Create, rehearse, and present a complete Christmas play starring families in ONE NIGHT!

With just a few hours of rehearsal, four scenes involving everyone who attends, original script and music, *Bethlehem Bound* presents Jesus as the real star of Christmas.

Marty and Ramona, a Bible-times couple, lead the way to Bethlehem on the night of Jesus’ birth. En route, they encounter Mary and Joseph, a musical caravan, Wise Ones going to meet the baby king, harmonic angels, and shepherds with a flock of inspiring sheep—all played by families decked out with creative props they have just created.

**ALL AGES WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED!**

**DECEMBER 8th, 2013**

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

First Baptist Church here in Windsor has just lost their main musician, a pianist who assists in the worship experience. This would be a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants to do some mission work and has some musical ability. If you are interested, kindly speak to our pastor.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Western Association Advent Service**
Sunday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. at Chatham Baptist Church. Please bring a plate of goodies!

**University of Windsor Wind Ensemble Fall Concert**
Friday, Nov. 29th at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: Adults/Seniors $10; Students (with ID) $5

**University of Windsor Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert**
Saturday, Nov. 30th at 7:30 p.m.,
Tickets: Adults/Seniors $10; Students (with ID) $5

**Ladies Christmas Candlelight Tea**
Tuesday, December 3rd

**Breakfast with Santa**
Saturday, Dec. 7th
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Bethlehem Bound**
Sunday, Dec. 8th

**Banwell Family Christmas Concert**
Saturday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 p.m.
WORSHIP NOTES

What a privilege it is for us to gather in worship during these beautiful fall Sundays! During November the pastor will complete his message series entitled “Jesus is Lord”. As always, we are grateful for the contributions of our musicians under the leadership of Ian McGregor Smith. May the Lord continue to inspire us as we gather together for worship!

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FACES IN THE CROWD

Congratulations and thank you to Hyacinth Daniels who completed the Super Hero Walk-a-thon with the proceeds going to Matthew House. The walk was held on Saturday, September 28th.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the following individuals who experienced the loss during this past little while:

* To Alan and Marie-Jeanne Wright upon the passing of Marie-Jeanne’s sister;
* To Yvonne Miloyevich upon the passing of her father John;
* And to Margie Meisner who lost her son Randy.
REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OF GOD THRONE OF GRACE

“In His Presence” Concert

Friday, November 15th, 2013
at 7:30 p.m. at the W.F.C.U. Centre
Pastor Donnie McClurklin

This is an initiative to bring our community together to praise and worship God in the beauty of Holiness and in the love of Jesus Christ.

Obtain FREE tickets at W.F.C.U. Centre.
(Reservations available for 3000 people)

Children’s Bulletins

Every week there will be age appropriate bulletins in the foyer for the children to pick up before service. They are based on the chosen scripture for the message each week. They have different activities to help the children know and understand the Bible’s message. Please pick them up each week from the bulletin board for the kids to fill out here, or take home and do them together as a family!
VIEW FROM THE PEW

I attended a blessing at St. John’s Anglican Church on Sandwich Street last week that I want to tell you about. I wasn’t sitting in a pew but the church-hall blessing couldn’t have been more touching if I was in their sanctuary…

About a month ago I received a call from a friend asking if the family would agree to a prayer quilt being made for my grandson Finn. Saying yes, I was told that the quilt would be presented to Finn's family at the end of the month. At the appointed time all of Finn's family members were either at work or at school and Finn himself was at the hospital having a blood test (with his Mom) so I was the 'family'. The quilters were in the church hall working on their sewing machines when I went in that Friday morning. I was introduced to the ten women who then continued to sew and chat until a large table was brought in and Finn’s quilt was laid on top. The fabric was in colours of blue and white with splashes of Finn’s favourite colour purple and was covered with his favourite figures – bikers, skateboarders and scooter riders. It was beautiful. The women gathered around the table, making a circle by holding hands. The Anglican minister who came this day (with this being a non-denominational quilt group many different clergy people have taken part) took the lead and asked me to tell the group a little bit about Finn. Well this is the emotional part because once you start talking about an 8-year old with cancer it is hard to go any further – I did the best I could under the circumstances, telling them a little bit about his struggle and then the minister blessed the quilt and Finn. You can’t see them in the attached picture but there are approximately fifty pairs of fine, five-inch in length, strings all over the quilt. After the blessing all the women who made the quilt (and I) tied the first knots - I was told to put the left string over the right for the first tie and then the right over the left for the second. I’m guessing that by following that simple rule of tying and after many, many ties, the two strings will form one straight, neat string.

