

ALL DRESSED UP



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Tess Baldwin, Alec Steirman and Paige Steirman model children's fashions at the Markham Stouffville Hospital foundation fundraiser last month.

UNITY DANCE



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Elene Chin performs with the Markham Chinese Cultural Dance Company at the Unity in Diversity day last Saturday at Milliken Mills Community Centre.

HANDS DOWN



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Stella Loughlin plants her handprints into some wet cement at Union Villa's Hands of History event, part of the International Year of the Older Person.

COMPUTER GIFTWARE



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Mayor Don Cousens and Deputy Mayor Frank Scarpitti presented used computers from the town to representatives of a number of community groups recently.

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Focus on Faith

Everyone is welcome at Wideman Mennonite Church

The church is a peaceful community of warm and caring people who help people locally and world-wide

Reverend Ken Wellington is the new minister at Wideman Mennonite Church in Markham.

"Before coming to Markham, I wondered if the Wideman church members would be typical of most Mennonites, a group who has a history of sharing their resources with people

in crisis.

"I was not disappointed," Rev. Wellington discovered one of the projects the church is involved with was providing support for was a medical student in Congo, Africa.

The student, Charles Kumakamba, was recommended to the church by Wideman members Bruce and Ann Campbell-Jantz, who are currently assigned to development work in Congo.

This summer, Wideman's Sunday School took part in putting together 50 school kits for Congolese children where Campbell-Jantz are serving.

This project proved very meaningful to the Wideman children, Rev. Wellington said.

The Mennonite Church's major concern is how to bring peace to a violent world.

Unlike typical peace-keeping efforts that are accompanied by guns and

armoured vehicles, Mennonite Peace Maker team members risk their lives to find non-violent solutions to intense confrontations.

The Markham church is involved in Mennonite-sponsored peace initiatives in the Middle East.

This August, one of their members, Peter Niemeier, served with a peace maker team attempting to find ways of preventing Palestinian homes from being bulldozed by the Israeli military.

At the same time, others were demonstrating their concern by boarding buses targeted by Palestinian guerrillas.

Locally, Rev. Wellington said the Wideman Church's goal is to become a peaceful community of warm and caring people who welcome others to become part of their church family.

The Wideman Mennonite Church is located at 10530 Markham Rd., which is just north of Major Mackenzie Drive.

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Shaping The World With Wonder

Already, Christmas decorations are beginning to sprout along our streets, prompting us to remember all that we must do between now and December 25. However, as we face the prospect of increasing our already frantic pace, we are also reminded of our need to pause and reflect, balance our action with a renewed sense of wonder.

What do we use to wonder these days? Many inside and outside the church assume that the Bible is a primary tool for considering the transcendent. However, statistics seem to indicate that although the Bible is the best seller, few people actually read it. Perhaps this Christmas season is the time to take a second look at the Bible and decide if we should actually use it or move on to alternate ways of infusing wonder into our attempts to represent the love of God to the world.

Sue Hunter

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