



Twædsmuir Tidings

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From the Minister



New Change-New Life

*"I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth
were passed away."* Rev. 21:1

People tend to hate change, or so it seems. The change people hate the most of all is the change that they think makes their situation worse rather than better. When change makes our situation better it is a different thing all together. People eagerly look forward to change that involves a promotion at work and a higher salary to go with it. We happily approach a move to a bigger and better house in a new neighbourhood. So it is not all change that we dislike, it is change that involves some sort of loss - sometimes physical loss, sometimes emotional loss, sometimes psychological loss.

Change in our lives is both inevitable and even necessary. If everything stays the same there is no growth. But the Good News is that we do not face change alone. We have a Good Shepherd who guides us each step of the way, through all the changes, the green pastures and the hot and rugged deserts. Ultimately our Good Shepherd brings us through all the changes to a better place where we feast with him forevermore.

Getting there may be difficult, as it was for the people of Israel as they made their way through the wilderness that led them to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. At times they were not sure where they were going next, and at times they grumbled and cried out to God in despair. But in the end, God brought them to that new land of peace and rest.



The example of Jesus tells the same story. As we study the life of Jesus during this season of Lent, Good Friday and Easter, we see that his life too was filled with change. As his hour of crucifixion drew near, his whole circumstances changed. His friends turned and ran from him in fear. Jesus' followers, who had cheered "Hosanna! Hosanna!", now cried out, "Crucify him! Crucify Him!" He went from being one honoured by many to being one abandoned by all! Between Palm Sunday and Good Friday, the Good Shepherd became the Passover Lamb.

But – it is because Christ went through all this change faithfully and willingly, his Heavenly Father lifted him from his suffering and elevated him to the highest place, risen and exalted at His right hand in heaven. (Phil.2:8-9)

Not all change is pleasant, but when we are being led to a better place by the One who loves us, we do not need to fear.

We do not need to fear the next 175 years of life as a congregation. We do not need to fear the next 175 seconds of our personal lives - whatever they entail.

In the Risen Christ, all change is God's change. Face it in faith and in hope.

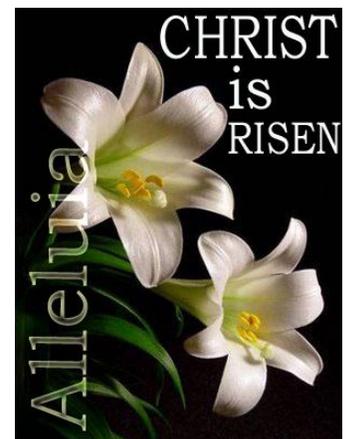
Blessings,
Harvey Self

Easter Food Drive

During this Easter season, the Care Committee will be collecting food to be given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to those less fortunate.



On March 18th and 25th, we will be collecting your donations of non-perishable food items. Please do your part to help others.



"HONOURING YESTERDAY, CELEBRATING TODAY, LOOKING TO TOMORROW"

175TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

At the end of 2011, we had a great celebration to kick off our Anniversary programs

We started our celebrations with the **St Andrews Night**. This event was well attended with great entertainment and a lovely potluck dinner.

The **Robbie Burn's supper** was lots of fun again. The traditional songs were sung and the dinner (including the haggis) was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the fellowship group for the dinner and the "Burns Team" for the entertainment even if some of us did not always understand all the words.

On February 15th, **Banners** commemorating our 175th Anniversary were hung in the Church. Different church organizations contributed one banner each. We hope you find them attractive and appreciate the work that went into making them.

We Presbyterians love to eat!

All our delicious breakfasts have been very well attended!

At the January breakfast, Wayne Townsend from the Museum talked to us about what Orangeville was like from 1837 up to the Union vote in 1926.

In February, John Handy described what happened from 1926 to the present and talked about how the current church was built.

At the March breakfast, John Handy told us all about Lord Tweedsmuir of Elfield who was the Governor General of Canada at the time of the building of the church. John explained how Lord Tweedsmuir, also known as John Buchan, the writer, became Governor General.

These breakfasts have been delightful both in food and content. Peggy and Brian Gleeson prepared the breakfasts and John Handy arranged the program. A big "thank-you" to all who participated.

The next big item on the 175th Anniversary program was the **Irish Dinner** on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Jane Aultman and her team did a wonderful job preparing this feast. It was a delicious dinner and a very fun time!

On Sunday, March 25th, we will be dedicating a **painting of the Church**. This was a Session project headed up by Jane Smith. Jane commissioned C. J. Shelton, a local artist, to create a colour painting of the church.

Copies will be available as prints and note cards, which will be on sale as keepsakes after that date.

Also on March 25th at 2:00 pm, **Father Mark Curtis**, "The Singing Priest", will be in concert at our church. A free will offering will be taken to help cover costs.

On Wednesday, February 29th, we had a showing at the church of **John Buchan's** movie "**The 39 Steps**". Unfortunately, just as the first half hour got rolling, the power in the south end of town went out and the screen went black!

A new screening has been arranged for Wednesday, March 21st. Directed by the famous Alfred Hitchcock, the movie is described as, "A man in London tries to help a counterespionage agent. But when the agent is killed and he stands accused, he must go on the run to both save himself and also stop a spy ring trying to steal top secret information."

Another project of the Session were **Crosses for Easter**. These have been distributed by Nancy Lee Bennett to the congregation, the recipients will decorate the crosses with the message of what Easter means to them. These will be returned to be on display on Palm Sunday.

