



MERIVALE-FALLOWFIELD NEWSLETTER

Lent 2005



*Words
from the
Minister*

Easter Crown

Crowns have always been the sign of authority and kingship. Charlemagne, whom historians say should deserve to be called "great" above all others, wore an octagonal crown. Each of the eight sides was a plaque of gold, and each plaque was studded with emeralds, sapphires and pearls. The cost was the price of a king's ransom. Richard the Lion Heart had a crown so heavy that two earls had to stand, one on either side, to hold his head. The crown that Queen Elizabeth wears is worth over \$20 million. Edward II once owned nine crowns, something of a record. Put them all together, from all of Europe and from the archives of the East, all of them are but trinkets compared to Christ's crown. Revelation 19 says he had many diadems. He wears a crown of righteousness. He wears a crown of glory. He wears a crown of life. He wears a crown of peace and power.

Among those crowns, one outshines the rest. It was not formed by the skilled fingers of a silversmith, nor created by the genius of a craftsman. It was put together hurriedly by the rough hands of Roman soldiers. It was not placed upon its wearer's head in pomp and ceremony, but in the hollow mockery of ridicule and blasphemy. It is a crown of thorns.

The amazing thing is that it belonged to me. I deserved to wear that crown. I deserved to feel the thrust of the thorns. I deserved to feel the warm trickle of blood upon my brow. I deserved the pain. He took my crown of thorns - but without compensation. He offers to me instead His crown of life, the crown that fadeth not away.

Easter love prevails

Easter means - hope prevails over despair. Jesus reigns as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, his will for us will prevail; love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness.

*Desmond Tutu
in Crying in the
Wilderness*



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LETTER FROM REVSTU

To The Editors Of The Merivale/Fallowfield Newsletter:

I have been wanting to send this letter to you for a long time, but is it ever easy to procrastinate. Today is the deadline for the edition of the Newsletter, so I am not going to put it off any longer.

I am writing to tell you how much I have appreciated the Newsletter that you people put together for your Pastoral Charge. Not only is it interesting, but after you have finished reading it, you know what is happening in the life of Merivale-Fallowfield, the people as well as the churches, which is made up of some wonderful people.

As most of you know, I have been in the ministry for 44 years and I have been involved with many newsletters, but haven't found one that comes close to yours. Thank you for putting me on your mailing list, and the privilege of having it via email, this way all the photographs are in colour. Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart A. Hewlett
Minister Emeritus
Merivale/Fallowfield Pastoral Charge.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The Merivale-Fallowfield Newsletter was started by Rev. Ray Anderson, who came to Merivale/Fallowfield in 1971. Rev. Ray's successors Rev. Fred Hewitt, Rev. Walter Judge and Rev. Gordon Roberts continued the publication in pretty much the original format. If you are curious about this time period, many of these newsletters are in the church office.

The ministers wrote the early issues pretty much by themselves, with help in typing, reproduction and distribution. Over time, the amount of lay input has increased, though each issue has continued to be centred on a message from the minister. The individuals who have been most actively involved in production of the Newsletter include: Helen Wilson, Judy Lancaster and Barbara Bell of Fallowfield; Gayle Ashby, Vera Hamman and Jean Stalker of Merivale.

The early issues are on legal size paper and most have an attractive banner heading. In recent years we have gone to letter-size paper. We have profited from some of the technological advances of our time, including electronic mail, digital photography, desktop publishing and digital photocopying. The product may not be better, but it is certainly easier to process!

It is interesting to note that Merivale had an antecedent newsletter, *The Observer*, produced from 1904 to 1916¹ by the Young Peoples' Society. These older newsletters are fascinating to read (and, according to the church mice, delicious as well).

¹ Issues for 1904 and 1916 are the earliest and latest to survive; there may have been others.

DR. ANDREW SMITH ROSS



Hope Ross-Papezik has presented us with a framed

portrait and a biography of her distinguished father, Dr. Andrew Smith Ross.

Rev. Ross was minister of Merivale Presbyterian Church and Westboro Presbyterian Church from 1899 to 1906. Notes from the Young Peoples' Group of the day tell us that he was held in the very highest respect. Rev. Ross went on to become minister, and later emeritus minister, of Montreal West United Church. It was Rev. Ross who piloted Montreal West through the shoals of church union and lead the

congregation through a period of impressive growth. In recognition of his outstanding record of service, the United Theological College of Montreal conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris causa).

We are very grateful to Ms Ross-Papezik for her research and for this reminder of a very distinguished figure from our past. Rev Ross's biography can be seen in the church library and the portrait is to go on the wall near the church office.

MERIVALE UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

The focus of Council in January is the annual budget, as prepared by Jim Marshall. This budget was discussed by Council and accepted.

