



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

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## Making preparations

By Rev. Barb McGale

Advent is upon us—that pre-Christmas season with candles and litanies and a host of other strange occurrences. Advent is a time of preparation, but for what are we preparing?

I suspect most of us use this time to prepare for Christmas. There are so many activities which demand our attention at this time of year: baking, shopping, wrapping, decorating, visiting and a few extra worship services thrown in as well. Most of us love Christmas: it's so festive and people seem to be in a better frame of mind (except maybe the department store clerks).

Advent seems to be a forgotten season, overshadowed by big sister, Christmas, just as Lent is overshadowed by Easter. I think we miss out when we use Advent as a springboard to our Christmas celebration.

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Part of that is the connection to Christmas. However, an equally important part of Advent is our preparation for the second coming of the Lord. Scripture states, "For the Lord himself



will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) Just imagine how wonderful that day will be!

The Gospel of Matthew exhorts us to be ready, to keep watch, because the Son of Man will come at an hour we do not expect (Matthew 24:36-44). So this year, as you make your Christmas plans, celebrate Advent as well, and prepare for the coming of the King.

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## Remembrance Day Sunday



*Clockwise, from left, Jean Cochrane reads "In Flanders Fields"; George Howse and Tom Cochrane carry the memorial wreath, made by Debbie Eke; and Rev. Barb speaks to the children about Remembrance Day.*



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## Upcoming

**Sunday, Nov. 29**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**World Aids Sunday**

**Bible Study with Dr. Gerzinus Hoekstra**  
9:30 a.m., Kirk Hall  
(This bible study is held every Sunday)

**Worship service** 11 a.m.  
Communion

**Sunday School mitten tree**  
(Nov. 29 to Dec. 13)

**Monday, Nov. 30**  
St. Andrew's Day

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**  
**Session meeting**  
7 p.m., Kirk Hall  
(Normally meets on the first Tuesday of every month)

**Wednesday, Dec. 2**  
**Bible Study with Rev. McGale**  
1:15 for 1:30, Kirk Hall  
(This bible study is held every Wednesday, **except** for the second Wednesday of each month.)

**Thursday, Dec. 3**  
**Choir practice**  
7 p.m. in the church  
(Choir practice is held every Thursday)

**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**Festive Fare**  
9 a.m. to noon, Kirk Hall

**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Children's Presentation during regular worship service  
Light luncheon follows



**A Service of Lessons and Carols**  
St. Andrew's choir and Cantata Singers  
7:30 p.m. in the church

**Tuesday, Dec. 8**  
**Tri-M potluck**  
6 p.m., Kirk Hall  
(Normally meets the second Tuesday of every month  
7 p.m. for 7:30, Kirk Hall)

**Wednesday, Dec. 9**  
**Women's Fellowship**  
Potluck at the home of Barb Nattress. Noon.  
(Meets the second Wednesday of every month)

**Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13**  
**Newark Neighbours collection**  
Drop off times: 11 a.m. to noon Saturday; before/after service Sunday  
Kirk Hall

**Sunday, Dec. 13**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Regular Sunday School classes

**Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake ninth annual Christmas Choral Evening**  
7 p.m. Shaw Festival Theatre.  
Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students  
Available from Ron Ferguson and David Nattress (not available at door)

**Tuesday, Dec. 15**  
**Board of Managers**  
(Normally meets on the third Tuesday of every month)

**Sunday, Dec. 20**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Regular Sunday School classes

**Thursday, Dec. 24**  
**Christmas Eve services**  
7 p.m.  
11 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 25**  
**Christmas Day service**  
10 a.m.  
Communion

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## Upcoming *(Cont'd)*

Sunday, Dec. 27  
Movie day for Sunday School

Sunday, Jan. 3  
Epiphany Sunday

Wednesday, Jan. 6  
Epiphany

Sunday, Jan. 10  
Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, Jan. 17  
Week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity begins

Sunday, Feb. 7  
Presbyterian World Service and  
Development Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 14  
Transfiguration Sunday

Wednesday, Feb. 17  
Ash Wednesday  
Sunday, Feb. 21

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Heritage Sunday  
Communion  
Deadline for "Ask Barb" column  
of the *Herald*

Sunday, Feb. 28  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Friday, March 5  
World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 7  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Deadline for the *Herald*

Sunday, March 14  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 21  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



## Letters of thanks

### Congregational hug

Please hold your arms out straight from your side. Now fold them around yourself and feel the hug that I'm giving to each of you.

With thanks and love,  
*Evelyn Campbell*

*Editor's note: The congregational hug is Evelyn's way of thanking everyone who took part in the various celebrations of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday (Nov. 19).*

### "I can hear clearly now"

You probably will not agree to print my comments on the service your



husband [Geof Haswell] has recently performed for the congregation related to Sunday services

because so many members of our congregation "do their thing" for St. Andrew's without fanfare.

However, I ask that you put something in the next *Herald* to recognize Geof's work over a period of a few days to improve our sound system. Most members can now hear clearly the announcements from the microphone on the Communion table.

It was much, much needed!

*Ian Ness*

*Editor's note: Fooled you Ian! I welcome thanks for **any** member of our congregation—even my hubby.*

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## Visiting the Newark Neighbours 'barn'

By Marsha Scott

Last Tuesday morning, at 10 a.m. sharp, I walked through the door of the 'barn' at Newark Neighbours to talk to Brenda Shah, barn manager and a volunteer with Newark since 1996. For a long time, I have wanted to see Newark Neighbours at work so I could 'personalize' an article for the *Herald*. A list of needed items can become impersonal, especially when we are bombarded with requests for donations from every corner at this time of the year.

Newcomers to our congregation may not know that Newark Neighbours collections are a major outreach project for St. Andrew's, started by Ian Ness. Several times a year, we collect items (food, clothing and particularly, toiletries) for Newark Neighbours—the *Helping Hands of Our Community*. Newark then offers the items to the needy of Niagara-on-the-Lake. "We were so glad when your church started donating toiletries," says Brenda. "They eased a real need."

Our current Newark co-ordinator, Don Laird, has scheduled the next St. Andrew's collection for **Dec. 12 and 13**—just in time for Christmas. You can drop off items at the Kirk Hall between 11 a.m. and noon Saturday, or before/after Sunday service.

