



Cornerstone



WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE
CHANGING, WE CAN RELY ON
GOD'S CONSTANTCY.

HEBREWS 13:8

Our Church Continues to Progress

I believe that it is important to remember the assurance given in *Hebrews 13:8* as we read our minister's positive message on **p2**. Alistair Macrae's very informative article on "Building for the future" on **p3**, also gives helpful indications of what the future might hold while, Harry Webster's contribution in "From the Archives" on **p5**, reports that even in the "old days" we still had problems with attendances at our Sunday schools!

On **p6**, we visit the exotic South Seas (!) before turning to our *Notice Board* on **p7**, where the notices are mainly for the ladies in our congregation. On **p8**, I am really pleased to include a *Welcome Notice* issued by Coventry Cathedral. I hope that you find this notice as enlightening and enjoyable as we did in my family.

We close with our *Snippets* which continue the high standards already achieved in previous editions. I really am very grateful to our contributors who help make our church such a good place to be.

Editor

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A Message from our Minister **We are Moving Forward**



Ever tried painting just one part of your house, only to discover that once completed, the other bits need paint as well? Our Raise the Roof project has come along well over the last 12 months and, thanks to the diligence of our funding team, it will finish up on budget with all the bills paid. Well done to Evelyn McCluskey, Kenny Topping, Malcolm Young and Richard Patterson!

Work however remains before us. As expected, the works have revealed some other problems, namely that additional repairs are needed for the other two rose windows (from the pulpit, the one to my left and the one at the back of the church). Early estimates for this work are in the region of £90k. Additionally, we've had some plaster falling from the ceiling which has prevented us worshipping in the sanctuary. Basically, we have a lovely old building that is showing signs of its age. Watch this space to see how we move forward with the ongoing works.

Much to our delight, the CMAC is also moving forward, though in a direction we didn't at first anticipate. Using the monies give to us by the National Lottery Fund, we are in the process of doing some cosmetic renovations in the church hall including the replacement of our curtains, new heaters, the installation of a proper stage lighting system and new furnishings as well. This is all with the aim of developing the hall as a multi-purpose venue that can be hired for parties, musical performances, seminars, wedding receptions, etc. This is a new direction for the church that we hope will begin to generate a revenue stream to supplement our personal giving. Many other churches have done this successfully and are now able to direct those new monies into compassionate ministries in the community. We hope to do the same here at Cadzow.

From the beginning of this project we have said to one another "God is in this thing." Meaning we believe that God is working things out at Cadzow according to his plan and purposes. Faith teaches that God provides for the needs of the faithful and we have seen that over and over in the last many months. It has not been easy, faith never is. But, keeping our eyes to the hills, we find our help in the name of the Lord (Psalm 121:1). Let's keep the faith and move forward together.

John

Please note

The minister will be on study leave from mid-September to the end of October. During this period he will be doing some writing, editing a book (hopefully) and learning a bit about arranging music. He and Lisa will make a short visit to London to visit St Martin in the Fields church to learn more about the Heart Edge movement that Cadzow has joined recently

Please keep John and the family in your prayers

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Alistair Macrae

As the Editor has asked that I write a few lines for “Cornerstone”, I should like to take this opportunity to update you on developments in the National Church, and on the progress of our own current building works Project.



In May the Minister and I attended as Commissioners the week long General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. While John travelled back to Hamilton each day by train, I had been invited by my cousin, Alison, and her husband, who were also Commissioners this year, to stay with them at their home in Edinburgh. I greatly enjoyed their hospitality, and they introduced me to locally distilled rhubarb gin, which I can thoroughly recommend! So, for me it was something of a holiday, but I don't want you to get the wrong impression. It was very much a working holiday, having to attend long sessions every day to listen to reports, debates and to vote on recommendations either contained in the reports, or proposed from the floor of the Assembly. I was always ever mindful too of having to submit a report on the proceedings to our Kirk Session meeting on 12th. June, and so had always to be attentive.

