

Wespress for November 2009

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Coming Events

Sunday	15 Nov	After Service	Information session Phase 2: Proposal for use of funds from Erskine
Saturday	21 Nov	7:00 p.m.	Victorian Evening and Fashion Show
Sunday	22 Nov	After Service	Information session Phase 2: Proposal for use of funds from Erskine
Sunday	29 Nov	10:30 a.m.	Communion followed by Congregational Meeting re Phase 2: Proposal for use of funds from Erskine, preparatory to presentation to the Presbytery of Ottawa.
Sunday	6 Dec	7:00 p.m.	CGIT Vesper Service
Friday	11 Dec	11.30 a.m.	Congregational Christmas luncheon (see details below)
Sunday	13 Dec	10:30 a.m.	Service with Christmas choir music
Sunday	20 Dec	10:30 a.m.	Children' Service, followed by Congregational Lunch with Cake for Jesus
Saturday	23 Jan	t.b.a.	Toy and Book Sale
Sunday	21 Feb	After service	Scheduled date for Annual General Meeting

Victorian Evening: 15 November last date to purchase tickets at \$10 each –
see Susan Ambrose or Gerry Hogan.

Christmas Luncheon: At Capone's on Carling Avenue (just east of the Lincoln Fields Transitway station).
Maximum seating is 40. All-in price, \$22 including taxes and tip, plus a choice of menu. There is good
parking and easy access, no steps. It is a very pleasant room, which will be all ours. Alan will have tickets.
Do note the maximum seating in the room is 40 (including Alan!). He will open a waiting list, if necessary.

Bulletin - especially for "Erskine" members

Former minister of Erskine Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Laurence deWolfe, has been appointed Assistant
Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, N.S.

William

International Affairs Committee

I have volunteered to be on the writing team for the International Affairs Committee report to the 136th General Assembly.

The theme for this substantive document is Caring for Creation (Climate Change).

I have been asked to contribute a 500 word section on the Global South Perspective which will have to address the issue of Poverty. To that, I would like to add the words "and disrupted lives". We will be using the feedback from our partners in PWS&D and from our mission staff in International Ministries. Finally, we will be making some "do-able" suggestions to help our PCC partners. The draft will have to be submitted by 3 January 2010. The Committee will be holding its first face-to-face meeting in Toronto in mid-January 2010.

I welcome any suggestions, ideas, references and case studies. You can email these to me at anubose@rogers.com or pass them on verbally any time you catch me during our Fellowship time.

Thank you.

Anu Bose

On Behalf of Westminster Congregation, We thank:

Bill Miller and all who helped him to keep the Church building in good order over the summer months when Patrick was away.

Bruce Quinney for quietly and efficiently polishing all the brass in the sanctuary.

Those who hosted and organized the potluck suppers in July, always a time of fun and fellowship as well as good food.

Mary Ann and John Tyler for planting and maintaining the gardens around the Church which so enhance the attractiveness of the building.

All those who helped make the visit of Synod to Westminster so pleasant that they want to return soon.

Mary Ann Tyler and all her convenors for another very successful and profitable Bazaar.

Shirley Stubbs,
Secretary, Operations/Planning

N.B. This box is a regular feature in *Wespress* to acknowledge, and express appreciation for, work done for Westminster. Who do you think deserves recognition? Please give me your ideas (613 224-4537).

Personal Thanks: Marg Quinney and I would like to thank all those who contributed baking or donations to the Bazaar bake table. We had a wonderful display of delicious-looking (we couldn't sample it all!) baking and made our largest amount in some years toward the Bazaar total profits. Thank you so much for your participation. Shirley

TARTAN'N TINSEL BAZAAR

Our annual bazaar was held on Saturday, October 31, 2009. We wish to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who volunteered his or her time and talents to make the bazaar a success, and to all members of the congregation and their friends and relations who supplied all the items and goodies for us to sell.

Not only did we come together for fellowship and fun but we raised **\$3,855.00** for the General Fund.

There are multitudes of jobs to be done, so volunteer early for the plum positions for the 2010 Bazaar!

Mary Ann Tyler
Bazaar Coordinator

Prayer Partner

The Prayer Partner program at Westminster matches Westminster adults with youth between the ages of 12 to 19. The adult includes the young person in her/his daily prayers. I would look forward to hearing from you, knowing that you will discover it is a meaningful and significant way to connect with a younger person at Westminster.

