



# Merivale-Fallowfield Newsletter

Summer 2003



## FROM THE MINISTER

This June marks the end of the Carnahan's first year at the Fallowfield and Merivale churches. We are overjoyed with the greetings we have received since arriving July 1.

The major difficulty for any new person is making the assumption that after such a short time they have an understanding of the whole pastoral charge. It is like the old story of the blind man touching a part of an elephant and believing that, because he has touched a trunk, he knows all about the elephant.

I have, however, been here long enough to make some observations. The Merivale and Fallowfield churches are made up of many dedicated people, strong in faith, willing to work hard to make their church work.

I look forward with enthusiasm to us working together to achieve our

church goals and to help identify new ones that God may place in our path.

The warm days of summer will soon be upon us. Church activities begin to slow down as our minds turn to sunbathing (with a liberal amount of sun screen), picnics, swimming, travel and outdoor barbecues. Our congregations change a little. All those who spent winter in the south are back. Many who were here over the winter are gone.

Whatever your plans for the summer, Glenys and I wish you a happy, safe, and enjoyable time so that we can resume our activities in the fall.

Many thanks for your continued support.

God bless.  
*Martin*



## Fallowfield 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, June 8, 2003

Speaker: Judith Matheson  
(biography on page 6)  
Luncheon to follow the  
Worship Service

No service at Merivale

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## LENT, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

### Discussion Groups

During Lent, and continuing through one week after Easter, Rev. Martin led weekly discussions centred on the book "A Faith to Live By" by Frederick A. Styles.

The sessions were generally well attended at both churches. The groups reflected on the nature of Christ, the nature of the church, the meaning of baptism, the origin and

significance of the Bible, the nature of sin and salvation and other core concepts of the Christian religion, not to mention the endlessly controversial issues of sexuality.

### Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, a small cluster from the two churches gathered at Fallowfield to remember the last supper and to partake of a simple meal together.

### Good Friday

On Good Friday, we met at Merivale to reflect on the seven last words of Jesus and to sing a few of the solemn hymns of the season.

### Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, there were joyous services at both churches, with the Fallowfield Choir leading the singing at both.



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## JIM WILSON

We regret to announce the resignation of our very fine organist, Jim Wilson. He will continue to play until August.

Jim's dedication to the job as organist and choir director was and is admirable.

His early arrival on Sunday morning at Fallowfield followed by a race to Merivale at 10:30 and many unpaid hours spent with the choir did not go unnoticed.

Jim, you will be missed.

We wish you health and happiness and continued great music wherever you go.

*Ministry & Personnel Committee*  
Don Betts  
John Fraser  
Sandra Marshall  
Jim Anderson

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

### FALLOWFIELD

Here are 2 dates to keep in mind:

#### **Saturday ,June 7:.. Sunday School Yard and Bake Sale.**

You can drop off any and all items on any Sunday before the event. There will also be a drop off at the church on Friday June 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. Baked items can be dropped off Friday night or Saturday morning. If you are interested in renting your own table and selling your own items, contact Sheila Allen 825-8219. Tables rent for \$20. Hope to see you there!



#### **Sunday, June 22:.. Sunday School Year End Party.**

Bring your own lunch and chairs and join us at Steeple Hill Park (South of the church on Steeple Hill Road) after church on Sunday. Games and sociability provided. Dessert will be provided by the Sunday School. In case of rain, we'll do the lunch in the church basement. Lots of fun to be had! Help us finish up the Sunday School year in style. Everyone welcome.

*Sheila Allen*

### MERIVALE

The children successfully completed the first year of the Bible Quest multi-age curriculum. The class took turns

reading the story aloud and then worked through the sheets that followed. It was nice to see the older members help the younger ones. Most Sundays we had enough time to finish with a game or activity related to that day's lesson.

This spring we have started to celebrate God's world through exercise, fun and laughter. Skipping ropes, hula - hoops, bubbles, balls and balloons are available after the lessons are finished. This seems to be enjoyed by all.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance at Sunday school a week early. He left lots of chocolates and toys scattered around the C.E Hall for the children to find.

