

Regular Worship

Every Sunday

8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Choral Service

Morning Prayer on the first, third and fifth Sundays; Eucharist on the second and fourth Sundays

7:00 p.m. Coffee, Conversations & Worship

Special Services

November 1 — All Saints

9:30 a.m. Baptism

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

November 8 — Remembrance Day theme at all services

November 29 — Advent 1

11:00 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols

December 20 — Advent 4

7:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

Christmas Worship

December 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Carol Singing

5:30 p.m. Family Eucharist

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Choral Eucharist

December 25 — Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Holiday Schedule

December 27 — Christmas 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

January 3 — Baptism of Jesus

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Baptism

Our regular worship schedule resumes on January 10

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

The Christian liturgical year is a wonderful thing as it allows us to truly hear the entire story of the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ. Throughout November and December we are called upon to, 'prepare ye the way' in our own lives for the coming of the Infant King who will ultimately redeem us and the world. What a wonderful truth that our God has not abandoned us but is working in our midst.

I can only confess how absolutely encouraged I am about the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. God has been working powerfully through the lives of so many in our parish. Over the fall, for example, we have re-instituted the **healing/prayer ministry** with a number of parishioners who have taken extensive diocesan training and licensing from our bishop allowing them to thoughtfully and sensitively pray for and anoint with oil those who so need a caring touch of compassion. This is a regular feature to our Sunday morning worship on the first Sunday of the month at the 9:30 a.m. worship service and on the fourth Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. service.

I am also encouraged by the positive response to the inclusion of Morning Prayer on the 'odd' numbered Sunday's of the month at 11:00 a.m. There will obviously be a few exceptions from time to time and I ask that if you feel strongly as to what type of service is being conducted that you call the office before the Sunday. For example we have felt that we should add a service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday in November as we are celebrating 'All Saints Day'. Exceptions such as these will happen from time to time.

On November the 8th we will of course continue with a 'Remembrance Day Service' theme [always the Sunday before November 11th]. I strongly believe we must 'never forget' the incredible sacrifices made by so many for the freedoms we now enjoy. Regrettably the 78th Highlanders [who have visited with us over the last number of years] have moved to Metropolitan United Church downtown as they now have a new chaplain and he is the minister for that Church. Although they will be missed we will certainly be able to 'muster' our own troops and provide a very dignified and heart felt service. I encourage your participation.

To our absolute joy we have been hosting a weekly **Alpha** program in our newly renovated parish hall [because of a special donation- how God provides!]. We have been blessed with some 50 people taking this course that allows for dinner and fellowship and great conversation. It is so exciting to see people coming to new life and new understandings about our Christian faith. God is indeed at work.

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Along with that we have been blessed with some **new musical leadership** most notably with the arrival of Monique Ingalls who has come to us this year from the United States. Her husband Jason is doing post graduate studies in theology at Wycliffe College. Monique is providing musical leadership at both 9:30 in the morning but also with our newly instituted 7:00 p.m. service. At 7:00 p.m. every Sunday evening we begin with prayer, uplifting music, and then a sermon that is more 'conversational' in approach. So often people want a place to authentically discuss and question ideas they are hearing or wrestling with. Simply put the 7:00 p.m. service is providing a friendly and safe environment for us to share ideas and to be lifted in prayer and praise. Furthermore this one hour informal service allows those who have missed Sunday morning a chance to worship and listen to the sermon that they may have missed in the morning.

There are so many other blessings every week at St. John's and so I encourage you to read all about them in the pages of this newsletter.

On a last note I would ask that if you are aware of anyone who may need a special visit especially over the holiday season it be brought to our attention. Our busy and dedicated pastoral care visitation team would be pleased to make a call. We also want to ensure that anyone who may be shut-in and desires Holy Communion will receive a visit. I simply ask that a call be put into the office so that we can accommodate every and all requests.

God is certainly working in our midst and I can only encourage you to mark your calendars for the things that are of interest to you as we all grow together in our quest 'To Know Christ and Make Him Known.'

