Adult Game Night

Saturday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.
at Banwell Community Church.

Come out and invite some friends to join you to play some Euchre, as well as several other fun games. Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

Sign-up sheet in the foyer.
MEN’S MINISTRY

RETIRED? ---BORED?

We have “THE JOB” for you! As you know, in recent years a small band of dedicated men have picked up and delivered food items twice a month to Begley School.

As a result of the success of this outreach program of the Men’s Ministry, we have committed to a similar need at Marlborough school (near Huron Church Road). This is where you come in. In order for us to respond successfully to this need, we need a second small band of dedicated men to pick up and deliver once a month to Marlborough. You are guaranteed a significant dose of gratitude, appreciation and satisfaction while contributing to a community need. YOU WILL BE BLESSED - GUARANTEED.

Interested? Please speak to BOB MIDDAUGH or LINO BRACCIO.

FUTURE MEETINGS ----

Saturday, March 28th
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
Speaker - T.B.A.

** MONDAY, APRIL 27TH - 6:00 P.M. DINNER MEETING **
SPECIAL GUEST - JUDGE LLOYD DEAN

All men and young men are encouraged to attend. Pizza and salad dinner

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MEN’S SUNDAY

Back by popular demand!
Sunday, April 26th
Details coming.

GREAT ESCAPE VI

Our successful day away will return to the very popular HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTRE on Saturday, October 31st. We are very fortunate to have GRANT FAIRLEY return as our keynote speaker. Mark your calendar for the inspiring day away.

Jim Wheeler
Operation Christmas Child

We recently received a phone call from the Canadian Head Office thanking us for our participation in this year’s Shoebox event. It was a very successful year with over 10 million boxes sent overseas, over 700,000 that came from Canada alone. Further, there were over 900,000 decisions for Christ amongst the children who received these Christmas gifts. Praise be to God!

Upcoming Events

Forty Days for Life: The period from Feb. 18th - March 29th has been designated as a time of prayer and fasting in the hopes of ending abortion. If you’d like more information, call 519-969-7555 or visit the website 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Windsor/

Legacy: An Equipping Conference for Men will be held on Saturday, April 18th at West Park church in London. Sponsored by Promise Keeper’s Canada. Cost is $45 by March 31st, $50 after that. Please call the Promise Keeper’s Canada office 1-888-901-9700.

Shroud of Turin Event: Shroud Scholar, Barrie Schwortz, will be lecturing and presenting a photographic replica of the shroud at Most Precious Blood parish from March 11-17. Please call 519-982-3337 for exhibition times or check their website: www.mostpreciousblood.ca.

A New Way to Support Our Church

50% of haircut services price, excluding HST tax, will be donated to Banwell Community Church for the following services:

- Men’s Haircut and Style: $17
- Boy’s Haircut and Shampoo: $12 (boys age over 12 years are considered as Men’s Haircut)
- Girl’s Haircut and Shampoo: $14 (girls age over 12 years are considered as Lady’s Haircut)
- Lady’s Haircut, Shampoo and Basic Style: $30 (for example, Curls and Updos are extra and do not apply)
- Lady’s Dry Haircut: $20

Also, any service that includes a haircut, a donation of 50% will be applied to the haircut portion.

It is best to book the service by telephone since it can get busy. Please call telephone 519-979-4444 to book.

Or you can also book online anytime at www.BellaVitaSpa.ca.
UPDATE ON BANNER

Here is the photo I used as my inspiration for my latest banner. The picture is from a Lutheran church in Garden City Beach SC just south of Myrtle Beach. I modified the design to include 3 waves with 3 ripples to represent the Trinity! The name of the church is Shepherd by the Sea thus the title of the banner... The banner is 2 feet by 10 feet. I used an appliqué technique and machine quilted the banner. My heart has received much joy in completing this set of banners!

