



# News for the Pews

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## Barry's Blog

### Wonderful Words of Life

Whether we are texting, posting on Facebook, Twitter, sending an email, talking on the phone or face to face, we all use words every day. On average, a person speaks between 10,000 to 20,000 words a day. That's a lot of words. With so many words coming out of our mouths all day long, its understandable that God puts a lot of importance on the words we speak.

Proverbs 18:21 says, ***"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences."*** That's a pretty strong statement on the importance of our words. What we learn from this verse is that words can either kill or nourish life.

Whether you're eighteen or eighty, you can probably recall the pain of someone's harsh words. Maybe you still hear the message from years ago, playing an endless loop in your mind, echoing inside you every day... *"You'll never amount to anything", "I never want to see you again."* Sometimes, we even say these words to ourselves, *"I'm so stupid!", "I'm not good at anything."* These words can be devastating, however, they can be offset by words of grace, hope, and love. The right words at the right time can be helpful, healing, and life-transforming.

I vividly remember a time when my son and I were driving someone home and the three of us were chatting along the way. We were talking about holidays and certain dates on the calendar, when Alex mentioned a date that wasn't exactly correct, so I corrected him. He responded, "That's right, I forgot...I'm so dumb!" The lady we were driving home immediately replied, "Alex, don't ever say

that! I don't want to hear that from you! You are smart! In fact, you may be the smartest kid I know!" Immediately, Alex's demeanor changed! With each encouraging statement, that woman lifted his spirits. The right words, at the right time.

Words are powerful beyond our imagination. Think about it. When God created the world, how did he do it? ***He spoke.*** God said, *"Let there be..."* and there was. Encouraging words can revive, heal, and change our lives. Negative words have the power to bind, imprison, and destroy. *Creative words create.* Destructive words destroy. *Hurtful words crush.* Helpful words build up. *Toxic words poison.* Soothing words heal.

We seem to always remember and internalize the negative words said to us... My hope is that you can also remember life-giving words spoken to you at the precise moment you needed them. Maybe someone told you, "I believe in you," and it was all you needed to move forward. It could've been someone saying, "I'm so proud of you," and their affirmation touched your soul.

Countless times throughout our day, when it comes to what we say, we have a choice to make. Every time we text, post on Facebook, or speak a word, we have the opportunity to speak words of life or words of death. Think back through the past few days... When you spoke to others, what did they hear? Are you speaking words of life?

Blessings, Rev. Barry Doner





As the new Clerk of Session, I would like to congratulate

Marilyn Schneider for her 15 years in this role. She is taking a well-deserved rest from this role in our church government. Marilyn has worked tirelessly for our church and we look forward to her continued involvement in our plans to move forward with expanding the church building and growing our church congregation. Thank you Marilyn!

Heather Bostock



### St. Patrick's Day Potluck

Come and join us for our fun filled St. Patrick's Day Pot luck. Please bring your favourite dish and your utensils.



Everyone is welcome.  
Wed. March 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm



### Our CHURCH WBCPC ON THE MOVE



What an exciting time for our church, we are quickly getting ready to take on 2019 with energy and focused activity targets. Our first major accomplishment is in the works, with Elizabeth McNabb and Renee Gibson, taking on the kitchen make-over. Totally worth it, an amazing effort and change.

Our Board of Managers has been working on the to-do list with their focus on the initiatives for our Green Spaces, as well as a number of external maintenance projects. Judy Harsh, who was a founding member of the Garden Club of Wasaga Beach has volunteered to work with our team in designing and implementing our overall plan. A number of us are working on a plan to engage our young people (Get Out Group) to work on the Octagon Project where the firepit is currently situated. We may also take a run at designing a new storage shed as well as a small outdoor chapel. The expectations are to develop a quiet space that gives a place to unwind, read a book, or just be. We have

forwarded our current documented plan for the Octagon and Green Space initiatives to the Presbyterian news "Connection" quarterly paper.

On the financial side we are working on creative ways to increase our fundraising results while bringing in new thoughts and ideas on how to do so without taxing our human resources. Looking forward over the next few weeks to seeing a number of these "thinking outside the box" ideas turned into working plans.

Further to financials, we are working to streamline our current processes. Our objective is to have the capability to easily and effectively report back to our congregation on a month by month & year to date compared to our past year.

Now for the big breaking news. Congregational Life will be hosting a new spring event. Instead of Lasagna we will be holding a **First Annual Greatest Chili Cook-off** on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

We will do our best to recruit our Specialty Judges for the critical tasting and judging. The cost of eating as much as possible is \$15.00, which includes melt in your mouth fresh rolls, real butter, salted and non-salt for those who do that. **AND** a special **make your own favorite sundae** with a number of different hot sauces including chocolate fudge, and of course sprinkles. Look for posters, and tickets in the next two weeks, Susan Henderson and her support team are leading this fund-raising event. (Susan has advised there will be prizes. YAY)



Terry



### Note from the editor.

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