Wespress for May 2011

With great sadness, we share with you the death of William Ball's sister Sandra Wylie who passed away suddenly in a Victoria hospital on the evening of May 5th following a short illness. Many of you met Sandra and her husband Stephen at the celebration last summer for Sandra, Peter and William's 50th birthday. At the party, Sandra spoke so lovingly of her childhood and the support of her brothers as they conspired to manage their local fame as the Duncan triplets. Sandra lived all her life on Vancouver Island where she and Steve managed the South Shore Motel in Lake Cowichan. Sandra will also be greatly missed by her four children (Tannis , Kyle, Ruth and Colin) now young adults, her two grand-daughters (Paisley (3) and Kaylee (3 months), her other siblings and of course her parents Joe and Hazel Ball who have visited us so often at Westminster.

Laura

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1. *Coming Events*

Sunday 29 May	After service?	Kenora Fundraiser
Sunday 29 May	3:00 p.m.	Concert at Westminster by the Merched Dewi (Ladies of St David), a Choir based at Dewi Sant United Church in Toronto, with soloists (harp and voice), and accompanist Alan Thomas. Freewill Offering and refreshments, with proceeds shared between our church and theirs. Please bring your friends.
Saturday 4 June	Morning	Spring Sale
Sunday 5 June	10:30 a.m.	**Communion**
Sunday 19 June	3:00 p.m.	Shawne Elizabeth and her students will give an end-of-year recital at Westminster, for which Alan will be the accompanist. They will make a donation to our church funds, so there will be no offering necessary. All welcome
Sunday 28 Aug	---	Morning service at Gracefield; there will be **NO** service at Westminster.

2. *Membership*

Anyone interested in membership should contact the Minister.

3. *Memorial Fund*

Two donations have been received since the last Wespress. One in memory of Betty Curzon, anonymous, one in memory of Bev. MacKay from Krisztina Nagy. These with the others received this year will be entered in our new Memorial Book, at the front of the Church, at the end of the year.

Nancy and Walter Mingie, Custodians

4. *Acknowledgements*

On Behalf of Westminster Congregation, we thank Shirley for her regular contribution in this space and wish her a speedy recovery.

c.w.

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 Shirley Stubbs your ideas

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To Alan and his Merry Band of Singers:

I can't let time slip by without letting you know what a treat the concert was this past Sunday. Stainer's Crucifixion had some very moving music; and to listen to our choir do such justice to that precious music, was a GIFT.

I often wonder how and why people choose some instruments to play, but the music out of that bassoon was nice.

And our Nathan - some day I'll be proud to say "I knew him when...." He truly has a beautiful voice, and uses it well, and we are the fortunate ones to hear him.

Congratulations all.

Eileen MacMillan

5. *CGIT News*:

Westminster CGIT has finished up our 10th awesome year with our wonderful girls!

We had our closing Family Banquet Thurs May 5th and it included our Graduation Service and our Recognition Service for the Senior Girls. We had a very special addition to our Services this year and that was the presentation of the Red Maple Leaf badges to the senior girls who planned and participated in the program for an entire weekend in February.
Our last special event before the Banquet was our annual Mission Bread Sale on Palm Sunday where we raised $400 in 22 minutes for the mission project in Kenora. Way to go girls! AND....thank you to everyone who donated baking and/or bought some baking...we really appreciated it!

At this time we want to take a moment to thank our Westminster family for their continued loving support in all that we have done over the past decade. We will never forget your generosity and prayerful support and we realize that we could never have continued without it! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts....

We are going to be taking some time off from our regular weekly meetings but we are going to be getting together with “our girls” periodically throughout the year. We will also continue the tradition of selling honey in the annual Honey-Thon for Kalalla in October.

Thank you again for all your support,

Carol Ann Joiner, Sharon Tinkess, Maureen Cleary, Sue Robertson, Audrey Miller, Sara Gordon and Emily McMahon

Sharon Tinkess

6. *Church School News*:

Our primary class under the guidance of Heather Mansell has continued to grow by leaps and bounds as has the Nursery under the Supervision of Beth Cluff and her wonderful team of leaders. The Junior class has been small but mighty! We have been busy over the last couple of months getting ready to our presentation on Palm Sunday during the Service where we danced as in the song "Lord of the Dance". On Easter Sunday we helped to decorate the ugly cross (as described by Rev. Ball) with colourful ribbons that brightened up the cross as the sun did on the original Easter Sunday.

We are now getting ready for our year end celebration in June. More details to follow in the bulletins...

Sharon Tinkess

7. *Mission Projects*

Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre

AKFC is a PCC mission, which has been serving the homeless in Kenora for over 25 years. Its mainly aboriginal clientele is in need of food, shelter, clothing, medical attention, counselling and life skills development. Currently the center is lead by Rev. Henry Hildebrand and in September the Mission & Outreach Team was visited by Michelle Queen who is now a program coordinator for reconciliation sessions.

Recently, the session of Westminster joined with the Mission Team in endorsing and encouraging the congregation to consider supporting AKFC as one of our national ministries. Canada Ministries referred the Team to the Centre last year and after Michelle's meeting it was obvious that the similarities between AKFC and our own Center 507 made supporting the Fellowship Center a great fit and one we could easily identify.
Please give AKFC your thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

On Sunday May 29th the Mission & Outreach Team is sponsoring a Soup Luncheon after the service for AKFC. Please get in contact with Robin or Sara if you can donate Soup. We ask that you would include ingredients so as to avoid possible exposure to food allergies. Robin and Sara's information is in the advertisement for our luncheon. In addition to soups we will also have buns and apple crisp for dessert. A basket for a free will offering will be available for your support.

