



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

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## LENT

### *A time for self-examination*

By Rev. Barb McGale

**As I write this, we have been in the midst of a cold snap with more than enough snow. Looking out my window, I find myself wondering if spring will ever come. Thankfully, we will see those signs of regeneration and new life before long.**

Trudging through the snow to get where I need to go, I cannot help but think of the season of Lent. It is a time of harsh, often brutal, self-examination. At least, it's meant to be. Lent is a time for us to inten-

tionally allow the Holy Spirit to shed a powerful light on our lives, revealing those areas which are not pleasing to God. It is not simply a time for kicking bad habits, like

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## LENT *(Cont'd)*

smoking, or sacrificing things we love, like chocolate or iced cappuccinos. Rather, it is a time for turning from those attitudes or behaviours that interfere with our relationship with God.

Just like winter, this can feel like a dark and dreary time that may never end. It's difficult to sacrifice things we have done for a long time or attitudes that seem ingrained within us. However, with God all things are possible - even a transformation of the heart.

With the promise of spring comes the promise of new life. With the

cleansing power of the Lord comes forgiveness. We may find the light of the Holy Spirit brutal as our deepest, darkest sins are revealed, but through that process we are brought to repentance and reconciliation. Without that revelation, we would continue to be at odds with God, even if we didn't realize it.

So take advantage of this Lenten season to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Give up those attitudes and behaviours which are not pleasing to God. And be assured, Easter is just around the corner!



## ASK BARB

*By Rev. Barb McGale*

### **Why, in the Lord's Prayer, do we say, "And lead us not into temptation"? Isn't it Satan that leads us into temptation? ...Marsha Scott**

Interesting question, especially in light of Matthew 4:1, where we find the Holy Spirit leading Jesus into the desert to be tempted by Satan. Satan is the tempter, but not necessarily the one who brings us to the place of temptation.

What is important to remember is that the word which is translated "tempted" simply means to test, either in a good or bad sense. If we look at the rest of that line from the Lord's Prayer, essentially we are asking God not to do with us what the Holy Spirit did with Jesus, lead us into a time of testing by the evil one.

God tests us in order to allow us to show what we are made of, to

demonstrate our faithfulness. Satan tests us in order to tear us down or destroy us. Think of the account where Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac. The testing came from God and so when Abraham showed his willingness to follow God no matter what, God stayed Abraham's hand and provided His own sacrifice. If the testing had come from Satan, the evil one would have allowed Abraham to follow through, killing the child of promise and destroying Abraham.

So basically we are asking God to keep us from that time of destruction by the evil one. Jesus could handle that testing but we often cannot. God is glorified when we exhibit faithfulness as He tests us



but we ask to be delivered from Satan's destructive influence.

# UPCOMING

**Sunday, Feb. 27**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study with Dr. Gerzi-  
 nus Hoekstra**  
 Weekly at 9:30 a.m., Kirk Hall

**Monday, Feb. 28**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
 Everyone is encouraged to attend  
 Potluck dinner 6 p.m.  
 Meeting 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 1**  
**Session meeting**  
 7 p.m., Kirk Hall

**Wednesday, March 2**  
**Bible Study with Rev. Barb**  
 (Weekly, except for the second  
 Wednesday of each month)  
 1:30 p.m., Kirk Hall

**Thursday, March 3**  
**Choir practice**  
 Sanctuary, 7:30  
 (Weekly)  
 New members welcome

**Friday, March 4**  
**World Day of Prayer service**  
 1:30 p.m., St. Andrew's sanctuary

**Sunday, March 6**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Sunday school soup and sand-  
 wich lunch**  
 Following the worship service in  
 the Kirk Hall  
 Free-will donations accepted

**Tuesday, March 8**  
**Tri-M**  
 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m., Kirk Hall  
 (Meets second Tuesday of every  
 month)



*Some members of the St. Andrew's Breakfast Team during breakfast preparations in February. From left, Rev. Barb, Lillian Hutton, Lynn Lingard, Debbie Eke, Marsha Scott, Nancy Howse and Kathy Beigi. From 60 to 80 people were served that morning. The breakfast program at St. George's Anglican Church in St. Catharines runs year round.*

**Wednesday, March 9**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**Women's Fellowship**  
**1 p.m., Kirk Hall**  
**Communion Service**  
 St. Andrew's, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 10**  
**St. Andrew's Breakfast Team**  
 St. George's Anglican Church,  
 St. Catharines, 6:30 a.m.  
 (Second Thursday of every month)

**Sunday, March 13**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 Daylight Savings Time begins

**Tuesday, March 15**  
**Board of Managers meeting**  
 Kirk Hall, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, March 20**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 First day of spring

**Friday, March 25**  
**Lenten luncheon**  
 noon, Kirk Hall

**St. Andrew's Movie Night**  
 Open to all  
 Kirk Hall, 7 p.m. for 7:30

**Sunday, March 27**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, April 3**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Wednesay, April 6**

**Surprise Lunch**  
 noon, Kirk Hall  
 Tickets available mid-March

**Saturday, April 9**  
**goth birthday party for Helen  
 Dawson**  
 1 to 4 p.m., Kirk Hall  
 Everyone invited  
 Best wishes only

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**Sunday, April 10**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Thursday, April 14**  
**St. Andrew's Breakfast Team**  
St. George's Anglican Church,  
St. Catharines, 6:30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 17**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Tuesday, April 19**  
**Board of Managers meeting**  
Kirk Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, April 21**  
**Maundy Thursday worship service**  
7 p.m.

**Friday, April 22**  
**Good Friday**  
**Ecumenical worship service**  
St. Andrew's, 10:30 a.m.  
Earth Day

**Sunday, April 24**  
**Easter Sunday worship service**  
11 a.m.

**Friday and Saturday,**  
**April 29 and 30**  
**Winemaker's Dinner fundraisers**  
**for Obadiah Sahu**  
Tickets \$125 per person (maximum  
of 28 tickets per evening)  
Open to St. Andrew's and the com-  
munity. Hostess: Laura McCain at  
the Mansion at 456 Queen St. For  
further information, see Christine  
Dyck or Marsha Scott.

**Sunday, May 1**  
**Mission Awareness Sunday**

**Tuesday, May 3**  
**Session meeting**  
7 p.m., Kirk Hall



*Top photo, Breakfast Team members Nancy Howse and Ian Ness chat be-  
fore the breakfast crowd arrives. Below, Peter Linard at the toast spreading  
centre. Favourite bread spread for the clients? Cheese Whiz.*

**Sunday, May 8**  
**Christian Family Sunday**  
**Mother's Day breakfast**  
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m, Kirk Hall

**Tuesday, May 17**  
**Board of Managers meeting**  
Kirk Hall, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, May 22**  
**Healing and Reconciliation Sun-  
day**

**Sunday, June 5**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**General Assembly Sunday**

**Sunday, June 12**  
**Pentecost**

**Saturday, June 18**  
**Annual Strawberry Festival**

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## 'TWAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2010



*St. Andrew's had a busy month before Christmas 2010. The next four pages will show photos from some of our pre-Christmas events. Clock-wise, from top left: Ruth Hunter and Bill King prepare to*



*serve the pie at the annual Bangers and Mash dinner on Nov. 22. On Nov. 24, some members of Women's Fellowship and the Wednesday bible study got together for a Christmas sing-along at Chateau Gardens: Evelyn Campbell, Beth Alma and Betty Ferguson with a Chateau Gardens resident after the sing-along; the happy songsters with accompanist Kathy Beigi, third from right; Nancy Burns with her beautiful selection of wreathes and centrepieces for sale at the 2010 Festive Fare. (Cont'd on page 6)*



