



# MERIVALE/FALLOWFIELD NEWSLETTER

Summer 2007



Dear Friends:

We are at the end of another busy church year. In the United Church, our year begins July 1. I don't know why.

Our Spring has been an active one. Highlights have included a theological study called "Living the Questions" that was well attended, so much so that I hope to repeat it in the Fall. We saw a new service on the charge celebrating Ash Wednesday. Our wonderful choir has contributed to our worship at both churches over the past months. The Fallowfield Men's Choir (which I was not asked to join again) was and is fantastic. Thank you to all who made that happen. This Spring also saw a special service to say thank you to Cliff Neill whose CD is often heard from Merivale's tower Wednesday and Thursday mornings. As well, the Spring has seen three very successful suppers. Thank you to all who rolled up sleeves and made that happen. Merivale had a very successful yard and plant sale and by the time you read this Fallowfield will have had their annual sale which is always great fun.

Anniversary speakers this year were Bruce Elliott at Merivale and Lillian Roberts at Fallowfield. Dr. Elliott assisted us in dedicating a plaque commemorating 131 years of service to Nepean. Lillian was the guest speaker this June 3 at Fallowfield.

This summer it is my hope to breathe new life into the Ten Commandments. My messages over July and August will foolishly concentrate on one commandment per Sunday, beginning July 1, so book your favourite now.

In closing, have a productive and safe summer. Remember, as many of you disappear over the break, your church, its work and its financial responsibilities continue.

May God continue to bless you and yours.

*Rev. Martin*

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

### A New Look at the Ten Commandments

Jul 01 The One and the Many  
Jul 08 Taking God Seriously  
Jul 15 A Different Way  
Jul 22 Honouring Our Parents

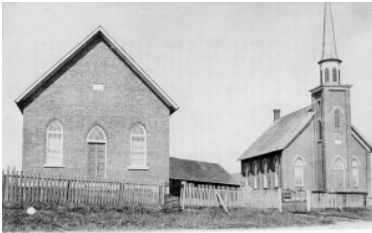
Aug 05 The Right Use of Sex  
Aug 12 Yours and Mine  
Aug 19 To Tell the Truth  
Aug 26 Controlling Our Desires

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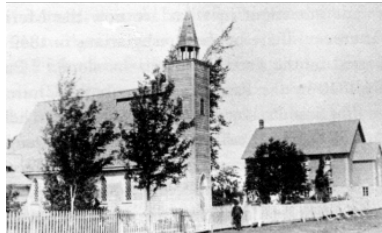
## ANNIVERSARIES

Fallowfield 121 years



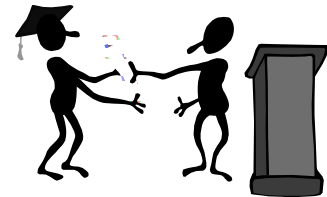
Fallowfield Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in the 1880's

Merivale 131 years



St. John's Anglican Church and Merivale Presbyterian Church in the 1880's<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Carnahan 20 years



Rev. Martin Carnahan, Master of Divinity May 6, 1987

## MERIVALE ANNIVERSARY

May 6 marked the 131<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the first service of worship in Merivale Church. Merivale and Fallowfield met together to celebrate this occasion. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Dr. Bruce Elliott, Professor of History at Carleton University. Dr. Elliott is the author of a number of history books, including:

*The City Beyond, A History of Nepean, Birthplace of Canada's Capital 1792-1900* (Published by the City of Nepean, 1991) xiv + 461 pp.

*Irish Migrants in the Canadas: A New Approach* (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004), xxx + 424 pp. Second edition with 50 pp. new material.

Dr. Elliott recounted something of the history of the Merivale community, the church, and the cemetery. He has long-term personal associations with this community and a deep scholarly interest in its history.

We received greetings from Olive Packman, grand-niece of Rev. Robert Whillans, who was minister of Merivale Presbyterian Church at the time the present building was dedicated; she was unable to be with us. We were very pleased to have Hope Ross-Papezik, daughter of Rev. Andrew Ross (our minister from 1899-1906), join with us to celebrate this occasion.

The Fallowfield Choir offered a soaring rendition of the highly appropriate "God of the Ages", starting with a solo verse by Barbara Fraser.