Heather Mansell

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Presbyterian World Service and Development Update

Please remember your support for Presbyterian World Service & Development's Spring Fundraiser.
We are hoping to raise $500,000.00 nationally to support overseas projects in Malawi, Ghana, Nicaragua and many more countries struggling for medical attention, basic food needs, clean water, education and recognition of basic human rights. Your prayers and support have already borne fruit as the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has already given PWS&D interim funding to help them deal with changes affecting CIDA's relationship with PWS&D.

Also remember those in Japan, Pakistan and Haiti whom PWS&D and its international partners continue to aid. For any questions you might have speak with any member of the Mission & Outreach team.

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Soup Luncheon Fundraiser For

Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre

A Home For The Homeless (AKFC)
Sunday May 29, 2011

We are looking for donations of soup if interested please contact either

Robin Loughrey
Sara Gordon
saragordon56@gmail.com

FREEWILL OFFERING

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The Wenya Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project at a Glance:

LOCATION

Northwestern Malawi (Sub-Saharan Africa)
Approximately 500 square miles of the Southern Chitipa District between the Nyika Plateau and the Mafinga Hills

POPULATION

11,000 people (2076 households)
Language Chi-Tumbuka

COST

$100,000 over 3 years

PARTNERS

PWS&D, SOLDEV, EDD, Government of Malawi, local district assemblies, individual households

HEALTH BACKGROUND

High rate (28%) of water-related diseases such as malaria, diarrhea and scabies

CURRENT WATER FACILITIES

Low (43%) access to safe water

OBJECTIVES

Increased access to safe water for approx. 5000 people (938 households)
Increased access to sanitation facilities for approx. 3000 people (600 households)
Increased use of sanitation facilities for approx. 3000 people (600 households)
Empower communities to advocate for their rights to safe water, better sanitation and hygiene

PROJECT PARTICULARS

Base survey and assessment
Risk analysis
Training of EcoSan promoters
Construction of 600 improved household latrines
Repair to pipeline system, water point taps, boreholes
Training of local maintenance committees
Education of households for proper hygiene and use of EcoSan technologies
Establish links with government authorities

Westboro Food Bank at All Saints Church

As the summer vacation period draws near, members of the congregation are asked to remember that the needs of the financially disadvantaged residents of the Westboro region, who come to the Food Bank at All Saints' Anglican Church at the rate of 200 to 250 per month, continue during the summer.

We at Westminster can take pride in being one of a growing number of Westboro churches and businesses whose generosity supports the important work of this local charity. Two examples of contributions by area businesses: during April, clients of the Curves Fitness and Exercise Facility donated $1,600, and Starbucks continues to give the Food Bank its day-old treats. But in spite of this support – in addition to the weekly delivery from The Ottawa Food Bank – All Saints' Church contributes about $600 to $1,000 per month as well as the space in which the Food Bank operates.

I am delighted to be able to report that All Saints' Food Bank has just received a $10,000 Trillium grant which will cover the costs of replacing its aged freezer with a new energy-efficient model and also a refrigerator which will, for the first time, allow the Food Bank to accept and distribute perishables. Remaining monies from this grant will go to refurbish the counters and storage shelving.

So, even if during the summer you may not make it out to church every Sunday, you can still drop off some non-perishables, using the Care and Share Baskets, whenever the church premises are open.

William Rankin
Chairman – Mission Team

SPRING SALE

WHEN: Saturday, June 4th, 2011

TIME: 8 a.m. – 12 noon

TABLE COORDINATORS:

- ***Books*** – Bill Rankin,
- ***Plants*** – Debbie Jones, &
  Margaret Jones,
- ***Westminster Bake Shop*** –
  Marg Quinney Tel. &
  Shirley Stubbs Tel:

7. ***Children's Corner*** – Coordinator needed, please volunteer.

Family Games & Puzzles – Coordinator needed! Please volunteer.

Miscellaneous Items – Mary Ann Tyler,

Coffee & Muffins – Wendie McCaffrey,

Set-up & tear-down - Bill Miller,
assisted by Scouts.

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

On Thursday, June 2nd, after 6 p.m. at the church, we will accept small household electrical appliances (must be in good working order).
No TVs, no microwaves, and no radios.

On Friday, June 3rd at 8:30 a.m. there will be **breakfast at the Carlingwood Restaurant** to start the day for set-up. Come and join us!

For more information please contact John Tyler at

The success of this event depends on YOU!
We need your support by volunteering, contributing and attending.

Parking
Yes, there are lots of parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons but our congregation sometimes just doesn't have enough, strange as that may seem to some. That said, even though you may have a permit, if you have not brought a handicapped passenger and if you don't really need to make use of a designated space yourself, please don't. On more than one occasion someone with a legitimate need has had to park 'up the street' because none of the spaces were available.

Yes, this was in the last issue but the matter persists! c.w.

We **urgently** need volunteers to help with the maintenance of the church kitchens. We wish to continue with four teams, so that each team is responsible for one month in four but to do so we must have some new members for the kitchen crews. Please call Sally.

A little boy was overheard praying:
'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.
I'm having a real good time like I am.'

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.
His father asked him three times what was wrong.
Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

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One particular four-year-old prayed, 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

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