



Tweedsmuir Tidings

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Moderator on the move!

This summer, our own Rev. Harvey Self, the 135th Moderator has been visiting churches across Canada. To date, he has been to churches in Nova Scotia and Ontario, been at the Canada Youth Conference at Brock University and, with their trip to Ghana, he and Jayne are international travellers as well!

Rev. Self says that he has been enjoying the travelling and meeting so many Presbyterians from such a wide variety of congregations. His experiences have been detailed in his Perspective from the Pulpit, which will be sent to all the members of Tweedsmuir and can also be found in the Presbyterian Record and on the Record's website: <http://www.presbyterianrecord.ca/articles/columns/fromthemoderator/>.

In the fall, Harvey will be travelling to Presbyterian churches all over Ontario and Manitoba as well as visiting several Canadian Forces Bases including CFB Trenton, CFB Borden, CFB Petawawa and CFB Winnipeg which will allow him to continue to focus on what he has called, an "often unheralded and yet so crucial realm of ministry".

Harvey also wishes to thank Jean-Marie Barker for all the hard work and dedication she has put in over the last 13 years and 53 editions of the Tweedsmuir Tidings.

Jean-Marie and her new husband, David Archer (who were married by Harvey on August 1st), have moved to Toronto. We hope to see them at Tweedsmuir from time to time and send them the very best wishes of Harvey and the church.

Caitlin Smith and Marie McGilvery have edited this edition of the newsletter and we welcome them aboard.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

During this Thanksgiving season, the Care Committee will be collecting food for those less fortunate.



As the drive begins, there will be someone at the exits of the church after service handing out bags for your donations. Please do your part to help others.

In August, the bayou came to Orangeville and everyone had a romp in the swamp!



Wil and Marie McGilvery the VBS Directors brought the hugely successful "Crocodile Dock" Vacation Bible School program to Tweedsmuir.

Fifty-six children started each day by forming small groups called Bayou Crews. All the Bayou Crews gathered at the Sing & Play Swamp Stomp to sing and do fun motions to upbeat Bible songs that introduced the children to the concepts they learned that day.

They sampled tasty Snack Shack treats, went on adventures at Bible Bayou, made crazy creations in Crawfish Crafts & Missions, raced around at Gator Games, and met Chadder Chipmunk on DVD!

But most importantly, they heard the daily Bible Point and experienced it in a new way! The goal of this year's VBS program was to help your children develop a sense of God's loving presence and know God is alive...and active...and with them.



Wil and Marie would like to extend their sincerest thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the VBS.

And we would like to thank Wil and Marie for doing their usual awesome job!



Tweedsmuir at the Orangeville Fall Fair!



This year, Tweedsmuir again had a booth in the food court at the Orangeville Fall Fair. The booth was staffed by many workers and we sold an incredible number sandwiches and pies to raise money for the church.

Marjorie MacDonald would like to thank all those who baked pies, made sandwiches, staffed the booth and helped out at this event.

Thank you!



Roast Beef Supper

The Board of Managers will be sponsoring the annual Roast Beef Supper on Friday, October 16th at 6 pm.

Come out and have a wonderful time and a wonderful dinner!

Refugee Family Update

John Meek, from the Refugee Committee reports that Baker, Tamara, Hassan and Qamar who arrived in Canada on April 29th are adjusting well to life in Canada.

Both children are in school and Baker and Tamara are currently working. While neither is working in their field, they are thankful to be employed. After only four months, they are tax-paying citizens.

While some emergency health issues have been addressed, there are still long term health issues to be dealt with. The Refugee Committee will continue to support them in these and other matters for their first year in Canada. They fully expect the family to be self-sufficient by that time.

The family is very grateful for the support they have received from the Refugee Committee and from the Christian and overall community in Orangeville. They are very much enjoying life in a small community.

Which sermon?

One beautiful Sunday morning, the Minister announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands, three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, let's take up the collection and see which one I'll deliver!"

