

WOODSLEE

The Woodslee Friendship Club Mon. Apr. 9 card party was well attended with George Diesbourg taking high score for the men and Dave McMurren had the most lone hands. Lucky lady with the highest score was Helene Manley and Joanne McMurren had the most lone hands. For a good time join us on Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Millen Centre.

Woodslee United

The April Field Notes for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank are posted on the bulletin boards at both churches. Please have a look.

The spring edition of the Woodslee and Belle River Newsletters are now available.

Woodslee United Church Roast Beef Dinner is on Sat. Apr. 21 from 4-7 p.m. in the hall. Lots of help is needed.

The minister will be in the office at the Woodslee Church on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Other days and times may be arranged by appointment.

The Council on Aging is looking for adult volunteers to provide a falls risk assessment for seniors in their own home. Orientation and training is provided. For more information call 519-971-9217.

Mother and Daughter Banquet is on Tues. May 1 at 6 p.m. Tickets are available after Apr. 21.

Join us "Under God's Big Top" at the Children's Festival on Sat. May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gesstwood Church Camp. For children ages 4-10 yrs. Lunch provided. Presented by the Essex Presbytery Christian Development.

Please remember non perishable food items for the Downtown Mission and keep saving used postage stamps, Zehrs and Sadler's grocery tapes, Campbell Soup labels and Canadian Tire Money.

COTTAM

Don't forget to mark the Pre-Planting Party that the Essex-Kent Jr. Farmers are hosting on Fri. Apr. 27 at the Coomber Community Centre on your calendar. The party starts at 8 p.m. There will be music, card playing and games of chance. Profits are split between Essex and Kent Food Bank and Jr. Farmers. So gather up your friends and come out for a night of fun. Cash bar and food available. Call 839-5351 for tickets.

The Cottam Rotary Club will be hosting a golf tournament on Sat. May 26. Call 839-5707 for more details.

Cottam United

Church baseball season starts on Mon. May 14 and runs to July 30. All games are played at the Kingsville Recreation Complex. Juniors born 1993-1996, Seniors League 1988-1992 and 20 Plus League. Forms are at the back of the church. Return registration forms and fees by April 29 to Helen McLeod (839-5351).

Youth Group meeting on Fri. Apr. 20 at 7 p.m.

Happy anniversary to Dawn and Jim Docherty on Apr. 19 and to Helen and Murray McLeod on the 23rd.

Happy birthday blessings to Nikki Strong on the 22nd and to Doug Alexander on the 26th.

Trinity Anglican

Baptism date is set for May 27. If you wish to participate or bring forth a child to receive the sacrament, please call the office.

If you are over the age of 12 and are interested in Confirmation please let the rector know by contacting the office so that preparation can be made for classes.

St. Paul's and Trinity are now online. The email address is stpauls.trinity@bellnet.ca. We would like to put together a web page. If you have any knowledge of how this can be done, please contact the office.

Movie Night at the Church as part of our celebration of the Diocese's Sesquicentennial. Come and watch a showing of "Huron Our Story" a documentary that brings to life the legacy of our first bishop Benjamin Cronyn. April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity (movie review on bulletin board). If you need or would like a ride please call the office.

Congregational Council Meeting on Thurs. Apr. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group (ages 9-16) Fri. Apr. 20 at St. Paul's Church hall from 7-9 p.m. We have a fun and education evening planned for our New Youth Group. Parents please come in and fill out a contact form, then any who would like to stay or even help out are encouraged to do so and would be welcome company for your new youth group leaders.

Meeting of Parish Council (Wardens and Lay Delegates to Synod) on Wed. Apr. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's re: St. Michael's Report.

Diocese of Huron

Sesquicentennial Children's Festival Sat. May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Call 519-631-8750 or check out the diocesan web site www.diohuron.org for further details.

Thank You Bank contributions for April will be given to the Gideon Bible Society.

GESTO

Tai Chi on Fri. Apr. 20 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join in fellowship and light exercise in the hall at Maidstone.

Garage Sale and Bake Sale at Bethel-Maidstone on Apr. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Preparation on Fri. Apr. 20 from 6-9 p.m.

Gesto Mother and Daughter Supper on Thurs. May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Community social time at Bethel-Maidstone on Apr. 23 from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join.

There will be an Anniversary Service to celebrate the merger of Bethel and Maidstone United Churches on Sun. May 13. This will be celebrated in conjunction with Mother's Day at Bethel-Maidstone Nunsensations! Join Bethel-Maidstone United for a motorcoach trip to Petrolia to enjoy the comedy hit Nunsensations, the nonsense Las Vegas review. This trip is scheduled for June 9. Please contact 519-737-6614 or 519-839-5475 to sign up or for more information.

