



I'D LIKE A: Emma O'Hara-Hoke, 5, told Santa what she wants for Christmas as she had her picture taken with Saint Nick at the pancake fundraiser at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School on Saturday. The event was a fundraiser to replace playground equipment. - Frances Niblock photo



SANTA & SIBBLINGS: Acton brothers Evan (left) and Aidan Kostashuk enjoyed having their picture taken with Santa Claus during the pancake breakfast at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School on Saturday to raise money for new playground equipment. - Frances Niblock photo

LET US WELCOME YOU!

Welcome Wagon
SINCE 1930 LTD.

Our Hostess will bring gifts and greetings, along with helpful information about your new community.
Call Betty Ann 853-1944

Tuitman's Garden Centre & Landscaping

Hwy 25 Acton, Ontario
1.5 miles south of Acton

CHRISTMAS TREES

- Pine
- Spruce
- Balsam & Fraser Fir
- Wreaths
- Special Decor
- Unique Gifts
- Poinsettias

We also sell firewood

Please call for store hours
Tel: 519.853.2480 Fax: 519.853.0255

Community Advent service Sunday

As the Christmas season becomes more secular with increasing promotion from advertisers urging people to buy more and more, along comes the season of Advent which Acton churches will mark this Sunday evening at Trinity United Church. The service is being sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association with the theme "The Twelve Gifts of Christmas."

Advent begins on the Sunday nearest November

30 and covers four Sundays before Christmas. The word advent comes from the Latin and means "The coming," referring to the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

For centuries, probably since the fourth century, Advent has been a time of spiritual reflection as well as anticipation. Originally it was a time when converts to Christianity readied themselves for baptism. Later, during the

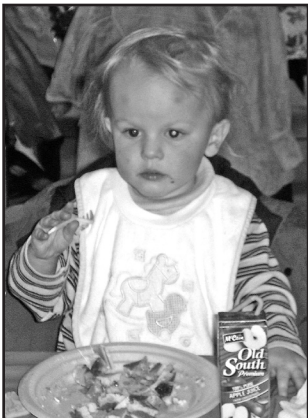
Middle Ages, Advent became associated with the Second Coming of Christ. Latterly although a time of prayer and fasting, most of the focus is on the Nativity of Christmas Day.

One of the customs still observed is the lighting of an Advent wreath with four candles, three of purple and one rose coloured. Purple signifies royalty, the candle represents hope, peace and love. These candles are

lit on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent. The rose coloured candle, symbolizing joy is lit on the third Sunday.

Sometimes a fifth white candle is placed in the wreath and lit on Christmas day.

Many homes also have their own Advent wreath and calendars to count the days until Christmas Day.



MORE, PLEASE: Acton's Ethan Marrows, 2, enjoyed his plate of pancakes at a breakfast with Santa held at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School on Saturday to raise money for new playground equipment. - Frances Niblock photo

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
presents:
A CHRISTMAS TEA
Saturday, December 2 2006
from 1:00 to 4:00p.m.

A real English High Tea with scones, Devonshire cream, raspberry jam, sandwiches and sweets will be served along with tea and coffee.

There will also be Christmas gift items for sale, a bake sale, a penny sale and a raffle.

Cost for the Tea is \$8:00 per person.
Churchill Road North and Boundary Line

O come, all ye gift-givers!

Teleflora's Golden Bell Bouquet

Teleflora's Festive Tartan Bouquet

Thomas Kinkadee's Cozy Christmas Bouquet by Teleflora

Blue Springs Flower & Gift Shop
46 Mill St. E. 519-853-0800

Our flowers are not supermarket! **teleflora.**

NEWBABY

*At your house?
It's time to call your Welcome Wagon Hostess.*

She will bring congratulations and gifts for the family and the NEW BABY!

Call Betty Ann 853-1944

Welcome Wagon
SINCE 1930 LTD.

Friday, December 1st **Moonlight Madness** **Open till 10pm**
See store for details

SAVE 10% OFF
your purchases from 8pm-10pm
(excluding tobacco)

GIANT TIGER YOUR ALL CANADIAN FAMILY DISCOUNT STORE®
12 Main Street North, Acton

join us for the fun & savings
Amazing in-store specials
Free gift card giveaways 8pm-10pm

GIANT TIGER AND GIANT TIGER DESIGNS ARE THE TRADE MARK IN CANADA OF GIANT TIGER STORES LIMITED.