



Welcome!



"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

Merry Christmas from Rev. Bonnie Sutherland

Happy Christmas Season, Friends of Tweedsmuir!

We've had a busy fall full of fellowship, food and fun and suddenly the Advent season is upon us!

Advent is also a busy time, but I would invite you to take moments of reflection when you can. Maybe open a devotional or your Bible to reflect on this season where we anticipate the coming of God made flesh - our Saviour, Jesus.

One of my favourite scriptures for this season is from The Message. Here it is:

John 1:14

*The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.*

God's word made flesh - God becoming a man.
The words of the law and the prophets gathered up into one man,
Who shows us the true nature of God:
Graceful, compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love -
And not above challenging selfishness, arrogance and injustice.

Let us take a moment and consider this mystery.
May we allow this mystery to dwell within us, change us, and make us more like Christ.
Amen.

May the Prince of Peace be with you!

Rev. Bonnie

**For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us.
He will be called wonderful counselor,
mighty God, everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace**

Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Cantata "Voices of Christmas"

Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 2 pm
Tweedsmuir



**Tweedsmuir
Candlelight Christmas Eve
Service
Dec. 24th @ 7 pm**



And Suddenly there was
with the angel a multitude of
the heavenly host praising
God and saying, Glory to
God in the highest and on
earth peace, good will to-
ward men!

Champions in our midst!



Brianna

We are so very proud of Maize and Lily Short who never fail to bring home medals and honours from any competition they enter!

Another champion in our midst is Brianna Dakin, granddaughter of Eileen Collie. In June Brianna won the Ontario Championships in the 14/15yrs and earned a spot to represent Ontario at the Canadian championships in Ottawa. Brianna came in 2nd at the Canadian championships. In August she travelled to Glengarry and Fergus whereby she won both championships before leaving for Scotland. In Scotland, Brianna won the Commonwealth championship in Stirling. At the Cowal Highland Gathering, Brianna placed 2nd in the 15yrs Scottish championships and earned a coveted spot to dance in the Juvenile World Championships, where she placed 5th overall!



Brianna & friends entertained us at January's Robbie Burns night.

Left: Maize and Lily



TWEEDSMUIR GIVES

School Supplies Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the school supply and mitten drive! A great collection of items was delivered to Parkinson and Princess Margaret Public Schools. Children will not go without this season.
Marjorie MacDonald and Jane Smith.

Congratulations to the Sunday School! They assembled **TWENTY-EIGHT Operation Christmas Child Boxes (packed full!)** and sent them to the O.C.C. headquarters. Thank you for your hard work students! And thank you to all who donated!



God rest ye, Merry Gentlemen!

And thank ye! For hosting a wonderful "Men's" Breakfast for all the folks in the church on November 29th.



My wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said I didn't know that he could.
Thanks Anne Wilson. We needed that!



Mel and Earl cook up a storm!

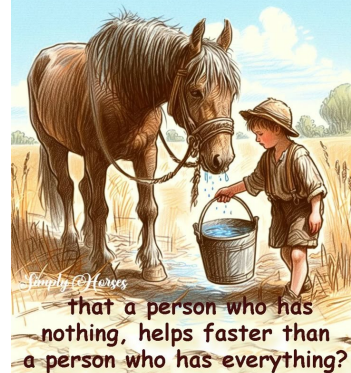
In the community

We have witnessed a wonderful example of outreach into the community. During a chair exercise class at our community centre, the instructor mentioned that she would love to have a piano. She played years ago and then started dancing with the Winnipeg ballet and piano took a back seat. Freda and I mentioned that Tweedsmuir had a few pianos looking for a new home. So between us, we orchestrated getting the piano out, transporting it to her new home, she got it tuned. It seems like every time I walk by her house, I hear her playing and see her sitting at the piano. What a lovely way of connecting a passion with something looking for a home.

Submitted by Judy P.



HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED



that a person who has nothing, helps faster than a person who has everything?

Submitted by Judy P

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL

It's the Most Wonderful Time!

"Tis the Season!

