

ESSEX

Essex Retirees Social Club

As a way of welcoming new members, we will be hosting a "How To" the week of March 12-16. The activity helper will escort the guest from beginning to end. It could as simple as showing them where the activity is held or staying with them throughout the activity as well as informing them as to the means and how of the desired activity. Please come and join us by calling the office (519-776-6689) in order to indicate your choice.

If anyone is interested in going to the racetrack, it will be held on Fri. Feb. 2. It will leave the parking lot at 5 p.m. and return before 10 p.m. If interested, please call the office so that your name can be added to the list.

A beginner's quilting class will start Wed. Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. If interested, please call the office.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Centre for those interested in learning how to play Pepper or just feel that you need a refresher. Day and time will be decided later.

Monday Pepper winners were Regina Garrod, Gerry Caron, most Peppers Cecile St. Denis, booby prize Shirley Patrick.

Tuesday Pepper winners were Isabel McLeod, most Peppers Julia Drouillard, booby prize Betty Fields.

Wednesday Pepper winners were Floyd Cascadden, three way tie for most Peppers Cecile St. Denis, Jean Caron and Betty Fields, booby prize Cecilia Edwards.

Bridge will start on Thurs. Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Name

Our next Lifeteen will take place on Sun. Feb. 4. Following the 7 p.m. mass we will be having a Super Bowl Party in the basement with food, fun and game projected on the wall. New youth are always welcome.

Steubenville Youth Conference June 29-July 1. Reserve your spot now.

The Edge meets Wed. Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. for a "Illusion or Realty".

We will be having a young men's group and a young women's group for all high school students on Tuesdays Jan. 30 to Mar. 6 from 6:45-9:15 p.m. To register or get more information contact Kyle, kshafer@uwindsor.ca or Chrisandra, chrisandrabondy@hotmail.com Windsor-Essex County

Catholic School Board Kindergarten Registration is Feb. 12-23. For more information visit www.wecdsb.on.ca

If you are getting married in 2007 here at Holy Name of Jesus Church, you both need to attend a Marriage Preparation course on May 5 and 6. For further information contact our parish office.

K of C Fish Fry on Fri. Feb. 9 from 4:30-7 p.m. Takeout is available.

Is God calling you to serve as a priest? Come and See on Feb. 9-11 at St. Peter's Seminary in London. Open to men 17 yrs. and older. Call 419-948-7798 or email vocations@rec.london.on.ca

Thank you to everyone for the generous donations of food to the Essex Food Bank throughout 2006.

- Therese Lecuyer

St. Paul's Anglican

If you know of someone who should be added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the office.

A treasurer is needed for St. Paul's. If interested please contact the church office.

Pasta Dinner on Fri. Feb. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

Deanery Council Meeting (Great Chapter) on Tues. Feb. 27 at St. Paul's.

Thank You Bank Contributions for January will be given to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Christian Reformed

Join us for worship on Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Pastor Fred Heslinga. Sunday school for ages 3-11. Nursery is provided.

GEMS and Cadets meet on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Church School on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. for students 12 yrs. and up.

For more information call 776-5071.

Essex United

Thurs. Feb. 1 Communion Service at Iler Lodge at 10:30 a.m. SSC dodge ball/basketball at 7 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 15 Essex Presbyterial United Church Women Annual Meeting at Leamington United Church. Registration at 9 a.m. Speakers are John Postons on Stress Management and Dr. Bryan Walls on Black History

Sun. Feb. 18 Annual Meeting at Essex United Church.

Salvation Army

Transportation is available for Sunday school, call 776-4628.

A chairlift at the church is available for those unable to climb stairs.

Home League for all women on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

C.C.M. service at Country Village on Thurs. Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Brampton Youth Band Concert on March 3 and will take part in the service on Sun. Mar. 4. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Irish Stew and Fellowship Night on Sat. Mar. 17. Everyone is welcome.

The Thrift Store will be open at their new location, 15 Talbot North, on Mon. Feb. 5. Drop-off bins are behind the store. Feb. 22 will be our official opening.

The World Day of Prayer will be at the Salvation Army on Mar. 2 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WOODSLEE

Golden Links card game winners on Fri. Jan. 26 were Mary Demars, George Diesbourg, Joanne Diesbourg, Bob Matthew, Patty Sylvester and Thomas Allison. Door prizes went to Don Sylvester and Cecile St. Denis. The next card party will be on Fri. Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The Woodslee Friendship Club welcomes all past and current members to their Special Potluck Dinner on Fri. Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Millen Centre. We are asking any of the members for pictures of any past events over the years. We would like to display these pictures on a "Wall of Memories".

Come out for a good meal and a fun night. Assorted card games will follow. Everyone is welcome. The lucky men winners of Jan. 22 card party were Murray Davison and Dave McMurren. Lucky ladies were Donna Eyraud and Helene Manley. Please join us on Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Millen Centre.