Linda Stevenson

AGE UNLIMITED

“God saw all that he made, and it was very good”. Genesis 1:31

Are you looking forward to spring? As winter terminates, once again we'll see God's wonderful creation

On Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel room, Age Unlimited will meet to enjoy a unique fellowship, and sing hymns of praise, hear a speaker and see a travelogue presentation and complete the morning with a delicious lunch.

Henry Nurse, our coordinator, will welcome the group. Monica Small will share with us how her brother was involved in an archeological dig discovery. This long lost feature is now a popular tourist attraction. This discovery is featured in a tourism video about “Beautiful Barbados”. Henry Nurse will show the video. We return to experience this beautiful island in the sun.

The warmth of the island is sure to recharge our spirits! Invite a friend to come with you on this incredible adventure.

To complete the morning, we will enjoy a delicious lunch. This is planned, purchased and prepared by our hostesses: Yvonne Eberle, Penny Bain, Madelon Kidd, Dorothy Allan, and Pam Beemer. To cover the cost of this nutritious lunch, we ask for a freewill offering.

Sign-up today on the sheet on the coffee counter.

We look forward to seeing you at our Age Unlimited meeting as we gather for our incredible journey to “Beautiful Barbados”.

“In the wonders of God’s creation we see His majesty and His character”.

Our Daily Bread

Henry Nurse, Coordinator
Submitted by Joan Fulmer
Faces in the Crowd

- The condolences of the congregation are extended to **Vladimir and Danijela Kralik** upon the passing of Vladimir’s father Juraj;
- to the family of **Opal Jamieson** who passed away January 15th in Fredericton, New Brunswick.
- Thanks to **Linda Stevenson** who worked so hard to provide the new banners decorating our sanctuary.
- And please add an asterisk’s beside the name of **Deborah Doyle**, who joined our church last year. We inadvertently left the asterisk out in the new directory.

Good Friday Service

This year’s service will be on Friday, April 3rd at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church here in Windsor. The address is 710 Mercer Street. Guest Speaker will be **Rev. Stan Mantle** and all proceeds from the offering will go towards the kitchen renovation project at Matthew House.

Prayer Boxes

In going through all of our church’s “stuff” during the past little while, our friend **Wayne Parsons** happened upon a couple of special prayer boxes. Hal and Ruth Herzog are kindly in the process of refinishing them to match the color of the woodwork in the church. Very soon we will hang them: one by the Fireside door and one by the Pastor’s Study. The current prayer box will have a new use as a suggestion box in our lobby. We hope this usage of an old resource will allow us more opportunity to share our prayer requests with one another.

WORSHIP NOTES

As we turn the corner into March, we do so with the hope that spring is on the way and that there will be more enjoyable times of worship together as Banwell Community Church.

On the first Sunday of the month, our friend **Frank Ball** will fill our pulpit while the pastor spends a week of vacation. On the last four Sundays, the pastor will continue with his message series entitled: “Bad Boys and Girls of the Bible”. As always, we will be blessed by music through our volunteer musicians and our Minister of Music, Ian McGregor Smith. May the Lord continue to bless us as we gather together for worship.

**March 1st**
Guest Speaker, Frank Ball

**March 8th**
“Bad Boys and Girls of the Bible...Dysfunction Strikes an Elite Family” II Samuel 15

**March 15th**
“Bad Boys and Girls of the Bible...The Story of a Strained Marriage” Hosea 3:1-3

**March 22nd**
“Bad Boys and Girls of the Bible...With a Friend Like Judas etc.” Matthew 26:47-56

**March 29th**
Position: Special Events Tech Support

Personal Qualifications:
- Committed Christian and a member or adherent at Banwell.
- An interest in the audio visual needs in our sanctuary.

Training Provided: Approximately one hour, by our head tech support person John Goodwin.

Experience Required: Some experience in audio-visuals would be helpful but not necessary.

Time Commitment: Weekends (for weddings) and weekdays (funerals).

Length of Commitment: No restriction.

