



Tweedsmuir Tidings

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From the Minister

Are you thankful for your Church? Does participating in the life of your Church fill you with thankfulness and rejoicing?

During the 2013 Fall Season, the Session of Tweedsmuir will be seeking your ideas about what you are thankful for in the life of your Church, and what you would be thankful for if we could go in some new directions. We will do this by distributing a questionnaire to everyone who would like to complete one and be willing to share his or her ideas.

You might ask, "Why?" To my mind, the answer is straightforward. I believe that if we are going to see people more involved in the life of the Church - with the three "T's" of Stewardship - "time, talents and treasures", it will be because we help them connect their Church life and their "thankfulness".

It is not enough to drill people in their "duty" to be involved in the life of the Church. We must instead help people build the connection between Church involvement, their "joy in the Lord" (Philippians 3:1) and their "thankfulness in everything". (Philippians 4:4). Involvement follows commitment and by that, I mean all levels of involvement; involvement of gifts, and talents and finances. We give back to the Church in direct proportion to how much we joyously realize God has given to us. Stewardship rises out of discipleship, and discipleship rises out of faithful commitment.

I imagine that when the first Presbyterian settlers came to the shores of Canada and celebrated with thanksgiving, they did so with a true spirit of celebration and not merely with a dutiful gratitude. They would have expressed an enthusiastic joy for the opportunity to worship and to express their faith and freedom in this new land.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

During this season of Thanksgiving, the Care Committee will be collecting food to be given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to those less fortunate.



They will be collecting your donations of non-perishable food items starting on September 22nd and 29th. Please do your part to help others.

In 1837, when the Rev. Alexander Lewis looked out over Purple Hill in Mono Township and said, "I will build a Church in this place", his thankfulness would have been beyond measure. His thanks to the Lord, for giving God's people in this region a new beginning and a new House of Worship of their own, would have been a cause of an overflowing joy.

May our thankfulness, for all that God has given us, reflect that of the saints who have gone before us as we celebrate and build on their legacy of joy and faith.

Blessings,
Harvey Self



Taking the Pulse of Tweedsmuir - Fall 2013

As mentioned in Harvey's column, over the last few months a "Pre-Planning" Committee has been meeting to discover the best way to learn more about the congregants of Tweedsmuir so that we can, collectively as a church, with the direction of God, discern the future of the church.

We will be asking some of you to participate in a survey which will ask you questions about your faith, your worship style, the way you like to interact with other people in the church, how you think the church should be stewards and much more.

This is not just another survey! This is designed to discern how you feel, what you believe and what you need from a church to allow us, as a church, to plan, dream and set goals for a sustainable future.

The planning committee would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to **Elizabeth Bryan** who has worked tirelessly for this committee and whose contributions have been invaluable.

We will keep you informed of the process of this committee.

Thank you.

Your Church at Work

When **Harvey** and **Jayne** returned to Orangeville after their vacation, they found a new kitchen and bathroom in the Manse! Both Harvey and Jayne send a big "Thank you!" to **Ron Mikaluk** and his team of helpers.

Board of Managers: The members of the Board are also sending their thanks to those who turned up to cut the lawn and pull the weeds on the church lawn and gardens.

While Ron and his helpers always do a fabulous job looking after the church and grounds, there are always things around the church that need to be done. If you would like to help out, please speak with Ron.

Around the church – there is always a need for ushers and greeters, Sunday school and nursery workers, people to help with the coffee hour and the Women's Groups and Music Ministry always welcome new members.

Please help where you can.



Tweedsmuir at the Orangeville Fall Fair!

This year, we continued with our lunch counter, which provided sandwiches, pies and refreshments for the opening of the fair on the Friday.

A big "thank you!" to all those who baked pies, made sandwiches, staffed the booth and helped out at this event where we were able to raise \$1,275



Fundraising Events

Scottish Musical Evening: The Kincardine Scottish Fiddle orchestra came to Orangeville for the first time and performed brilliantly. All in attendance enjoyed the evening and we raised \$1,000 for the church.



We had our **yard sale** in May with lots of items for sale and plenty of people in attendance. The yard sale raised \$1,740.

Also, the **Irish Dinner** was a complete success. It was well attended and delicious! \$1,325 was raised for the church.

Finally, Shop and Save: **Ann Wilson** does a fantastic job on this fundraiser. To date, we have received \$1,400.

WMS Women's Missionary Society

On September 21st, the WMS will be holding the Fall Rally for the Brampton Presbyterial. It will be open to the groups still active in the area.

Members of Tweedsmuir are welcome to the morning session from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and to the lunch following. The cost for the lunch is \$7.00.

At this event, there will be a table from the Book Room with **Kurtis Kreppes**, from the family community services as the special guest speaker.

Also during this event, we will pay a tribute to **Helen Sinclair**. Helen was a graduate from Ewart College around 1943 and was a graduate deaconess who worked for the WMS in western Canada. Helen turns 90 this fall and is one of the remaining Ewart College graduates. Founded on October 11, 1897, by women, the original purpose of Ewart was to prepare women for missionary service. In later years, it focused on diaconal ministry and Christian and lay education.

