



News for the Pews

The Newsletter for Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church

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Barry's Blog

Dear Friends,

It some ways, it seems like only yesterday that I began my ministry at WBCPC, and yet at other times, it feels so long ago. I remember the large contingent that followed me wherever I went... Preaching at a Presbytery meeting in Elmvale, looking out and seeing the front 3 pews filled with this congregation.... A full bus load traveling to Toronto to be at my Convocation ceremony,.. and a large group yet again, attending my Ordination at First Presbyterian Collingwood... And, of course my Induction service in the Beach, the love and support was overwhelming, and even today, brings a tear to my eye, and a smile to my face.

As I write this, I am remembering these words from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

*“For everything that happens in life—
there is a season, a right time for everything under
heaven:*

*A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a
time to collect the harvest;
A time to kill, a time to heal; a time to tear down, a
time to build up;
A time to cry, a time to laugh; a time to mourn, a
time to dance;
A time to scatter stones, a time to pile them up;
A time for a warm embrace, a time for keeping
your distance;
A time to search, a time to give up as lost; a time to
keep, a time to throw out;
A time to tear apart, a time to bind together; a time
to be quiet, a time to speak up;
A time to love, a time to hate; a time to go to war, a
time to make peace.”*

During 14 years together, we have probably experienced almost everything on the list. I remember the baptisms, weddings, funerals, VBCs,

PA Day Parties, Potluck Dinners, Scouting Sundays with Lightning Larry, Bible Studies, Coffee hour fellowship, and so much more!. I remember it all! There was some tearing down of old ideas and planting of new ideas, some disagreements and some resolutions, some mistakes and some forgiving, We have laughed together, and cried together, mourned and danced and ate way too much food! We have said goodbye to beloved members who have moved or passed away, and we have welcomed new people as well. We navigated our way through the difficult season of Covid together. I am especially grateful for Ruth Currie, whose music, energy and passion are incomparable! I am also grateful for Dave Williams, who so graciously gives of his time, talent and equipment to enhance our worship services. I am thankful for the many leaders in our church who serve so faithfully in many capacities to make things work.

Throughout it all, we have bonded and grown in wonderful ways while experiencing a great deal of mercy, grace, joy and love! The Lord has blessed us in more ways than we can count. The Lord has certainly been with us and has shown us that what we think is impossible, God makes possible.

I have always believed that a pastor is called to a particular place, for a particular time, with a particular purpose to a particular group of people in a particular community. We may have not accomplished everything that we had hoped for; yet still much was accomplished. The thing you need to remember is that you will always be a part of me and I will always be a part of you. Thank you for all of your patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity and love that you have shown me! You are a great group of people and I wish you all the best in this new season that you are about to begin. May you continue to grow in faith, hope and love, worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body and soul and remember to do everything for the glory of God! I will miss all of you deeply, and WBCPC will always hold a special place in my heart. God Bless you all!

Blessings, Rev. Barry Doner

Financial Update



Please pray about how each of us can help our Church to sustain its financial obligations. Would you consider signing up for PAR? This gives our church a more reliable income week to week. For those on PAR can you increase your giving's weekly? E-Transfer will soon be available for you to use as an option for giving.

Congregational Life

A Great Night was had at our Down East Kitchen Party!

An authentic Newfie dinner was enjoyed. Along with trivia, and even an official Screeching In ceremony with Rev. Barry being an official Newfoundlander. Thank you to Dave Williams, and all who were involved with the organization of the evening.



Creative Hands

Yes, we have started up again. This time around we are meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10 until noon. So far seven ladies have been joining us and we are almost finished with our first project (IZZY DOLLS). If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, we would love to see you. Our conversation is always lively and a cup of tea/coffee will make it worthwhile to join us.

For more information contact Nancy at (705)352-0630



PLANT SALE, BAKE SALE, MEAT PIE SALES



& MORE

at

*Wasaga Beach Community
Presbyterian Church*



208 Mosley St, Wasaga Beach

on

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm



- Plant Sale
- Meat Pies, Chicken Pot Pies
- Shepherd's Pies
- Crafts
- Baking
- Coffee Break



MEAT PIE PROJECT

The Meat Pie Project is in full swing, thanks to the efforts of a lot of people. We are making them usually on a Monday morning (at 9:30 am) or a Friday morning (at 10 am). If you are available and willing to learn (jobs include: sanitizing the tables, carving the letter C or M onto a partially frozen lid, putting the finished product into a pre labelled bag, stacking pies into the freezer) we would love to add you to our roster. We don't want to wear out our faithful few. Please contact either Nancy (705)352-0630 or Lee (705)-352-6936. And a continued thank you to those who have been assisting.



From the Media Booth

We have made some significant improvements to our in-house media system. This has greatly improved our interactive visibility as well as an enhanced yet simplified livestream outreach capability. Thank you to our generous donors, the Presbytery of Barrie, and Simcoe AV for bringing this much needed upgrade to fruition!



Celebrations

May Birthdays

Ivy Crann, Pat McKinley, George Hollema, Sylvia McLeod

May Anniversaries

Williard and Marie Henry, Roger and Sandra Barr



If you have an Anniversary in June or July please add it to our book at the back of the Sanctuary.



Some blasts from the Past

