

News 'n' Views of St. Timothy's



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WELCOME to the Spring 2014 issue of the St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church Newsletter!

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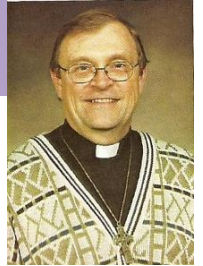
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ST TIMOTHY'S MISSION STATEMENT

We of St Timothy's as part of God's Family, gather together in the love of Christ to worship God and to celebrate, with joy, and thanksgiving, our faith in a caring, responsive and loving way. As individuals, we are willing to reach out with our gifts, talents and time to those around us as we share God's love through our actions and our words.

FROM THE MINISTER



For some reason Easter has become a time when candy is emphasized. I haven't Googled this or checked with Wikipedia so I'm guessing here. Perhaps it has to do with the season of Lent being a time of depriving oneself of treats. Perhaps it is an antidote to the bitterness of what we remember when we take the time to think of the events of Holy Week, particularly Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Perhaps it has to do with simple celebration and the sweetness of Jesus' victory over sin, Satan and death itself.

Chocolate is certainly a prime candy and I'm certainly glad it is! But candy eggs (whether they be chocolate or not) are very popular with eggs, of course, representing new life.

Jelly beans are also very popular treats to hide away for children to find. There are a couple of Jelly Bean Prayers (authors unknown) that I've amalgamated and share with you now. Please feel free to include jelly beans in your Easter stash and say the prayer for you and any little ones you know to hear and reflect upon:

Little jelly beans
Tell a story true.
A tale of Father's love
For me and for you.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.

Green is for the waving palms.
Pink is for the morning that comes.

Red is for precious wine.
Black is for the sin
He washed from your soul and mine.
Purple's for the sadness of
His family and His friends,
White is for the glory of the day
He rose again.

Now that you've heard the story
You know what each color means.
The story of God's love
Told by some jelly beans.

So every morning take a bean
They're really very yummy.
Something for the soul, you see
And something for the tummy.



Yours in Christ,

Dennis

Highlights of the Annual General Meeting

Sunday February 9, 2014

Written by L. June Stevenson (from notes of Ann Hopkins, Secretary)

St. Timothy's **Annual Meeting** was well attended this year. Interest in the affairs of our church by many members was rewarded with a warm soup luncheon on a cold day. The Rev. Dennis Cook, minister moderated the meeting and Ann Hopkins volunteered to do the minutes. The **Minutes of 2012** were moved by Donna Frankum, seconded by Richard Philpot and carried. **Group Reports** were received as printed.

John Hall and Frank Robinson agreed to remain as **Auditors** for 2014. A motion made last year that we approve the existing **Board of Managers** and give power to add if the opportunity comes resulted in the Board adding Richard Philpot to their membership during the year. Francine Terry and Michael Rehr stepped down. Paul Hamilton was not present at the meeting but has accepted being added to the Board.

The **Budget Committee** is comprised of the following: Paul Hamilton, David Rector, Bob Young, Rev. Dennis Cook, Donna Frankum, Lewis Holmes, Myra Darling, and Terry Nicholls. Richard Philpot was added.

Carol Ann Hall has agreed to carry on as the **Treasurer for Presbyterians Sharing...** and John Hall as **Presbyterian Record Secretary**.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Myra Darling with clarity and understandable detail. We met our **Budget** thanks to bequests transferred to the General Fund and use of Funds in the Memorial Fund. The Guild provided all of the Group Assistance in 2013. As well, rentals helped. We are looking to set up a duty roster to save expenses in 2014 (we do not have a custodian). The Church School is reusing the curriculum on a three-year rotation. The only foreseen expense is for Bibles for the older youth.

Organist Mark Stephens accepted a reduction in his salary for the summer months. Insurance will be paid monthly starting this year. The **Newsletter** will be emailed to those who have email and printed black and white for those who need a hardcopy. **Outreach** has been reduced to four times a year instead of monthly.* The Board of Managers letter asking for help paying our bills has had some responses. The bills for the elevator, Enbridge and others have been paid for by volunteers.

