



News for the Pews

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Barry's Blog

Loving One Another

Jesus said, "Love one another *as I have loved you.*" *As I have loved you...* With patience, forgiveness, forbearance, peace of spirit, and a willingness to take the bad with the good. Maybe Jesus had to tell us to do this because on our own we might not even try. We might give up. "**Love one another as I have loved you**" It is a commandment that is easier said than done

So how can we grow in our love for one another? Here are some practical suggestions.

- **Speak well of your church family...** Strive to always speak well of your church without using "*but language.*" "I really like my church, *but* my pastor isn't very friendly." "I appreciate the worship at my church, *but* I don't like a lot of the new songs the music director picks." The simple conjunction "*but*" cancels out everything positive you've said...
- **Learn to express your love to one another.** Speak loving and encouraging words to each other. Tell someone, "I love you." Or "I'm thinking about you," or "You are not alone, I'm here."
- Instead of just a handshake... **give them a hug.** (Something I am getting more comfortable with...)
- **Do a loving action toward someone who has hurt or offended you.** This will help free you from the bondage of bitterness. Choose to heal not hurt, Choose to bless instead of blister, Choose to care not criticize...

And if we do these things...If we put them into practice...Who knows what may happen?

Perhaps we will find a way to love one another, as Jesus has loved us... Jesus believed his disciples could do it.... And who knows, maybe he is right.

As you are reading this... I want you to recall a time this past week when you chose love. Perhaps it was looking out for the interests of a friend, or overlooking the slight of someone, or putting aside your own goals to help someone else achieve theirs, or simply taking time to be there for someone... Maybe it was a large act of love, or maybe it was much smaller. But each of us, I'd bet, did in fact "love one another" this past week...

Now, I want you to think about a situation over the last week or two where you found it difficult to love one another. Maybe it's been incredibly hard to forgive someone who has hurt you, or difficult to move beyond the disappointment caused by a family member, or something someone said that deeply hurt you...

I want you to remember both occasions... because the truth of the matter is that we do love, regularly, and we do fail, regularly. And church, I think, should be a place where we can give thanks for the former and pray about the latter.

Blessing,

Rev. Barry Doner



Creative Hands

For 2019 our focus will once again be on 'Mission'. We will be making Prayer Shawls, Chemo Caps, Baby Blankets, Twiddle Muffs, and winter hats, mitts and scarves, socks, for our Angel Tree. If you could donate money to purchase more yarn we would put it to good use.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us on Wednesdays from 1 - 3 pm. If you would like to learn to knit/crochet, or even just come out and join our fellowship and enjoy "tea at two".

Thanks,
Nancy & Muriel



Robbie Burns Night

Robbie Burns potluck was held on Wed. Jan. 23. Jim Lupton our Scottish laddie and Heather Doner posed for the camera.



Judy Bryans, Alex Boyter and Marilyn Schneider had decorated the meeting room for the occasion. Despite the nasty weather, just under 30 people enjoyed a tasty buffet.



A letter to the congregation of Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church

The support I have received from you, my church family, during Jim's lengthy illness has meant a lot to me and was a source of strength to me. It helped me carry on, especially this last while.

Jim was so happy to receive the cards from you and kept and cherished each one.

Thank you Rev. Barry for being there along this journey and helping put the service together yesterday. Your words were wonderful.

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful luncheon and to others for your constant encouragement and support - you know who you are.

It is in times like this, with God's guidance, I have realized how important it is to be a part of our church family.

God bless all of you. Bonnie Smith



Our CHURCH WBCPC ON THE MOVE



This is your/our year to be part of taking our church community to another level. We have grown a long way over the past few years. We have increased our focus on not just building our new expansion (how to), but also to beautify our existing building and grounds.

The focus in 2019 is:

- ✚ to **fill our pews**
- ✚ **beautify and utilize our outdoor sanctuaries, by design**
 - ⊗ **Octagon** (firepit & out-door meeting room, quiet place)
 - ⊗ **Botanical garden** (windbreak, Blue Spruce / property lines, White Spruce. (our very own congregational flower bed design and personal plantings.
 - ⊗ **Commemorative (memorial) tree plantings,**
 - ⊗ **Arbor** with patio to showcase our flower bed and encourage more use for special occasions, Weddings, family reunions etc.
- ✚ **full utilization of our property space** and taking full advantage of our amazing neighbors, *Ontario Provincial Park* – bike and walking trails, natural amphitheater, beaches; *Town of Wasaga Beach* - Beach front and the positive rebuilding of a viable best of summer playground; and our *hospitality neighbors* -

businesses that can use our support and have supported our church over these many years.

An exciting time in our lives, if we chose to make it so. As we believe in ourselves and you & your friends so we will achieve.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service	4	5	6 Creative hands 1 pm	7	8 Calorie Counters 8:45am	9
10 Communion Service 9:30 am Annual Meeting following service	11 Youth centre dinner	12 Congregational Life 9:30 am	13 Waterside Service 10:30 am Creative hands 1 pm Movie & Dessert 6 pm	14 Support Group 6:30 pm	15 Calorie Counters 8:45am	16
17 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service	18	19	20 Creative hands 1 pm	21 Board of Managers 6:30 pm	22 Calorie Counters 8:45am	23
24 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service	25 Session 5 pm	26	27 Creative hands 1 pm	28 Support Group 6:30 pm	Calorie Counters 8:45am	