# 'T WAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2010



*Clockwise, from top left: Bob Crooks, Lee Alma and Wayne Burns sell poinsettias at Festive Fare; Bonnie Tarnowski displays one of the popular tree ornaments she made from lightbulbs; Beth Alma, left, and Christine Dyck make scones in the kitchen; Jenny Elliott sells jam to Mary and Paul McHoull; and Sheila McLeish works at the bake table.*

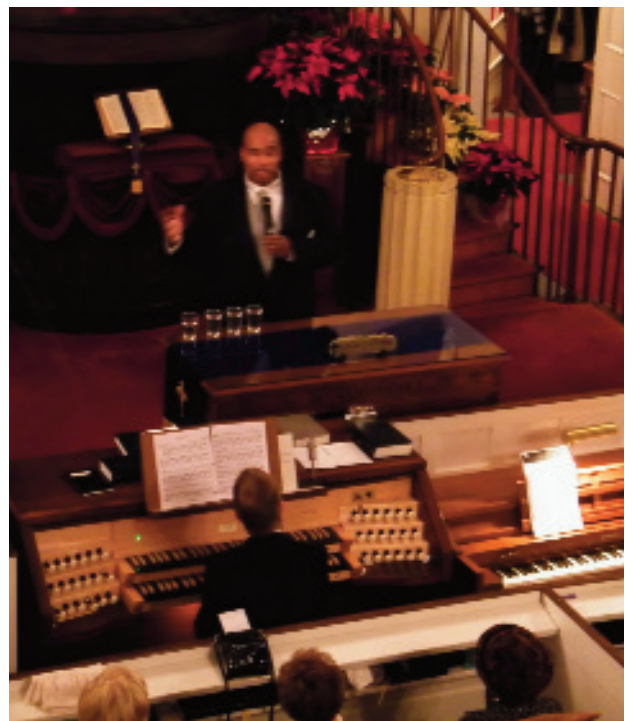
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## 'T WAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2010



At left, this year's Advent and Christmas Concert on Dec. 5 played to a full house, the largest audience yet. Below, on Dec. 14, Canadian tenor Michael Toby performed music from the *Underground Railroad* during a "Hear Freedom's Ring" concert at St. Andrew's. The concert attracted a large crowd from the church and community.



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# 'T WAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2010



*The Sunday school presented "A Sheepish Tale", on Dec. 12. The presentation included some fancy footwork by the angel puppets. Top right is David Campbell. Below is Daphne van Egmond, who sang with the voice of an angel.*



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# SPIRITUAL SPRING CLEANING

By Lynn Lingard, Clerk of Session

**When I think of spring, I think of warmer temperatures, my garden blooming, but also...spring cleaning. Now I really don't like doing it, but it does give me the opportunity to get rid of some of the clutter in my house, and afterwards, I feel pretty good.**

The word Lent comes from a German word meaning spring, so it occurred to me that Lent could actually be thought of as a time for doing a little spiritual spring cleaning. It's a season of soul searching to find out what clutter needs to be gotten rid of to bring us nearer to God.

That means giving up grudges and extending forgiveness, giving up hatred and bestowing love, giving up impatience and offering patience and giving up ill-will and returning kindness. This is the kind of spring cleaning that does a soul good.



## LENT 2011

By Margaret McQueen

Every year I walk the cross  
And every year re-live the loss  
Of God's own son  
At Calvary.

Nicodemus with spices rare  
Walked again the electrified air  
Of that first night, lest anyone see  
As he sought out the man of Galilee.

Two thousand years have passed and gone  
Time brings around the Lenten song  
Each wild note striking the heart  
In a lament for Nicodemus.

Every year I walk the cross  
And every year re-live the loss  
Of God's own son at Calvary  
And Nicodemus.

*Margaret writes: I recently read in William Barclay's gospel of John that Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of spices, enough for a royal prince, to anoint the body of Jesus after the crucifixion.*

## LENT Path of Blessing

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from criticism; feast on praise.

Fast from self-pity; feast on joy.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful  
silence.

Fast from jealousy; feast on love.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from selfishness; feast on service.

Fast from fear; feast on faith.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion  
for others.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

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# BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

By Lynn Lingard

**Greetings from the newly formed Women's Fellowship and WMS [Women's Missionary Society]. In January we hosted the Niagara Region WMS annual meeting—the first time ever that it has been held at St. Andrew's.**

On Friday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. we are in charge of the World Day of Prayer Service for Niagara-on-the-Lake. Rev. Barb will be our guest speaker and Dr. Gerzinus Hoekstra will be our organist and choir leader. It will be a wonderful service with 11 churches taking part, and we encourage everyone from St. Andrew's to attend. Following the service there will be tea, coffee, squares and plenty of fellowship in the Kirk Hall.

On Friday, March 25, we will host a Lenten lunch at noon. Rev. Barb

will lead the ecumenical service, and all are welcome to attend.

Then 'surprise, surprise', this year's Surprise Lunch will not be held on April Fool's day as in other years. We have decided to serve up our surprise on April 6 so that the snowbirds in our congregation will have a chance to attend. Tickets will go on sale in mid-March.

Finally, on April 22, St. Andrew's is hosting the Good Friday Service. After the service the Fellowship and WMS will provide tea, coffee and hot cross buns.



## A HISTORY OF HOT CROSS BUNS

**A hot cross bun, or cross-bun, is a sweet, yeast-leavened, spiced bun made with currants or raisins, often with candied citrus fruits, marked with a cross on the top. The cross can be made in a variety of ways, but the most popular is by icing two intersecting cuts.**

In many historically Christian countries, buns are traditionally eaten hot or toasted on Good Friday, with the cross standing as a symbol of The Crucifixion. They are believed by some to pre-date Christianity, although the first recorded use of the term "hot cross bun" is not until 1733. It is believed that buns marked with a cross were eaten by Saxons in honour of the goddess Eostre, with the cross symbolizing the four quarters of the moon). "Eostre" is probably the origin of the name "Easter". Others claim that the Greeks marked cakes with a cross, much earlier.

According to cookery writer Elizabeth David, Protestant English monarchs saw the buns as a dangerous hold-over of Catholic belief in England, being baked from the dough used in making the communion wafer. Protestant England attempted to ban the sale of the buns by bakers but they were too popular, and instead Elizabeth I passed a law permitting bakeries to sell them, but only at Easter and Christmas.

