

Pastoral Care Update August 30, 2023

The tans will fade,
but the memories
will last forever

AT A GLANCE

Catherine here...

Yes, the weekly Pastoral Care Update is back. As always, I welcome your emails and photos of special occasions, prayer requests, inspirational quotes, devotionals or other articles.

HAPPY BELATED 95th BIRTHDAY
to Bill Klein, born August 20, 1928

THANK YOU to:

- Mac McAlpine, John Gowing and JoAnne Fleming for tending the church garden. Mac says it's the best ever. Have a look!
- Myra Carvalho, Traudi Fawcett, Barb Sharp and Wendy Schellenberg for heading up the well-received Fall & Winter Clothing Giveaway
- Jo-Anne Morrison, Barb Sharp & the kitchen volunteers for preparing and serving 90 delicious Community Dinner meals
- the ushers, praise & tech teams who have contributed their talents to support worship services throughout the summer
- Stephanie Eley, Nancy Gosse, Sharon Helmer, Jean Jones & Nancy Plater for hosting a funeral luncheon
- Bobbie Brown & family for organizing the Backpack program which serviced 37 children in the community

Prayer Requests for:

- Peggy Bayley, Barb Bristol, Millie Loughheed, Paulina Monette, Nancy Ostertag, Frank Tilley, Joan Wagg, Marilyn Woodward
- Heather Heron-Jurke & family in the passing of Jack Heron
- the Smith Family, in the passing of Phyllis Smith
- Pat Caron, in the passing of husband Don Caron
- a fresh start for students & teachers as they begin school
- those facing surgery in the coming weeks
- those who have lost their homes because of BC wildfires, and gratitude for front-line workers & those who are lending aid

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(photo of Church garden produce)



ON THE MOVE



ALLEN, Robert & Ellen

Ellen Allen (Smith) was born in Collingwood and attended First Pres as a child. She married Bob at the church in 1966. Since then they have lived in many different places. They have faithfully attended worship. Ellen enjoyed the WMS group, while Bob loved the Men's Breakfasts and Coffee Chats. Bob & Ellen just moved to a Retirement Home in Orangeville to be closer to their daughter. Please keep in touch.

Mary Marshall came to First Pres in 2010. She has been active in WMS, Tappers, Pastoral Care, Bible Study, quilting, ushering & funeral lunches. Mary enjoyed "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" events. Mary is moving to Sydney BC, to be closer to her two daughters. She has already bought a condo and found a church where she will attend. Blessings, Mary.



MARSHALL, Mary

PEOPLE and PLACES



Community Dinner Dessert Makers gathering, hosted by Bobbie Brown. From left-right: Barb Stransky, Kate Fleming, Mary Jane McIntyre, Darlene Elliotson, Leny denBok, Nancy Gosse, Joanne Beacock, Moyra Adams-Smith, Bobbie Brown, and Laurie Baulke



Pastoral Care Team: Bruce & Nancy Gosse, take their therapy dog Ruby to Raglan Village monthly. Fran Dance loves each happy visit



Our Ukrainian-sponsored family recently visited our church. Serhi, Lesia, Dymetro, Viktoria Humeniuk (photo by Jane Tilley)



ADULT CHOIR - in the fall of 2009 How many can you name? Thanks to Barb Sharp for this memory.

Four Heart Attitudes for Giving

by Pastor Rick Warren



"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

How do you have the attitude God wants you to have when you give? It starts with your heart. God is a lot more interested in your willingness to give than your wealth, because he's interested in what's happening in your heart when you decide to give. The Bible verse (above) talks specifically about 4 key heart attitudes you should have when you give.

Give **thoughtfully**. Don't give impulsively. The most spiritual kind of giving is when you think about it and pray about it and make up your mind about it. Why? Because we plan anything that's important in our lives. God wants your giving to be important and meaningful in your life.

Give **enthusiastically**. Don't just say, "I have to give! If I don't give, God's going to hit me with lightning or something." Give because you know God's going to do something big in your heart when you become a generous person.

Give **voluntarily**. If you are pressured by a person to give, don't give. God's not going to bless it anyway. But every time you feel challenged by God to give, you'd better do it.

Give **cheerfully**. Give with joy! One of the Greek words for offering is the word "hilarious". God wants you to enjoy giving. Sometimes it's hard to be cheerful when God's challenging you to give. Whenever you feel that way, just remind yourself of the benefits of what God wants to do in your heart.

Why be generous? It creates community. It strengthens your faith. It's an investment for eternity. It blesses you in return. And it makes you more like Jesus.

Camp Cairn Counsellors from First Pres



Ashleigh Cavill Isaiah Carson Alex Cavill

1) How many years have you attended Camp Cairn?

Ashleigh: this is year 12 Alex: this is year 13

Isaiah: My sister went when I was 5, and I wished I could go. My parents signed me up the next year. This is year 11.

2) What are some of the greatest things about camp?

Ashleigh: Camp relationships develop into life-long friendships. Camp is so special because it gives my heart with a place to grow & change so I can become the best version of myself.

Isaiah: Being there! I love everything about camp! The friends you make, the independence you gain, playing Gaga Ball and Roof Ball, the whole experience really!

Alex: Camp is a place built by people of the camp community. So, the people, young & old, are what make camp special! To belong to this community creates life-long friendships.

3) Why did you want to be a counsellor? ... your camp name?

Ashleigh: Since I was 5, I have wanted to work at Camp Cairn. I always loved camp and this is the next step in my camp adventure! My camp name is Laeko.

Isaiah: I was inspired by all of the counsellors I have had in the past, they were all truly GOATs (Greatest Of All Time)! My camp name is XIVO (pronounced Zee Voh).

Alex: I wanted to give back to the place that shaped me. I hope I can help other people be their best self like others have helped me. My camp name is Sturix.

4) How has camp helped you on your faith journey?

Ashleigh: I feel closer to God. Everyday at camp, I experience God's love through the positive actions of those around me. On Aug 4, 2023, I was a LIT/camper in the morning, and a counsellor in the afternoon! It was quite a day!

Isaiah: Camp is a huge part of my journey. I am continuing to find myself and at camp, I feel safe and included at all times. I have learned to be more patient & thankful for what I have!

Alex: The 4S core values of camp have helped me! Providing Safety, Servanthood, Stewardship & Self-esteem to others around you, to create a caring and giving community.

PARTING THOUGHTS



19-year old, Riley Flemington (centre) won a gold medal for Canada in the Olympic Pan Am games in Puerto Rico in the 1500 meter race. He is on a running scholarship at Michigan University. Proud grandparents are Linda and Ken Flemington.

