



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
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## DYING TO LIVE

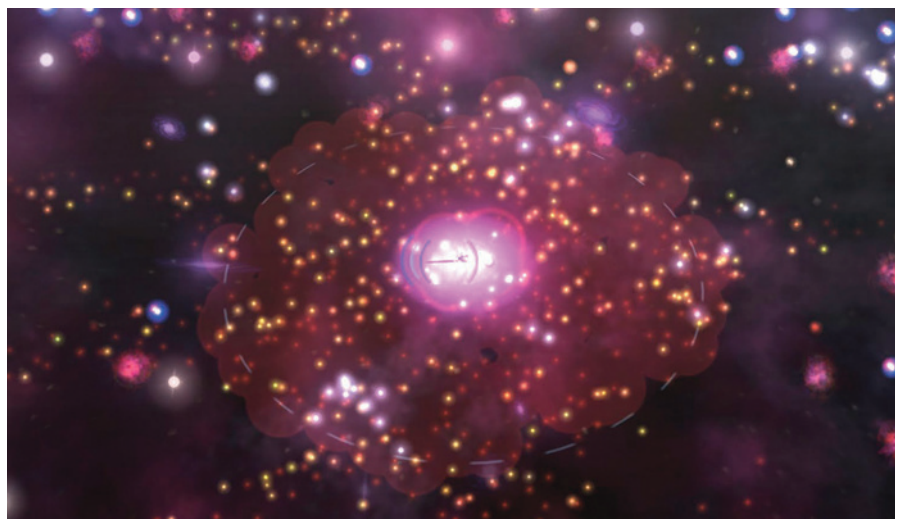
By Rev. Barb McGale

Recently, many of the conversations I've had with people have focused on the tendency in the Western world to view ourselves as the centre of the universe. That seems to be true in the church as well as our society in general. We expect worship to meet "our needs" when in reality, worship should be focused on the Lord. We like to choose how we will serve and sometimes are reluctant to let the Lord decide where He wants to use **US**.

Those conversations have given me cause to think about the nature of our relationship to God and where we fit in the great scheme of things. Jesus' words in *Matthew*

16:24-25 come to mind. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross

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*Do we view ourselves, instead of the Lord, as the centre of the universe?*

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## DYING TO LIVE *(Cont'd)*

and follow me. For whoever will save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Jesus had an amazing ability to turn the world’s expectations upside down. God’s ways are not the same as the world’s ways. I have met so many people who put themselves ahead of others, whose own needs matter more than the needs around them, who live for themselves. Jesus expects the very opposite of His disciples.

If we are going to follow Jesus, we have to deny ourselves, crucify the desire to put ourselves first, and live for Jesus. That means more than simply being kind and considerate. It means more than just trying to be a “good living” person. Jesus expects us to follow Him in all things.

“Whoever would save his life will lose it.” Maybe not in this life, but remember, Jesus is looking at all of eternity. Those who find life are the ones who lost it. But they lost

it in a specific fashion—for Christ’s sake. Those who give up their own needs and wants, those who put Jesus ahead of themselves, are the ones who will find life.

It seems like an oxymoron. We have to die to live. The only way to save your life is to give it up for Jesus. Nothing else will do. We can spend 70 or 80 years as the centre of *our* universe or in eternity with the Lord. The choice is ours.

## ASK BARB

*By Rev. Barb McGale*

**Please explain the meaning of the term “Paraclete.” ...Liz MacIntyre**

This is a term used to describe the Holy Spirit. It comes from the Greek word *paracletos* and literally means “called to one’s side.” This word has four basic meanings: (1) a legal advocate; (2) an intercessor; (3) one who consoles or comforts; (4) one who encourages or uplifts.

Because we do not have an exact word in English to correspond with the meaning of the Greek, some translations of the Bible simply transliterate [spell a word in one language with the alphabet of another] the Greek word. In those translations, whenever the Greek word is used (*John 14:16, 26; John 15:25; John 16:7; and 1 John 2:1*), the Holy Spirit is called the Paraclete. Other translations choose an English word to attempt to convey the meaning. So you will find

words like “Counsellor” or “Comforter” used.

Essentially, the term is descriptive of the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God comes alongside the believer to help him/her in his/her Christian walk. The Spirit convicts us, corrects us, encourages us, and guides us along the path the Father has chosen for us. The Paraclete works in us to help us become more like Christ, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*) in our lives. He also helps us to pray when we don’t have the words.

This is my favourite description of the Holy Spirit because it conveys so much of what the Spirit is doing in the life of a Christian. It also reminds us of the tenderness, com-



passion, gentleness, and peace of the Holy Spirit. For me, this one word encapsulates the entire package that is the Holy Spirit.

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## UPCOMING

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

**Sunday, June 5 to Friday, June 10**  
**Annual General Assembly meeting**  
London, Ont.  
Rev. Barb will be a commissioner (voting member)

**Tuesday, June 7**  
**Strawberry Festival meeting**  
7 p.m., Kirk Hall

**Wednesday, June 8**  
**Women's Fellowship and WMS outing**  
Bakery-on-the-Bench in St. David's Carpool from Kirk Hall at 12:30 (space is limited)

**Thursday, June 9**  
**Breakfast Team feeds the homeless**  
St. George's Anglican Church  
St. Catharines  
6:30 a.m.  
This group will also meet on **July 14 and Aug. 11.**

**Sunday, June 12**  
**Pentecost**  
**Worship service/Communion**  
11 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 15**  
**Wednesday Bible Study**  
1:30 p.m., Kirk Hall  
Note: This Bible study will continue throughout the summer on Wednesday afternoons. It may continue on a new day in September.

**Saturday, June 18**  
**Strawberry Festival**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come out and join us for this wonderful community event.

**Sunday, June 19**  
**1st Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Aboriginal Sunday**  
**Guest preacher Frank DeVries**  
(Rev. McGale on vacation)  
No coffee hour

**Tuesday, June 21**  
**Board of Managers**  
7 p.m., Kirk Hall

**Friday, June 24**  
**Movie Night**  
**This month's movie is "Water"**  
Kirk Hall, 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Separate children's movie  
Movies will continue through the summer on July 22 and August 26.

**Sunday, June 26**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Awards Sunday**  
**Congregational picnic**  
Following worship service  
Bring a salad or dessert  
Everyone welcome

**Friday, July 1**  
**Canada Day**

**Sunday, Aug. 14**  
**Deadline for *The Herald***  
Send copy to Marsha Scott at [marshascott@cogeco.ca](mailto:marshascott@cogeco.ca), or drop the material in the *Herald* folder on the left wall of the Kirk Hall entryway.

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
**Session meeting**  
7 p.m., Kirk Hall

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
**Breakfast Team feeds the homeless**



*Gerzinus will testify that the congregational picnic is a good time to meet and munch.*

St. George's Anglican Church  
St. Catharines  
6:30 a.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 11**  
**Rally Sunday**  
**Sunday Bible Study resumes**  
9:30 a.m., Kirk Hall  
Children return to Sunday school  
**Rally Sunday BBQ** following the worship service.

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**  
**Tri-M meetings resume**  
7:00 for 7:30

**Tuesday, Sept. 14**  
**Women's Fellowship and WMS resumes**  
1 p.m., Kirk Hall

**Tuesday, Sept. 20**  
**Board of Managers meeting**  
7 p.m., Kirk Hall

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# A BUSTLING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

By Lynn Lingard

## The St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship and WMS have been very busy since our last update in February.