### Superstitions

English folklore includes many superstitions surrounding hot cross buns. One of them says that buns baked and served on Good Friday will not spoil or become mouldy during the subsequent year. Another encourages keeping such a bun for medicinal purposes. A piece of it given to someone who is ill is said to help them recover. Sharing a hot cross bun with another is supposed to ensure friendship throughout the coming year, particularly if "*Half for you and half for me, between us two shall goodwill be*" is said at the time. *Source: Wikipedia*

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# CARRYING ON THE TRADITION

## *Five generations of Dawson elders*

By Ann Marie Regher

**Who were those men, whose photos were in the DVD that accompanied our recent fundraising packages? They were George Dawson, George Dawson Jr., Robert Dawson, Harry Dawson and Donald Dawson—five generations of Dawsons who have served as St. Andrew’s elders over 172 years!**

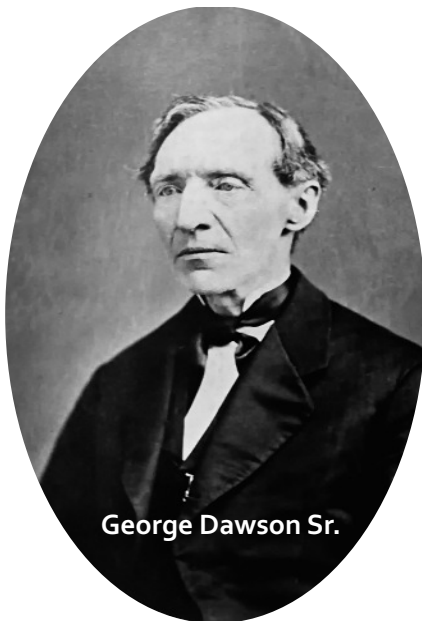
**George Dawson** came to Canada with his wife Barbra and infant son in 1838 and settled on farmland on the corner of Concession 6 and Line 2. They joined St. Andrew’s on Nov. 3 of that year by transfer of certificate from the Parish of Gartly in the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. I’ve found their house at the Mill of Colathie and also Gartly Church—grey stone, small and shadowy inside, dated 1621, nestling among the hills. Imagine their wonder at the white classical interior of the seven-year-old St. Andrew’s Niagara! Within two months, George

was elected to the Session, where he served for the next 47 years. St. Andrew’s bought Glebe Land from him in 1854 and rented it back to him for 40 pounds a year. This gave the church an income to help pay the minister. The church records show that he never missed a Communion from 1850 to 1857, the years Rev. Mowat was here.

His infant son was **George Dawson Jr.** He joined our church in 1867 and became an elder in 1875. He married Hanna Niven and had two children, but Hanna died six days after the birth of the boy, **Robert George**.

Tragedy struck the family again when in December of 1886, George Sr., aged 91, and George Jr., 48, died within two weeks of each other. Session records the loss of the two elders this way: “The sense of loss the Session has met in losing the valuable counsels of these brethren, and the need of greater faithfulness in view of the solemn warning which the great Head of the Church has given in their sudden death....”

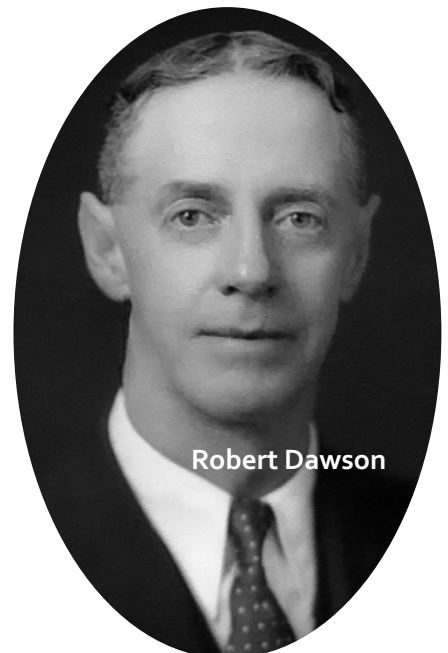
The death of George Jr. left Isabel and Robert orphaned. The children were raised by their maternal



George Dawson Sr.



George Dawson Jr.



Robert Dawson

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## ELDERSHIP IS A DAWSON TRADITION

grandparents Robert and Eliza Niven. And Robert Dawson eventually became my grandfather. Robert joined St. Andrew's in 1909 and served as elder for 30 years. His son **Harry Dawson**, my mother's brother, also was an elder for many years. Now Harry's son, **Donald Dawson**, carries on the tradition that has moved Dawson eldership to a fifth generation.

*Memories of St. Andrew's*, written by Elsie Brennan, tells many fascinating tales of our church. She states that the Dawsons have sat in the same box pew for more than 100 years. Aunt Helen has sat there for 67 of those years!

Yes, traditions are alive and well in old St. Andrew's Niagara!



*Like his dad Harry, left, Don Dawson is carrying on the tradition of Dawson eldership at St. Andrew's.*

## HELEN TURNS 90 IN APRIL

*Helen Dawson, with son Don, daughter-in-law Judy and Helen's grandchildren, Lauren and Mark. (Lauren and Mark have grown up considerably since this family portrait was taken). Helen (referred to above as Aunt Helen) will turn 90 in April. The family will host a birthday party in her honour in the Kirk Hall on April 9. Helen has been in the news lately, particularly because of her nearly 61 years of service to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Auxiliary. She says that there has been one reason she has continued through the years: She knew her contributions of time and effort helped to make a stay at the hospital more pleasant for her friends and neighbours. Happy birthday Helen.*



## NEW MEMBERS



*We welcomed six new members into St. Andrew's last Nov. 21. Mike van Egmond, right, was busy delivering his daughter to a birthday party when the new member group photo above was taken. From left, Jodie Godwin and David Parker; Lynn van Egmond; Michelle Machazire and Grant Campbell. Below, and on the next two pages, we talk to some of our new members. We have already talked to Jodie and Michelle in previous issues.*

### **David Parker**

David was born in Gander, Nfld., but grew up in Port Credit with his sister and two brothers. He spent his final year of high school in Lausanne, Switzerland. He has a diploma in Creative Art from Sheridan College, a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of British Columbia. He grew up in the Baptist church, his mother's church.

David says he wanted to be an architect from the time he was six years old. After graduating in architecture, he moved to Calgary to work in 1977 and two years later became a partner in a firm.

He met the "love of his life" in Calgary (that would be Jodie) and "finally persuaded" her to marry him

in 1995. They now have Leah and Sam, whom he refers to as their "amazing kids".

In 1996, David and Jodie moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake so David could start up a new office for his Calgary firm. In 2003, he split the firm between Calgary and Ontario and set up Parker Architects Inc. Three years later, he purchased an old (circa 1870) building in downtown St. Catharines and renovated it to become his new office.

"Our specialty is the design of church facilities across the country," says David. "Right now, we are working on a large (1,375 seats) church in Saskatoon, plus several projects in Ontario. "We recently completed the Metropolitan Bible Church in Ottawa (1,200 seats, expandable to 2,000) and Maranatha Christian Reform Church in

Belleville (1,000 seats)."

David and Jodie became members of St. Andrew's because of their growing love for the church and its members. They originally decided to attend because of friends here, and their children preferred the small Sunday school to the large one in the church they had been attending. "We also wanted to attend a local church to become more integrated into the community," says David. "I feel more a part of Niagara-on-the-Lake now that I am part of St. Andrew's."

David admits that much to Jodie's dismay, he doesn't have any hobbies right now, although in the past, he has painted and done photography. "Most of my time is taken up with reading articles and books relating to the economy," he says.

## Grant Campbell family

In May of 2010, "an amazing surgeon with skilled hands" gave Grant Campbell a "new beginning". After having a tumour removed from his stomach and receiving ongoing chemotherapy, Grant is doing well and the prognosis is very good. "When we look back on where we have been and what we have been through, there is only one answer," says wife Laurie. "By God's hand alone are we here today, carried on his shoulders and placed back in the love and care of family and friends."

Grant, the son of longstanding members Evelyn Campbell and the late Nelson Campbell, grew up at St. Andrew's.

Grant has been married to Laurie, originally from Port Colborne, for 13 years and they reside in St. Catharines. Grant is a teacher with the District School Board of Niagara and Laurie is a registered nurse.

