

EASTER 2026

Our mission:

To know Christ
and to make
Him known.

**TWEEDSMUIR CHURCH
COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS**

**VOICES OF
EASTER CANTATA**

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 29 @
10:30 AM**

**Maunder Thursday, Communion Service
April 2 ~ 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service Communion
April 5 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

A MESSAGE FROM REV. BONNIE

As I write this Easter message to you, we are in the fourth week of Lent. Lent is a time to quiet down, sit back and listen to the stories of Jesus as he nears the cross. It is a time to ponder our fleeting existence, to remember that we came from dust and to dust we shall return. This, of course, brings up all sorts of thoughts and feelings. It can be a rather gloomy time of year and the weather seems to reflect that.

This week we had our first winter thaw - a taste of spring for three days before the weather turned cold again. I swear I saw some buds on a tree during that time. Someone also pointed out to me that there were green shoots poking out of the ground in our backyard. Now the world is white again and snow flies through the air.

March is a month of snow, sleet and slippery sidewalks as well as rain, mud and bleak looking landscapes. Yet, moments are opened to us where we get a glimpse of the new life that is brewing underneath it all: the sun warming the earth, the green shoots peeking out and small buds just waiting for the right time to open. It's like

the earth is waiting in anticipation to explode with life and colour. It just needs the right conditions to do so.

It seems fitting that we go through Lent during this time of year. Lent and the month of March seem to naturally fit together. And when spring finally shows itself, Easter is upon us: new life from the earth, resurrection from the grave. Since the dawn of Christianity, people have wondered about resurrection, and what it means for us and for the world. There are many different beliefs and interpretations and arguments about which might be correct. Really, it's a mystery.

"But all agree on two central truths about Easter. First, death is not the last word of human existence. And second, whatever the Resurrection was, is, or will be, it serves as the gateway to a new existence - a life of mercy, service, gratitude and love.

Like Christmas, Easter is more than a single day. It is a season of fifty days. As spring lengthens, as the earth awakens, the year invites us to explore the many meanings of resurrection. It raises questions, even as it inspires hope. Easter speaks to anyone longing for abundant life." - A Beautiful Year, by Diana Butler Bass.

May the Spirit of resurrection fill you with all hope and strength for whatever you need to face in the coming months and may God's love continue to grow within you. Amen.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Bonnie

Come and enjoy! Bring a friend!

Easter Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, March 28th from 9 am - 12 pm
Tweedsmuir Church, 6 John St., Orangeville




Free Pancake
Breakfast
served with a smile



Good Friday,
April 3, 2026
9-11 am

Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church
6 John St.

Please enter from middle front door
Children must be accompanied by an Adult

 at north entrance

RESCUE JUNCTION

May 3, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church
6 John St.
Orangeville

Tickets: \$25
519-941-1334



At North Entrance

Song Circle Evening

Third Tuesday of the Month
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tweedsmuir Church
6 John St.
Orangeville, ON

All levels of musicians welcome.
Come and play, listen and/or sing.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mother's Day Tea


SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026
2 PM

Live Music

Door Prizes

Wear your hat or fascinator

Tickets \$25.00 available at the office
Seats are limited reserve your table early

Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church
6 John St.
Orangeville, ON 



Tweedsmuir's AGM

Tweedsmuir's Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

Thank you everyone for your participation and support!

We appreciate the hard work of Marjorie MacDonald, Church Treasurer, who prepared the 2026 budget which was reviewed and passed.



Also confirmed was your 2026 Session: Barb Bryan, Christine Franklin, Diane Lawson, Marjorie MacDonald, Anne Morrison, Neil Overbeek, Dave Proctor and Mary Shortt. Questions? Concerns? Reach out to one of the faithful Elders anytime.

