



News for the Pews

The Newsletter for Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church
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Barry's Blog

Upon request, I have decided to share a previous blog...

Prodigals

I have been reflecting recently on Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15... He wasted the material possessions of his inheritance for sure, but he also did much worse... He threw away his relationship with his father.

All of us, as parents, no matter what our experience, parenting style, or level of spiritual maturity, share a common fear — that a child will become a prodigal. The prodigal son in Luke 15 told his father that he wanted his inheritance NOW! Which is essentially like saying, *"I wish you were dead!"* Maybe those words resemble similar words that you as a parent have heard before, such as, *"I don't have to put up with this anymore, I'm outa here!"*... and your son/daughter storms out of the house. We desperately desire that this will never happen in our homes. But it can and does. And for those who must come to grips with a prodigal child, it can seem like the world is coming to an end.

Of course we know that most children demonstrate rebellious behavior at some point, but would not be considered prodigals. If your child wears a different hairstyle, gets a piercing, is moody or depressed, comes home with Cs on his/her report card, or becomes angry when told to empty the dishwasher, that doesn't make them a prodigal. I consider these part of the norm for teenagers.

A true prodigal child is one who rejects the values they have been taught, rejects any guidance from loved ones, and ultimately, rejects their parents and support system. The pain of watching a prodigal child continuously make damaging decisions cannot be fully understood unless you've traveled this journey with your own prodigal. There is no way to describe the pain a

parent feels after hearing from your child, *"I reject your values, your lifestyle, and ultimately, YOU!"*

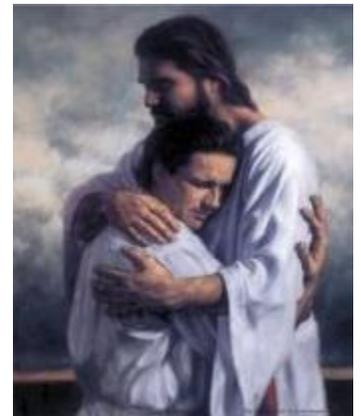
When this happens, well-meaning people will say things like, *"This too, shall pass"* or *"Train up a child in the way he/she should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it."* (Proverbs 22:6) Of course it will pass. Everything we experience is temporary. But this doesn't make it any less painful when a parent watches their child make destructive choices. And Proverbs 22:6 is merely a wise saying, not a guarantee.

So... *What do you do as a parent?*

To be honest, I don't have any sure-fire solutions, or any profound words of wisdom... But I have learned a few things along the way on this journey...

- 1) Don't be afraid to ask for support and prayer.
- 2) Keep lines of communication open.
- 3) Know the difference between helping and enabling. (That's a tough one!)
- 4) Don't forget the rest of your family. (A *really* important one!)
- 5) Let your son/daughter know the door is always open.

And finally, remember God loves your child even more than you do. Parents of prodigals feel helpless. That's why they must lean on God and His grace. Sometimes that's all you can do as you sit on the front porch and wait...



Blessings,

Rev. Barry Doner



Ladies Spring Luncheon

Hope you enjoyed the tenth annual Ladies Spring Luncheon. It was a sell-out!

The Royal Tea was a colourful and tasty event. Prince Harry and Meghan would be very impressed with the number of elegantly gowned ladies who attended. Wasaga Beach does have real trendsetters among its residents and visitors.

Lois and Marilyn offer a special thank you to:

- ☼ the members of the Royal Tea committee for assisting with favours, gifts, flowers, decorating, food, programme, serving, setup and take down,
- ☼ pianist June Flynn and soloist Sylvia McLeod
- ☼ the men who helped behind the scenes(kitchen, sound, set-up)
- ☼ our server Teaghen Schneider
- ☼ the hostesses at each table who tended to the needs of their guests!
- ☼ our guest speakers ... Lu Lafrance, and David Antibe
- ☼ members of our congregation who attended or who contributed in any way.



The meat pie project

The meat pie project is now history (until October). If you were among those who did not get your order in before the deadline, we hope to make more (maybe over400) next time. It was a very successful project, raising over \$1200 to be shared between the general account and the growth fund.

Variety show

Thank you to everyone who attended the Afternoon Variety Show on May 27th. Al Beardsall, Lloyd Preston and Mike Threader from the “North of 50” band performed a great show with keyboard, drums, violin, saxophone and bass guitar. The Bray Family Singers featuring Jackson and Grace Bray stole the show with their singing and ukelele playing along with Jackson’s fancy violin playing and rendition of “The Entertainer” on the keyboard. It was a great afternoon of toe tapping entertainment. Al, Lloyd and Mike donated their time and talents for fund raising towards our church expansion. A free will offering of \$652 was collected for our growth fund.

Vista cards

Val Stinson is taking orders for Vista cards on Sunday June 3. This will be the last order until September. So stock up for the summer!!

Upcoming Events

We are hosting three **concerts** for Stonebridge.