The opening ceremony on the Saturday morning is always impressive. This year, the Lord High Commissioner, representing the Queen, was the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, and he was attended that morning by the heralds from the Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The heralds were also present at the service on Sunday morning in St. Giles Cathedral to mark the 2019 General Assembly, together with representatives of the Scottish judiciary and other dignitaries. I enjoyed the service, but did notice it was conducted solely by male clergy, whereas I might have expected male and female elders and female ministers to have participated as well. The Lord High Commissioner in his opening address recalled that during the 1930s, in the year that John Buchan had held that appointment, he had been conveyed to the Assembly Hall in a horse drawn carriage, the streets lined with people to view the spectacle, and the meeting of the General Assembly had lasted for two weeks. Yes indeed, nowadays, a very different Church in a very different Scotland.

The message during the week was that the situation of the National Church today demanded radical changes, and by the close of the week's proceedings the General Assembly had made groundbreaking decisions which will affect our Church at all levels to make the Church fit for purpose in today's secular society. Commissioners heard that since the 1950s Church of Scotland membership had declined by 80% and continues to decline at the rate of 4% per annum. Today 20% of our congregations have no children, and

within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, 48% of those attending worship are aged 65 and over, a figure typical throughout the land. Despite many Church closures to date there are still too many buildings. In September Malcolm Young, our Property Convener, and I are to attend a seminar in Glasgow on the future of Church land and buildings. One proposal the General Assembly agreed should be looked at is that where a congregation is selling a building, the proceeds rather than benefitting that congregation should instead be directed to other congregations where the need is greater. The clear message was that we cannot go on doing Church in the same way, and so radical changes in Church structure are required to take account of current circumstances.

Presbyteries are to be reduced from 43 to 12 by 2024, and this may possibly mean the Presbytery of Hamilton amalgamating with one or more other Presbyteries. Some powers and resources held centrally are to be devolved to local level where there is a greater appreciation of local needs, and central administration costs are to be reduced by between 20-30 % within two years. An amendment to legislation was approved to allow new elders the option of serving on the Kirk Session for a fixed period, and then to step down as trustees to focus on other Church activities. Legislation will also be drafted on the size and responsibilities of Kirk Sessions. Legislation is also to be drafted to enable Hub ministries and other forms of ministry to be established, faced with the reality we simply do not have enough ministers. The body known as the Council of Assembly is being replaced by a new body called the Assembly Trustees, and will include persons with a wide variety of specialisms such as law and finance, and others who have experience of running other organisations outwith the Church.

A motion from the floor of the Assembly for the Church of Scotland to disinvest in oil and gas companies was defeated by 303 votes to 263 on the basis that the Church has more influence on a company's environmental policies if we remain as an investor. This decision was met later in the week by a sung protest within the Assembly Hall, and it is bound to be an issue visited again by a future General Assembly. Approval was given for the Church of Scotland to adopt the internationally recognised definition of anti-semitism, and the illegal expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem was condemned as an impediment to peace and a Two State solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem. The importance was emphasised of retaining the Church's physical presence embodied in our buildings, namely, St. Andrew's Kirk, the Guest House in Jerusalem, the hotel in Tiberias, and Tabeetha School where Christians, Jews and Muslims learn together.

Due to the decisions taken, the General Assembly of 2019 at its conclusion, was widely seen as the most important since the reunion of Churches in 1929 following the Disruption in 1843.

And now to our local situation, and the maintenance of our own Church building at Cadzow. I am happy to report that the Roof Project is still on budget (at an estimated contract cost of £426,000) and that the remaining scaffolding will be taken down during August. The success of the Project has been very much due to the strenuous efforts of our team of Evelyn McCluskey, Malcolm Young and Kenny Topping, who are due our grateful thanks. We can also only marvel at the expertise of the slaters, stonemasons and glaziers for their work in restoring our building, no ordinary building, but one erected to the glory of God. There does remain some residual work to be undertaken on two Rose windows, and the current proposal is to make fresh applications to raise the additional £90,000 required to do this. This work, if it proceeds, would be scheduled to take place next year, and meantime the transept currently roped off is reckoned to require to remain so until completion of the work.

