

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

What would you do about drinking and driving?

→ Asked at Nofrills in Stouffville

Krista HOPKINS



If there was better public transit to bars and clubs in other locations such as Markham, Toronto, Newmarket or Aurora, it would help.

Adrie SPAARGAREN



Raise the fines and increase jail time. Drinking and driving is a big worry for everybody on the road.

Sara MARSALA

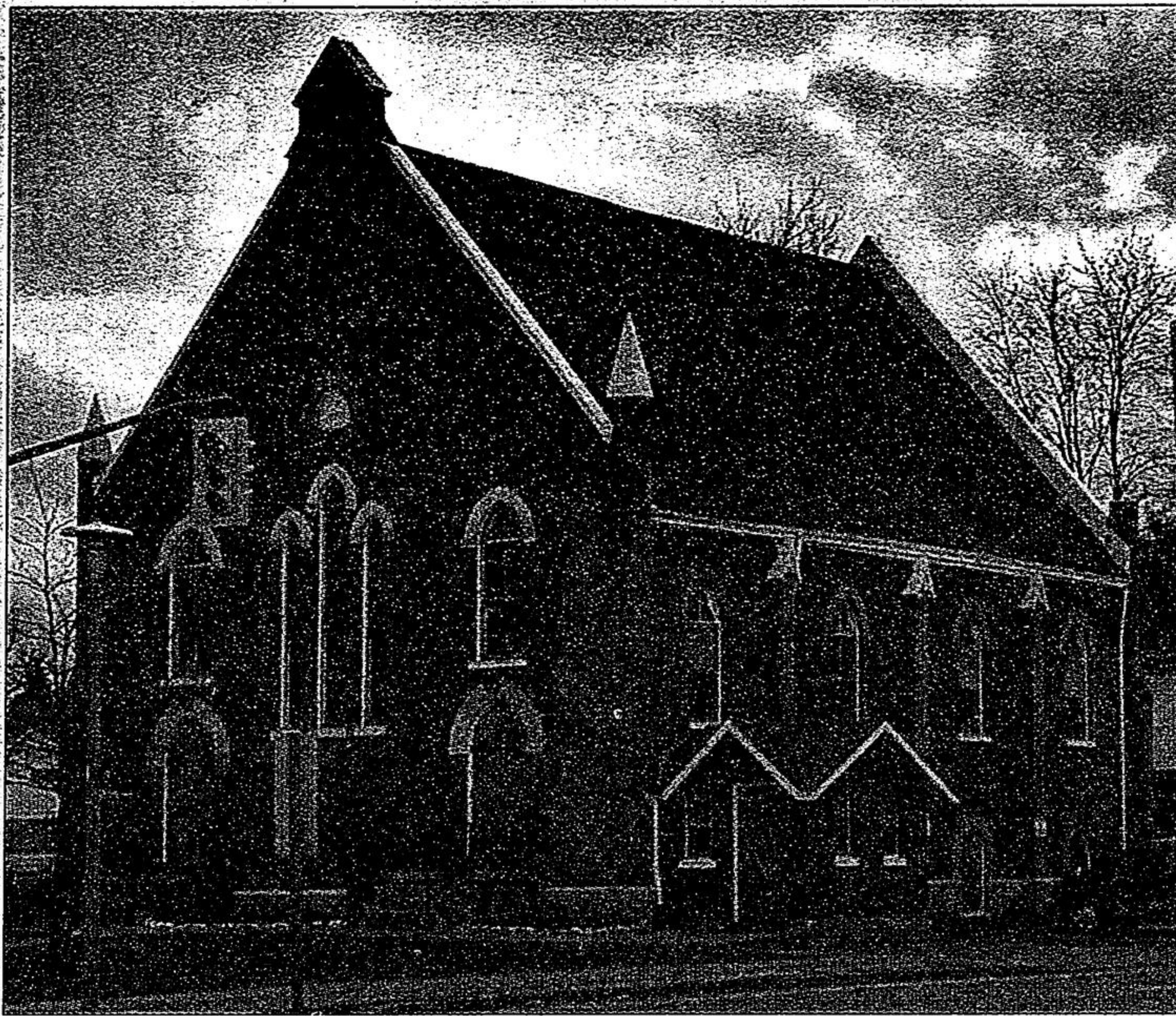


It is a social problem because people think they have to drink to have a good time. People are still reluctant to say to their friends, "Give me your keys".