The couple has one son David, 11, and a daughter Jacquelyn, 10, who are enjoying the St. Andrew's Sunday school and their new friends. David enjoys playing hockey for the St. Catharines PeeWee Single A Warriors and Jacquelyn is a talented young ballerina and tap dancer. "These days, our free time is spent between the hockey arena and the dance studio," says Laurie. "During the winter, you can find our



*Grant and Laurie Campbell with David and Jacquelyn*

family shushing down the slopes at Kissing Bridge and during the summer, you can find the boys out on the golf course."

Grant is fortunate just to be alive, let alone shushing. In Nov. 2008, he was diagnosed with a "mucocelle" (a swelling or polyp containing mucous) of the appendix, which

was treated surgically. A year later, he was told that the "mucocelle" was actually appendix cancer that had caused the appendix to rupture and "seed" mucous cells (normally found in the intestines) throughout his abdomen. The disorder is extremely rare, experienced by only one in a million and for that reason, it is often misdiagnosed and mistreated. Grant was lucky to find a good surgeon in Calgary. He spent six weeks under Dr. Temple's care.

We are thankful that Grant is doing well and welcome the whole family to St. Andrew's. We hope to see them often when they move this summer to St. David's.



## van Egmond family

Mike van Egmond was born in the Netherlands and moved to Grimsby when he was five. But when his mother became ill a few years later, his family returned to the Netherlands.

He later returned to Canada and met Lynn at a bible study group for young adults that she and her friends had started. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Lynn, on the other hand, is a home-town girl. Her grandfather, the late Percy Howse, had a long association with St. Andrew's, as has his brother George and George's family. Her dad, the late Bob Howse, and mom, Nancy, attended the Mennonite church; however, they returned to St. Andrew's to accompany Percy in later years. Nancy is now an elder in the church and Lynn has recently become a Sunday school teacher.

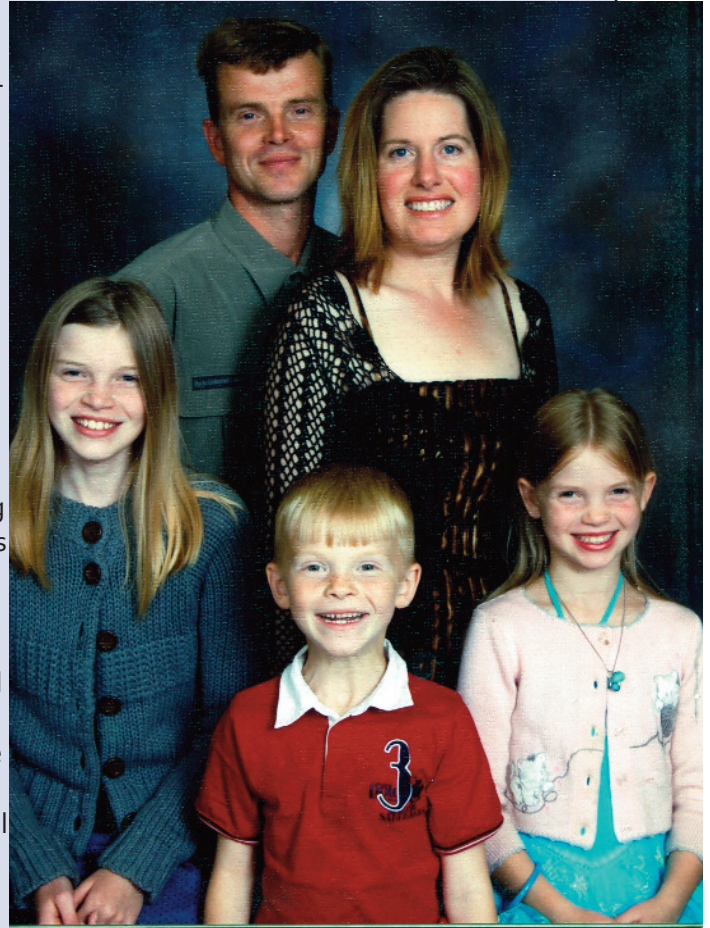
Lynn was in Grade 10 when her parents returned 'home' after 12 years in Renfrew and a few years in Alberta. After high school, she took a two-year course at Briercrest Bible College, followed by a three-year course in sign-language interpretation at Sheridan College in Brampton.

Mike showed up on her doorstep one day for bible study. "Our group had a lot of fun studying together, going hiking and camping," she says. The couple still enjoys bible study with Gerzinus on Sunday mornings, says Lynn. "We love his enthusiasm and the depth he brings to his teaching. I also appreciate the fact that he is

continually reminding us that our faith is shown through our actions and can't just stay locked away in our heads."

Lynn and Mike got married in 1998 and the three children showed up "fairly quickly" on the scene, says Lynn. "Mike was busy setting up our farm and working long hours, so I managed as best I could with three small kids." As the kids got older, things got a bit easier around the farm, which provides a second income for the family. Although Mike works full time for a flower grower, he also has a few of his own greenhouses and grows cut flowers, mostly sunflowers, ornamental cabbages and eucalyptus. Mike sells them separately and in mixed bunches for market. Lynn says Mike gives her the easy jobs to do, like seeding and watering. Mike's father helps out when he visits. They are very busy between May and Christmas.

The couple decided to join St. Andrew's to be with Lynn's mom after Lynn's dad passed away. As well, they noticed that their own church was becoming less traditional. (Mike has a reformed background and Lynn was baptized in St. Andrew's.) "We wanted to bring up our children in a more traditional church so they could learn to respect the holiness of God,"



says Lynn. She adds that the family has made a fairly easy adjustment to their new church, partly because of the family history.

As parents, Lynn says, they strive to teach love for God, family and neighbours as the most important values for children. To reinforce this, they also enrolled the children in a Christian school that teaches how God is involved in all aspects of our lives.

The van Egmonds love to hike, camp and enjoy nature. "Mike is an enthusiastic naturalist and has taught the kids (Dinah, 11, Daphne, 9, and Nico, 7) much about rocks, minerals and the plants around us," says Lynn. They also like to read.

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# FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN NEARS GOAL

*By Don Chambers*

**To quote the opening words from a favourite hymn “To God be the Glory, Great things He Hath Done”. As of this writing, St. Andrew’s treasurer Ron Ferguson has confirmed that a total of \$253,000 has been donated or committed to our “Future History fundraising campaign. Thanks be to God!**

We are close to our original goal of \$270,000. But the campaign is not over. As with the renovation of any old building, there have been several unforeseen problems, and we have incurred further, unanticipated expenses. If, by chance, you have not yet had the opportunity to respond to our campaign, please be aware that your financial support is earnestly and prayerfully sought, so that we may meet our target and hopefully, provide a cushion for future ‘surprises’!

The campaign to raise sufficient funds to cover some urgent restoration/refurbishment needs for our historic and beautiful church began last fall, spearheaded by the Stewardship team.



The team developed a brochure to outline the need, a video to illustrate the importance of this campaign to succeeding generations, and a commitment card seeking your response. The package was produced mainly ‘in-house’ and expenses were minimal. It was delivered in person or by mail, depending on recipient preferences, to all members and adherents. The actual financial response

was left to each individual and God. As Rev. Barb reminds, we have been blessed with a wonderful past filled with accounts of God’s grace and power. And now, through this campaign, we have the opportunity to pass this legacy on to future generations. While our sanctuary is only a building, it represents God’s presence with us through many generations.

Through prayer and personal commitment to God, your contributions will be building blocks in our future history.

