

# New inter-denominational church set to open its doors this Sunday

A new inter-denominational church is beginning this Sunday at Stewarttown Public School, and the Rev. Dr. John Hamilton is inviting one and all to attend.

Services will be held in the library at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Hamilton promises "good singing, lots of music and excellent preaching."

"My goal is to build a feeling that the people will be part of a Christian family — it doesn't matter what their age, sex, color or religion are. All are welcome."

The name of the church is The Open Door Evangelical Church, and it originated in Etobicoke, where Hamilton is currently preaching. But, he hopes to begin with a new congregation again on Sunday in Stewarttown.

Hamilton explained he and his family were "housesitting" this summer in Georgetown, "and absolutely fell in love with the community."

He realized his Etobicoke congregation was shrinking because families were leaving the city to start again in suburban areas such as Halton Hills.

So, with his new church on Sunday, Hamilton hopes to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

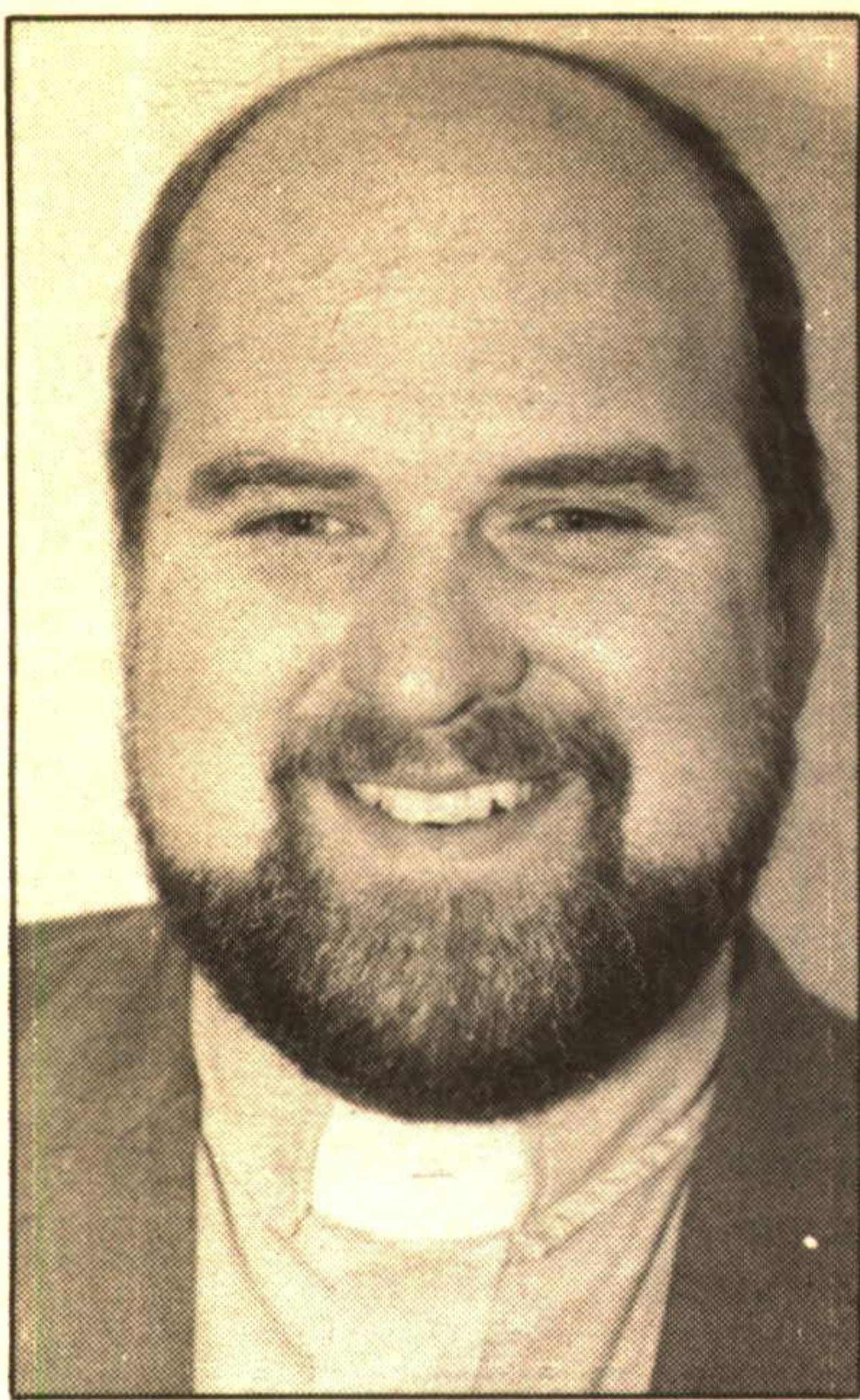
"I realized we were landlocked in Etobicoke — there was no land to buy to build a church on," he said. "Our hope in Georgetown is to build here — get a piece of property and put a church on it...I really want to start a new church. I'm really excited about it. It's not a transplanted church because I hope to meet new families. But, I guess, at the same time, I may regain

others who have moved out of the old congregation to come to this area."

Hamilton received his Masters at the Toronto School of Theology, and earned his doctorate at the Trinity Evangelical School in Chicago.

He currently resides in Etobicoke with his wife Jane and five-year-old son, Andrew, but they plan on moving to this community in the near future.

A local 24-hour church line has been set up for interested families: 873-8822.



Rev. Dr. John Hamilton

## Community Calendar

### Photo contest

Halton Hills Camera Club is holding a photo contest, "Capture the Hills," September 29. Sign up early as only 100 photographers will be registered. Photographers can shoot any subject matter in the town during that day from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more details contact Doug Meal, 877-6279 or Sandra Timleck, 877-6198.

### Big Band Dance

Join Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum for 50 Years of Memories as the museum salutes the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and the Lancaster Bomber on September 14. Gates at Hamilton Airport opens 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on a variety of displays with flight demonstrations at 12:30 p.m. Starting at 6 p.m., cocktails are followed by dinner and dance with Harry Waller's 17 piece orchestra. For tickets call the museum at 416-679-4183.

### Model search

A model search will be held on Thursday, September 19 at J.J. Muggs, Erin Mills Town Centre, Mississauga. Sponsored by Carolyn's Modelling Agency. For information call 416-542-8885.

### AIDS Committee meets

The Support Program at the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County currently offers two support groups which meet regularly on a bi-weekly basis. The "Body Positive" group is for individuals living with HIV infection and AIDS while the "Family and Friends" group is for those who love and support a body positive individual. For more information, please contact the Support Coordinator at 519-763-2255. All calls are strictly confidential.

### Dance for teens only

It's "teens only" at a Teen Dance during the Acton Fall Fair September 14. There will be adult supervision, but young people 13-18 will be the only ones admitted to the Acton Community Centre that night from 8:30-10 p.m. The dance continues until 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 at the door, plus the Fall Fair admission of \$4.25.

### CPR course

Infant/Child Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Course offered at Peel Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 24, 7-9 p.m. Participants attend both sessions. Peel Memorial Hospital Education Services Classroom, 20 Lynch St., Brampton. Fee \$30 each or \$50 for two members of the same family. To register call 451-1710, ext 5168.

### Free square dancing

Pine Valley Square Dancers offer a free night of square dancing on Wednesday, September 18 at Pineview Public School, at the corner of Trafalgar Rd. and Five Sideroad.



## MUSIC FOR FUN!

A preparatory music program for 2-6 year olds.

Director Sharon Dutton,  
B.Mus. (Ed.), A.R.C.T. (piano)

## REGISTRATION

Sept. 16, 5:30 - 6:00, St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph St., Georgetown

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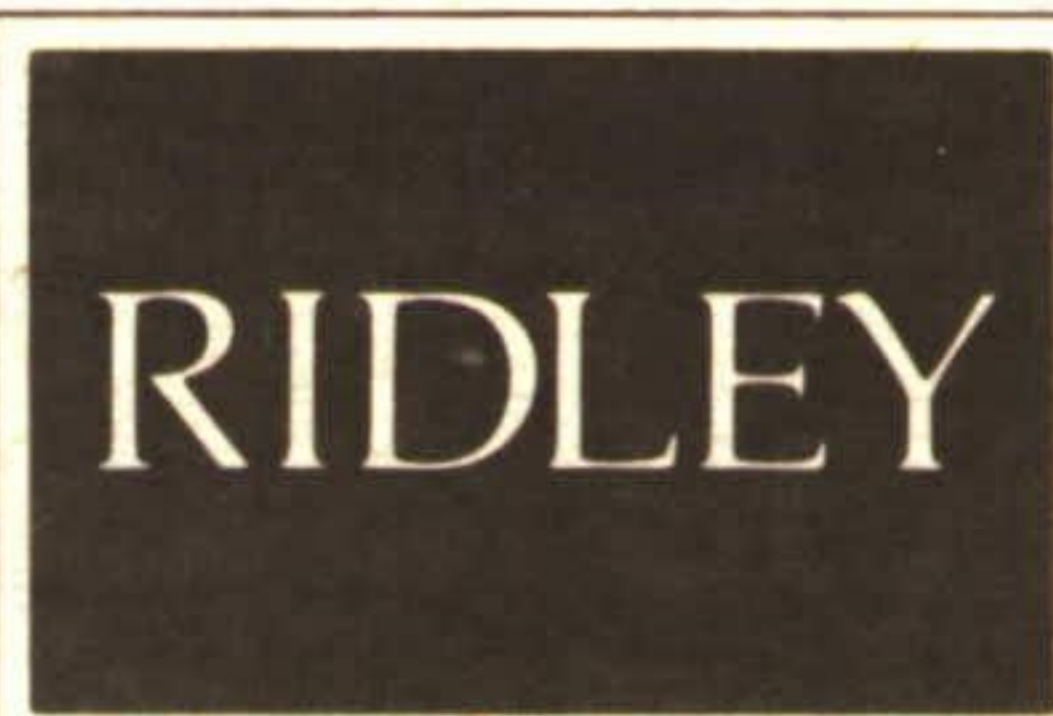
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## DIVIDE & CONQUER

Over time most perennials will require dividing. This is a process where you dig up the plant clump and separate it into 2 or more sections. Perennials will require dividing when they have outgrown or filled their allotted space in the garden or when they start to produce fewer blooms. Some perennials such as Iris and Phlox require dividing frequently whereas others seldom need it. As a general rule, perennials that flower in early spring should be divided in the fall and those that bloom in late summer should be done in the spring. The growth of the plants will be the best indication as to when you can split the plants. In the spring, do it just as they start to show growth or when they slow down in the fall. Those that are done at this time of year will have a lot of foliage still in tact, this can be cut back to make dividing easier.

The actual process of dividing perennials is quite simple. Dig up and separate the clump into 2 or more smaller sections, and have at least 6 stems or buds in the smaller sections. Each section has to have roots and growth buds. Some perennials grow into a dense, solid mass which makes them difficult to divide. For these, after lifting the clump, use two garden forks placed back to back to pry the clump apart. Fleshy rooted perennials such as Hosta should be divided this way as well to avoid damaging roots. Always protect the plants from the sun and wind during the division process. Once divided, replant and firm the soil around the roots, then water thoroughly to settle the soil and to remove air pockets. Since most perennials stay in the same place for many years it is advisable to improve the soil by adding peatmoss and/or bonemeal prior to replanting.

A few perennials that can be divided in the fall include: Hosta, Astilbe, Silvermound, Peony, Lily of the Valley, Pulmonaria, Solomon's Seal.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

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