Again we are grateful for Jim's effort in preparing the budget and keeping Merivale's finances in order. Jim has advised Council that after 15 years as church treasurer he will be stepping down. He agreed to stay on until a successor is found, hopefully by June.

Another issue discussed,

during the meeting, was dirt and grime being tracked into the Church, not only by our members, but in particular by the other groups renting the Church facilities. Dave Cooney was instructed to send letters reminding them to remove their boots before they enter the CE hall or the Church sanctuary.

Dave Cooney has been appointed chair of the Board of Trustees, replacing Bob Meisner, who has been appointed chair of Council.

Dave Cooney, after many years in charge of Church rentals, has stepped down and Dave Lyon has agreed to take over this responsibility.

The Annual Meeting of Merivale United Church has been postponed until Sunday, April 17, 2005 and the next Council meeting until Wednesday April 13, 2005 due to the lack of a quorum. It seems that most of Council will be in warmer climes until then.

Bob Meisner

God's Pension Plan

You may not think much of God's pension plan for us, but His plan is out of this world.

MERIVALE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

World Day of Prayer: Our February meeting will be a preparation for the World Day of Prayer, which takes place March 4. It is always the first Friday in March. This year our cluster (including Merivale and Fallowfield) will meet at St. Steven's Anglican Church. The women of Poland wrote the service and the theme will be *Let Our Light Shine*.

Youth Parliament of Canada: We decided to donate \$25.00 toward this program, which develops

young people for political leadership.

Gallery: Our group is sponsoring a gallery of photographs of our former ministers, going back to Rev. John L. Gourlay, who was here from 1851 – 1868.

Rev. Gourlay held services in the log church that preceded our present building. The brick church was built during the tenure of Rev. Robert Whillans (1872 – 1898).

We hope to have our gallery complete by anniversary Sunday, May 1.

Pancake Breakfast: On April 10, a pancake breakfast will be served after the church service. Offerings in support of *The Mission* on Waller Street will be welcomed.

Our Group: The Fellowship Group meets at 12:00 noon the fourth Wednesday of every month from September to May. Please join us if you can.

Lila Hird

MERIVALE QUILTERS

Throughout this icy, cold winter, a small but dedicated group of quilters has continued to meet each Wednesday morning, and by coffee time the numbers have increased considerably! We have two quilts in frames, to keep us busy for a while. Some members are still working on the cross-stitch blocks. Seventeen of 42 are completed.

We are a versatile group, but **WE NEED HELP FROM KNITTERS.** Our winter project is to make knitted slippers to keep at the door of the C.E. Hall. We hope to encourage people entering to remove boots before they track slush and grit across the waxed floors. If you can help, ask us for yarn. If the bad weather has ended before you read this, then extra

slippers can be saved for next year.

We have begun to explore the possibility of having another Quilt Show and Bazaar in the Fall, as part of our Merivale/Fallowfield Celebration year, so please think about how you can help by contributing your quilts to show, and/or your craftwork for sale.

Sandra Marshall



OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Merivale and Fallowfield became a joint pastoral charge in the year 1955. The first minister of the new joint charge, Rev. Charles Wood, conducted his first worship service here September 4, 1955. This year marks fifty years that we have been together, certainly cause for a celebration. The social committees of the two churches have already mapped out plans for multiple events. If you have any ideas for further celebrations, please get in touch with Ruth Kawaja or Murray Airth.

SOCIAL COMMITTEES

This year the Fallowfield Social Committee invited their Merivale equivalents to a joint planning session, which took place January 24 at the home of Lee and Gloria Gartley.

The planning session was a memorable social occasion in its own right, with great refreshments and much laughter and joyful anticipation. Ideas flowed

freely. The end product was a very promising joint calendar for the anniversary year. The calendar is available in the Annual Report

FIRST PARTY OF THE MERIVALE-FALLOWFIELD ANNIVERSARY YEAR



On Wednesday, December 29, a big yellow bus pulled out at 5.00 pm.

First we picked up Vera Hamman. Then on to Fallowfield United to board seven more passengers; with them came the amazing aroma of whatever Robbie had in the pot. Then on to pick up Phyllis Mulligan; it is too bad that everyone didn't get to see the court where she lives; it was beautiful.

Tom then headed the bus to Merivale Gardens for Claire, Jean and Bert. We arrived at Merivale United, to be greeted

with more friendly faces and a table laden with a feast fit for a king. Ruth had decorated, and the kids were having a ball with the balloons.

Although Martin was on holiday, he, Glenys and Mrs. Carnahan Sr joined us.

