead of the garbage, you can prevent up to 100 kilograms per year of organic waste going to the landfill, where it produces methane gases harmful to the atmosphere. And so on. Every single choice we make has an effect on everyone and everything around us.

An itinerant preacher in Galilee said “Follow me” and the whole world was changed, forever. Take time this Lent to consider carefully how you will flap *your* wings.

Jody Erlandson

Note of Thanks from Deacon Dayle

Many thanks to everyone at St. Mary Magdalene for the beautiful Lenten stole. Thank you, in particular, to the Vestry, and to those who planned the special cake and presentation on February 3. Thanks to Lianne for her amazing, artistic expression and expertise in creating a deacon's stole. I will wear it with joy and pride all throughout Lent this year, and in the years to come.

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From the Rector's Desk



The Reverend
Preston Parsons

As it comes time for the annual general meeting, it's been getting busy around the office. Reports and budgets are being prepared, and as we prepare for the year ahead, we are also taking some time reflecting on the past year. As I've been thinking about my first full year as rector, and realizing that a lot has happened since the general meeting this time last year:

- We have a newly renovated basement, with better storage and a much more pleasing atmosphere
- Bob English has become our Honorary Assistant
- Dayle Michaud has been ordained a Deacon
- We have a Sunday morning Youth School program
- We have two more preachers of the word
- We've helped with the training of a theological student, Cassandra McCormack
- We've hired Nancy Aasland, our new leader of music, who has re-instituted weekly choir rehearsals
- We've begun a partnership with other local Lutheran and Anglican parishes in a church planting project in Sage Creek
- We've bought and begun using *Common Praise*, a new hymnal
- We've trained lay-leaders for visiting the sick
- We have a new website at stmarymagdalenechurch.ca

And that's just a few things. St. Mary Magdalene is surely a vibrant place! Very little of it would have happened without the

involvement and leadership of so many dedicated people. Here's to a good year, and an even better one to come.

Thank you, everyone!

Preston+

From the Wardens

The Wardens and Vestry attended to the arrangements for Advent and Christmas worship and the celebration of Christmas by ensuring that services were advertised and that people were in place to see to our many outreach projects. We are grateful to all who participated in providing Christmas Hampers and to Alan Livingstone, who was in charge; also to the Bible Study group who provided sandwiches for the St. Matthew's-Maryland celebration and to all who contributed in any way to this ministry including the co-ordinators, Barbara Bater and Margaret Jones.

The date for our Annual General Meeting is set for Sunday, February 10 at 12 noon. It will be held in the upstairs hall and lunch will be served. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Margaret Jones has agreed to chair the nominating Committee.

Christmas services were well attended, and the Christmas offering will be used to fund upgrades to our sound system, which includes the purchase of additional headsets.

Please read all the Annual Meeting reports for further details of the exciting work the people of St. Mary Magdalene church are engaged in.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Regehr, Alan Forrest,
Heather Birtles

Companions on the Faith Journey

by Heather Birtles

Last year on Maundy Thursday, when the Altar Guild members stripped the church of its ornament and decorative linens, some of us were very surprised to see that we had been using an ordinary trestle table as an Altar. This year, thanks to Alan Forrest, we will see instead, the beautiful Altar that he has crafted in its place.

Alan is our People's Warden at the present time, and was quick to adjust our church building to Preston's mobility needs when he was appointed Rector here. First he built ramps to access the sanctuary, and then he turned his attention to the altar. It is the same width and depth as the old one, but is not as high and is also on casters so that it can be moved easily. It is open at the back with small shelves for service books, and the other three sides have decorative panels to reflect the design of the pulpit. It is made of hardwood taken from pews which were no longer in use, and the commemorative plaques from these have been preserved and placed at the back of the altar. It really is an item of great beauty and no doubt will give joy for a very long time.

Alan's birthplace was Southgate, North London at Enfield Chase, where the Kings of England used to hunt and chase. He attended St George's School, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, for junior and senior high school. This was a Church of England co-ed boarding school, and the Head Master was an ordained Priest. Chapel services were held twice a day. On leaving school, Alan pursued his education in Electrical Engineering at Faraday House in London.

His interest in woodworking was sparked because of his father's enthusiasm, but became a skill when he wanted to make a Tallboy to match the first bedroom suite he ever bought, and he decided to take lessons in cabinet-making.

