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St. Timothy's



"Celebrating the Journey"



2005

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## From the Minister's Desk

## Autumn Newsletter

A lady was invited by her daughter to see a beautiful daffodil garden. She thought it would be nice to do but didn't feel particularly excited about it—certainly not as excited as her daughter was.

Eventually the lady gave in and was taken by her daughter to the garden. It was an out of the way place and the lady wondered what the big deal could be—until she finally saw the garden.

On the far side of a church, she saw a hand lettered sign that read, "Daffodil Garden."

They turned a corner of the path, and she looked up and gasped. Before her lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns—great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron, and butter yellow.

Each different coloured variety was planted as a group so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"But who has done this?" she asked her daughter.

"It's just one woman. She lives on the property. That's her home." The daughter pointed to a well kept A-frame house that looked small and modest in the midst of all that glory. They walked up to the house.

On the patio, they saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You are asking" was the headline.

The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read.

The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and very little brain."

The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

There it was, The Daffodil Principle.

For the visiting lady, that moment was a life-changing experience.

She thought of this woman whom she had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun—one bulb at a time—to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Still, just planting one bulb at a time, year after year, had made such a difference. This unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of ineffable (indescribable) magnificence, beauty, and inspiration.

The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time—often just one baby-step at a time—and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time.

When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.

Her daughter summed up the message of the day.

"Start tomorrow," she said. "It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays. The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"

My thanks to Sue MacArthur for sending me "the Daffodil Principle" a while ago.

As St. Timothy's prepares for its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary I'm reminded of all "the daffodils" that have been planted in our families and our community by the little acts of love and grace—the lives living out the Gospel—expressing themselves all through those years. Kind words, generous support, selfless care are a part of the history of this congregation.

Little things, which in many ways, don't seem that important or powerful, accumulate to form a core vision of what it's like to be a Christian and how the Christian faith is expressed to those we know and those we have never met.

Think of "the daffodils" you have planted and celebrate the opportunities to show God's love in such wonderful ways.

After 45 years we have developed quite a garden. Let's give thanks for that but at the same time remember that our planting has not concluded. The "daffodil principle" reminds us that there are always more seeds to plant—more love to be shared—more brightness to be offered in the midst of our community and our world.

May our "garden" continue to grow word by word, action by action, day after day, year after year because, after 45 years, we are just beginning!

Yours in Christ,  
Dennis

**“Celebrating the Journey...from Vision to Reality...1960 - 1963”**

As we celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we have this wonderful opportunity to understand and reflect upon our beginnings and to consider the many gifts that God has given to us here at St. Timothy's. One of the gifts that we have good reason to be thankful for is the determination and faithfulness of our early church pioneers. They truly have been the strength of our Church. The Anniversary Committee has created the theme of this anniversary celebration as “Celebrating the Journey...” honouring our first pioneers who from 1960 through 1963, by their faith and determination, successfully struggled to bring St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church from a vision to reality. We are pleased to dedicate this NEWSLETTER to them.

**45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is putting final touches on the arrangements for celebrating our anniversary on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Committee convened by Mark Stephens, with members: Ann Hopkins, Laina Malcolm, Arnold Springate, Alice and Don Stephens have been ably assisted by Terry Nichols with graphic designs and printing. They have interviewed those who were present in 1960 and collected photos and other historic documents. Guest preacher will be the Rev. Gordon Beaton with special music by Karen (Fox) Illman. The service will be followed by a catered luncheon in the Catherine Smyth Fellowship Hall. Seating is limited to 90 people, so anyone interested in attending the anniversary luncheon must sign their name to the luncheon list in the Narthex no later than Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The theme for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is “*Celebrating the Journey*” and will highlight the years 1960 through 1963. In the coming anniversaries (46<sup>th</sup> through 49<sup>th</sup>) we will be highlighting as follows: 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1964 to 1980; 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1980 to 1990; 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1990 to 2000 and 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 2000 to 2010. This time-line approach should help us truly be prepared to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010!

We are happy to show a copy of a letter received from St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Whitby wishing us God's Blessing. Many of our worshipers have called St Andrews our Mother Church. Not only did they give us Spiritual guidance and practical help, but also financial backing. To help St Timothy's purchase the land for our Church they gave us \$5,000 (over 28% of the land cost), a really handsome sum in those days. St Timothy's will be ever grateful to them.

## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

209 Cochrane St., Whitby, Ontario, Canada, L1N 5H9

September 25, 2005

To our sister congregation,  
St Timothy's Presbyterian Church,  
Ajax, Ontario

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are delighted to hear that you are celebrating the 45th anniversary of the founding of the congregation of St Timothy's, Ajax. On behalf of the congregation of St Andrew's, Whitby, we wish to extend to you our warmest congratulations and wish you God's rich blessings as you look to the future. May the Lord prosper your plans as you seek to gather Sunday by Sunday for worship, to care for one another, to grow in the knowledge of the word of God, and to proclaim the good news of the Gospel in word and deed to the wider community.

