

# Wespress for 15 August 2008

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## Coming Events

Sunday 7 September	10:30 a.m.	All-ages worship and Sunday School Rally Presentation by Grandmothers to Grandmothers (see Page 4)
Sunday 7 September	After Service	Gracefield Fellowship Weekend Coffee Hour. The money raised will be used to subsidize those families who need some help with the cost of the weekend.
Thursday 11 September	7:00 p.m.	CGIT resume regular meetings
Friday to Sunday 19 – 21 September		Gracefield Fellowship Weekend (details below)
<b>Sunday 5 October</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Communion</b>
Friday 24 October		Set-up day for Bazaar
Saturday 25 October	9:00 to 1:00	Bazaar (see article further down)
<b>Sunday 30 November</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Communion</b>

## 2. From William

Summer Greetings to All!

Late summer and Autumn is an active time for Westminster. Regular fellowship, study and ministry groups revive their gathering, just as schools begin and people return from travel and visiting. It provides an exceptional opportunity to get involved, to develop your faith, to serve God and the church. Check out this Wespress, the weekly worship bulletins and the website: [www.mywestminster.ca](http://www.mywestminster.ca)

Session and its working teams continue to develop to serve the church better and hopes in the near future to give you a fuller picture of the ongoing evolution of our work and ministry together.

I look forward to continue our walking in faith with you,

blessings,  
Rev. William Ball

September 19-21, 2008 at Gracefield:

You are invited to participate in this time of fellowship, fun and relaxation: sharing meals; studying God's word; exploring God's wondrous creation by hiking, canoeing and kayaking; & just vegging out.

For more information and/or to register please contact me, Lezlie Wood, at 613-225-8845 or

[LDWood7@sympatico.ca](mailto:LDWood7@sympatico.ca).

On behalf of the GFW Team

### 3. **Bazaar:**

It is that time of year again when we extend an invitation to people of all ages to volunteer their time and talents to prepare for and to participate at our **ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR**.

The list below briefly outlines the various boutiques we have at the Bazaar and the names and telephone numbers of the convenors (more detailed information will be provided in the brochures which will be available in the church pews before the end of August). The convenors would appreciate very much hearing from you, whether you are offering help at the bazaar or donating items. There are many ways to volunteer your time. Even if you can only offer an hour or two on Saturday to help at one of the boutiques - it will be most appreciated. If Saturday is not convenient, do not despair, Friday, October 24, is SET UP DAY. The convenors would more than welcome your presence in helping them to set-up.

#### **FRIDAY - SET UP**

*Help set up tables and decorate.*

Bill Miller 613-596-1782

#### **FOOD COURT**

*Light snacks, muffins, breads, sandwiches, beverages*

Celia Firth 613-825-1337  
Marie Gobuyan 613-270-0406

#### **BONANZA BAKING**

*Homemade cookies, pies, squares, loaves, cakes etc. Pickles, jams, jellies.*

Shirley Stubbs 613-224-4537

#### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

*Toys, games, puzzles, children's books in good condition.*

Judy Banks 613-724-6428

#### **LOVELY LINENS**

*Good quality linens - table cloths, napkins, doilies etc.*

Shirley Sandzuik 613-828-8329

#### **MADAME DRESS UP BOUTIQUE**

*Good quality jewellery, pretty scarves, hair ornaments etc.*

Mary Ann Tyler 613-729-7854

#### **WOOLEN COMFORTS**

*Hand knitted articles - mitts, scarves, hats, sweaters, baby outfits etc*

Wendie McCaffrey 613-729-3479

#### **CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**

*Christmas ornaments, centre pieces, wreaths and all things relevant to Christmas.*

Debbie Jones 613-692-3853

#### **COLLECTIBLE TREASURERS**

*Treasurers rarely or never used - crystal, china, silverware, cups/saucers, quality ornaments, antiques, etc.*

Sally & Chico Wallis 613-271-7492

If you wish to donate items and but need help to deliver them to the church, please contact Bill Miller (613-596-1782) or John Tyler (613-729-7854) who will arrange for pick-up.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Attic Recyclables and Book Browsing Centre will NOT be included in the bazaar this year. Please do not bring or donate any items that fit into these two categories. If you are not certain as what is not to be donated, please contact the Bazaar Convenor - Mary Ann Tyler (613-729-7854)**

**VOLUNTEER NOW** to participate in this fun Westminster Family Event.

**Convenor**

**Mary Ann Tyler 613-729-7854**

#### **4. CGIT NEWS**

The leaders of Westminster CGIT want to take this opportunity to welcome all girls ages 10-16 into our group. We will be resuming our weekly meetings on Thursday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall. The meetings end by 8:30 p.m. CGIT is an ideal place for girls to meet new friends and to learn about themselves and their relationships with others through interacting with each other and with God through worship, crafts, music, games and just being girls.

