

# Wespress for May 2010

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## Coming Events

Saturday 5 June	8:00 a.m.	Garage Sale
Sunday 6 June	10:30 a.m.	<b>Communion</b>
Tuesday 15 June	7:00 p.m.	Baby shower in Parlour for Jeni (Chadsey) Nielsen and Kerry McMaster. All women welcome – call Barb Gibson for details 613-725-1423 barbgibson56@yahoo.ca
Thursdays in July mid-August	6:00 p.m.	Picnics on church grounds (see article later in this Wespress) Next Wespress

Anyone interested in membership should contact the Minister.

## Spring Garage Sale

On Saturday, June 5, we will be holding our annual spring garage sale, which is one of our two annual fund raising events. To make our goal of \$4,000 we need the support of all members of the congregation by:

Volunteering to assist the tables co-ordinators:

Books -	Bill Rankin
Tool Times Items -	Ernie Dance
Westminster Bake Shop -	Marg Quinney
Plants -	Debbie and Margaret Jones
Children's Corner -	Judy Banks, Jason Connors & Stan Pilcher
Family Games & Puzzles _	Coordinator needed
Coffee & Muffins -	Wendie McCaffrey
Set-up & tear-down -	Bill Miller

Items we need for sale are: Baking, books, children's corner (toys), games, puzzles, small appliances in working order only and gardening tools. We also require donations of muffins to be sold with tea and coffee, and other delectable goodies for the bake shop. Please this year no furniture, no TVs, no microwaves and no radios.

Support the Garage Sale in Person.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

John Tyler  
Spring Garage Sale Co-ordinator

## **Westminster Church Memorial Fund**

Good News: Those who donated to The Memorial Fund during the past couple of years will be pleased to learn that the Session approved a grant of \$1,000.00 from The Fund to our C.G.I.T. group. The grant will assist eight girls and two leaders to attend the 95th Anniversary provincial conference in Sudbury in May. Thank you for honouring a loved one, by contributing to this Fund, and enabling us to help with Christian education.

More News: The Session also approved the purchase of a new Memorial Book to replace the completed books of Westminster and Erskine churches.

Future Project: The Session indicated that they were in favour of obtaining cushions for the church pews, and more information is being sought. (type, thickness, colour, cost, etc) As the payment for this will come from the Memorial Fund, please remember that the Fund is a good way to honour loved ones and at the same time enrich the life of The Church.

Information: Donations may be sent at any time to the church office, addressed to The Westminster Church Memorial Fund, 470 Roosevelt Ave. , Ottawa , ON , K2A 2Z6 . The amount of a gift is not shared, but income tax receipts are sent to the donor at the end of the year.

Walter & Nancy Mingie; Custodians

## **Church Pew Cushions**

The committee which is looking into the purchase of pew cushions hopes to have a recommendation to present to Session at their June meeting.

The cost for this project would be approximately \$10,000 and the Westminster Memorial Fund is only able to cover half that amount. We are therefore seeking donations for this specific purpose. If you would like to assist in this project, donations can be made to Westminster Church and marked for PEW CUSHIONS.

All donations are eligible for income tax receipts.

A Pew Cushion committee of six church members, of which I am chairman, has been established to look into the type of cushions, colour, etc. and cost. It is my hope that we can make a recommendation to Session at their June 7, meeting. Once the order is placed it seems that it will be about three months before delivery. So, at the earliest, final payment would be in September. The members of the committee are: Vince Gobuyan, David Weis, Bobbi Hutchison, Nancy Wallace, Mary Jean Bone, and myself.

On behalf of the committee: Walter Mingie

## **How Things Happen**

You may have wondered how the Sunday services are prepared for the weekly bulletin.

Every Wednesday morning William and Alan meet to discuss the theme for worship, and try to match the hymns, psalms and readings (and sermons) into a coherent whole.

Sometimes a new hymn is introduced, but always accompanied by three well-known ones. Anthems and Intros are also chosen to fit the season and weekly lectionary, if possible.

On Thursday morning, Patricia, our church secretary, prepares a draft for approval and then prints enough copies for the service.

