

THE WARDENS' WIRE

Welcome to our first bi-monthly newsletter...hoping to keep everyone up to date on St George's activities, updates from the RE Church, and interesting tidbits to share ...

Events for week of January 29th

Sunday January 29th 10.30 am Morning Prayer
2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh Church

Monday Jan. 30th

9.30 – 11.30 am Craft Circle -

join this small group of ladies who knit, crochet, needlepoint and sometimes just chat – over a cup of coffee/tea and treats.... Everyone welcome.

1.30 – 3 pm - Friendship Group –

A newly formed group open to all ... students, seniors, new Canadians, long time West Hamilton residents everyone welcome - the group is led by a New Canadian who is hoping to form a circle of friends to learn from, give to, and have fun conversations ...

7-9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum choir practice

Thursday Feb 2nd

7 – 9 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth....

Friday Feb 3rd

1.30 – 3 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth ...

6-9 pm AA group meets in the Fellowship Hall

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We are pleased to welcome Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh church , translated to the Good News Church (pronounced *Hoy TAN Tin Lan*) to use our facilities on Sunday afternoons.

In the early 1980s Hamilton became the home to hundreds of refugees from Vietnam. Saigon had fallen to Ho Chi Minh and people fled by the thousands rather than live under the new Communist regime. Among that group were many Christians. Upon their arrival in Hamilton they were invited to worship along with John and Judy Smith and their then three small children at the old location of St. George's on Tom at Strathcona Streets.

The Anglican service and The Book of Common Prayer were difficult for people who had not yet learned to speak English. For a while they met at the Smith's home for a simplified service but soon decided to form a Vietnamese congregation under the aegis of the Christian Missionary Alliance church. It was Alliance missionaries who were in Vietnam for many years who had introduced them to the Gospel message. They soon found a church they could rent and before long had a growing and vital work in Hamilton which continues on the mountain until this day.

Now, years later several of them have come to share our facility on Sunday afternoons as they hope to grow a church in West Hamilton. It is our pleasure to help them to do so. Please make sure you say hello. They might invite you to share their Spring Rolls someday. And you don't want to miss homemade Spring Rolls!

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Events for week of February 5th

Sunday Feb 5th 10.30 am Holy Communion
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh Church

Monday Feb 6th

9.30 – 11.30 am Craft Circle -

Drop in on this friendly group of crafty ladies any Monday morning

1.30 – 3 pm - Friendship Group –

A newly formed group open to all ..drop in for a cup of tea and a warm welcome ...

7-9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum choir practice

Thursday Feb 9th

7 – 9 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth....

Friday Feb 10th

1.30 – 3 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth ...

6-9 pm AA group meets in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday Feb 11th

2 – 4 pm Open house at the new facilities of Lift Church open to the friends and neighbours of Lift.

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HOW WE GOT HERE: Several years ago a bi-centennial project was initiated to 'tell your story'. There are some interesting tales there, and some from those who have now passed on. Please read their stories, and add a page about your ancestors decision to come to Canada ... Over the past 150 years families from around the world have brought their worldly goods, their traditions, and customs to form the Canada we know today. In the last few years we at St George's have welcomed many new Canadians ... when you are ready please tell us about your journey to Canada..

The binder titled 'How We Got Here' is on the piano in the hall for your perusal. Alison will collect and add to the binder your family's adventure to Canada Even if you are a seventh or eighth generation Canadian you have a story to tell. We would love to hear it!

Tax Receipts will be available on Sunday February 5th for those in attendance, and those not picked up will be mailed out by February 13th.

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Week of February 12th

Sunday Feb 12th

10.30 am Morning Prayer

2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh Service

Monday Feb 13th

9.30 – 11.30 am Craft Circle

You don't need to be a 'crafter' to join this group, come for the camaraderie, bring a puzzle, or something to chat about, over a cup of tea or coffee-

1.30 – 3 pm - Friendship Group -

Week four – come and join us whenever you are able

7- 9 pm **EVENSONG WITH**

HAMILTON SCHOLA CANTORUM
all welcome

Tuesday, February 14th -Valentine's Day

1.30 – 3 pm Monthly book club

Reviewing **Amazing Grace** by Eric Metaxas ... come and contribute to the conversation, or just listen. Having read the book is not a requirement!

Thursday Feb 16th

7– 9 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth

Friday Feb 17th

1.30 – 3 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth

6-9 pm AA group meets

Packages for the Annual General Meeting will be available for pick up at the February 12th morning service, (and mailed to those not in attendance) in preparation for the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST GEORGE'S ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH** following the morning service.

HONING IN ON HYMNS.....

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

MALTIE DAVENPORT BABCOCK (1858-1901) .

Maltbie, a Presbyterian minister living in Syracuse, NY wrote the poem on his many journeys along the Niagara Escarpment looking over Lake Ontario. Maltbie was returning from a trip to the Holy Land when he contracted a bacterial infection, passing away in Naples, Italy in 1901. Following his death, his wife Katharine included 'This is My Father's World' in 'Thoughts for Everyday Living from the Spoken and Written Word of Maltbie Davenport Babcock (1901) A shortened version of the poem was put to music in 1915 and as a hymn is enjoyed by many around the world.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