Although toiletries are still important, Don is hoping we will also donate Christmassy items: a small gift of perfume, men's cologne, cream or lotion for instance; Christmas treats like nuts, chocolates,



*From left, volunteers Austin and Kathleen Rose, Anke van der Laan and Brenda Shah, Newark Neighbours 'barn' manager.*

Christmas cookies, shortbreads and candies; clementines; or perhaps a child's book or gift certificate (Newark assists with Christmas gifts for young people up to the age of 17). In other words, donate anything—except toys (which they have lots of)—that you think will brighten up the Christmas of a local family in need.

The Newark barn is closed to shoppers between Dec. 14 and 28. However, Newark volunteers will be hard at work. Newark has an "adopt a family at Christmas" program, where donors provide all of the necessities for a family to make their own Christmas dinner. The barn has three freezers for small hams and turkeys (10-12 pounds), although Don has requested that you do not donate turkeys or hams unless you can drop off your dona-

tion directly to the barn. The week before Christmas, fresh produce is also accepted. The Christmas dinner baskets, which include extra food and gifts for needy children, are given out on Dec. 21.

### **One half hour at the barn**

At least at this time of the year, the Newark barn is like Grand Central Station. Anyone can come and buy clothing for little cost. Food is free to anyone in need, as long as they show proof that they live in Niagara-on-the-Lake, as well as proof of a 'poverty-line' income. (That's \$1,344 a month for one person; 1,652 for two; \$2,066 for three and \$2,549 for four.) People are allowed to come in for food every two weeks.

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## Visiting the Newark Neighbours 'barn' (Cont'd)

In the half hour that I visited with Brenda (before opening time, I learned), three volunteers—Austin and Kathleen Rose and Anke van der Laan—were already hard at work, sorting through boxes and bags of donated items in a cramped work space. Customers were already browsing through racks of clothing. "If someone is here, we're open," says Brenda.

At least four people dropped off bags and boxes filled with donations. Even our own Jenny Elliott dropped off bags and boxes of clothing and items that had been mistakenly left at the Chamber of Commerce for victims of the downtown fire on Oct. 25. Their temporary needs have been satisfied.

The fact that Christmas is not far away was evident in a couple of new donations—a Christmas crèche brought in by Anke and a wooden train built by Egon Epp.

People were coming and going the whole time, in spite of the fact that the 310 John St. E. location is a bit off the beaten track. The barn (enter the John St. driveway to Riverbend Inn and turn right shortly after) is open from 10:30 to 2 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. In the summer, it's also open on Sundays for the migrant workers.

This year, add Newark Neighbours to your Christmas giving shopping list. Help bring some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate by supporting our Dec. 12 and 13 collection with generous hearts.



*Top photo: Brenda sorts through toiletries, the main donation of St. Andrew's. Bottom: Brenda with Egon Epp and the wooden train he built.*

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## Busy Fall for Women's Fellowship

By Barbara Nattress

Our group has once again been busy during October and November. We prepared a dinner for the current group taking the Alpha Course. Thanks to those who helped. Thanks also to all in the congregation who made pies for the Presbytery meeting. We sometimes get so busy that we really appreciate the help!

With Christmas approaching we are busy preparing for the Festive Fare Dec. 5.

We also celebrated the season and birthdays of Chateau Garden's residents on Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. A small chorus sang Christmas carols.

We welcome you to gather with us for fun and fellowship on the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the Kirk Hall.

*Barbara is President of Women's Fellowship. She can be reached at 289-868-9063*

### Izzy dolls of joy

By Betty Ferguson

The Women's Fellowship displayed 400 'dolls of joy' at the Missionary service on Sunday, Nov. 1. A few days later, the dolls were delivered to ICROSS (International Community for the Relief of Suffering and

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*Photos from top: Elaine Landray, Bonnie Tarnowski, Nancy Burns, Beth Alma and Evelyn Campbell knitted more than 400 'dolls of joy'; a child in Malawi holds her IZZY doll; a few of the 120 dolls Evelyn Campbell knitted.*

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Starvation). The dolls will first be used as padding to protect medical supplies delivered to various parts of the third world. Then they will be given to children in need who, for the most part, are orphans. That's why the dolls are also referred to as "comfort dolls". The most recent shipment was to Laos. I will try to determine the specific destination of our dolls.

ICROSS was delighted and thankful to receive our dolls. I, too, thank the knitters who have been part of this ongoing project. Please contact me if you are interested in helping with our IZZY dolls of joy at 905-468-1288.



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## Festive Fare on Dec. 5

By Debbie Eke

The Women's Fellowship annual Festive Fare is just around the corner on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Each year this special event is made more meaningful by the many willing people who give so generously of their time, talent and treasures to ensure that this day is a success.

Once again we hope you will answer our call for help.

### **Bake table**

Our bake table would not be the success it is without the many terrific bakers in our congregation. Please think about what you will bake and donate to this year's bake table and keep in mind that it does not have to be an elaborate recipe. Cookies and squares are always popular.

Members of Women's Fellowship have been busy baking and freezing turkey and beef pies for sale. (If you want to stock up on these popular items, you will have to get to the bake table first thing in the morning on Dec. 5. (Remember, they go fast!)

### **'One-of-a-Kind Christmas Market'**

A new Christmas Market will take the place of our usual Granny's Attic this year.

The market will feature an interesting assortment of items in new or nearly new condition that



are suitable for gift-giving. We would appreciate your contributions. No item is too small if it is given 'from the heart'. Please do your part to make this Christmas Market a success and think about what you can donate. St. Andrew's is blessed with many talented people who can sew, paint, knit, and do most anything when called upon to help. Please call me at 905-468-7320 to let me know how you are able to help.

### **Other attractions**

Our tea room is always a popular event, and people tell us year after year that our freshly baked scones are the best in town! This year's

tea room will be enlarged to accommodate the ever-growing crowds and there will be a draw for a beautiful door prize!

Many beautiful Christmas poinsettias will be available for purchase. Also available will be a terrific variety of the ever popular jams and jellies, made by our 'jammers'. (See page 23) They make wonderful stocking stuffers.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. Mark your calendar, bring a friend and come and enjoy a beautiful day!

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## Congregational BBQ to introduce Rev. Barb to the community



Community BBQ (Cont'd from page 9)



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## The priesthood of all believers

By Barb McGale

In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul wrote these words: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." (Romans 12:6a) While we may agree in principle with those words, we sometimes find it a challenge to put them into practice.

