



Tweedsmuir Tidings



Spring 2016

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W.M.S. Spring News

On April 5th Spencer Finch spoke to us. He is on the committee looking after the Syrian refugees in Orangeville. The W.M.S. helped the Care Committee hold a successful Easter food drive in March. The food was sent to the Salvation Army. The W.M.S. Thank offering service will be held on **Sunday April 24th** with Pastor Kerry Duffield as the speaker. The W.M.S. Presbyterial Spring Rally will be held on **Thursday May 5th** at Campbellville Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m. W.M.S. meetings are held in the Lounge on the first Tuesday of the month, 10 months of the year.

Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will be on **Sunday June 12th** at Bob & Debbie Hunts. Please plan to join us.



Updates

Tweedsmuir last updated member and adherent information in 2011 when a photo directory was prepared. We would like to update addresses; phone numbers (cell & home) email addresses and emergency contact name and phone number over the next couple of months.

If you are on the email list you will be contacted for an information update. If you are not on the email list, we will have forms at either entrance of the church.

Collection of current information insures timely delivery of church information, receipts etc. In case of an emergency occurring at church, we will have the information to contact a family member ASAP.

Submitted by - Judy Bryan

179th Anniversary Service

Sunday, May 1st is Tweedsmuir's 179th Anniversary. Session has invited the Rev. Pat Gushue of Knox 16 in Oakville to be our guest speaker. Rev. Gushue was a student minister in our church several years ago and we look forward to the message he has to share with us.



It would be lovely if you and your family could stay after church as the choir is providing their annual pancake brunch. On the menu are apple, blueberry, chocolate chip or plain pancakes as well as gluten free pancakes, sausages and ham plus assorted juices, tea & coffee. If you are in contact with former members who have moved from Orangeville, please invite them to the service as well as friendly conversation and a lovely brunch!

Submitted by - Judy Bryan



Good News

"There is no good news these days" I sighed as I glanced at my newspaper at the breakfast table.
"Well" the lady of the house said, "the sun rose this morning and it was a glorious dawn. A blackbird sang outside the window and lots of others joined in. The grass sparkled with dewdrops and the shrubs look beautiful after last night's rain. There's plenty of good news if you look for it, Francis"
How right she was. It was not the kind of news that gets into the papers, but it put a spring in my step for the rest of the day.

Taken from the Friendship Book Sunday Nov. 29th 2015

Submitted by - Diane Ursu



Accessibility

Accessibility to Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church is difficult for people who are physically challenged and require assistance or use a wheelchair. To date Tweedsmuir has two chairlifts to assist people in accessing the Sanctuary and the Tweedsmuir Room in the lower level. However this still leaves us short of providing access for people who use wheelchairs and cannot use the chairlifts without a safe method of transfer from the wheelchair to the chair lift and vice-versa and does not address the provision for a wheelchair accessible washroom. To date the Presbytery does not require a church to be accessible at this time. The Provincial Government has an Accessibility Requirement but, for now, churches are exempt. This requirement may change in the future. In 2014 Session decided to initiate a program to determine the following:

1. Scope of the Program
2. Preliminary architectural drawings
3. Program costs
4. What Grant Funds were available to assist with this project

We appointed an Accessibility Committee to oversee the project. In 2014 we received quotations from 3 contractors plus architectural fees ranging from a low bid of \$122,000 to \$209,000 plus HST. The architect we used was Dickinson & Hicks.

The scope of work included

- Barrier free lift & hoist way
- Stairs, entrance floor structure and flooring
- Sanctuary, platform reconfiguration, carpet, doors, pews, steps
- General demolition
- Barrier free washroom and new doors
- Replace existing washroom fixtures
- General painting
- Concrete curb and ramp
- Permits & approvals
- Consultants fees
- Legal & financials

Basically the construction consisted of

- The addition of a ramp to the driveway entrance
- Removing the steps at the entrance to the church along with the floor to permit a flat entrance into the church. A set of steps would be added on the wall side of the church. The elevator would be installed to the left of the church entrance and have the ability to carry persons down to the lower floor or up to the sanctuary/office levels.
- The choir entranceway would be removed and closed off.
- The doorway to the sanctuary would be widened to accommodate wheelchairs and also accommodate a casket for funeral services. To accommodate this, the stair railings would also be reworked.
- A wheelchair accessible washroom would be constructed in the pie room area and new fixtures for the existing washrooms.
- The platform in the sanctuary where the choir is, would be modified so that the piano and choir would be on the same level.
- The front two pews would be removed from each section to provide space for wheelchairs.