In 1974 he brought his family to Canada, and as an employee of the engineering firm Teshmont, worked on the Nelson River Project. He continues to work in a consultant role with the firm and has trips to Mexico, Germany and the UK planned.

Alan and Gail were married at St. Mary Magdalene in 1991, and since then he has become a vestry member and People's Warden. He also attended the Alpha programme with friends at another church, which he found helpful and strengthening to his faith. He is currently a member of the team representing our Parish in discussions and Bible study regarding potential ministry in the Sage Creek development. His knowledge and practical skills have been used frequently in church maintenance and the recent upgrades to the facility. We are happy that he has agreed to be the new Chair of our Maintenance Committee.

He enjoys classical and chamber music, so finds this at the WSO concerts as well as the Manitoba Chamber Music and U of W Virtuosi Concerts.

Thank you, Alan, for all your participation and leadership and for joining us in our faith journey.

Deadline: The deadline for submissions for the Pentecost issue of *Magdala News* will be **May 18, 2008**. Submissions received after the deadline may not be included in the current issue but will be considered for the next issue.

Parish News

Magdala News Online

The *Magdala News* has been available online for almost a year and is now available at just about the same time as the print copies.

Go to <http://www.stmarymagdalenechurch.ca/> and click on the Newsletter link or graphic to view the PDF version of current or archived issues. All the URLs and e-mail addresses are live-linked—just click to get connected!

If you would prefer to receive your copy as an e-mail attachment rather than on paper, please notify the secretary at 253-0555 or stmary@mts.net.

Take the Fair Trade Challenge!

Fair Trade Manitoba's One-Month Challenge offers individuals, families and organizations the opportunity to help change the world! By thinking globally about the structures, policies and practices that create and perpetuate poverty and by acting locally as ethical consumers, participants are taking positive and practical steps toward a better world.

Fair trade products, most readily available in Manitoba in the form of coffee, tea and chocolate, offer Third World producers a fair price, up to six times what they would receive on the "open" market. The products are grown in an environmentally sustainable manner, with employment policies that don't exploit local labour, and with profits going to support health, education and community services and programs.

Here is how you can sign up for the One Month Challenge:
For parishioners who have Internet access:

- go the website www.FairTradeManitoba.ca
 - click on the One Month Challenge logo, and then follow the directions to register
 - indicate you are part of an organization. St. Mary Magdalene is listed as one of the participating organizations.
- For parishioners without Internet:
- ask Margaret Jones (256-3832) for the sign-up sheet and supporting documents

You will be asked to pledge that for 30 days starting February 14th, 2008:

- the only coffee you drink will be fair trade coffee.
- the only tea you drink will be fair trade tea.
- the only chocolate you eat will be fair trade chocolate.
- you will shop fair trade for other types of products when these are available.
- complete a survey
- keep a Participant Journal during the One-Month Challenge that you will return to organizers after March 14, 2008.

Fair Trade products are available in our neighbourhood at Safeway (in the organic foods section), at the Ten Thousand Villages store on Plaza Drive, and Aviva Natural Health Solutions (60 – 166 Meadowood). You are responsible for purchasing your own products.

We will be using Fair Trade coffee at the church.

This is an exciting opportunity for us, as this is the first time a fair trade campaign of this scope and size is being tried anywhere in North America. There is plenty of interest among fair trade activists in learning from our successes and mistakes. The surveys will help them grow the fair trade market in their communities.

(See also *Fair Trade* article on page 10.)

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Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday of Lent (March 2 this year) in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all mothers. It is celebrated in a similar fashion as Mothers Day is celebrated in North America; and although the origins differ, people give flowers and gifts to their mothers to show their love and gratitude towards them.

The history of Mothering Sunday is centuries old and may relate to a Roman feast celebrating the mother goddess Cybele, for which the Christian celebration was substituted.

In Canada we often have the opportunity to visit our Mother Church or Cathedral of the Diocese on that day, as is the case here in Rupert's Land, when there will be a service of the Blessing of Oils, to which we are all invited. (See Around the Diocese section on page 8 for details.)

The Altar Guild is planning to serve Simnel Cake after our morning worship and we look forward to that. It is a rich fruit cake with layers of almond paste on top and in the middle, and is sometimes decorated with eleven almonds to symbolize the eleven disciples (Judas excluded). In olden times the cake was boiled, then baked.

