



News for the Pews

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Barry's Blog

Summer Sabbath Time

The old Porgy and Bess tune that declares, “*Summertime, and the livin’ is easy*”, no doubt was written when life was so much different than what it is now. If you’re like most people, you are hoping that summer will be a time to kick back and relax a little, but maybe you’re afraid that it will end up like most other summers with lots to do and flying past far too quickly. Isn’t summer supposed to be footloose and fancy-free? What happened to sleeping in and time to rest and unwind? Are relaxing summer days merely a thing of the past?

Now, it seems like the summer can instead be filled with days when the kids are bored and whiny, plans get cancelled, work interferes with vacation time, the AC goes out, and traffic is horrendous. Days when we lose our patience, harbour a bad attitude, and have had quite enough of family time. Days when we feel powerless against the exhaustion of our busy schedule and stress rules the day.

We all need a break from the busyness of life from time to time. Resting isn’t just a good idea, it is, in fact, modelled by both God and Jesus. God rested after six days of creating the universe. God also instituted the Sabbath so that we would get the point that no one can work without a break along the way. Today it seems that we don’t have Sabbath days anymore, but merely, Sabbath moments. Even Jesus, with more sermons to

preach, more people to heal, and more tasks to accomplish, often went apart to rest a while.

I am not sure why it is that some of us feel guilty or unfulfilled if we are not busy all the time. We wear busyness as a badge of honour... When people ask how we are doing, our common response is, “I’m busy!” Tanks that run on empty all the time soon lack the stamina to cope spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and relationally. It’s important to realize that not everything needs to be done—at least not done *right now*. This summer, it may be more important to sit back with a tall glass of your favourite beverage and contemplate the beauty of God’s creation.

So carve out a little Sabbath time this summer and refresh your heart and spirit with blessedness instead of busyness. And don’t worry; the chores will still be there. They aren’t going anywhere!

Blessings,
Rev. Barry Doner





Editor's Note

This is the summer edition of the newsletter which will cover July and August. There is no calendar attached. The events will be highlighted below.

It's a Girl!

It is with great joy that we announce the birth of Faith Rachele-Anne Doner,



born June 17th at 5:22 p.m.,

weighing 7 pounds 2 oz to mom, Rachel Doner. Grandpa and Grandma Doner, and Uncle Alex and Aunty Kendra are enjoying their new roles.

Please join us Sunday, **July 15th** as we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, and celebrate together this new life.

Parking Project

This is one of our best fund raisers and it is so easy and fun as well.



Please give a few hours of your time to help this project and meet some wonderful people while doing it.

Contact Alex Boyter to let him know what hours you are available. We need people to help for the **long weekends in July, August and September.**

Mini golf afternoon



Mark your calendar for the WBCPC mini golf challenge on Sunday, **August 19th**, at 2 pm

Pot Luck to follow after the golf.

Caber Toss



This very talented band, played at our church on June 14. If you were not in attendance you missed a great evening of entertainment and the ticket cost was less than what you would pay to park in

Toronto to see them! They had that "down home" sound from the east coast plus lots of added humour.

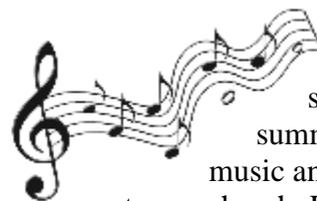
The next concert is coming soon... **July 19.** Don't miss it!

Pot Luck and BBQ

Wed. **July 18th** at 6 pm
Come out and have a great evening of fellowship and good food.



Concerts



We are pleased to have several concerts during the summer which offer a variety of music and are a definite advantage to our church. Please support these concerts and help to promote them to others.

Stonebridge concerts:

- The Griddle Pickers on **July 19th** at 7pm is *Bluegrass music*
- The Honeymoon Phase on **Aug. 16th** at 7pm is *Jazzy Sassy Fun*

These concerts cost only \$15 each

The Treblemakers concert

Sunday, **August 26th** – these concerts are generally sold out so get your tickets early.



July Update from our Visioning Build team

Church Member Parking Pass, -for use when parking at the church excluding

Sunday worship. Key note for its use, #1 ensure rope gates are closed after parking, and when leaving the lot. #2. We cannot guarantee available parking during special event days or when Donation Parking is in effect. (#2 similar wording on our Town Passes available at the town office)

Donation Parking Pass is an opportunity to raise needed funds to help meet our financial operating commitments. **Donation days** need volunteers to support this income stream, please consider helping out in this way to meet our financial commitments to our ministry. With the Green space highlighted on the face of both passes “CHURCH MEMBER” free and DONATION for non-church members during paid parking days. The expectation to increase community interest in our Church.

North Green Space: Area is marked off to allow the newly cleared and leveled area to settle and firm up. The knoll and some of the area directly towards the church will be the focus for a Botanical style garden with Blue Spruce & other mature trees to form a windbreak for those windy days.

West Green Space Directly behind the lower hall beyond the shed you will find the **Octagon** project in progress, Campfire, benches etc. to frame a **Quiet place** for fellowship or just spending an hour experiencing a campfire, conversation and the odd hotdog or toasted marshmallow,

Painting the Lower Hall focused on the latter part of August, Elizabeth McNabb is leading this for BOM, if you can help in either the prepping or painting, I expect there will be a sign up sheet in the Lower hall.

Perimeter Tree Planting, will be done in the FALL to ensure strong healthy growth expect to see some changes in late September

Gardening / Outdoor Maintenance tools donation is doing well, contact a member of the BOM for current articles already provided, and or needed. (Industrial strength water hose (200 feet will be required), a small utility trailer,

Storage Shed; while there will be room for some general storage in the existing shed, we will require more space to house the Gardening tools we are starting to accumulate. **Donations of items** need to be checked with your elder or member of BOM to ensure there is a need and more importantly **room to store** at the church.

Our New Mosley Street SIGN (LED Plus) has been approved by the BOM supported by the Session and is expected to be installed by mid-August. The location is currently marked by a stake and will be permanently marked until installation.

Town Street Signs have been approved and will be installed by the town at three locations on main driving route intersections in town. (First individual who takes a picture of each sign will be recognized.



Thanks to our very busy contractor friend, Howard Truax, and his bobcat operator, Jake, the soil is levelled on the green space and gazebo area. Howard is always very considerate when billing us, too.

The next part of the project was carried out by Terry, John and Mike as they straightened and staked the perimeter of the parking lot just in time for the concert as well as for the parking on the July 1 weekend.

Watch for more developments in the coming weeks. Check to see how you, too, can be a part of this exciting time in the life of our church!



Happy Canada Day everyone
– *have a great summer*

