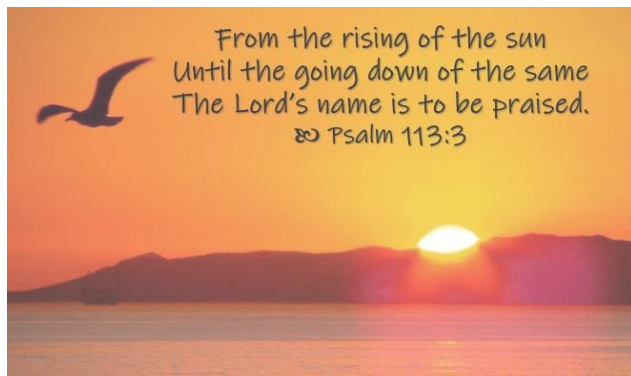


Pastoral Care Update July 26, 2023



Celebrating 30 years of Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)



In the beginning, God created



A crafty bunch



Dancing up a stellar storm



Drum roll, please!

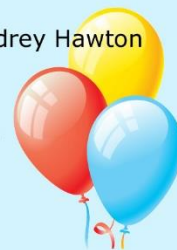
FIRST PRES News Briefs!

PLEASE NOTE: The next UPDATE will be emailed out on
Wednesday August 30th!

Happy 71st Anniversary to Charlie & Audrey Hawton
Married July 26, 1952... **TODAY!**

August Birthday Celebrations!

Aug 2 - Mary Lou Matthews is 98, born 1925
Aug 6 - Marion Willis is 94, born 1929
Aug 12 - Beryl Gulbranson is 91, born 1932
Aug 17 - Don Wright is 94, born 1929



Needed:

- small vases for cut flowers. I'll pick them up from you.

Community Dinner:

- Tuesday August 22, Doors open at 4:30, Dinner at 5:00 pm.

Prayer Requests for:

- Peggy Bayley, Don Caron, Charlie Hawton, Nancy Ostertag, Phyllis Smith, Frank Tilley, Joe Tomilson, Marilyn Woodward
- Sandra Conn, in the passing of her husband Ray
- Carole Nell, in the passing of her sister Lynda Lane
- victims of extreme heat, wildfires, flooding & food scarcity
- in thanksgiving for the many volunteers who helped with a very successful & meaningful STELLAR Vacation Bible Camp
- safe vacation travels for all

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(photo of 3 very happy
PresBATERians!)



WHERE IS MICHAEL NOW?



Michael Moran Interview: **Have Scooter Will Travel**

~ submitted by Pastoral Care Team member, Roz Grant

Since Michael has acquired his scooter, he has really been enjoying it. It gives him total independence since his knee replacement two years ago. He loves going to the YMCA using his scooter 4 or 5 times a week where he does aquafit classes. Since doing that, he has lost 40 pounds and that makes him feel great. It also allows him to visit downtown Collingwood where he spends time in conversation with the homeless. He establishes their trust because at one time in his life, he was where they are. Michael gives them encouragement and hope. He also gives them a copy of his special booklet on poems that he wrote.

Mike has several challenges in his life but through prayer and the support that he receives from our church, he is able to live in the moment and enjoy each and every day. He also keeps a daily gratitude journal giving thanks for where he is in his life.



People & Places



Nicola Alfing & Chris Marchl hiking with family in Killarney Park



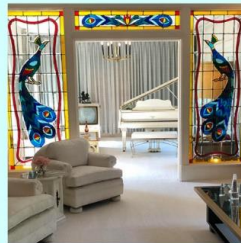
Member Lorna Shackell enjoying a Tim's doughnut



Judy & Fraser Main visiting Fraser's sister Phoebe in Nairn, Scotland



Marnie & John Hillier cottaging at Perry's Cove Newfoundland



Deb Fitzsimmons on Tour

Last month, I had an adventure in the southern states. First, I flew to Atlanta, then I travelled by car with friends to Memphis, Tennessee (via Alabama and Mississippi). Along the way, we stopped in Tupelo to see the house where Elvis was born, and the chapel that Elvis worshipped in as a young boy.

We had only 1 full day in Memphis, so we started with a tour of Graceland (the house, the white piano & a collection of museum exhibits). This was a stark contrast to his early days in Tupelo!

Our main reason for the trip was to record at the legendary Sun Studio. It was a small room, but the history looms large. Greats such as Elvis, Roy Orbison, B.B. King, Jerry Lee Lewis and even U2 recorded there. It was an experience of a lifetime, and I look forward to going back to do it again!

I think the most important thing I learned (aside from not going to the south during summer... it was so hot!) is that nothing replaces actually setting foot in a place. If I trusted the news, I would have made some sweeping generalizations about the area I was travelling to and would have passed up the chance to experience it.

There's a whole lotta world to see, and a whole lotta people to meet... (and, apparently, barbecue to eat).

Snack time at VBC