On Palm Sunday the Sunday school members coloured pictures that were related to Jesus' crucifixion and rebirth.

On Easter Sunday the children did a related craft and made cards for their parents. On Mother's Day cards were made with peanuts in the shape of a flower, above a caption that read "I'm Nuts For Mom"

We welcomed two new members to our class, Charlotte and Alexia. Our grand total is now eight, with hopes of increasing.

A big thank you to Brett for all his help. If any of you have noticed the little improvements around the Sunday school, you can thank Brett. I hope you all have a safe and happy summer. I look forward to

seeing you all back Sept 7, when Sunday School resumes.  
*Wendy Renaud*



### MERIVALE – THE MISSING YEARS

Does anyone know where the records of Merivale Presbyterian Church (that's us) for the years 1908 to 1925 might be located? They are missing from the Ottawa Presbytery Archives.

Edna Nesbitt, who was active in the church during much of this time period, recalls that Merivale was then a single-point charge.

Some archival records relevant to Merivale are filed with our various historical partners (Bell's Corners and Westboro (or Skead's Mills) which predate this time period and City View, which post-dates it).

All we can find for 1908-1925 are some issues of "The Merivale Observer", a handwritten newsletter, of the Young People's Society. These were saved from the manse when it was sold. They provide a fascinating record of the period, but the series is incomplete, and key portions have been eaten by mice!

If you have any ideas as to where the church records (e.g. annual reports, minutes of meetings and such like) might be stored, please contact Jean Stalker or Gayle Ashby. We are looking for information to go in a historical album being compiled by Ottawa Presbytery.

# CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT OUT – MARCH 25, 2003

## PART 1 – BEAN SUPPER AT MERIVALE

For many years Mervin Bulmer has been saying, "Why not have a bean supper with brown bread?" Well, why not?

First, we had to find the traditional brown bread. Many recipes surfaced. Erma Roach brought a 1909 recipe and Isobel Strath brought one

dated 1956. The Internet yielded another 2,240. The best? The question was referred to the Bulmer's, who pronounced Sandra Marshall's version, made in the bread maker, the winner.

The supper also provided an opportunity to compare seven

varieties of baked beans. Everyone had a feast.

Special thanks to Claire Davis and Phyllis Mulligan, who completed the menu with excellent ham.

The gentlemen did all the dishes and cleaned up.

*Gayle Ashby*



## PART 2 – ICE CREAM AT FALLOWFIELD

After the bean and ham dinner at Merivale Church, everyone went to Fallowfield Church to enjoy homemade ice cream. We had a good turn-out from both churches as well as having Rev.

Stewart and Lee Gartley with their expertise in the ice cream making. A thank you to Cheryl Hill for looking after the kitchen and helping the children bake the delicious cookies we enjoyed with our

ice cream. A thank you to all who helped in organizing and supplying the ice cream makers.

*Irene Mowat*





## MERIVALE COMMITTEES

### Board of Trustees

An offer to purchase approximately 1/3 of an acre of Church property at the rear the CE hall was received from the owners of Mobilia. The Board had the property evaluated and entered into negotiations with the purchasers. The purchaser would not meet our price and the Board turned down the offer.

The Board is looking into extending the parking lot by approximately 100 feet with a gravel surface.

Bob Meisner,

### Accessibility Review Committee

Early in January, a request for funding to make the CE Hall handicap accessible was made to the Trillium Fund. The request was turned down, mainly because there

were far more requests than funds available, and we could not demonstrate that there would be an increased benefit to the community at large.

The Committee has decided that we will look at alternative methods of funding, including the Church members doing much of the labour-intensive work themselves.

Bob Meisner,

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## MERIVALE ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY MAY 4, 2003

Why do we celebrate every year? History is an important part of Merivale. We are officially 127 years old and that is just the church building. We have a stone in the cemetery of Mr. Bell dated 1847. It is our roots; something to celebrate.

This year Rev. Stewart Hewlett was our guest speaker. Stewart has become part of our history and it is hard to believe it is a year since he went into retirement for the second time after

coming to our rescue in our time of need. Special music was provided by Connie Sullivan Foley and her father Ray Sullivan with their guitars. This was their first time singing in a United Church, so we made history on our 127th.