Councillor Gord Hunter unveiled a City of Ottawa plaque proclaiming the church and the cemetery historic sites.

The worship service and dedication were followed by a luncheon and social hour in the church hall.



Carole Ruddy (City of Ottawa Heritage Planner), Rev. Martin Carnahan, Dr. Bruce Elliott, Ms Lois Long and Councillor Gordon Hunter, after unveiling of the historical plaque



Long-term Nepean residents Dr. Bruce Elliott and Mildred Lemoine in a spirited discussion.

## FALLOWFIELD ANNIVERSARY

On June 3, Fallowfield celebrated the 121st anniversary of the present church building. The anniversary speaker was Rev. Lillian Roberts, the recently-appointed Presbytery Minister. Her role in Presbytery is to maintain procedures and to build communications.



Rev Roberts cutting the anniversary cake

Rev. Roberts was well known to many of those present from the days when her husband, Rev. Gordon Roberts, was minister of the Merivale-Fallowfield Pastoral Charge, so it was a joyful reunion, as well as a celebration of the past, and a hopeful look to the future.

The Fallowfield Choir sang "God of the Ages" and "Chariots of Clouds".

The worship service was followed an excellent meal, anniversary cake, and many joyful reunions in the church basement.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us . . .

*Ephesians 3:20*

### God of the Ages

God of the ages, History's Maker,  
Planning our pathway, Holding us fast,  
Shaping in mercy All that concerns us;  
Father, we praise You, Lord of the past.

God of tomorrow, Strong Overcoming,  
Princes of darkness Own Your command:  
What then can harm us? We are Your people,  
Now and forever Kept by Your hand.

God of this morning, Gladly Your children  
Worship before You, Trustingly bow;  
Teach us to know You, Always among us,  
Quietly sov 'reign – Lord of our now.

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,  
Lord of the future, Help us, we pray:  
Teach us to trust You, Love and obey You,  
Crown You each moment Lord of today.

*Margaret Clarkson*

### TRIBUTE TO CLIFF NEILL



Cliff Neill

On April 29, Fallowfield held a special worship service in tribute to Cliff Ralph. Cliff has been singing in this and other churches for as long as anyone now present can remember.

Cliff and some of his musical friends have recently produced a CD of sacred music, which has been marketed to the benefit of Fallowfield United Church.

On this occasion, the church was packed. The worship service was made up of Cliff's favourite hymns, alternating with readings, and interspersed with solos, duets and trios. Cliff was presented with a special gold CD in recognition of his achievements.

The service was followed by a luncheon in the church basement, featuring an amazing decorated cake. That morning, there were many joyful reunions over an excellent meal.



Barb White, Eileen Malcolm, Cliff Neill and Mary Betts cutting the cake

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CEMETERY



MP Pierre Poilievre, Rev. June Hough, Lisa McLeod and Carol Ruddy unveiling the plaques on the new wall.

Merivale was invited to join with the members of St. John the Divine Anglican Church on June 17, 2007, for a memorial service in the cemetery. MP Pierre Poilievre and MPP Lisa McLeod were present for the occasion, as was Carol Ruddy, City of Ottawa Heritage Planner.

Rev. June Hough spoke of the days when the Anglicans and the Presbyterians had shared a place of worship on this site. Since those days, St. John's has moved first to a building just south of the Merivale church (now torn down), then to a building on the Slack Road, and finally to Pierre Elliott Trudeau School in Barrhaven.

The gathering celebrated the lives of the loved ones who rest in St. John's Anglican Cemetery and a memorial wall with a City of Ottawa heritage plaque was dedicated.

## DOORS OPEN MERIVALE

On June 2, Merivale participated in "Doors Open Ottawa". This year we welcomed a total of twelve visitors. Hostess Joan Peterkin reports that the visitors clearly enjoyed looking through the building and learning about the history and the present activities of the church. Two even asked about opportunities for burial in our tranquil cemetery!



## MERIVALE FELLOWSHIP GROUP



On May 23, the Fellowship Group ended the season with lunch at Manotick's *Miller's Oven*. This popular restaurant is operated by Manotick seniors, with the help of student volunteers, and raises funds for local charities.