Betty Jean Bone, Coordinator, at 613-721-5536

Mission Team Seeking Volunteers

Knox Church – Out of the Cold Program

Every Saturday night during the coldest months of the year – November through March – disadvantaged people of Ottawa are served a hot meal in the friendly confines of Knox Presbyterian Church at 120 Lisgar Street. Between 80 to 140 come in out of the cold on each of these Saturday nights. Doors open at 4p.m. and dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30p.m.

Each evening requires about 25 volunteers. About 2/3 of these are Knox members but this is an ecumenical undertaking – volunteers come from such churches as St. Giles, Grace, Dominion Chalmers and St. Stephens. The volunteers organize such as to have two shifts each Saturday. Cooking of the meal gets underway at 2 p.m. the second shift participates in serving and greeting. It would be good if 6 to 8 Westminster folks would volunteer to join the 3rd or 4th team. So, the time commitment would be about 3 to 4 hours just once per month during the winter.

Your mission team met recently with Helen Beck, coordinator of “Out of the Cold” and wishes to encourage Westminster’s participation in this worthwhile Christian outreach activity which we believe nicely compliments our monthly cheese sandwich making on behalf of the centre town street people aided by Centre 507. Needless to say, the Out of the Cold initiative is also in need of financial support. For more information or to volunteer, please contact our Mission Team Chairman.

Bill Rankin
Chairman, Mission Team.

CGIT NEWS:

The Westminster CGIT group is alive and well! We’ve welcomed back a bunch of our returning girls and have also met a bunch of new girls. We now have a total of 16 girls registered in our group! AND...we'd love more! We also welcomed 2 new leaders, Sue Robertson who will be leading on a regular basis, and Jocelyn Richard-Livingstone who is available as a resource person. Welcome ladies!

Throughout the Fall we have been getting to know each other through games, crafts, songs, worship and lots of fun activities such as bowling at West

Park lanes; helping at the Tartan 'n' Tinsel Bazaar and our Halloween party to name just a few.

The month of October saw us participating in the 37th annual Honeython for Kalalla. As a group, we sold \$2100 worth of honey -and that doesn't count the orders from most of the Congregation! So...a huge THANK YOU to everyone for once again supporting this very worthy cause. We ended the month with our annual Halloween Party which is organized by the grads of the previous year(s) so that we, as leaders, can have a little bit of a break. Thanks girls for another wonderful evening!

As we continue into November, we are preparing for our Christmas Vesper Service Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m. The girls really enjoy preparing and presenting this annual service. A freewill offering will be collected with all monies going to the Ontario CGIT Association.

Next year is also going to be full of activities to help celebrate the 95th anniversary of CGIT. There is going to be a Jamboree in the summer and we will be doing a bunch of fundraising for this fun event so that as many of our girls who want to go will be able to attend.

We are always ready to welcome new girls into the group. We meet on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall. We welcome any girls ages 11-16 who want to have fun and learn how to be the girls God would have them be.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We really appreciate them!

Church School News:

The Church School is up and running. We are using a new curriculum this year that includes a Bible for every student. It is called Spark and really makes all of us think about what we are reading. There are stickers included with the Bibles that we can put beside each of the passages that we read in class. The stickers include comments such as: "I read it"; "I memorized it"; "It made me think"; and about 10 other intriguing comments. The curriculum encourages everyone to make notes in their Bibles so they remember what we were talking about in class.

We have been fortunate enough to have a bunch of wonderful members of the Congregation who have started to help in the classroom. We are so very

grateful for their help! With our numbers on the rise, we will continue to need the help so...if you feel that you can spare a week or 2 every 3 months, please talk to Sharon about joining our group!

The Nursery has been blessed with the organizational skills of Beth Cluff. She has been able to get a schedule of very blessed volunteers going so that the youngest members of our Church family will always have a fun, safe place to go to learn the stories of the Bible. THANK YOU BETH!

Again this year, we have been blessed with Christine Ball leading the Youth Class. This class seems to be the largest in numbers so having someone as gifted as Christine leading it is a huge blessing! THANK YOU CHRISTINE!

The next big event for the entire Church School will be the Annual Congregational Lunch and Birthday Cake for Jesus on Sunday Dec. 20th. We hope to have the children taking part in the Service that day. There is also the annual Family Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24th where the children are always welcome.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support--they are very much appreciated!! Also, please encourage all your children and grandchildren to join us. All are welcome!

Sharon Tinkess

Something new!

With the arrival of Lena Joiner, it is planned that future issues of Wespress will carry notices of new arrivals, new members, passings and 50th Anniversaries. Please rest assured that such notices will be included only if the (immediate) persons concerned request or at least agree. So if you would like to see such an event noted in future editions, do provide the information and, if you are not the person directly concerned, how I may contact that person.