Co-Clerks—Barb Bryan & Neil Overbeek

SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

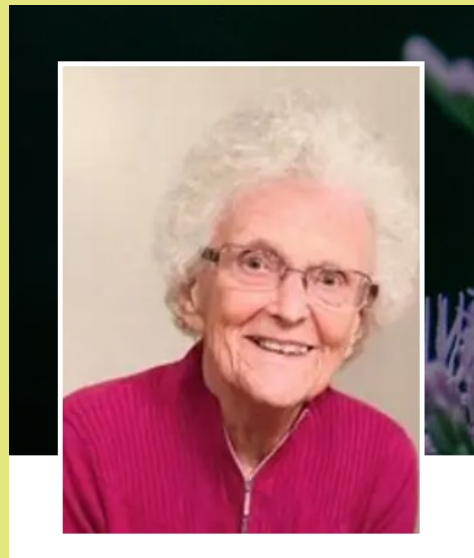
There's a reason you're here! Hopefully, you feel God's blessing whenever you engage with Tweedsmuir, especially on Sunday! Tweedsmuir's vision is TO KNOW CHRIST and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN. As a church, we strive to make everyone feel at home, feel the presence of God and to know the love of the Tweedsmuir Family. We feel compelled to *reach out* to our community and to *reach in* to make life at Tweedsmuir fulfilling. Do you want to become more involved? Have a look at the many activities going on and see what speaks to you. Do you have gifts, talents and ideas you're willing to share? We'd love to hear from you!

Activity	Contact (Who ya gonna call?)
Worship Committee	Rev. Bonnie
Music Ministry (choir, Praise Team, Cantata, Song circle)	Julia Breen
Ladies' Fellowship	Debbie Hunt
Outreach	Neil Overbeek
Property & Maintenance	Dave Proctor
Youth Ministry (Sunday School)	Christine Franklin, Ellen Sinclair
Fundraising (is fun!)	Marjorie MacDonald
Pie Peeps!	Barb Bryan
Men's Breakfast	Dave Proctor/Neil Overbeek
Friendship Groups	Judy Bryan
Prayer Chain	Jane Smith
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Diane Lawson
Greeters, Readers, Elevator operator	Anne Morrison
Tweedsmuir Tidings Newsletter	Jane Smith, Ellen Sinclair
Technical – sound booth, video	Julia Breen
Website, Social Media	Julia Breen



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 Office administrator ~ Pam Duffield | Church Custodian ~ Mary Little

Tweedsmuir Remembers



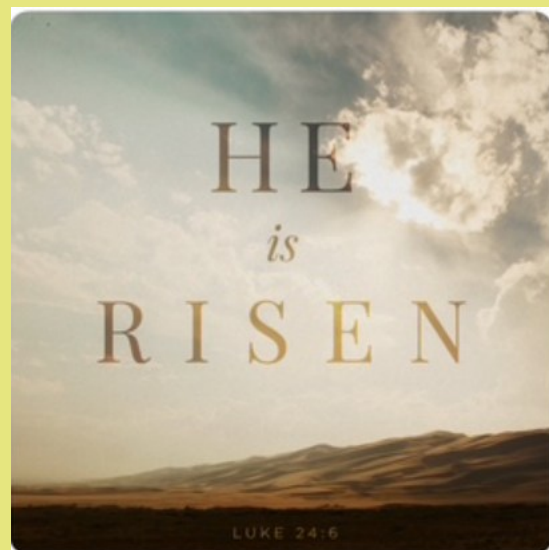
Helen Robson
 Feb 8, 1928—Jan 23, 2026

I stood perfectly still in a wildflower meadow. Out loud I said, "Give me a sign. Show me a miracle." You will never guess what happened next. Nothing! As I waited, I listened. I looked closer. I breathed in and out. Then I realized it was *all* a sign. And every bit of it—myself included— was a miracle!



Ancient wisdom tells us "Thy neighbor is thy teacher. Live with him who prays and thou prayest. Live with the singer and thou singest." Worth remembering. If our neighbor is our teacher, then we are theirs. What neighborly lesson would "thou" impart?