*Don is Stewardship Team chair. Other members are Jen Elliott, Ron Ferguson, Bob Hunter, Julie Hunter, Hugh Hutton and Marsha Scott.*

## Movie Night at St. Andrew’s: Mao’s Last Dancer



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# WHAT'S UP WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL?

By Julie Hunter

**The Sunday school has been busy renovating the nursery to make room for costumes and is moving administrative items to the new administrative office in the basement of the Kirk Hall.**

The children and their families enjoyed sliding and a Penguin Race at Simcoe Park in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Friday, Feb. 25, followed by a 'building project'. They built a Colossal Sundae for everyone's enjoyment, prior to Movie Night in the church hall.

We are planning a Soup and Sandwich Lunch after the worship service on March 6 in the Kirk Hall and everyone is welcome. We will set out a free-will donation basket. Proceeds will go to support our new Compassion Today Program. We will have more information about that at the luncheon. Please

support our Sunday school and plan to attend the luncheon.

On another note, summer is just a few months away, and we ask families that want their children to attend Camp Kintail this summer to see one of our teachers for registration information as soon as possible.

## WHO AM I?

**There's something to be said for making learning fun!**

Jodie Godwin was teaching a part of the Sunday school curriculum that deals with the genealogy of Jesus and the fact that there are some 'real individuals' in His ancestry—and not always with their act together either. And yet God works in and through us, and loves us. The point she was trying to make was that even when we are way off base, God works his purposes.

There are several ways to teach a lesson like this, but probably one of the most effective is to make learning fun.

Jodie decided to stage a "Who am I?" game show to teach the children their lesson. Contestants' had to guess from clues which one of Jesus' ancestors was being described at any one time by what



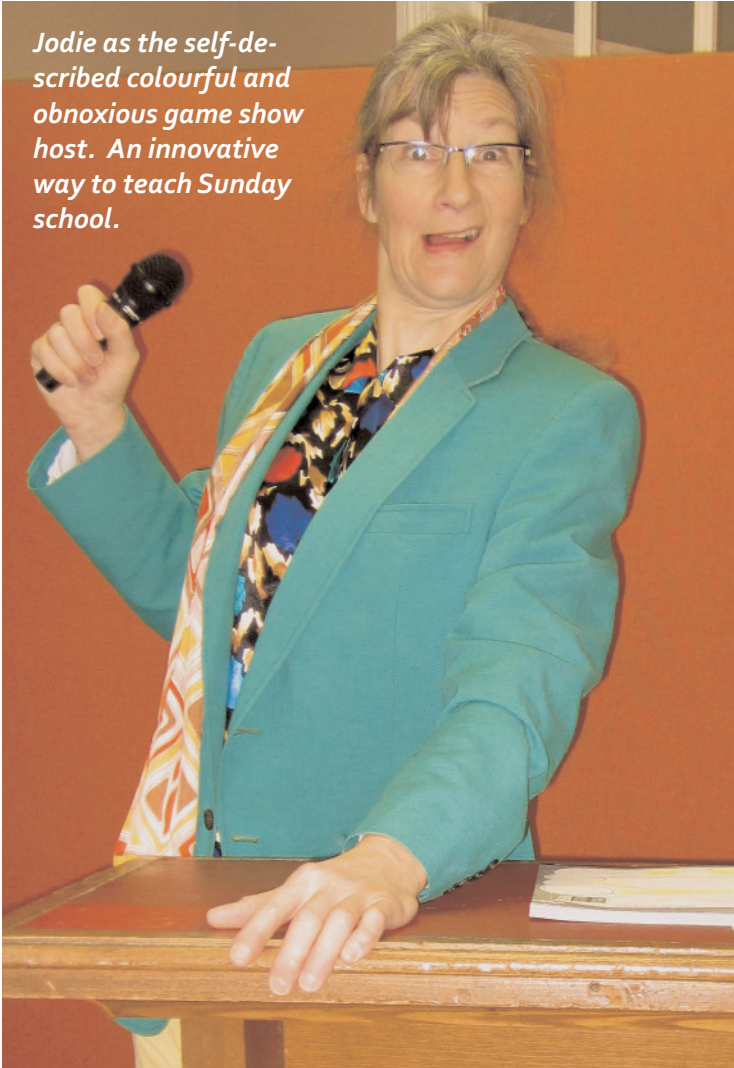
*Game show contestants, Sam Parker, Daphne van Egmond and Jacquelyn Campbell try to guess "Who am I?"*

she calls a "rather colourful and obnoxious game show host". There was a lot of laughter that

day...and probably a lot of learning. Bets are, it's a lesson the kids won't forget.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MOMENTS

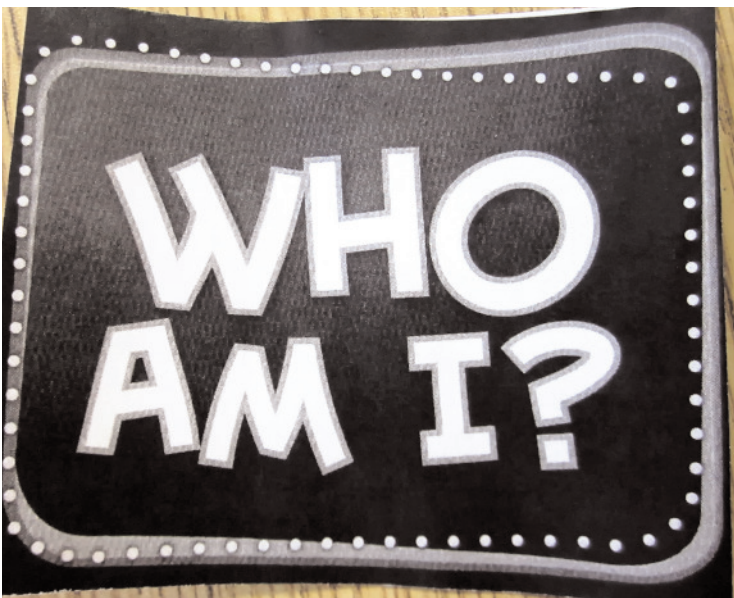
*Jodie as the self-described colourful and obnoxious game show host. An innovative way to teach Sunday school.*



*Another cup-cake Sunday*



*One of Nico's spontaneous creations*



## OUTREACH FOR OBI

**In our last newsletter, we told you the story of Obadiah (Obi) Sahu, our “adopted son” who came to Canada on Nov. 12, 2009 with dreams of becoming a Michelin-star chef. He came on a scholarship, but when the school closed he had no means of support. His student visa and working visa were no longer valid and he had no source of income. But St. Andrew’s was there for him.**

We have tried to keep you updated on Obadiah’s status, including distributing a communiqué after church one Sunday. Now there’s more news to tell.

As mentioned in the communiqué, Obadiah has been accepted into a chef’s training program at Niagara College in May. His tuition for the year is \$13,500. St. Andrew’s raised \$4,306 towards that tuition through a fundraising lunch and other generous donations. As well, restaurant owner Stephen Treadwell of Farm to Table Cuisine in Port Dalhousie, where Obi has been working just for the experience, raised \$3,000. This gave Obadiah enough money to pay for the first instalment of his tuition. At the same time, St. Andrew’s charitable fund is helping Obadiah with living expenses.

We have now moved into the second phase of fundraising for Obi. St. Andrew’s member Laura McCain has offered to host two Winemaker’s Dinners for Obi in her mansion at 456 Queen St. ([www.mansiononthelake.ca](http://www.mansiononthelake.ca) or 905-324-8789). It’s a wonderful setting for the dinners. You may have even seen it last year on the Rotary House Tour.

