



# Tweedsmuir Tidings



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## From the Minister

**"Be rich in deeds and be generous and willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18)**

### "Money Follows Mission"

In a recent article in the Presbyterian Record our General Assembly Moderator, the Rev. Karen Horst, quotes this very familiar truth about Christian Stewardship, "Money Follows Mission". As we face the challenges, at this time of the year, of meeting budgets for this year and setting goals for the coming year we do well to remind ourselves of the very important truth that our Moderator Karen touches on in her article in the September 2015 edition of the Presbyterian Record titled "Slaves to Survival."

This is a truth that sports fans would be very familiar with as well. If a sports team is doing well the fans are eager to attend their games and see the General Manager spend the money that will ensure the team has a line-up or roster that is capable of winning a fair share of their games and maybe even winning the league championship by the end of the season. "Money Follows Mission". If a sports team has a clear sense of its mission or its purpose and puts out the effort to accomplish that mission and purpose then the fans will be more than happy to support it with their attendance and their ticket sales and their finances!

So too in the Church! "Money Follows Mission". It may be that some people will support the spiritual team we call the Church simply because they have a strong sense of duty to do so. But with all the pressing demands on our pocketbooks in these days, most people want to see a good reason why they should support their local Church. They want to know that supporting their local Church means they are supporting significant Mission projects and programmes that are truly making a difference either close to home or around the globe. Moderator Karen shares in her article how this is true in her congregation where people have become very generous stewards when they get excited about their Mission commitments such as offering space for an AA Group or holding a group for grieving seniors or for neighbourhood children or for raising money to buy eight cows for a Guatemalan village through PWS&D. I can only hope and pray that the same is true about our congregation's enthusiasm about supporting the 60% of our budget that goes to pay for our Staff, our Custodian who keeps our Churches looking so spotless, and our new Musical Director who brings such joy to our praises. And, I can only hope and pray that support of the Pastoral Care, and Worship Leadership and Community Involvement of your Minister are seen to be worthwhile investments of your Stewardship year by year. As the 1970's Christian Folk Song says, "Be a Joyful Giver, Give it all you've got".

Harvey

## Upcoming Events by the Ladies Fellowship

**Tuesday December 8th, 2015** – The Ladies Fellowship will host their Annual Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Tweedsmuir Room. All of the ladies in the congregation are invited to attend. The cost is \$20.00 per person for a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The evening will include entertainment and some Christmas carolling. Small unwrapped gifts (e.g. hats, gloves, socks, toiletries and \$2.00 Tim Horton's gift cards) will be collected for Choices Youth Shelter.

**Saturday, January 23rd, 2016** – Robbie Burns Dinner in the Tweedsmuir Room. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and includes roast beef and haggis and delicious desserts. Entertainment includes a bagpiper, traditional Scottish songs and a Highland Dancer.

## Food and Toy Drive

On behalf of the Session Pastoral Care, the Care committee will be collecting Food and Toys for the Salvation Army on December 12th from 9 until noon at the church. The Salvation Army uses the gifts to make up their Christmas hampers. Please keep this in mind when you give.

Marilyn Taylor, Care Committee



## Communion Dates for 2016

Tweedsmuir's Session has approved the following dates Communion will be served in 2016.

It is the intention of Session to celebrate Communion on eight Sundays and Maundy Thursday; January 31, March 6, March 24, April 24, June 5, August 7, October 2, November 6 and December 4.



Clerk of Session  
Judy Bryan

# WMS Women's Missionary Society

As the cold weather approaches we are pleased to be collecting items for Evangel Hall in Toronto. Evangel Hall is a Presbyterian Mission at Adelaide and Bathurst Streets. Every Tuesday night they are part of the "Out of the Cold Program" providing a safe and inviting place to have a hot meal and a warm bed.

We are sending them warm clothing such as hats, mitts, and scarves. They also collect men's coats and shoes and boots as well as toiletries. The big item we are focusing on this year is warm socks. In a winter month they will give out 1000 pairs of socks. During the day they provide a warm meal, shelter and access to doctors, dentists HIV clinics and AA counseling. Please leave the items in the basket beside the office.

We would also like to thank everyone who contributed school supplies to the Princess Margaret Public School. In a Thank you note from the Principal, the school and the families in need will benefit from this donation.

On December 9th the WMS will be preparing the Christmas Baskets for the shut-ins. If you would like to help with this or help deliver the baskets please call Suzanne Rayburn at 519 941-0454.

Thank you to all of you who help to make Christmas brighter for those in need in our Church and community.

Jane Smith President WMS.

## Snowball by Shel Silverstein



I made myself a snowball  
As perfect as could be.  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet  
And let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pajamas  
And a pillow for its head.  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first it wet the bed.

Submitted by Edna Leschyshyn

## Calendar



- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> ..... First Sunday Advent
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Holy Communion
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Ladies Fellowship Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas food and toy drive
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Christmas Concert, Tweedsmuir Choir, Mark DuBois Studio Singers
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

## Tweedsmuir Welcomes the DuBois Family!



Session is happy to announce the hiring of Mr. Mark DuBois as the new Tweedsmuir Church's Director of Music. He officially joined us on November 1st, 2015.

Mr. DuBois has an extensive and varied music background. In the performing world he is known as a Lyric Tenor and has a history of choral and solo performances dating back to his 7th birthday! Mark studied at the University of Toronto Performance and Opera Division. Please visit his website for a peek at his full biography, [www.markdubois-tenor.com](http://www.markdubois-tenor.com).

Mark is also a professional teacher of voice and founder and artistic director of the Mark DuBois Studio Singers.

Mark grew up in the Anglican faith in Toronto. He was involved in the youth choir, youth group folk choir at St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Leaside. At age 19, he served as that church's Organist and Choir Director. Mark then served as a Choir Director at St. Mary and St. Cyprian Anglican on Bloor St. For the past 17 years Mark served at the Hockley United Church as Music Administrator and held that same role at Adjala United for 12 years.

Mark and his family currently reside in beautiful Hockley Valley. He and Maria, his wife, moved there in 1992 and have been involved in their church, the arts and charitable events ever since. Maria is a soprano in our choir. She is a health and safety educator who primarily teaches First Aid, CPR, AED and WHMIS courses throughout southern Ontario.

Mark and Maria have five children; Danielle and Kirsten both live and work in Toronto, Jessica who lives and works in Chesley, Ontario, Elizabeth who attends U of T in the Faculty of Music, and Christopher at home attending Mono Amaranth PS. When home on weekends from school, Elizabeth shares her vocal talents in Tweedsmuir's choir!

Please take the time to welcome the DuBois family, and get to know them!

Submitted by Judy Bryan

## Every Day Is Christmas

By Anonymous



Every day is Christmas  
when you have the kind of mind,  
That stores up all the goodness  
and the sweetness it can find  
When you don't need an  
occasion,  
to spread a bit of cheer,  
But just keep on a-giving,  
of yourself throughout the year

Every day is Christmas,  
when you've found that you can be  
More concerned with words like "you"  
and less with "I" and "me".  
When it's fun to do a favor,  
and to lend a helping a hand,  
When being understood means less,  
than when you understand

Every day is Christmas,  
with a gaily wrapped surprise,  
When you to see the friendship,  
in someone else's eyes.  
When you try a little harder,  
and complain a little less,  
Holdina fast to all the fervor

Every day is Christmas,  
with a beauty deeply cast,  
When you find it doesn't matter,  
if you're first or if you're last  
When you can face your conscience,  
and be glad of what you are,  
Then every day is Christmas,  
with a stable and star.

Submitted by Edna Leschyshyn