Furthermore, the Kirk Session at its meeting on 12th. June agreed we should apply for membership of HeartEdge. This is a UK organisation which gives guidance in new ways of thinking about being Church, that our congregation might be at the heart of the community. It encourages the use of the musical and visual arts in communicating the Gospel, assists with outreach to serve local needs and the creation of commercial

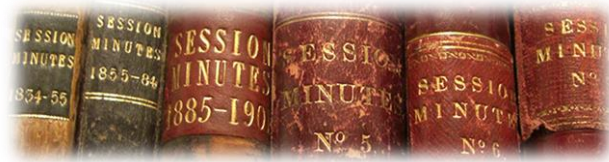
activity to bring in revenue. The Minister and I, and other officebearers, hope to attend its annual conference in Edinburgh in October. So, exciting times ahead.

Let us remember that in both the restructuring of our National Church and in the restoration of Cadzow, Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone who will uphold us in the years which lie ahead.

Alistair Macrae
Session Clerk

From the Archives

Harry Webster



As we lament the drop in our Sunday School numbers, it could be said “Cadzow has been here before”. For example, these snippets are from the August 1919 Church Magazine.

“Today in our Church Sabbath Schools there is an urgent need for consecrated men and women to teach and lead the young

“..... cannot you do for the children of today what that noble band of teachers of the past have done for you.....”

“We are face to face with the spectacle of a CHILDLESS CHURCH. In 1930 that means a church dying of old age. The situation is now so alarming that nothing will meet it but a mobilisation of the entire forces of the Church ----- Minister, elder, teacher, parent, guardian, member

“The Church’s existence is at stake, and it can be saved only by a tremendous awaking of the entire Church.”

Jump forward 100 years to the here and now and similar comments are being made by congregations. However, this is another example of God not letting his church die, because the history of Cadzow shows the Sunday Schools did recover after 1919 and statistics produced in March 1935 have 548 children and 59 teachers in the 4 Sunday Schools, which were located in Cadzow, and the mission stations in Ferniegair, Low Waters, and Eddlewood. The latter was closed in 1939 and the responsibility for the area moved to the South Church.

The year 1919 had the appointment of a new minister for Cadzow. Included in the August magazine was the following report under the heading “Cadzow Minister.”

“The Vacancy Committee, after due and careful consideration, unanimously nominated the Rev. T. F. Harkness Graham, B.D., minister of Lauriston Parish, Glasgow. The Committee, which was a large and representative one, were satisfied with the ministerial abilities, the suitability and gifts of Mr. Graham for the austere duties of Cadzow Parish. Mr. Graham was invited to preach at both services on Sabbath 6th July. The voting took place on Tuesday 8 July, when it was found 228 voted in favour of Mr. Graham and 14 against. Considering the number who are on holiday, the call has been most heartily signed; during the past

From the Archives (continued from p4)

week no less than 810 members and adherents subscribed their names.”

He was inducted in Cadzow on the 27 August 1919 and at the Social following, he was presented with robes.

Within the Archives there are copies of journals and various writings in prose and verse by Mr. Graham.

Mr Graham has been the longest serving minister of Cadzow. He died at the manse on 12 December 1951 and thus was in post for 32 years. His grave is in Hamilton West Cemetery.

Harry Webster

South Seas Come to Cadzow!



Dramatis personae (Left to Right)

- 1) Rena Gemmell
- 2) Jean Mark
- 3) Nettie Dunsmore
- 4) Mary Brown
- 5) Joyce Tweedlie
- 6) Mary Stodart
- 7) Carolyn Nicolson
- 8) Frances Naismith

Joyce Tweedlie passed me the above photograph with the note:- “ This bevy of Cadzow beauties entered into the spirit of a Hawaiian themed day at the Caley bowling green recently”.