The word Simnel is said to have been derived from the Latin word "simila" which means a fine wheat flour. There is also a legend which says that once a man named Simon and his wife Nell had an argument over whether the cake should be boiled or baked. Ultimately, they did both. So the cake came to be named after both of them and was called, "SIM-NELL"! :-)

Holy Week/Easter Services

Easter Day is so much more meaningful when we engage intentionally in all the events that lead up to it. Participating in worship throughout Holy Week affords an opportunity for all Christians to walk with Jesus and his first disciples from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the Last Supper, the Passion and the Resurrection. A great deal of prayer, thought and preparation goes into each of the services, which will be:

- March 16: **Palm Sunday**—Blessing of the Palms/Procession (10:30 a.m.)
- March 20: **Maundy Thursday**—Potluck supper, Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar (6:30 p.m.)
- March 21: **Good Friday** (10:30 a.m.)
- March 22: **The Great Vigil of Easter**—Candlelight Service (9:00 p.m.)
- March 23: **Easter Day**—Flowering of the Cross (10:30 a.m.)

Wanted: DVD Player

If you have a working DVD player that you no longer need or would be willing to donate one, please contact Bill Regehr (257-3714) or leave a message at the office (253-0555).

Conversation and a Movie

Comfy chairs, popcorn and thought-provoking films—join the fun and discuss the films every second Wednesday of the month in the upper hall (movies temporarily suspended during the Lenten series—resumes April 9).

For more information, contact The Rev'd Preston Parsons at 253-0555. Watch the bulletin for this spring's film titles.

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Lenten Series

Tony Harwood-Jones, always an interesting and entertaining speaker, will present a series of lectures and workshops on The Psalms: Prayer Book of both Jews and Christians:

Dates: Wednesday evenings
February 13 - March 19

Time: 7:30 -9:30 p.m.

Place: Upper Hall

Tony has been an Anglican priest for over 40 years, retiring from full-time parish leadership in 2005 to devote himself to teaching & writing. He has since given lectures in a number of churches on topics ranging from the Anglican Reformation, to understanding Islam, to parish renewal, to the recent best-seller, *The Da Vinci Code*.

Tony is married to Heather Dixon, a Winnipeg lawyer. Together they have raised four children, who are all adults & living in various parts of Canada (their oldest, Chris, attended St. Mary Magdalene with his wife Andrea shortly before he entered ordained ministry). Heather and Tony are very proud of their three grandchildren, three grand-dogs, & five grand-cats.

"Jesus reassures us that every effort to love ourselves and others more faithfully, however imperfectly we are able to do this, is a response to God's call to love as he loved. It is a response to the two greatest commandments as they stand in relationship to one another."

- Paula Ripple
Called to Be Friends

Healing Service

Lent is a perfect time to examine and let go of the thoughts, feelings, memories or attitudes that can hinder our spiritual growth.. Join us on February 24 at 7:30 p.m. for an Iona-style Healing Service. For information contact Barbara Bater.

Recipe for Jam-Jams

The Ministry of Hospitality is very strong at St. Mary Magdalene, and the time spent in fellowship after the service is an important part of that. The faithful people who make coffee and tea for us often bring home-made goodies; and Bea Montgomery is happy to share a favourite family recipe, which came from her own mother's collection:

Jam-Jams

Cream together:

1 cup Butter
1 cup Brown Sugar
1 Egg
1/2 cup Molasses
2 teaspoons Vanilla

Sift together:

3 cups Flour
2 teaspoons Baking Soda
Pinch of Salt

Mix dry ingredients into butter mixture to make a soft dough. Chill.

Roll the dough thinly and cut with a round cookie cutter.

Place on baking sheet and bake at 325—350 F for 10—12 minutes.

Sandwich together with Raspberry Jam.

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Composting: The Lighter Side

Have you noticed the compost bin at the base of the ramp by the main entrance? Recycling organic waste from the parish kitchens is one facet of Vestry's commitment to leadership in ecological stewardship. If you don't already compost at home, here are some (slightly tongue-in-cheek) tips to get you started.

What is compost, really? Essentially, it's worm poop—yuck!—but the lowly earthworm is God's master recycler, chowing down on all kinds of organic waste and turning it back into yummy, nutritious soil that your trees, flowers and vegetable gardens will thank you for!

What do worms like to eat? Most kitchen waste (veggie peels, fruit cores, egg shells, nut shells, rotten potatoes, etc.); yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, even weeds if they haven't gone to seed) and other household waste such as dryer lint, fur/hair—even that nasty science experiment lurking in your refrigerator. They will; however, turn up their tiny worm noses at meat, fat, bones, nuts, dairy products, and rhubarb leaves (huh?—go figure!).