We had a wonderful time. Now and again, it's worthwhile to pause, bask in the spring sunshine and enjoy a good meal in the company of friends. Have a great summer, everyone.



## MERIVALE COUNCIL

After a very busy 2006, Council experienced a fairly relaxing and quiet winter of 2006/2007. At least we thought it was going to be quiet as we planned for future projects such as new handi-cap accessible washrooms in the CE hall, renovations to the CE hall kitchen, new flooring in the CE hall etc. Of course these projects would only be undertaken as the funds became available. These projects have been placed on hold due to unexpected circumstances.

A routine cleaning of the furnaces in the Church and CE hall revealed that the heat exchanger in the CE hall furnace was damaged beyond repair and as a result the gas was disconnected from the CE hall furnace. At that time we were advised that the life of the furnace in the Church was almost over and we should consider replacing it at this time also. We have obtained several quotes from various heating contractors and it would appear that the cost of replacing the furnaces will range from \$16,000 to \$25,000. The various options were

discussed at a Council Meeting held on Wed. May 23. A committee, consisting of Jim Whittaker, Dave Cooney and Bob Meisner was authorized by Council to enter into negotiations with the successful bidder to ensure the timely installation of the furnaces. The committee determined that a 140,000 BTU high efficiency furnace would be adequate for each building thus lowering the original estimate substantially. The committee has authorized Holmes Heating to install a 140,000 BTU high efficiency Bryant furnace in each building at a total cost of under \$10,000. The price includes duct cleaning and moving the gas range from the downstairs kitchen to the upstairs kitchen. Holmes Heating has tentatively scheduled the installation for the middle of July. Council is also looking at methods of financing the new furnaces, including fund raising programs and events.

Many thanks to Jim Whittaker, Tom Strath and Tom Ashby for installing a new sink in the Church washroom and to Chuck Ross for tiling and grouting behind the new sink.

*Bob Meisner*

### Can you help?

Envelope Contributions to the Building Fund earmarked "Furnace" would be most welcome.

## PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF MERIVALE HALL



In the spring 2007, based on interest from a number of members of the congregation, it was proposed that a project to update and change the church hall be undertaken. Changes have been contemplated for some time and it appeared that there is a collective will to get this project under way since the interior of the church was completed.

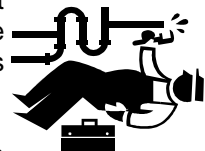
The project is to encompass:

1. Renovation of bathrooms.
2. Renovation of the kitchen and
3. Updating the hall

These could be undertaken individually i.e. one at

a time or all at once.

I had offered to spearhead/guide the project with appropriate input from the congregation. Work was started on drawing together previous plans and cost estimates as well as the required permits, the ordering of work and garnering general congregational opinion. A number of planned contributions were put forward by both members of the congregation and the Quilters which are much appreciated.



Unfortunately due to the unforeseen requirement to purchase new furnaces this project will be temporarily on hold until the fall while we look towards specifically raising funds to finance this most needed project.

*Arlene Anderson*

## FALLOWFIELD SUNDAY SCHOOL



On May 13, we celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day by presenting the ladies of the church with star shaped candles from the Sunday School (every mom is a star!) Our annual Sunday School Yard Sale, was held on June 2 at the church. Sheila Allen has done a wonderful job organizing our annual yard sale for the last several years and we would like to thank her for all of her time and efforts. This will be her last year organizing the yard sale so are looking for a few good men and/or women to take this task over from her. If you are able to take on this task please speak to Sheila or myself as soon as possible.

On Sunday June 17, 2007 we celebrated Father's Day with Sunday Sundaes (where the men were served ice cream sundaes). The

Sunday School year will wrap up with our picnic on June 24, 2007.

We need volunteers to help us with the Sunday School, beginning in September. One of our teachers, Jen Keech, will be off on maternity leave from September to December and we need someone to fill her shoes. Over the last two years we have lost a couple of teachers on our Sunday School staff, so not only are we looking for a temporary replacement for Jen, but we are also looking for additional teaching staff in either the junior or senior class (your choice). If you are able to assist in the Sunday School please contact me at 613-823-6814.