In the fall, the WMS will be introducing an exciting program focusing on assisting Canadian children in poverty. We will be looking at ways we can help those in need in Orangeville and will be starting with Princess Margaret School, by providing them with school supplies, hats and mitts for winter and lunch supplies for their lunch program.

New Members are always welcome!

Roast Beef Supper

The Board of Managers will be sponsoring the annual Roast Beef Supper on Friday, October 25th at 6 pm.

Please come out and have a wonderful time and a fantastic dinner!



Some of our members' celebrated special birthdays this year!

Olive Bradley, 90
Cecil Cowan, 92
Betty Dobson 93
Don Sinclair, 93
Helen Sinclair, 90



Church Summer Service and Picnic



On the day of the church picnic, boy, did it rain! By the time we were ready to leave for the picnic grounds, everything was soaked, so the picnic was moved to be safe and dry inside the church. Everyone had a fun time.

People in Motion

Allan and Natalie Self are on their way to St. Catharines as Allan has been called to a church there. We wish Allan, Natalie, Cameron and Grace all the best as they start this new stage of life.

Jonathan Self spent his summer working in Kitchener and will be back at the University of Waterloo in the fall. His brother, **Jamie Self** had graduated and is now working in Kelowna, BC.

Elizabeth Bryan has now graduated from the University of Guelph. Elizabeth will be continuing her excellent work with Breaking Ground CSA.

Jonathon Elliotson spent his summer playing with the Band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa. The Band of the Ceremonial Guard is the largest in the Canadian Forces; outside of public duties, they perform in public concerts, at military functions and other ceremonies throughout the National Capital Region. Jon will be returning to the University of Toronto in the fall.

Brandon McGilvery is continuing with his mission work in Australia. From all accounts, he is thoroughly enjoying himself and his work with Youth in Motion "down under". Brandon will be back in Canada in the new year.

We wish all these people success in their endeavours. Please include them in your prayers especially those who are out in the world working in Christ's name.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - Matthew 28:19

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year's Bazaar will be on **Nov. 23rd**!

To make this day a success we need your help and contributions!

Please help us by sending in your donations. We need: crafts – knitting sewing, wood or any hand-made item; gift baskets as well as any baking and food items for the bake table. And as usual, Christmas cookies and squares are especially appreciated, as these will be sold by the dozen as mix and match sets.

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

All proceeds from this fundraiser go toward church expenses, project and local missions. To make this a success this year, we need your help!

New Members

We welcomed a new family, **Christine Hammond Wilson** and her two children, Emma and Malcolm to Tweedsmuir Church this year.

Welcome to the church and our community!



Youth and Children's Ministry Report

Well, our Youth and Children's ministry is back for another year. We are still looking for volunteers to help us on Sunday mornings, so if you know of anyone, please contact us. We use a rotation system so volunteers only participate every 3 - 4 weeks.

Our special fall events include:

- Fall Vacation Bible School on September 28th with a special VBS service on Sunday September 29th.
- Cooking a meal for Choices Youth shelter.
- Messy Christmas celebrations for the children and youth.

Please pray that God will work through these programs to help everyone grow in their faith.



Thank you,
Wil & Marie McGilvery

Happy Anniversary!

This has been a special year for several couples that celebrated milestone Anniversaries:

Pearl and Dave Proctor, Sr. – 65 years
Helen and Don Sinclair – 65 years
Jean and John Handy – 60 years
Edna and Peter Leschyshyn – 50 years
Grace and Earl Dodds – 50 years



We express our deepest condolences to Edna and her family on the loss of Peter. He will be greatly missed.

Good bye!

The following people are heading out to new homes in new places. We wish them the very best in their endeavours!

Duncan and Mary Davidson

- moved to Hanover

Dave and Beth McLaren, along with
Katie and Eliza - have also moved to
Hanover



May God bless you and keep you safe.

People in the News!

Shirley Perry – was recently recognized by the Canadian Cancer Society for 65 years of service to that worthwhile organization. That is quite an achievement!

Tweedsmuir Ladies Fellowship Group

The Fellowship has had a very busy spring and summer. The Strawberry lunch was very successful and made it possible for them to give \$1,700 to Presbyterian Sharing.

From the funds they received for the catering they provide at funeral teas, as well as the lunches and dinners they served, they were able to donate \$1,000 to the general fund.

We thank them for their dedication and work for the church.

Their next project will be the Bazaar and Silent Auction on November 23rd.

Calendar

September

- 21st – WMS Fall Rally
- 22nd – Food collected for Salvation Army
- 28th – One day, fall Vacation Bible School
- 29th – Special Vacation Bible School service
- Food collected for Salvation Army

October

- 6th – Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 13th – Thanksgiving Sunday
- 25th – Roast Beef Dinner

November

- 10th – Remembrance Sunday
- 11th – Community Remembrance Service
- 23rd – Annual Bazaar and Silent Auction 9am – 1pm

December

- 1st – Sacrament of Communion and First Sunday in Advent
- 10th – Women's Christmas Dinner
- 15th – Special Music Presentation by the Choir
- 22nd – Christmas Sunday with special coffee hour
- 24th – Carols & Candlelight Family Service
- 29th – First Sunday after Christmas



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