

A Memorial Note for November 9

1914 – 2014



On Remembrance Sunday – 100 years since the beginning of the “war to end all wars” – made more poignant for us all by the gunning down of a young kilted soldier as he stood on guard at the War Memorial in our nation’s capital – we do well to remember that the names of nearly 900 men who died in that conflict are recorded within the walls of this church.

Most are the officers and men of the 42nd Battalion of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, whose regimental church this is, but 52 of them were members of our two congregations. Their names appear on the two plaques in the Memorial Tower you pass, unnoticed,

as you enter and leave by the porte cochere. More touching still, on their own memorial, four more names, pupils of St. Paul’s Sunday School.

Names, familiar to a former generation who recalled their faces and knew their families – but now largely forgotten, except that of Lt Col John McCrae, who attended our church whenever he could be spared from the Royal Victoria Hospital. Perhaps he said it best:

If ye break faith with those who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The Archives Committee

Stewardship Report

Support for the work of the church

Dear Friends,

The previous edition of Inside/ Out provided many wonderful photos and excellent stories of our active congregation. While most can easily enjoy the writings and pictures presented, another way to read the story of our congregation is through the numbers that show where we choose to spend the financial gifts donated.

Clearly, we all benefit by the world class nature of our music program, excellence provided in our Church School, and care of our glorious Church home. But there are many other aspects of our congregation that your gifts have made possible.

Each Sunday numerous members, who wouldn’t be able to participate in service otherwise, are provided safe transportation to and from their homes. Each Sunday many members share in pleasant fellowship after service. As it is required, Pastoral care is given to those most in need.

The budgeted Givings are not simply cold heartless numbers, they are in fact nothing less than the story of our congregation meeting our Lord’s commandment to “Love Thy Neighbour”, our congregational neighbours in these cases.

At the beginning of each year, the congregation covenants to meet its portion of the annual budget (the remainder is offset by the income of the church’s endowment). The congregation’s allocation for 2014 is \$460,000. As of the beginning of November, \$170,000 will be needed by the end of the year to fulfill our covenant.

This is a very achievable amount. All members are asked to prayerfully consider their ability to give in these remaining weeks of the year.

Thank you for supporting the work of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

The Stewardship Committee