"Chico"

Westboro Region Food Bank

Westminster supports this bank operated by All Saints' Anglican Church. Its mission is to provide three days of emergency food once a month to people in need.

They provide tax receipts for any financial donations. However, such donations may be made through regular weekly offering envelopes in the space marked "Special". Such donations will be included in the year end receipt from Westminster.

The Bank has an ongoing need for:

Canned fruit and vegetables
Canned baked beans (NO pork)
Canned meat and fish
Kraft dinner, pasta and sauce
Peanut butter and jam
Cereals
Jello and puddings
Tea bags and instant coffee

In addition to this service they support the Carlington Parent-Child program for economically disadvantaged mothers and 0 to 6-year-old children.

More information can be obtained from
Candace Vilhan at 613-722-4000, ext. 204

By Request from congregation members:

PRAYER OF THE POOR WIDOW (Mark 12:41-44)
Generous and joyous Lord,
I wish I could give you more.
This small offering is what I have today.
I am afraid of being poor.
The future scares me.
But I never want to live with tight fists and a narrow soul.
I want to be free to wake up with a light and eager heart,
waiting for each day's blessings, and to go to sleep like a trusting child safe in a loving parent's arms.
I want to scatter love so recklessly that there will be nothing held back.
Let me die with open hands, grateful for wind and rain,
grass and sun, wishing only that I might have loved a little longer, a little better, a free and thankful spirit.
Take this gift, O Lord.
Take me.
Amen.

--Timothy Haut, Nov. 8, 2009

Financial Statement to the end of October - Ian Firth

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	OCT	09 YTD	BUDGET TD	PRED Y/E
Personal Donations - General	12,387	116,919	120,386	157,723
Use of Facilities	2,700	23,292	19,595	30,905
Church Group Events	3,679	6,904	9,590	7,191
Other	0	13	115	15
GENERAL FUND INCOME	18,766	147,128	149,686	195,834
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	OCT	09 YTD	BUDGET TD	PRED Y/E
SALARIES	11,885	104,196	99,791	127,281
BUILDING OPERATIONS	1,066	33,109	27,907	52,458
PROGRAM COSTS	3,850	39,726	33,010	47,747
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	16,801	177,030	160,708	227,486
GST / PST Recovery	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	16,801	177,030	160,708	227,486
Excess Income - Expense	1,964	-29,902	-11,022	-31,652
Current shift of Maintenance & Repair to Capital			6,202	

As you can see, we are a little behind where we need to be to be at our budgeted income. We are also over our budgeted expenses, a little because of extra staff expenses over the summer and a lot because of needing a new copier for the Office. Remembering that the predicted year end is formed from using the average of the last three years in each cost line in the budget, the above figures can be a little misleading in places. However, looking at each item in the financial report and making a prediction based on knowing better than the computer, a better estimate is that our deficit in the General Fund this year is likely to be \$12,500.

Cheers, Ian

and a second item.

PAR HAS STARTED (MAKING LIFE EASY!) - Ian Firth

We have started using PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance is a "direct debit" program, administered by the United Church that allows people to support Westminster through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account).

A quick reminder, if you want to make your donations directly, you need to provide me with the completed form, below, a VOID cheque and an indication of where you want your contributions to be directed (just as if you had completed the information on a givings envelope). I have to have your request by the first of the month and deductions are made from your account on the 20th of the month.

P.T.O. for form

PAR AUTHORIZATION CARD

I hereby request and authorize:

_____ Ian Firth _____

to cause a debit to be drawn on my account each month in the amount of \$ _____ as a contribution by me to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa..

Contributor's Name _____

Name of Financial Institution _____

Account Number _____

Type of Account _____

TO ENSURE ACCURACY A SAMPLE CHEQUE, MARKED "VOID", MUST ACCOMPANY THIS CARD.

Signature of Contributor

Date

The donor may change this Authorization at any time.

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation including, but not limited to, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, c.5).

If you have any questions, call me - 613 825 1337 or e-mail me ian.firth@sympatico.ca

Cheers, Ian

Review of movie "Where the Wild Things Are:

particularly for parents of children:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/movies/reviews/2009/wherethewildthingsare.html>

We are still in urgent need of some more volunteers to help keep the kitchens clean and tidy. Helpers are asked to be part of a team, each team being "on duty" for one month in four. Please call Sally and "Chico" Wallis 613-271-7492