God Bless you all,



Rev. Dr. D.V. MacDonald
Rector, St. John's York Mills

DEACON CATHERINE'S DIARY

I would like to update you on the Christ Centred Character Team activities. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting word regarding our applications for funding. At the September Community of Deacons meeting I gave the members and Bishop Johnson an update on our progress. Bishop Johnson was very supportive and gave me some advice on how to proceed – I took it! Hopefully, I will have more concrete and positive news about the funding before the next issue of *The Link*.

In September I also attended a discernment meeting hosted by Principal George Sumner from Wycliffe College. This event was held at St. John's. It was a privilege to bring greetings from Bishop Yu to the group.

If you have had an opportunity to go to the second floor of our education wing, you will have seen the beginnings of a small reference library for religious educators. The 'Godly Play' room has been set up with activities for this method of instruction.

In the area of my personal growth I attended "We Day" in October. This is a gathering of young people centred

on reaching out to the greater community and encouraging them to think about how they can make a difference in the world beyond. It is a very well attended event – 16,000 student leaders from Grades 7 to 12 from more than 600 schools and 40 school boards, mostly from the Greater Toronto Area. I wonder how many of them were Anglican? Inspirational speakers, encouraging students that they can make a difference, included the Right Honourable Paul Martin, Robert Kennedy Jr. and the Kielburger brothers – who began Free the Children – what an exciting time!

Another conference in October was "When Faith Meets Pedagogy." This meeting provides many examples of how to provide outreach activities for youth, as well as ideas on how to enhance the Character Development initiative in the public schools. It expands on the ideas presented at We Day.

Now with Advent approaching I wish you and yours a most blessed Christmas and New Year.

The Reverend Dr. Catherine Keating
Deacon

YOUTH MINISTRY

Before my family went on vacation, we always had to clean the house. I thought that it was dumb. I didn't want to clean my room. I wanted to go away and have fun. My parents said to me that our house had to be put in order before we could leave. We'd have a better time knowing that everything was ready for our return.

This memory was foremost in my mind as I prepared for the first Youth Group meeting that I would lead. While I had ideas and dreams for the upcoming journey with the youth of St John's, my father's voice telling me to set what I already had in order resonated. So that is what must be done.

The youth of SJYM has traditionally called the Seneca Ketchum Room on the third floor home. This room has seen better days and is in need of some tender loving care. We're planning on picking some colours and with a little assistance, rehabbing the space. The youth need a place to call their own and just chill.

When it comes to Youth Ministry, it appears that almost every story you read tells us about a church youth group going to some far-off place to do outreach work. While this type of work is important we can't help but be reminded constantly of the need for outreach in our community. We only have to walk a few blocks from St. John's to see that there is much we can do to help those less fortunate than ourselves. To that end, I'd like to see our Youth assist in initiatives closer to home. There are many opportunities that we will investigate. Initially we'd like to offer to assist the Barnabas Group with their monthly ministry. While we can't be there during the day, we'd like to help to prepare some of the food the night before the last Wednesday of the month.

SJYM has become a place of teaching. As a parish we have decided "To Know Christ and to make Him known." It is my fond wish that we run a Youth Alpha program using the core group of youth as leaders. In order to do this we must work on our knowledge of Christ. Using Bible study, Alpha materials and Drama Ministry we'll put our house in order so that we can thoughtfully and skilfully understand and explain our faith.

So that's what I'd like to do. I know that the youth

have their ideas and I'll be listening to them and fitting those plans into this basic framework.

It sounds like a lot of work but putting everything in its place can be fun and it will be fun. I invite all youth to join us in this fun every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Meet us in the Narthex so we can all get ready for the journey ahead of us.

Blessings,
Stephen Monk

416-302-3257 or stephenmonk@rogers.com

PS: There is a need for a painting supplies (drop cloths, paint brushes and rollers, etc.), a small refrigerator and a meat slicer (for Barnabas). If you can donate any of these, please let me know.

STAMPING OUT LEPROSY!

The Leprosy Mission Canada was established in 1892. It ministers in the Name of Jesus Christ to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of leprosy sufferers around the world.

I thank you for providing cure and care to leprosy patients by bringing in your used stamps to SJYM.

