



SPRING 2014

# Tweedsmuir Tidings

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## From the Minister



"We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:11)

The Professional Golfing World will never forget the Easter Sunday in 1993 when Bernhard Langer won the Masters Golf Tournament. As he stepped off the 18<sup>th</sup> green to receive his Green Jacket - one of the PGA's most coveted prizes - a reporter said to him, "This must be the greatest day of your life!" Without missing a beat, Langer replied: "It is wonderful to win the greatest golf tournament in the world, but it means more to win on Easter Sunday - to celebrate the resurrection of my Lord and Saviour."

Langer had an opportunity to boast about himself, but instead he turned the spotlight on his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is exactly what the Apostle Paul was talking about when he said, "We also rejoice (boast) in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."



It is easy to look for ways to draw attention to our own accomplishments, making mental lists of things that are "cool" about ourselves. Even Paul admitted that he had a lot to brag about - but he considered all of it, "rubbish for the sake of knowing Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in his death, and so to attain to the resurrection from the dead." (Philippians 3:8-11)

So if we really want something to boast about, boast about Jesus and what he's done for you. Look for opportunities to turn the spotlight on him.

As a devotional writer states, "You can't boast in Jesus while you are preoccupied with yourself." (Our Daily Bread April 2014)

Blessings,  
*Harvey Self*



## Annual General Meeting

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Annual meeting was held after the service. It was reported that for the 2013 year, the church ended the year with a **deficit of \$925.00**

It was agreed that the members of the congregation would raise \$15,300 to be given to Presbyterian Sharing.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the PAR program (prearranged bank account withdrawal). If you would like more information on this, please speak with either a Session member someone on the Board of Managers. You can also pick up the PAR authorization form from the office.

A **Maintenance Fund** has been established to cover costs of repairs to the church and the manse. Both buildings are old and require constant attention to maintain building and structure integrity. Envelopes are available to give regular donations to this fund. Ron Mikulik has established a five year Building Maintenance Program to determine future costs. Copies of this report are in the Annual Report.

**Session.** Two members were elected to Session: **Ron Mikulik** and **Mindy Swick**.

Thanks were extended to the **Fellowship Group** for their donations, to **Ann Wilson** for her work with "Shop and Save" and other groups for their work to raise money for the church.

The **2014 Budget** was presented and passed. Copies of the Annual Report are still available.



## Easter Food Drive

The **WMS Care Committee** will again collecting our contributions of non-perishable goods for families less fortunate on the March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Items collected will be taken to the **Salvation Army Food Bank** who reports that each year, there are more and more people needing the Food Bank.

Thank you for your support.

## Fellowship Group

The members of the Fellowship Group ended their busy year with a very successful Bazaar and Silent Auction at the end of November. Thank you to Marjorie MacDonald and family for looking after the Silent Auction, which is always a huge job.

Proceeds from the Bazaar and Silent Auction in the amount of \$3,000 were presented to the church following this event. Over the course of 2013, the Fellowship Group donated \$7,700 to support the church finances.

In December, the women enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner catered by **Carol Prier** with entertainment prepared by **Colleen Smith** and **Mindy Swick**, which was enjoyed by all present.

The Fellowship Group started 2014 off with a very successful Burn's Night Supper at the end of January. There was a big turn out and everyone enjoyed a tasty meal (Haggis included) followed by wonderful entertainment.

2014 events coming up for the Fellowship Group include:

- April, 4<sup>th</sup> - the Fellowship Group will be assisting the **Highlands Youth for Christ** with their **Pasta Dinner**
- Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, their annual **Strawberry Lunch**

Please watch the bulletin for more information on these and other events.



## Princess Margaret Public School Nutrition Program

This was a new project that some women from the WMS and the Fellowship Group took on in 2013 after learning of the very real need to provide food to children in the Orangeville area.

This rewarding program will be continued until June when the school year ends.