Submitted by D. Ursu



Men's Breakfast & Ladies Fellowship



Super turnout at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 7th. The gents enjoyed an excellent meal and great fellowship as they do the first Saturday of every month.

Reminder to all the men—
 April's Men's Breakfast will combine with the Neighbourhood **Good Friday Pancake breakfast, Friday, April 3 from 9:00 –11:00 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME**

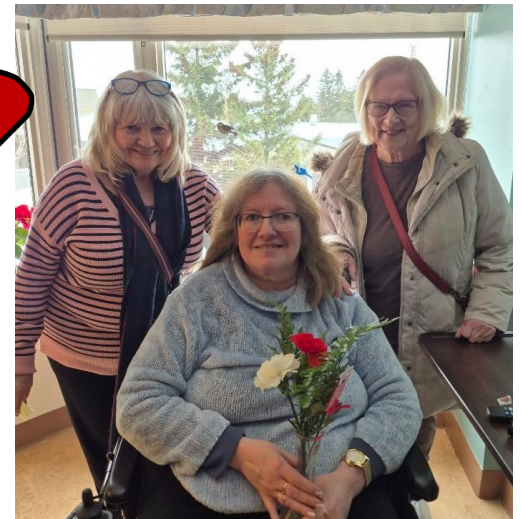


FIVE ROSES! (ok, Carnations)

Ladies Fellowship delighted many of our congregation unable to make it out to church with beautiful Valentine's Day bouquets.

Pictured left are Betty, Joan F. , Diane, Joan E., and Colleen.

Pictured below: Anne Morrison and Shirley Morrison deliver a beautiful bouquet to Diane Cunningham (seated) at Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne.



Ladies Fellowship provided a scrumptious luncheon for the Probus group on March 12th in keeping with their St. Patrick's Day tradition. The **lucky charmers** below from left to right are Colleen, Debbie, Lynda, Phyllis, Betty, Ruth, Eileen and Dianne.



*May there always be work
 for your hands to do,
 May your purse always hold
 a coin or two,
 May the sun always shine
 on your windowpane
 May a rainbow be certain
 to follow each rain,
 May the hand of a friend
 always be near you,
 May God fill your heart with
 gladness to cheer you.
 ~An Irish Blessing*

A Braw Night!

The popular Robbie Burns Night—Saturday, January 24th



Brianna Dakin (Eileen's granddaughter) reaches impressive heights! So thankful to have Brianna and her friend entertain with beautiful highland dancing!



Left: Margaret Fraser and friend

Right: Ian Urion marches in the delicious Hags

Below: Anne Morrison and friends enjoy the evening



Right: Rev. Angus Sutherland (Rev. Bonnie's father) pipes in the procession as we celebrate Scotland's most famous son.

Below left: Wonderful music throughout the evening including My Love is like a Red Red Rose sung by Neil MacOverbeek.



Dave & Judy (background) and Ian & Eileen demonstrate The Gay Gordon. Step we Lively! I hear they're offering lessons to prep for next year!



We are very grateful to the organizing committee including Dave Proctor, Eileen Collie and Anne Morrison. Thank you to all the donors who made the evening possible! Special thanks to **Ian Urion** for your generous donation of the Hags (delicious!) and to **Rev. Angus Sutherland** for Piping in the procession in style!



These **Tweedsmuir troubadours** entertained at the **Robbie Burns Night** and were invited to join in at the **Lord Dufferin Centre's St. Patrick's Day** celebrations on March 17th.

Led by the talented Julia, their ever expanding *Mac's* versus *Mc's* repertoire includes favourites from the Old Country ranging from *Flower of Scotland* to *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling!*

Left to right: Ellen, Neil, Julia, Seth, Rev. Bonnie.



