

Wespress for May 2014

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Coming Events

Saturday 24 May	Evening	International Dinner – ticket required – see below
Saturday 7 June	8:00	Spring Sale – see details in 5 below
Saturday 14 June	9:30	Women's Bible Study Closing – see details in 6 below

Saturday 24 May – Westminster International Dinner Fundraiser. Food and entertainment from round the world. Invite family and friends. Tickets \$25.

1. Choir Concert

In April 2013 I first heard Steffan Jones sing at the Ontario Welsh Festival in Niagara Falls, and invited him to be a soloist in our April 2014 concert. Dates, accommodation, repertoire and fees all had to be negotiated and settled well in advance, but eventually arrangements were successfully completed, resulting in his excellent contribution to our recent concert. Zoe Langlois, our choir lead soprano, was the other soloist, and sang several songs very beautifully, with the choir supporting both singers with four choral pieces.

The audience turn-out was the best we have seen for a long time, enabling me to cover all my expenses and make a donation to the General Fund. Special thanks must go to John and Mary Ann Tyler for being the inspiration behind the Feb 22nd concert when several friends of mine performed as a fund-raiser and publicity for the April concert. Glenn Carroll produced an excellent and informative program, and Lezlie Wood and Marg Quinney supervised the refreshments afterwards. Thanks go to Shirley Stubbs and Betty-Jean Bone for looking after front-of-house, programs and ticket sales; Myfanwy

Davies and her husband Rick for providing accommodation for Steffan at their home, and Kathy Milburn for a great help in the church office with printing and copying.

In short, a great team effort. We are all busy people, but the choir must be complimented on making every effort to attend Thursday rehearsals. Westminster is fortunate to have them leading the singing at Sunday worship services. My warmest thanks to everyone who contributed, and to the congregation for supporting us.

Alan

2. Name Badges

We are encouraging everyone to wear their Name Badges on Sunday. The new system involves taking responsibility for your own Badge. Please take it home and remember to wear it every Sunday. If you don't have a Badge, either pickup your old badge from a greeter at the back of the church, or a new one may be ordered through the church office. Three types of fasteners are available, 1) Bulldog clip, 2) Beaded chain, or 3) Magnetic back.

Walter Mingie

3. Third Ottawa Westminster Scout Group

The Third Ottawa Westminster Scout Troop and Beaver Colony have both reserved additional space for two(2) Scouts, Ages 11-14 and two(2) Beavers Ages 5-7, from young boys and girls of Westminster families. Unfortunately, the Cub pack is overfilled and no space is available.

Those Westminster families who wish to take advantage of the spots, 'reserved for Westminster youth', should email registrar@thirdottawa.com, to hold a spot open for the coming fall season.

Wayne Schaler

4. Church School News

We've been doing a Mission Study on girls' education in Afghanistan for the last couple of months. We've learned a lot about the life and education of children and their families in Afghanistan and we've made kites which we will be flying later this month. We have read stories, made plasticine people, played "co-operative" musical chairs and enjoyed snacks similar to those that the children eat in Afghanistan.

Everything will be wrapping up on June 8th with an all ages Service followed by a hot dog lunch on the front lawn of the Church. All funds raised from the hot dog lunch will be used to help defray the cost of the LIT/CY program that many of our youth are participating in this summer.

I'm looking forward to even more fun before the end of the school year!

Sharon

5. Westminster Spring Sale

It's Spring and time for the Westminster Spring Sale on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Get ready for summer: buy plants for your garden, books for a relaxing read, baking for entertaining family and friends, and sit down in our cafe for a refreshing morning pause and a visit with friends.

Success depends on YOU...Please support by contributing, volunteering, publicizing, attending, buying and bringing your friends. **We need contributions of all kinds of baking and plants, rhubarb, summer reading paper books, and lots**

of muffins for the cafe. Someone will be at the church on Friday, June 6th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accept donations or please call the relevant table coordinator. There is a change in format this year with no garage sale component so please no other items.

TABLE COORDINATORS:

- **Plants** - Margaret Jones
Debbie Jones
- **Westminster Bake Shop** -
Marg Quinney
Shirley Stubbs
- **Cafe (drinks and muffins)** -
Wendie McCaffrey
- **Summer Book Boutique** -
Lezlie Wood
- **Set-up & Tear Down** -
Bill Miller
- **Coordination, Volunteers & Communication** -
Laura Kilgour

Contact the Church Office 613-722-1144 for phone #s

6. Women's Bible Study Group

On Saturday, June 14th at 9:30 am we will gather for breakfast as our last meeting until the fall. Meeting at Cora's on Richmond Road near Lincoln Heights. Please RSVP with Debbie Chadsey - 613 828-0257 or to Betty Jean Bone by email. If you haven't attended the Bible Study in the past, please feel welcome to join us for breakfast and consider joining us in November when we resume on the 2nd Saturday of the month, November 8th.

Debbie

Church Finances

Financial highlights for period 1 Jan to 30 Apr, 2014

Funds:	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital</u>
Income	\$79,413	\$3,573
Expenses	91,525	0
Difference	(\$12,112)	\$3,573

Offerings given for:

General Fund:	\$52,864
Capital Fund:	\$ 3,573
Presbyterians Sharing:	\$ 1,392
PWS&D:	\$ 720

Offerings given and funds raised for:

Centre 507:	\$ 55
Kenora Fellowship:	\$ 316
Education Langhman Province:	\$ 1,019