General Duties:
- To assist the pastor or whomever may be conducting funerals or weddings held in our sanctuary by setting up microphones needed, running the sound board and using the CD player if required.
- To arrive a half hour early for set-up and remain after the event to properly shut down the system, return microphones and stands to storage, cover the sanctuary piano and turn off the lights.
- When assisting with a wedding, to be present for the wedding rehearsal.

Resource Materials: Some printed materials, related to our sound system, are available to peruse.

Resource People: John Goodwin

Honorarium: Though this is a volunteer position, an honorarium is usually provided for the tech person at weddings.

Contact Persons: The Pastor or John Goodwin.
LIFE KEYS - We are sincerely appreciative that Linda Moir once again provided the leadership for this meaningful seminar. Seventeen people participated. The Committee was pleased to provide this opportunity thanks to the excellent skills of Linda.

SAFETY AUDIT CONDUCTED - One of the areas of responsibility of our committee is to insure our building meets the required Health and Safety obligations. As a result our local Fire Department Inspector was invited to tour our building following which he made a number of recommendations.

SECURITY ONE ALARM SYSTEMS was appointed to conduct a Safety Audit of our building that included inspection of our heat detectors, fire extinguishers and emergency lighting. We were also required to purchase two CO2 monitors and an additional fire extinguisher. The total cost of the aforementioned was approximately $800. Included in the repair was a number of defective parts.

In addition we were required to prepare a Fire Safety Plan. We are grateful to Jim Elder who did extensive work in completing the plan as required by the Fire Department. As a part of this obligation, we will be holding a fire drill in June. Complete details regarding this exercise will be provided at a later date.

Jim Wheeler, Chair

Kids Zone

Please note that Kids Zone will not be held on March 19th and March 26th, or April 2nd, but will resume on April 9th.

VBS 2015

Agency 3D:
Discover, Defend, Decide

July 20 - July 23
6 - 8 p.m.
As I was driving into my church study this morning, the weatherman on the radio reported that this will definitely turn out to be one of the three coldest Februarys since they began keeping records. I was talking to an avid skier yesterday and even he admitted to being tired of winter. Even those who had no intention of getting away to someplace warm are making last minute plans. Will spring ever come?

Which leads me to one of my favourite Mark Twain quotes … his comment, “Everybody complains about the weather but nobody ever does anything about it” suggests that, in spite of our best laid plans, there are some things beyond our control. That record snowfall on Super Bowl Sunday was a reminder of that. God bless you if you had somewhere to go that night! But if all you had to do (as was the case for Linda and me) was to watch the football game and relax in front of the fire, with a snow blower waiting for you in the garage for the next day’s clean-up and a day off to do it, you could truly say, “Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!”

The late Professor Wayne Oates (the man who coined the word “workaholic”) wrote a little book a number of years ago called, “When You Can’t Find Time for Each Other.” In one of the chapters he addresses this whole issue of what to do when you’re stuck … whether because of a snow storm, a traffic jam, somebody who is slow getting ready, etc. Instead of grousing about the inconvenience and how you are going to be late for this or that, Dr. Oates suggests looking at such unexpected events as surprise gifts of time. You can’t do anything about it anyway … why not use the time to do something you enjoy for which you don’t usually have the time?

True, this requires a fair bit of maturity on our part. Most of us have planned our schedules so tightly that anytime we can’t make our appointments, meetings, etc. we end up doing a fair bit of scrambling to make sure everything is covered. Financial planners advise us to try to have emergency money in case we hit an unexpected challenge in our personal finances … have we ever thought of banking some time in case of a sudden change of plans in our schedules?

The Psalmist writes, “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Some days we look back and it all went according to plan, and we judge that to be a good day. But what about the days when our schedule falls apart? God is in those times as well … and sometimes “Plan B” affords us some great opportunities to relax, enjoy time with friends or family or get involved in some projects we’ve been putting off for some time.

So the next time a snow storm hits (I’m hoping it won’t be until next winter), look upon it as a special gift of time, where God is able to work, just as well as in our carefully crafted schedules. What a surprise he may have in store for us!

Devotedly your pastor … Alex