We have had a great year in the Sunday School and we would like to thank all of those who helped to make it possible. Have a safe and happy summer and we will see you again in the fall.



—Erica Armstrong

## MERIVALE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School and Nursery had a good year. Our babies rapidly turned into very engaging toddlers contributing wonderful little comments while in the sanctuary. We had the exciting addition of lovely little Petrina Shewan, a sister for Maxwell and Sarah.

Once again I would like to give a special "thank you" to Chuck Ross who was a tremendous support to me over the year teaching the senior class as required.

Thank you also to Natalie and Rachael Anderson who helped in the Nursery consistently over the year and Joanne Frolek and Claire Davis for being on call!



Topics covered during the year included the story of Joseph and also "The Bible Top Ten" ie, focus on a review of 10 lessons from the Old Testament. The teaching schedule was kept as flexible as possible to enable the children who are not able to come each week to feel engaged. A primary class will be started next year.

The big venture was the congregation Christmas pageant which was a success and we hope to have a repeat and further enhanced performance next year.



The last day of official Sunday school will be June 24<sup>th</sup> and we will have an in class party to end the year.

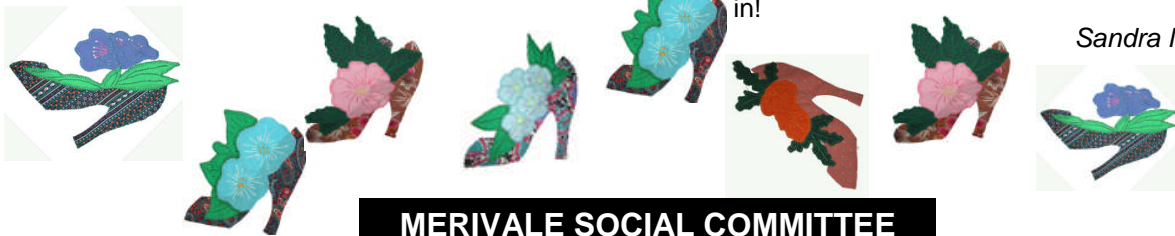
—Arlene Anderson

## MERIVALE QUILTERS

In April, the two large quilts in frames were completed on the same day, creating some consternation about how quickly we could get new tops put into those frames to keep all our eager stitchers employed. Gayle worked faster to prepare her 'High Heel Bouquets' design, and got Tom to help her put it into one of the empty frames for the following Wed. We have now had several sessions at it and are thrilled with the effect created by the quilting.

A second top, has now been framed. Carol, Sandra's neighbour, received it from a friend she had made while living in Botswana 25 years ago. Recently, when Carol visited her in France, this friend presented it to Carol, who has asked our group to quilt it. So we are happily busy once again, using both frames.

The 'RedHat' quilt, which was removed from its



Sandra Marshall

## MERIVALE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The annual Bean and Ham Supper was held on March 17 with a wonderful turnout. Thanks to all the parishioners who donated food items and to those who manned the bean stations. Ryan Hemsley, Alice Bell's great grandson cheerfully washed hundreds of dishes. This was part of his community service for school. Thanks, Ryan.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, a luncheon was held after the church service for our 131<sup>st</sup> anniversary. With a turnout of 90 people or more, the socializing was wonderful. Thanks to the ladies of our parish who provided the food.

Saturday, May 12 was our Great Garage Sale. With a lot of help, and the blessings of good weather, we did well. Thanks go to Bev Ruskin, Sara Jane Meisner, Jean Beaton, and all those who came to give us a helping hand. A special big hug to Tom Ashby and Mike Jean-Louis for gathering up and taking leftover items to local

frame in April, has been bound, and is now being embellished as has been described in previous reports. As a feature of our October Quilt Show, we hope that it will become the focal point of a 'Red Hat' theme. **We will accept any help offered to create other items of interest for sale at the accompanying Bazaar.**

For the Anniversary lunch, the group bought two more plastic banquet tables to add to those purchased previously. They make setting up for our coffee time much easier for the social committee.

Wednesday mornings are a hive of activity, and with the return of all our 'snowbirds', the 'levity level' has risen. We do enjoy one another, and our visitors. The Hall is a happy place when we are together. Coffee/tea and sweets are served to anyone who joins us about 10:30! Drop in!

charities.