The Fallowfield congregation, including the choir, joined us for the celebration. Would you believe that the year 2005 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Merivale-Fallowfield Pastoral Charge? We are

going on forward. Jessica Ann Elizabeth Levisky, daughter of James George Levisky and Connie Elizabeth Brown, was baptized at the anniversary service – a new generation.

The Social Committee once again outdid themselves with a fantastic lunch. Many thanks.

*Gayle Ashby  
Special Events*



## FALLOWFIELD SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### FALLOWFIELD DINES OUT

Fallowfield church recently enjoyed its first "Evening Out". Over 30 people participated in a wonderful evening of food and fellowship.

Special thank you to the hosts- Barb & Gordon Hill, Merrill & Helen Wilson, Carolyn Black & Bob Mowat, and John & Barbara Fraser, for the wonderful meals and the enjoyable evening they provided us all.

While over \$800.00 was raised, everyone said the best part of it was the opportunity to sit down and get to know some people a little better. It seems people want to do it again, so look forward to another evening in the fall.



### AFTER THE TORNADO

On Monday, April 28, the Fallowfield church grounds were cleared of all traces of the 2002 mini-tornado.

Ron Mowat's crew included Don Steeves, Bob Warren, Trevor Mowat, Dave Bell, George Giles, John Lancaster, Kent Fraser, Allan Richie, John Hill, Bruce Hill, Barb Fraser, Irene Mowat,

Bob Armstrong, Robbie Sprague and Barb Bell.

We removed the stumps of ten large poplars and loaded them on a dump truck. Then we planted ten fir trees donated by Mac Airth. We raked the dead leaves and bagged the debris.

This crew should definitely be hired by Ottawa; the work was all done in two hours. We started at 6:00 pm and were home by 9:00 pm, with time off for refreshments. Alas, your reporter forgot her camera!

*Barb Bell*



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday April 6/03 we enjoyed another great Pancake Breakfast. The men of the congregation again showed their expertise in flipping pancakes.

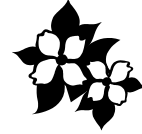
Thank you to Cheryl Hill for supplying the Maple Syrup. Also a thank you to David Bell for organizing the kitchen.



### MOTHER'S DAY

Our Family Day coffee hour was organized by John Lancaster and John Fraser

with the help of their wives Judy and Barbara. Thank you very much, guys.



### ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER

.The guest speaker for our 118<sup>th</sup> anniversary is Judith Matheson.

Judith became a member of the United Church of Canada in 1961. With her husband Bob and their two children Rob, born in Tanzania & Charlene, a product of Turkey, they have participated for sixteen years in Aylmer United Church and its growing vision towards being and becoming a relevant force in the community..

First as church secretary, then as one of the first participants in the Faith, Life Ministry Program to develop spiritual leaders Judith has benefited greatly by receiving her certificate of ministry using hospital care as her action project.

As co-ordinator of the United Church Pastoral Care Team at the Ottawa Civic Hospital Site and member of the Chaplaincy committee for over nine years, she helped create the new position of Pastoral Care Advisor.

Judith also has received her certificate of ministry as a Spiritual Director. As a lay Pastoral Care pioneer in hospital ministry, she also served on the committee of the Basic Pastoral Care Training Program and Inter- Faith Board of Home Based Spiritual Care.

## MERIVALE QUILTERS

The quilt designed by Gayle for the Ploughing Match 2003 is almost finished. It will go to the Lanark County Quilters Guild 'Festival of Quilts' show to be held in Perth early in August. All entries to the Ploughing Match quilt competition will be featured in this exhibition and the winners will be showcased in the Textile Tent at Rural Expo 2003, to be held near Carleton Place in the fall.

Our quilters plan to view the exhibition on Friday, Aug. 8 in Perth, stopping for lunch on the way. Anyone wishing to join us for lunch and the quilt show is invited to call Gayle or Sandra before the end of July so that we can decide whether to carpool or hire a school bus. The cost will be \$5 for the show, plus lunch and transportation.

