

WOODSLEE

Ladies interested in helping with child care for the Mothers of Preschoolers program please contact Margaret Ann Gold.

If you are a chair of a committee and wish to have your committee's news in the Fall Newsletter, please submit your items to the church office no later than Sun. Sept. 24.

Please support Janet Bennett, part of the greater Woodslee Pastoral Community, who is participating in a walkathon for ALS on Sat. Sept. 23.

Thank you to everyone who helped at and/or supported the pork roast held at Woodslee U.C.

Trustees meeting Tues. Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

Community Spaghetti Dinner on Fri. Sept. 29 from 5-7 p.m.

Choir practice on Thursdays at 7 p.m. New members are welcome and needed.

Twenty-seven interested people were present at the Woodslee Friendship Club pot luck dinner last Friday, at the Millen Centre. Representatives from Lakeshore Council offered their full support to the group for their renewed interest and future growth.

Tina Bendig showed a collection of books that show much of Woodslee's history, Doc Millen Days, our local veterans, etc. These books will be available to view at the club.

Special gymnastics and skipping entertainment was provided by Tatum Davison and Vicky Davison. Tom Bain won the beautiful food basket, donated by Essex Foodland. Lloyd Dewhirst was honoured as a star for all his help.

It was decided to have a General Games Afternoon every Monday from 1-4 p.m., offering a variety of cards and board games, etc. Come out and enjoy an afternoon with friends and neighbours. Coffee and tea available. Regular pot luck dinners will be held on the second Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Golden Links card party winners on Friday, Sept. 15th were Madeline Diesbourg, Joanne Diesbourg, George Diesbourg, Blanche Vektor, Lloyd Dewhirst. Door prize to Vera McMurren. Next card party on Friday, Sept. 22nd, at 7:30 p.m.

ESSEX

Salvation Army

Sunday school has started up again at 9:45 a.m.

Transportation is available. For a ride, call 519-776-4628. We have a chair lift at the church for those who have trouble

climbing stairs.

Sun. Sept. 24 is Ministry to Women Sunday. Guest will be Major Deb Beaupre. All women are invited to a luncheon after church.

Thanks to those who helped with repairs.

Essex Retirees' Social Club

Pepper winners for the week of Sept. 11 were as follows:

Monday first Don Ames, second Larry Lane, third Bob Ford, most Peppers Wayne Hanson, door prize Nina Towle.

Tuesday Pepper was cancelled due to elections. Floyd Cascadden was reinstated as President, Doug Fields Vice President, Judy Kelly Secretary and Lily Hundey Treasurer. The Board of Directors are Betty Fields, Barb Camlis, Mary Fick, Larry Lane, Ruth Lavoie, Gerry Lester, Lucille Parent, Shirley Patrick, Jim Pickel and Meyrick Stanton.

Wednesday Pepper winners were first Bob Ford, second Cecile St. Denis, most Peppers John Simpson, door prize Doug Fields.

Bridge winners on Thursday were first Phyllis Armstrong and second Richard Lecours.

Holy Name

Youth Ministry Planning - Most of our young leaders attended the training day on Sat. and now we are ready to begin planning for the year. The EDGE leaders will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 in the office. Middle Earth leaders will meet on Wed., Sept. 27 at 7:30. Both groups are encouraged to attend Mass prior to the meeting.

Confirmation Preparation Begins in early October, if your child is in grade 8 and is planning on being Confirmed you must contact Claire in the parish office by Sept. 22.

We would like to thank all for your generous support of our youth attending NET ministry. They were able to reach their individual goal of \$4,500 each through your donations. Cory Rousseau is serving on a travel team, as is Liam Malone. Brandon Sabourin will be serving on a parish team in Saint John, New Brunswick. Please keep them in your prayers.

K of C Fish Fry on Friday, Sept. 22nd, 4:30 to 7 p.m. In the Parish Hall. Take out available.

Essex Food Bank is in desperate need of men to do light to heavy lifting of food boxes. Please contact Eileen Clifford at 519-776-5607.

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, Sept. 24 at the 11 a.m. Mass. Children ages 4 to 6 will meet in Meeting Room A for the entire Mass. Children ages

7 to 10 will meet in Meeting Room B for the Liturgy of the Word and then return for the rest of the Mass.

Don't miss the opportunity to know more about CWL on Sept. 30th at the Good Neighbour Club behind St. Simon & St. Jude Church in Belle River. Guest speaker is Fr. Michael Prieur - "Five Spiritual Treasures". Contact Sandy Kotow before Sept. 22nd at 519-776-839-5180.

Essex United

Sunday, Sept. 24 - Regular worship service at 10:30 a.m. This will be a Congregational workshop on our Mission Statement with Bev Robinson from London Conference office. A light lunch will be served. All members are urged to come and take part. 7 p.m. SSC Volleyball in the gym.

Wed. Sept. 20, The Evening group of the U.C.W. meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour. Ruth MacKenzie in charge of the program. Thursday, Sept. 21 UCW Afternoon group meeting at Iler Lodge at 2 p.m.

Advance Notice: On October 11 the Fall Rally for Essex Presbytery U.C.W. will be held at Essex United Church.

BAKERVILLE

Weather has been very dark and dismal and we have had several days with rain, but in between we have seen some sunshine.

Happy Birthday on Saturday to my great grandson Cody, as he celebrates #5 already. Waiting to help with the candles are his little brother Mason and sister McKenzie.

On Sunday Heather Hoerchel celebrates another

year; on Monday Red Cosgrove chalks up one more. Best of birthday wishes to all of you.

Happy Anniversary to Leslie and Margaret Gaspar as they celebrate #53 on Tuesday and to Brett and Debbie Market on Wednesday and to Jeff and Laura Duns as they celebrate #15 on Thursday.

The Pleasant Valley Community Club held a pepper party last Tuesday evening and the winners were Betty O'Neill, Don Ames, Charles Chevalier, Shirley Wilkinson, Keith Dresser and Josie Dresser. Come on out on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. for a good pepper game with friends.

At the regular card party on Saturday evening the winners were Lynn Will, John Simpson, Shirley Plant, Norma Beacom, Cecile St. Denis, Keith Dresser, Don McMurren and Shirley Ouellette. Door prizes to Jean Jenner and Joan Dresser. Come on out on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. and join in the fun with friends and neighbours. A good lunch follows the games served up by the ladies.

BROOKER

Doug and Ruby Cowell spent some time with their daughter, Donna, at Sable Beach where she was vacationing at a cottage.

Our sympathy to Robert and Mavis Wharf and family on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Caroline Wharf.

Maryellen Sturdevant passed away last Friday after a lengthy illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Ken and family.

Please remember "Fill the Barn" project and Matthew House in Windsor.

COZY CORNERS

Official Board meeting - Sunday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. at Bethel-Maidstone for both churches.

World Communion Sunday will be held on Oct. 1.

The Iler Lodge Nursing Home service will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

Gesto United Church will celebrate their 120th Anniversary with a service on September 24th, with special music and the Mel-odiva Singers.

Gesto United Church Turkey Supper is on Tuesday, Sept. 28th, starting at 4:30 p.m. Take-outs available.

MAIDSTONE CROSS

The sun shone on St. Mary's Park as St. Mary's Parish team took on St. John's Parish, Woodslee in the first annual softball game Sunday afternoon. After three scoreless innings with both sides retired in order, Maidstone scored a run. Woodslee tied it up but after a few long balls Maidstone went ahead again. During the seventh inning stretch, Fr. Larry Mousseau led the crowd in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". Umpire Fr. Boutette made some bold calls during this close game. In spite of a ninth inning rally by Woodslee, Maidstone took the win. Following the game, spectators and players were treated to pop and hot-dogs. Next summer the game will be played in Woodslee.

On Saturday evening and Sunday morning, St. Mary's Mission Club sponsored their annual Refugee

Shower at the parish hall. Sister Helen, on behalf of the Refugee office, thanked everyone for their kind donations of household goods. She also spoke of the gratitude of the refugees who are amazed to find such kindness. Thanks to all who donated to the refugee cupboard.

R.C.I.A. instruction for anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith begins on Thurs., Oct. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Essex. Contact Fr. Dave at the rectory before the end of September.

On Oct. 14, all are invited to Guatemala Hope's Dinner Auction at St. John's, Woodslee at 5:30 p.m. Call 975-2959 if you have an item to donate.

The Olde Sandwich South and Area Historical Society is meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 at Carrier Foods in Tecumseh to take a tour of the food processing plant. All are welcome.

Remember that the pie bakers continue to roll on Tuesday mornings at St. Mary's hall.

GESTO

Gesto United Church will be celebrating their 134th Anniversary Service at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, with special music by the Romanian Baptist Church band and the Mel-odiva singers. Luncheon to follow.

Gesto United will be holding their Turkey Fall Supper on Sept. 28th, starting at 4:30 p.m. Take-outs are available.

World Communion Sunday will be held October 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Haiti Mission Project Annual Walk-a-thon, Sat. Oct. 7. For more information please contact Lonnie Jones at 519-776-9949.

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