We hosted the World Day of Prayer in March and provided hot cross buns after the Good Friday Ecu-  
menical Service in April. Our Sur-  
prise lunch on April 6 was a great  
success, serving up British fare to  
110 hungry people. In May we sup-  
ported the Caribbean Workers Out-  
reach Program by providing  
refreshments after one of their  
Sunday night services at Bethany  
Church. We also served lunch to 48  
people from St. Columba Church in  
St. Catharines.

Several of our members are still  
knitting Dolls of Joy or IZZY dolls.  
"The IZZY doll is but a few yards of  
brightly coloured yarn, woven into  
a simple shape, but in the hands of  
a caring knitter it becomes magic  
for a Third World child who has per-  
haps never been given a gift in his  
or her short life," says Betty Fergu-  
son. Currently, 200 dolls are ready for  
shipment where needed. For more  
information, or to be part of the  
project, call Betty at  
905-468-1288.

In June, our regular meeting on  
Wednesday, June 8 will be an out-  
ing for afternoon tea at the Bakery-  
on-the-Bench in St. David's.

Once again we will be offering sev-  
eral options in the silent auction at  
the Strawberry Festival. Our won-  
derful Christmas baking basket will

be auctioned, ready to be delivered  
in early December, just in time for  
all your holiday parties. We are also  
planning another Progressive Din-  
ner. This will be a five-course dinner  
in four different homes. We in-  
clude the wine and a van to trans-  
port the group from home to  
home. Our last auction item is the  
famous pie-of-the-month. A differ-  
ent pie each month will be deliv-  
ered to some lucky person's home.  
So take time during the Festival to  
visit the Kirk Hall and bid on these  
as well as the many other wonder-  
ful auction items.

Just a reminder that there will be  
no coffee hour on Sunday, June 19,

the day after the Strawberry Festi-  
val.

For July and August we are once  
again looking for help from the  
congregation during the fellowship  
time after worship service. We  
only serve store-bought cookies,  
iced tea, juice and water in the  
summer months so you wouldn't  
have to worry about doing any  
baking. If you would like to help  
out just see me after church during  
the month of June. Alternatively,  
you could contact me at  
905-262-4780.



*The Women's Fellowship and WMS will enjoy afternoon tea at the Bakery-on-the-Bench in St. David's on June 8.*

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## HELEN DAWSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**Helen Dawson turned 90 on April 9. She says her longevity may be due to the fact that she doesn't drink, doesn't smoke and tries to eat with "common sense".**

Helen celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at a party in the church hall, but talks as though she doesn't know what all of the fuss was about. "You know, I received certificates from the Governor General of Canada, the Prime Minister and the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario...just about everybody you can think of," she says. "Rob Nicholson [Member of Parliament, Niagara Falls] couldn't go to the opening of the new community centre (there was an election coming up), but he came to my birthday." And MPP Kim Craiton, Regional Chair Gary Burroughs and Mayor David Eke attended the party.

She was especially tickled with the 'commemorative' bag of bread crusts she received from Evelyn Campbell. When she worked in the kitchen, Helen always asked for the leftover bread crusts to feed the birds.

The poem at right was written to Helen on her birthday by Jean Cochrane. It probably best sums up the Helen Dawson we know. (The "cherries" reference is to the Dawson pick-your-own cherry orchard that dates back to the 1950s on the Dawson family farm on the Niagara Parkway.)

### On your 90th birthday

*Your memories go back to the horse  
and buggy days  
When life played out with meaning  
With slower working ways.  
This landscape was your playground  
And you have seen it change,  
and of course you met Harry  
and that widened all your range.  
You married, had your family—  
And lots of cherries played a part.  
Life makes things a struggle,  
But you've always had good heart.  
You've helped your church  
You've helped your town,  
You've watched your family grow;  
There's another generation  
And they have come to know  
By your work and dedication  
You always give but never take.  
And when we need that extra effort  
Ask Helen, she will bake a cake!*



*All of Helen's grandchildren and great grandchildren attended the birthday party. Back row, from left, are grandson Mark Dawson, great granddaughter Tate, granddaughter Haley Cherniuk, granddaughter Lauren Dawson, grandson Craig Smith, grandson Greg Wake, granddaughter Mckenzie Cherniuk, and granddaughter Caitlyn Cherniuk. In the front row, with Helen, from left, are great grandchildren Alicia Wake, Kyle Wake, Campbell Smith and Matthew Wake.*

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## HELEN DAWSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



*Clockwise, from top left: Helen with her five children, Gina (Smith), Donnie, Delpha (Wake), Robert, and Janine (Cherniuk); Helen grins at the prospect of eating some of her beautiful cake; family and friends gather round to see MPP Kim Craitor congratulate Helen and present her with some commemorative pins.*

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## SUNDAY MORNING SOCIAL CLUB?

By Lynn Lingard, Clerk of Session

**Are we at St. Andrew's just a Sunday morning social club? I certainly don't think so. We do enjoy each other's company after worship on Sunday mornings, but that is where the similarity ends. We are a community of Christians who work together in Jesus' name to spread His good news and to further the work of His church.**

It has been obvious that God has been leading our congregation in the direction of outreach.

At our annual meeting, St. Andrew's raised its 2011 allocation for *Presbyterians Sharing* to \$21,000.

The church was also very enthusiastic about supporting the Presbytery of Niagara in its efforts to sponsor Odimba Lotshaka (Mr. Steve) and his family in their move to Canada. So far, St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship and WMS, the Sunday School and the congregation have raised \$1,967 in support of this family, currently staying in a refugee camp in Namibia.

As you may or may not know, the Lotshaka family consists of "Mr. Steve", 44, and his wife Seya Steve Mujinga, 32, and five children, named Ngoie, Tondokende, Mujinga, Eomba and Atato. Odimba was working as Nursing Director at Uvira State Hospital in Kivu province in the far east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The eastern DRC was wracked by a brutal civil war after the Hutu Militia fled there from Rwanda, following their defeat in the war there in 1994. Odimba's Christian faith led him to treat all patients alike, no matter what side they came from. This impartiality, along with his manifest Christian humanity, made

him extremely suspect. He finally had to flee, first to Zambia and finally to Namibia for safety.

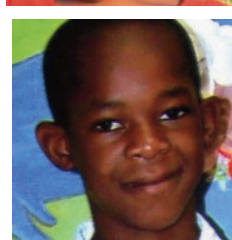
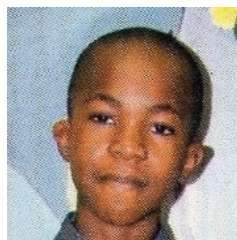
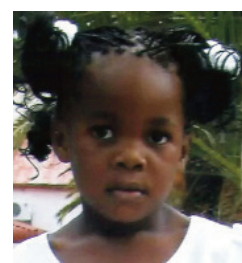
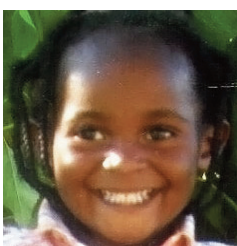
The congregation has also been very supportive of efforts to help Obadiah Sahu in his quest to study in Canada.

