

News Flash

Grace Anglican Church

Summer 2007

St. Stephen's House Grand Opening

St. Stephen's House Laurier Christian Residence is now officially a going concern. About 60 people crowded into the foyer, chaplain's office and living room for the service. At the grand opening on Tuesday May 1st Bishop Bob Bennett and WLU President, Dr. Robert Rosehart participated in a ribbon cutting and house blessing ceremony. A moving service of prayer and blessing of the various rooms was designed by our chaplain, the Reverend Vickie Edgeworth-Pitcher and guests were treated to refreshments and a tour of the facility.

Two days prior there was an open house for Grace parishioners to see the residence. The Townshend family was invited by the rector and drove down from Waterloo. They were astounded to see the many changes to their former abode. It was fun to see the look on their faces as they walked up into the third floor to find a totally finished living space where once a big empty attic stood.

At the time of publishing, we have five students signed to one year leases for the fall term. One is moving in the beginning of July, one in August and the rest in September. Student residences are at capacity at Laurier and the Residence manager has asked us to help out. We are confident the residence will be at FULL capacity by the start of the Fall school term.

Special thanks must go to Roger Murray for his

leadership on this project. We are all so proud of St. Stephen's House and Roger's gift to the parish of his hundreds of hours co-ordinating this project is greatly appreciated. We also want to thank Peggy Lang for organizing substantial landscaping and gardening enhancements to the residence.



Finally, we wish to thank all who loaned us money to pay for the renovations. Due to a very substantial bequest from Miss Lillian Teal we will be able to pay all our financial commitments incurred during the renovation and see this residence contributing substantively to our parish operating budget right away.

We are also very pleased to announce that Ruth Mahon has agreed to be the marketing liaison with students. This volunteer ministry will consist of taking students and their parents on tours of the residence, working with students to get their leases signed, their down payments and co-ordinating room assignments. Her ministry will also include hospitality to the students on the day they move in to the residence. Marion Bailey has agreed to support Ruth in this ministry.

We await the influx of enthusiastic students and look forward to welcoming them each year into the Grace family.

Praise Worship Update

We are very excited about the progress our new band is making as we get ready for the September launch of the new service. Over the summer we will be making renovations to the upper parish hall to get it ready for the service. Sound baffles are being installed, storage areas for our musical equipment are being built on either side of the stage, the Pearl Street lower entrance into the hall is being refurbished, and audio visual equipment is being rented and installed.

The first service is planned for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday September 9th. The day before we will be holding a BBQ and concert on the lawn, advertising the new

GRACE CHURCH GOLF DAY

Everyone loves a finding a bargain deal and do we have a deal for you. After a very successful event last year we are already looking forward to the parish golf day in August. Following the main 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday August 26th we will be playing at Delhi Golf and Country Club. After the game we will be having a Chinese dinner at the Golden Bowl restaurant in Delhi.

READY, SET, SWING!!

Cost is \$55 and includes green fee, power cart and dinner. You can't beat that!!!

Please sign up and pay by August 12th so we can tell

Pre-Authorized Giving

Grace always experiences a summer cash flow mini-crisis as donations plummet while many parishioners are on vacation. Included with this newsflash is a Pre-authorized giving form inviting everyone not currently on the parish pre-authorized giving plan to help out by utilizing this method of giving. We know

service and inviting the community to an open house to hear the band, learn about the service and climb the tower and view the city.



You will be receiving a letter from the wardens near the end of August to confirm arrangements for timing of fall worship on Sunday mornings.

the course and the restaurant how many are coming. You can sign up through the church office with Dave Johnston or by e-mailing Paul Spong at pfs749@rogers.com

Last year we had a great day with 22 people. Don't miss this year's event. It was a lot of fun; the course is great; the food was fabulous; and the fellowship was wonderful.



<http://www.uwm.edu/People/mlDavis/>

we have asked before but please, please give this your prayerful consideration and return the completed form along with a void cheque to the office and Dave Johnston before July 1st. Thank you from your parish stewardship committee.

Grace Hires New Director of Music

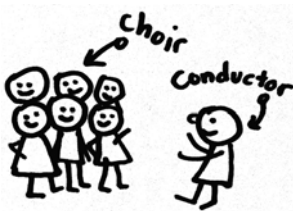
Mr. Daniel Durksen

After an extensive search, the selection committee for the new Director of Music at Grace Church is very pleased to announce an appointment. Mr. Daniel Durksen will be taking up his new music ministry here at Grace on September 1st, 2007.

