



Tweedsmuir Tidings



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Tweedsmuir's Accessibility Project

In 2014, in response to the growing need at Tweedsmuir to provide easier access to all floors and to address Ontario's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Tweedsmuir undertook an ambitious Accessibility project. Under the leadership of Ron Mikulik and John Ritchie, an Accessibility Committee was struck and plans were formulated. Local architectural firm Dickinson + Hicks was hired to create the preliminary drawings and assist with the tender process. Lohr Building Contractors was selected to do the work because of their competitive quote and the fact that they have installed lifts in dozens of churches in Southern Ontario.

Tweedsmuir's Accessibility project includes the installation of a lift just inside the north entrance and minor renovations to the entrance including making the doors automatic. A wheelchair accessible washroom will be constructed in the lower level using part of the Zion room ("pie room"), and the existing washrooms will be upgraded. Finally, the dais will be extended to include a platform that will raise the piano making musicians more visible and audible from all points in the sanctuary.

The total cost of the project is \$203,000.00. Fundraising is ongoing and donations continue to be gratefully received. The congregation, in full support of this progressive project, voted to approve the allocation of some of its own resources (\$65,000). An additional \$50,000 has been contributed by an anonymous donor from Tweedsmuir - amazing generosity! Funding proposals originally written and submitted by the Accessibility Committee in 2014, were updated and resubmitted and, thankfully, the church was approved for two major grants: Enabling Accessibility Fund (\$50,000) and New Horizons for Seniors Program (\$25,000). The Accessibility Committee also applied to the Presbyterian Building Corporation and was approved for an interest free loan of up to \$100,000 ensuring that there will be ample funding for the work being undertaken. There will be a general plaque acknowledging the generosity of our congregation as a whole and there will also be an opportunity for people to donate in thanksgiving or as a memorial to a loved one. These donations will be commemorated with individual plaques.

The Accessibility Committee would like to thank the congregation for their steadfast support of this wonderful project. A celebration and ribbon cutting is being planned for the completed project expected to take place in December. Committee members include Ron Mikulik, John Ritchie, Bob Hunt, Rod Ryner and Ellen Sinclair. It has surely been a labour of love...and very upLIFTing!

Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the support of the Government of Canada through the Enabling Accessibility Fund and the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

Submitted by Ellen Sinclair

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

A 6th grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve.

Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast.

Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was.")

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

Submitted by Joan Finch

Important Dates

- May 7 – Anniversary Sunday & Pancake Brunch
- May 13 – Saturday 7 a.m. – 12 Noon - Yard Sale
- May 27 – Saturday 7 p.m. – Music in May Concert
- June 11 – Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Church Picnic
- June 23 – Friday 11:30 a.m. - Strawberry Luncheon



An elderly man lay in hospital with his wife sitting at his bedside.
"Is that you Ethel at my side again?" he whispered.
"Yes dear" she whispered.
He softly said to her, "Remember years ago when I was in Veteran's Hospital? You were there with me then. You were with me when we lost everything in a fire and Ethel when we were poor you stuck with me too.
The man sighed and said, "I tell you Ethel, you are bad luck!"

Submitted by Edna Leschyschyn

True Love

W.M.S. Report 2017

The WMS would like to wish everybody a happy spring. We have had a very successful winter. We received plenty of items for Evangel Hall and thank you to Ruth Snell's son for delivery.

We are continuing our donations to Princess Margaret Public School. They appreciate the items we take to them. On Shrove Tuesday Judy Bryan and I attended a thank you from the school and everyone at the school, parents and guests were treated to a pancake breakfast. This is our 4th year helping the school. Next month we will be attending the Spring Rally at St. Andrew's in Brampton. New members are always welcome. We meet the first Tuesday of each month (excluding summer) at 1:30 at the church.

Submitted by Jane Smith, President

The best mathematical equation is:

$$1 \text{ cross} + 3 \text{ nails} = 4 \text{ given.}$$

Submitted by Edna Leschyschyn

Wil and Marie

On Palm Sunday we celebrated the wonderful work of Wil and Marie our Christian Education team. The Sunday school presented Wil and Marie with a tree to represent the seeds of God's love that they have planted. They also received a frame of art work put together by the Sunday School kids. Wil and Marie have resigned from their job as the leaders of Sunday school Vacation Bible School and youth group. They have always led us enthusiastically in all kinds of activities. Their leadership and creativity will be greatly missed. They leave big shoes to fill but we are hopeful that Tweedsmuir will continue to be a welcoming place for all ages.

Submitted by Mindy Swick

Communion Dates



May 28

June 25

August 13

October 1

December 3