In other outreach initiatives, the St. Andrew's breakfast club has been active since January feeding the homeless once every month at St. George's church in St. Catharines;

our congregation has been very generous during Newark Neighbours' collections; and we are embarking on a new partnership with Jamaican congregations in children's ministry led by Rev. Alice Blair.

*"Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by God's love,  
by love are we thus bound."*

...Hymn #692 PCC



*Odimba (Mr. Steve) and Seya with their children, from top left, Atato, Eomba, Mujinga, Tondokende and Ngoie.*

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# FINDING A CHURCH HOME

By Jean Cochrane

## Something Rev. Barb said in her sermon last week (about God having a plan for us) got me thinking about churches.

We have travelled around quite a bit, and finding the 'right church' is not as easy as it sounds. Many in our church have lived here all their lives and have never had to find another church. From experience, I can tell you it is not always easy.

When Tom was transferred to Niagara Falls from Montreal we thought life could not be better, with so many English services and churches to choose from. We had both been brought up as Presbyterians, but while living in Quebec for 10 years, we had attended the United Church. We were very fortunate in finding those churches, but the thought of having choices again was wonderful.

So off we went to the little Presbyterian church not far from our house. There were no return smiles, no "hellos". We filled in a card, but nobody called. We got the message: no new members wanted.

Then my parents came for a visit. We had still not found a church in Niagara Falls, but were willing to try a United Church again. That Sunday we attended Stamford United Church, which turned out to be a wonderful church to belong to.

We waited until the children finished school before moving again, this time to Niagara-on-the-Lake. I had opened my business here in 1977 and was involved in many of

the town's activities as it prepared for Bi-Centennial in 1981. But we continued to attend Stamford.

Then, I got an unpleasant surprise—the results of a biopsy that had been done months before. With all of the busy stuff, I had forgotten all about it. I had had a small tumour removed from my left hand, and the sample sent to Ottawa and Toronto turned out to be what the specialist called "slightly malignant". It's kind of like "a little bit pregnant"! My world was set on end. When Tom did some research on the "specialist", it was hardly reassuring that the specialist turned out to be a hand reconstruction specialist.

That Sunday I had to go to church, not the church in Niagara Falls, but to the Presbyterian church one block from our house, St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's welcomed us, and I was able to greet several local people I had come to know. Helen Dawson, who had worked with me on the Bi-Centennial Quilt Show, approached me wondering why I had come to St. Andrew's. I explained my concerns about my left hand. We enjoyed the service, I said lots of prayers and felt that Monday (the day I would hear from another specialist) could not come quickly enough.

On the Sunday afternoon, Rev. Frank Gillespie came to the house. He explained that he had heard



*Jean, left, with friend Nan Ford, at a congregational picnic.*

about my anxiety and had come to see if he could help. It was wonderful! We prayed together.

On the Monday, I went to the second specialist and was told that the doctor in Niagara Falls should learn to read reports. The tumour was NOT malignant but had "reproductive tendencies", a big difference.

Thirty years later, I have a 'ridge' about an inch long, below where the tumour was. I am leaving it alone as it does not bother me. Since I will turn 80 next year, I reckon whatever I have is MINE and I'll keep it.

I thank God regularly for guiding us to St. Andrew's. We struggled to survive here through a few years of 'famine' as regard caring for each other. But Rev. Barb has changed all that for me and we are all so fortunate to have her. Thanks to you all for your help and encouragement you keep me strong.

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# OBADIAH OFF TO COLLEGE

By Marsha Scott

**“I am excited and nervous, but am so grateful and thankful to God for blessing me so abundantly,” says Obadiah. “Through this whole experience, I have learned to trust God. Once He starts something, all you have to do is ride along and marvel at what He has done. And I praise and thank Jesus for giving me a wonderful church family who love and care so much. I pray I can make the most of this opportunity and one day, be a blessing to many in need.”**

With these words, Obadiah is about to begin the co-op portion of his studies in the culinary management program at Niagara College’s Canadian Food and Wine Institute. “Technically” he can’t start the co-op program until he has a study permit. That is expected any day. However, Obadiah will have no problem accumulating the hours he needs to complete the co-op requirement because he has continued to gain on-the-job experience at Treadwell Farm to Table Cuisine in Port Dalhousie.

Obadiah will be required to complete only one year of the two-year culinary management program because the college has recognized credits he earned for completing a three-year degree course in Hospitality and Hotel Administration in Mumbai, India before coming to Canada.

The only thing that stood in the way of Obadiah taking the Niagara College program was money: he needed about \$14,000 to pay his tuition as a foreign student. That is no longer a roadblock, thanks to a fundraising lunch at St. Andrew’s, a fundraising dinner at Treadwell, two additional Winemaker’s Din-

ners in April at Mansion-on-the-Lake and one recent generous donation, in particular.

Once again, this congregation—as well as some supportive members of the community—came through for Obadiah. Not only does Obadiah have enough to pay for his tuition, but he also has enough for the uniforms, tools and books he will need for his first semester, which begins in September.

From the bottom of our heart, Christine Dyck and I would like to thank all of you who have so generously supported Obadiah. And a special thanks to Laura McCain for her contributions to the Wine-maker’s Dinners. You have all made a difference in this young man’s life and perhaps, as one supporter says, Obadiah will make a difference in the lives of many others once he has achieved his goal.

But for now, Obadiah will focus his attention on his co-op training at Treadwell. He will continue to live in St. Catharines until his first semester begins. At that time, he will move a little closer to school, thanks to Peter and Lynn Lingard, who have generously opened their



*Obadiah is anxious to get started at the Canadian Food and Wine Institute at Niagara College.*

home to Obadiah while he completes his courses.

We may not be Obadiah’s first family, but we are surely his second.

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# WINEMAKER'S DINNER APRIL 30



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## 'ROCKIN' OUTREACH BY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school children are doing some 'rockin' outreach. In step with the rest of our congregation these days, they are placing their focus on outreach to a number of causes.

### Refugee family

The Sunday school raised \$380 through a Soup and Sandwich luncheon for a family currently living in a refugee camp in Namibia. The Lotshaka family has five children, two boys and three girls ranging in age from 3 to 11 years. For this reason alone, it's wonderful for our children to be involved in this venture.

The estimated cost of sponsoring the family to come to Canada is about \$35,000 a year in cash and kind for one to two years. In Niagara Presbytery, that works out to around \$1,500 per congregation per year. A number of congregations have already made pledges, including our own. When we have sufficient cash and pledges, the sponsorship process will begin. Once the paperwork is completed and the family arrives, a home has to be found and equipped with furniture, bedding and other necessities for seven people. The children have to be put in school and the whole family must be introduced to Canadian life. Fortunately, family members speak some English.

The time-consuming but rewarding task of getting the family settled will fall mainly on the congregations nearest to where the family lives. That will depend on what the family's father, Odimba, needs to do to qualify for work in Canada.

### Flora House

On Sunday, May 1, the children had a Flora House fundraising party. Flora House is an inner city mission, operated by Winnipeg Inner City Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada Inc. It serves children, families and individuals in the North end of Winnipeg, a challenging environment for families trying to raise their children to stay out of gangs and away from drugs, alcohol and gambling.

Flora House offers a Learning and Play program one morning a week. The program is for preschoolers and their caregivers and teaches literacy and learning through play, as well as provides socialization for both children and caregivers.

