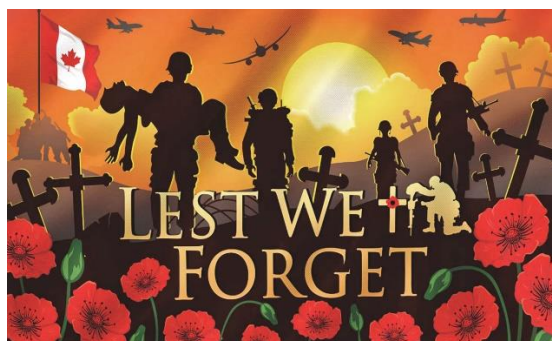


Pastoral Care Update November 8, 2023



NOVEMBER NEWS

Bible Tree Quiz:

- thanks to Kathy Arthur, Lynn Chattell & Fay Gieg for correctly answering the Bible references on trees.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

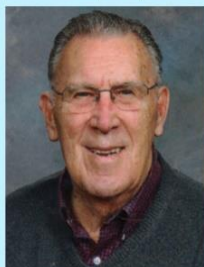
- if you would like to put together a Christmas Hamper or know of a family in need, please call Donna Mansfield at 705-445-8984.

PRAYER REQUESTS for:

- Isobel Jardine, Jim Kerswill, Stewart MacAlpine, Mary Lou Simonato
- Marilyn Rutherford, in the passing of her husband Bev Rutherford
- Angela Draper, in the passing her father Dave Stephenson
- Exilda Tomilson, in the passing of her husband Joe Tomilson
- blessings on those people being baptized or joining the church this Sunday
- Sat. Nov. 11 (Remembrance Day) - we pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict & war, especially in the Middle East & Ukraine. We ask God to protect & guide peacekeepers, and those who serve in the armed forces.

"They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."
~ Isaiah 2:4

(photo of Lorne Perkins (age 101), our oldest living member, a veteran of WW2)



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The Tale of the Three Trees

THANK YOU to director Alison McLeod and her team Angela Girdwood, Sandra Mundy and Catherine Brown for their leadership of the amazing Burning Bush Theatre presentation "The Tale of the Three Trees". What a meaningful story of serving and sacrifice.



"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"

Recognition of Veterans



Arnold McKay was a corporal in the signal corps. He served as a peacekeeper in the Congo, which is present-day Zaire, and in Germany. Arnold was 27 years in the military. He now lives with his wife, Shirley, in Collingwood.



John Vandermeulen joined the RCAF and received his Bachelor of Science at Royal Military College in Kingston, and his Masters of Science at the University of Arizona. John had postings in Trenton and Ottawa. He was then posted to Lahr, Germany and spent two years with NATO in Rome and two years in Venice Italy. John retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He currently lives with his wife, Niesje in Thornbury.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Memorial Table, designed
by Veronica Prichard



Trumpeter, Rob Chambers
at our Remembrance Day Tribute

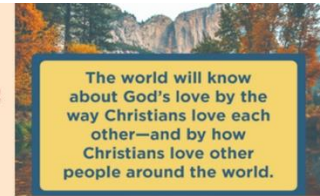


Molly Kutcy has the closest
guess for the 246 lb pumpkin



Rev. Mathers conducting the
Youth Group Communion

They'll Know Us by Our Love by Rick Warren



"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." ~ John 13:35 (NIV)

The sign of a Christian is love. How many people know you are a Christian because of your loving lifestyle? We sing about love, talk about love, pray about love, and study love. But do we show it? To develop love as your life principle and make it your greatest aim, you need to take action now!

Here's what you need to do to develop a loving lifestyle. First, start acting lovingly in your relationships. Have you acted unlovingly toward someone? It's time to seek reconciliation. Make things right with your kids, your spouse, your boyfriend or girlfriend, your parents, or someone at school or work.

Then, start growing the number of relationships you have. If the most important aim in life is to love, then we need to build more relationships. Why? Because the world will know about God's love by the way Christians love each other, and by how Christians love other people around the world.

You cannot live a loving lifestyle as a hermit. It takes time to love other people. If you love your family and your friends, you've got to spend time with them. If you love Jesus, you have to spend time with him too. Love always costs time and energy, but it's always worth it.

Can you imagine what would happen if everyone in the church loved like this - if we all committed ourselves to acting in love and giving our time unselfishly so that people could get a taste of how much God loves them? It would change the world. It would make God so happy.

People are attracted to Christ more than they are persuaded to him. They're attracted by the love of God shown through the people who claim to follow him. And they won't care what we know until they first know that we care.