Requests for favourite hymns need to be submitted well in advance.

Large print bulletins for the Sunday morning worship are available by calling the office.

## **CCC CJP Forum on Faith and a Sustainable Economy - May 18 2010**

Provided by Anu Bose

You may remember this event from last year, where we packed out the parliamentary room on Wellington Street and received a packed series of presentations.

Here is the poster for this year's event. We have again booked a room on Parliament Hill, and have taken on board some of the suggestions regarding creating more room in the agenda, more opportunity for dialogue and thinking together.

I've also attached the report from last year's Forum. (The report is 10 pages long. If you would like to read it, contact either Anu or "Chico")

I believe I sent it out to you earlier, but you may appreciate the refresher, since we hope to build on what we learned last year.

Please consider attending, and by all means circulate the posters through your networks.

Thank you,

Peter Noteboom

Sign and Circulate the G8 G20 2010 Interfaith Partnership On-Line petition:  
A Time for Inspired Leadership and Action!  
(If you wish to see the petition, contact Anu or "Chico")

Peter Noteboom  
Associate Secretary, Justice and Peace  
The Canadian Council of Churches

**Namaste, friends and family!**

The end of my school semester has drawn to a close so quickly, it was barely possible to finish up my exams, essays, and still experience life with my lovely host family in the desert city of Jaipur... And yet, my school semester has indeed ended and instead of melting in 45 degree heat in a classroom or traveling with 28 other students in large white buses with "TOURIST" stamped on the side I am on my own (with one friend) in the cool hill station of Darjeeling, in the shadow of the world's third highest mountain Kanchenjunga. Sikkim is next on the list, the small isolated kingdom even further up in the Himalayas.

The community which I was set to intern with for the summer informed me recently that my volunteering there would not work anymore, so plans had to change drastically. Thus instead of being in central India, I am drinking tea in small precarious teashops on the sides of cliffs, and gazing happily on mist-covered tea plantations in Darjeeling. I am with my friend Amy until the beginning of May, then in I am going to volunteer... somewhere that has not been decided. But I'm coming home May 30th! And then, to Gracefield Camp to be the Leader In Training Director for the summer.

Meanwhile, these slow days in Darjeeling have been a much needed mental respite from the craziness of travel and school to ask, what just happened? What did I learn? I keep wondering how I will answer the inevitable question, "how was India?" when I return, and more often than not my brain is filled with images, friendships, moments, but nothing concrete. India has taught me many lessons about how to be patient, how to listen, how beauty can be simple, and also how the world can be ugly, difficult, and unfair. Look for another update soon!

To those who have just finished exams, congrats!  
And those enjoying the spring weather, get outside and enjoy these first days of growth!  
Lots of love,  
Michelle Ball

**A Personal Thank You**

A sincere and loving thank you to my Westminster family for all your kindness to me following my heart surgery. I appreciate very much your caring, your visits, your flowers, and your willingness to drive me. I am particularly grateful for your prayers. It all does, I am sure, help me to recover. Thank you.  
Shirley Stubbs

**July Picnic Events**

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on  
8, 15, 22 and 29 July

An evening of food, fellowship and spiritual discussion on the front lawn of the church (Lower Hall if it rains).

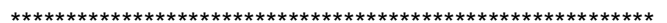
Potluck of salads and desserts – bring your own sandwiches and cold plate. Iced tea and lemonade, paper plates and cups, plastic cutlery and napkins will be provided.

Bring garden chairs.

Please come early to help set up tables and prepare the refreshments; also stay a bit to help tidy up afterward.



Needed: Room for rent.  
A woman in her 50's, longtime Ottawa resident, finds herself rebuilding from a big life change including recovery from surgery. She needs a room to stay and use of a kitchen. She is able to pay \$350 monthly. If you can offer a room please contact Elizabeth Mason 613-729-6596.



Next Wespress will be in mid-August – just in time to advise everyone of the startup of regular events for the 2010/2011 season.

This is your publication, I just put things together and print them – you write them.  
"Chico"

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