The mission also offers an after-school program for children from

6 to 10 years old during the school year. The program provides a safe place for the children to complete their homework, have a healthy snack and play organized games.

Flora House also runs summer day camps and a spring break Bible Adventure camp.

The sister of Sunday school teacher Lynn van Egmond, Erin, an elder with a church in Selkirk, suggested that our Sunday school become involved.

### Bob Howse Walking and Bike Trail

On Sunday, May 29, the children spent some quality time together while giving back to the community of Niagara-on-the-Lake. See the next page for more.



A group from the Sunday school displays an oversized cheque for their donation of \$240 to Flora House. From left, are, Daphne and Dinah van Egmond; Jacquelyn Campbell; Nico van Egmond; Noah, a friend of David Campbell and David.

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# CLEANING UP THE BOB HOWSE TRAIL

*By Lauren O'Malley Norris*

**Bob Howse is fondly remembered by so many—even those who never knew him but are now familiar with his wonderful legacy: The Bob Howse Memorial Bike/Walking Trail.**

Bob's family promised to keep the trail looking nice in memory of their husband and father, so Nancy Howse and Lynn van Egmond approached the Sunday School to suggest the children be involved this one time, to teach them how important it is to give back to the community.

We walked from the library to McDonald's (sundaes for all!), and collected six big ugly bags of garbage. It was hugely satisfying work, on so many levels: We were honouring Bob Howse and his determination; cleaning up much used public property; teaching the kids about social responsibility; enjoying nature—and each other!

We were cheered on by cyclists, drivers and residents, with lots of thumbs up. It was a wonderful way to remember and pay tribute to Bob's great spirit and his dedication to health, family, off-shore workers, nature and safety.

Participating and enjoying the experience were Nancy Howse; Lynn, Dinah, Daphne and Nico van Egmond; Julie Hunter; Kathy Beigie; Leah and Sam Parker; Grant, Laurie and Jacqueline Campbell; and Lauren O'Malley Norris and Hazel Norris. One free-loading tic also joined us but, fortunately, jumped ship at McDonald's.



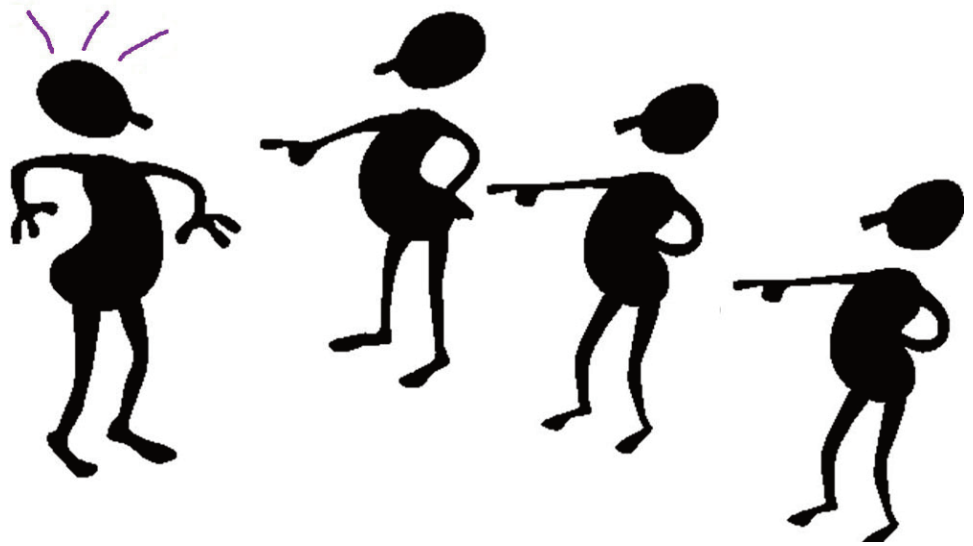
# EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, NOBODY

Submitted by Rev. Barb McGale

There were four people in a church whose names were Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

The church had financial problems and Everybody was asked to help. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But you know who did it? Nobody. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Then the church grounds needed some work, and Somebody was asked to help. But Somebody got angry about that, because Anybody could have done it just as well and, after all, it really was Everybody's job. In the end the work was



given to Nobody, and Nobody did a fine job.

On and on this went. Whatever work was to be done, Nobody could always be counted on. Nobody visited the sick. Nobody gave liberally. Nobody shared his faith. Nobody prayed. In short, Nobody was a very faithful member.

Finally the day came when Somebody left the church and took Anybody and Everybody with him. And who was left? Nobody.

*Editor's note: The above text was included in Barb's sermon on May 22 and she had so many requests for it that it has been printed here.*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

You may have heard that I am going to be a commissioner at General Assembly this year and wondered, "What is General Assembly, and will it mean our minister is just 'goofing off' for five days?"

The Presbyterian form of church government is made up of different levels of church courts. The lowest, on a congregational level, is called the Session. The highest court, charged with making decisions for our entire denomination, is called General Assembly.

The Assembly meets once a year to discuss issues that have some relevance for our denomination. One-sixth of the ministers on the roll of the various Presbyteries (not including retired ministers or those without charge) attend Assembly each year. One-sixth of the pastoral charges (single or multi-congregation) will send an elder (not necessarily the individual who is the representative elder at Presbytery).

We have received reports from all our national committees to read in advance (about 300 pages of material) and will discuss and vote on the recommendations. Assembly also will welcome some ecumenical and international guests who will address the court.

If we have any exciting discussions or controversial issues, I will write a follow-up report for our next issue of *The Herald*. You are always welcome to borrow the Acts and Proceedings (comes out in the fall), which contains all the minutes from Assembly. Please pray for this court of our church as it meets from June 5-10. May all our decisions reflect God's will for us.

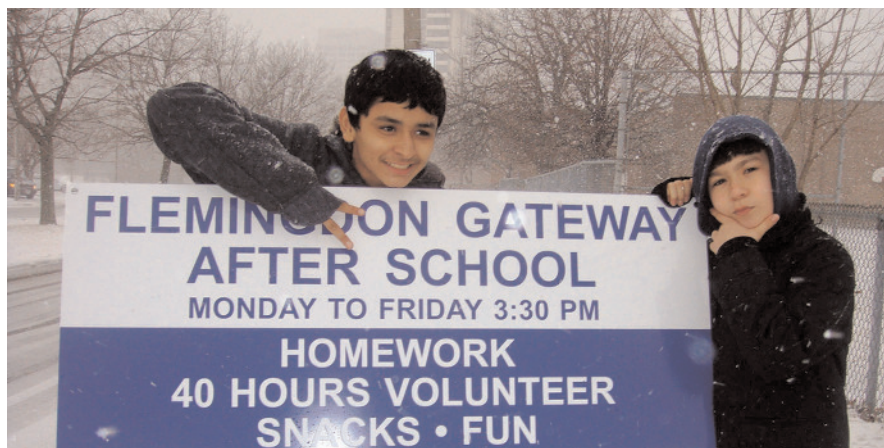
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# PRESBYTERIANS SHARING SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN CANADA

By Ian Ness

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support inner city ministries in Canada. One of them is the Flemingdon Gateway Mission in inner city Toronto. Gateway Mission reaches out to 25,000 people living in one of Toronto's most multicultural and densest neighbourhoods.

