



CHRISTMAS 1992

Dear Friends;

Once again, it is that season of the year when we look forward to the coming of the Christ Child, who alone brings us the Love, Joy, Peace and Hope that our world craves and so desperately needs.

This year has been busy, exciting, happy - and hectic. The big news of the year is that St. Andrew's built and completed a new Sanctuary. It seats 350, is hexagonal in design, with excellent acoustics and we are delighted with the results. The new building blends in very nicely with the Older structure which was built in 1875 (The year of Presbyterian Church Union). The interior of the old Sanctuary has been re-finished preserving the older interior at the front and converting the rear of the room into a meeting room for Session/Board and other committees. We were able to move into the new Sanctuary on Easter morning. What a thrill it was to watch people walk through the old building into the new --their faces all aglow. The official dedication by the Presbytery took place on June 14, with John Cameron as the preacher. We still have two services - and we are all happy with all the space. We have a new Artisan-Classic Organ custom built (Digital) which has a beautiful sound and all the bells and whistles that you could imagine. Wonderful for less than 1/3 the cost of a pipe organ and engineered and built in Canada just 20 miles away from us. Kathleen is in her glory and finding out new things every time she plays it.

Margaret is now 14. She graduated from grade 8 this past June and was given the top academic and music awards. She is now enjoying grade 9 at Huron Heights S.S. She continues to be a high achiever and has gone all out for music and drama this year. She was in the chorus and dance core of the show "Anything Goes" by Cole Porter which the school put on this fall. She continues to play the piano and is working toward her Grade 9 piano this June. She has been winning scholarships at the local Festival and R.M.T. events. This past summer she attended a Master Piano Class at Regina Conservatory. At School, She is in 2 bands and the Chamber Choir.



Peter is in Grade 11 at Huron Heights this year, playing the Tuba in the band and in a Brass Quintet. He has gone out to add Drama to his life this fall by being the top male lead in "Anything Goes" It took a lot of time and committment, practically every night from 6:30 to 10:00 from Sept. through Nov. He had a rather proud Mom and Dad as he danced and acted his way to fame ! (Even got asked for autographs!). This past summer Peter worked as a CIT at Kinasao on Christopher Lake. He completed his Grade 8 Piano exams in June and obtained First Class Honours, but found he had to give up piano as there was just not enough hours in the day to do everything. He is still however an avid Scouter and every spare weekend is ready to camp with his Venturer pals.



Kathleen continues to play the organ and lead the choir at St. Andrew's. She feels she may be soon redundant - as all the music can be put on a floppy disc and Angus can have music with a flick of the remote control. She does continue teaching Kindergarten and music at Maple Leaf School. This has not been the best year healthwise, as Kathleen had major surgery the end of June. but she was able to travel by mid-July and we went back to Saskatchewan to recuperate. She is now feeling ever so much better and can concentrate on the little aches and pains.



Angus is suffering from P.B.S. (Post Building Syndrome). He hardly knows how to handle such luxury as having his very own office - and finds he gets lost in it! This building process has been as interesting experience - but he knows now why most ministers usually only have one of these experiences before they want to retire. He is delighted with the Congregation's committment to Christ and to the building project. The Congregation continues to grow spiritually as well as in numbers.

We recently held a McGillivray- Wilson Reunion here in Newmarket. It was so nice to meet the cousins again and meet their children - many for the first time. Last Saturday, we celebrated Ian and Cathy McGillivray's 25th Wedding Anniversary. They have just moved to Georgetown.

Now we expect Papa Pete Tastad for Christmas again this year. He loves to come in time for the Christmas program put on by the Music Dept. at Huron Heights. Having Grandchildren participating is a great inducement.

Our desire is to wish You all, the very best of health and happiness during this season and throughout the coming year. Let us know how and where you are, and may Christ Jesus fill your lives with peace and joy.....

Kathleen and Angus, Peter and Margaret McGillivray

