



Twædsmuir Tidings



Winter 2016

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Important Dates

December 2016

- 4th - Sacrament of Holy Communion – Dr. Bell
- 13th - Ladies Fellowship Christmas Dinner
- 18th - Christmas Concert – 7 pm
- 24th - Christmas Eve Service – 7 pm Dr. Bell
- 25th - Christmas Day Service – 10:30 am Rev. Simpson

January 2017

- 1st - New Year's Day Service – 10:30 am Rev. Simpson
- 20th - Robbie Burns Dinner

W.M.S. Christmas 2016

First we would like to thank everyone who donated to our October project of sending school supplies to Princess Margaret Public School. As usual your response was great. We took over many supplies. They are used for the needs of some students but some are kept by the school and given to needy families for Christmas presents.

We are now going to start our Christmas project of sending items to Evangel Hall. They are one of the Presbyterian Church Mission projects in downtown Toronto. They minister to the needy in the inner city and especially to the street people. They are in need of warm mitts, hats, scarves, new underwear for both men and women and in particular socks. They go through 1000 pairs of socks each month during the winter months. They can also use small items such as soap, toiletries, personal items etc. They do take men's winter coats and boots but we have limited arrangements for delivery.

Around the church the Women's Fellowship usually are looking for items for Choices and Wil and Marie McGilvery will be looking for items for "The Door" Youth for Christ. There is always a big need in our community to help those in need. The Care committee will be looking for help with their Toy and Food drive for the Salvation Army.

The WMS will be having their Christmas get together on Tuesday Dec 6 at 1:30 pm. This is a time for devotions followed by a social time. We welcome you to join us.

During December we will be sending Christmas baskets to our shut-ins. If you would like to help in the set up or delivery, please talk to Suzanne Rayburn.

A very merry Christmas to all of you and thank you for all of your help during the year.

Jane Smith, President



Christmas Chuckles

What did Moses' Mom and Dad do for a living?

I know they made a profit!

Why did no one want to work for Moses?

He turned his staff into a snake!

Submitted by Edna Leschyshyn



MEET DR. LINDA J. BELL

B.A. from Queen's University

Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester- Bexley Hall-Crozier in affiliation with St. Bernard's on the Hill commonly known as Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York - 1974

Doctor of Ministry from St. Stephen's College, University of Alberta - 1991

Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Presbyterian College - 2010

Linda has been in rural ministry for 17½ of her 41 years of ordained ministry. Before retirement 3 years ago, she served Gale Presbyterian Church in Elmira, Ontario for 19 years.

In 1992-3, Linda served as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the first woman moderator and the youngest, when elected.

Linda comes from a family of dairy farmers in South Eastern Ontario, has owned horses, plays guitar and sings, and enjoys woodworking, most sports and dancing.

In June of 1999, Linda married Martin Bauer, retired high school music teacher who was then the organist at Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph, then organist at Gale Presbyterian Church, now retired. He has been a cash-crop farmer and has 4 sons and 2 grandsons, with another grandbaby due in early January.

List of Ordained Pastoral Service:

Pittsford Presbyterian Church (NY State) - 1½ years - Assistant Minister

Cobden & Ross (& Scotch Bush), Ontario - 7½ years - Minister

McDonald's Corners, Elphin & Snow Road, Ontario - 10 years - Minister

Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira, Ontario - 19 years - Minister

Retired, with some interim moderator and supply preaching - 3 years

OPC Global Partnership Experience

Last spring, on a whim, I decided to apply for what looked like a unique professional development opportunity. The Ontario Principal's Council, offered an 'exchange' program that paired Ontario Principals with Principals from Norway. Sounded interesting! So, I applied and, happily, was accepted to be one of the participants.