Daniel was the unanimous choice of the selection committee and the entire committee is just thrilled that he has agreed to join us. Daniel brings a deep personal faith and a depth and breadth of musical experience and gifts to his new assignment.

Daniel grew up in St. Catharines, Ontario, in a community surrounded by fruit farms and not nearly so many wineries as one finds there today. Not that he would have noticed, being the eldest son of abstaining and devout Mennonite parents.

After graduating from Brock University with a degree in Music and German, Daniel headed out for the big world of Winnipeg, city of diverse ethnic communities and bitterly cold winters. After a few years of studying, playing and teaching in that city, he returned to Ontario. In 1987 he graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a

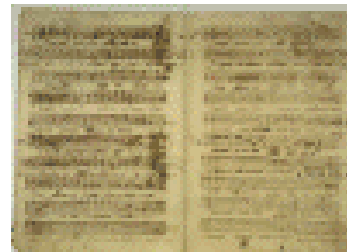


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GRACE CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Bob Bailey, assisted by Dave Johnson, Dawn and Don Shields carried out the beautification program for the Pearl and West St. side of Grace's grounds.

Peggy Lang headed the St. Stephens House and Parish Hall work. Donated plants, financial help and hours of work have created garden which includes boxwood and holly, hostas, sedum, bleeding hearts, chives and columbine.



http://www.ibiblio.org/expo/vatican.exhibit/exhibit/music/Music_room2.html

Masters in Piano Performance. It was during this time that he moved to Ingersoll, between London and Woodstock. For the last twenty years his life has consisted of a diverse collection of musical activities -- playing the organ and directing the choir at First Baptist Church, playing for various dance studios in the area, and playing for choirs in Kitchener-Waterloo and Tillsonburg.

Now it is time for a change -- Daniel is looking forward to becoming part of the worship and musical life of another community of faith, a community with long traditions and a rich liturgical past. He looks forward to meeting all of you.

We extend our deep thanks for the many hours devoted to the selection process by our committee members.

Stuart Cusworth – Chair, Hilary Bowring, Marion Bailey, Robin Lathangue, Cher Farrell, Ross Pope, the rector.

We were unable to get a picture for this article Daniel was adjudicating a vocal competition in Montreal.

"What reason do atheists have to say that one cannot rise from the dead? Which is more difficult, to be born or to be reborn? That that which has never existed should exist, or that which has existed should exist again?"
- Pascal, *Pensées*



<http://www.hermann-uwe.de/photoblog/two-flowers>

In addition to those mentioned above, Lila Davidson, Eleanor Chapin, Paul Waring, Vickie Edgeworth-Pitcher, Pat Carroll, John Hider, Alice Clark, Lynn Rolland, Leslie Brooks, John McIsaac, Diane and Carol Salmon and Braden Wylie all pitched in and helped.
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Pictures from St Stephen's open house and grand opening

Summertime, summertime, sum sum summertime

Staff Vacations

Its summer and many of us hope to head out and enjoy some vacation time. Our rector, the Reverend Dave Ponting will be away all July hoping to re-learn how to hit a golf ball (If he can get it to sit still long enough). While he is away, the Reverend Canon Bob Schroeder will be taking Sunday Services and is available for pastoral emergencies. In an emergency he can be reached at 519-759-8372.

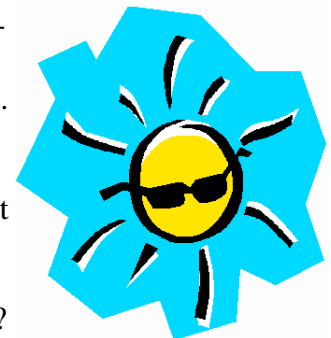
Our chaplain, the Reverend Vickie Edgeworth-Pitcher will be off in July as she and her husband travel to England to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Janet McIntyre will be away during July taking her vacation and using up a lot of overtime hours that have accumulated since she began with us last August. The office will remain open most mornings and Dave Johnston will be in during July and taking vacation time in August.

Worship Hours

Once again this summer we are partnering with St. James', Brantford to pool resources for our early services. In July, our 8:30 service participants will worship at St. James and in August the St. James' congregation will join us and worship at Grace for the early service.

The main service will be at 10:00 a.m. all summer except for Sunday July 1st which will be 10:30 at Mohawk Chapel. Got that all straight?

We are pleased to welcome Bill Vandertuin as our supply organist for the summer.



<http://www.space.gc.ca/asc/eng/missions/sts-097/>