Gateway Mission's after-school program serves more than 70 children from many different countries, including Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Iraq, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Sudan and Canada. It provides homework support, leadership training, health and nutrition education, arts and crafts, dance and structured play. It is also a place for hugs!



The Rev. Paulette Brown shares a day in the life of Gateway Mission's after-school program, showing how it makes a difference:

A young mother stands in the hallway with her two little boys. She does not speak English, so a high school girl translates for her. She has heard of this program and wants her boys to attend, but is worried that the program might not be able to cope with children in Grade 1. Six months later, these two boys, after many hugs and much love, confidently enter the building, go straight to the homework room, unzip their plastic bags and take out their homework with a sense of urgency. Too short for the tables, they kneel on the chairs. They are happy to feel that they belong.

Upstairs in the office, high school students walk in one by one.

Their first stop is the office, a place for hugs, sighs, stories, laughter and sometimes tears.

The Wednesday chefs arrive: three Grade 11 students. "Miss, do we have everything we need? Ground chicken, rice, tomatoes, cucumbers. And did you remember the gloves?" They are happy to make their contribution to this successful program.

This is indeed a place for hugs, a place for tears, a place for friends, a place where God's love shines into the lives of children and teens. Most importantly, it is a place that brings hope to their lives. That's what Flemingdon Gateway Mission is all about. And you help make it possible. By contributing, you are placed in the midst of this exciting program. Jesus said, "Feed my lambs", and we are blessed to be able to follow his words in this way.

The national *Presbyterians Sharing* budget for 2011 is \$10,169,593. The goal for congregations is \$8,515,000. Both are daunting figures which command our best efforts during the year.

We in St. Andrew's set a budget of \$21,000 for 2011. Our treasurer Ron Ferguson advises me that we had reached about \$7,600 by the end of May. That is encouraging for five months of the year and leaves us with roughly \$13,400 to contribute in the next eight months. It is our challenge and privilege to ensure that the many people depending on us receive the support they desperately need in their times of need.

We are in this together—sharing, as Presbyterians do, to bring hope to the many less fortunate than ourselves. Be generous in "feeding His lambs".

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# “FUTURE HISTORY” CELEBRATION

*By Don Chambers, Stewardship Team chair*

**We had a wonderful Sunday lunch following church on April 17 to celebrate God’s goodness to us in almost reaching our “Future History” campaign goal of \$270,000 to renovate our beautiful old church building.**

It was also a pleasure to host some directors of the Niagara Foundation at our luncheon. The Foundation generously donated \$50,000 toward the restoration cost of our steeple.

As of May 18, we have raised the sum of \$266,000 in donations and pledges. Thanks be to God.

As with the renovation of any old building, we continue to face new challenges. If you have not yet participated in this restoration campaign, or would like to revisit your previous contribution amount, we encourage you to do so. It would truly be an answer to prayer if we go over the top on our campaign goal!



*Above, congregational member Janice Thomson (second from right) welcomed these Directors of the Niagara Foundation to our celebration lunch. From left, are, Carolyn Weiss; Foundation president Paul Shepherd; Jane Dagg; Vivien Elltoft; and Brett Sherlock, Foundation vice-president. At left, in keeping with Presbyterian tradition, a good crowd showed up at the promise of a “free lunch” hosted by Session. More photos on page 16.*

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# CELEBRATION LUNCH



*From top left, clockwise, John Walker and John Gartner; Janie Lewis with grandsons Zeke, Finn and Milo, who obviously enjoyed their lunch; Rick and Catherine Smith giving lunch a thumbs up; Debbie Whitehouse and Don Chambers serving lunch to Don Hendry; and Jim and Pat Caldwell, with Kim Ha and Margaret McQueen, waiting for their table to be called.*



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# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FAST APPROACHING

By Marsha Scott, Strawberry Festival Chair

**Well folks, it's closing in. As I write, there are only 17 days to go before this year's Strawberry Festival. Yikes! No wonder I have major heartburn! Seriously, I can't wait for this year's day of fellowship and fun. And let's all pray for a day just like today—bright, warm and amazingly glorious after a long and dreary spring.**

You've heard it a million times before from Bill King when he makes his entertaining Strawberry Festival announcements in church. But you're going to hear it again:

## **Bake, bake, bake...**

until your freezer is full. Then drop off your goodies at the church hall on June 17 and sign the register so team leader Fiona Macleod and her crew can price it.

## **Take, take, take...**

all the time you need to tour your home to find all of the treasures you want to donate to this year's Festival. And then "take them to the church on time."

**Silent Auction:** 110 items were donated for last year's Strawberry Festival silent auction. Team leader Mary McHoull says that so far this year, she has about 40 items, so there is still a long way to go. If you can't find anything to donate, then consider providing a service or offering a talent. Perhaps you can offer to do some gardening, window cleaning, or provide computer assistance. What about hosting an afternoon of bridge or euchre, or cooking dinner for a few people? These are just a few suggestions, but perhaps you can come up with more. Donations can be dropped off at the church on Thursday, June

16, and Friday, June 17. Mary and Paul McHoull will try to be there as much as possible on those two days, but if they aren't there when you arrive, please put your name on your item. It would be helpful if most of the donations were delivered on Thursday so there is more time to organize everything. Arrangements will be made to have larger items picked up. Mary says, "Please think about what you can contribute and let us know. You can call us at 905-468-5648, email us at [mmchoull@cogeco.ca](mailto:mmchoull@cogeco.ca) or talk to us after church. This is a

new venture for us so we hope that with your help it will be successful."

**Granny's Attic/Collectibles:** Team leader Debbie Eke wants to get the word out that she needs good quality, clean collectibles for sale. She says the supply from church members has been good, but dwindling in the past couple of years. If you have something you think will sell for between \$5 and \$25, this is the place to take it any time on the Friday before the Festival. If you are not sure whether your donation is right for this section, or of drop-off



*We'll miss Jochem, Stephanie and Madelyn Kamstra this year, as they have moved to Burlington. But David Parker, left, will be sizzling in the BBQ section with co-leaders Ken Willms and Les Machazire.*

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## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL *(cont'd)*

times, give Debbie a call at 905-468-7321, or send her an email at [notlflowerco@yahoo.com](mailto:notlflowerco@yahoo.com).

**This 'n That:** Team leader Jennifer Roberts usually shows up very early on the day of the Strawberry Festival to sort through an assortment of hats, gloves, jewellery, belts and all kinds of accessories, as well as spa or bath items and kitchen goodies. Scour your drawers and cupboards for her again this year. Jenny can be reached at 289-214-8160.

**Books:** Team leader Gord McKinsey has been doing this job for years. Drop off your books on the Friday before the Festival so Gord and his helpers can sort and sift through the offerings for this year.

**Children's Area:** Catherine Smith is the new team leader for this section. She is getting lots of coaching from last year's team leader Sandra McAslan, but she's still a bit nervous about how things work. Catherine has never attended a Strawberry Festival before, so it's going to be a wild ride for her. Catherine is looking for WASHED stuffed animals for prizes from the congregation. She can be reached at 905-357-3254, or by email at [seakare@yahoo.ca](mailto:seakare@yahoo.ca). She is also looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the Festival. As a relative newbie to this church, she doesn't know a lot of people to ask. So please introduce yourself.