This group believes that the prayerful support and love shown by friends and family in the simple tying of a knot, will be transferred to Finn and cover him, as the quilt will, throughout his journey.

A lot of people within our congregation have acted as such a cover for me during this journey and I thank you.

And that’s my view, Zelma Horvath

The quilting group is called W.E. Are Piecemakers, Chapter 951 and is a Member of Prayers and Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry.
ABOUT THE W.E. (WINDSOR-ESSEX) ARE PIECEMAKERS

Our group, W.E. (Windsor-Essex) Are Piecemakers, is a member organization of Prayers and Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry. Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Although there are other groups that make quilts for charitable causes, the purpose or Prayers and Squares is not to make and distribute quilts but to promote prayer through the use of quilts. They can be for anyone who is experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual or some other life crisis and could benefit from being “covered in prayer”. The organization’s guiding principle is “it’s not about the quilt; it’s all about the prayers”. The warmth they bring comes from the prayers that are tied in each knot. There is no significance to the number of knots. These quilts (which cannot be bought or sold) have been made for children and adults for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of prayer. They are a tangible sign of God’s ever present Grace, available to all of us.

W.E. Are Piecemakers are relatively unknown in our community. Although small in numbers, our members are not only dedicated in making a difference in the lives of others but recognize that there is a great need in our community for these “special” quilts; a gift of love and prayer. We strive to accommodate requests for prayer quilts, but are aware that we have our own limitations; specifically manpower and financially. We do not have an outside source that assists our chapter and rely on the generosity of donors that support our efforts, enabling us to purchase supplies e.g. 100% cotton fabric, batting and other supplies necessary to make the quilts.
PASTORAL CARE & WORSHIP
Submitted by: Donna Soper

We hope that anyone who attended church on Teen Challenge Sunday in September enjoyed the message and music these men delivered. It is through faith that their lives have been transformed and it is brave of them to share their stories in hopes of saving others. We thank our Hospitality Team for the delicious lunch they served these men before they headed back to the London area.

How blessed we are to have creative hands on our "Decorating Committee". Over Thanksgiving our church burst with beautiful fall colours reminding us of how our Creator provides glorious colour with each season.

On Sunday mornings a dedicated team of volunteers serve us beverages before & after church along with a sweet treat. We want to recognize these people & say "thank you" for serving each & every Sunday morning.

Have you ever wondered why we have "name tag Sunday"? Our committee decided, as our church is growing, it was important to get to know each other by name. The more we see your name & can put it with your face the more familiar you become. We are a family of God & most families know each other by name don't they?

Advent is only weeks away & we all look forward to the special Christmas music we hear thanks to a talented group of musicians & singers. Our Christmas concert is scheduled for December 14th at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will mark your calendar so you don't miss this very enjoyable evening.

We are in the process of planning our Anniversary Sunday, January 26, 2014. As you already know our guest speaker that Sunday will be Rev. Dr. Brian Craig, Director of Leadership Development in the CBOQ. We are planning a potluck luncheon & as the date approaches we will have sign-up sheets available for you to add your favourite dish. Baptists are known for their delicious potlucks so let's live up to our name.

We thank you for your faith in us to serve on this committee & we welcome any questions or concerns you may have pertaining to Pastoral Care or Worship. We set aside time in our meetings to pray for you so if you have a prayer request we would be happy to receive it.

