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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage and Bake Sale Saturday, January 21, 1984 10a.m. - 12 noon
Sponsored by A.C.W.

Valentine Bridge Saturday, February 11, 1984 Refreshments at 1:30 p.m.
Tickets \$4.00 Sponsored by A.C.W.

Talent Show Saturday, March 10, 1984 8:00 p.m.
Time for everyone to display his/her 'hidden' talents. Contact Mae Webster
if you wish to participate. Tickets are now available from Mae.
Sponsored by St. John's Choir.

*VESTRY MEETING, Sunday, January 29, 1984, after the 11 p.m. service.

Dear Parishioners,

Apologies for the lateness and brevity of this newsletter. "Systems overload" has become a reality rather than a quaint term for me this year. Therefore, I am really pleased that Mrs. Joyce Ramsey has agreed to take over the newsletter for us. Mrs. Ramsey and her husband, Mike, became members of our parish in the fall and have been very active since. We value their participation and are sure that Joyce will do a fine job with the newsletter.

I look forward to continuing to help on the membership committee, with the invaluable aid of Irene Munroe. We are all thrilled at the way our membership is growing and thank God for sending us the Reverend Gordon King at this time. Optimism refreshes our spirits, and we pray that our growth will continue.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the newsletter - either with providing information or articles or helping with the typing. A special thanks to Sharon Towne.

See you all on the 29th at the Vestry Meeting!

Sincerely,

Lynne Davis

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Sherry Haynes would like to thank everyone who took time out from hectic Christmas schedules to support Outreach's Miracle Food Demonstration. An informative and interesting evening was enjoyed by those (numbering close to 100) who braved the elements that night. Well done!

St. John's would like to thank Alderman Derwyn Sheas for so generously providing Santa Claus with such lovely gifts for our children. Our Christmas Party was very successful, and we thank all those who worked so hard to make it so!

TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT

February 3 - 13, 1984

Ten Days for World Development is described as a development education program of the Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United Churches of Canada. Each year, a "Ten Days" period is set aside to highlight the situation and needs of Third World countries and to educate Canadians as to what they can do to help.

This year the focus is on Central America. On Saturday, February 4th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at KINGSWAY LAMBERTON UNITED CHURCH there will be a presentation about NICARAGUA by Debra Barndt. Debra has just recently returned from Nicaragua where she was working in Adult Education in the rural areas with the literacy programme.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- an over all view of the history of the country
- an audio-visual presentation
- opportunity for questions

On Wednesday, February 8th, at 8:00 p.m., there will be a presentation by Father Peter Marchetti - "Central America in Crisis". Father Marchetti is Agricultural Advisor for Nicaragua for the United Nations Institute for Social Development.

On Friday, February 10th, there will be an Ecumenical Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Father Peter Marchetti will deliver the address at this service.

We are sure that many of you are concerned about the state of our 3rd world countries. Perhaps now, more than ever before, we need to examine our own consciences to ask how well-informed we really are, what we, as individuals, can do to help and how much we really care.

"Ten Days for World Development invites all Canadian men and women and groups of goodwill to join it in pressuring on behalf of the deprived and oppressed of our bent world. Even a minority in every community acting in regional and national coordination would represent a significant force."

A WAY OF HELPING - BRIDGEHEAD

The following article appeared in the December Anglican.

"BRIDGEHEAD" is a non-profit business whose headquarters are in Toronto at 53 Jackman Avenue. Its purpose is to provide an export outlet for Third World countries so they can make a reasonable profit on their product and in addition receive back sale profits for further development. BRIDGEHEAD is now importing tea from Sri Lanka and coffee from Nicaragua and Tanzania. They are also importing vanilla beans, cashew nuts and cashew nut butter.

For convenience the Anglican Book Centre is one of a number of outlets for purchasing tea and coffee. The expansion of BRIDGEHEAD DEPENDS LARGELY ON MULTIPLYING OUTLETS. They are hoping to find stores that will stock their products. It is also possible for the church groups (e.g. Anglican Church Women) to buy bulk for their parishioners as well as their own use in the parish.

Sherry Haynes will provide a sample of the coffee at the Vestry Meeting on January 29th. Perhaps we can establish an outlet at St. John's?

MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICE

There will be a communion service on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., beginning on Wednesday, January 25th followed by Coffee and Discussion.

BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTRY:

We welcome to the fellowship of St. John's:

Mrs. Helen Somerton and Tammy

Miss Beth Reinhardt

Miss Patricia Manning

Miss Sue Watt