### **Make, make, make...**

a real effort to sign up for **at least one** shift on the volunteer sign-up



sheets in the Kirk Hall. We need everyone to help out with this major fundraiser. And yes, there is a place for EVERYONE to volunteer.

If there is an area you want to work in and don't see a sign-up sheet, or don't know the team leader, see me after church, or call me at 905-468-9371 and I'll point you in

the right direction.

Before closing, I just want to thank all of my committee chairs and team leaders for their tremendous support (past chair Julie Hunter in particular) and dedicated work. You guys are amazing. My job of chair has been easy because all of you can be trusted to do your best and deliver. You are a blessing to me and to this congregation.

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## FAMILY ALBUM: MOTHER'S DAY 2011



*Jennifer Roberts with her daughter, Robyn Learn, and grandchildren Noam, 3, Xandy, 2, and Robby, 5. Robyn and her family live in Niagara Falls.*



*Julie Hunter invited her mom, Louise VanAtte, second from right, to join her and Julie's mother-in-law Ruth Hunter for the Mother's Day breakfast. Flanking them, from left, are granddaughters Mackenzie, 13, graduating from Colonel John Butler Public School this year and going to Eden High School in September; Victoria, 19, a psychology major who is currently in her third year at the University of Western Ontario in London. (She also plays rugby for the university and this summer, will play rugby for the City of London); and Rachel, 17, in Grade 11 at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.*

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## MOTHER'S DAY 2011

*At right, Grant Campbell lands a big smacker on mom Evelyn on Mother's Day.*

*Below, Joyce Dineley and her mom, Doris Laverick, enjoy the Mother's Day breakfast with Doris' granddaughter, Christy Parker, and great grandson Jack Parker. Doris has eight great grandchildren.*

*Bottom, obviously too many cooks do NOT spoil the broth. But who's that thorn in their midst? Bob Hunter took time out from his chow to grab the camera and shoot this picture. Bob, you're hired!*



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## FAMILY ALBUM

### ELIAS FINCH O'MALLEY CELEBRATES HIS 100TH DAY

As any parent can tell you, the first three months with your new pride and joy are rather challenging. Many Asian cultures host a feast on a baby's 100th day to celebrate survival—of parents and child both. My brother Teig and his wife Jovanka (Wong) celebrated my nephew Elias' 100th day with about 40 members of Jovanka's family (and six members of the O'Malley family) at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto. Relatives eagerly held and passed around the smiling baby, without one bit of fuss from the little bug.  
*...submitted by Lauren O'Malley Norris*



### HOEKSTRAS CELEBRATE 16,425 DAYS

Gerzinus and Jeannetta celebrated their 45th anniversary on May 6. The couple met in teacher's college in the Netherlands. Jeanetta claims that even though Gerzinus was very handsome when he was young (and he still is), he was too loud and crazy for her. "I dated a few fellows that were more my type, quiet and serious, but he kept on persisting," she says. "Finally, after three years, I gave in and we started dating." As Gerzinus often says, "The rest is history." The Hoekstras are blessed with six wonderful children and almost too many grandchildren to count. Numbers 21 and 22 are on the way. The eldest three live in British Columbia with their families, and they came to celebrate the Hoekstra's anniversary with them. "It was a weekend packed with joy, laughter, stories and new memories," says Jeannetta. "The Lord has blessed us richly." When the anniversary was announced in the Kirk Hall after worship service, the family gathered for an impromptu performance of song. Below, from left, with Gerzinus and Jeanetta, are son Mendelt, son Klaas, son John, son-in-law Peter, daughter Frances, daughter Monique and daughter Jacoba.



## FAMILY ALBUM *(cont'd)*



### NEW GRANDSON

Debbie and David Eke were blessed with the arrival of a new grandson on May 8, just in time for Mother's Day. Lucas David came into the world "anxiously awaited and loved", says Debbie. "He has a full head of black hair like his father, beautiful skin like his mother and his eyes are open wide and full of wonder at this beautiful world." Lucas is the first child of Sarah (Eke) and Mike Pillitteri, who live in Virgil.

### BAPTISM OF "BABYBOY" DAVID

On Nov. 28, David Barrington Demetrius, son of Julia and Andre Demetrius and nephew of Michelle and Les Machazire, was baptized by Rev. Scott Weimer at the North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Michelle is David's godmother.

A celebratory brunch was held at the home of "Babyboy David" and his parents following the service. About 75 family and friends attended. It was a beautiful and memorable time, says Michelle. "We truly believe in Jesus' invitation 'Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.'" ...*Mark 10:14*



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## FAMILY ALBUM *(cont'd)*

### A DAD TO BE PROUD OF

Michelle (James) Machazire is pretty proud of her dad. Attorney Frank James III has received a “distinguished alumnus” award from The University of Alabama School of Law for having “distinguished himself through service to the Bar, the University of Alabama and the School of Law.”



*Frank James and wife Jothany, with their family, from left, David, Michelle and Julia, following the presentation of the award.*

Frank is a shareholder in the Birmingham, Alabama office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and Berkowitz, P.C., where he practises law in the areas of employment law and alternative dispute resolution. He has been repeatedly included in the Best Lawyers in America and Alabama Super Lawyers list and is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

According to his law firm, Frank has been a catalyst for change within the firm. Frank says diversity is important to him because it allows us to take advantage of the varying experiences of different individuals. “We are not all the same and are products of our environment,” he says. “Those differences create synergies we would not otherwise have if we were a homogenous group.”

Frank is viewed as the very embodiment of diversity. “He came to the firm from the University of Alabama Law School where he had served as a professor, whereas most of our people came to us as students directly from law schools,” says a fellow shareholder in the firm. “He served in the military, receiving medals for valour in Vietnam...whereas most of us eschewed service to the nation and moved directly into the professional world.”

Frank was a member of the faculty of the University of Alabama, as well as Assistant Dean of the School of Law from 1986 to 1990. Prior to that, he served 30 years in the U.S. Army, including two tours in Vietnam. He holds, among other medals of honour, the Purple Heart.

Frank is also an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) He has served on the board of Columbia Presbyterian Theological Seminary and as Moderator of his Presbytery’s Committee on Preparation of Ministry. He has been extremely active in the church government. He is also very involved in the community, including serving as a long-time trustee and member of the board of the YMCA of Birmingham, the United Way and local service clubs.

According to an article in his firm’s newsletter, “Frank practises law and lives his life in a way that exemplifies integrity and the highest ethical and moral standards.”

No wonder you are so proud Michelle. What an amazing role model!

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# LETTERS

## Thanks

A grateful “thank you” to all who braved the snowy morning of March 6 to join the Sunday School for its soup and sandwich luncheon in the Kirk Hall following the worship service.

The Sunday school staff would specifically like to thank Melanie Paines, as well as Christine and Vic Dyck, for the delicious soups they made and donated for all to enjoy. Thanks also to those who donated sandwiches and desserts or assisted in any way.

After enjoying fellowship and lunch, our Free Will Donation Basket held donations of \$380 to show our love and support for the Odimba Lotshaka family. Your donation was forwarded to the Niagara Presbytery Lotshaka Family Fund to assist in the sponsorship of the family to come to Canada from a refugee camp in Namibia.

*Julie Hunter, Sunday school superintendent*

## More thanks

Although I am still waiting for the final results from the auctioneer, I would like to say a HUGE thanks to members of Session, the Board of Managers and the Stewardship team for their assistance in bringing my May 14 auction to fruition. I would also like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support.