In keeping with this scripture and doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, the Session has developed a "Service Teams" approach to ministry. Recognizing that "all the members do not have the same function," (Romans 12:4b), a variety of teams has been established.

### **Worship Team**

This team exists to explore worship ideas, providing input and a sounding board. Occasionally, the team meets to discuss ideas and possibilities. There is also room on the team for people who would rather be involved in the services and for those who like to be in the background organizing participants.

### **Outreach Team**

This team will explore and implement specific outreach ventures. Sound vague? That's because there's lots of room for creativity. We have a great Lord and a great congregation and it's time for people to know that.

### **Stewardship Team**

This team has a mandate to educate the congregation on issues of stewardship, which, by the way, involves a lot more than money. This team will also explore fundraising possibilities to share the challenge



faced by the Board of Managers. This is a chance to be creative in our stewardship. After all, everything we have and are already belongs to God.

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Team**

This team will organize and implement Vacation Bible School annually.

### **Pastoral Care Team**

This team intends to reach out with the heart of Christ to those who are hurting. They will provide visitors to the hospital, homes and long-term care facilities. They will even organize meals when the need arises.

### **Fellowship Team**

This team is looking at ways to encourage fellowship within the congregation. If you enjoy spending time with the people of St. Andrew's this team may be just the place to put your passion to work.

### **Public Relations Team**

This team is designed to create

congregational awareness in the community. If people don't know what we're about, or what we're up to, we can't expect them to join us. There is also a need for communication within the congregation. If you have ideas about improving either area, or would like to be involved, this is the team for you.

### **Sunday School Team**

This team attends to the nurture and Christian education of children on Sunday mornings. Never thought of yourself as a Sunday School teacher? Maybe God has. Or maybe you're being called into a supporting role. Why not ask Him? It could be the start of something wonderful!

These teams do not require a commitment to regular monthly meetings. Instead, they are a means of actually doing the work entrusted to us by Christ. The level of involvement can be as much or as little as you are able to give. You may be sharing ideas, organizing an

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## The priesthood of all believers *(Cont'd)*

event, making phone calls, praying for a particular ministry, building something—there is no end to the possibilities when Jesus is involved.

If you would like more information or you would like to participate, speak to Barb McGale or to the team leaders listed, as follows:

Worship Team: Barb McGale

Outreach Team: Mike Belfie

Stewardship Team: Bob Hunter

VBS Team: no team leader at this time

Pastoral Care Team: Debbie Eke  
Fellowship Team: Jennifer Roberts

Public Relations Team: Pat Caldwell

Sunday School Team: Kathleen Tunner

## Sunday and Wednesday Bible study classes



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**Rally (and lime green) Sunday** *(Photos by Pat Caldwell)*



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Rally (and lime green) Sunday *(Cont'd)*



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## Sunday School notes

By Kathleen Tunmer

Please mark your calendars for the following Sundays:

**Sunday, Nov. 29:** Children continue to practise during class time for the presentation of Dec. 6. The Sunday School will once again have a mitten tree this year, from Nov. 29 until Dec. 13. All donations of mittens, hats and scarves to decorate the tree are welcome. They will go to either the Out of the Cold Program, Project Share or Newark Neighbours.

**Sunday, Dec. 6:** Children's Presentation during the regular worship service. A light luncheon will follow.

**Sunday, Dec. 13/20:** Regular Sunday School classes

**Sunday, Dec. 27:** Movie day

At this time I would like to wish everyone a holiday full of laughter, family and of course, food.



## Manse update

By Ken Willms

Looking good! Photos show some of the landscaping that has been completed.

Creek Road Paints has painted most rooms in the manse and Rev. Barb says, "It looks great!"

Don Dawson and his crew (Dawland Farms and Landscaping) have completed the new rear porch and small privacy wall. We will leave the painting of the porch and wall until next year.

We will continue to monitor the efficiency of the new furnace (now that we have a resident), and address any further heating issues as needed.

The Building Committee is currently reviewing and assessing the future needs of all of our buildings and will provide a comprehensive 'prioritized needs list' for the Board of Managers.



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## Tri-M learns about cooking nutritious meals and more

By Evelyn Campbell

Tri-M has been privileged this fall to have excellent speakers at its meetings. Why not join us for a meeting?

In September, we had Rev. Barb McGale, giving us an insight into her life. Since Barb's induction as the minister at St. Andrew's last July 5, I'm sure that many of us have enjoyed getting to know her better.

In October, Barb Nattress explained how to cook nutritious meals for one. She included favourite foods like lasagna, meatballs and casseroles. The trick really is to plan ahead and freeze the food into meal-size portions.

Barb also clarified some food myths about sugar-free and fat-free foods available in the stores. Some listeners were pleased to hear that a little real ice cream is okay, as long as the amount is moderate.

We tasted samples after, and all went home feeling well fed. Barb has copies of the recipes and ideas if anyone would like them.

Our next guest speaker was Mar-



garet Ferguson from McNab. She spoke of her interesting teaching career in a one-room school house in Dresden, a residential school in Moose Factory and a consolidated school in St. Catharines.

In Dresden, the school had no running water and a wood stove. Margaret taught all grades for \$1000 a year in pay. She paid \$1 a day for board.

In the Indian residential school in Moose Factory, Cree was spoken.

Margaret and her mom taught in the mornings and led crafts and sewing in the afternoon. She and her mother had a fascinating year.

Our Dec. 8 meeting is potluck. Everyone is welcome. The get-together will begin at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Hall.

Tri-M normally meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. (That gives us time to chat before the 'official' meeting starts.)

## Tidy up, Mister Mayor

Byron Hunter, a Grade 10 civics student at E. L. Crossley Secondary School, grandson of Ruth and Bob Hunter and son of Tom and Kathryn Hunter, won a class election at the school to serve as Pelham's mayor-for-a-day. With Mayor Dave Augustyn, Byron

toured town hall, helped to unveil a new Pelham heritage sign, visited the Fonthill fire stations and visited many other locations. He also opened a regular meeting of town council in the evening. Byron said it really opened up his eyes as to how much the mayor

does and he believes students need to understand more about the duties and responsibilities of the mayor and local government.

Did he have any advice for the mayor? "Maybe a little tidier office," said Byron.