Thanks to all who attended the Silent Auction at Gesto. Rummage Sale at the Trinity United Church on Fri. Apr. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sat. Apr. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Spring Brunch at Ruthven/Olinda United Church on Sun. Apr. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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BAKERVILLE

Weather in our area at time of writing this column is cold and windy and on Saturday evening we even had snow showers. Where is spring?

Happy birthday wishes on Friday to Racheal Thibodeau; on Sunday to Geri Hanson Robataille as these two fine ladies celebrate another year.

Sympathy from the community is extended to Hazel Smith and her family on the passing of her dear husband Peter this past week.

The Pleasant Valley

Community Club held a Pepper party last Tuesday. The winners were Vi Majors, Herald Ferguson, Shirley Wilkinson, Charles Chevalier, Don Ouellette and Maxine Knight. Come and join the fun on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The regular card party winners on Saturday were George Diesbourg, Cecile St. Denis, Ruth Ferguson, Don McMurren, Joan Dresser and Chauncey Malott. Door prizes to Grant Beacom and Peggy Kettle. Come and join in on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

PAQUETTE

Our sympathies to Lynda and the LaMantia and Mann families in the loss of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather Larry. Our first Saturday evening Communion Service will be on Apr. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's.

St. Stephen's Yard and Bake Sale on Sat. Apr. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Collect all those treasures to bring plus baked goods but please no clothing (including shoes and purses). Please come out and help set up and price on Friday at 9 a.m.

Redeemer will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Apr. 28 from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets from Redeemer parish council or Marlene Vollans.

Redeemer will be having a Strawberry Social and Yard Sale on Sat. June 16. Dig out all your buried treasures.

ACW Annual Diocesan Meeting will be on Sat. Apr. 28 at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Eucharist at 2 p.m.

53rd Weekend will be held on June 1-3. Add a little music to your weekend with 3 Cantors in Concert. Weekend with the Primate: Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, theme speaker.

Back by popular demand, Bob Finlay in Concert at St. Stephen's on Apr. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets from council members, rectory or at the door. Bob is a native of Glasgow, Scotland and puts on a great show.

Sprouts meet on Thurs.

Apr. 19 from 10 n-11 a.m. at St. Stephen's.

St. Stephen's Dessert Card Party on Thurs. Apr. 19 at 1 p.m.

Youth Group Coffee Hour follows at 11 a.m. service on Apr. 29.

- Barb Mactier

COZY CORNERS

Bethel-Maidstone United

Tai Chi will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri. Apr. 20 at B-M.

Apr. 20 from 6-9 p.m. is the preparation for the garage and bake sale on Sat. Apr. 21 at Bethel-Maidstone from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community social time at B-M is Apr. 23 from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and join in cards, games, socializing and having fun.

Gesto U.C. is having a Tea Party on Apr. 13 at 7 p.m. There will be a silent auction, games and a light snack. Donations will be greatly appreciated with all proceeds going towards a new roof for the church.

The Mother and Daughter Potluck Dinner will be on Fri. May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Mother's Day is May 13. There will be an anniversary service to celebrate the merger of the Bethel and Maidstone Churches into one.

Bethel-Maidstone is taking a day trip to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia on June 9 to see "Nunsensations, the nonsense Las Vegas review". There is a stop at Parks Blueberries for coffee and browsing the gift shop, shopping in Petrolia before the show and dinner at the Countryview Golf Club. For more info or to reserve a seat(s) contact 519-737-6614 or 519-839-5475.

Please remember all the sick and shutins, those in hospital, rest and nursing homes, those who mourn and especially Cathy Chauvin, Olly Triolet, Gary Coomber and any others not well at this time in your thoughts and prayers and a card to let them know you are thinking of them.

If anyone would like a visit from Rev. Lilian please call her at 519-723-2284, 519-250-9662 or her cell at 519-995-9175.

- Bev Holland

BROOKER


Although Pete Smith had not enjoyed the best of health the last few years, it was a real shock as we learned of his sudden passing last week. Pete was a quiet gentle man who had many friends. He was a former deacon of Brooker Baptist Church and coordinated the Remembrance Day tributes to fallen soldiers for many years. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Hazel, children Maureen, Sean, Kate, Shannon and families in the loss of a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Western Association Annual Meeting at the Evangelical Slavic Mission, Windsor this Sat. Apr. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Laurie Barber, Director of Missional Initiatives will be the guest speaker in the evening service and funds for the Fill The Barn Project will be received.


Bible Club Banquet on Sat. Apr. 28 at Meadow Brook Fellowship, Leamington. Rev. Jim Badley will be the guest speaker and the Essex County Male Chorus will provide special music. Murray has a few tickets available.

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