The 2013 **Actual Profit/Loss** statement was approved and carried, as was the **Budget** for 2014.

With regard to **Presbyterians Sharing...** we did not meet the allocated budget of \$9,500 for 2013. The shortfall was covered by the General Funds in the amount of \$600. The Presbytery has recommended an allocation of \$15,766. The Mission line on the offering envelope is for **Presbyterians Sharing...** It was moved by Richard Philpot and, seconded by John Hall that we accept an allocation of \$9,000 and if we exceed the allocation amount that it be forwarded to **Presbyterians Sharing...** and that we include a 10% guideline for 2014 so that if the General Funds are short by more than 10% that we do not cover the shortfall versus if we are less than 10% short of our General Fund budget we cover the shortfall to **Presbyterians Sharing...** if it exists and we review this process annually. The motion was carried.

It was moved that Myra make a monthly report on finances in our Sunday Bulletin.

The next annual general meeting will be held on Sunday February 8, 2015.

* The actual budget for Outreach was reduced to \$500 and the distribution of PACK to about four times a year.

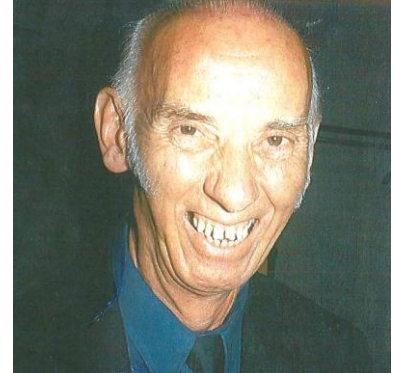
**Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change,
and when we are right, make us easy to live with.**

-Special thanks to Alice Stephens



Remembering Robert (Bob) Smith, The Candy Man

The sanctuary of St. Timothy's was filled to overflowing on Saturday, March 8, 2014 when a memorial service was held for long-time member, Robert Smith. Bob died on February 4, 2014 after he fell and broke his leg and died in ICU after two and a half weeks of complications with lung issues following pneumonia. Many friends, family and members of the congregation gathered to pay tribute to a man who gave much of himself to serve his church. Bob established a tradition of giving out candy to children at the Sunday service to make them feel welcome and cared for. This tradition led to the title, "The Candy Man." It has since been carried on by other caring members. The service was led by Rev. Dennis Cook with the assistance of the former minister Rev. Calvin Stone, Bob's son-in-law.



Calvin spoke about Bob's faith and how in death he gained more than he lost. He commented on how Bob's body was worn out by the many activities and sports he participated in over his lifetime and how active he had been socially and physically. Bob and his wife Margaret played badminton and tennis and had won many trophies in tournaments.

Bob and Margaret have five children: Carole Seens, Eileen Stone, Linda Smith, Janice O'Brien and Ross Smith; nine grandchildren and four step-children of Calvin's.

Robert was born in Glasgow in 1932 and emigrated to Canada in 1954, moving to Ajax in 1969. He worked as a Tool and Dye Designer, then was manager of the Design Department. His family however always came first. He was an elder at St. Timothy's for 19 years, a faithful visitor of members and shut-ins and in later years managed the video taping of services which was a great outreach to those unable to come to church. His presence in the church is already sorely missed.

- L. June Stevenson

Travelogue

Sunday March 23, 2014 a very tasty pot luck lunch was enjoyed before members were whisked off to Iceland. Richard and Sandy Philpot, who visited there last year, showed some highlights of their trip. Their power point presentation included glaciers, volcanoes, mud holes and very little vegetation or animal life. They did see some of "Santa's" reindeer who are spending the summer there.



