



Twædsmuir Tidings

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From the Minister

"Knee Deep In Spring Flowers"



In the 2013 Easter Sunday Edition of "Our Daily Bread", I came across a wonderful Easter story. It went like this:

"When the first flowers of spring bloomed in our yard, my 5-year-old son waded into a patch of daffodils. He noticed some debris from plants that had expired months before and remarked, "Mom, when I see something dead it reminds me of Easter because Jesus died on the Cross but he rose on Easter."

I replied. "When I see something alive - like these daffodils - it reminds me that Jesus died on Good Friday but then he came back to life on Easter!"

We have that assurance of life coming out of death because of what the great Easter stories tell us about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The Gospel of Luke tells us of the risen Christ walking along a road to Emmaus with two of his disciples, three days after his resurrection. They ate dinner with him and, the story says, "Their eyes were opened and they recognized that it was Jesus who walked with them." This encounter showed the travelers that Jesus conquered the grave as the Old Testament prophecies said he would do, and as Jesus himself said he would do. He had risen from the dead and the disciples had seen him in his risen form. And these two disciples, filled with joy and awe, made their way back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples the wonderful Good News:

"He is risen! He is risen indeed!"



As the great old Easter hymn declares,

*"I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hands of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He is always there."*

-William Ackley

Where would we be without Jesus' resurrection at Easter? Without Easter, our faith in Jesus would be pointless, and we would still be under the penalty of our sin (1 Cor.15:17). Jesus was raised for our justification from the way of sin so that we might walk in the way of Life. (Rom.4:25).

Today, we are made right with God by his dying but even more so by his rising again to life eternal.

That is the wonderful Good News of Easter! That is the truth that, "The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!" (Luke 24:34)

Blessings,
Harvey Self

Easter Food Drive

The **WMS Care Committee** will be collecting our contributions of non-perishable goods for families less fortunate on the 17th and 24th of March.

This year, they ask that you think of items that would help make up an Easter dinner for a family.

Items collected will be taken to the **Salvation Army Food Bank** who reports that each year, there are more and more people needing the Food Bank.

Thank you for your support.



Let's talk Stewardship!

In a perfect world, we would have received just over 16% of the funds needed to operate the facilities at Tweedsmuir by the end of February.

Unfortunately, at this date, instead of 16%, we have only collected 11.5%. In other words, we have spent \$9,785 more than we have received.

Help!

At the Annual Meeting, the budget presented by the combined Session and Board was approved. It asks us all to give almost \$16,000 more to the Operations Budget this year.

Of the 168 envelope users, there are about 75 who wholeheartedly and regularly support the operation of this church and we are so thankful for your support!

If you are able, Tweedsmuir needs for you to prayerfully consider increasing your givings by \$225 per year or, \$4.50 per Sunday.

Simply get a PAR (Planned Automatic Remittance) form from the Office and increase your contributions to The General Fund by \$18.25 per month or increase your envelope by \$4.50 per Sunday.

Judy Bryan and George Agar
For Stewardship Ministry

*Each one must give as he has
decided in his heart, not reluctantly
or under compulsion, for God loves
a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7



Not feeling well and can't make it to Church on a Sunday morning? **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church** in Kitchener, Ontario will have services on CTV on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10 am. Feel better soon and see you next week!

Westminster Community Players
Presents:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Friday, April 26th - 8 pm
Saturday, April 27th - 8 pm
Sunday, April 28th - 3 pm



At Westminster United Church

Contact their church office to reserve
your tickets: 519-941-0381

Around the Church

Brandon McGilvery has received his travel visa and will be off to work in the Mission field in Australia soon. We wish him well in his travels. God speed!

On March 16th the Irish contingent of our congregation are having a **St. Patrick's Night Dinner**. As the newsletter will be published right before the dinner, we can only assume that, (as usual in this church), we will have had a marvellous time of great food, fun music and wonderful companionship!



In January, the **Mission Committee** arranged a movie night and showed the film, "Soul Surfer". The event was well attended and they hope to be bringing us another film soon.

Shop & Support: Anne Wilson and family have done a tremendous job handling this fundraiser for our church. A person can purchase gift cards from a large variety of suppliers including: grocery, drug, clothing and hardware stores, gas stations, restaurants and much more.

While there is no extra charge to the consumer, the church receives a percentage of the total of cards sold.

Last year Anne raised over \$2,500 for the church and to date has raised \$303 in 2013. This is a simple and easy way to support the church and we encourage you to participate where you can. Thanks for your support!



Tweedsmuir's Friendship Groups

Several years ago, the Session decided they did not have enough Elders to continue making visits to all our members, so Friendship Groups were created.

These groups are a new concept within the Church where an Elder - along with his or her helpers - contact the people in their group to advise the person of coming events in the Church and, most importantly, keep in touch with everyone connected to the church.

It is our intention to contact everyone including members of the congregation, as well as previous members who have moved away, adherents, guests and friends of the church about four times a year. Some of you will receive visits, some phone calls and even by e-mail.

You are all important to us and we want to know you better.

If you are not sure who your Elder is, please contact **Jane Smith**, Roll Clerk, at 519-940-8637 who can give you this information and tell you more about the program.

WMS Women's Missionary Society

The WMS would like to thank everyone who gave items for **Evangel Hall Mission**. This year, the Presbyterian Church's Mission, Evangel Hall, will be 100 years old. They first opened their doors in 1913 to help the poor of Toronto.



