

**NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017**

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**UXBRADGE BAPTIST - Julia Ott**

We are encouraged by *vibrant* testimonies from the Heart to Heart mission teams to Fort Hope, Pikangikum, and Weagamow on what God is doing to make connections with all ages using sports, crafts, construction and conversation, to heal brokenness through the Groups of Hope, and to equip through Parenting and Marriage Workshops. We pray as the ministry carries on more locally at Curve Lake, that all the planted seeds would grow and flourish.\* Celebrate Recovery opens its doors June 15. \*Proclamation 2017, a reading of the complete Bible, kicks off that morning & will continue through the churches, culminating on Sunday June 25, when the Uxbridge Churches will gather at Elgin Park for "ONE," an Uxbridge Community Church Service. There will be a BBQ and games, following the service. \*Pastor Dale and Linda Dawson are on sabbatical and we pray God's blessings and protection as they go.\* REDEMPTION will be Sunday June 25, at 7 pm.\*We welcome our summer interns, Brittany and Justin, whose schedule is filling up with events that they will support and initiate, including our VBS "Maker Fun Factory" from July 10-14.

**CAMPBELLFORD BAPTIST – Dawn Conium**

Busy Bee volunteers are in full swing and hard at work at this year's best ever yard sale, which runs every Thurs.-Sat. 9 am to 4 p.m. -mid-October. What a blessing to be able to reach out to our community in this way. There have been so many items donated from the surrounding area; the furniture items

hardly touch the pavement before eager buyers swoop up the great deals. God bless the volunteers for their faithfulness. If you're in the area, come have a look-see. / For some great church fellowship, our Women's Ministry has planned a "Shared Blessing Lunch" and Strawberry Social on June 20<sup>th</sup>. / We have a Family Picnic planned on June 25<sup>th</sup>, which brings out appetizing and creative potluck contributions, including lots of games, and ice cream for all ages. / For part of the summer we have a 10:00 am "Men Living Up" Bible, and at 1:30 pm a Bible study of 1 Peter./ Our Vacation Bible School for this summer (July 24 – July 28) is "Maker Fun Factory, Created by God study, Built for a Purpose." The VBS kids will enjoy creative games, surprising adventures and lip-smacking snacks, to name a few, with all the focus building on the solid foundation, our Creator! To assist parents with signing up their children for this week of fun, we have set up an easy registration form on our website. / Speaking of websites, our very own Webmaster keeps the site up to date with calendar events and weekly sermons. [www.campbellfordbaptist.org](http://www.campbellfordbaptist.org). / Our 133<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated on Oct. 15, 2017 with Rev. Tim McCoy, Executive Minister of CBOQ as our guest preacher during our morning service at 9:45 am, and with the gospel group, "Raw Gospel" singing at our evening service at 6:00pm.

**EDDYSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH - Julie McKenzie.**

With sadness, yet with joy, our church family has said goodbye to a very dear lady, Jean Niezen, wife of Hiddo, she is dearly missed. MAY 19: an evening of song, featuring Hal Allison, Cobourg - song requests and songs from the 1920's to present. This was an evening to help celebrate both Canada's 150th and our Church's 160th. Many of our church family "dressed up" in different eras. After the sing, pie, pie, and more pie was served! What a great time.

JUNE 26: an evening recital of harps and vocals by students of Elizabeth Barlow - they love the acoustics of the sanctuary.

SUN. June 11: the Gideons were represented by Ron Shutt - he gave a testimony along with run-down of what the Gideons have done, and what they plan to do. SUN. June 18: Decoration Day for our Church cemetery. FIRST time since the 1960's that our Church has not held a Strawberry Supper. SUN. Sept. 10: our church Anniversary, "celebrating 160 years of service". Once again, many of our church family are hoping to dress-up for the occasion (many thanks to Barb Clarkson, Centreton, and her daughter, Brenda, for loaning out so much of the vintage clothing). PRAYERS: for ALL churches. Some are struggling, some rising up", some thriving, BUT ALL are under attack. Our trust is in the Lord!

