



News for the Pews

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Barry's Blog

Spring Cleaning

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." – Matt.6:34

Spring is here... although, it would seem that someone forgot to tell the weathermen. 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 am a worrier, and I come from a long line of worriers, so I come by it naturally ☺.... 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 talking to a family who had just lost their brother to cancer

about 2 weeks ago at age 52, and also their mother died of cancer a month ago... They told me that they came to the beach every day to talk to them... While they are sad that they are gone, they told me that they now live every moment of every day as if it were their last.

Walking away that day, that encounter started unraveling in my head. Here I was with the weight of my imaginary world on my shoulders, yet I was walking on both feet with breath in my lungs, doing 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 left the office that day, 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. So I got in my van, turned on some music, and let a smile creep across my face as I began the work God has called me to... The day looked better already. I can't say that I completely understand how or why my life got so cluttered, but at least I know how to clean it up. And it may never be finished but as God continues to perfect the work He started, I can at least enjoy the journey.

Blessings,
Rev. Barry Doner



The Treblemakers

BLAST FROM THE PAST! 🎵

Featuring Cool Hits from the Fabulous Fifties!
With special guest Ray Dillard on percussion.



Sunday April 7
Two concerts
2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Freewill donations gratefully accepted



Chili Cook-off

Wednesday April 24th
6 pm

The cost is \$15.00, which includes melt in your mouth fresh rolls, real butter, salted and non-salt. **AND** a special **make your own favorite sundae** with a number of different hot sauces including chocolate fudge, and of course sprinkles.



Meaning of Membership

Excerpts from "Equipping For Eldership" by Don Muir, Associate Secretary, General Assembly Office. A PCC resource publication.

Membership in the Presbyterian Church begins with baptism whether as an infant or an adult. "Those who become members affirm their baptism by professing faith in the Trinity. Through vows, members renounce sin and turn to Jesus Christ in the



Word of God, celebrate Christ's death and life in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and engage in Christ's mission to the world.

Membership is a sign of God's profound grace that reaches out and invites us to be part of the Church. Membership is also a public demonstration of substantial commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ.

There are important expectations related to membership. Members are expected to attend

worship regularly, support the minister, submit to the care and authority of the session, comply with church law, take a lively interest in the ministry of the congregation and provide for that ministry through generous stewardship. (Book of Forms 139, 141, 155)

There are also important responsibilities related to membership. Members call a minister or approve the sale of church property, for example.

Members who have publicly declared Christian Faith and promised their support for the church, are granted the right and responsibility of serving as elders and electing elders. Women and men are ordained to share with the minister in the leadership, pastoral care and oversight of the congregation - both members and adherents. (Living Faith 7.2.4)

Making a profession of faith can be an important act of discipleship and a major step in a person's faith journey. The whole church is enriched when individuals grow in their understanding of Christianity and share more deeply in mission and ministry of Christ's church."

For more information on Church matters, membership and eldership, check out presbyterian.ca.

Heather Bostock, Elder, Clerk of Session



Creative Hands Looking for donations of wool.



The ladies have been so busy working on various projects that they are running out of wool. Please let Nancy Thatcher or Muriel MacTaggart know.



Thank you

We thank Elaine Galletta from Imagine Jewellery on Mosley St. for loaning the beautiful spring arrangement on our communion table.




Our CHURCH WBCPC
ON THE MOVE

Progress on our Serenity Garden

We know we are in a unique location, walking distance through the Park to the Beach, and Georgian Bay. Our focus is on building an Oasis in Wasaga, a Community Garden, open to our community and anyone who is visiting Wasaga Beach. A peaceful quiet place commemorating individuals and our community.



We meet on a weekly basis and the team consists of Bill Aiken, Terry Densmore, Larry Herron, Judy Huish (founder and board member of Wasaga Garden Club), Bonnie Smith, and Rev. Barry as chair. The intent is to table the final layout/plan at our Congregational Meeting our first Sunday in April and set up the following week-end in the Wasaga Beach Garden Show at the Rec-plex.

We will be looking to as many individuals as possible for input and ideas in the coming week to help in finalizing our presentation at the Congregational meeting.

Terry


“Just a Coffee”

Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church
“Every Monday morning at 9 am”



We all want to feel that we belong, but many people feel physically and emotionally isolated. To remedy this problem, we need to create a real sense of community, and one way to do that is to make sure we’re checking in with our people. A simple “How are you doing?” in the morning, a HUG, or a “How can I help you?” after a tough week, can go a long way toward helping us feel connected to each other.

“Both Tim Horton and McDonalds etc. have daily chat groups, where individuals come together to just

talk, no structure, other than sharing news, a personal story or just listening.”

How often have we felt like **that** would be good for me, what am I missing? Find out how the people in our congregation like to talk and then create an opportunity to naturally build relationships. Whether we talk about work or our personal lives, be present, be curious, and ask questions that show you’re listening.

The thought is to meet at the church every Monday morning from September to June to have a coffee or tea at 9am. Age is no barrier; an open conversation on life and church life. No agenda other than what could be improved fixed or left alone. Everyone in our Church family and visitors are encouraged to attend.

In good weather we could meet out side for our meetings from time to time.

Just a thought ☺
Terry


Meeting Room

Are you tired of dull, gray days? Take a walk downstairs to the meeting room for a breath of spring! Judy, with the help of an assistant decorator and three strong guys have brightened our coffee hour and other functions with lots of colour.



Thanks to Elizabeth M., Renee and their helpers, the kitchen and counters now look as bright, fresh and beautiful as the meeting room, halls and Rev. Barry's office. Such a group of talented and dedicated Presbyterians. What is next on the agenda?


Congregational Life Meeting

9:30 am Tuesday, April 9.
Come and help plan some exciting activities for the spring season.



Meat Pie Project

is planned for Thursday, May 9. This is a big fund raiser for our general account. Priced at \$4.50 each, turkey and minced beef (lean AAA) make a tasty dinner with a side salad and a veggie.

We need your help.... Approach friends, family, neighbours and help us sell at least 480 pies.

Order forms and duty sheets will be available in early April.

Note from the editor.

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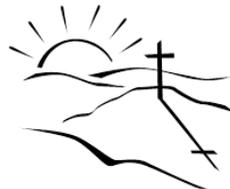
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Creative hands 1 pm	4	5 Calorie Counters 8:45am	6
7 Service 9:30 am Treblemakers Concert 2 pm and 7:30 pm	8 Youth centre dinner	9 Congregational Life 9:30 am	10 Waterside Service 10:30 am Creative hands 1 pm	11 Support Group 6:30 pm	12 Calorie Counters 8:45am	13
14 Palm Sunday Breakfast 8 am Service 9:30 am	15	16	17 Creative hands 1 pm	18 Board of Managers 6:30 pm	19 Good Friday Service 9:30 am	20
21 Beach Service 7 am Continental Breakfast Communion Service 9:30 am	22	23 Session 5 pm	24 Creative hands 1 pm Chilli Dinner 6 pm	25 Support Group 6:30 pm	26 Calorie Counters 8:45am	27
28 Service 9:30 am Tea & social following service	29	30				

