



News for the Pews

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Barry's Blog

Spring Cleaning

Spring is here... FINALLY! Although, it would seem that someone forgot to tell the weather man. I don't know about you, but it still doesn't quite feel like Spring yet. Nevertheless, according to the calendar, it is indeed Spring time. Time to open up the house and let the sunshine in. Grab a few dozen trash bags, go through all the closets and the attic, and throw away everything that has cluttered up the house.

I decided this spring I needed to clear the clutter out of my mind first. Only a few months into the New Year, and I already have too much on my mind. I still had a lot of questions built up from last year that were not answered. *"God, why did this happen?"*, *"Why did I pray for this, and it still fell apart?"* *"Why, God, why?"* The questions were piling up, and no answers were in sight to help with the mess cluttering my mind.

I can be the ultimate pity party planner. Just give me one problem, and I'll worry about it all day. I could feel myself going there one morning and suddenly realized I needed to do something about it. Thankfully, God sent me a gentle reminder that day that put things into perspective. While walking along the boardwalk at the beach, I met a man and we began talking. He told me he had just lost his wife a few months ago and his oldest son had just died of cancer at 42 years of age. He said he came to the beach every day and he talks to God. While

he is sad that they are gone, he says he now lives every moment of every day as if it were his last.

Walking away that day, that encounter started unraveling in my mind. Here I was with the weight of my world on my shoulders, yet I was walking on both feet with breath in my lungs towards a job that I enjoy. I started to pray, *"God, help me get rid of this annoying habit of feeling sorry for myself when the most miniscule thing goes wrong in my day."* I have so much to be thankful for, I should be grateful. But how do I do this? Where do I begin?"

As I turned the key to my office door, I heard that still small voice say, *"You can start with every moment."* I had to pause and laugh at myself. Of course! The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, as does any big spring-cleaning job. If I could take every moment and enjoy it to its fullest, letting tomorrow take care of itself, in no time I would see a difference.

Blessings,

Rev. Barry Doner



Events you may have enjoyed or wished you could have attended in March and April



- Quiet Week - many thanks to Heather Doner for setting up such thoughtful centres for meditation prior to Easter.

- Palm Sunday breakfast - a very tasty meal catered by the men of our church.

-Easter services- blessings to Rev. Barry for leading us during the Good Friday service, the Sunrise service and Easter Sunday service.

- Kudos to Alex Doner - for his thought provoking mystery bag, Kendra for her well- spoken announcements and to Rachel for her help in the Sunday School where they reminded us adults how to compost and not just thoughtlessly throw everything in the garbage. These children are helping to reduce our tax bills through proper composting.

- Rev. Mark Curtis event- thanks to Elizabeth Gibson and Ivy Wilson for booking the event, to their team for the organization of the day and to everyone who attended.

- Condolences to Larry Herron in the loss of a family member and thank you to our church group who prepared and served refreshments at the Celebration of Life for Mr. Fields.



Upcoming Events

To keep informed of upcoming events please pick up a copy of Coming Events in 2018 displayed on counter at rear of sanctuary.



- May 8 - Presbytery dinner at 6pm for 60 ministers and Representative Elders from the churches throughout Presbytery of Barrie. Members of Our Congregational Life group will provide dinner for them. Members of our congregation may attend the worship service at 7pm conducted by Rev. Barry, but not the dinner!
- May 10- Meat pie making-(360 pies) for the lucky ones who got their order in on time. Don't be disappointed! Check your Events calendar. You may order again in October. This project is a fund raiser for our Expansion

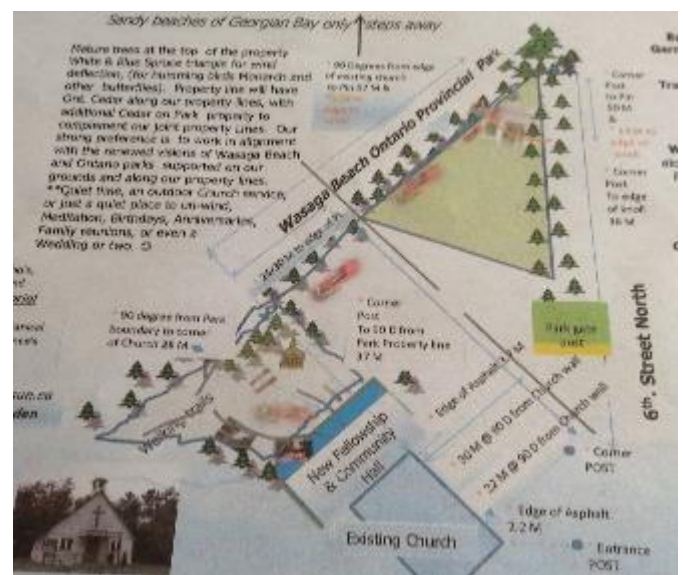
fund and involves about 20 workers. Please come and pick up your orders from 11.30 until 2pm.

- May 26- Sat. Ladies' Spring Brunch -from 11 am - 2pm. A wedding theme in honour of Prince Harry and Meaghan Markle. Get out your hats, fascinators, jewels, flowers. Come and enjoy some great food, music and entertainment. Tickets \$12.00. See Marilyn, Lois, Norma Jean.
- May 26- Adopt a Road. Just so the guys don't feel neglected, that there is nothing for them to do...see a Board member about cleaning up our portion of the town, Dunkerron St, from Mosley to 18th St.
- May 27 Sun. 2pm Al Beardsall concert. More info to follow. Heather Bostock and Ruth Currie are contact persons for this event.



Expansion Project

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this point toward the tree fund, the building fund and also toward the purchase of a sign. All contributions can be marked "Expansion Fund" and designated if you wish. Please look at the plan for the green space which will include botanical and memorial gardens. (Small sample enclosed, but available either up or downstairs on bulletin boards.)



Al Beardsall Concert



Please join us on May 27th at 2 pm for an afternoon variety show at Wasaga Beach Presbyterian Church. The doors will open at 1:30 pm. The show will feature well known North of 50 performers Al Beardsall, Lloyd Preston and Mike Threader. Special guests will be the Bray Family Singers. Everyone is welcome so please come to enjoy an afternoon of toe tapping music! A free will offering will be taken up with all proceeds going to our church expansion fund. Mark your calendars for what is sure to be a great concert!

Calorie Counters

- Several members from our church attend a Calorie Counters meeting every Friday at 9am. This group has a time of great fellowship while they learn the importance of healthy eating (sharing recipes, interpreting labels, etc.) while getting in shape. This week several are attending workshops in Collingwood where they will have access to swimming, a spa, etc. The group is called "Weigh To Go". Why not come and check us out?



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Treblemakers 6:45 pm	2 Bible Study 9 – 10:30 am Creative Hands 1-3 pm	3	4 Calorie Counters 8:45 am	5
6 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service	7 Treblemakers 6:45 pm	8 Congregational Life 9:30 am Presbytery Dinner 6 pm	9 Bible Study 9 – 10:30 am Waterside Service 10:30 am Creative Hands 1-3 pm	10 Meat Pie Making 9:30 am Support Group 6:30	11 Calorie Counters 8:45am	12
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