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## New members

### Shirley Eustace

Shirley figures God has pretty good timing and she is certain that God listens to our prayers.

She recently had a scare that she might be suffering from corneal cancer. As a breast cancer survivor, she was naturally concerned that the cancer had returned and metastasized. But she couldn't get a quick appointment to confirm the diagnosis, one way or another.

"But God knows me—I come apart quickly," she says. "He knew what I could bear."

She came to a Women's Fellowship meeting. The topic was "Don't worry". Then she talked to Rev. Barb, who she says "uplifted her". As luck would have it, her daughter knew of a specialist who would take her immediately and he quickly confirmed that she did not have cancer.

Shirley came to Niagara-on-the-Lake from Mississauga about a year and a half ago. She transferred from St. Andrew's in Streetsville, where she had been a member for 15 years, taught Sunday School, was an elder and active in the church.

Her husband Al passed away 23 years ago. She has one daughter, Suzanne, who lives in Grimsby and two grandsons, Douglas and Derek.

Shirley is a former bookkeeper and executive assistant to the vice-president of Romaco, a pharmaceutical supplies packaging industry.



She enjoys golf and loved gardening, but doesn't garden anymore. And she loves to travel. "I've pretty well been around the world," she says. "I've climbed the Steps of St. Paul's Cathedral and went to Jerusalem with David Mainse of 100 Huntley Street fame."

Shirley says she feels very much at home at St. Andrew's. "I thank everyone for making me feel welcome," she adds.

### Marnie MacKinnon

Marnie and husband Simon have had a weekend home in Niagara-on-the-Lake for three years. They spend their weekdays in Toronto.

Marnie was born and raised in Oakville and was baptized and grew up at Knox Presbyterian Church. The parents of her husband have lived in town for more than 10 years.

"I have been thinking of joining the church for a while, but with the

birth of our son, Owen, 'thinking' turned to 'action'", says Marnie. "It was important for both of us to have Owen baptized and it was very important for me to share a part of my family heritage with him."

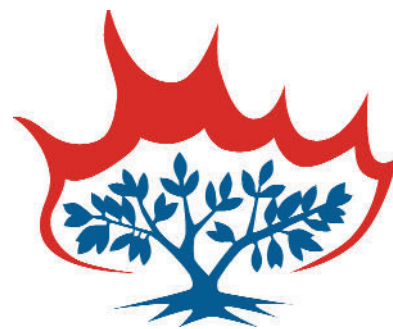
Marnie is Director of Policy and Planning for Prevention and Screening at Cancer Care Ontario. Her husband works at Great Lakes Brewery, a microbrewery in Etobicoke.

Marnie says she likes golf and cooking, but confesses that since she had son Owen (who is now 15 months old), she has had little time for hobbies.

"We are pleased that St. Andrew's would welcome Owen into the church and we look forward to becoming more involved with the church and getting to know new friends and families," she says.

Owen was baptized on Nov. 22. We will have a photo of Marnie for the next issue. See the baptism photo on page 29.

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*This stylized version of the burning bush is the logo of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

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## New members *(Cont'd)*



### **Catherine and Rick Smith**

The Smiths, who have lived in Niagara Falls for 24 years, showed up at St. Andrew's one day when Rev. Barb McGale was a guest minister. They soon followed her here. "We came here because we enjoy the message we get from Barb," admits Catherine.

Rick and Catherine have been married for 26 years. They have two

grown children. Catherine says her mother-in-law lives with them and her father lives in Thorold.

The couple transferred here from Knox Presbyterian in Welland. Catherine says she grew up at St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Thorold.

Both Catherine and Rick are self-employed. Rick owns an auto body shop and Catherine does home childcare.



## New adherent

### **Obadiah Simon Sahu**

Obadiah is from Mumbai, India. The 20-year-old is a culinary student, training with Peller Estates Winery. "I am here to train and learn contemporary North American cuisine and how kitchens work in North America," says Obadiah. He will be in Canada for a year, but is not sure yet how long he will be in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Obadiah was brought up in a Christian home and was taught to love Jesus. He graduated with a diploma in hospitality and hotel administration and nutrition. "I have a passion for the word of Jesus," says Obadiah. "I try to live by His word." He was baptized in the Methodist church, but attended the Church of St. Andrew's and St. Columbia in Mumbai. He sang in the choir there and taught the Bible to "street kids".

Obadiah says he also loves cooking and music and finds them very similar in nature. He loves the food here and he plans to join the choir.

I find the people are very warm, loving and friendly over here," says Obadiah. "It's comforting when you're away from home. The distances here are 'humungous". Obadiah had a notion that the colder a place was, the colder the people were. "But I guess I was wrong...about the people. The place is still very cold." Among his hobbies and interests are music, reading and sports.

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*Left, Obadiah chats with Peter Lingard*

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## ***Presbyterians Sharing—let's do it St. Andrew's!***

*By Ian Ness*

*Presbyterians Sharing*—It's who we are; it's what we do. Together we make mission and ministry happen.

### **Grenada**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the partnership of Rev. Jim Young and Mrs. Anne Young as they work with the Presbyterian Church of Grenada. Jim is serving as the minister of a rural church in Belair and chaplain of McDonald College, a high school operated by the Presbyterian Church of Grenada. Anne plays her part by volunteering at McDonald College to teach remedial English and mathematics.

Grenada, as you are aware, is a small island state in the Caribbean with a wonderful climate which attracts the snowbirds.

### **Canada—Presbytery of Winnipeg**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Flora House, part of Winnipeg Inner City Missions. The north end of Winnipeg is a challenging environment for families raising children. Unfortunately, gangs, violence, drugs, alcohol, gambling and bullying are just some of the issues faced by residents. Flora House is dedicated to creating a safe place in the community where the special needs of children and youth are nurtured and supported.

It offers an after-school program, a "learn and play" program for care givers with young children, a summer camp and a computer training program for older youth. In addi-



*The Hoekstra family*

tion, it also offers drop-in services for adults, including free phone and Internet access.

I think you will agree that this must rate high in the list of missions supported by *Presbyterians Sharing!*

### **Malawi**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* also support Glen and Linda Inglis in Blantyre, Malawi.

Glen works the Blantyre Synod Development Commission as Executive Director. He is working to strengthen existing relief and development programs, develop sound management and accounting systems, promote leadership development and strengthen and renew relationships with partners and donors. That, you will agree, is a very full slate.