After everyone was well fed, we boarded the bus and headed out to see the lights. There were 38 of us. It was a beautiful night with a full moon and not too cold. Tom cruised through many parts of the city, culminating in Confederation Square and the parliament buildings.

We were back at Merivale by 9:30 p.m. with one sleeping baby. Many thanks to all who helped clean up afterwards. We could not have asked for a more perfect kick off to the 50th year celebration for the pastoral charge of Merivale/Fallowfield.

Gayle





OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO

Sandy and Mike Jean-Louis and family on the loss January 13, 2005 of Sandy's mother Josephine (Ina) Richards. Mrs. Richards died at the age of 94.

Joan and Mervyn Healey and family on the loss December 28, 2004 of Joan's mother Alma Duncan, at the age of 103.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Organist **Barbara White** on the birth January 6, 2005 of her first grandchild **Charles**.

John and Barbara Fraser on the birth to daughter **Janine** of grandson **Xavier**. Xavier was born November 17, 2004.

Hugh Jonathon Hutchinson and **Leslie Bolger** whose daughter, **Fiona Leslie**, is to be baptized today at Fallowfield.

DID YOU KNOW?

Brett Ruskin appears in the January 14 issue of *Nepean This Week*. He has been active in planning a welcome for students who are to be transferred to Merivale High School when Laurentian and J.S. Woodsworth are closed.

diagnosis of Lou Gehrig's disease. .

Bob and Sara Jane Meisner have donated a high chair and a junior table to Merivale for use by younger members of the congregation.

records go back to 1899 and the Fallowfield to 1955. The records also include Westboro Presbyterian Church from 1899 to 1907 and City View United Church from 1925 to 1955. We are grateful to those who helped us demystify some of the handwriting.

Bud and Lorna Cummings are featured in the December 31 issue of *Nepean This Week*. The article tells about Lorna's courageous and resourceful response to a

Jean Stalker and Vera Hamman are completing an index to the registers of baptism in the church office. 1290 baptisms are recorded in these books. The Merivale

The index will make it much easier for Ruth to locate records when they are needed..

PRESBYTERIAL - MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 2005

Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Drive

09:30 am	Registration, Muffins, Beverages, Book Display, Bridgehead
10:45 am	Irene Martin - A Spoonful of Laughter
12:00 pm	Grace & Lunch
01:15 pm	Afternoon Announcements; Bells Corners United Church Choir
02:30 pm	Closing Remarks

Please contact Irene Mowat by February 7 if you would like to go. Fee for lunch is \$7.00.

LETTER FROM SIGRID AND ELIZABETH

Merivale and Fallowfield:



Sigrid and I would like to
thank all of you at Merivale

and Fallowfield for the
cooperation you have given
us since we started our new
job.

There are still some areas we
haven't got to, but spring is
coming and we should be
able to get things cleaned up
by then.

Without the respect, pride
and love you have for both
churches, we could not
continue with this endeavour.

Thank you all.

Sigrid and Elizabeth

GOD WILL ASK

- 1...God won't ask what kind of car you drove,
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2...God won't ask the square footage of your house,
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3...God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,
He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4...God won't ask what your highest salary was,
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5...God won't ask what your job title was,
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6...God won't ask how many friends you had,
He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7...God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived,
He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
- 8...God won't ask about the colour of your skin,
He'll ask about the content of your character.



Special thanks to Chuck Ross

MEET THE APOSTLES

Read the description and unscramble the letters to discover the name. Check the references if you need help.



I was the only apostle who was not from Galilee. I kept the money for the apostles. I'm the one who is remembered for a wicked deed. My name is _____.

(Luke 22:1-5)

S A D J U



I was a tax collector. I was also known as Levi. One of the four Gospels is written by me. My name is _____.

(Matthew 9:9)

T A W T H E M



I told Nathaniel about Jesus. Like Nathaniel, I lived in Bethsaida. One time I brought some Greeks to Jesus when they were looking for Him. My name is _____.

(John 1:45; 12:20-22)

L I P H I P



I have the same name as one of the other apostles. People remember me because I was a member of a very patriotic group of Jews called Zealots. My name is _____.

(Luke 6:15)

N I S M O



I was also called Didymus. I am the apostle who is remembered for wanting proof that Jesus had risen from the tomb. My name is _____.

(John 20:24-28)

M O T H S A



I asked Jesus why He showed himself to us, but not to others. I have also been called by the names of Lebbeus and Judas. My name is _____.

(John 14:22; Matthew 10:3)

D A D A S E U T H



I am a son of Zebedee. Jesus called my brother and me "sons of thunder." I was with Jesus when He was transfigured. My name is _____.