Woodslee United

Annual Meeting on Sun. Feb. 4. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. followed by meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m. and will finish before worship service at 11:15 a.m.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Essex Soup Luncheon on Wed. Jan. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Essex High School.

Child care for infants

and toddlers during the worship service. Also Sunday school during the worship service.

MAIDSTONE CROSS

Parents, teachers and our pastor Fr. Dave begin preparation for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation soon. This year at St. Mary's Confirmation will be celebrated for both grade seven and eight students. While the ceremony takes place on June 2, parents are asked to attend a meeting on Tues. Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Applications are available at St. Mary's School or at the back of the church.

The parents of grade two students who will be receiving their First Communion will meet on Tues. Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. A group reunion communion celebration takes place on Sun. June 17 following the individual family communions which will have taken place between April 21 and June 10. Again, applications are available at school or at church.

The February Mission project for Guatemala Hope is to build a cement block house for an elderly couple and to provide the families in El Triunfo with a year's supply of vitamins. You may assist with monetary donations or with bottles of vitamins. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The traditional blessing of throats for the feast of St. Blaise will be offered after the 7 p.m. mass on Sat. Feb. 3 at St. Mary's.

Let's hope the groundhog misses his shadow on Feb. 2 and we can look forward to spring.

This will be my last contribution to the Maidstone Cross as I have been travelling more frequently in my retirement. I have enjoyed my years as correspondent. Thank you for your support and encouragement over the years.

-Carolynn (Collins) Queale

PAQUETTE

Thank you to John Irwin for leading the 11 a.m. service so Jane could attend Redeemer's Vestry Meeting.

For meat pie orders call 969-1030.

Please continue to support our drive for non-perishable food items. This month's donations go to the Unemployed Help Centre.

There will be a Women Alive conference on Thurs. Feb. 22 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Ciociaro Club. Guest speaker is Connie Cavanaugh, an inspiring speaker from Calgary and music by His Season, a dynamic trio who are currently one of the most actively booked gospel artists in Canada. There will also be a fashion show and decadent desserts. You must pre-register by Feb. 15. Registration forms on the back bulletin board at St. Stephen's, Rev. Jane or from Souled Out in Essex.

We will soon be starting First Communion classes for children seven and up. First Communion will take place at Pentecost on May 27. Our meetings are tentatively scheduled for Apr. 3, 17, 24 and May 1 with the first meeting a meeting/registration only. Please contact Rev. Jane before Mar. 10 so that sufficient supplies may be ordered.

BROOKER

A beautiful wedding took place at Wyoming Baptist Church on January 20, when Rev. David Bonney united in marriage his son and daughter-in-law, James and Nikki Bonney. Susan Birch was an adorable flower girl for her cousin's wedding. James is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. We wish the young couple much happiness.

Those on the prayer list this week are Doug Cowell, June Krug's daughter-in-law Judy, Morgan Dobson and Vicki Van Belle.

COZY CORNERS

Bethel-Maidstone U.C.

Bible Study continues on Wed. Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. - new time at B-M.

Community Social Time at B-M on Feb. 12 from 1-3 p.m. Come and socialize and have fun.

U.C.W. meeting on Mon. Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Rev. Lillian speaking on Palestine. All are welcome.

Lenten Noon Hour services begin on Feb. 21 Ash Wednesday at St. Paul's Anglican Church with Father Larry speaking.

Nursing home service at Iler Lodge will be on Tues. Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

Please keep all those who are not well at this time in your prayers and thoughts and with a card especially Olly Triolet in Hotel Dieu Hospital, Gary Coomber, Rich Kosan and Marcy MacKenzie who is at Iler Lodge.

- Bev Holland

GESTO

Sun. Feb. 5 Communion at 9 a.m. service.

Bible Study Tuesdays at Gesto and Wednesdays at Bethel-Maidstone from 7-8:15 p.m. Come out and join and be enriched with studying the Bible.

Community Social Time at Bethel-Maidstone on Mon. Feb. 12 from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Please note the change of date of Gesto's Annual Meeting will be Sun. Feb. 18.

Lent Service at Bethel-Maidstone on Wed. Feb. 28 at noon. Paul Gilbert to speak on an arresting soldier.

Essex Presbyterial U.C.W. Annual Meeting on Thurs. Feb. 15 at Leamington United Church. Registration at 9 a.m. Theme, Looking Towards Tomorrow. Lunch is served. Speakers are John Postons and Bryan Wall. Please RSVP by Feb. 8 at 519-326-9461.



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Canada Pension Plan & Old Age Security Overview - copies of this booklet are available at our office. This booklet provides an overview of the income security programs of Service Canada. It is intended to give a general description of how the programs operate, who is eligible and how benefits are determined.

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