In His service,

Chair: Dennis Dick

Members: Marsha Campbell, Heather Heuston, Deborah Martel, Nancy Pavlovich & Donna Soper
STATE OF THE ART RELAXATION

Have you dropped by the Youth Lounge lately? It has been refurbished with some youthful, modern, relaxing ambiance. GREAT STUFF! Take a look!

J.W.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are in!

Pick your shoebox up today along with instructions for filling it. Please return it to the church by Sunday, November 10th. Please include a cheque for $7.00. Have some extra supplies for the boxes? Bring them in to be included in additional boxes that we will prepare.

ROCK SOLID MINISTRIES EVENTS

6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M

Nov. 1st & 8th - Bible Study & Banwell
Nov. 15th - Lazer Tag @ XS Family Fun Centre (Lauzon), 7-9 p.m. ($10/student)
Nov. 22nd - Bible Study & Banwell
Nov. 29th - Girls & Guys Night Out
Dec. 6th - Progressive Christmas Party/ Caroling/Gift Exchange (Meet at Banwell)
COME FOR

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!
December 7th, 2013, 9 - 11 a.m.

Join us for a pancake breakfast, fun activities and games as well as a visit with Santa!

Cost: Non-perishable food items, an unwrapped toy for charity, or hats & mittens.

Hey Kids! Don’t forget your letter to Santa!

Sign-up sheets on Christian Education and Main Bulletin Board in the foyer, or contact Marlee at 519-735-2654 or ce@banwell-community-church.org.
MEN’S MINISTRY REPORT

SWEET TASTE OF FALL

On October 11th a local orchard was invaded by five APPLE PICKERS, namely Lino Braccio, Dave Ferrato, Ken Heuston, Richard Marshall and David Reimer. A friend of David Reimer’s informed him that he was welcome to pick and the aforementioned men were on their way resulting in over fifty bags being available on Sunday morning for our crunching pleasure.

In addition to making apples available to our congregation, a significant supply were taken to Begley and Marlborough schools as well as the Rose City church.

This was a great outreach project by our men and they are to be congratulated for their hard work. We extend a HUGE THANK YOU!

GREAT ESCAPE

Our Men’s Great Escape Day Away on Saturday, October 5th returned once again to the shores of Lake Erie at the Holy Family Retreat House that is an exceptional retreat facility. The property provides a brief escape from the bustle of the world that surrounds it.

Thirty-five men attended and were challenged on how we respond to “Being A Believer In An Unbelieving World”. Pastor Alex kindly accepted our invitation to be the leader for the day and he challenged us directly with questions such as “How can I be a part of your kingdom?”, “How can we help people find the Lord?”, recognizing our opportunities and focusing on the message in Matthew Chapter 5 & 6 addressing “The Life We Were Meant to Live” and Chapter 28:19 - “The Great Commission”.

Excellent sharing in our small groups, music by Aaron and Danny Blata along with great fellowship and food made for a special day. We were very appreciative of Pastor Alex taking time from his demanding schedule to prepare a challenging day. We were blessed to have him with us.

J.W.
AGE UNLIMITED

“Go and make disciples of all the nations.” Matthew 28:19.

And the “Parable of the Good Samaritan:

The Samaritan saw him and took pity —he bandaged his wounds — took him to an inn and took care of him.” Luke 10:33-34.

An invitation is extended to all seniors of Banwell Community Church to attend the fellowship meeting of Age Unlimited Group on Wednesday, November 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel Room.

Our fellowship includes: prayer, praise, hymn singing, a devotional thought, a special guest speaker, and the morning concludes with a delicious lunch which is planned, purchased and prepared by our hostesses: Yvonne Eberle, Penny Bain, Madelon Kidd, Deborah Bevington, Pam Beemer and Dorothy Allen.

Our special guest speaker is Dr. Bruce White. Bruce was born in Bothwell, where he attended elementary school and high school. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy for 4 years of service. After discharge, he attended the University of Western Ontario where he obtained a B.A. and M.D. degree. He interned at the former Salvation Army Grace Hospital. He established a family practice in the Riverside area and gave anesthesia to surgical patients on many mornings.