The dinners have been scheduled for April 29 and April 30. Obadiah will be “head chef” for the event, working in concert with Mark Hand, the official caterer for Creekside Estate Winery and the former head of culinary arts at Niagara College. (Laura is the owner of Creekside Winery.)

Plans are to have appetizers, plus a three-course sit-down dinner with wine pairings. Although the menu will not be Indian, it will have an Indian ‘twist’. And with luck, we may have entertainment.

Seating is limited to only 28 tickets per event, and we are opening ticket sales to the community. If you are interested in attending this event, please see Christine Dyck or Marsha Scott or call them at 905-468-7112 or 905-468-9371 respectively. Although we don’t yet have tickets in hand, it is a good idea to ‘reserve’ your seat. Tickets will cost \$125 per person. (St. Andrew’s will issue tax receipts for a portion of that).

We will let you know further details when we have them.



When asked recently how he feels about his “Canadian experience”- school closing, no visas, no source of income and no family to support him-Obi answered, “It has had its highs and lows, for sure, but overall it has taught me to depend more on Jesus and brought me closer to Him. And through it all, I’ve seen His love reflected in many kind friends and church family. It’s not a life you would wish for, but when it happens, you are amazed and awestruck by what God can do. All I can do is praise and thank Jesus because he controls everything.”

Well said Obadiah. And we hope that one day you will realize your dream to become a Michelin-star chef.

Obi has had that dream from an early age. He says his father loved to cook and exposed him to cooking and cooking shows. “After high school, I had no interest in anything else but cooking, and my parents encouraged me in it,” he says. “It was the love for food and the satisfaction you see on the faces of people after they have eaten a delicious meal that really drove me into being a chef.”

Now, if that doesn’t convince you to buy a ticket for his dinner, nothing will.

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# NEWARK NEIGHBOURS EASTER DRIVE

By Don Laird

**It will soon be time again for our Easter drive for Newark Neighbours. Our collection times will be Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 10, before and after service, in the Kirk Hall.**

As you may know, Newark Neighbours closed during February for renovations. It will re-open March 1 and start accepting donations again.

As well as the usual donations of toiletries (St. Andrew's is a major supplier) and non-perishable foods, Newark welcomes seasonal clothing and household items, such as linens and pots and pans.

Newark is basically starting from scratch, as it donated its entire stock to charities in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines to make space for the renovations. Mrs. Van De Laar, one of their volunteers, says they are very happy with their improved premises and looking forward to re-stocking. Thank you for your continuing support to this worthwhile cause.



*Although St. Andrew's is a major supplier of toiletries to Newark Neighbours, Newark is basically starting from scratch to create an inventory in their renovated space. So feel free to contribute generously in any area of need, be it food, seasonal clothing or household items.*

## **New grandson for Sandra and Bill King**

**Introducing Orson Davey, the son of Peggy King and her husband Chad Davey. Their little cutie was born on Dec. 21, 2010 in Whitehorse. He is the first child for Peggy and Chad and the third grandchild for Sandra and Bill, joining Sadie, 5, and Peggy, 1.**



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# 2010 GOAL REACHED

## *What will 2011 bring for Presbyterians Sharing?*

By Ian Ness

**Once again it is timely to bring before you the worthy outreach programs administered under *Presbyterians Sharing*.**

Happily, St. Andrew's met its budget figure of \$20,000 for 2010 WITHOUT calling on the assistance from General Funds. This was achieved by means of a generous donation from a member late in the year. Thank you!

2011 gives us the privilege and challenge to reach out to the numerous people in need of assistance, both in Canada and overseas.

### **Canada**

#### **Presbytery of Oakridge**

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Keswick Presbyterian Church. After 12 years of worshipping in a rented space at the Georgina Ice Palace in Keswick, Ont., the congregation is now delighted to have its own building. The Reverends Kirk and Allyson MacLeod are happy that Keswick Presbyterian Church is now in a facility. Though they have to mow the lawn, clear the driveway of snow and clean the bathrooms, they at least feel that they are all theirs! They now can hold youth events, have fundraising meetings and choir practice in their own church. The congregation is very grateful for the support it has received from *Presbyterians Sharing*.

#### **Presbytery of Westminster**

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*



*Revs. Allyson and Kirk MacLeod*

also support Hummingbird Ministries, a ministry of the Presbytery of Westminster that is dedicated to reconciliation and healing between Canada's Aboriginal People and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Hummingbird Ministries has

started a project called "Peace Through the Arts". Workshops bring people from different backgrounds together to share the experience of a common art form,

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## PRESBYTERIAN'S SHARING *(Cont'd)*

such as singing, drumming, dancing, carving or quilting. Every workshop begins with a circle of peace, where participants consider what they have in common, give thanks for what they have and focus on working together for the common good. Let us pray for Hummingbird Ministries as it works to bring about reconciliation and healing through art.

### Taiwan

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* also support Louise Gamble as she teaches English to students at Tam Kang High School, a private Christian school in Tamsui, Taiwan. Tam Kang seeks to present a strong Christian image to all of its students. It has been developing a strong English language program and many of its senior students can converse easily in English. Louise teaches conversation classes to several grades as well as some Bible courses to senior classes and teachers at the school. Bible classes for teachers are quite popular, and participants have doubled in number this semester. Curiosity is growing and she is always surprised, stimulated and challenged by the questions of those who have not read the Bible.

These are but three brief examples of your gifts in action when you contribute to *Presbyterians Sharing*. We are indeed God's servants working in harmony together.



*Rev. Mary Fontaine, Director of Hummingbird Ministries, and Ruth Adams of the Tsawwassen First Nation, lead a sharing circle where native and non-native people worship God using native traditional customs. Hummingbird Ministries is supported with gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.*



*Louise Gamble teaches English to students at a private Christian school in Taiwan.*

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***When we come together for our annual general meeting at the end of the month, it would be challenging and encouraging to find that St. Andrew's has decided to make a meaningful increase in 2011 to this wonderful outreach program.  
...Ian Ness***

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## WE ARE BLESSED!

**“When you get elected, you have half as many friends.” Bob Hunter, who heard this from his dad Bill, laughingly passed on this warning to David Eke when David decided to run for Lord Mayor of Niagara-on-the-Lake. That didn’t stop David. In December, he was inducted as Lord Mayor with wife, Debbie, and his family at his side.**

Debbie and David have been members of St. Andrew’s for more than 35 years.

Considering that Debbie grew up as an Anglican, David had United Church roots, they married in a Baptist church and their introduction to St. Andrew’s was its cemetery, it may seem odd that they ever joined the church.

They found St. Andrew’s as newcomers to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1975 when they went “church shopping”. On a stroll through the St. Andrew’s cemetery, Debbie spotted the name “Dawson” on a gravestone—Debbie’s maiden name. As chance would have it, the couple encountered Rev. Frank Gillespie in the cemetery. He invited them to church and when they came, Rev. Gillespie remembered their name. “He seemed so nice, and after church, Ann Marie Regehr and her mother took us to the hall for tea,” says Debbie. “I remember that Sunday. Sun was streaming through the windows and we were overwhelmed with the friendliness of this church.”

It was the beginning of a happy relationship with St. Andrew’s that saw Debbie become the church’s first female Clerk of Session, serving for three terms. She was an active elder for 19 years, taught Sunday School for 17 years, served as a member of the Board of Managers for seven years (three as sec-



retary) and continues as a member of Women’s Fellowship, chair of the Pastoral Care Team and wherever else the church calls her, be it as usher, flower co-ordinator or a committee chair for the Strawberry Festival.