Did'nt they do well!

Editor

To be Noted!

Some 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs Martha Crutchfield .last evening. Mrs Crutchfield and Mrs Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

Notice Board



Jenny Brain

would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and good wishes received during her recent surgery. They were greatly appreciated.

Wise words from Hamish



Church folks and God's folks ain't the same

Church folks goes to church

God's folks are the church

Sent in by Hamish Wilson

Women's Group

The Women's Group will start back on Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the large hall and we welcome all ladies of the congregation (**and** their friends!) who would like to join us.

We have a wide and varied syllabus this year and I am sure we will have lots of fun. The syllabus will be posted shortly on the notice boards in the downstairs hallway and in the large hall so don't forget to have a look.

Please come and join us. I am sure you won't be disappointed!

Evelyn Henwood

Thursday Coffee

Fancy a good blether with a cup of tea or coffee accompanied by cake and biscuits? Then why not come to our coffee morning in the church hall every Thursday between the hours of **10.00am and 12.noon.**

We would be delighted to see you!

Eleanor Rae

Good Morning!

A coffee from me & something extra



a hug

a smile

and a magnificent day

My Personal Adviser recently came across this “Welcome Notice” when she was looking through the church magazine at Coldingham Priory. We were both so impressed by it that we agreed that it should be included in this issue of Cornerstone.

Editor

THE WELCOME NOTICE OUTSIDE COVENTRY CATHEDRAL



- 1) We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable or dirt poor.
- 2) We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excitable toddlers.
- 3) We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.
- 4) We extend a special welcome to those who are over sixty but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.
- 5) We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.
- 6) We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like "organised religion." (*We're not that keen on it either!*)
- 7) We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to the Cathedral.
- 8) We welcome those who are inked, pierced (both or neither.) We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost in the city centre and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters..... and **YOU**.

Editor's Snippets

This Section is reserved for items sent by members of our congregation. I am very grateful for their input. On this page are two cartoons. The simple truth of the Shultz cartoon gets the message across and our minister was responsible for giving me the Church Notice! Many thanks to Evelyn Henwood for her encouragement of positive thinking,
Editor

Church Notice

Today's sermon: **How much can a man Drink?**
with hymns from a full choir!



WHAT IF
TODAY
WE WERE
JUST
GRATEFUL
FOR
EVERYTHING



Positive Thinking

All negative thoughts I've decided must go
I'll try to say "Yes" when I want to say "No."

I won't say "I can't" but "I can only try"
and accept things that happen – not keep asking "why?"

I'll make time for hobbies and brighten my day
and not let my problems affect what I say.

There are many folk homeless, sad, hungry, in pain.

I am blessed by so much I'll not grumble again

Today will be good for I'm filled with hope

With God's love inside me, I know I can cope.

No moanings or groanings no sighing no dread

My positive thoughts are all there instead

ONE SMALL
**POSITIVE
THOUGHT**

in the morning♥

**CAN CHANGE THE ENTIRE
OUTCOME OF YOUR DAY!**

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I hope that the two cheerful poems shown below bring a smile to your face. Thanks to Elizabeth Batty and Evelyn Henwood for sending them in. Interestingly, "Smiling is Infectious" was written by Spike Milligan.

Editor



Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.



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The Sunshine in Life

There's nobody to stop you friend from dwelling in the shade
You're free to think depressing thoughts, if that's the way you're made.
But I suggest before you're done, forsake the shadows- find the Sun!



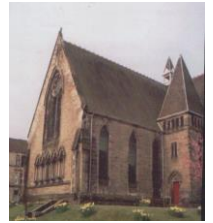
For every hill you've had to climb, for every stone that's bruised your feet
For all the tears and sweat and grime, for blinding storms and burning heat
Your heart still sings a grateful song, these were the things that made you strong!