In 1984, Dr. White and his wife Kitty were commissioned by the United Church of Canada to go on a medical mission to Africa. They spent 2 years serving the area population of Tumutumu, Kenya, Africa. The hospital had 190 beds. He worked in primitive conditions but did his best with what he had to work with. He will narrate this “Incredible Journey” by a slide presentation.

Please sign up by November 10th to indicate your presence.

“You need not be afraid of where you are going when you know God’s going with you.” (Our Daily Bread)

Henry Nurse, Coordinator
Submitted by: Joan Fulmer

SPECIAL EVENT

The 8th Annual Prayer Fellowship Dinner will be held Friday, November 8th, 6 p.m. at St. Paul’s United Church, 973 Pillette Road in Windsor. All proceeds will benefit Hospice of Windsor, Sunparlour Pregnancy Resource Center, Windsor Life Center and World Medical Mission (Samaritan’s Purse).

Please R.S.V.P. by November 1st by calling 944-7038 and speaking to Pastor Bowers.
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Child Care Schedule for November 2013

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New Children’s Chairs

We are so excited to share with you about the new furniture in Room #4. Back in March we realized the kids needed some new tables, so we purchased 5 new tables!

At the time we also knew we were in need of some new chairs but held off until September to order those, but they are now here too! They all came in nice bright colours and have brightened up the whole room!

A big thanks to our church family for always supporting our little ones and fulfilling their needs!
As we head into the first couple of months of the fall, it doesn’t take long for those in a leadership capacity in our congregation (i.e. members of our working committees and Board of Directors) to realize that it’s time to sharpen the pencils and get to work … the annual budget for our church is due in a little while. The meeting when the 2014 budget will be brought to our congregation looks to be the last Sunday in November, the 24th to be exact. Here are a couple of things going through my mind as we begin this important exercise.

Drafting a budget in a Christian congregation is not simply an administrative function … it truly is a mission activity. In essence, the annual budget serves as a road map for the congregation over the coming year, as we try to be faithful to how we feel God is leading us to minister in our community and the wider world. We aren’t simply raising a pile of money to be spent … we are securing resources that will help us bring the message of the gospel into people’s lives and help them grow in their faith, making them better friends, parents, spouses, leaders, disciples and citizens. As our Finance Committee leads us in this exercise, keep them in your prayers. Resources are not limitless and these faithful folks need wisdom as they collate the data given them by our Working Committees.

Further, I’ve been thinking about how we use our budget. I agree with our leaders as they extend their gratitude to the chair persons and members of the Working Committees, who have spent money with great care this year. Of course, this is one way to survive fiscally … to spend less than we thought we needed in some notable areas, thus helping our ministry should we need more in another area or if revenue is lower than expected. And we are always glad when this happy circumstance develops! However, I often wonder if this is the best arrangement. What if we planned carefully, knowing that each line in the budget is necessary? And, equally important, what if the revenue came in just as we’d hoped, or dare we say it, even more than we thought? Isn’t this the kind of progress we hope for and how things should operate? If we plan our budget carefully and with an eye toward mission and ministry, we should look at spending the revenue provided for us as God’s mission in our community and world.

Of course, there’s the “minor detail” as to where the resources will come from, if we fully intend the annual budget to be a realistic plan as to how we hope to minister in the coming year. There’s an old story about a pastor who was priming his congregation for this annual challenge. In announcing the morning’s offering he said that he had good news and bad news … the good news was that there were ample resources to fund the mission of the congregation. The bad news was that it was still in their pockets!

We are so grateful for the generosity of our wonderful congregation in providing the funds necessary for us to operate a growing mission enterprise. We also realize the many demands on your charitable dollar in today’s world. It’s just that we think the church is the best place to start as we consider how to use our resources to help address some of the tough issues of our time. As we head toward our meeting on November 24th, please keep this “mission” process in your prayers.

Devotedly your pastor … Alex

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