The Quilters have recently become aware of a need in the Ottawa Hospitals for small personal care toiletries for patients who find themselves admitted unexpectedly and are unprepared for a hospital stay.

We plan to begin accumulating small items (sample-sized where possible) such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, skin cream, hand/bath soap, toothbrush, hairbrush, disposable razor, socks, pencil, notepad, etc. These will be packed in Zip Loc bags and delivered to the Civic Campus. So don't throw away those samples that arrive in your mailbox. We can incorporate them into our project.

As summer arrives, we shall begin a new quilt project, working on it each

Wednesday morning unless the Hall becomes too hot in July and August. We must also concentrate on the cross-stitch blocks for next Fall's project, and will need help from anyone who likes to cross-stitch, or would like to learn. Our previous efforts have produced stunningly beautiful quilts.

FINALLY, the answer to an oft-asked question is ----- YES; we are planning another quilt show in October! We'll be looking for your new and old quilts to show.

The tea/coffee/juice and sweets service will continue on Wednesday mornings about 10:30, so join us if you have any church family business to carry on or just want to say 'hello.'

Sandra Marshall

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## MERIVALE YARD/PLANT SALE

First, I would like to thank everyone who came out to help and everyone who contributed items to make our plant/yard sale such a tremendous success.

The indoor part of the sale required a lot of lifting, lugging, pricing, and sorting by a tireless crew who worked for no pay and very little nourishment. Thanks, Glenys, for the muffins.

In thanking you, I hope I don't miss anyone. If I do, it is probably because I was not there when you were. Thanks to Dianne, Wendy and Matt Renaud; Alice and Bob Bell; Sandra and Jim Marshall; Glenys and Martin Carnahan; and Sara Jane and Bob Meisner for your help. A very special thank you is certainly required for Sara Jane Meisner, Jim Whittaker, Bev Ruskin and Brooke Ruskin who just never stopped throughout the entire event.

Thanks to Jean Stalker, Vera Hamman, the Straths, and all those who contributed to the plant sale. The big stars of the day were Jim Marshall's hand-reared magnolias.

The total take for the day was \$952.80, of which \$368.50 was from the plant sale. Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you.

*Jean Beaton, Sandy Whittaker*

## MERIVALE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We are pleased to welcome back our secretary, Lila, after her holiday in Arizona. We missed her.

In March, we talked about the theme of the World Day of Prayer, "Holy Spirit Fill Us". We spoke about what that meant to us. We talked about dedicating an arch of a stained glass window to those members who started our group many years ago. Some of them are in nursing homes and some have died. "Big"

Erma and Charlotte are still able to get to some of our meetings. Transportation is a problem for Charlotte.

Last meeting we had a play called "God's Flower Garden". We each took a part and had fun. It compared people to different flowers. The cast included Greta Gardener, Dandy Lion, Pansy, Cora Cactus, Gladys Gladiolus, Daffy the Daffodil and Susie Sunflower. I find myself like each of these

flowers at times.

We usually have a potluck lunch in May, but we have decided this time to visit a restaurant for a change. This will be our last meeting until September, when we hope to have a few new members.

We wish to thank two of our group, Jean and Vera, for all the work they put into our lovely garden and the plant sale.

*Isobel Strath*

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## CLEAN UP DAY AT MERIVALE

Many people came out on Saturday, May 3 to wash, rake, transplant trees and generally make Merivale spic and span. Many hands make light work. Vera and Jean had other commitments on Saturday, but they came by in the rain on Friday to tidy the flowerbeds and plant a flock of pansies. All set for another year.



*Gayle Ashby*

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## IN THE GARDEN



Spring has been late this year. For a time, it looked as though we would be celebrating our anniversary

without a single flower in the church garden. Then a small army of pansies moved in, just in time for the celebration.

Because of the late season, the spring garden work has had to be compressed into very brief period. We are grateful to the Merivale

Quilters, who provided us with an elegant green garden cart, which will make our efforts much more efficient.

