



From the Pastor's Desk:

In the Gospel of Mark, we read that Jesus got up very early, and went to a solitary place to pray. (Mark 1:35)

Do you have a solitary place in your home or neighbourhood that you like to pray? When I lived in Owen Sound, I rented an apartment on the back of an old house near a beautiful park named Harrison Park. This park was several miles long and even had a paved drive called the mile drive. It had a river running through it and it was a lovely place. Often, on days off I would rise early when few were up and go on a long walk all the way around the park and around the area adjacent to the park.

I would see all of God's creation, the water, the leaves as they turned, the birds, and even the swans that were there. Always it felt as if it was a "sanctuary" a place of worship. A place where one could spend time in prayer. On these walks, I would pray sometimes, or even sing. I often felt very close to God. How do you create or capture a place where you feel close to God? A place of "solitude" where you can withdraw from the world and pray. It is not easy in our world to find a place like that.

Jesus reminds us that sometimes we must leave the world behind and go to a place of "solitude". Do you have a corner in a room where you can sit, and pray or read the bible? It is important to cultivate these places of solitude, prayer and bible study.

Do you often find it difficult to read the Bible?

As you read God's word try asking yourself three questions?

1. What does the passage say? Read it at least once and, if necessary, read it in another translation.
2. What does it mean? What did it mean to the person who first wrote it and those who first read it?
3. How does it apply to me, my family, my work, my retirement, my neighbors and the society around me?

This is the most important stage. It is when we see the relevance to our own lives that Bible reading becomes so exciting and we hear God's voice.

I hope as we study the book of Colossians, you will read it for yourself and ask the three questions. As we explore God's word, in the weeks ahead may we grow stronger in the faith and more deeply rooted.

Pastor,  
Marvann Turcott.

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

- Monday, Dec. 1: 7:00 p.m. CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMM.[Parlour]
- Tuesday, Dec. 2: 7:15 p.m. QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING [Assembly Rm]
- Wednesday, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. ADMINISTRATION COMM [Parlour]
- Saturday, Dec.6: 8:00 a.m. BETHANY MEN'S breakfast [Assembly Rm]

**STUDY GROUP**

Sundays 7:00 p.m. [Sanctuary] with Rob Campbell & Bonnie Hunter

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**BETHANY NEWSLETTER AD COSTS**

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- ½ page costs \$20.00 per month
- Full page costs \$40.00 per month

**LEAVES WANTED**

Leaves make great mulch and compost for Bethany's Community Organic Gardens. Please empty your bags of clean (undiseased) leaves and clippings in the leaf enclosure behind Centrepointhe House, then you can take your bags home and re-use them.

**NEWS FROM THE ALBINETS**

To see a recent prayer letter from the Albinets, check the bulletin board in the lower hall.

**WORLD VIEW**

Saturday, November 29 7:30 p.m.  
Discovering Croatia: Views from land and sea with Sholto Cole



Church Family News #1

**Sympathies:**

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Ann McCausland on the recent passing of her sister.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Lorna McFarlane and family on the passing of her husband, Bev, on Sunday, Sept. 28. A memorial service was held from Bethany on Friday, October 3. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Love and Thank you's!**

McFarlane Families Thank Bethany for Loving Care & Prayers. Since July we have struggled with Bev's declining health. Prayers came from as far away as Chatham, Peterborough and Texas. We knew we were surrounded, and uplifted but the personal prayers came from Bethany, the Prayer Chain and many other church people right before our eyes. Pastor Maryann came to the hospital frequently, and Bev remarked how comforting her visits and prayers were. It was a strange and different journey for Bev, but he willingly listened and received.

All of this had a great impact on Bev, who has not experienced "church family". Why? he would ask. "Because in times of great stress we turn our minds and hearts to God, asking for the "greatest good" that is meant to be for you. Everyone who knows your needs will do that."

I was with him through his last night. He could not speak, but could move his head. "This is your greatest good. Watch for the white light". He nodded that he understood. He slipped away peacefully.

I Thank You ALL for your love and Prayers, also my Thanks to Pastor Maryann for her strong support.

Bev asked for his service to be held at Bethany. Yes, he wanted Maryann, but he also wanted Fred Demaray, and Jenny Deek who both participated in our wedding in 1999!

BLESSINGS & THANKS TO ALL MY CHURCH FAMILY

Lorna Frears McFarlane

I would like to say a special thank you, to my Bethany Family, for the thoughts, prayers, cards, food, visits and telephone calls during my surgery and recovery.

It is wonderful to belong to a caring church like Bethany. Thank you one and all. God Bless each and everyone.

Love,  
Lois Sanford

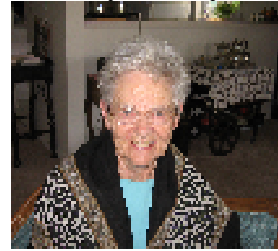
Melissa had our new baby girl on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:34 p.m. *Olivia Lucy Spicer* was 7lbs 10oz and 20.5 inches long at birth. Both are doing well.