Linda co-ordinates the visits of church partners, donors, work parties, mission groups and individuals wanting to learn more about the

church's work in Malawi.

Hoekstra—Hoekstra—now that is a name that rings a bell!

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* also support the Rev. Edward and Mrs. Jacqueline Hoekstra who have been appointed to serve for a period of three years with the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. They have taken two of their five children with them to Malawi.

The Hoekstra and Inglis families will combine as Canadian Presbyterians in that country.

Rev. Hoekstra was inducted as the Associate Minister of St. Columba's C.C.A.P. church, which has a large congregation of more than 4,000 members in Blantyre. He is involved in all areas of pastoral ministry at the church, with special responsibility for the English language service.

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## **Presbyterians Sharing-let's do it St. Andrew's** *(Cont'd)*



These are but three examples of the outstanding work being done in the field, both in Canada and abroad with the support of *Presbyterians Sharing*.

We, in St. Andrew's, are privileged to be part of this remarkable outreach program and have pledged a budget of \$20,000 for this year. Ron Ferguson advises me that our

collection to the end of October amounted to \$15,717.

Averaging this out over 10 months and allowing for the normal year-end bump in donations, we should at least make our budget, and better still, exceed the \$20,000 target.

Let's do it St. Andrew's!

# Offerings

### **A spirit of generosity**

*By Ron Ferguson*

At the Missionary service on Nov. 1, Barb McGale invited us to adopt a "spirit of generosity"—the willingness to share with others.

At this time of the year, as we approach Christmas, this "spirit" seems to come automatically, reinforced by timeless classic movies such as *A Christmas Carol*, *it's a Good Life* and *The Bells of St. Mary's*. But this "spirit" has to be sustained throughout the year.

There is abundant evidence that this year-round "spirit" does exist at St. Andrew's, but it has to be nurtured and we all should be mindful of the needs to be satisfied. They are not diminishing. Again, I urge you to consider your financial assistance to St. Andrew's as you plan for next year. If you contribute by way of the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance program), or want to participate in it, have a word with me and I'll make the necessary arrangements. If you contribute by way of weekly envelope, simply modify the amount(s).

Another option is the contribution of marketable securities to St. Andrew's. Given the improvement in the markets since last year, you might be in a position to consider this. If done by Christmas as a prepayment of your 2010 contributions, it is a win-win situation for both you and St. Andrew's. Please speak to me and I'll explain the benefits. I can be reached either after service on Sundays, or by phone at 905-468-1288.

### **Marking envelopes**

*By Kathy Hunter*

Many thanks for your contributions to St. Andrew's.

If you contribute in the traditional way—through envelopes—please make sure that you mark your envelope with the amount before putting it on the offering plate. This is a real help to the ushers who collect and tally the offering. If the ushers extract the offering from an envelope that does not denote the amount, it becomes a guessing game as to how much a particular envelope held.

If you want envelopes, or want to give your offerings through the less traditional PAR program, please speak to me or to Ron Ferguson. The PAR system, which automatically debits your bank account, has become a popular method of giving to the church.

*Kathy is the Recording Secretary.*

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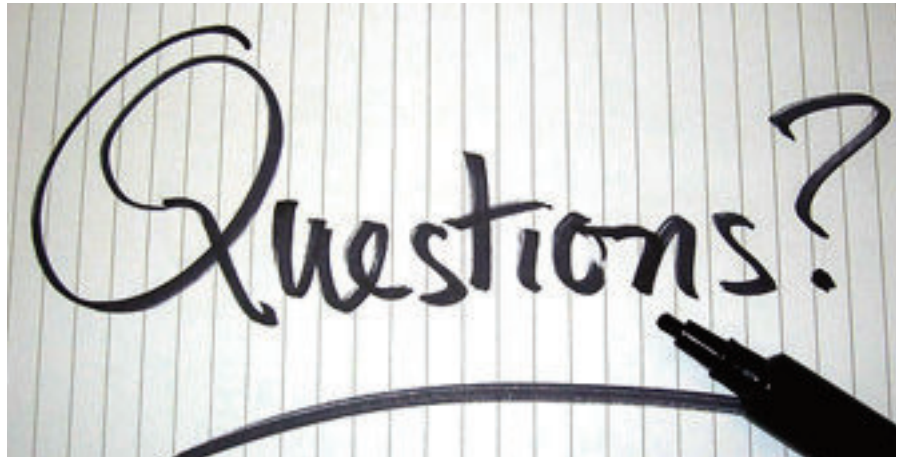
## Ask Barb

When Geof and I became small group leaders on the Alpha course some time ago, we learned that the seven issues most often raised by course participants were suffering, other religions, sex before marriage, the New Age, homosexuality, science and Christianity, and the Trinity. In fact, course founder Nicky Gumbel has written a book on those questions called "Searching Issues".

It is not at all unusual for mere mortals to have questions about God, Christianity and the Bible. I would like to believe that God accepts that sometimes we will ask questions about Him and how He works in our lives. I also believe that sometimes, the answers will be bigger than we can comprehend. After all, only God has the real 'big picture'. Nevertheless, the Bible can often lead us to answers if we know where in the Bible to go.

In this issue of the *Herald*, we introduce "Ask Barb". We asked Rev. McGale for the answers, with biblical references, to two commonly asked questions. We would like to continue this column in future issues. If you have a question for the next issue, please drop it in the *Herald* box on top of the piano in the Kirk Hall, or send an email to Rev. McGale at [barbmcgale@standrews-niagara.com](mailto:barbmcgale@standrews-niagara.com) or to the editor at [marshascott@cogeco.ca](mailto:marshascott@cogeco.ca). Your question can be anonymous or signed. To allow Rev. McGale time to respond, we have set a deadline of Feb. 21, 2010—that is two weeks before the *Herald* spring issue deadline of March 7.

Marsha Scott



### **Question 1** **Where is God when bad things happen?**

*Just Wondering*

Dear Just Wondering,  
Somehow we got the idea that if we belong to Jesus, life will be a bed of roses and God will protect us from every bad thing. Our reality is often quite different and sometimes that shakes our faith. The truth is that the Lord promised, not that He would take away all our problems, but that He would help us to bear them. Isaiah 43:2 says, "*When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; and when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.*" God does not say that there will not be fire or water, but that He will be with us.

