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Fall Issue

## Fond Greetings from Heather

I'm delighted to be part of such a bustling and thriving church community with all of its many activities ...past, present, and future.

As we move into autumn, please plan to join us in the 165th anniversary celebrations at St. Andrew's with Barby Butts as our Guest Speaker. Barby, a vivacious nurse who hails from Kitchener, spent two weeks in July in a remote part of Africa volunteering her time and talents to the people there. Her story is a marvellous one: a combination of courage, faith, and adventure. I know you will want to hear all about it. Anniversary worship is Sunday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow the service and you will have an opportunity to meet Barby. I hope to see you there and at all of the other services and activities included in this newsletter.

*Heather*

## Preparing for Heather's Retirement

Heather will be retiring on June 30, 2008. A Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) has been appointed to prepare for the selection of a new minister. This committee includes two members from Presbytery, six members from St. Andrew's and three members from Zion. The committee will: write profiles of the churches, the area and the pastoral charge; document the human and financial resources that exist; provide an assessment of future needs; define the skills required for a new minister; and set up the terms to be included in an offer of employment. The JNAC committee will meet monthly for 1 year to conduct its work. A second committee will be appointed to select and recruit a new minister.

## Celebrating Success

### *Happy Campers Another Great Church Camp*

Church Camp was another huge success this year. The Theme was "God's Awesome Village" - the awesome village of course being Pakenham.

The children learned the history of our beautiful hamlet, enjoyed many guest speakers from the past and present, learned a new song—written by our senior choir director Barb Armstrong—and toured the village on a horse drawn wagon. And, Dave and Kay Snedden taught the children how to square dance in the finest Pakenham tradition.

The pièce de résistance however, was two large murals of our village painted by the children with help from local artist Jane Morrisette. These paintings depict the Pakenham landscape at its founding and in the 1950's. They will hang on the outside wall of the Five Span Feed & Seed for all to see as they cross the historic five-span bridge.

Congratulations to all who helped make Church Camp such a success and so much fun!



## Upcoming Events



### **World Wide Communion**

Sun. 02 Oct.

### **Thanksgiving**

Sun. 09 Oct.

### **Anniversary Sunday**

*Guest Speaker Barbara Butts*

Sun. 16 Oct.

Come and enjoy a Pot Luck Lunch and service with Barbara Butts. A - K please brings sandwiches; L to Z desserts.

### **Decorated Pumpkins for Sale** *Our Sunday School Children*



*Hard at Work*

Sun. 23 Oct.

Support our children and enjoy coffee and muffins with them before service as they raise money for the Foodgrains Bank.

### **Stairwell Carolers**

*Hosted by the Senior Choir*

Sat. 26 Nov.

7:30 p.m.

The Stairwell Carolers will honour us with their first concert

of the Christmas Season. Tickets are available from members of the senior choir for \$10.

### **Santa Claus Parade**

*Our Sunday School Entry*

Sat. 03 Dec.

1:00 p.m.

Don't miss the famous Pakenham Santa Claus parade—and especially the entry that our Sunday School children work so hard to create!



*Christmas in the Country*

### **A Tour of Homes**



Sun. 04 Dec.

Tour four Pakenham homes decorated to celebrate the Christmas season. And, enjoy either lunch at the Settler's Inn or Victorian Tea at St. Andrew's United Church.

Tickets are \$25.00.

It's not too early to reserve a ticket, or perhaps purchase early Christmas gifts for family and friends!

Call Marjorie Rowan today at (613)624-5111.

### **White Gift Service and Luncheon**

Sun. 11 Dec.

The Sunday School children will conduct service on the 11th. Come and enjoy lunch and bring a donation of food or provisions for the Food Bank.

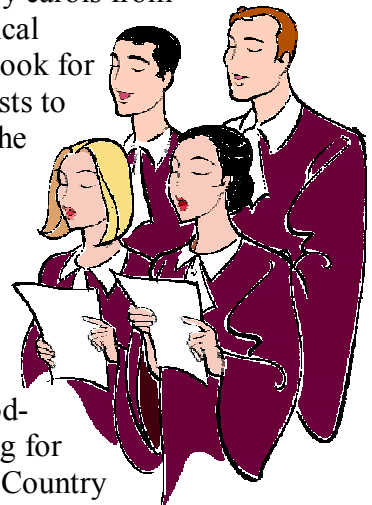
### **Carols for Christmas**

7:30 p.m.

Sun. 18 Dec.

Gather your family and friends at this annual Christmas music event. Enjoy carols from an ecumenical choir and look for special guests to round out the evening.

In the spirit of giving at Christmas please bring a goodwill offering for the Lanark Country Food Bank.



***We look forward to seeing one and all at these wonderful events!***

## Other News and Projects

### **The History of St. Andrews**

Written in 1997, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of St. Andrew's, this book contains the history of our church and its people.

The books are \$25.00 and can be purchased from: Marilyn Snedden 256-3130, and Freda Sommerton 624-5263.

### **A New Church Sign**

Put on your creative hat and come up some ideas or a design for a new sign to promote our events, service and messages.

Contact: Joan Gillan @ 832-2556

# The Financial Health of Your Church

To: The congregation of St. Andrew's United Church

As we celebrate another anniversary in the life of St. Andrew's, it is necessary to discuss our financial situation.

\$80,000 per year, or \$1,600 per week, is needed to maintain and run St. Andrew's. We are currently operating at a deficit of \$20,000 and can not continue to function this way.

We greatly appreciate the contributions of congregants who attend church regularly and the many generous contributions during the holiday seasons.

It is understood, in these very busy times, that it is difficult to attend church every Sunday. But whether we can attend or not our church has ongoing obligations and commitments. We would ask that you think about what our church means to you personally and to make your contributions a financial priority for your family. Perhaps you might consider using the Pre-Authorized Remittance system to make it easier to make regular contributions. Forms are available from Freda Sommerton and Brian Hudson.

The church has been fortunate to receive estate gifts in recent years. These have been timely during budgetary shortfalls. We also encourage you to consider the many United Church programs designed to assist in estate planning.

Thank you for your attention and support to this critical situation.

Bruce Hudson  
*Chair, Council of Stewards*



*Christmas in the Country*

## *A Tour of Homes*



### **Calling All Volunteers**

Our biggest fund raiser this year is the Christmas House Tour. It is a big undertaking and will require lots of hands and hearts working together. There are already many folks working behind the scenes to plan and publicize the event. We need more help! Specifically we need volunteers to:

- \* Prepare food for the Lunch at Settlers' Inn. Lunch will be chicken pot pie, home made cranberry sauce, cole slaw and cake with strawberry sauce. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.  
*Contact: Barb Armstrong @ 624-9233.*
- \* Prepare food for the Victorian Tea at the Church. Tea will be fancy sandwiches with pickles, grapes, cheese and of course tea. Tea starts at 2:00 p.m.  
*Contact: Marilyn Snedden @ 256-3130.*
- \* Act as Hosts and Guides in the Homes. There will be two shifts: the first from 11 to 2 and the second from 2 to 5.  
*Contact: Joan Gillan @ 832-2556.*
- \* Greet guests and help out at the church.  
*Contact: Joan Gillan @ 832-2556.*
- \* Serve food the day of the event.  
*Contact: Barb Armstrong for Lunch @ 624-9233.  
Marilyn Snedden for Tea @ 256-3130.*