#### **VICTORIA AVENUE - Belleville – Ruth Webber**

We were privileged to hear Rev. Dr. David Smith preach at the Induction of Richard - his son and our new minister - on April 30th. The family is happily established and sharing wonderful ideas \*On June 2nd, a concert - "The Robes of Joseph" was presented by our string group and friends under the leadership of Linda Minty.\*There have been ongoing group meetings along with Mother's Day and Father's Day Family breakfasts, a Creative Fun Evening with a local Art Group. The Prayer group and Thurs. Bible Study will continue for the summer. Activities are planned for July in the community and at a members farm.\*On June 25th we are participating in a SWOT analysis Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats - to honestly look at ourselves and how we can "Grow the Kingdom of God" in our church and mission. The programme will be led by Dr. David Smith and the results will be accessed by the Board of Deacons.\*The Night Light Mission continue to use our facility to assist the marginalized in Belleville find a safe place to share God's love and other basic needs.\*A long time member, Mrs Carol Soble, died on June 11th - she leaves a great legacy as both her sons, Wayne (Dr. Jean Stairs) and Dale (Susan) went into ministry and daughter, Elsie,(Dr. Gordon) is active in her

church and Missions.. Our sympathy to the extended family.

#### **CALVARY BAPTIST COBUURG – Karen Bellamy**

Pastor Clarke just completed a fascinating sermon series, "Investigating the Evidence for Jesus", based on Jim Warner Wallace's book "Cold Case Christianity". He shared the expert detective skills that led Wallace from atheism to becoming a firm believer in Christ, and how we can better understand the 'evidence' for Christ as it applies to our own lives and our witness.\*We celebrated Mothers' Day by kicking off the Beginnings Family Services Baby Bottle Campaign. Beginnings is dedicated to building and supporting families by providing services related to pregnancy and adoption. Bottles were distributed to be filled with change and returned on Fathers' Day. Our H.O.P.E. fund will also support Beginnings during this time.\*Much hard work has gone on behind the scenes this spring as our members have been updating our constitution, child safety policy and fire and security system. Our Property and Facilities crew have been busy with a "sprucing up" project which culminated in a spring purge and clean up on June 10. We will have a yard sale on July 15<sup>th</sup>.\*Our diligent ladies knitting group recently sent another shipment of baby hats to Mexico before breaking for the summer.\*Our Missions and Outreach Committee has begun collecting used Christian literature to be sent to Christian Salvage Mission for distribution overseas to pastors, students and churches.\*On June 3<sup>rd</sup> a number of our women attended and enjoyed the TVA Spring Rally.\*On June 11th we welcomed special guests Cheyne and Catherine Hosking visiting from New Zealand. Cheyne spoke about their work with Youth with a Mission (YWAM), providing discipleship training and outreach in New Zealand and Vanuatu. He shared inspiring stories of faith and miracles they have experienced as they have shared Christ with those in need.\*On June 13<sup>th</sup> the CBC Ladies gathered for a special luncheon at the Buttermilk Café.\*We thank our choir for their hard work on a

wonderful year of music and anthems \*We also thank those who have provided our delicious soup lunches this year.\*We look forward to starting the summer off with our annual barbecue on June 25th. We wish everyone a safe and blessed summer.

### **GILMOUR MEMORIAL – Brenda Mann**

Spring at Gilmour has been filled with signs of new life! We celebrated Pastor Ben and Amy and family refreshed after a seven week sabbatical; two women safely back from an inspiring She Matters 3 STM trip to Rwanda; a team walking for Brock Street Mission in "The Coldest Night of the Year"; a team participating in One Million Meals, packaging nutritious meal packages for use in Northern Canada with two fund raisers - Sunday Sundaes and Benefit Concert by Heather Knechtel to support the cost of making those 2500 meals; a Soup and Games night; "A Night to Remember" as we honored our seniors; two baptismal services of six believers in May and June; five babies expected this summer; a Breast Health Awareness seminar; a Newcomer's Lunch; a "For the Fun of It" afternoon sponsored by our youth; and continued Days for Girl's sewing bees and numerous regular bible studies and meals together. Looking ahead we invite you to join us for a live stream event "Understanding and Answering Atheism" on Fri. June 23: 6-9 pm and Sat. June 24: 9-4:30 am; our Sunday School Picnic on July 9th and our VBS "Maker Fun Factory" Aug. 14-18. We are thankful and excited to have two summer students to be a part of our ministry and outreach this summer. We look forward to abundant crops as some of our farm families will be growing grain for the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