The Apostle Paul wrote an amazing statement to the church in Corinth about suffering. "*We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may*

*also be manifested in our bodies.*" (2 Corinthians 4:8-10) Although Paul endured unimaginable hardship, what buoyed him up was the presence of Christ. When he was in prison, he wrote, "*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*" (Philippians 4:13)

Jesus Himself said this: "*Come unto me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11:28) So, Just Wondering, rather than wonder why God has allowed something bad to happen, when something bad does happen, we should look beside us for that's where we will find Jesus.

### **Question 2** **How can I be sure I will go to heaven?**

*Confused*

Dear Confused,  
The Bible is filled with statements about eternal life and I will share just a few. In Acts 4:11-12, Peter, speaking of Jesus, stated, "*This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is sal-*

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## Ask Barb *(Cont'd)*

*vation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." At the end of his Gospel, John wrote, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that believing you may have life in his name." (John 20: 30-31)*

When Jesus tried to explain to His disciples that He would be leaving them, He gave them the assurance that He was preparing a place for them. When Thomas questioned how they could know the way, Jesus replied, "*I am the way, and*

*the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me."* (John 14:6) As His disciples, we have the assurance that He is preparing a place for us, a place in the Father's house, and He is the way to that place.

If we receive Jesus as our own Saviour and Lord, we have God's promise of life with Him. "*He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life. I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."* (1 John 5:12-13) Don't be confused for God has made this very clear: If you belong to Jesus, heaven has a place for you.



## A Christmas Story

*By Margaret McQueen*

Hillsides aglow with moonlight  
Shepherds huddled and still  
Hands outstretched to meagre  
flames  
Against the winter's chill.

Even the sheep keep silent  
Content in their open fold  
Waiting for morning and sunlight  
And warmth from the bitter cold.

Angels break the silence  
With hymns from their heavenly  
realm  
Bidding the shepherds rise up and  
go  
Down into Bethlehem.

Where a baby sleeps in a manger  
Within a stable bare

With only the glow from a fiery star  
To warm the frigid air.  
It is there God's holy family  
Watched while the world slept  
And the stars in the heavens  
danced for joy  
As their sacred vigil kept.

Wise men from a far country  
Knowing the ancient sign  
Pay tribute with costly gifts  
To David's royal line.  
Today we journey to Bethlehem  
As the shepherds and kings of old  
On that mystical night, in the star's  
light  
Faithful pilgrims seek out the road.



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## Stock up for Christmas giving

Our trusty crew of 'jammers' have been at it again, just in time for Christmas. Early on Tuesday mornings, aromas of fruit waft from the Kirk Hall kitchen as they 'jam' their hearts out. They seem to have so much fun that it's hard to believe they get any work done!

When you attend Festive Fare on Saturday, Dec. 5, you will find an assortment of their jams, jellies and mustard available for purchase. Canned peaches and relish are also available. They make wonderful stocking stuffers and hostess gifts.

Here's a list of the variety and sizes available. And remember, you get a 10 percent discount for buying six items or more.

### Jams \$4 large/2.50 small

Strawberry  
Strawberry rhubarb  
Peach  
Peach and pear  
Sweet cherry  
Apricot

### Jams \$4 large only

Rhubarb  
Pear  
Sour cherry

### Jams/jellies \$4.50 large/2.75 small

Raspberry  
Blueberry  
Blackberry  
Cabernet Franc  
Concord

### Other

Pint of peaches \$4.50; quart \$6  
Peach and pepper relish \$5 large/\$3 small  
Hot mustard \$5 large/\$3 small



*Lee Alma and David Dionne stirring things up in the Kirk Hall kitchen. The jammers meet Tuesday mornings.*



*From left, Ken Willms, John Elliott and Bob Hunter fill jars, while joking about flash bulbs reflecting off bald heads-no names mentioned.*



## **A Service of Lessons and Carols**

at

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, December 6**

**at 7:30 p.m.**

*Participating Choirs:*

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Choir**

**Cantata Singers of St. Catharines**

Under the direction of **Dr. Gerzinus E. Hoekstra**

**Free-will offering  
Refreshments served**

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## Evelyn's 80th birthday parties

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*Evelyn Campbell stretched her 80th birthday celebrations over a week! What a blessing to have so many friends and family. At left, Evelyn is shown with her daughter Janet, and three grandchildren, from left, Brittany, Adrienne and Heather, cutting and serving cake in the Kirk Hall. Below, Debbie Eke hosted a party for Evelyn at her home, where Evelyn received a leather-bound book containing heartfelt feelings about Evelyn from her many friends in Women's Fellowship, the choir, and the congregation. Evelyn has been a member of St. Andrew's since 1958; a member of Women's Fellowship and the choir since 1987, when she retired from teaching; and was an active elder for 13*

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Surprise birthday party for Evelyn (Cont'd)



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## Crieff retreat

By Elaine Landray

The Niagara Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society Crieff Retreat on Oct. 13 and 14 was a wonderful experience. The speaker/leader was our own Rev. Barb McGale. Both Helen McLeish and I attended.

The theme for the retreat was "Where do we fit?" based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-25. This passage discusses parts of the body—none valued over the other, but each part needing the other. Similarly, our congregation is the body of Christ, with each of us being part of it and each needing the other.

We attended three workshops, led by Rev. McGale. The first was focused on getting to know ourselves better. Rev. McGale opened the workshop by saying that God had a plan for everyone long before we were here. We have to discover what contribution we are to make.

To help discover where you can contribute, consider the following: Do you get your energy by being with a group or being alone? What is your personality type—extrovert (like to work in a team), or introvert (like to work alone)? How do you make decisions? Are you a thinking person, relying on logic and consistency; or are you a feeling person, tending to take values into account? Thinking people identify a goal and move towards it. Feeling people may need to adjust the plan if conditions warrant it.

We took the Myers-Briggs test to determine our personality type. We rated ourselves in eight cate-



gories—extroversion (sensing, thinking, judging) and introversion (intuition, feeling and perceiving.) We had six different personality types out of 15 people. (Can you imagine the variety at St. Andrew's?) I thought I was somewhat weird, as I ended up with two categories from extroversion and two from introversion. But it turned out that five people had the same result—the largest number of the group.