Manfred SCHMITT



You should take away the offender's car. Charge people who give that person their car to drive. Offenders should also do a minimum of 30 hours of community work.



STAFF PHOTO/JIM MASON

Stouffville Memorial Christian Church celebrates its 165th anniversary as a congregation this weekend. The church building, at Main and Stouffer streets, is the second location of the church.

Stouffville's oldest church marking 165th anniversary

BY JACKSON HAYES

Before Canada was even a country, Pastor Ludwig Kribb welcomed the first congregation through the doors of Stouffville Memorial Christian Church. That was in 1842.

Though the original building is long gone, the spirit of those early days remains and will be celebrated at the 165th anniversary this weekend.

ORIGINAL WOOD BUILDING

Stouffville's oldest church congregation, according to church historian and long-time member Udelle Wood, began as a small wood-framed building on Main Street east of Cemetery Lane.

"They found that it was too small," Mrs. Wood said. "So it was sold and a new brick building was built where it stands today," at the corner of Main and Stouffer streets.

Though the second church was constructed in 1874, the 165-year anniversary dates from when the congregation was established, and not the

building.

That ups the ante.

"We are the oldest church around, I believe in York Region," Mrs. Wood said.

The original building was moved next to Stouffville creek but it did not sit dormant. It was turned into a roller skating rink before housing a sugar-making operation during the Second World War.

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Udelle Wood
Stouffville Memorial Christian Church historian

The original wood-frame church burned down in the 1940s.

The town recognized the history of the church in 1995 when it designated it as a heritage site, a Stouffville first.

Rev. Jim Amy, who has been

the church pastor for 20 years said it is nice to acknowledge the history behind this church and its flock.

This Sunday, the 165th anniversary of the oldest church in town will be celebrated with a day of services and music.

SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rev. Amy and his 30-member congregation are looking forward to their planned festivities.

"We are going to have lots of musicians, a vocalist and instrumental talent," he said.

Former member Dan Salisbury, now of Chicago, will be guest soloist.

There will be two services Sunday. The morning service starts at 10:30 and features Rev. Noel Churchman and the evening service will commence at 6:30.

"Lots of people have been invited," said Rev. Amy, adding he would be delighted if the 150-person capacity was reached.

Briefly

Three Metroland awards won by Sun-Tribune

The Stouffville Sun-Tribune was in the winner's circle three times at last week's Metroland editorial awards.

- Bill Roberts' photo spread of the Stouffville Spirit celebrating winning the North Conference Jr. A championship in 2006 won a first.

- Freelancer Gus Sarino also took first, for his photograph of the Harper homestead fire last summer.

- Mike Hayakawa and Jim Mason took second for their sports story profiling Jr. A hockey player Will Acton.

Lake residents clean up

The Musselman's Lake Residents Association is hosting its annual Earth Day lake cleanup Saturday at 9 a.m.

Participants should meet at the Cedar Beach Pavilion parking lot, on Ninth Line, at 9 a.m.

There will be coffee, doughnuts, entertainment, a DJ and barbecue. Take a tour of the lake led by a member of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority.

CORRECTION

MADD quote misleading

A quote in the story Use new road law, courts urge, in The Sun-Tribune April 14 may create a misleading impression about MADD York Region's position.

MADD favours provincial legislation mandating a zero blood alcohol level for anyone who has been driving less than five years, regardless of age. This law is already in place in Manitoba.

The Sun-Tribune regrets the error.

Quoteworthy

'There's been other people who have done worse in the league, than what Jeff did and didn't get that lengthy of a suspension.'

Joe Cornacchia on one-year ban issued local coach Jeff Perrin. See story on page 15.

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