The stamps are sold to stamp wholesalers, on E-Bay and by auction. By July 15, 2009 the Leprosy Mission Canada had raised \$5,539.00. Their goal for 2009 is \$13,000.00. In 2008 the money raised from the sale of used stamps was \$12,385.00.

I look forward to collecting your used postage stamps so that we can work toward the day when leprosy is eradicated.

Betty Sweeney

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2009 MEN'S DINNER

The St. John's York Mills Anglican Church Annual Men's Dinner for 2009 will be held on **Thursday, November 19.**

In 2007, Ted Barris came and spoke to us about Canada's role at Vimy Ridge and the effect that this battle had on Canada as a country. He spoke of the Canadian individuals that were involved and the impact they had on the battle. His presentation was extremely well received and there were a number of requests to have him come back as our speaker.

On November 19th, it is our good fortune to have Ted Barris return. He will give a presentation on his latest book *Breaking the Silence: Untold Veterans' stories from the Great War to Afghanistan.*

"Ted Barris is an accomplished author, journalist and broadcaster. As well as hosting stints on CBC Radio and regular contributions to the *Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, and various national magazines, he is a full time professor of journalism at Centennial College in Toronto. Barris has authored 15 non-fiction books, including the national bestsellers *Victory at Vimy* and *Juno.*"

From his most recent book, *Breaking the Silence: Untold Veterans' stories from the Great War to Afghanistan*, he will once again bring us the unique recollections of individual Canadians and their experiences. These are the untold accounts of our veterans, usually "... reserved

for Remembrance Day or the Legion lounge." They went untold because our veterans felt that nobody was supposed to see them be emotional, and "Nobody was ever to know the hell of their war."

"About 25 years ago, Ted Barris began breaking through that silence. Because of his unique interview skills, he found that veterans would talk to him, set the record straight and put a face on the service and sacrifice of men and women in uniform. As a result of his work on 15 previous books, Barris has earned a reputation of trust among Canada's veterans. Indeed, nearly 3,000 of them have shared their memories over the years, all offering original material for his books." Ted will bring these stories to life for us.

Mark your calendar now, and invite your family and friends for an enjoyable evening, a wonderful presentation, and great camaraderie on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

Reception with wine and appetizers held in the Garnsworthy Room at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and presentation in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available in the Narthex after the services on Sunday, November 1st, 8th, and 15th. \$25.00 per person or \$45.00 for father and son.

You may also order tickets from Eric Smythe at 416-445-8936 or Jay Burford at 416-226-4600.

THE ALPHA COURSE

On Wednesday, September 23rd, over 60 people gathered in the auditorium for an introductory no-obligation look at what The Alpha Course has to offer. A good time was had by all! Since the first official session on September 30 over 50 people have been coming together weekly to explore the basic questions of Christianity.

Each week starts with a delicious meal lovingly prepared by volunteers from the parish (many thanks!) This has been one of the highlights of the course. Cooking for such a large group has also been one of our biggest challenges. The dinner crew has a great time and would love to have you join them for a couple of hours once or every Wednesday evening. If you're available, please call Catherine

Bryant at the office (416) 225-6611.

We are looking forward to our weekend away in November at the Fairhavens Conference Centre near Beaverton. The weekend will give us the time to explore in greater depth questions about the Holy Spirit.

The course wraps up in December with a celebratory dinner on December 16. If you were unable to attend this session or your curiosity has been piqued by all the "Alpha talk" going on in the parish, you're invited to join us for the celebratory dinner to see what all the fuss is about. We'll be showing a video called "Why Christmas?"

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OUR CHILDREN LEAD THE WAY

Advent Services at 9:30 a.m.

Advent and Family Christmas Eve services this year will have a special focus on our children. Each of the five services (four 9:30 a.m. Sunday services and the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service) will have music, readings, prayers, teaching and Eucharist shaped by, and adapted to the perspectives, needs and gifts of our children. Drama will highlight the theme of the day. Our own wonderful musicians will be joined by guest musicians in leading the singing of well-loved seasonal music, as well as engaging the children in special musical activities.

The traditional Christ-centered Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, as symbolized by the lighting of the advent candles, will speak to us from God's word. Opportunities for response will be offered through multimedia presentations of ways that our children can lead us in connecting with other children around the world through such organizations as World Vision. Christmas Eve, with God's great gift to us in the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, will be the culmination of the Advent services. As we sing our adoration of the Christ child, our own children will lead us in sharing Christ with other children by committing our resources to them that night in specific and concrete ways.

This Advent and Christmas season, our 9:30 a.m. parish family will worship and express their faith in unique and exuberant ways.

Rev. David

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Perhaps you'll join us for the next session of The Alpha Course in the spring (schedule to be announced).

Been there, done that? Looking for Beta or whatever else comes after Alpha? We've got something for you too! In January, over the course of an evening or two, we will explore the options including other Alpha-type courses, starting small groups and Alpha leadership opportunities.

More information will be available on the Alpha bulletin board in the Narthex, on our website and in the weekly bulletins.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING CHRISTMAS DAY?

Chances are that each of us knows of at least one person who spends Christmas Day alone. Isolation and loneliness is common in urban life. People become isolated for any number of reasons. Some may have just moved here and don't know anyone yet. Others may just be very private people in their everyday lives. In the extreme, the causes could be broken relationships, families in other countries, poverty, homelessness, depression, or dysfunctional families. Aloneness can seem overwhelming during a holiday season that is so focused on family and friends gathering together.

One of the visions I've had since the summer is that of an annual Christmas Day Dinner here at St. John's York Mills. If there are enough of us interested in committing our ourselves to making this happen, we will have our first one this Christmas. If you think you might be interested in being part of this ministry, talk to me about it.

Rev. David
burninghearts@me.com or 647-898-4612

SNOWFLAKES

Can you remember a time when as a very young child you felt close to God and were in awe of God's Creation?

Here is my memory: During a snow blizzard my mother bundled me up in my brown woollen snow suit and sent me outside to play in our backyard - a forest surrounded by a wilderness of trees and wildlife.

In that wilderness, I climbed up a mountainous log and there I sat examining the world in a multitude of snowflakes. I delighted in watching one snowflake only to lose sight of it and find another. I was in awe of what was happening around me.

Sometimes experiencing God is like that.

The next time you bring your little one, with bright, rosy cheeks, in from the great outdoors remember that she, or he, has just been walking on holy ground (see Ex. 3:1-4 for reflection)

Jan Gardiner Williams
Children's Minister

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Cabaret and Silent Auction

We did it again! Thank you to all who helped make the evening such a success. From the wonderful desserts crafted by the Lychgate ladies' group, to our talented singers and accompanists, to the auction helpers, but mostly to our donors and buyers! We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday Nov. 29, 11:00 a.m. Service

What better way to prepare for the true spirit of Christmas? While the malls and grocery stores have already been blasting Jingle Bell Rock and Rudolph for weeks, we invite you to take part in this beautiful and moving service of readings, and music foretelling Christ's coming. Advent is a season rich with music in its own rite, reflecting its many themes and liturgies. The Ingram Handbell Choir will be joining the Choir to lead the music for this special service. If you are interested in being a reader for this service, please contact our organist Robin Davis or Rev. David.

Passiontide Concert for 2010

Back by popular demand! Our choir will be Performing Mozart's Requiem with orchestra on Palm Sunday, March 28. We will be holding additional rehearsals Sundays after church for any singers from the congregation who would like to join us, but are not able to come Thursday evenings from 8:30 – 9:30. Rehearsals begin Jan. 7 or 10. Please let me know if you or a friend might be interested. robin.davis@rogers.com or 905-409-6121 so we can arrange for music.

<p>PREPLANNING YOUR FUNERAL</p>	 <p>6150 Yonge St., Toronto Ontario M2M 3W9 Tel. 416-221-1159 Web. www.rskane.ca</p>
<p>A really bright idea.</p>	

MONIQUE'S MUSICAL MUSINGS

It has been a pleasure to worship with you these past few weeks! For those of you whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, allow me to introduce myself: my name is Monique Ingalls, and I'm the new music director for the **7:00 p.m. Coffee, Conversations & Worship Service**. (You'll also see me helping out with the 9:30am service music this fall.) I and my husband Jason, who is attending Wycliffe College, moved here from Nashville a few weeks ago, and we appreciate the warm welcome we've received from many of you!

While I have served in church music ministry in a variety of capacities before coming to St. John's, my "day job" for going on seven years has been as a university instructor/researcher! In August 2008, I earned my Ph.D. in ethnomusicology (translation: the study of music as a part of culture) and since then have taught in a variety of university settings while continuing my research and writing. My research topic and music ministry go hand-in-hand: I study contemporary worship music in Christian congregations in the US and UK (and now Canada!). As a result of my research, I've had the opportunity to worship with Christians across the spectrum of race, class, denomination, and region. Over the course of my journey I have encountered effective models of Spirit-filled worship ministry, gleaned the wisdom of many worship leaders and music ministers, and picked up some wonderful songs that I love to share!

In the evening service, I will endeavor to preserve songs that are an important part of St. John's history and ministry; to introduce thoughtfully new songs and styles; and to breathe new life into older songs by revising their texts or introducing new musical settings. It is my hope that this variety of songs will deepen our understanding of Christ, speak to our varying experiences, and help us to express our devotion to God and our love for one another. My vision is that the music at the evening service will facilitate heart-felt participation in order that we may better "know Christ and make him known." Music within the church service plays a crucial role in each of these aspects: the regular singing of Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs together serves as a way to draw closer to God and as a training ground where we learn to respond to God as a community, more faithfully embodying Christ to the world.

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OUT AND ABOUT WITH BELLS

Fall is back to bells time. We welcomed new ringers and were ever so grateful to have our regulars back. The young people in the **Brass Handbell Choir** played for Harvest Thanksgiving. There are 12 great teens and two young Moms who rehearse every Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Our adult group, the **Ingram Choir**, play November 1st for All saints Day. Many of these volunteers take on leadership roles in the Handbell Program.

Partially due to demographics at St. John's we only have 4 ringers in the **O'Neil Choir** at the moment. Tracy Lewis and I are working on ways to be creative with a small group and praying that some more youth in grades 5 to 8 find us! Are there any adults who might like to join them and learn how to ring bells? We practice from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings.

Bells have been around so long at our church it is easy to get rather ho hum about them. However, when we go to other places and see their enthusiasm for the medium, I am reminded that we do indeed have something special at St. John's. Please encourage the young people you will see playing for **Advent One**, November 29th. Talk to us, ask us questions, meet some really great young people.

It is time to remind you about giving new friends or

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As we journey together, I welcome your comments, critiques, and suggestions. Also, I strongly encourage anyone with musical abilities to use their gifts to benefit others in the church! If you would like to sing or play an instrument in either the 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. service, please feel free to come practice with us on Thursday nights (from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the morning service, and from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the evening service). Please let me know in advance to expect you, and feel free to direct any other comments to mingalls@stjohnsyorkmills.com.

I look forward to serving and continuing to worship with you.

Blessings,
Monique Ingalls

neighbours our "**Ring in Christmas**" CD. If you know of a church or school or community group that would like to make some money for their group please suggest our CD. The group sells the CD for the regular \$15 and they give us back \$5 for each one sold by the group. The Garden Club, a few years ago, sold 50 CDs and were delighted to receive \$250 back from their group. When we did a concert at St. Nicholas Birchcliffe last Christmas, 25 CDs were purchased and the church was pleased to get an unexpected \$125 for outreach.

Our schedule is full as you will see from a separate insert with our concerts and services listed. Invite a friend to **St. John's Evening Carol Service**, December 20th. Our outreach performances are at **Briton House**, Tuesday November 24th, **St. Hilda's Towers**, Tuesday, December 1st, **Amica @ Bayview**, Tuesday, December 15th. If you know a resident at any of these venues please tell them we are coming.

