



# Tweedsmuir Tidings

Fall 2015

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## From the Minister

Psalm 118:1-14: In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

No Peas!

When our kids were young, one of them bluntly said "no" when we passed him some peas for dinner. To which we replied, "No what?" We hoped he would say, "No, thank you." Instead he said, "No peas!" That led to a discussion about the importance of good manners. In fact, we had similar discussions on numerous occasions.

Beyond good manners—which are external—our Lord reminds us that we are to have a heart of gratitude. Scripture contains dozens of reminders that expressing gratitude is of primary importance in our relationship with God. Psalm 118 begins and ends with the exhortation to "give thanks to the Lord". We are to give thanks when we come into His presence. And the requests we bring to Him are to be wrapped in a spirit of thanksgiving. Such an attitude of gratitude will help us remember our abundant blessings. Even in the midst of trouble and despair, God's presence and love are our constant companions.

It's no wonder, then, that the psalmist reminds us to "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"

*Lord, Your goodness is enough to make me thankful every day. Teach me to live with a thankful heart and remind me to regularly thank You for Your goodness and steadfast love.*

(taken from Our Daily Bread)

## Power of Prayer

Most of you know the details of our adventure with lost health over the last year. While much of the credit for Jean's miraculous return to normal health must go to the doctors and medical staff of both Headwaters and Trillium Hospitals, yet, another powerful force was at work within our church family, many of you informing us that you kept us: in your daily prayers, in the Sunday congregational petitions and within the prayer chain. Such love and prayerful concern has brought us to a much better place. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks too for your telephone inquiries, visits cards and gifts.

Blessings

Jean & John Handy

Catch the leaves before they fall

May each glimpse your heart enthrall

As you watch in ecstasy

Catch the fall before it leaves

Edna Leschyschyn



## Financial update to the end of August

Our Presbyterian Sharing commitment for 2015 is \$10,000  
The total received for Presbyterian Sharing to date is \$7809.  
Thankfully we will exceed our commitment.

The General Account expenses are \$10,880.  
This is greater than our income. We need to catch up quickly as the bank balance is too low and we need to pay our bills.  
Please give this your immediate attention.

Finance Committee



## Women's Missionary Society

This fall we will be again taking food items to the Princess Margaret Public School Nutrition Program. We will be supported by the WMS, the Fellowship and the Silent Auction.

In October we are going to have a special drive for the school by collecting school supplies such as pencils, coloring pens, pens, paper, rulers and erasers. All of these items are needed by the school children. They are given to the Vice Principal to be distributed as required.

We have a dedication service on the last Sunday of October.

During the winter we give them hats and mitts to be given out to the children. These come in all sizes for boys and girls from Kindergarten to the higher grades.

From November 15 to the end of the year we collect items for Evangel Hall. They require hats, mitts, gloves, scarves, personal items such as soaps and tooth paste, toothbrushes and deodorants. They do take men's coats, shoes and boots. This year we are going to concentrate on men's socks. They go through 1000 socks in a month. Not only do they service all who come to the Hall but also the street people living in the city.

In December we send out Christmas baskets to our church shut-ins

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday in each month at 1:30 at the church. New members are always welcome.

Jane Smith, President.



## Everest VBS 2015

Well everyone deserves a great big thank you for this years VBS!! It was awesome and it was because of the tremendous support we received with Volunteers, items and prayer. We also ran it jointly with Good Friends Fellowship and they were great partners with many volunteers and participants to help out.

We had 58 registrations this year and the activities were both fun and informative. We learned that no matter what situation you find yourself in - God is there to provide and comfort us.

Thank you again for supporting this ministry- you are all AWESOME!!

Wil McGilvery



## Recording the Sermons

After a brief hiatus, we are now back to recording the sermons starting September 27. To view these sermons, please go to:

[tweedsmuirpresbyterian.org](http://tweedsmuirpresbyterian.org)

and look for the sermon Videocast link on the front page. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Church office.

## Calendar

### October

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Sunday
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Fall Roast Beef Supper
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Dedication of items for Princess Margaret School

### November

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Sunday
- 11<sup>th</sup> -Community Remembrance Service
- 28<sup>th</sup> -Annual Bazaar & Silent Auction 9 am – 1 pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> -First Sunday of Advents

### December

- 6<sup>th</sup> -Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Fellowship Christmas Dinner
- 20<sup>th</sup> -Christmas Sunday
- 24<sup>th</sup> -Carols & Candlelight Family Service
- 27<sup>th</sup> -First Sunday after Christmas

## We are definitely the Church!



What a wonderful, generous and helpful congregation we are! Thanks to those who stepped in to preach for Rev. Harvey while he was on holiday, who filled in for Joan after her departure, who maintained the church and manse property this spring, summer and fall, who taught the children at VBS, who baked and donated items for the fall fair booth and the garage sale, who prayed and cared for those who faced real challenges, who manned the sound board, read scripture, counted money and made coffee. It takes everyone to make a caring Tweedsmuir!

God Bless you all.

Judy Bryan