WMS Women's Missionary Society

Evangel Hall In April, at the invitation of the WMS, Joseph Taylor, the Executive Director at Evangel Hall spoke in our church about the work done by this Presbyterian operation, whose mission is to build community with poor, homeless and socially isolated people in Toronto through support, housing, services and advocacy.

Recently, we received a letter from Joseph thanking us for our support and telling us that by supporting the Hall we are making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of people every year.

Continuing our support, the WMS will be collecting items to be taken to Evangel Hall in December. Items that are gratefully accepted include warm hats, mitts, scarves and socks. Or you can see their website for urgently needed items, 'www.evangelhall.ca/urgent.php'. Many items do not have to be new so please check your closets for any items that are "gently" used. In the winter months they go through 1,000 socks per month.

Pneumonia prevention vests will be sent to India at the end of October. Thank you to all the knitters who contributed vests. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

If you would like to knit a vest, please contact us. There are patterns available on the Tweedsmuir Church website.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Last year we gave out eleven prayer shawls. If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact a member of the WMS. These shawls are made for people who are suffering - whether it is from illness, bereavement or a crisis in their life. If you know of someone who you would like to see receive a prayer shawl, please speak with Rev. Self or a member of session.

*"Shawls ... made for centuries -
universal and embracing,
symbolic of an inclusive,
unconditionally loving, God.*

*They wrap, enfold,
comfort, cover, give solace,
mother, hug,
shelter and beautify.*

*Those who have
received these shawls
have been uplifted and affirmed, as
if given wings to fly above their
troubles..."*

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Support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank this Thanksgiving by buying decorative fall produce!

John Rayburn will have pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks straw bales and more available for purchase to raise money for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

This is a fun way to support the Foodgrains Bank whose overall goal is to reduce hunger and its consequences among hunger-affected individuals, households, and communities in developing countries.

Look in your weekly calendar for the sign-up form or contact John at 519-941-0454.

END HUNGER

Canadian Foodgrains Bank
A Christian Response to Hunger



This year's Bazaar will be on Nov. 28th!

Booths include: Baked Goods, Preserves, Canned Goods, Frozen Pies, Craft Items, Sewing, Knitting and Christmas Decorations, Cookies and Squares, Coffee and Muffins

If you would like to donate any items or are available to help, please contact one of the Bazaar convenors, Bev Fleming, 519-942-0200 or Jane Smith, 519-940-8637

If you would like to help with or donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Marjorie MacDonald, 519-941-8448

Tweedsmuir Ladies Fellowship Group

The ladies of the Fellowship had a busy June this year. On June 16th they enjoyed a dinner out at Ray's 3rd Generation Bistro and Bakery, in Alton.

After that, they got down to business with the Strawberry Lunch where they served over 165 meals! They raised **\$1,300**, which will go to support missions.

Also in June, the Presbytery of Brampton had decided to hold their June meeting at our church. The Fellowship Ladies served a full supper to the Presbytery prior to their meeting.

This fall, they will be again organizing the Christmas Bazaar and will be inviting all the women of the congregation to a formal dinner at the Church in December. Watch the calendar for further details!

If you are interested in joining the Tweedsmuir Ladies Fellowship Group, please contact Phyllis Robertson, 519-941-4181 or come to the Tweedsmuir Room on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Prayer group
Fridays, 1 pm



Adult Choir - The choir will be again preparing a cantata with which to share the celebration of the Christmas season with you. Preparation for the Cantata starts early in the fall as members from the congregation as well as outside the church, join our choir's ranks and spend hours on Thursday evenings, learning, then fine-tuning the piece.

Last year, the choir was invited to bring their cantata to Camilla United Church for an evening performance, which was joyfully received by the congregation there.

If you would like to participate in the Christmas Cantata or in the choir itself, please contact Joan Elchuk, 519-941-8769.

Riverforce

The youth of Tweedsmuir are on the move this fall with two exciting initiatives to enhance the leadership role of our youth in bringing the message of God's love to others.

"Youth for Christ" project – Outreach in our community

One branch of our Riverforce members will be joining forces with the very popular and successful Youth for Christ to focus on bringing comprehensive, friendly worship services to the youth of Orangeville.