*Debbie Whitehouse*



*Every scrap was sold at Debbie's auction. When auctioneer Don Plato called out lots for bidding, even men from the congregation (who had volunteered to work at the auction) could be found 'secretly' bidding on items—though some had told their wives they wouldn't. (No names mentioned)*



*Rev. Barb and Lee Alma 'stand on guard' over 'stuff' at the May 14 auction. Anyone who knew Craig Whitehouse knows he loved to tinker with pretty much anything that moved. His vast accumulation of 'stuff' included a sail boat, a Harley Davidson motorcycle and sidecar, along with several other motorcycles, tools, six lawn mowers, a dragster, tons of scrap metal and much, much more. The collection was the reflection of a man of many interests. We miss you Craig.*

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## NEW CO-EDITOR OF *THE HERALD*

By Marsha Scott

**One Sunday after church—it was the Sunday that Rev. Barb preached on “Call to be a body”—Lauren O’Malley Norris walked up to me and said “I’d like to help you out with the newsletter.”**

I’m not sure how Lauren expected me to respond—perhaps with a little reticence at having to share the ‘glory’? After all, the newsletter has been my ‘baby’ since I published the first issue in 2003. And I think I had truly accepted that *The Herald* would be mine forever.

The truth was, I was almost dumbstruck at Lauren’s offer to help. Almost. “Yes, yes, yes!” I exclaimed, drawing upon my extensive vocabulary, finely honed doing this newsletter of course. And I think Lauren was honestly surprised by my excitement.

I was so impressed with Lauren’s enthusiasm about collaborating (watch out *Advance*, here we come) that I didn’t think twice about asking her to become my new ‘designer girl’. Lauren is a pro, a professional graphic designer. On the other hand, I am a rank amateur, learning to design by “feel” and playing at squeezing text and photos into spaces that were mostly not meant to accommodate them. I’m certain I have broken every design edict in the rulebook.

Then I found out that Lauren could also write. After reading some of her former newsletters, I was impressed by her enthusiastic and inimitable way with words. I think you will agree when you read Lauren’s introduction to herself and her family on the next page.

I thank God for sending Lauren into our lives.

## ON THE LIGHT SIDE

This cartoon was sent to me by Debbie Whitehouse. I think it is perfect as I introduce my new co-editor. It’s always good to have a sense of humour when you are doing any volunteer job and it is particularly so when producing a newsletter. I look forward to having Lauren at my side when working on future newsletters. She would have designed this one, except we couldn’t get all of the technological glitches worked out. But she will surely be thoroughly involved in the next issue. And who knows what the future will bring? (If I could insert a smiley face here, I would.)



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# BLESSED TO HAVE FOUND ST. ANDREW'S

By Lauren O'Malley Norris

**I am Lauren O'Malley Norris and I have a problem:** I'm addicted to gardening (growing food from God's good earth), cooking (nurturing my family and friends with the creation from that good earth—mostly vegetarian in our case), nature (Hazel and I enjoy long, pensive and prayerful walks in Lakeshore Park, assessing and enjoying the wildlife, flora and fauna both), and creating (anything and everything, food to clothing, random acts of art to sewing). I also have a predilection for volunteering, and a career as a freelance writer and graphic designer (always looking for work!).



You probably know me through my daughter Hazel, she of the lofty blonde curls and epic blue eyes; or my husband Dave, drummer extraordinaire, locally famous for his work with the Niagara Rhythm Section, playing at the Old Winery every Saturday night (hence his absence from church on Sunday mornings).

Niagara-on-the-Lake has been my holiday place for 45 years (Christmas, Thanksgiving and other special times with my activist grandmother, Dorie O'Malley/Vaughan); my weekend place for 12 years; and our home for eight. Dave and I moved here from Toronto in 2003, to get married and start a new life.

We love our life in Chautauqua. Our double lot is the perfect combination of urban and rural: a manageable place to follow birds, foxes, coyotes, skunks and our own back-

yard hens, as well as to grow most of the food we eat throughout the warmer months. It's also a quick bike ride from the farmers' market, of which we are die-hard denizens; the library, where we are very familiar; and St. Andrew's, which we are quickly finding essential to us.

On Sunday mornings, Hazel asks if we can go to church early. I try to hold her off with breakfast, a dog walk around the beach and forest of our treasured Lakeshore Park, and even brunch, but she's itching to get to church to have that group chat with Barb and to go to Sunday School. It's a challenge to keep her focussed.

We stumbled happily into St Andrew's through Jodie Godwin, whose path with God inspired me so deeply that I had to follow her. We're committed to staying because it's a blast to share a pew

with the Godwin-Parker clan as well as the lovely Balsoms; because Barb's sermons are so thought- and action-provoking that I've opted to help Marsha with the newsletter and will be working at the Strawberry Festival all day; because bible study on Wednesday afternoon is something I look forward to every day before it comes and think about every day after it happens; because Hazel, as mentioned, loves Sunday school and her new friends; because the outreach programs are rich and many, and because we feel so inspired and included by such a wonderful congregation. And the choir! Heavenly voices. How blessed we are to have found, in such a small town, a community and congregation that suits us so perfectly and pulls us forward so powerfully. How blessed and how fortunate. Thank you, all of you lovely people of St Andrew's!

# CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

*By Ken Willms*

**The Board of Managers has directed the Church Building Committee to complete exterior renovations on the church this summer.**

The work will include completing the refinishing of the front gable, the scraping and repainting of the columns, front fascia and soffits, and the fascia and soffits on the remaining three sides of the church.

Hopefully, the sun will start warming things up so that work can continue at a good pace. We had hoped that this phase would be finished by the end of June, but that's perhaps a little optimistic considering the weather we have had.

In the near future, we will consider other projects that have been identified in our short- and long-term forecasts of building needs. At that time, we will revisit the 'list', review and prioritize our projects, obtain cost estimates and present them to the Board of Managers. Stay posted for future renovation plans as they firm up.

## WANTED

**Children's books in good condition.**

**For children in Jamaica.**

**Collection box in the church hall.**

**If you do not have any books and would still like to help, a contribution towards the cost of mailing would be appreciated.**

**Contact Jean Cochrane at**

**905-468-2477**



## PRAYER REQUEST

Sandra and David McAslan have asked that we remember this precious little girl in our prayers. Seven-month-old Alyssa is their great niece. Alyssa has been diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia and will undergo a bone marrow transplant following chemotherapy. Alyssa is the daughter of Jaime and Mark McLintock, who have been staying in Hamilton since their daughter entered the McMaster Children's Hospital on March 17. This photo was taken on Valentine's Day before Alyssa was diagnosed with leukemia.



## TO PAULA

By Margaret McQueen

You of the ancient people  
Who gave us the wisdom  
Of the stone tablets  
And the prophets.  
Reveal to us  
The miracle of spring  
The gentle unfolding of life  
Wherein lies our beginning.  
Distil this vibrant nectar  
Into its purest essence  
And fill the world's goblet  
As it hangs on its cosmic hinges.

Margaret says:

"Paula, to whom this poem is dedicated, often involves me in some interesting conversations. This poem about spring resulted from our chats.

Lord Alfred Tennyson wrote in his poem, "Flower in the Crannied Wall":

'Little flower-but if I could understand

What you are, root and all, and all in all—

I should know what God and man is.'