This year, some of the events that we are looking forward to include, hosting the AGM of the Ontario CGIT Association on Sat. Oct. 18th, our annual Halloween party organized by our graduates from last year, the Vesper service in December and our fun-filled weekly meetings.

We hope to see as many new faces as old on Sept. 11th! For further information contact any of the leaders (Carol Ann Joiner, Sharon Tinkess, Maureen Cleary, Shirley Sandziuk, Mrs. Audrey Miller)

#### **5. Sunday School News**

Parents, Grandparents, Guardians:  
Summer is nearly over and that means we need to look forward to the new school year. This year we will be using a new curriculum specifically designed for small groups, One-Room Sunday School. It contains stories, dictionary listings and activities for all ages. We will begin our year with Rally Sunday and an all-ages worship on Sunday September 7. Classes will begin on Sept. 14th. We want to extend an invitation to all children to come and join us.

This year we are very happy to welcome a new member to our group of teachers. Nathan Ball is going to be helping us in the Sunday School Class as time permits. We would really love to see another few people step up and offer to help for maybe 1 week a month. Helping with the children is a very rewarding endeavour and I've been told that the helpers learn as much from the children as the children learn from the adults.

We will be starting a roster for helpers in the Nursery this year. This means that you may be asked to help out in the Nursery for a week every month or two so that the children will be well supervised and the youth (who have been very helpful in the past) can attend their classes with Christine Ball and Maureen Cleary. As our church family continues to grow, we need to make our youngest members feel welcome and safe at all times.

Please think and pray about whether this could be your calling this year.

Also, please keep in mind that the children of today should be our number one priority as they are the adults of tomorrow. Please encourage all children and youth in your family to join us!

For any inquiries, do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Ball or myself ([sharonmcm@rogers.com](mailto:sharonmcm@rogers.com)).

Sharon Tinkess

#### **6. Financial Statement**

The most recent Financial Statement can be found on the Church's website.

#### **7. Personal Note from Dave Kilgour:**

Thank you all for your thoughts and well wishes in this extremely special time. Westminster has always been a part of my extended family so it means a lot to have your support, even at a distance.

Sincerely, Ella & Dave

(In July, many ladies in the church gave a joint shower which included our son Dave and his fiancé.

Laura Kilgour)

#### **8. Grandmothers**

The Grandparent's Rally: "Keeping our Promises to fight HIV and AIDS in Africa"

Grandmothers and their supporters will rally on Parliament Hill on Grandparents Day, Saturday, September 6th, as part of a series of cross-Canada events organized by Canadian Grandmothers for Africa: A National Advocacy Network. The rally will draw attention to the struggle of African grandmothers who, having lost their own children to HIV and AIDS, take on the responsibility of raising orphaned grandchildren under conditions of great privation and uncertainty. The losses to families as the result of this pandemic are staggering and their struggle cannot be ignored. The purpose of the Grandparents

Rally is to call on Canada to fulfill its commitments in relation to foreign aid and the provision of generic drugs to help alleviate the havoc brought about by this pandemic.

This Campaign seeks to raise awareness of the situation in Africa where an estimated 13 million children have been orphaned by AIDS, and two-thirds of these are being raised by grandmothers.

Please join us at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Supreme Court of Canada to walk together to Parliament Hill for the 1:00 p.m. rally. Everyone is welcome.

For more information: Marg Terrett [mterrett@sympatico.ca](mailto:mterrett@sympatico.ca)  
613-225-6050  
Jean Gallant [jfgallant@sympatico.ca](mailto:jfgallant@sympatico.ca) 613-831-6553

#### PRESS RELEASE

From: [grandmothersottawa@gmail.com](mailto:grandmothersottawa@gmail.com)

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Keeping Our Promises to fight HIV and AIDS in Africa

Rally on Saturday, September 6, 2008

Canadian Grandmothers for Africa, a National Advocacy Network, would like to invite you and members of your Faith Community to join us on Saturday September 6, 2008 for the Grandparents Rally on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. We represent over 200 groups of grandmothers and friends working to support grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren and other AIDS orphans. These courageous women have nursed and buried their own children and now are parenting again, in the most difficult of situations. There are over 13 million AIDS orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa alone. The rally promises to be a joyous and important event, and will include some high-profile guests and an interesting program. Most importantly it provides Canadians of all ages with an opportunity to support the need to keep our promises to Africa and to the grandmothers who have risen to the fore in this time of crisis. We honour them as we do our own grandparents.

September 7, 2008: The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign will be making a 5-minute presentation during the worship service at Westminster

## Next Wespress is scheduled for 15 November.

Interesting notices from Church Bulletins:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and do n't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A reminder from your kitchen volunteers:  
If you leave anything in any of the fridges, it should be dated and marked with your name or that of your group; otherwise it will be removed.