Thank you to Dave, Ron, Michael and Christian for your work making our grounds look festive and inviting. This beautiful display of angels was created by Don Corbett.



Ladies Fellowship Christmas Luncheon— On Dec 16 the Ladies Fellowship group will once again enjoy a pleasant Christmas repast at the church. Ladies Fellowship always welcomes new members. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30p.m.



The hardworking Ladies Fellowship group as seen at their Christmas luncheon 2024.

Left is a photo of children in Rwanda, recipients of the Bed Kits for Sleeping Children Around the World, one of the charities supported by the Ladies Fellowship.



In our hearts



Mae Eagles
April 23, 1932—November 15, 2025

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd—that's relationship
I shall not want—supply and satisfaction
He makes me lie down in green pastures—rest
He Leads me beside still waters—refreshment
He restores my soul—healing
He leads me in paths of righteousness—guidance
For His name's sake—purpose
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—trial and testing
I will fear no evil—protection and trust
For you are with me—faithfulness
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me—concern & compassion
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies—Hope & provision
You anoint my head with oil—consecration
My cup overflows—abundance
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—blessing
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord—security and safety
Forever—Eternity in Heaven

Read by Bert Gauthier at Mae's funeral...

Crystal Butler, **Mae Eagles daughter**, purchased one of the pews from TMPC. She was thrilled to be able to have a memory from our Church. She and her husband picked up the pew, refinished it, and it is now prominently used in their dining room in Erin. I'm sure there will be many family gatherings there and fond memories of Mae while family members sit in that pew and enjoy family stories.

D. Proctor

TWEEDSMUIR BAZAAR & SILENT AUCTION



Over 300 auction items donated by local business owners and Tweedsmuir members! Thank you!!



Above: Heather, Kay, Grace and Colleen display the yummy cookie corner.
Left: Mary and Bob make sure the volunteers and patrons are well fed.



Right: Colleen and Grace hard at work! →

Left: Bill and Ida Prins check out the wares.



Below: Elizabeth and Ruth oversee the crafts tables



Above left: Caleb and Trish inspect the auction item.
Below: Christian, Anita and small person take a well deserved break!



Hope you made the *NICE LIST*, Neil! ←

We Remember



My Journey

My journey began when I was just a babe.
My parents wanted me to learn the Lord's way.
A Presbyterian church was important for me,
The love of God and the community.

At 8 years old we moved to a closer church.
As a United Methodist I continued my search
A church full of love and lots to share
The warmth of community that showed they cared.

A marriage and a move across the border
Made searching for a church a tall order.
The United Church seemed to pull me in.
I served and grew and tried to stay away from sin.

A move to Caledon made the drive too far
Where would I go? Just get in the car.
Why did I resist and stay away?
At this point I really can't say.

Life got busy with a husband and two boys.
They took over my life with games and toys.
I still believed and would return to church some day.

For 20 years I just stayed away.
A move to Orangeville and the feeling was there
That something was missing, a community of care.

To Tweedsmuir I came and felt very sure
The people here had hearts that were pure.

I was welcomed with such warm hellos.
Come for coffee they said, it's just down below.
And the journey continues to become a member
The Lord lead me here that snowy day in December.

Submitted by J. Erikson.

Thank you, Joan, for this beautiful message!



Bringing in the Sheaves This year we have been blessed with plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Barb Bryan and others supplied the "Sharing our Abundance" table outside Cafe Church. This fall we received apples from Lynda Moore and potatoes from Mel Lea. We've also enjoyed apples from the Dodds and eggs from the Wilsons. Thank you all!



Rev. Bonnie Sutherland laid the Tweedsmuir wreath at the Cenotaph. Pictured here with on November 11, 2025. (left: Rev. Bonnie with Legionnaire)



A Stewardship message from our treasurer

Financials to the end of October
Income \$119,799.86
Expense \$155,023.85
Shortfall \$35,223.99

Presbyterian sharing commitment for 2025 \$6,500.00
Donations to date \$4,185.00

Folks, we have a challenge to meet before the end of the year however I know we can make it. We have many blessings which include a wonderful minister and a church building and manse that are free and clear of debt.