Where? Put your worm restaurant in a sunny spot close to your garden. In our northern climate, it can take up to three years for finished compost, so three bins would be ideal, but one is better than none! Buy or build bins that suit your space and budget. The City of Winnipeg sponsors the sale of affordable bins and accessories each year in May. Go to http://www.winnipeg.ca/cao/media/news/nr_2007/nr_20070523.stm for general information about the program and use the contact information listed there to get this year's sale date and locations.

Okay, for those who know better, it's really bacteria, fungi, etc. that make the compost; but, if you live in an apartment, you really do need special worms—and no, they won't escape. No reason your houseplants and balcony gardens shouldn't be happy and healthy, too!

Get the “real dirt” on composting at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/recycle/composting.stm> Plus, see the Recycling page for tons of other ideas and links at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/recycle/default.stm>

Who says it isn't easy being “green”?

Around the Diocese

Mothering Sunday: Change of Diocesan Service Venue

What: Re-Affirmation of Baptismal and Ordination Vows, Blessing of Oils
When: Sunday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Where **St. George's Crescentwood**
168 Wilton Street at Grosvenor

The Diocesan Mothering Sunday service is usually held at the “mother church”—our cathedral. Bishop Phillips recently wrote; however, “With great regret, the Dean informed me this week that the Cathedral has been inadvertently “double-booked” for this evening. (It has been booked by the Winnipeg Conservatory who are holding a concert.) This is a new relationship with the Cathedral and has the potential to become something very worthwhile. . . . Naturally we regret the disruption and confusion . . .

So, please – COME – BUT NOT TO THE CATHEDRAL!”

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Africa Night

St. James’ Anglican Church and the Islamic Social Services Association invite you to Africa Night, a Muslim-Christian Dinner for a Health Clinic in Uganda. The evening will include Mahgrib prayers at 6:30, entertainment, crafts and a silent auction.

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008

Time: 6:00 (doors open at 5:30)

Place: St. James Civic Centre, 2055 Ness

Price: \$40/person (tax receipts available)

Prayer in Action Conference

This conference is co-sponsored by St. Stephen’s Anglican Church and the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. It is designed to bring you closer to God and encourage you as you journey in daily life. Hear inspiring speakers, engage in stimulating workshops and in uplifting worship and fellowship

Date: Friday, April 11, 6:15 p.m. – 10 pm

Saturday, April 12, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm

Place: St. Stephen’s Anglican Church
220 Helmsdale Avenue

Info: The Rev’d Diane Guilford (661-2432)
or ask Marg Jones or Heather Birtles.

And in Other News . . .

Scam Notice from PWRDF

In response to a donor complaint from the Ottawa area, it has been brought to our attention that a telemarketing company is misleading people by soliciting donations on behalf of the “Primates Fund.” We would like to make sure that everyone is aware that this is a scam. Please note that Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund *never* solicits donations via telemarketing nor does PWRDF share its direct donor list.

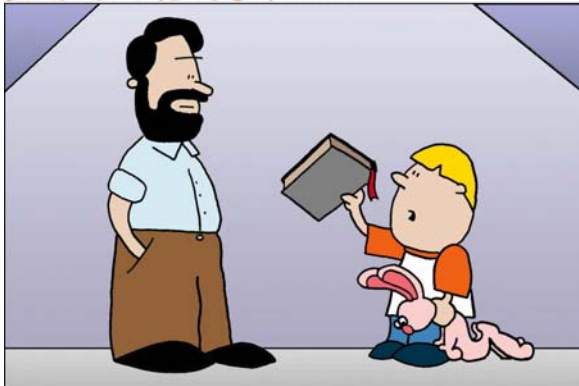
Free Rice—Play to Give!

If you enjoy words—if you enjoy playing games on the computer—and if you are someone who would like to help eliminate world hunger, then you might want to check out this site: <http://freerice.com/>

For each answer you get right, currently 20 grains of rice are donated to the United Nations World Food Program. Click on “Totals” to see the impressive amounts donated thus far - 252,053,160 grains of rice on just one day (December 3) for example. Since the site’s inception on October 7, 2007, 16,978,230,250 grains (about 600,000 pounds) of rice has been donated. The advertising, which pays for this “free” rice, is unobtrusive, at least for now.