This past October Siri Andersen arrived from Stavenger, Norway to spend a week with me. She stayed with me and we went to work together. She was able to experience a typical week in an elementary school in Ontario. Some of her highlights included:

- * Seeing a real yellow school bus. Students don't ride busses to school in Norway. They take public transit
- * Eating pancakes and maple syrup. In Norway, they eat pancakes with sour cream. Siri thoroughly enjoyed the maple syrup and made sure to take some home with her.
- * Seeing Niagara Falls. Classic Canadian tourist destination.
- * Touring a couple of elementary schools to see the diversity that Peel has. This included a K-5 in Brampton and a Middle School in Brampton as well.
- * Seeing the COPE dog training program at Humberview High School in Bolton.
- * Experiencing the ultimate Canadian food – Timbits and coffee from Tim Hortons.

On March 10th I will make the journey to Stavenger, Norway. I am looking forward to renewing our friendship and experiencing a 'typical' day/week in the life of a Norwegian Principal. I have no doubt that we will continue to learn from each other. Update to follow in the spring.

Submitted by Julia Breen

Lady's Fellowship

The lady's fellowship will be hosting their annual Christmas dinner for the ladies of the church on December 13th. As always it will be a night of good food, good friends and a little fun.

January 20th will be the Robbie Burns dinner. Tickets will be on sale for \$20. Please join us for this traditional Scottish evening.



New Custodian

Mary Little

We would like to welcome Mary Little our new Custodian to our Tweedsmuir Community.

Mary started her role with us on October 15th. Mary comes to Tweedsmuir with over 20 years experience in the custodial field, and she has already proven herself a valuable talent to Tweedsmuir. (She has even been spotted raking leaves).

Mary and her family are long-time residents of Orangeville and are very involved in community activities.

If you see Mary, in or around the church, please introduce yourself and welcome her.

Session Members

Marjorie MacDonald	Judy Bryan	Ron Mikulik
Lyn Ritchie	Mindy Swick	Doug Lackie
Jim Wilson	Ellen Sinclair	Julia Breen

Headwaters Indigenous Awareness Group

Headwaters Indigenous Awareness Group is a committee of the Westminster United Church, St Mark's Anglican Church and Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church. The purpose of this committee is to bring awareness to the community at large of the contents of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee and their recommendations to the government of Canada. Throughout 2017 we are planning for several events and projects. There will be a local newspaper series of articles on First Nations people generally and within our community. We will hold a "Blanket Exercise" followed by a First Nations meal. We are planning a visit via bus to the Indian Museum and Art Gallery and reservation in Brantford. We will make announcements closer to the events.

Submitted by Doug Lackie

Through a Child's Eyes

Dear God: if you watch in Church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. Mickey

Dear God: Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce

Submitted by Joan Finch



Please join us at Tweedsmuir for a wonderful evening of Song and Praise.

"Rejoice Greatly! Jesus has Come!"

Sunday December 18 at 7:00 pm

Featuring

Mark DuBois

The Mark DuBois Studio Singers.

The Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church Choir

The Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Praise Team

United Church Presbyterians in Cash Bind

By Tom Harpur Toronto Star

Two of Canada's major Protestant churches are in serious financial trouble according to featured articles in their national journals.

The Presbyterian Church is facing a 1982 deficit of more than \$300,000. In spite of increased giving by its members, and may have to fire some head office staff, says editor James R. Dickie in the current Presbyterian Record.

For a decade, the United Church has been spending more than its members give and is facing severe cuts in its programming, says senior writer Patricia Clarke in the March issue of the United Church Observer.

In 1981, the United Church met its budget of \$22,650,000, says Douglas Borgal, secretary of the division of finance – except for about \$30,000. But while inflation has gone up about 100 per cent in the last 10 years, giving has increased by only 70 per cent, he said in an interview. Borgal said projected deficits for 1983 will necessitate "cutting into the kind of work the church is responsible for doing."

He pointed out that a special \$40 million appeal is now being planned to support new church development and an under-financed part of the clergy pension funds.

Other drastic measures according to the Observer, may entail training clergy to a 'second occupation so they can support themselves', and using homes instead of new buildings for growing congregations.

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THANK YOU to Marjorie MacDonald and family for all the hard work on the Silent Auction.