Once we received the bids we applied for three Grants each \$200,000 assuming we would only qualify for one.

We did not qualify for two of them but could have received \$50,000 from one Grant provided we show that we have the balance of the funds required.

This year we have reformed the Accessibility Committee with two new members and will review what we have done to date, discuss how we can move forward with this project and re-apply for Grant Funds. We will contact the Presbytery to review what we have done to date and obtain their approval for this renovation as this is one of the requirements we must meet. We are open to suggestions from the Congregation as to how we can bring this project into reality along with ideas on fund raising/capital equipment campaign. One suggestion may be to do part of the work in stages. i.e. obtain costs for the elevator installation and do the washrooms at a later date.

Submitted by - Ron Mikulik – Elder/Property Manager



Meet Our Church Family

Contact

Need help with scripture	Amanda & Steve Bible
Interested in new vehicle	Olive Carr
Want a pet for security	Eileen Collie
Are you a bird lover	Mae Eagle, Joan & Spencer Finch
Spring thaw	Gerda Flood
Need extra help	Jean & John Handy
Lost something	Debbie & Bob Hunt
If your undecided	Joyce Mabee
Need a quick meal deal	Marjorie & Jim MacDonald
Stayed out in the sun too long	John & Suzanne Rayburn
Can't figure out the quiz	Steve & Mimi Riddell
Moving and need a truck	Dianne Ryder
Problem with height	Mary & Larry Shortt
Need clothes altered	Marilyn Taylor, Nadine Taylor

Submitted by – Edna Leschyshyn



Our Choir

Well it's close to half a year that I have been with you and I have enjoyed very much my service to Tweedsmuir. I'm proud to say that I'm the Organist and Choir Director of this beautiful church. Thank you to Harvey and Creola for their guidance and support for myself and the choir.

The choir is very healthy with an average of 18 people out of 20 turning up for our rehearsals and services. There is a wonderful blend of personalities and ages. We have fun and make good music. It's sometimes very challenging and sometimes easy but it is always satisfying. I hope that we will continue this standard of music through the new year.

I also want to thank the choir for their support of me and putting up with me during these past months. I would also like to thank the congregation for the many kind words of praise for my work as well as the choirs.

We have offered nearly 30 anthems for Sunday services. The highlight of 2015 was the Christmas Concert "Alleluia Jesus is Born" which was a great success.

We will once again team up with the renowned Mark DuBois Studio Singers and our Praise Team for an evening called "Music in May." We will sing for you popular Grand Opera, Operetta, Musical Theatre and Gospel.

You will hear excerpts from The Phantom of the Opera. West Side Story, La Traviata, The Sound of Music and many other well-loved songs.

Our Choir and the Praise Team will be active with Gospel and religious offerings that will light up the evening. This is a fundraiser for Tweedsmuir at the church.

May 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Until then. God Bless - Mark DuBois



Dufferin County Culture Resource Circle

Hi everyone, I'm Angela Carlisle the secretary of the Dufferin County Culture Resource Circle which is a Non-Profit Organization. I'm proud to announce these upcoming events we are planning to have this summer.

The Truth and Reconciliation Gathering being held on May 7th at the Orangeville Curling Club between 4 and 8 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet Elders, and residential school survivors who will be speaking about their experiences. Tickets for this event can be requested by email at dccrcboard@gmail.com.

We are also celebrating National Aboriginal Day in Orangeville, on June 18 in Alexandra Park, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Submitted by - Debbie Sipkema



Garage Sale

Our annual garage and bake sale will be held on **Saturday June 4th**.

Please keep us in mind while you're spring cleaning. We will be accepting donations in the week preceding the sale.