Free Rice sets your approximate level with the first few words. Get the first four words right, and you’ll start with a vocabulary level of 40. From there, you advance one level for every three correct answers in a row, but you drop one level for every wrong answer. Intelligent guessing is definitely helpful.

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DAD, I NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND OUT WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY IN THE BIBLE

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Fair Trade: A Globalization Journey

This story illustrates how real people are affected by globalization and free trade, resulting all too often in poverty. The story of one family is the story of many.

For generations, Domingo and Lara Lima's families have been farmers in the southern state of Chiapas, Mexico. As part of the communal landholding system, they cultivated maize (corn), a staple crop in Mexico that carries deep significance in the Mayan culture. But they don't farm anymore.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has shattered the lives of the Lima family. It dismantled Mexico's communal landholding system to allow for land privatization. NAFTA also accelerated the removal of tariffs on corn and forced the elimination of price controls, programs that support small farmers, and subsidies on basic food items like corn and beans. These free trade measures have resulted in the dumping of cheap US corn, wiping out the Mexican competition and increasing the price of tortillas by 350% in just four years. Cheap US imports have destroyed the Limas' livelihood. Domingo, Lara and their children were forced to leave their homeland in Chiapas and migrate ³/₄ becoming a new kind of economic refugee produced by free trade and economic globalization.

The family is separated for the first time in their lives. The younger children stay with Lara's mother; Lara travels to central Mexico where she processes tomatoes and iceberg lettuce for US and Canadian consumption.

Their eldest son, Gabriel, travels to the border city of Ciudad Juarez and risks dangerous

conditions of increased militarization and exposure to extreme heat, cold and dehydration to enter the US. Once in the US, Gabriel is poorly paid as a farm worker, living in harsh conditions that include pesticide exposure. Whenever he can, he sends money back to his grandmother to help raise his siblings.

Domingo travels to Mexico City, staying on the floor of a distant relative's house while waiting for his application for a temporary work permit to Canada to go through. Once he is accepted and signs a contract with one farm, Domingo's options for movement in Canada are limited, thus locking in his future before knowing if he will be abused or dissatisfied. He pays taxes to Canada yet is unable to access many government services such as Employment Insurance. Domingo is a second-class citizen in Canada. He endures harsh working conditions picking tomatoes in Southern Ontario, because he has no other way to guarantee his family's survival. He has begun the difficult process of becoming an immigrant to Canada.

Without a National Poverty Reduction Strategy, even as new immigrant Domingo will bear the brunt of poverty in Canada, likely to be inadequately housed and unable to afford what many Canadians consider essentials.

Domingo, Lara and Gabriel's stories are far too common. Free trade laws and economic globalization have helped to create an underclass of citizens and workers without legal status. Our government must sign the United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and members of their Families. The path to the fulfillment of these rights starts with the development and implementation of a national poverty reduction strategy that includes everyone.

SPRING GARAGE SALE

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church
3 St Vital Rd (on the corner of St.Vital
and St. Mary's Rd)

Friday, May 2nd 9AM-8PM
Saturday, May 3rd 8:30AM-12 NOON

ACCEPTING DONATIONS APRIL 7TH

If you wish to donate any gently used items, please drop them off at the church, Monday to Friday between 9am-12noon. We accept gently used toys, books, shoes, purses, jewelry, kitchen items, tools, small electrical appliances, furniture and clean used clothing particularly spring and summer apparel.

Due to safety standards we cannot accept the following items; used mattresses, pillows, children's car seats, strollers, cribs, baby gates, high chairs, playpens and helmets. We also do not take Reader's Digest, weekly magazine publications or encyclopedias. Tax receipts can be applied for larger items in good condition. Pictures and advertisement of very large items such as appliances is preferred over picking up the item and delivering to the church. For more information, please call 253-0555 or check the church's website "stmarymagdalenechurch.ca"



Spring Garage Sale May 2nd and 3rd 2008

It's time to take advantage of the cold weather and clean out those closets and declutter your life. **Accepting donations April 7th.**

Bring in your donations of gently used toys, books, shoes, purses, jewelry, kitchen items, tools, small electrical appliances, furniture and clean used clothing particularly spring and summer apparel. **Due to safety standards we cannot accept the following items; used mattresses, pillows, children's car seats, strollers, cribs, baby gates, high chairs, playpens and helmets. We also do not take Reader's Digest, weekly magazine publications or encyclopedias.** Pictures and advertisement of very large items such as appliances is preferred over picking up the item and delivering to the church.

Set up in the lower and upper hall will take place after service on **Sunday April 27th**. All able-bodied persons are asked to assist.

Sorting and displaying of items: From **Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 3:30 pm**, volunteers are busy unpacking and placing donations in their assigned area. Sometimes we find items we can't identify. Bring your lunch and share in the baked goods the workers often bring. Can't get away from work? No problem! Nancy and John are at the church **Monday** evening from **6 – 9 pm**. Come join the evening sorting crew AKA Sorting Elves.

Folding Bags! Sounds boring and not very important. Yet a vital part of our sale. When the cash line gets long, having those bags neatly placed in boxes really helps. Drop by some day during the sale week to pick up a box or stay and have a coffee while folding.

Be a St. Mary Magdalene Greeter. We are known for our friendly and helpful service at St. Mary Magdalene. Gerry Brown is always looking for someone to greet our shoppers and inform them of what we have for sale.

Friday evening meal: Any church group or group of parishioners who would like to provide a simple hot meal to our workers please come forth. Dinner starts around 5pm serving 24-28 persons.

Clean up crew!!!! Many of our workers are exhausted by Saturday Noon and we need fresh bodies to pack up, fold tables and put away shelving units, carry and deliver the leftover items to Value Village. From 11:45 to 1:30 we need as many persons as possible.

Any persons with a van or truck, which we can load with boxes to deliver to Value Village, please contact Nancy or John at 254-2574.

Advertising!!!!!!!!!! At the beginning of March, flyers will be available at the church on the Greeter's bench or the church office. Place them in your apartment building or pass them on to friends.

Thanking you in advance

Nancy and John Chan

REVIEW PUZZLE

Look in all directions to find each word in the word bank below. As you look for each word, think about how it is connected with the texts you've read during the seasons of Lent and Easter. After you have found all the

hidden words, find the message that is hidden in the puzzle by writing all the remaining letters on the lines at the bottom of the page, beginning in the upper left-hand corner and move from left to right for each line.

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Word bank

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PILATE
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CLEOPAS
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SAMARITAN
THOMAS

EMMAUS
LAZARUS
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SHEPHERD

GOLGOTHA
MARTHA
PETER
SPIRIT

Hidden verse _____

Calendar January - May 2008

February	March	April	May
3 Transfiguration Sunday	2 Lent 4	6 Easter 3	2 Garage Sale 9 am – 8 pm
	5 Lenten Series 7:30 pm		3 Garage Sale 8:30 am - noon
6 Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm	9 Lent 5	8 Vista Park 2 pm	4 Easter 7
10 Lent 1 Annual Meeting	11 Vista Park 2 pm	9 Conversation and a Movie	11 The Day of Pentecost Mothers Day Sunday School – Windup Activities
12 Vista Park 2 pm	12 Lenten Series 7:30 pm	13 Easter 4	13 Vista Park 2 pm
13 Lenten Series 7:30 pm	15 IOF Spring Dance 8 – 12 pm	17 Meadowood Manor 2 pm	14 Conversation and a Movie
	19 Lenten Series 7:30 pm		
16 Venturer's Spagetti Dinner	16 Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms Liturgy of the Passion	20 Easter 5 Earth Sunday	18 Trinity Sunday
17 Lent 2			
18 Louis Riel Day	20 Meadowood Manor 2 pm Maundy Thursday	22 Vital Senior's lunch noon – 1:15	
20 Lenten Series 7:30 pm			
21 Meadowood Manor 2 pm	21 Good Friday 10:30 am	25 Catherine Place 2 pm	19 Victoria Day
22 Catherine Place 2 pm	22 Great Vigil of Easter 9 pm	27 Easter 6	23 Catherine Place 2 pm
24 Lent 3	23 Easter Sunday 10:30 am No Sunday School or Youth School	29 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Pentecost 2
26 Vital Seniors lunch noon – 1:15 pm Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Vital Seniors lunch noon – 1:45 pm Seniors Melody Group Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm		27 Vital Senior's lunch noon – 1:45 pm 'One More Time' Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
	28 Catherine Place 2 pm		
27 Lenten Series 7:30 pm	30 Easter 2		

Wednesday	Bible Study	12:00 pm
Thursday	Choir	7:30 pm
Saturday	Bible Study	10:00 am

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