

Newsletter

It has been a busy summer at St John's United Church. We have had different speakers but I am glad now to tell you that we have a student supply minister for a few Sundays.

She is Megan Jones and we welcomed her last Sunday and she will be with us October 9th and 30th and again for the last 3 Sundays in November.

Norma Godbold will be with us October 16th for our anniversary and again on October 23rd. Rowland Fleming will be our speaker on November 6th and will give the presentation that he gave at All Saints Church in Collingwood earlier.

Your stewards and elders have met, had a lot of fun and seriously discussed church business.

Look for a new sign outside the church, and a new window in the kitchen. There are new fire extinguishers throughout the building and the heat for all functions is very welcoming.

The sanctuary hosts Penelope Dale's choir practice each Thursday afternoon and the fellowship hall will be home to showers and family gatherings throughout the fall and winter.

St John's gals once again sponsored another very successful fowl supper on Saturday night and thanks to everyone who brought food and helped. It is all very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Ellen Whitley's granddaughter, Hannah who placed 4th in an international skating competition in Czech Republic with her partner Elliott Graham and at the time of this writing, I have not heard how this team did in Estonia this past weekend.

Sympathy goes to Ellen who lost her brother Jim in September and to Bob and Betty Stephenson on the death of Bob's brother Ken., and to all who have lost loved ones.

Some of our folk have celebrated anniversaries lately-namely Dennis and Joan Millsap for one couple-congratulations to them and to Milton and Marion McArthur who will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on Oct 27and to everyone who have celebrated lately.

We are glad to hear that Tom Montgomery is recuperating well after his surgery. Our thoughts and prayers go to Rev David Black who is recovering at home after an illness and to Ron Mac Donald who faces surgery soon also to Lynn Bell's aunt who has been very suddenly become very ill. This lady is the sister of the late Glen Eagle who once was minister at St John's.

We were very pleased to receive Iver McPherson into the family of God through the sacrament of Baptism. Iver and his parents, Daniel and Andrea, came all the way from Olds Alberta to visit Grandpa and Grandma,Jim and Dawn McPherson. Daniel considers St John's his home church where he grew up attending service.

St John's Gals will again be sponsoring the Christmas Tree so if you can,please tie a gift card or bring a gift tied in a white bag to put under the tree. These gifts will be distributed through Lorna May of St Luke's Church as were last year's gifts. I for one was thanked by one of these recipients and it is good to know that they are appreciated. The church was able to give a family in need some emergency help earlier this fall through the emergency fund that is in place .Donations to that fund can be given by anyone but must flow through the church financial books for a receipt to be issued.

The new piano makes beautiful sounds and we again thank Mary Boyd and Ellen Whitley for their gift of music and leadership.

This week-end we will give thanks for the many blessings we have and enjoy family gatherings.

Let us enjoy every day and be thankful.

Sincerely
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