David, on the other hand, is content to simply attend services at St. Andrew’s, while serving the community in other ways.

### In the beginning

Debbie was born in Nottingham, England and came to Canada in 1951. She was living in St. Catharines and working as a secretary in the inspection department of General Motors when she met David. Their first date was on Secretary’s Day a few months later and

that same year, they were married. They continued to live in St. Catharines for two years.

In 1980 son Darren was born and two years later, Sarah came along. The children attended Sunday school and grew up at St. Andrew’s

Debbie continued to work for General Motors until 1996, when she retired. She had always dreamed of opening a flower shop, but needed to learn more about living plants so went to work for Regal Florists for one-and-a-half years.

She then started the Niagara-on-the-Lake Flower Company and did flower arrangements out of her home for close to 100 weddings.

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*David with Rev. Barb, Pat Caldwell and Bob Crooks on the eve of his induction as Lord Mayor.*

When she decided she wanted to work in a store again, her daughter prayed for her and a couple of days later, Van Noort Florists invited her to work there, where she remained for almost two years.

## **Politics**

By this time, David had found his calling in politics.

Born in St. Catharines and educated at community college and Brock University, he worked for 34 years for General Motors as an industrial engineer and production supervisor. He loved the challenge of working on new designs and programs, enjoying the many years of change and growth that the Fair Trade Agreement brought to the company. "It was fascinating and rewarding. I worked hard and saw the fruits of my efforts," he says. Interacting with workers, other engineers and union people, he discovered early that he is a "people" person.

Ironically, he walked into politics because of sidewalks!

When David and Debbie moved here, they moved into the first-phase development of Garrison Village. In 1984, they decided to move into a new home in the second-phase development. "The town wanted to put in sidewalks and we were against it; it didn't seem like anyone was listening," says David. "We lost and the sidewalks went in." David ran for council in 1985 in a field of 20. He came 11<sup>th</sup>. "I wasn't well-known and I knew if I was going to take politics seriously, I needed to become more involved in the community."

David became involved in a number of community organizations and in 1991, he ran again for town council, coming in fourth. He eventually spent six years on town council. He was appointed to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Library Board from 1994 to 2000 and was chair

when the town's new library opened.

David spent the next six years on Regional Council, where he developed a good relationship with Gary Burroughs, then Lord Mayor. "He gave me some good insights into the job," says David.

Debbie was totally at peace with David's decision to run for Lord Mayor. "I always said he'd be mayor; it didn't come as a surprise when he said he wanted to run." At the same time, it wasn't a decision taken lightly. David had been asked by many to run for Lord Mayor, but he wanted to be sure he was the right person. He pondered the prospect for many months. From Debbie's perspective, it was simply a matter of placing everything in God's hands. "I told David that if God wanted him to be mayor, everything would fall into place and God would provide for his needs."

## **On being Lord Mayor**

"It gets under your skin; there are so many challenges to be met," says David. "The difficult thing is being labelled 'one of those politicians' when you're working hard. Nevertheless, he loves the variety of his days, which can range from two days spent with the Board of Governors of the Shaw Festival to two days with the Niagara Parks Commission for a strategic planning exercise; or from a day in Buffalo with the border mayors from both sides of the Niagara River to deal with river pollution, border issues and the bicentennial to a one-on-one meeting with a concerned citizen.

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# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2011

By Julie Hunter

**You are probably thinking: Oh my gosh, isn't it a little early to be talking about this year's Strawberry Festival? Truth is, it's never too early for those of us involved in organizing the event, scheduled for June 18.**

In fact, Strawberry Festival Committee members met on Jan. 26 to discuss restructuring the planning team, so that no one person bears an unreasonable load—particularly the committee chair. The truth is, every year the question of a new chair comes up. And every year, no-one wants to take on the job because it seems “too scary”!

But that's no longer the case. Five new committee positions have been identified so that many of the Festival chairperson's duties will be dispersed among six people. And it's a good thing too because most of those chairpersons also head teams (such as pies, or bake table, or drinks).

Here's a breakdown of the new structure:

**Festival Chairperson:** Marsha Scott

**Set-Up/Clean-Up Chairperson:** Lee Alma

**Purchasing Chairperson:** Jennifer Elliott

**Advertising Chairperson:** Geof Haswell

**Food Safety Chairperson:** Julie Hunter

**Volunteer Chairperson:** Vacant

If you would like to take over the Volunteer Chairperson position, please contact Marsha Scott at 468-9371 or myself at 469-5233. Keep in mind that many team members contact their own list of



*Even in our worst years (think the rain and mud of 2009), the Strawberry Festival has been a time of fellowship and fun. Right Fiona and Barb?*

volunteers, so this job should not be onerous. It's mainly to ensure that every section has enough vol-

unteers and to re-distribute if required.

# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL *(Cont'd)*

Most of our team heads (pies and bake table, for example) will remain the same as last year. They are listed below. With five new chairpersons helping the Festival

chairperson, this year's Strawberry Festival should, once again, run smoothly. If you would like to be part of the Strawberry Festival organizing committee, please con-

tact Marsha Scott. We will keep you posted on any Festival news through the weekly bulletin and in the next newsletter June 5.

## TEAM LEADERS

If you are interested in volunteering in any one of these areas for the Strawberry Festival, please contact the team leader. We are still looking for leaders for the Silent Auction and the Children's Area.

Organ/Sound system/Silent Auction Pickups	David Nattress	289-868-9063
Sanitation/Recycling	Hugh Hutton	905-468-2693
Advertising	Elaine Landray	905-468-3923
Ticket Sales	Bill King	905-468-4117
Purchasing	Jennifer Elliott/Doug Dineley	905-468-4083
Strawberry Shortcake	Ruth Hunter/Evelyn Campbell	905-468-0263
Jam	Lynn Hunter-Hope/Bob Hunter	905-688-9311
Pies	Marsha Scott	905-468-9371
Bake Table	Fiona MacLeod	905-468-7726
Yogurt/Milkshakes	Kathleen/Les Tunmer	905-295-4818
Crepes/Slushies/Popcorn	Lynn Lingard	905-262-4780
Drinks	Geof Haswell	905-468-9371
BBQ	Ken Willms/David Parker/Les Machazire	905-468-3335
Corn	Don Dawson	905-262-4360
Entertainment	David Nattress/Debbie Whitehouse	289-868-9063
Silent Auction	<b>VACANT</b>	
Granny's Attic/Collectibles	Debbie Eke	905-468-7320
Children's Area	<b>VACANT</b>	
Book Sale	Jane Garrett/Gord McKindsey	905-468-2994
This & That	Jennifer Roberts	289-214-8160
Church Tours	Ian Ness	905-468-8734
Plants	Julie Hunter	905-468-5233
Berries	Nancy Howse, Lynn van Egmond	905-468-7381
Salads	Joyce Dineley	905-468-2645
Washroom Maintenance	Peter Lingard	905-262-4780
Telephone Call-Outs	Jennifer Roberts/Ruth Hunter/Sandra King	289-214-8160



# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Clockwise, from top left: Kim Ha and Moyra McEachern; Ann Crooks and Lynn Lingard; Shirley Eustace; Ann Crooks and Ruth Hunter; Helen McLeish, Doreen Steele and Doris Laverick. Oh, and there's Ann AGAIN!*

# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY *(Cont'd)*



*Clockwise, from top left: Rev. Barb with Bonnie Tarnowski and Debbie Eke; Barb Nattress, who hosted the lunch at her home; Pat Caldwell and Beth Alma; Anne Bittersohl; Evelyn Campbell; and Jane Garrett with Bonnie. The party was well attended and a huge hit, nourishing to both body and soul.*

# MUSINGS ON TRI-M

By Evelyn Campbell

**Tri-M stands for Mr., Mrs. and Miss. In other words, it's all-inclusive. Anyone of any age is most welcome to join us. We meet in the Kirk Hall on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. for a 7:30 start. It's a chance to meet, greet and receive a friendly smile.**

We open with a prayer and devotions, which may be a Bible reading, an article, story or poem with a moral or insight that we can use in our daily lives.