### **FIRST BAPTIST, OSHAWA – Glenn Wyper**

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> we were visited by the Mennonite & Christian Peacemaker Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights walkers. 600 km trek from Kitchener to Ottawa. We prepared

food for them on the Sat. Games were played Conversations about the object of the pilgrimage were engaged in. The most were on their way to the nation's capital. But a number stayed at our church to tell of the purpose of the walk: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). The Declaration provides the foundation for healing relationships. Of special interest, during service was 87year old Henry Neufeld playing on his drum & singing Christian faith songs in English & the Ojibway walkers stayed with us overnight on the 29<sup>th</sup>

### **CAMP BURBALAC – Judy Anderson**

Camp Burbalac opened June 29 for the 2017 season. Board members and seasonal campers have been working to improve the camp for this summer's camping. Some trees were removed for safety and for improved accessibility. On Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday year, Camp Burbalac is offering free camping on the group site to youth groups and their chaperones. Please contact the camp manager at 705 654 4094 for details and to make reservations. Other activities planned include ribfest July 22; regatta and pancake breakfast Aug 5 & 6; corn roast Aug 12; camper's general meeting and potluck lunch Aug 27; closing service Sept 3. A mini library will be running this summer. Newer Christian adult and children's books are needed. The camp is in need of a newer, more powerful laptop to run music for chapel services. Perhaps you are upgrading and have one to donate. Please pray for the camp. The Board thanks all who have been supporting Burbalac in prayer and financially. Come visit and enjoy this special corner of God's creation.

### **LAKEFIELD BAPTIST – Joanne Anderson**

We were so privileged to host the CBM Cheryl Bear concert last week. Cheryl Bear is CBM's spokeswoman for the 'She Matters 4' campaign, which is focused on Indigenous women's issues. Our committee was able to get to know Cheryl over

dinner. She is very personable and fully committed to the Lord. What a wonderful message of inclusion she brought to our community. Brenda Halk, CBM's Senior Associate of Strategic Projects, shared a slide show on the 'She Matters' projects.\*We are gearing up for an energetic and busy summer. Liam Rosborough will be working as a youth assistant for the summer. He will help with the 4 day camps we have planned as well as other assignments over the next two months. James and Shafawn Pinn were our delegates for CBOQ Assembly. We are blessed to have this young couple, who are such a vital part of our church, represent us at the conference. We welcome our cottage country summer visitors who worship with us each year. Our Monthly Senior lunch ended with a salad and strawberry social. We will start these lunches again in September. Blessings to all of our sister churches for a safe summer with lots of "God moments".

#### **MURRAY STREET – Catherine Allen**

June is slipping by and so is our time with Interim Pastor Dr. Charles Jackson. He and Dorothy have been such a Blessing to our congregation. We thank them most sincerely for all their contributions to our church life over the past 18 months. Our new Pastor Rev. Brad Peters will begin in August. The Peters have 2 teenagers. We are so looking forward to getting to know the 4 of them and to Brad's Ministry amongst us. \* Spring is always busy at Murray St. with many events supporting our Outreach "She Matters 3". \* Our Baptist Women have hosted 2 Bridal Showers recently: Maggie Soble was married in May, and Daniel Freestone, our Interim Outreach Worker is being married in early July. We wish God's Blessings on all 4 as they begin their married journeys together.

"Walk with me, I will walk with you, and build the land  
that God has planned where love shines through"

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**\*TVA Baptist Women Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> @ Gilmour Memorial  
With Rev. Andrea Cambridge (CBWOQ)  
"Where are They Now?"  
(re-connecting with women from our churches)  
9 a.m. Registration, Coffee & Muffins  
\*TVA Fall Meeting @ Murray St. Sat. Oct. 28th**

**TRENTVALLEY ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES**