



The Tri-County Foodgrains Project for 2003 is well underway, with 10 acres of soybeans planted and growing on Sharon Rounds' land near Lakeside. Sunday, June 1 the project was dedicated during a brief ceremony attended by members of the four church communities involved, including East Nissouri Union Church, St. Marys First Baptist, the Pentecostal Assembly in St. Marys and the St. Marys Salvation Army.

UNION CHURCH

Special service honours Foodgrains day

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Day was observed at Union Church on June 1. The congregations of St. Marys Pentecostal Assembly and Union Church met jointly.

Kathryn Mayberry, Ontario co-ordinator of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank was a special guest.

Music for the service featured Stu Taylor, Dave MacPherson,

Irene Fagerstrom and Alaina Lagrou. Scripture readings were from Acts, I John and the Gospel According to John. Rev. Ken Jacob and Pastor Richard Hryniw shared the service.

The children's story given by Kathryn Mayberry compared the Foodgrains Bank to a piggy bank. What we give to the Foodgrains Bank is multiplied for use to feed

people around the world.

In his message, Pastor Hryniw emphasized living the Word. By doing God's bidding, we are doing our part. By prayer, we understand His plans for our lives.

Flowers had been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Freeda Conn by her family.

A delicious potluck luncheon was served following the service.

Friends from St. Marys First Baptist and the Salvation Army churches joined the other two congregations.

Following the luncheon, the group travelled to the farm of Sharon Rounds where the Tri-County Growing project beans have been planted. A service of dedication took place featuring scripture readings by Rev. Ken

Jacob, Rev. Margaret Smart-Wheaton, Mrs. Janet Lockyer, words by Sharon Rounds, Kathryn Mayberry and the prayer of dedication by Pastor Richard Hryniw.

Remember the Treasures and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 21, the Sunday School picnic on June 22 and the Vacation Bible School on July 22, 23 and 24.

3M cream could prove 'godsend'

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London-based 3M Canada has applied to Health Canada for permission to market a cream to help prevent a skin condition that can become cancerous.

The cream, called Aldara, is already on the market as a prescribed treatment for genital warts but approval is needed for different applications.

Researchers at 3M hope to

gain permission for the drug's use to treat actinic keratosis (AK).

AK is caused by continued sun exposure and can be recognized as red, scaly patches of skin on the head, arms and neck. The cream stimulates skin cells in the damaged areas, builds immunity naturally and eliminates infected or tumour cells.

Stephanie Irvine of 3M public relations calls the cream "an exciting develop-

ment for skin cancer patients in the city and around the world.

"Over 20 years of research has gone into developing this drug," she said.

Barb Yates, an advanced regulatory affairs associate with 3M, said the approval process will take at least 300 days and hopes it will be approved by next spring.

"We always hope it will be (approved) faster, but we give them 300 days," she said.

"We've been working on the submission for 3½ months. It's very in-depth."

Yates also said the company will know early in the review process how its data stack up.

"We'll find out if there are any major gaps in our data once the review starts," she said. "I'm pretty confident we've submitted a complete package."

That is good news for people suffering AK, said Dr. Reinhard Lohmann of London

Health Sciences Centre.

"A year is a long time to wait if you are someone who's covered in AK," he said. "If all their data is good, it's a pity it takes so long."

Lohmann, who specializes in melanoma treatment, says the cream would "be a godsend" if it can be applied by patients. Currently, treatments for AK involve doctors freezing the infected areas and removing them.