April/May Celebrations

April 1 – Palm Sunday

April 8 – Easter Sunday

April 14 – Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea by the WMS

April 15 – "Honouring the Past", Rev. Harvey Self

April 22 – "Celebrating the Present", Rev. Alison Voo

April 29 – "Looking to the Future", Rev. Patrick Gushue

May 5 – Anniversary Dinner at the church, tickets \$20.00

May 6 – 175th Anniversary Service, Rev. Rick Horst,

Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Lunch will be provided following the service.

Tickets for the May 5th Anniversary dinner will be for sale at the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.

We encourage you to come out and support these events. This is a time for the congregation not only to celebrate the past but also to look toward the future of our church.



WMS

Women's Missionary Society

This is the final year that the WMS will be making and collecting pneumonia prevention vests as the offices of the WMS is starting a program to have the women of Malawi knit the pneumonia vests themselves.

At this time, we are looking into different programs to allow us to continue our work. Some of the projects we are looking at launching include prayer shawls, lap-blankets for hospitals or nursing homes, hats, scarves and items for native children. We will inform you of these as they come to our notice.

For the 175th Anniversary Celebrations, we will be having an **Afternoon High Tea** on April 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please join us for sandwiches, scones, Welsh cakes and biscuits with clotted cream. Ladies will serve these treats in period costumes. Please sign up so we can know how many to prepare for. Free will offering.

Due to all the programs for the Anniversary, we will be having our **WMS Thank Offering Service** at the end of May with a special speaker.

From the Annual Meeting



A motion was made at the Annual meeting for the Board of Managers and the Session to combine their meetings. This will result in new Committees being formed to do the work of the church. Please look for more information about this coming soon.



Senior Choir and Praise Team – Joan Elchuk has worked very hard arranging special music and soloists for the Anniversary Sunday services.

We look forward to hearing the choir and the praise team contributing wonderful, spiritually uplifting music to our services.

Around the Church

Our Church building has a new polished look these days as a very dedicated group of people have been working quite hard with paint and brushes!

Thanks go to organizers Ron Mikaluk and Dave Proctor as well as their helpers: John Meek, John and Suzanne Raeburn, Joan and Vic Elchuk, Colleen Smith, Bob Donaldson, Heather Spears, Jim Brohman, Harvey Self, John and Martha MacDonald, and Jane and George Aultman.



Ron Mikaluk

WET
PAINT!

Vic Elchuk

Did you know...?

Jean Harkies, who passed away in January, was the great, great granddaughter of James Lewis? James Lewis was the brother of Rev. Alexander Lewis, who was the first Presbyterian minister in Mono in 1837.

That was 175 year ago!

Fellowship Group

The Bazaar last November was a great success. We raised the most money to date and sent \$2,500 as a donation toward the church funds. The silent auction was also a great success, thanks to Marjorie MacDonald and her awesome team of workers.

The Fellowship members could not do the Bazaar without the help given by the congregation by baking, sewing, donating items and helping on the day.

A big "Thank you" to all who helped out!

Our **Strawberry Luncheon** will be on June 28th. We look forward to seeing you there. The proceeds from this venture will go to support the missions of the church.

Pasta & Drama Night

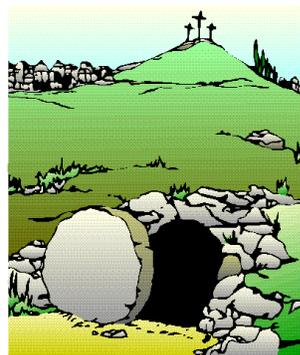
On Friday, March 30th, the church will be having a Youth for Christ Fundraising Dinner to support the **Highland Youth for Christ**.

Come out and enjoy a great pasta meal and some wonderful entertainment.

Tickets are:

\$10 Adults

\$8 Youth age 15 and under



Romans 6:8-11

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

People in the News!

Lyndsay McLean, has returned from her trip to Africa and is continuing her work in the mission field with a group in Nevada.

Brandon McGilvery – is returning from his trip to Russia and Latvia on the weekend of the 24th. Welcome home, Brandon! We look forward to hearing about your experiences!

Dana Benson, our ministerial student will be finishing her term with us on March 25th. Dana will graduate from Knox Presbyterian College this June. We have enjoyed Dana's stay with us and wish her the very best in her future. Come back and visit us, Dana!



In Memoriam

We remember the following Members and Adherents of Tweedsmuir who passed away during 2011 and early 2012.



Bessie Constable
Jean Cunnington
Jean Harkies
Dorothy McMullin
Monica Petrie
Fred Spratt
Melba Still

Our sympathy goes out to their families and to all the members of our church who lost loved ones this year.

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

Calendar

April

- 1st – **Palm Sunday**
- 5th – Maundy Thursday Communion, 7 p.m.
- 6th – **Good Friday** / Walk of the Cross 1:30 p.m.
- 8th – **Easter Sunday**
- 14th – WMS Afternoon Tea, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 15th – "Honouring the Past", Rev. Harvey Self
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May

- 6th – 175th Anniversary Service, Rev. Rick Horst, Moderator, Presbyterian Church in Canada
- 13th – Mother's Day, Rev. Stanley Chang
- 27th – WMS Thank offering service

June

- 3rd – Communion Sunday
- 10th – Sunday school picnic, to be confirmed
- 17th – Father's Day

August

- 12th – Communion Sunday
- 13th – 17th – Vacation Bible school

September

- 1st – 3rd – Fall Fair
- 16th – Rally Day – Sunday school resumes
- 23rd – Presbyterian Sharing Sunday