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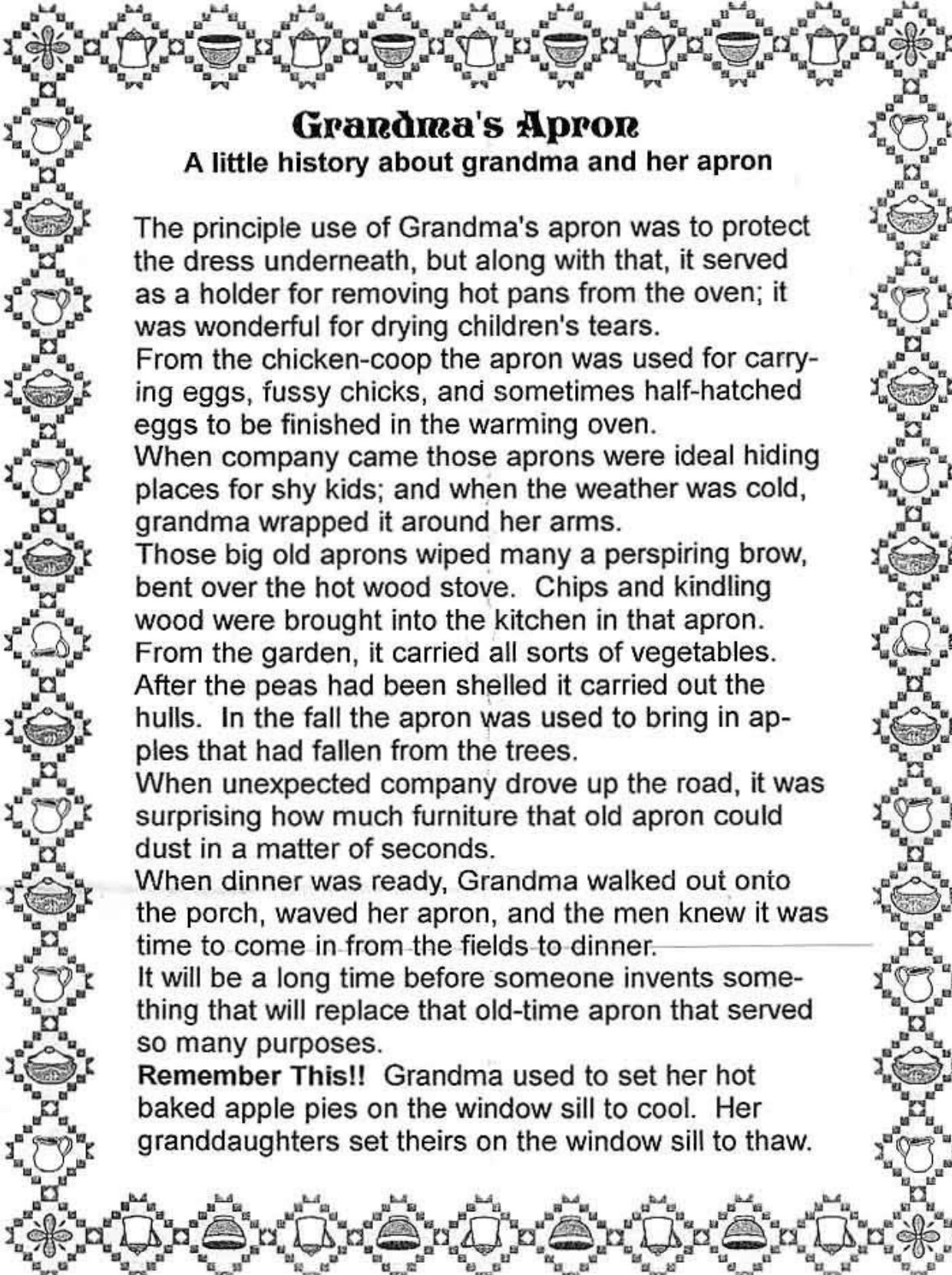
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Grandma's Apron

A little history about grandma and her apron

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven; it was wonderful for drying children's tears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables.

After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that served so many purposes.

Remember This!! Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.