Our speakers are usually local people. The Hoekstra family has entertained the group on more than one occasion. Janice Thomson, a member and executive director of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, spoke of her life and jobs in many places. In one in-

stance, she was the first woman to hold that position. Susanne Rescorl told of growing up in Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Andrew's church, going to England, disappointments and happy times, and then finally realizing that God was calling her to the ministry.

Helen Dawson's reminiscing brought smiles to our faces. Don Chambers opened our eyes to the larger scope of Goodwill Industries Niagara. These speakers, along

with others, made each meeting well worth attending.

A special time with good conversation, laughter, tea and goodies ends the evening well before the bewitching hour.

If you would like to come, please call Don or myself and we will greet you at the door. Don can be reached at 905-468-3870. I can be reached at 905-468-3652.

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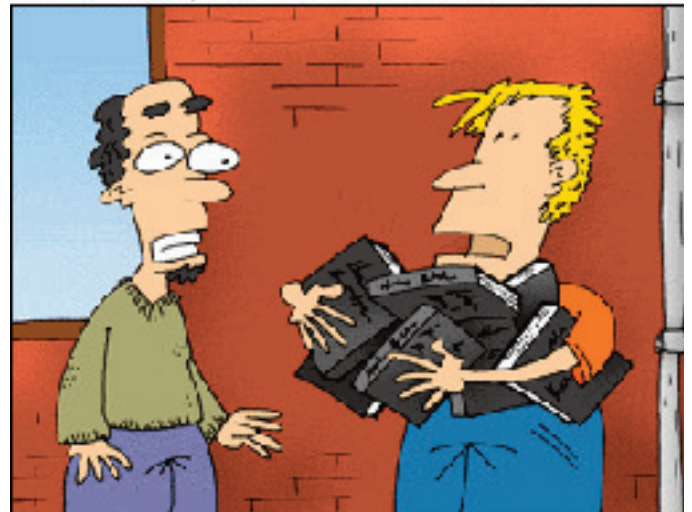


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## **SLIDING AND SUNDAES** for Sunday school outing



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## THE LORD MAYOR'S INDUCTION *(Cont'd from page 24)*

"What I love most about being mayor is developing relationships with people. I meet so many interesting people I would not meet otherwise," says David. He also likes to resolve issues for local residents. "The town offices in Virgil are meant to provide a service to local citizens," says David. "That, as well as accountability for being more effective and efficient, should be our main focus."

David is also concerned about establishing a broader industrial base in the area. "We can't be a one-horse town. We need a broader industrial base to deal with the highs and lows of our economy," he says.

He also wants people to see our town as user-friendly. "People want less red tape. When people have issues, they shouldn't be intimidated to speak at a council meeting. My goal is to make people as comfortable as we can."

At the same time, David is realistic. He knows he is not going to make everyone happy. He believes, however, that communicating the rationale behind a decision and sharing that openly will help.

### **Other community involvement**

David is passionate about his involvement as board chair with Goodwill Industries Niagara, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing work opportunities, skills development and housing for people with barriers to employment and/or independent living. "Goodwill is not just about dresses and



*David and Debbie at David's induction as Lord Mayor. From left, son-in-law Michael Pillitteri; their son Darren with wife, Carmen, and children Anais and Rosemarie (held by David); one of Sarah's best friends, Kim Pavli; and daughter Sarah, due in May.*

shirts," says David. "Goodwill has created Stokes Community Village in St. Catharines with 32 affordable housing units and 9,000 square feet of office space for social services groups. We run a boys' and girls' club, after-school activities and train and supply jobs for people. We have worked with residents to make big changes in their community."

And because of its success in St. Catharines, Goodwill is planning a similar development with affordable housing, a community centre and new-concept store in Welland.

Debbie's passion right now is the Niagara-on-the-Lake Cancer Society, for which she is President. Having volunteered with Hospice Niagara for eight years, earning her palliative care certification at Niagara College, Debbie thought she knew a lot about death and dying.

But her personal brush with cancer a few years ago taught her more, making her want to fight back "with all I've got"

She praises her church family for helping her through that tough time. "They showed me an outpouring of love during my illness," she says, "and I received blessings beyond measure." She is now cancer-free.

### **Family**

Debbie believes there has been a change at St. Andrew's in recent years. "We are more open, caring and more sensitive to other's needs now," she says. "That caring is making us more a family than it ever was. Rev. Barb is encouraging us to use the gifts we have been given and that has led to so much

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### Clerk of Session

Lynn Lingard

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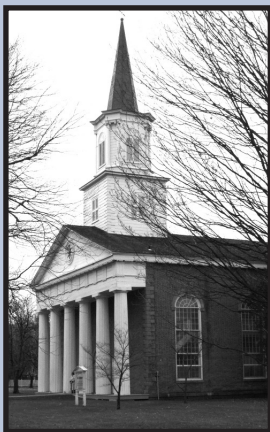
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## IN MEMORY

*By Doug Hunter*

### Barbara J. Tranter

**Barbara** died at the St. Catharines General Hospital in her 89th year. She leaves her husband of 66 years Dr. Roy Tranter. She was predeceased by their son James in 2005. She is survived by her daughter Judy (Colin) Pickhall, Barbara (Paul) Brown, Timothy (Pat) Tranter and Mary Tranter.

She loved her grandchildren Alison, Jennifer, Gillian, Greg and Samuel.

Barbara was born in Niagara Township, attended Virgil Public School and later Niagara High School where she excelled in her studies. She graduated from Grade 13 at the age of 16 years. She graduated from MacDonald Hall in Guelph

and later in life obtained a degree in psychology. Apart from a few years when Roy practised in Chatham, she and Roy have lived in Niagara-on-the-Lake. She was the dietician at the Niagara Hospital and also at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham. She was a charter director of the Shaw Festival and served on the Niagara Hospital Board. She was very active in the SOS (Save our Sick) campaign for our local hospital. She and Roy loved bridge, attending many groups in the Niagara area.

The funeral service was held in St. Andrew's, conducted by Rev. Barb McGale with burial in the church cemetery. The family have requested that memorial donations be made to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Foundation.

## EKES WELL BLESSED *(Cont'd)*

change for the good. We are blessed."

Debbie and David have also been blessed in other ways. Their son, Darren, works in Ottawa as the senior communications advisor for Public Safety Canada Minister Vic Toews, who is responsible for the Civilian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), the RCMP and border security. Before that, he worked

as press secretary and then legislative advisor for Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson. He and wife Carmen have two children, Rosemarie, 2 ½, and Anais, five months old.

Daughter Sarah, a Grade 3 teacher at St. Patrick Separate School in Niagara Falls, and her husband Michael Pillitteri live in Virgil and are expecting their first child May 16.