

New lectern & altar coverings for St. Mary's, East Kelowna

BY BRUCE MACDONALD

St. Mary's, East Kelowna started the new year with a new colour — blue. Bruce and Madge McDonald commissioned Jacqueline Akehurst and Edie Hemingway to design and make altar and lectern coverings in the Advent colour, and these ladies outdid themselves. A condensed description of the design is: a modified Christmas Quilting Star design to reflect the orchard and farming history of the parish of St. Mary's. The imperfect rows of satin stitches symbolize the rows of planted trees and fields, which grow according to their nature. The colours were chosen to symbolize aspects of the Advent season. Blue background: gives a sense of quiet anticipated waiting—waiting for the peace and joy of a new birth. Silver central star: formed in a modified cross, led seekers to find a child who offered hope to all. Coral: although blue is usually used, coral was chosen to represent Mary as a colour of the Fire of the Spirit of God within her. Light Blue: represents the Holy Spirit that blows through us all and leaves us clean and invigorated. Variegated Blue: represents the universe, the stars in the galaxies. Dark Blue: the colour of night, where we can rest in God's shadow and allow Him to comfort us, forgive us and grieve with us.

These articles were donated in memory of the parents and grandparents of Bruce and Madge McDonald in recognition of their influence and contribution to Bruce and Madge's church upbringing.



NEW ADVENT COVERINGS — Bruce and Madge MacDonald commissioned the new altar and lectern coverings in honour of their parents and grandparents.

Madge's maternal grandmother died when her mother, Mary, was in grade eight. As the elder daughter, she had to quit school to cook and clean for her farmer/carpenter father, four brothers and younger sister. After her marriage she was active in all areas of the Anglican Church, a member of the WA (Women's Auxiliary) and the Altar Guild. She was, however, raised a Methodist and proud of it.

Madge's paternal grandfather died when her father, John was only three leaving him the youngest son with six siblings brought up by his strict mother, a devoted Anglican. They all sang in the choir, attended church twice on Sunday, plus Sunday school.

Madge's parents, John and Mary Matthews, were married in 1930, a marriage

that lasted a week short of 71 years. As parents, John and Mary kept their church routine going and influenced all five of their children in the same way. Bruce's maternal grandparents were Rev. Frank and Della Herman. Frank was a country Parson with three parishes north of Toronto. In his quiet way he did the unconventional, helping people in ways that would raise eyebrows today. Della was Frank's strength. In the early years of the 1900s she helped establish a new fledgling organization in the Anglican Church — the W.A. She was also an outstanding Sunday school teacher.

Among Frank and Della's three children was Cleta Herman, the first woman Chancellor of the Vancouver School of Theology. Another daughter, Edith, Bruce's

mother, was a Registered Nurse who taught Obstetrics. She played the piano and organ at various church services right up until her death at the ripe old age of 93. Over the years she served on various church councils, organizations and committees, was a lay associate of the Sisters of St. John the Divine and, like her father, enjoyed a discussion on "what the bible means in today's world."

Bruce's parents were Almer (Mac) and Edith McDonald. Mac was a clerk for the CPR and a musician in a part time orchestra playing the trumpet and the drums. His gift was being able to communicate with handicapped and disabled people. Every Thursday, for over twenty-five years, Mac visited the Hospital for the Incurables (now St. Margaret's Hospital) in Toronto. He would tease, cajole, flirt, flatter and joke with the patients and have them smiling and laughing in no time at all. He would arrange for others to go with him and visit patients in the hospital. Using his musical background, three times a year he would arrange and organize entertainment for these patients. As the music played he would walk around the patients drumming his drumsticks on the foot of the bed, on the bedpans, the IV stands, anything that could make a sound in time with the music. He brought a lot of happiness to people whose world was only a small hospital room.

To their loving parents and grandparents, Bruce and Madge say, "Thank you," and to the people of St. Mary's, "It is an honour to give these gifts in their memory."

Camp Owaissi weekly family sites

BY JESSICA THOMPSON

Capture the essence of an Okanagan Holiday at one of Camp Owaissi's private lakefront family sites. What better place to spend special moments with family and friends? Camp Owaissi has a weekly family site cabin available for rental during the months of July and August for \$300 a week (maximum of 2 weeks) or several RV sites for \$150 per week. From Easter to Thanksgiving rent the weekly family site cabin Fridays to Mondays for only \$150 or one of the RV sites for only \$75. Family sites are adjacent to the children's camp and all funds generated from the rentals go towards operational and developmental costs for the children's camp. For more information please contact Jessica Thompson at (250) 769-3676 or campowaissi@hotmail.com.

CAMP OWAISSI IS LOOKING FOR SUMMER STAFF

Spend this summer on the beautiful Okanagan Lake, in a wonderfully dynamic and fun community, making a difference in the lives of children! Owaissi Anglican Camp on Okanagan Lake in Kelowna, BC is seeking energetic, enthusiastic, and hardworking staff to work in a variety of areas. Camp Owaissi runs a 7 week faith based program starting July 4, 2011 and ending August 20, 2011 with very camp-competitive salaries. Room and board is all included, and of course, you can't put a price on the experience you will gain, the resume you will build, the friends you will make, and the impact you will have on the children you work with. If you are looking to live and work with children in a welcoming community, contact Jessica Thompson at 250-769-3676 or email at campowaissi@hotmail.com. You can also check out the

camp's website www.campowaissi.com under the employment tab for more information on available positions, to download the staff application, or to read up on the job descriptions. The application deadline is February 11, 2011.

Owaissi Anglican Camp welcomes applications from visible minorities, aboriginal people and is an equal opportunity employer. For positions that qualify for the summer career grant, preference will be given to hiring students.

The following positions are currently available:

1. Program Coordinator
2. First Aid Attendant
3. Head Cook
4. Assistant Cook
5. Waterfront Director
6. Lifeguard
7. Kitchen's Aide
8. Crafts Director
9. Summer Long Youth Leaders
10. Volunteer Youth Leaders



Cathedral Building Project — St Michael's House

St. Michael and All Angels — our diocesan Cathedral — is nearing the end of a financial campaign to fund the construction of St. Michael's House. To date, through gifts, pledges and bequests, the parish has raised over one million dollars, definitely something to celebrate; yet additional funds are needed for the construction to be completed.

Approval to proceed is in part dependent on financial contributions to the project. Your support of our Cathedral, through immediate gift or timed pledge, will help to realize this venture and to encourage a revitalized diocesan ministry. Please assist us in achieving this goal.

Here is my gift or pledge to help complete the construction of St. Michael's House. (Tax receipts will be issued.)

I pledge \$_____ / month for _____ months

OR

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____

My name: _____ Phone: _____

My address: _____

Please mail this, and make cheques payable to:

St. Michael's Cathedral,
608 Sutherland Avenue,
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