We can do this!

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



Join us as we share the spirit of giving! From December 3-14, we're collecting non-perishable food items to support local families in need. Each day features a suggested item, but all donations are welcome.

Here are some great ideas to celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas, 12 days of donating!

- Day 1 - Canned Meat - tuna, salmon or flaked turkey, chicken, ham
- Day 2 - Canned Veggies - potatoes, beans, corn or carrots
- Day 3 - Canned Beans - kidney, lentil or chickpeas
- Day 4 - Canned Soup - chicken noodle, vegetable or tomato
- Day 5 - Spreadables - peanut butter, jam or honey
- Day 6 - Dessert - pudding, fruit cups, applesauce cups or jello
- Day 7 - Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Day 8 - Oatmeal
- Day 9 - Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Day 10 - Juice Boxes
- Day 11 - Granola Bars or Bear Paws
- Day 12 - Crackers or Cookies



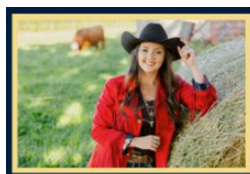
Drop off your items at the church weekdays between 9 am and 12 pm or Sunday mornings.

Let's come together and make a meaningful difference this Christmas season!

Youth Unlimited (YFC Highlands)

Winter Gala

Back by popular demand
Country & Gospel
Recording Artist
Naomi Bristow



Roast Beef Dinner & Entertainment
Friday, February 20, 2026
6 pm
Compass Community Church
Tickets \$45

Calendar of events

Dec. 14	Christmas Cantata—Voices of Christmas at Tweedsmuir 2 pm
Dec. 16	Ladies Fellowship Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm
Jan. 24	Rabbie Burns Night



Tweedsmuir was delighted to host Father Mark Curtis, the Singing Priest who presented a wonderful program of inspiring stories and songs on Nov. 2nd.



Lord, as the year draws to a close,
Thank you for so many things:
For home and friendship, warmth and food
And all each new day brings,
For all the guidance and the help,
The things we have achieved,
For comfort, hope and kindness,
The healing we've received.

Lord, thank you for the love we share,
It grows with every day,
And like a beacon in the dark
Will light our future way.
Now, as the year draws to a close,
Lord, be our guard and guide,
And in the year which lies ahead
Be always by our side.

By Iris Hesselden ~ Submitted by D. Ursu



The Tweedsmuir Church Community Choir under the direction of Julia Breen, has been working extremely hard these past months to present "Voices of Christmas" a Christmas Cantata that you are sure to enjoy. Bring your family and friends on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon of beautiful music. Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome!

I Meet God ~ Helen Steiner Rice

I meet God in the morning
And go with him through the day,
Then in the stillness of the night
Before sleep comes I pray
That God will just take over
All the problems I couldn't solve
And in the peacefulness of sleep
My cares will all dissolve,
So when I open up my eyes
To greet another day
I'll find myself renewed in strength
And there'll open up a way
To meet what seemed impossible
For me to do alone
And once again I'll be assured
I am never on my own.

Submitted by A. Wilson

Around our Church we have some special ways we can pray. The Prayer Chain does special prayers for people both in our church and their friends and family. We are looking to expand our Prayer Chain in the new year. If you would like to be part of this or would like more information, please call Jane Smith at 519-940-8637
Making prayer shawls or lap blankets is another way we can help those who need prayer. Whether it is for illness, bereavement, at home or with family or friends. See Diane Lawson for instructions.

The Cold Within

Six humans trapped by happenstance
in dark and bitter cold.
Each one possessed a stick of wood
Or so the story's told
Their dying fire in need of logs,
The first woman held hers back.
For on the faces around the fire,
She noted one was black.

The next man looking cross the way
Saw one not of his church,
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire stick of birch.
The third one sat in tattered clothes,
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
to warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store.
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy, shiftless poor.
The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from sight,
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group,
Did naught except for gain
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.
The logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from --- the cold within

Submitted by A. Wilson

Please submit your news items, writings, pictures, special events, and congratulatory messages for our Easter Newsletter by March 27, 2026
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