Dates to remember

- Mar. 28— Spring Craft and Bake Sale
- Mar. 29—Voices of Easter Cantata
- April 2 —Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7 p.m.
- April 3 —Good Friday—join us for the Community Breakfast 9—11 a.m.
- April 5—Easter Sunday He is Risen! Communion Service
- May 3—Anniversary Sunday,
Special Concert—Rescue Junction!
- May 9—Mother’s Day Tea—wear your Fascinator!
- June 7— Gospel Music Celebration (part of O’ville Blues & Jazz Festival)
- June 13—Church Garage Sale
- June 25 — Strawberry Lunch

**We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day.
(Living Faith, 7.3.1)**



Tweedsmuir Youth *The youth are assisting with the church service on the last Sunday of the month. Thank you! And thank you to the Teaching Team: Christine Franklin, Seth Veenstra, Neil Overbeek, Ellen Sinclair, Eileen Collier, Anne Morrison and Elizabeth Sankar.*

A message from our Treasurer

Again, Thank you everyone for your contribution to Tweedsmuir so that we met the 2025 budget. The budget for 2026 amended at the annual meeting will be \$197,000.00. At the end of February we have a shortfall of \$15,319.91. I am sure 2026 will be a financial success with everyone pulling together. Thank You. **Marjorie MacDonald**

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE—the Fundraising Committee is thrilled to announce that we’ve been approved for a Provincial Grant of \$7,500 under the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention program. The funding will allow us to upgrade our entryways to increase security in the building.



On the move...

Kay Goss has moved to a seniors’ home in Fergus. Best wishes to Kay as she settles in and makes new friends!

Edith Wilson has moved to Shelburne Residence and is able to get to church every week thanks to fellow parishioners.

Taxi Service *to & from church services and functions. If you don’t have a ride, remember to call Orangeville taxi and give them the code for Tweedsmuir. This is possible thanks to the Marilyn Taylor Memorial Fund. See Neil for instructions.*

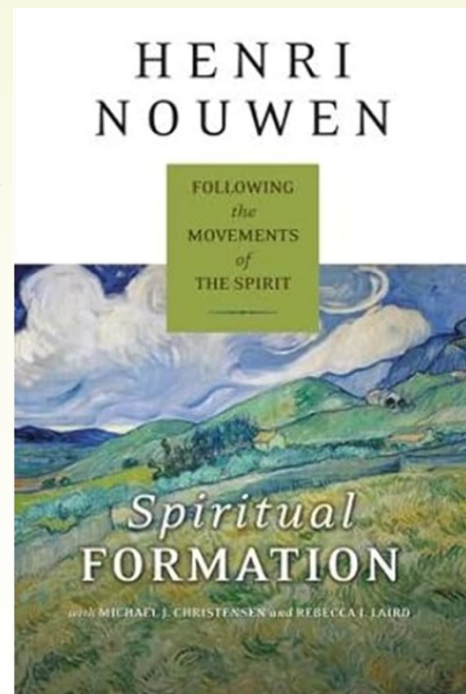
World Day of Prayer Service *This global event was hosted by Westminster on March 6th and was well attended. The focus for this year’s service was Nigerian women and their experiences. Thank you to Anne Morrison who represented us in the program.*

Looking for a good read? Check out Henri Nouwen’s **Spiritual Formation**. Nouwen, renowned spirituality author and psychologist asks himself...”Where am I as a Christian? How far have I advanced? Do I love God more now than earlier in my life? Have I matured in faith since I started on the spiritual path?”

Do you ask yourself these questions? This is quick read and helps the reader understand the movements in spiritual formation including: 1. Letting go of attachments, 2. Growing awareness of God’s presence, 3. Spiritual dryness (Dark Night of the Soul), 4. Deep intimacy with God, and 5. Living out one’s faith.

Submitted by

Available on Amazon.



Thank you for your contributions and thank you for reading the Tweedsmuir Tidings!

Please submit your news items, writings, pictures, special events, and congratulatory messages for our Summer Newsletter by June 1, 2026.

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