(Mark 3:17)

S A M E J



I am the son of Alphaeus. I have the same name as one of the other apostles. My name is often given as _____ the less

(Matthew 10:3)

M A J E S



I brought my brother to Jesus. I also brought the boy whose lunch Jesus blessed and multiplied to make it feed a huge crowd. My name is _____.

(John 1:40, 41; 6:8, 9)

R A N W E D



Jesus blessed me because I confessed my faith in Him. But later, I said I didn't even know Jesus. I am sometimes called "the mouth" of the apostles. My name is _____.

(Matthew 16:16; Mark 14:66-71)

M O N I S R E E T P



I am also called Nathaniel. Philip told me about Jesus. The Savior praised me highly. My name is _____.

(Luke 6:14)

T H R O L M W E B A O



I am also a son of Zebedee. Along with Peter and James, I had the privilege of seeing Jesus transfigured. I wrote a Gospel about Jesus. My name is _____.

(Matthew 4:21)

N O J H

From:
Gunderson, Bev
2003 Grow Through the Bible
Standard Publishing, Cincinnati, Ohio



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – WINTER/SPRING 2005

50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR



DATE 2005	EVENT
Sunday Feb 06	Sacrament of Baptism at Fallowfield Coffee hour (F)
Wednesday Feb 09	Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent.
Friday Feb 11	Sleigh ride and pizzas. Meet at 7:00 pm at Fallowfield Church. Anniversary event
Sunday Feb 13	Fallowfield annual meeting following the worship service. Rev. Stewart Hewlett will lead the service at Merivale.
Monday Feb 14	Presbyterial gathering with Irene Mason and the Bell's Corners Choir. Glen Cairn United. Details on page 6.
Wednesday Feb 23	Merivale Fellowship Group at 12:00 noon in the CE Building. Bring a sandwich.
Sunday Feb 27	Coffee hour (M)
Sunday Feb 27	Evening of W.B. Yeats's poetry, with Irish instrumental and vocal music. All Saints Anglican Church at 7:00 pm. Benefit for Bruce House. Donation of \$10.00 is suggested.
Friday Mar 04	World Day of Prayer, 1:30 pm at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 930 Watson Street.
Sunday Mar 06	Sacrament of Baptism at Fallowfield Coffee hour (F)
Wednesday Mar 09	Pastoral Charge meeting, 7:15 pm at Fallowfield (F,M).
Sunday Mar 20	Palm Sunday Holy Communion (F, M)
Wednesday Mar 23	Merivale Fellowship Group at 12:00 noon in the CE Building. Bring a sandwich.
Thursday Mar 24	Maundy Thursday service at Fallowfield at 7:00 pm.
Friday Mar 25	Good Friday service at Merivale, tentatively at 10:00 am. Time subject to confirmation – watch the Bulletin.
Sunday Mar 27	Easter Sunday Coffee hour (M).



DATE 2005	EVENT
Saturday Apr 02	Bean Supper at Merivale, followed by ice cream and games at Fallowfield. Date subject to confirmation; watch the Bulletin.
Sunday Apr 03	Daylight savings time begins; don't be late for church! Pancake breakfast after church at Fallowfield
Sunday Apr 10	Pancake breakfast after church at Merivale. Benefit for The Mission on Waller Street.
Wednesday Apr 13	Merivale Council meeting
Sunday Apr 17	Merivale annual meeting after the worship service.
Wednesday Apr 20	Merivale Council meeting, 7:15 pm.
Saturday Apr 23	Fallowfield and Merivale out for lunch. Watch the bulletin for details.
Sunday Apr 24	Coffee hour (M)
Wednesday Apr 27	Merivale Fellowship Group at 12:00 noon in the CE Building. Bring a sandwich.
Sunday May 01	129 th anniversary of the Merivale Presbyterian/United Church. No service at Fallowfield, to allow them to celebrate with Merivale Luncheon after the worship service
Sunday May 08	Mothers' Day. Breakfast after church, hosted by the men (F)
Sunday May 15	Pentecost Holy communion at both churches. Deadline for the Summer Newsletter
Wednesday May 25	Merivale Fellowship Group at 12:00 noon in the CE Building. Bring a sandwich.
Sunday May 29	Coffee hour (M) Summer Newsletter scheduled to appear.
Saturday Jun 04	Doors Open Merivale – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Sunday Jun 05	Fallowfield anniversary. Guest speaker is Rev. Angela Bailey of Kemptville. No service at Merivale, to allow the congregation to celebrate with Fallowfield. Luncheon after the worship service.
Saturday Jun 11	50 th wedding anniversary of Garnet and Minerva Foster at Fallowfield.
Sunday Jun 26	Sunday school year-end party (F)

This calendar is to be updated in the next Newsletter (approximately May 29)