The second part of this workshop was looking into how we can serve Christ. The Bible reading was Ruth 1:15-16.

### Second workshop

In this session, we examined our values and priorities. We were each given a stack of cards, each containing a word or subject. We were asked to sort the cards into two groups—"very valuable to me" and "very valuable". We then had to choose no more than eight cards from the "very valuable to me" group and put them in order of im-

portance. This proved to be a useful examination of what matters to each of us.

We closed with readings from Matthew 6:25-33; Mark 1:33-39; and Hebrews 4:9-11 and were required to answer two questions at the end of the "values" paper.

### Third workshop

This workshop began with a general overview of "spiritual gifts"—the gifts God gives us. We examined the difference between spiritual gifts and natural talents. People tend, like Moses, to make excuses for why they can't do certain things. We are better at recognizing gifts in other people than ourselves.

God gives true Christians spiritual gifts to use for service. All Christians have been given at least one spiritual gift, and all gifts are important to God. Everyone has exactly the right gifts—because God provided them. We may not be comfortable with the gifts we have

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## Crieff Retreat *(Cont'd)*

been given, but God knows what He is doing.

Everyone has a place to serve. Circumstances throughout our lives may call for the use of different gifts from time to time.

Behind every good minister, there is an amazing congregation. In the church, there are no volunteers—God is calling people to do the jobs He has planned for them.

In churches, we tend to be tied to “the way we have always done it”, instead of looking for new ways. Sometimes, we are so tied to structure that we don’t let the Holy Spirit run His church.

### All the rest

Interspersed with the workshops



were sing-songs (Dem Bones was our theme song); walks; good meals; a closing worship service and communion. We extend our thanks to the organizing commit-

tee from Knox Welland, to Margaret Rice, our pianist for the two days, and of course, to Rev. Barb for her capable leadership and thought-provoking subjects.

## St. Andrew’s Scottish Society

*By Neil Rumble*

The St. Andrew’s Society of Niagara (not affiliated with our church) is currently recruiting new members.

The St. Andrew’s Society is a patriotic and non-political society, founded in 1907, to study and celebrate all things Scottish. It is a cultural and social group that celebrates the Scottish culture through different events such as Scottish holidays, dances, pub nights, garden parties and so on.

You don’t have to be Scottish to join, but only enjoy all things Scottish—such as the St. Andrew’s Ball, hogmanay (New Year’s Eve celebrations), Robbie Burns’ night and much more.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call me at 905-468-5419.

### Background

In Scotland—and wherever else Scots are gathered—Nov. 30 is celebrated as the Scottish national day. St. Andrew is Scotland’s patron saint and the St. Andrew’s Cross (or Saltire) is Scotland’s flag.

The Bible tells us that Andrew, a fisherman from Galilee, was the ‘first called’ of Christ’s disciples and that he brought his brother Simon Peter to become a follower of Jesus. After the crucifixion, Andrew travelled the countries bordering the Black Sea and preached



the Gospel in Scythia (as the Ukraine and Southern Russia were anciently known) and in Greece. To this day, St. Andrew is also patron saint in Greece, Russia and the Ukraine. He became a martyr in Greece, when he was crucified.

Source: [www.st-andrew.org.uk/standrew.htm](http://www.st-andrew.org.uk/standrew.htm)

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## Guess who?

The joke is on me. I am the 'winner' of the last issue's Guess Who?

"How could that be?" you may ask. After all, I was there when the person gave me the photo. Right? I was there in body, but obviously not in mind.

No-one came to me to identify the little guy in our last *Herald*. And when it came time to do this newsletter, I couldn't remember who it was. Geof had scanned the photo and it was filed as scan1, but I could not for the life of me figure out who it was. I asked a couple of people, but it wasn't them. So, in my embarrassment, I pored over that photo for any sign of resemblance to anyone in our congregation. And guess what? I guessed who. It was none other than Don Chambers. When Don confirmed his identity, he said, "I must have created a great impression!"

Now, can you guess who the baby at right is?

*PS: I'm not taking any chances. I filed the photo under the name.*



## Baptism

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***On Nov. 22, Rev. Barb McGale baptized Owen MacKinnon, son of Marnie and Simon MacKinnon. At 15 months, Owen was not impressed with all the talking, but stopped squirming in his fascination for the actual baptism. Canadian guardians are Kin Villazar and Mary Kay Whittaker.***

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## God Hath Not Promised

*These are the words of the hymn David Nattress sang the Sunday he delivered the sermon. They were written as a poem by Annie Johnson Flint. David was asked a few times for the lyrics, so he asked that they be printed here. The indented refrain is repeated after each verse.*

1. God hath not promised skies  
ever blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways, all my life  
through;  
God hath not promised sun with-  
out rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without  
pain.

But God hath promised,  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labour,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undy-  
ing love.

2. God hath not promised we shall  
not know  
Toil and temptation, trouble and  
woe;  
He hath not told us we shall not  
bear  
Many a burden, many a care.

3. God hath not promised smooth  
roads and wide,  
Swift easy travel, needing no  
guide;  
Never a mountain, rocky and  
steep,  
Never a river turbid and deep.

### Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)

Annie Flint was born in Vineland, N. J. Her parents died before the age of six, so she and a younger sister were adopted. She began writing poetry when she was nine and began setting poems to music before she was 12.

She had hopes of becoming a composer and concert pianist, but in her early 20s she was struck with arthritis. Within five years, she could neither play the piano, nor walk.



She went to a sanitarium in Clifton Springs, N.J., in hopes of a cure, but she could not be helped. However, she was stimulated by the spiritual atmosphere there. She decided to stay and eventually, she came to see her poems, written with twisted fingers or dictated, as the work and the ministry to which God was calling her.

A great number of Miss Flint's poems were written about God's great outdoors, from which she was shut off almost entirely all her

life.

Her poems bubble over with a joy of life; with praise and thanksgiving for all created things; and with a love of God. There is no trace of self-pity or railing against the will of God in any of them.

Ms Flint wrote for the common people of the world; men and women who face life with its burdens and its difficulties. She demonstrated to the world how God could be glorified in the midst of physical trials and tribulations few of us are called upon to bear.

Source: [www.welloffaith.com/home.asp?](http://www.welloffaith.com/home.asp?)

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## Already thinking strawberries

The 2010 Strawberry Festival will take place on June 19 and it's going to look a little different from previous years.

One important change is the elimination of the Flea Market. Although this is a big attraction each year, it is extremely labour-intensive and requires a lot of set-up and clean-up after. So don't worry about saving your "used treasures" for the Festival. We are, however, planning to keep the used books booth, so keep that in mind when you start your spring cleaning.

We are also considering a new site plan.

Committee heads have already met once to begin planning for next year's event. New members and adherents in the congregation should know that the Strawberry Festival is our biggest fundraiser of

the year. We need all of the help we can get, so if you would like to join the Festival Committee, in any capacity, please let us know. In the words of Festival Chair, Julie Hunter, "New blood is always welcome." You can contact Julie at 905-468-5233, or any committee chair.

We encourage every member and adherent to get involved in the Festival. It's hard work, but it's also a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and outreach into the community.

The next meeting date will be early in April. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date.

*We know that Mike Aitken and Jochem Kamstra and their families are chomping at the bit to help in 2010 again. Smile guys! (Photo by Stephanie Kamstra)*



## Bangers and Mash 2009-another big success



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## Bangers and Mash 2009 (Cont'd)



*This Bangers and Mash was the first for Stephanie and Jochem Kamstra (with Madelyn), top left, and the Davises, Wade and Sandy, with, from left, Tyler, Joshua and Owen. They were mighty impressed with the attendance and dinner, as were the 'regulars'.*

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## Take a look at the website

The St. Andrew's website ([www.standrewsniagara.com](http://www.standrewsniagara.com)) is being given more attention by Session to reach out to the community and to keep the congregation informed about a variety of activities and services.

Some of the new changes include:

- Being able to listen to sermons on the "Listen to Recent Sermons" page;
- Updated photographs on the "Congregational Photo Album" page
- Back issues of the *Herald* in full colour on the "News and Events" page;
- Presbyterian Church web reference sites, including the Presbyterian *Facebook* page.

For those members who do not have a computer but would like a "tour" of the St. Andrew's website, Geof Haswell is offering to meet at the library or a convenient computer to demonstrate the website for anyone who is interested. Just call 905-468-9371.

We would like to encourage everyone to visit the site and to suggest ideas for its improvement. Again, just pass on ideas to any member of Session or call Geof at the number above. We would like it to be a source that everyone can use regularly to stay in touch.



## In memory

### Victor Bruce McQueen

Bruce McQueen passed away quietly in the early morning of Nov. 17 at Chateau Gardens. He is survived by Margaret; his son Joe (Gary) of St. Catharines; daughter Susan McNeil (Michael) of Hove, England; and five grandchildren, Natalee and Joseph McQueen and Clare, James and Ellie McNeil.

Margaret and Bruce celebrated 63 years of marriage on Oct. 5. On their first date, they held hands and always talked about "never letting go".

Bruce and Margaret moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake from Toronto in 1976. Bruce came here to work as the office manager for the Shaw Festival. Prior to that, he had been vice-president in charge of finance for Gaylee Foods. Bruce's life was not easy: according to Margaret, he suffered from bipolar disorder and then later, Alzheimer's.

"When the phone rang at 6:50 last Tuesday morning, it was her son calling. "I knew what it was," says Margaret. "I'd been with Bruce the day before."

At 9 a.m., Margaret was in her kitchen sunroom. "I felt Bruce in that room. He knew where to find me," she says. "I know he was telling me, 'It's alright. Go on Margaret.' And that has given me great peace."

Bruce was cremated. A simple memorial service will be held in January. He will be buried in the family plot of Margaret's mother near Guelph. "We'll be buried there together one day," says Margaret.

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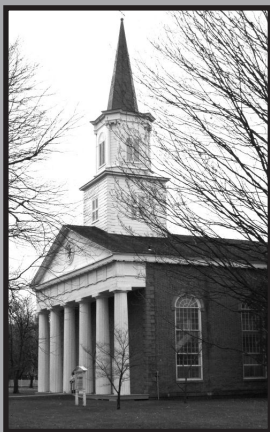
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## In memory (Cont'd)

By Doug Hunter

### Norman (Norm) Ferguson Fraser

Norm passed away on Sept. 15 after a short illness. He leaves his wife Wendy, his son Andrew (Tara) and son Kevin (Jennifer). He was the grandfather of Joshua and Halle and future granddaughter Isla. He was the brother of the late Jim, Nancy, Ronny and David.

Norm was very active in the work of St. Andrew's. He had been a Board of Managers member for a number of years as well as the church auditor. He arranged the ushers and was a dedicated 'jammer'. Norm always enjoyed wearing his kilt at special services.

Funeral services were held at the church. The family has requested donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or St. Andrew's Church.

### Beverley Anne Fellows

Bev died peacefully at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital on Sept. 23. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Garry. She also leaves her sons Carey (Brenda), Robert (Yolanda) and daughter Dawn (Brad) Kodama. She was the loving grandmother to nine grandchildren, one of whom, Braeden died in 2008. She is also survived by her brothers Fred (Marilyn) and Wayne (Marlene) Kyle.

Bev had a long history of working for St. Andrew's. Her parents Jessica and Fred Kyle were active members. Bev continued this and was a member of the Women's Fellowship. She will be remembered

for her caring ways.

A funeral service was held in St. Andrew's with interment in the church cemetery.

### Reg L. Stewart

Reg died at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital on Oct. 7 at the age of 86. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Dorothy. He was the father of Reg Jr., Bonnie (John) Spagnol and Valerie (Cameron) Terryberry. He was the grandfather of Christopher (Noreen), Joshua (Lindsay), Natalie, Nathan (Chelsea) and Brandon as well as four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's with interment in the church cemetery.

### Henry VanDyke and Raymond Turner

The congregation offers its love and condolences to the Tunmer family. Kathleen Tunmer's father Henry VanDyke passed away on Aug. 23 in Niagara Falls. Hank and his wife Marion (Bowman) were both active in the life of Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, especially the Presbyterian Young People's Society. They were often seen attending St. Andrew's.

And on Nov. 5, Lesslie's Tunmer's father, Prof. Raymond Tunmer, passed away in Baie D'Urfe, Que. He is survived by his wife Harriet, Lesslie's two brothers and a sister.

Remember Kathleen, Lesslie, Fiona and Graham in your prayers.