Also, as a team who are passionate about Jesus and prayer, they will work toward establishing a community of young praying people by starting prayer initiatives, teaching on prayer, organizing praying events, and modelling a praying community.

"Youth Unlimited" project – Outreach in the world

Another branch of our Riverforce members will be working with a team of doctors and nurses this November 22-29/09 in the Dominican Republic under the auspices of Youth Unlimited (a branch of Youth for Christ).

As the medical team provides urgent care to the community, our Riverforce team members will utilize the games and activities they learned at VBS to introduce God's love (and provide crowd control) to the hundreds of waiting children.

The members of Riverforce will be fundraising throughout the fall. Please help support both worthy projects.

Praise Team – Look for some wonderful new pieces this fall as Julia and her praise team prepare us for worship each Sunday morning. The praise team meets on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to join this creative and inspiring group, please contact Julia at 519-940-4128.

Bible Study



Women's group – Wednesdays, 9:45 am, led by Jayne Self. This fall: "The Holy Spirit"

Men's group – Wednesdays, 8 am, led by Stan Elliotson

Did you know...?

The earliest Canadian Thanksgiving was held in 1578, when Martin Frobisher held a ceremony in present-day Newfoundland to give thanks for a safe arrival in the New World. In 1879, Parliament established a national Thanksgiving Day on November 6; since 1957, Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated in Canada on the second Monday in October.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.



Sunday School

We have a fun-packed Sunday School for tots to teens. Join us each Sunday as we Celebrate Jesus and Change Lives! (You can even pre-register on-line.)

Many thanks to the wonderful Sunday school teachers who give their time and talents. Teachers and volunteers are always welcome!

For more information, please contact Jayne Self.

Men's Breakfasts!

Enjoy connecting with other Christian men every 2nd Saturday in October, November & December. Guest speakers, good food and good fun!



Bonnie Thompson Memorial Library

Have you visited our library lately?
Thanks to all who have continued to donate books to the library.

A very special thanks to The Word Guild and Jennifer Grant who have donated more than 100 new titles.

If you are looking for inspirational reading, check out our library!

People in the News!

Christian MacDonald – "Donates Hair!" – 8 year old Christian was featured on the front page of the Citizen for donating his hair to make wigs for cancer patients. What a brave and unselfish act!

Shirley Perry – "Senior of the Year!" Shirley was recognized with a special provincial award honouring her 50 plus years of service to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Betty Douglas – "Lady with the Green Thumb!" Betty was honoured with the Trillium Award by the Ontario Horticultural Society.

Rev. Harvey Self – "Moderator Supporting the Troops!" The Banner ran a lovely article highlighting Harvey's induction as Moderator and his aspiration to focus the attention of the Presbyterian Church on supporting our troops. (Nice socks, Harvey!)

Journey of Faith...



As we travel from the long, warm summer into the shorter, crisp days of fall it is time to pause, reflect and give thanks for all the blessings that the Lord has bestowed on us through the year.

It is very easy to get attached to things that we believe we need in order to create happiness but we usually find that they don't fulfill our expectations.

One way to avoid that pitfall is to cultivate an attitude of gratitude. If one recognizes that the only things we really need are things that no one can ever take away from us and we can never lose, like God's love, we have a baseline that doesn't get touched no matter what obstacles are in our path, no matter what losses we may experience.

With that knowledge behind us, no matter what happens, we can still know that we are enough, we have enough and we are okay.

Caitlin Smith

Calendar

October

- 4th – Communion Sunday
- 10th – (Saturday) Men's Breakfast
- 11th – Thanksgiving Sunday
- 15th – First Choir practice for Cantata – 8-9:30pm
- 16th – (Friday) Fall Supper

November

- 8th – Remembrance Sunday
- 14th – (Saturday) Men's Breakfast
- 28th – (Saturday) Bazaar 9am to 1pm
- 29th – First Sunday in Advent

December

- 12th – (Saturday) Men's Breakfast
- 22nd – Christmas Sunday
- 24th – Christmas Eve