Many of the psalms also marvel at life and its meaning. It leaves a huge question mark in countless minds. This little poem is my question mark."

## HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS CALLING

By Gord McKindsey

**The weather is finally starting to improve, with promises of summer not far away. Fore!**

For the last 'fore' summers, friends and members of St. Andrew's have made the drive to Haliburton Lake for a few days of golf and socializing. From my viewpoint, these gatherings have been great fun. Thanks to Barb and Dave Nattress, who have a home near Dorset, there has been room for everyone.

While dates have not yet been set, the middle of August has worked well in recent years. When not golfing you can enjoy touring and Haliburton Lake.

Come and see the improvements I have made. If interested or curious, give me a call at 905-468-3042.

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# 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

The impact of the King James Version of the Bible on English life and culture can hardly be exaggerated.

Victor Hugo, the author of *Les Misérables*, commenting on its monumental influence, wrote: "England has two books, the Bible and Shakespeare. England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England." Yet Hugo was simply stating what seemed obvious to most non-English observers that the KJV Bible has shaped the English language more profoundly than Shakespeare or any other English author.

The KJV had a profound impact on English literature. It has inspired music: George Frederick Handel's *The Messiah*, for example, makes use of the majestic language of the KJV.

For centuries the King James Bible was the one book families possessed and read, entering details of their family history on its blank pages.

The first English translation of the Bible goes back to John Wycliffe (1329-1384) and the Lollards who produced a translation from the Latin text of the Vulgate. This translation became the underground foundation of quasi-Protestant thinking and piety in England and Scotland for more than a century, offering fertile ground in both lands for the 16th century reformation.

## William Tyndale

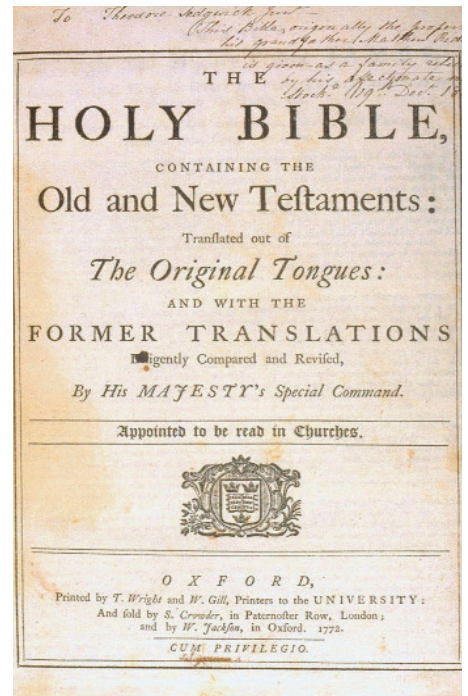
But the real story behind the KJV began in 1525, when William Tyndale met with Martin Luther (who

had translated the Bible into German) and began translating the New Testament into English, and later, the Old Testament. It was the first English translation to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts. Tyndale believed that the way to God was through His word and scripture which should be available to the common people. He was martyred and burned at the stake in Antwerp in 1536. One of his last prayers was "Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

A number of translations were completed over the following years, including the Geneva Bible, published in 1560, and the Bishop's Bible.

Then, in 1604, the Calvinist Puritan, John Reynolds (one of the most learned men in England) asked King James if he would like a new translation of the Bible. The King abhorred the Geneva Bible, which was anti-royalist, used the word "tyrant" over 400 times and was read and used by Shakespeare and preferred by Puritans. He preferred the Bishop's Bible which gave implicit support to royalty. However, he did recognize the need for a better translation and directed that the "best learned" in Cambridge and Oxford universities be appointed to do the translation. The King's eyes had been opened and William Tyndale's prayer had been answered.

The work of translation began in late 1604 and continued until the



spring of 1611. The KJV is the superb effort of a committee, or rather of six committees, two bishops and an archbishop. It is in the simple, common language of the people. The King James Version was finally ratified by royal authority.

The KJV drew significantly on the Tyndale translation. So it may be said with some justification that the KJV is a Tyndale with some alterations, a royal dedication and an Episcopal blessing. Many of the phrases we use today, such as "give up the ghost", "the powers that be", "the salt of the earth" and "my brother's keeper" come directly from Tyndale.

*Adapted from an excerpt in the 2011 report of the Committee on Church Doctrine, Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

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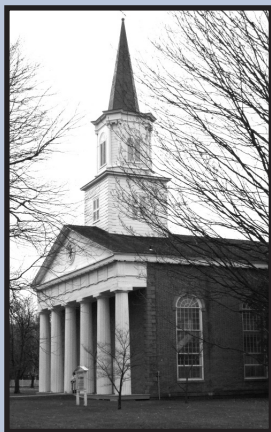
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## IN MEMORY

*By Doug Hunter*

### Peggy (Marion Jean) Ball

Peggy (nee Pitt) passed away on March 25, 2011 at the St. Catharines General Hospital in her 83rd year. She was predeceased by her husband Ted (1986), her parents Frank and Jessie Pitt and all of her sisters and brothers. She leaves her children Betsy (Don) Fox, Terry and Peaches (Beth) Ball and her grandsons Edward and Andrew Ball and Edward Fox. She was known to all her family as Grannie.

The Pitt family were always associated with St. Andrew's—each family member was brought up in the Sunday School. Peggy was always a faithful worker at the Strawberry Festival.

A service of celebration was held in St. Andrew's Church with interment in the church cemetery. The family requested donations to St. Andrew's in Peggy's memory.

### John William Elliott

John passed away peacefully at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital on March 31, 2011 at the age of 82. To mourn his passing, he leaves his wife of 61 years, Joan (nee Cooper). He also leaves his children Digby (Elaine), David (Elise) and Jennifer (Colin) and their children, Rachel, Pepe, Johnny, Madeleine, Gisele, Paulo, Jacques, Molly, Tana, Lara and Elyse. John was the great grandfather of 11 children. Also left to mourn are his sisters Hope Bradley, Heather Sherlock, Barbara Lake and his brother Donald. John had a great love for his family. John's parents and grandparents were active members of St. An-

drew's. John certainly followed in their foot steps: he was an Elder and Church Treasurer and spent many years on the Board of Managers. He would take on any task—making jam or maintaining the church property, especially with his working buddy, the late Alex Findlay. Most of John's employment was with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He was Branch Manager in several locations, moving with his family from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Niagara Falls, Vineland, St. Catharines, London and finally, back to Niagara-on-the-Lake. He and Joan enjoyed a lot of friendships wherever they were.

A funeral service was held in St. Andrew's with interment in the church cemetery. His family requested memorial donations to his beloved St. Andrew's.

### Verna Florence Festing

Verna passed away on May 25, 2011 at the St. Catharines General Hospital, in her 89th year. She was the beloved wife of the late Harry Clark Festing; the best friend and mother of Lyse and Doug McMaster of Smithville and the late Vern Festing; mother-in-law of Pamela; and adored Nana of Morgan, Kelly, Christian, Rochelle, Danielle, Michelle and Scott. Verna was predeceased by her sister Audrey Trott. Verna will be fondly remembered by 11 great grandchildren and her friends and neighbours from Niagara-on-the-Lake and The Heatherwood in St. Catharines. The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's, with interment in the church cemetery.