Alice Bell's great-grandson, Matthew Hemsley, helped us as part of his community service. He did his chores with a smile at all times. Thanks, Matthew.

Pam's Hot Dog and Sausage Stand was here over the lunch hour and did very well. Pam donated some of her profits to the Social Committee. Thanks you, Pam. We'll call you again.

The Social Committee has purchased four white tables for the CE Hall, to replace the old, old wooden ones. The new ones are much lighter to move around. The old wooden tables are now FOR SALE. If you are interested in purchasing one or more, please contact Sandy Whittaker on 613-825-6307.

Sandy Whittaker

## IN THE GARDEN

A work party gathered on the morning of May 30 to ready the Merivale church grounds for Summer (and for lemonade on the lawn).

The plant in the sunny areas this year is the fiery little *Celosia plumosa* 'New Look'. We started them from seed, instead of buying plants. There won't be an instant display, but we have high hopes for an impressive spectacle later in the summer.

Under the sign is a wave petunia called 'Shell Pink'.

Sturdy little specimens of the lovely mum 'Raquel' are scattered among the other plants.

Chuck Ross's ornamental kales are in place in an

angle of the triangular bed; we are counting on them for a splash of colour in the fall after everything else is gone.

In the shaded areas we have a tuberous begonia named 'Mocca Scarlet' and a fibrous begonia named 'Cocktail Gin'.

Another new feature to watch is a young Magnolia, hand-raised by Jim Marshall.

Special thanks to all who helped to raise the funds and plant the plants. Thanks also to the Merivale Quilters who provided refreshments for the hard-working crew.

*Jean Stalker and Vera Hamman*

## A WARM WELCOME

To **Petrina Shewan**, daughter of Gerry Shewan and Joanne Frolek and sister of Sarah and Max. Petrina, who was born May 14, 2007. (M)

To **William Patrick Beckett**, born April 4, 2007 to Daniel and Jennifer Beckett. Special congratulations also go to the Merivale grandparents Tom and Gayle Ashby. (M)

To **Jorja Jocelyne Tina Woolford-Shaw**, born March 13, 2007 to Michael and Tina Woolford-Shaw and sister of Jenny, Jared, Jordan and Jamie Woolford-Shaw. (F)

## DID YOU KNOW?

On June 10, **Harold Nesbitt** celebrated a milestone birthday, marked by a big party and a deluge of congratulations good wishes.

The tentative date for the **Merivale/Fallowfield feast of fresh corn** is August 15. Please mark this date on your calendar, but keep an ear tuned in church for a possible change of date if the corn crop isn't at its peak on that date!

**Richard and Jean Fraser** were recently honoured by the Canadian Spinal Research Organization for their highly successful fund-raising activities. With help from their many friends, the Frasers have been holding an annual series of Victorian luncheons to raise funds for spinal cord research. This year the luncheons are to take place daily from August 21 to August 26. To reserve a place, call Richard Fraser at 613-831-2607.





## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the **Anderson family** on the loss of Jim's father John Robinson Anderson.

To the **Anderson family** on the loss of Jim's grandfather, Brigadier General (ret'd) **Frank Elliott Anderson**. It is said of Frank Anderson, "He lived a full and honourable life. He loved his family and his country, and taught those who knew and loved him to to the same."

To the **Beckett family** on the loss of Danny's father, Patrick Beckett on June 5, 2007.

To **Sharon Ann Bender, Velma Dunn, Cliff Neill** and other family members on the loss of **Ronald Cecil Bender** June 13, 2007.

To **Don Steeves** and family in the loss of Don's brother-in-law **Don Ferguson** on February 25, 2007.

To **Cheryl Hill** and family on the loss of Cheryl's brother, **Jack James** on April 21, 2007.

To **Gail Green** and family on the loss of Gail's mother, **Mrs Lillian McCooeye**, on February 25, 2007.

To the **Meisner** family on the loss of Bob's mother, **Mildred Meisner**, on March 1, 2007.

To the **Mowat** family on the loss June 5, 2007 of **Shawn Miriam Mowat**, after a long struggle with cancer. Shawn was the daughter of Robert and Phyllis Mowat, both of whom predeceased her.



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