We are also grateful to all those who contributed Canadian Tire money for purchase of garden tools.

*Jean Stalker, Vera Hamman*

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### Special Birthdays:

Bert Brookes, Isobel Strath, Erma Nesbitt, Maisie Black.

### Baptisms:

Jessica Ann Elizabeth Levisky, daughter of James George Levisky and Connie Elizabeth Brown, baptized May 04, 2003. (F).

### Baptisms:



Abigail Grace Aldis Macko, daughter of Steve Macko and Caroline Aldis, baptized March 30, 2003 (M).

### **Weddings**

Congratulations and best wishes to: Trevor Mowat and Kerry Kudreiko were married May 17 at Fallowfield United Church. Congratulations and best wishes.(F)

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Congratulations and best wishes to Jean and Richard Fraser who celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary April 12 with family and friends. (F)

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## **DID YOU KNOW**

- With the nicer weather, Velma Dunn and her cousin Phyllis Mulligan boarded a Queensway bus and went to Toronto overnight. They stayed at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Velma recommends it! The evening they arrived, they went to Roy Thompson Hall to hear Daniel O'Donell.(F, M)
  - Have you noticed the new multipurpose envelopes at the end of each pew at Fallowfield? The stewards thought that it would be a way to request a visit from the minister, welcome visitors, talk about our Sunday School and coffee hour plus other useful information. (F)
  - Welcome back to Jim and Sandy Whittaker after their winter in Texas. On page 10, we have a Texas letter from Jim, which didn't quite make the last issue.(M)
  - Minerva Foster is on the mend, and expects to be back at home by mid-June.
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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OF YEARS GONE BY! – Fallowfield United Church**



I have been asked to describe our Sunday School in the period of my life between ten and fifteen.

Sunday School was held in a vacant church located on the far side of the parking lot. It was heated in cold weather by a wood-burning box stove.

Music was provided by an old organ that you had to pump with your feet.

We were taught many passages of scripture. We had to memorize the Ten Commandments, the creed and the twenty-third psalm. One of the hymns we used to sing was "Jesus Loves Me".

We had good teachers who taught us what was right and what was wrong. I think it helped to mould the character of a lot of us. The Ten Commandments taught us to keep the Sabbath day holy. To never steal, to honour and respect our parents. The Ten Commandments also taught us

to be good citizens and good neighbours in a rural community.

We used to come to church and Sunday school with a horse and buggy. I remember we had a nice buggy with rubber tires and we also had a beautiful road horse. In winter, we used horse drawn cutters and sleighs.

At Christmas time we had a Christmas concert. We sang Christmas carols and performed the nativity pageant. When we did that, the lamps and lanterns were all blown out and the stage illuminated by a battery operated light. It was a

car headlight and the battery of a car.

The passage of scripture, "lift up your eyes unto the hills",

must have been foremost in our grandparents' minds when they chose a site for a church. In my lifetime, during times of sadness and disappointment, I

have been able to lift up my eyes unto the hill whence came my help.

*Garnet Foster*

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## DEEP SEA FISHING

*McAllen Texas, Special to the Merivale-Fallowfield Newsletter*

If you are planning to make your first deep sea fishing trip let me tell you from experience that your expectation of catching fish should be no greater than for any other type of fishing.

My fishing buddy Cliff and I signed up for 10 hours of deep-sea fishing off South Padre Island at a convention in McAllen, Texas. To make sure we didn't miss the boat we booked into a motel on South Padre Island the night before. After a continental breakfast at Days Inn we arrived at the pier at 7 am for a 7:30 departure. The booking agent advised us he was considering cancelling the days trip due to high seas. He also advised we could go if we wished but we would wish we hadn't. Sure enough the trip was cancelled and we rescheduled for the following Wednesday and headed back to McAllen. Tuesday we retraced our trip with high hopes due to a sunny morning. We departed on the Osprey I at 7:30 as scheduled. Three hours latter we arrived at our fishing grounds having steamed some 45 miles up the coast and out nine miles. The crew had told us the rules for bottom fishing on the way out.