Blessings,  
Rob Spicer

We wish to extend God's blessings on *Ray Albert* and *Betty Smith* who were married Saturday, September 27 at Bethany Baptist.

**KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS**

**Dorothy Anstey – Moore**



Dorothy was born in Peterborough. She attended school in Peterborough, even after moving to a farm north of the city. She also attended Peterborough Teachers College after high school. She was a member of Gilmore Baptist Church.

Her first teaching job was near Lindsay in a one-room school house. Then she moved to Toronto where she taught only one grade.

On a neighbouring farm lived Jim Moore. After completing his education, he went to work in Toronto. Jim and Dorothy were married in 1948. Dorothy, then a married woman had to stop teaching.

Jim was transferred to Ottawa. He worked in Public Relations for the 4-H clubs across Canada. His job entailed a lot of travelling, so Dorothy was a stay-at-home mom to her children, John and Louise. They moved to a farm outside Richmond, Ontario as they both loved the country. They remained on the farm for forty years.

When Louise was ready for kindergarten, Dorothy went to Bells Corner's Public School offering to help in the kindergarten class. Soon she was teaching kindergarten and taking university courses part-time. She then went to Carleton University full-time and obtained her degree. She taught for nearly thirty years. She has four grandchildren.

Her husband, Jim Moore died in January 2000 only three months after they moved to Crystal Lodge. She met and married Tom Anstey in 2001. They had four wonderful years together & travelled extensively. Shortly after moving to Crystal Lodge she started attending Bethany, which she found to be a friendly, caring and accepting church. Dorothy big passion is gardening which began in childhood in the 4-H Gardening Club. How very fortunate we are to have Dorothy involved with our own children at Bethany in our Green Thumb Club every summer. She still grows vegetables and flowers around her home. Dorothy is also very interested in Missions, and is a member of our Christian Education, Missions and Outreach Commission and Bethany Baptist Women. We thank you Dorothy, for all you are and all you do.

Submitted by Donna Stairs



**NOVEMBER IS MISSIONS MONTH**

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation”(Mark 16:15)

In November we will have several mission opportunities starting with:

Mission Sunday on November 9

With special guests Jim & Diane McBeth<sup>th</sup>



(Jim McBeth, their son, Pedrito, Diane McBeth)

Jim and Diane McBeth were appointed by CBM in February of 2004 for service in Angola. They will come and share with us about their ministry in Angola during the 10:00 service and stay for an informal reception in the gym.

**Mission Opportunities during November:**

- 1) The new CBM gift catalogue will be available in the narthex
- 2) On Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> the Angel Tree will be in the Narthex and people are encouraged to buy a gift for a child spending between \$15.00 to \$20.00
- 3) We will be collecting supplies for the Ottawa Mission.
- 4) We are encouraging people to learn about the Matthew 25:35 ministry.

**RESEAU MATTHIEU 2535/ MATTHEW 2535 NETWORK**

Opportunity to assist newly arrived refugees

**Mission Statement:**

Réseau Matthieu 2535/Matthew 2535 Network facilitates cooperation and mutual support between churches, organizations and other resource providers to assist the refugee community of the Capital Region.

**Vision Statement:**

We will encourage a Christ-like welcome by being the presence of Christ among the refugee community of the Capital Region.

One way to participate in the network is by donating: gently used furniture(especially dressers, kitchen table & chairs, and sofas), dishes, kitchen utensils, cutlery, etc. towels, sheets, and dish towels.

**URGENTLY NEEDED: STORAGE SPACE FOR LARGER ITEMS LIKE FURNITURE & DISHES. WINTER IS COMING AND WE NEED A GARAGE, OR AN ENCLOSED AREA OF SOME KIND.**

Call: Al Turcott at 613 - 823 - 7721

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

On behalf of the Congregational Life Commission I would like to thank Gertrude Kurtziel , Alice Ristow and Peter Kurtziel for decorating the Church for Thanksgiving. It was beautiful.

Our committee is still having a celebration cake once a month for birthdays, anniversaries or any other happy moments in the month . If you have any of the above please let us know.

We are also looking at getting a few new banners for the Church walls, Our banners for Lent will be put up again. Christmas will soon be here and we will be doing Christmas Hampers. We will also be putting up a Angel Tree at the end of November. WATCH FOR IT! Will inform you more of this next month.

The International Luncheon will not be held at this time, maybe at a later date.

Congregational Life committee consists of Nellie Warren, Lorna Mizner, Bernice Sceviour, Jim Lamb, Gail Gower, Wilma Martinuk and Daizie Williamson.

**SOS PROGRAM - OTTAWA**

**Survivors of Suicide** is a 10 week peer support group program designed to help people whose lives have been touched by a suicide death.

The Facilitators are trained to lead small groups, and all are themselves survivors. The grief of a suicide death is shocking and difficult to work through. This support group has been functioning since 2001 with quiet success.

This group has found a home base at Bethany, and begins on Monday, evenings, October 20<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Fall Group has 5 participants, 2 trainees, and 2 facilitators.

We are a Not-for-Profit organization, but we have no charitable status as yet. For more information or to make a sponsorship donation, please contact **Lorna McFarlane**. at Church or at Home **613-692-1008**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Laura Leben (hospital); Anastasia Savage (health); Terry (Keith Bedal's son - health); Barry Drefke (health); Kenneth Drefke (health); Jean Lamb (health); Margaret (Vince Clark's sister in Nova Scotia - health); John Symons, a former Bethany Pastor (health concerns); David; Neil - a young man in prison; Hugh - a troubled young man; Evelyn Casey; Victor; Bruce & Horst (friends of Sue Duff - health concerns); Jonathan (friend of Sue Duff - family) and our Partners-in-Mission - the Albinets. Shut-Ins: Marjorie Allaby, Marjorie Johnson, Fran Marshall, Harold Moodie, Winnifred Taylor & Celesta Willman.



## CREATION CARE CORNER

### The Green Team

Bethany now has an official "Green Team", endorsed by the Administration Commission and affiliated with the Greening Sacred Spaces program that is sponsored by Faith and the Common Good. The founding members of Bethany's Green Team are Connie Halderson (Administration Commission), Tony Halisky, Bob Sutcliffe, and Isobel McGregor (coordinator). Many thanks to Moe (Morris) Wright who attended our first meeting on Oct. 20 and inspired us with a comprehensive overview of how the Green Team of Glen Cairn United Church got organized and what they accomplished in just one year.

To learn more, come to the Green Team elective in the Assembly room on Sunday, Nov. 2, following the service. Local organic refreshments will be served. There may be some of Bethany's better berry organic pies on sale. You can order your favourite by calling Alice Ristow (224-2474). There's mulberry, raspberry, elderberry, bumbleberry, apple and pumpkin pies to chose from.

Bethany already has a city-wide reputation for being the greenest church on the Ottawa block when it comes to outside maintenance, with our active Greening Group, Community Organic Gardens, Green Thumb Club, no pesticide policy, fruit producing orchard and shrub belts, and water conserving rock gardens. As the "Going Green Quiz for Churches" shows (see page ), we have already made strides in making our building and services more Earth-friendly and money-saving but there's much more we can do, and, as we learned from Moe, we can have fun doing it!

### Earthkeeping

Earthkeeping- guarding and protecting the Earth from injury- entails vigilant watchfulness like that of a gatekeeper, and passionate care like that of a housekeeper. Called by God to keep the Earth our home in this protective spirit (Genes 2:15) , humankind is the infinite Creator's finite but chosen partner in the divine-human work of care for the creation.

- from a report by the Work Group on Ecology from The Alliance of Baptists

## CREATION CARE CORNER <sup>contd</sup>

### Going Green Quiz for Churches

"Churches are waking up to the fact that practicing environmental responsibility are moral issues- with the fate of the planet and all its inhabitants in the balance."

From the 2008 Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) Conference Guidebook

Check off which of the following suggestions are already being done at Bethany, and bring this list to the Green Team elective on Nov. 2.

1. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
2. Clean and replace air filters regularly.
3. Have the church do an "energy audit" to see if energy (and money) can be conserved.
4. Wrap the church's hot water heater in insulation and turn it down to 48C.
5. Unplug electronics that are not in use.
6. Institute recycling programs (particularly paper).
7. Recycle toner, ink cartridges, batteries, and other by-products from office machines.
8. Reduce the size of bulletins and use recycled paper.
9. Consider making newsletters electronic.
10. Create a garden area- plant trees, create wildlife habitats.
11. Reduce or eliminate harmful chemicals used in lawn and churchyard maintenance.
12. See if green power is available in your area.
13. Use locally grown and produced foods for snacks, dinners and communion.
14. Have congregants bring their own plates, cups and silverware to dinners at the church (or provide real plates, cups, silverware to reduce/eliminate the use of paper, plastic and Styrofoam.
15. Use ceramic coffee mugs during coffee hour - have people wash their own or designate someone to wash them.
16. Use permanent coffee filters.
17. Suggest church members carpool or take public transit where available (to church and elsewhere.)
18. Do more local missions - long car or plane trips are harmful to the environment.
19. Compost leaves and other organic waste (e.g. food scraps.)
20. Consider green options when building or renovating - choose non-toxic paint, carpeting, and fabrics.
21. Use non-toxic cleaning products.
22. Use organic fair trade coffee and tea.
23. Turn off all unnecessary lights.
24. Set air conditioner thermostat high(25C) in summer and furnace thermostat low (18C of 20C in winter.)

Bethany's score - August 2008 = 15 out of 25 = 60%. Lets see if we can make our score even better by August, 2009.



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**Non-Electronic submissions**  
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## From the Editor ...



I have only received one request for an email copy of the Newsletter. I can send it in Word. Are there others willing to get the Newsletter by email?

Please contact me if you are interested in emails.

Thank you  
Jim Lamb  
Editor.