We are guests of the **Upper Canada Choristers** on Friday, December 11th at Grace Church on the Hill and the **Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra** at Le Parc (Leslie and Hwy 7) on Sunday, December 13th. Plans are in the works for us to perform at the **Fenelon Falls Santa Day** November 28th followed by our own **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols** on the 29th. **The Christmas Eve Family Service** is a favourite of mine as Handbell alumni come back to ring. It is great to touch base with our young people who return from university or the work force for the holidays.

I thank God for the opportunity I have been given in this ministry.

See you in church,
Carolyn Martin

P.S.: **Musicfest** is Sunday, May 2nd and right now I'm leaning towards the music of the 60's!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE **as at September 30, 2009.**

Total income	\$476,519
Total expenses	\$605,636
Deficit	\$125,117

On average 40% of our income comes in the last two months of the calendar year. Even though we anticipate the usual increase in donations towards the end of the year, we still need more to match our annual expenses.

FAITHWORKS & OUTREACH

Christmas Is Coming!

The FaithWorks and Outreach Committee will be supporting some new initiatives in addition to previously popular Christmas programs. Please consider enhancing your own Christmas experience by participating in one or more of the following seasonal ministry opportunities:

New Circles Clothing Bank

In addition to having an ongoing need for donations of gently used winter clothes, (plus bedding such as sheets and blankets or duvets), New Circles Community Services will once again be sponsoring a Holiday Angel Program where people “adopt a family” and buy them much needed items from a prepared list of suggestions. They can be reached at 416-422-2591 and are located at 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 100 – the first building east of Don Mills Rd, 3 lights south of Eglinton Ave. If you need items picked up or want to drop off a donation to the church instead, please call Scott McDougall at 416-488-6760.

Flemingdon Park Ministry

Have you left a contribution in the “Food for Others” box lately? Many thanks for that! The need continues to be great, particularly for these items: large size diapers, formula, juices, tuna, peanut butter, pasta and cereal.

Flemingdon Park, as well as being a Food Bank is also a Drop-in Centre and a Church. The urgent need for these areas is leather or vinyl chairs or couches.

Donations of toys, books, mittens, scarves, gloves and hats would be greatly appreciated for all ages.

“The Giving Store” is held on two Saturdays: December 15 and 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you could give a couple of hours to help on one of those days it would be a joyful opportunity to participate in this ministry. The location is 10 The Gateway in the basement.

Thank you. The generosity of each of us gives comfort and encouragement to those struggling to find their way. For any questions, please contact Rev. Helena Houldcroft at 416-425-1841 or Scott McDougall at 416-488-6760

Canadian Tire Money Toy Drive

The Canadian Tire donation box is just beside the cloakroom in the Narthex. In recent years many more people are collecting their “rewards” through credit card purchases. If you do not collect CT money but would like to help, please drop off a cheque payable to “St. Johns – CT Toys” to the office or box (receipts will be issued). Every CT or regular dollar donated is generously matched by the Leslie and Sheppard Canadian Tire store. Last year we were able to obtain about \$3,000 worth of toys at sale prices with only about \$1,150 in total donations. Your help in making sure we have sufficient resources to provide gifts to children at a women’s shelter, homework club students at the Downsview Youth Covenant, and to volunteers at Flemingdon Park Ministry would be greatly appreciated.

The Mitten Tree

The popular Mitten Tree will be back this December, but will be renamed this year and also provide an opportunity for parishioners to “adopt a child” by buying a present for them. The deadline for any knitted or purchased mittens, hats and scarves will be Sunday, December 13 so they can be included in Christmas gift boxes for distribution by Flemingdon Park Ministry.

The Barnabas Group

For about three years now on the last Wednesday morning of each month in the Narthex, the **Barnabas Breakfast Group** has been offering a nutritious breakfast and encouragement to their regular guests. During an interview with Rev. David Julien, these guests also receive a \$10 grocery voucher and a subway token to help make ends meet. Most are on public assistance because of health-related problems, and they are very grateful for the group’s conversation and helping hand. The numbers have grown lately to about 35 people, and more parishioners now help as well by contributing time, food and friendly conversation. With the increased numbers, and the Christmas season arriving soon, any financial or other support for this group would be greatly appreciated.