In the March 2013 issue of the Presbyterian Record, there is an article on their service to the community over the years. We are proud to be one of their many supporters.

Since we have had so many requests from people who would like to donate more items to the EHM, we have decided to make one extra run down to Toronto.

We will drive down in April, so this give you time to gather your donation items. If you would like to help but do not have anything at your house to donate, there is always a need for new underwear or socks. Evangel Hall Mission goes through 1,000 pairs of socks each month.

We also were pleased to be able to help with **The Door Youth Centre** and their program of assisting youth on the streets of Orangeville.

On March 1st, two of our members took part in the World Day of Prayer, which was held at St. Marks Anglican Church. It is always a privilege to be part of this Community service.

We will be having our Annual Thank Offering Service on April 28th.

The WMS meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 in the Fellowship Room. New members are always welcome!

In Memoriam

We remember the following Members and Adherents of Tweedsmuir who passed away during late 2012 and early 2013.



Barbara Densmore

Sandy Robson

Tom Montgomery

Our sympathy goes out to their families and to all the members of our church who lost loved ones this year.

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4



Senior Choir – presently, **Joan Elchuk** and the Choir are hard at work preparing special music to highlight Easter Sunday and Anniversary Sunday. We look forward to hearing these exceptional pieces.

On Palm Sunday, March 24th, the Choir will be again serving a pancake brunch after church. We hope you stay for a fun time and a delightful meal!



Fellowship Group

The Fellowship group is pleased to report that the **Christmas Bazaar** was a great success. We were able to give \$3,000 to the Church to support their finances.

We would like to thank everyone who made the day such a success.

We also had a very successful **Robbie Burn's Dinner** in January. Everyone had their fill of roast beef, haggis, and all the trimmings! The entertainment was enjoyed by all and "One of the Best Burn's Night's ever!" was heard up and down the hall at the end of the evening.



In recognition of **Valentine's Day**, we sent valentine flowers to the church shut-ins.

This spring, the group is planning their **Strawberry Lunch** on Thursday, June 27. We hope to see you there!



Annual Meeting

The 2013 Annual General Meeting was held after our church service on February 24th to reflect and summarize the work of Tweedsmuir Church Community for the calendar year 2012 and plan as a congregation what our journey will look like in 2013.

We appreciate that it may be uncomfortable for some to address the business side of the administration of our church and thank all who attended for their interest, questions, suggestions and support. If you have not received your copy of the annual report please contact the church office and one will be provided to you.

If you have any questions about how the church operates or have questions arising from the meeting, please feel free to contact me at 519-942-2053 or jbryan@rogers.com. I will try my best to search for the answer or the correct contact to answer your questions.

Our congregation continues to be blessed by **Harvey Self's** ministry and **Joan Elchuk's** musical leadership. We benefit from their talents of word and music each week and I want to take this opportunity to thank them and all the church employees and volunteers for their contributions to this Church's life.

It will take prayer, dedicated work and monies of the Tweedsmuir Faith Community to make 2013 another vibrant year in Tweedsmuir's history.

Taking our cue from the proud celebration we experienced in our 175th year, we look forward to making the plans outlined in our budget a reality.

In Christ,
Judy Bryan, Deputy Clerk of Session

From the Garden...

Spring will be here soon and that means lots of delicious veggies, eggs and meats from the farm! This year, we will be able to provide vegetables past the end of September and hopefully well into October.

Veggie pick-ups will be Mondays at Tweedsmuir Church on John St. and Wednesdays at the Amaranth Farmers Market (just outside Laurel).

It's time to make sure you get your veggies and meats during 2013! To fill out your order form or find out more, please see my website at:

<http://www.breakinggroundcsa.com/season-and-pricing.html> and be sure to tell your friends!

And, thanks again for all your support over the last few years!



Elizabeth Bryan
Breaking Ground CSA: Farmer
519-939-6875



Sunday School Corner

Marie and Wil McGilvery have announced that they will not be hosting a VBS this summer. Instead, they plan to use their resources to host several different events throughout the year. Be on the lookout for:

Saturday, March 23rd - Rock 'n Roll Easter 9 am to 12 pm

Wet and Messy Picnic - held in conjunction with the Church Picnic on Sunday, June 16th.

Saturday, June 22nd - WonderJAM - All day at Canada's Wonderland. A fun-filled day of worship, live music and family entertainment.

Fall 2013 - "Hay Day", a weekend VBS (date TBA).



Calendar

March

- 23rd - Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm, Rock 'n Roll Easter Event (Sunday school)
- 24th - **Palm Sunday**, 10:15 am followed by a Pancake Brunch at 11:30
- 28th - **Maundy Thursday Communion**, 7 pm
- 29th - **Good Friday** / Walk of the Cross 1:30 pm
- 31st - **Easter Sunday** featuring special music by the Choir

April

- 5th - Friday - Pasta Dinner, 6 pm
- 28th - **Mission Awareness Sunday** including WMS's Thank Offering

May

- 5th - **176th Anniversary Service** followed by the Anniversary Lunch

June

- 2nd - **Communion Sunday**
- 16th - Father's Day & Church Picnic including the Sunday School's Wet & Messy picnic
- 22nd - Saturday - WonderJAM at Canada's Wonderland (Sunday School)
- 27th - Thursday - Strawberry Lunch hosted by the Fellowship Group, 12 pm

August

- 11th - **Communion Sunday**