Twice a month, fruit, vegetables, bagels and cheese are taken to the school. At the school, a program is in place where the children assist in the preparation of the food and help distribute it to classrooms to provide a healthy mid-morning snack. Also, at lunch, meals are prepared for children who need them.

Our women have also sent hats, mitts and scarves for distribution during the winter.

The leaders of the program at Princess Margaret School are very appreciative of our assistance and sent a charming thank you card from the children of the school to the ladies of the church. The card was signed by many of the children who had benefited from the program.

Thank you to both the **WMS** and **Fellowship Group** for their financial assistance. These groups have paid for this program, which enables this church to assist in a very real need in our community.

If you would like to get involved with this program, please speak with **Jane Smith** 519-940-8637.

## Around the Church

**Brandon McGilvery** has returned from the Mission field in Australia. We look forward to hearing all about his experiences doing God's work and his travels.

Welcome home **Lyndsey McLean!** Lyndsey has returned from working in the USA.

Congratulations to **Mindy** and **Dave Swick** on the birth of their son **Callum**, brother to **Lucy**.

Welcome to new member **Doug Lackie**. Doug transferred from Claude Presbyterian Church.



**Shop & Support:** **Anne Wilson** and family have done a tremendous job handling this fundraiser for our church. A person can purchase gift cards from a variety of stores, including: grocery stores; gas stations; hardware stores; drug stores; restaurants and much more.

While there is no extra charge to the consumer, the church receives a percentage of the total of cards sold.

This is a simple and easy way to support the church and we encourage you to participate where you can. Thanks for your support!



*For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you, or thirsty, and give you drink? 'And when did we see you a stranger, and invite you in, or naked, and clothe you? 'And when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.*

# WMS Women's Missionary Society

April will be a very busy month for the WMS with a lot of events including:

• April 5<sup>th</sup> – WMS Synodical Meeting at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Islington**, in Toronto. Members will be attending.

• April 27<sup>th</sup> – **Mission Awareness Sunday**. Members of the group will be taking part in the service. **John Meek** will be the speaker telling us of his trip to Africa

• April 29<sup>th</sup> – Brampton Presbyterial meeting at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, in Brampton. 10:00 am - 12noon.

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On May 14, 1914, the **Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada** was formed.

100 years later, the WMS is planning a celebratory event to mark that occasion at the **Sheraton Parkway Hotel** from 1–4 pm on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Gathering. The celebration will begin with a banquet lunch. Plans include special speakers, displays and memorabilia, an entertaining presentation on the WMS history, and more. There will be international guests, former WMS missionaries, and past presidents, to name a few.

Members from Tweedsmuir will be attending. If you would like more information about the program, tickets (\$30), or registration, please let one of us know.

It promises to be a joyous event. Please join us!

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The WMS would like to thank everyone who gave items for **Evangel Hall Mission**. This mission has been helping the poor of Toronto for over 100 years and we are proud to be able to help them.

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On April 1<sup>st</sup>, at the next WMS meeting, the Captain of the Orangeville Salvation Army has been invited to come to speak at their meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 1:30 pm.

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The WMS meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Room. New members are always welcome!



**Rebecca Janke**, is the 16 year old daughter of Trevor and Kathleen Janke and granddaughter of Anne and Jim Wilson. In May 2014, she will be going on an historic journey with Centre Dufferin District High School to take part in the 70<sup>th</sup> annual D-Day celebration in Normandy.

Some of the guests expected to attend the ceremony include, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth; HRH Prince Charles; David Cameron, Prime Minister of England; U.S. President, Barack Obama; and many other representatives from countries around the world.

Rebecca says, "With such an honour bestowed upon us, we have been asked to arrive at Juno Beach a few days early in order to rehearse and make any preparations necessary. We have not yet been told what we will be doing as the representative school, but they told us they would let us know. We were also told that the ceremony would be televised on CBC with interviews of those who are willing. I am very excited to be participating in such a historic event, and am honoured to be representing my country."

What a tremendous honour! We hope to get a report from Rebecca when she returns. Congratulations, Rebecca!



## Music Ministry

At present, **Joan Elchuk** and the Choir are hard at work preparing special music to highlight Easter Sunday and Anniversary Sunday. We look forward to hearing these exceptional pieces.

On Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Choir will be again serving a pancake brunch after the church service. We hope you stay for a fun time and a delightful meal!



On Anniversary Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the choir will be take part in a memorial service for Dr. Jim and Grace McBurney, both of whom were active in the church, especially the choir and who are greatly missed.

The choir will be performing a concert at Montgomery Village to welcome new people to the community.

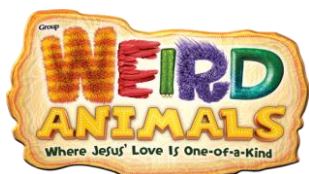


## Sunday School Corner



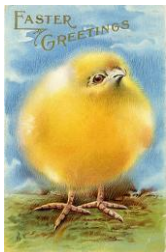
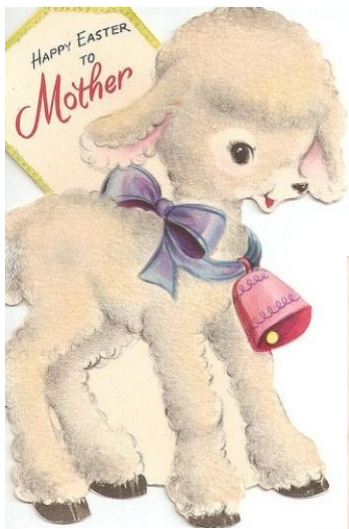
Marie and Wil McGilvery will be hosting several different events throughout the year. Be on the lookout for:

- **Messy Picnic** - June 15<sup>th</sup> - Our messy Picnic is back again for a second year. There will be lots of fun (and mess) for both the youth and Sunday school. This is not something you will want to miss!!
- **WonderJam** - June 21<sup>st</sup> - Join us for a day of fun at Canada's Wonderland including a festival of Christian Music. Go for a swim in the water park, ride a few roller coasters and then sit back and enjoy artists such as Lecrae, Toby Mac and Thousand Foot Krutch.
- **VBS** - August 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> - Our summer VBS is back this year and this time we are celebrating Weird Animals. "God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures... including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus."



- **Adult Weekend** - TBA in fall - Plans are underway for a fall weekend program for Adults. Please stay tuned for more details.

For more information on any of these events please speak with Wil or Marie



Vintage Easter cards

## Always Easter

You say it happened long ago  
And in a far-off land  
Where men and women spoke a tongue  
I would not understand,  
That centuries have come and gone  
Since that triumphant day,  
And that the garden where He walked  
Is half a world away.

He walks in every garden, friend;  
And every rock-sealed tomb  
Opens 'neath His shining hand  
As springtime flowers bloom.  
For every dawn is Easter dawn;  
On every sunrise hill  
The earthbound glimpse eternity  
And meet the Master still.

Grace V. Watkins

## Calendar

### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lenten Lunch
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Pasta Dinner
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Lunch
- 13<sup>th</sup> – **Palm Sunday, 10:15 am**  
followed by a **Pancake Brunch** at 11:30 am
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Communion, 7 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – **Good Friday** / Walk of the Cross 1:30 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – **Easter Sunday** featuring special music by the Choir
- 27<sup>th</sup> – **Mission Awareness Sunday** including Women's Missionary Society Thank Offering. The WMS Women will lead the service with special guest speaker, **John Meek**

### May

- 5<sup>th</sup> – **177<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service** followed by the **Anniversary Lunch**
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day

### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Communion Sunday
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day and Church Picnic
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Strawberry Lunch hosted by the Fellowship Group, 12 pm

### August

- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School

