

Wespress for November 2008

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Coming Events

Sat 15/22/29 Nov	10:00 a.m.	Rehearsal at Parkdale United "Come Sing Messiah"
Saturday 29 Nov	Evening	Gracefield Fundraising Dinner. Tickets \$35 Jean Currie 613-233-0538
Sunday 30 Nov	10:30 a.m.	Communion
Friday 5 Dec	6:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for
Friday	8:00 p.m.	...performance of "Come Sing Messiah" at Dominion Chalmers Church
Saturday 6 Dec	9:30 – 11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study in the Parlour
Sunday 7 Dec	7:00 p.m.	CGIT Christmas Service
Friday 12 Dec	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Christmas Lunch at the Lindenhof. Alan Thomas has tickets at \$22 all included. Tickets must be purchased before 30 Nov.
Sunday 14 Dec	10:30 a.m.	Service of multilingual lessons and carols
Sunday 21 Dec	After Service	Congregational lunch – A-N sandwiches – O-Z cookies and squares
Sunday 21 Dec	7:00 p.m.	Welsh Society Carols – all welcome
Wednesday 24 Dec	6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve Service Communion

On Behalf of Westminster Congregation, We thank:

- Bill Miller and all who helped him for keeping the Church building in good order over the summer months when Patrick was away.
- The Ball family for hosting the potluck BBQ's in August, always a time of fun and fellowship, as well as good food.
- Lezlie Wood for organizing another successful Gracefield weekend.
- Mary Ann and John Tyler for maintaining the gardens in beautiful array to enhance the look of our building.
- Mary Ann Tyler and all her convenors for a very successful and profitable Bazaar.
- Bill Miller and Bruce Quinney for organizing a very moving procession of the flags formerly at Erskine to provide a very effective start to the Remembrance service.
- all those who answered the call for volunteers in areas such as pastoral care, Christian education, visiting, and such.

Shirley Stubbs,
Secretary, Operations/Planning

N.B. This box is a regular feature in *Wespress* to acknowledge, and express appreciation for, special work done for Westminster. Who do you think deserves recognition? Please give me your ideas (224-4537).

As requested to share in Wespress, from Oct 5th sermon:

Some people have trouble with all those 'shall's' and 'shall not's' in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, in middle Tennessee they translated the 'King James' into the 'Jackson County' language. No joke, these are posted on the wall at

Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, Tennessee.

- 1) Just one God
- 2) Put nothin' before God
- 3) Watch yer mouth
- 4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
- 5) Honor yer Ma and Pa
- 6) No killin'
- 7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal (or gal's fellow!)
- 8) Don't take what ain't yers
- 9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
- 10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's plain an' simple. Y'all have a nice day!

From: Evelyn McLachlan, Eden United Church
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TARTAN 'N TINSEL BAZAAR

Our annual church bazaar was held on Saturday, October 25th. I wish to say a big "Thank you" to all the people who volunteered their time and talents to make the bazaar a success, and to the members of the congregation, their relatives and friends who supplied all the items and goodies for us to sell.

Despite the dreadfully rainy weather (it was a downpour at times), we still managed to raise over \$4000.00 for the General Fund.

The bazaar is more than a fund raising event for Westminster, it is a place where we come together in fellowship, fun, laughter and of course hard work. I encourage people to volunteer for the 2009 Bazaar. You will not regret it!

Mary Ann Tyler, Bazaar Convenor

CGIT NEWS:

The Westminster CGIT group hit the ground running again in September. From the first meeting on the 11th we have been keeping busy and active with a group of 15 girls ranging in age from 10-16 years old.

In September, we had a bunch of get-to-know-you nights that included crafts, games, singing, worship and of course, snacks!

In October, we elected our new executive:

Emily McMahon	President
Rachelle Fawcett	Vice-President
Danaka Robertson	Treasurer
Lauren Thompson	Secretary

We also welcomed our new girls, April Nicolas, Haley Sowden, Zoe Pritchard and Talya Niederhauser and we presented a white lanyard to our 2 senior girls, Emily and Rachelle. We also sold honey in the 36th annual Honey-thon for Kalalla. We would like to thank the congregation and all of our customers for supporting us. We sold an awesome \$1500 worth of honey and honey products within our group--way to go one and all!! Honey pick-up will be announced in the weekly bulletin and there will be a chance for those who missed out on buying honey to support Kalalla in a freewill offering at that time. All monies raised will go towards repairs and upkeep at Kalalla.

