



# News for the Pews

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## Barry's Blog

### Remembering...

There is an old joke that goes something like this... One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Johnny was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning son." "Good morning pastor" replied the young man, focused on the plaque. "Sir, what is this?" Johnny asked. "Well son, these are all the people who have died in the service," replied the pastor. Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque... Little Johnny's voice barely broke the silence when he asked quietly, "Which one sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30 service?"

We smile at this joke, and it is amusing for sure, but I wonder how many young people today really understand what Remembrance Day is all about? Do they understand the sacrifice that was made for them? Do they recognize that the freedom they enjoy today has been bought for them at great cost?

I consider myself fortunate to have grown up in a home in which I understood the importance and significance of Remembrance Day at an early age. My Dad is a trumpet player, and has played the Last Post more times than I could ever count... whether he was playing at the Cenotaph in Collingwood, Nancy Island in Wasaga Beach, the new Cenotaph in the Beach, or at my school assemblies, or at countless funeral services for veterans, the significance of Remembrance Day will never be lost for me.

When I was growing up, I was simply proud to see my Dad on my school stage or standing at the Cenotaph... I could tell my

friends, "That's my Dad!" I was proud that it was my Dad that was playing the Last Post... Now I am proud, not only that he plays at these services, but also, I am proud of why he does it, and more importantly, for the impact it has had on me.

As I stood at the Cenotaph then as a child, and I stand there today watching my Dad, I am also struck by the stories I hear from the veterans who speak at these occasions. Whenever I hear veterans speak of their experience, whether in wars of years gone by or whether it is wars they are engaged in today... No soldier ever stands up and says "Look at me ..." Instead on Remembrance Day we see these courageous men and women quietly and very proudly wearing the tiny red poppy and at times struggling to even stand at attention... their quivering hand firmly held in a salute at the remembrance of brothers and sisters – literal and figuratively who gave everything they had in service to God and country on bloody battle fields decades earlier.

As a Minister, I now have the privilege of conducting many Remembrance Day services, many of which my Dad has played the Last Post. I am honoured and humbled to be able to follow in his footsteps and, in my own small way, make sure that the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom will never be forgotten.

We will remember them...

Blessings,  
Rev. Barry Doner



Remember



## Remembrance Day Pot Luck

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

All are welcome and if you know a veteran please invite them to join us.



## Holly Berry Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
10 am till 2 pm



We are looking for donations for the Book Table, Silent Auction, Chinese Auction, Handcrafted Goods, *And of course* Baked goods and preserves

All areas are looking for volunteers (See Nancy Thatcher for upstairs and Marilyn Schneider for the Tea Room)

“Until then, please join us at..”  
Creative Hands



## Creative Hands

We invite you to come and join us, relax with a cup of tea and chat.



If you are working on a project of your own and wish to bring it along or if you wish to work on a mission project, great! But not necessary.

Every Wednesday from 1 - 3 pm



## Vista Cards

There will be just one more Vista order going in before Christmas. I will take orders up to Nov 18 and cards will be delivered on Nov 25. So if you want gift cards for Christmas gifts, please order and pay by the 18th.

Thanks  
Val Stinson



## Meat Pie Project

Another Successful meat pie project has come and gone. Many thanks to the team who produced 360 small pies for customers and 7 large pies for the Holly Berry Tea, Bazaar and Bake Sale. Thank you to the purchasers who claim they are the best pies yet!



Marilyn and John... Co-chairs



## Congratulations



Linda Norton and Brian Fenner were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 20th. Linda is the daughter of church



member Roy Norton and the late Jane Norton. In spite of the cool, windy weather the bride and groom brought warmth and love to all who attended. Just

think, they could have chosen a tropical paradise or a posh country club, but they chose our little white church by the bay and exchanged their vows with their families and our church family as their support. We wish them many happy years together and look forward to the day that they can move to Wasaga Beach.

60 guests were served a sumptuous roast beef dinner prepared by Lois Boyter, her family and assistants from the congregation.



## Congratulations

Rod and Toots Arnold celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss on Saturday, October 13. Their many friends and family joined them from 2-4 pm for a Come and Go Tea at the Shriners Club on Fairgrounds Road. At 5 pm their family joined them for a lovely roast beef dinner served by the Congregational Life team and Lois Boyter's daughters. We wish them well as they begin their next 60 years.



**Short note: on the Knoll**, and the perimeter of our Green Space. Mature Blue Spruce are in, White Spruce, Val and Dallas trees on Town side are in. The mulch and triple mix earth has been spread, with some triple mix in reserve for additional planting. The Lower hall is now painted as are the ladies and men's washrooms. Our external side of the main entrance

doors has been painted as well as the entrance railings to the front entrance

I am sure that these improvements are already noted  
Terry



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Calorie Counters 8:45am	Treblemakers Practice Noon to 6 pm
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Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service			Creative hands 1 pm Remembrance Day Pot Luck 6 pm	Support Group 6:30 pm	Calorie Counters 8:45am	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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