- 1st is Called Caber Toss on June 14th at 7pm
Down East Music
- 2nd is called The Griddle Pickers on July 19th at 7pm
Bluegrass
- 3rd is called Honeymoon Phase on Aug. 16 at 7pm
Jazzy Sassy Fun

All of them cost \$15 each

Trunk Sale on Saturday, June 9th starting at 8 am. Anyone can participate and the cost is \$10 per car.

Expansion Project

GREEN SPACE: the Bay side from the North parking lot is getting some attention. Members of your Board of Managers and Session have been focused on getting it ready for the Memorial Botanical Garden, as well as a useable grassed area. Volunteers are always welcome, see Dallas Stinson, Rod Arnold, Mike McLeod, Larry Herron, Terry Densmore and John Schneider.

*Trees to dampen the North wind off the Bay are being placed along our property lines as well as a number on the Parks property (with their support).

*The Knoll is scheduled to have more mature Spruce trees 2 Blue Spruce and 4 or 5 White (Green) Spruce to protect the garden area as well from the winds we experience.

**Specific to the Garden area; volunteers are always needed both for design inputs as well as working to physically develop the garden. Larry Herron among others is leading the initial work to have it ready for planting hopefully within the next few weeks.

NOTE: with the impending garden activity, cutting grass, pruning, etc. etc. any yard or gardening tools in good repair would be appreciated.

ELECTRONIC SIGN for our CHURCH, BOM/Session have set the priority for a full colour outdoor, Double-sided sign with both a Static display and computer operated LED scrolling messages. We are working with the town to place the sign in such a manner that we maximize its exposure to traffic (both ways) on Mosley with a clear line of sight.

WISH LIST; in the past the church has had a wish list with the intention of individuals, or a group of individuals in our church would take it on themselves and provide either the cost or the item, in their name for the church. Mike McLeod is leading this initiative, but feel free to talk to anyone on the Board or Session.

CONTRACTS REVIEW; While we don't have a large number of them the 3 or 4 documents that needed to respond to our changing expectations are being re-worked to reflect learnings over the last few years. Terry, Peter and BOM are working to have them completed and approved before end of JUNE.

MARKETING; each of us who attend our church and enjoy our family atmosphere and likely the best Minister in Southern Ontario if not Canada should be doing our part to spread the word. If you have some thoughts on how to please approach anyone on the Board or Session and Rev. Barry. We currently advertise in Coffee News, Face-Book Beach Boosters, and other means, however the individual friendships or community groups are a large part of getting what's happening at our church out into the community.

LOWER HALL Painting; it has been a number of years since last it was painted and is starting to show its age. BOM is 100% in support of doing a re-fresh, as are members of Session, most of us have some thoughts on the color. Feedback so far is we need to brighten up our lower hall with fresh paint, and re-think how much we have on the walls.

BUDGET; as shared with the congregation the actual cost of running our church is 125K not a lot of money considering how many activities happen here. But we do need to ensure we keep our efforts up to raise funds and invite others outside the church to come and enjoy our family environment.

CHURCH KEYS; Going forward there will be two people appointed by the BOM who will issue new keys based on needs, they are Renee Gibson, and Yvonne Ruscoe. It was strongly recommended that we initiate better tracking when lending or giving out keys to the facility. Individuals who have keys please contact Renee or Yvonne to advise you have one, so they can update the church records.

SPRING CLEAN-UP; Mike McLeod is taking the lead on this initiative, if you have any thoughts on a to-do list, or skills and the time to help out when a date or dates are announced please see Mike or any member of the Board.

PARKING DONATIONS

Long Week-end Paid Parking; Alex B is heading this up again this year with support from many of you. We also support the major town functions when they need extra parking area.

HOT Weather Parking; is now in play so we are looking for interested individuals who would like to bring their card skills, good books, great chats, and of course catch up on a little gossip on what is going on in Wasaga Beach. Contact Terry D. if you have interest in spending time as above.

TO BE;

A parking pass for the windshield for our church members and adherents.

*Exploring the potential for issuing receipts for cumulative Donations over \$50.00? as a way to boost our Donation levels. If anyone has thoughts (simple process) on how we can set up

a tracking process that would work for us at end of the year please contact Terry BOM/Session Reports as a regular occurrence at the beginning of our Sunday Service, or on the scrolling message board leading up to 9:25.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Calorie Counters 8:45 am	2
3 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service	4	5 Treblemakers 6:45 pm	6 Creative Hands 1-3 pm	7 Support Group 6:30	8 Calorie Counters 8:45am	9 Trunk Sale 8 am
10 Service 9:30 am Communion Tea & social following service	11 Youth centre dinner	12 Congregational Life 9:30 am Treblemakers 6:45 pm	13 Waterside Service 10:30 am Creative Hands 1-3 pm	14 Caber Toss Concert 7 pm	15 Calorie Counters 8:45am	16
17 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service	18	19 Treblemakers 6:45 pm End of Spring Term	20 Creative Hands 1-3 pm	21 Board of Managers 6:30 pm Support Group 6:30	22 Calorie Counters 8:45am	23
24 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service Treblemakers concert 7:30 pm	25 Session 5 pm	26	27 Creative Hands 1-3 pm (Final Meeting until the fall)	28	29 Calorie Counters 8:45am	30