November brings with it preparation for our annual Vesper Service to be held on Sunday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary here at Westminster. Everyone is welcome and a freewill offering will be collected with all monies going to support the Ontario CGIT Association in its work as it trains us as leaders and helps us with programming and supplies behind the scenes. Further info can be obtained from any of the leaders or in future bulletins.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support and prayers for Westminster CGIT.

Sharon Tinkess, Carol Ann Joiner, Maureen Cleary, Shirley Sandziuk, Mrs. Audrey Miller, Bonnie Preece

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS:

Westminster's Church School is growing from the ground up!! The nursery continues to gain new members under the age of 1 !!! These are the members of the future...

We have been blessed to welcome Heather and Rodney Mansell to our group of teachers and helpers in both the nursery and church school. We have a total of 15 children on the roll for Church school and another 10 in the nursery. On an average Sunday we have 6-8 children combined in the two levels. The youth are again under the expert tutelage of Maureen Cleary and Christine Ball and have been meeting on a regular basis in the Library during the Service.

This year we are using a new curriculum, One-Room Sunday School that is designed specifically for smaller groups. It includes both reading and creative activities for all ages and capabilities. We can have the younger children colouring a picture of the Bible story of the week while the older children work on word searches, mazes, or crafts of all types. We are currently in the middle of painting a paper-maché topographical map of Abraham's world. This has been an on-going activity that everyone has had fun working on.

In the immediate future we will be meeting with everyone who signed up in September to help with the children and we will also be planning our Advent/Christmas events. The event we do have planned is the birthday party for Jesus on Sunday December 21st! We will be having birthday cake after a lunch right after service. More details will follow in the weekly bulletins.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and prayers. Please feel free to call or email me at anytime about anything to do with the Church School and Nursery.

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2009 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDARS

Presbyterian Church calendars for 2009 are now available from the church office during office hours and from Ernie Dance during coffee time on Sunday AM. The calendar images depict "Living in God's Creation" and are three dollars each.

The Westminster Church Memorial Fund

The Purpose of "The Fund" is to provide an opportunity to honour the memory of loved ones, and in so doing, to enrich the life of the congregation.

The Administrator of The Fund is the Kirk Session.

The family or donor of monies to the Memorial fund are free to consult with the Session, through any of its members, concerning the use of the memorial donation, if they so desire.

Uses of The Fund are as follows:*

1. To provide or replenish durables (Books of Praise, Choir gowns, Piano, etc.) as required by the congregation.
2. To provide special opportunities for Christian Education and training for the adults and children involved in congregational programs.
3. To provide bursaries for students from Westminster, training for full-time work in the Church.
4. To respond to special appeals for the work of the Church at large.
5. To provide for or assist in both original publications and special ministries of the congregation.

N.B. The above is summarized from the Annual meeting of Feb. 1975, and approved by Session at subsequent meetings.

Donations generally fall into the following categories.

1. Donations made in a given year in memory of someone who died that year or in previous years.
2. A bequest to the Church (undesignated).
3. A bequest with a designated purpose.
4. A special gift in memory of someone.
5. A memorial donation given in support of a Church project.

Donations may be made by:

- a) Marking on the Church envelope, under special, 'memorial donation'.
- b) Marking an envelope "Memorial Fund" and placing a note with the donation inside.
- c) Contacting the Church Office, with a request to discuss a memorial.

Alan Seabright's Reception at Westminster

During Alan's reception, there was a photo album being projected, which had a set of photos commemorating Alan's life. It was put together by the family and the end result created by Carolyn's daughter. Extra copies were made and I currently have them, so if you would like a copy to remember Alan by, please let me know.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL DRIVERS

ParaTranspo buses are being blocked by parked cars. Please let your passengers out first and then park as close to the building as possible, within the marked lines, respecting the no parking zones. This is particularly important at the corners of the building.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in my daughter's funeral and reception.

I was overwhelmed by your warmth and love.

Vickie would have been so pleased.

Blessings to all

Mrs. M. Strath

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
I must not fail to do the something that I can do."

Helen Keller

A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

Next Wespress, mid February

Volunteers who kindly agree to supervise the after-service refreshments: please make sure that the dishwasher is operating before you leave.

The Financial Statement as at end of October should be available on the Church Website.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year