Summer by the way was much in evidence because it never got dark while they were there. Richard passed around several natural articles like ash from Eyjafjallajökull and solidified lava; and Sandy was wearing a lovely pair of volcanic pearl earrings. From the ice and cold of the north, Don Stephens then swept us down to Panama where he and Alice took a cruise through the 100-year old canal.

Their photos helped us relax just seeing summer shorts and short-sleeved tops after the long cold winter here. It was amazing to see how close the cruise ships come to the side of the canal and how they are prevented from hitting the edges and being damaged.

Don described the process of going through the locks and how many ships were there when they went through. Panama City is a very modern place, geared to tourists. The scenery along the way showed the luxuriant growth of rain forests. Thanks to Karen Hamilton who organized the event. *I wonder where we will go next?*



- L. June Stevenson

The Easter symbols we love and their tie to Christianity

Being one of the holiest Christian festivals, Easter is associated with a host of traditional symbols and icons. Most of the Easter symbols pre-date Christianity and are remnants of ancient Pagan symbolism. Each of them is related to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ. Since Easter festival heralds the advent of spring, the symbols connected to it stand for fertility, purity and peace.

Easter Bunny



Since Easter coincides with the advent of spring season, the celebrations are very colourful. The Easter Bunny and the beautifully decorated eggs brought by the legendary character add to the colour and vibrancy of the festival. On the night before Easter, children eagerly wait for the furry bunny to bring coloured eggs and gift baskets filled with toys and chocolates for them.

Easter Eggs

Easter eggs have been acknowledged as a symbol of continuing life and fertility, since pre-Christian spring celebrations. Given as springtime gifts by the ancient Greeks, Persians and Chinese at their spring festivals, the Easter egg appears in Pagan mythology as well, where the Heaven and Earth were thought to have been formed from two halves of an egg.



Easter Lily



Among the multitude of spring flowers, the Easter white lily is the traditional Easter flower. The beautiful flower is considered the symbol of the Resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ, three days after his crucifixion. The large, pure white blooms of the Easter Lilies are symptomatic of the pure new life that comes through the Resurrection of Jesus.

Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns stand out from other Easter delicacies, for their typical flavour. A prominent Easter icon, hot cross bun is called so, because of the icing cross on the top of the bun, which reminds people of the Crucifixion of Jesus. Hot cross buns were first baked in England, to be served as the traditional Good Friday breakfast. Nowadays, they are served throughout the Easter season.



- Stephanie Randolph

There is a time©

It was time
The stem of the leaf slipped off the
branch
and drifted towards the earth
There is a time for everything
A time to let go
Nature knows.

There is a time to cling
The pear tree has not produced fruit in
twelve years
In spring little bulbs form on the branches
Sometimes they grow
Sometimes they are gone before summer
My husband says the squirrels eat them
I don't believe him
Last year he put glass bottles over the fruit
The fruit shriveled and
The bottles fell to the ground

Last year I counted over a dozen sturdy
fruit
We're going to have pears I danced in the
garden
When we returned from a holiday one lone
pear
Clung to a branch
In the morning it was gone
There is a time to cling
A time to come to fruition.
A time to face what is
The moment of truth

I don't know how to let go
I cling to old habits, old routines
Frightened that I will lose part of myself
If I retreat, withdraw
Scared that I will be an empty shell of my
former self
Who I was will no longer be defined
The glass bottle will fall off
And the tree will be bare.

L. June Stevenson

SUMMERTIME FUN AT ST. TIMOTHY'S!

MAY 31- St. Timothy's Annual Spring Garage Sale, Bake Sale, BBQ and Car Wash

Bring the entire family for some good eats and unique finds and leave with a clean car!
Donations and volunteers will be required.

JUNE 1 - St. Timothy's Sunday School Awards & Picnic

It's a St. Timothy's family affair that you will not want to miss!

JUNE 12 - Ajax Home Week

St. Timothy's will once again be participating in Ajax Home Week by hosting a BBQ at St. Timothy's on Thursday, June 12th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Grillers and other volunteers will be required!