Fishing gear and bait consisting of cut up squid and 4-inch herring were supplied. The lines were fitted with 8-ounce weights to carry the bait to the bottom at a depth of eighty feet. The gulf waters were as smooth as a baby's bottom and the sky overcast so everyone, about 25 in number, could concentrate on their fishing. If you caught a fish you called out "fish on" and an assistant would come and land the fish and remove it from the hook. This was for safety reasons.

Soon there were several calls of "fish on". My buddy Cliff who was just forward of me was busy hauling in fish but all were below the 14-inch limit required for red snapper and had to be thrown back. Finally I got my first nibble and raised my line to the surface. Sure enough I had a red snapper, of a size smaller than my bait!! Cliff is still wondering how it could swallow a fish bigger than itself.

After four hours of fishing Cliff had two snappers, one of which was the largest caught for the day. I caught a triggerfish, no size limit, and one red snapper. I suspect the assistant felt sorry for me

as when he measured my catch he put the nose on the zero mark of his rule and then pulled the tail down to the 14 inch mark saying "its a keeper".

A return trip of 3 hours, 15 minutes to have our catch filleted and we returned to McAllen, arriving in time for a late dinner. Our catch was placed in the freezer for later consumption.

Two weeks latter Cliff's wife Joanne had Sandy and me and Cliff's sister and husband over for a fish fry. It was delicious! We all had our fill and were unable to finish off a final small portion. Not to be accused of a fisherman's exaggeration but one could be reminded of a story of five loaves and two fishes.

*Jim Whittaker*



# MERIVALE/FALLOWFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June to December, 2003

## *Sunday Worship Service*

09:30 am at Fallowfield

11:00 am at Merivale

Coffee hour after church the first Sunday of the month at Fallowfield

Coffee hour on special occasions at Merivale

Lemon aide on the lawn every Sunday of July and August at Fallowfield

## *Wednesday*

Merivale Quilters meet in the CE Building at 9:30 am

All are welcome to join the Quilters for coffee and conversation at 10:30

## *Thursday*

Choir practice from 7-8 pm at Fallowfield; singers from Merivale are welcome.

## *Third Wednesday of every Month*

Rev Carnahan conducts a worship service at Longfields Manor, 330 Beatrice.

Members of the congregation are invited to participate, especially if they like to sing.

Jun 07	Fallowfield Sunday School Yard Sale
Jun 08	Fallowfield 118 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Speaker Judith Matheson. Luncheon after church No service at Merivale
Jun 15	Father's Day Holy Communion, both churches
Jun 22	Fallowfield Sunday School picnic
Jul, Aug	Lemonade on the lawn after church every Sunday at Fallowfield
Aug 16	Big congregational party* Corn and hot dogs in the park behind Merivale
Aug 18	Shower for Arlene Fraser daughter of John & Barbara Fraser
Sep 07	Sunday School resumes, both churches
Sep 24	Merivale Fellowship resumes. 12:00 noon. Bring sandwich.
Oct 03	Preparations for Fallowfield Fall Turkey Supper, starts 7:00 pm
Oct 04	Fallowfield Fall Turkey Supper. Starts 4:30 pm
Oct 05	Holy communion at both churches. Coffee at Fallowfield
Oct 12	Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 25	Merivale Quilt Show & Bazaar, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Merivale Quilters.

Oct 26	Reformation Sunday
Oct 29	Merivale Fellowship (date to be confirmed)
Nov 02	Coffee after worship (F)
Nov 09	Remembrance Day
Nov 23	Pre-Advent Newsletter
Nov 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Nov 25	Fallowfield Christmas Cookie Exchange, 7 pm, church basement
Nov 26	Christmas luncheon, Merivale Fellowship
Nov 30	Fallowfield Seniors' luncheon – Church basement, 11:00 am
Dec 07	Fallowfield White Gift Sunday & Pot Luck Luncheon
Dec 14	Merivale Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon
Dec 21	Christmas Sunday. Holy Communion, both churches
Dec 24	Christmas Eve services, 6:00 pm at Merivale; 8:00 pm at Fallowfield

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\* May be rescheduled, depending on the corn crop.