One of our members recalls the decision of Presbytery of East Toronto so long ago to erect a church in south Ajax. The minister of St Andrew's at the time, the Rev. David Marshall is credited with being the strongest voice in presbytery in support of the idea. Our minister emeritus, the Rev. Jim McClure, remembers when the corner stone of the present building was laid. He was at the time the moderator of the Presbytery. He speaks of the happy time when the congregation moved from its rented facility for worship, a local school gymnasium, to its present location. An elderly and long time friend of St Timothy's remembers how several members of the congregation helped in the actual construction project including Mr. Alie Walker who hauled 'lots of concrete and cement'.

We commend the congregation for the wonderful progress you have made in recent years under the guidance of your ruling elders, and the call of your present minister the Rev. Dennis Cook.

Once again we extend our hearty congratulations to you, and assure you of our support and prayer for the continued progress and prosperity of the congregation.

Yours in Christ,

*Issa Saliba*

Rev. Issa Saliba, Minister  
St Andrew's, Whitby



## News from Alice Stephens, Clerk of Session:

We are pleased to be welcoming six new elders to St. Timothy's Session on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Four will be Ordained: Barry Carr, Shirley Francois, Sandra Jeffrey and Bill Maclean. Bill Coffin and June Stevenson have already been ordained as elders. We look forward to their experience and enthusiasm.

As required by this year's General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, each congregation must begin implementing the program entitled, "Leading With Care...The Policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults within the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada". We have already begun to implement many of the recommendations of this Policy. Already the Sunday School and nursery staff along with the members of the Christian Education Committee have held a "Leading With Care" workshop with Rev. Lynda Reid, Educational Consultant for the Toronto-Kingston Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm another workshop will be held for all St. Timothy's groups and members of the congregation which will be led by Mr. David Phillips, Toronto, Special Presbyterian Consultant.

Sandra Jeffrey has volunteered to be the new Sunday School Co-ordinator. We have a staff of five Sunday School teachers, but we could use help from at least two more interested volunteers. The new 2005-2006 curriculum is entitled "Gospel Light" and is designed for use with all ages of children.

Jean Chanmugam has volunteered to be the new Nursery Co-ordinator. There will be twelve volunteers, on a rotating basis, working in the Nursery as required by the new "Leading With Care" Policy.

We wish to sincerely thank all those who have volunteered their time, faith and enthusiasm to assist operating these vital programs at St. Timothy's.

## Board of Managers:

Over the past four months the Board has continued to keep the church in top condition. In May three areas of the parking lot were repaired and paved. During our annual "Spring Clean-Up" we cleaned all of the inside windows of the church as well as the outside church grounds. The outside windows were not touched because of the dust coming from the construction to the south of our church property but we plan on holding a "Mini Fall Clean-Up" to clean these windows as well as the eavestroughing before winter. After five months of trying, we finally were successful in having the abandoned car removed from the parking lot. Thanks to Norm Terry and Aristou Tabrizi the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and ladies washroom have been repainted. Shortly we hope to have the flat roof area over the west entrance repaired and three trees removed from our property. Those attending summer worship services have enjoyed the benefit of the new floor fan in the sanctuary. The Board wishes to thank Bob Smith for designing and building the new

moveable storage units for the stacking chairs used in the Fellowship Hall. As well the Board wishes to thank all those who continually volunteer to assist in Board projects. We truly appreciate your continued support of the work of the Board.

## St Timothy's Choir

St. Timothy's choir is looking forward to an exciting time in the first part of 2005-06. All of our choir members from last year have returned, including newcomers Marjory Ueckert and Barb Helmkey, and we are looking forward to bringing you new and interesting choir anthems and hymns to add to our worship experience.

The choir will begin the year by welcoming back a familiar guest soloist, Karen Fox-Illman, who has ministered in song at St. Timothy's for the last fifteen years. Karen will sing at our 45th Anniversary Service. Also at that service, the choir will honour nine special members of the congregation with a plaque commemorating their years of service to St. Timothy's music ministry.

The evening of Sunday, December 11 will be the date of our annual Christmas music presentation. The format of the evening will likely be a concert that will feature a wide variety of seasonal music, including soloists, guest singers and instrumentalists, and of course offerings from the choir.

In the Narthex, there is a "Favourite Hymns" suggestion box for congregational use. If you have a favourite hymn or chorus, old or new, that you would like sung during the Sunday service, please put its name in the box and we will endeavour to incorporate the hymn into an upcoming service.

We hope that you will enjoy our ministry as we begin another exciting year at St. Timothy's.

Mark Stephens,  
Organist and Choir Director

## From Arnold Springate, Elder

Some people will do almost anything to help you so that you do not miss enjoying Church. With Helen Lowe and some others I know if you say "I'll have to miss Church because I have no transportation", they quickly say "Oh, I'll drive you" and they go out of their way to do so.

You may have a solid reason for not going to Church but now Helen has taken away the last good excuse. You know the one where you say "I'd like to go to Church but really sitting on those hard wooden pews for an hour is just too much for me."

Thanks to Helen's thoughtfulness, she has supplied every pew in St Timothy's with deep foam cushions. With that excuse gone, I suppose there's nothing left but to look forward to enjoying the services, our friends and those so appreciated cushion!

While it is only September, October and November quickly follow on. This year has been dedicated as the year of the veteran. That being so, it is hoped that every one with time spent in the **Armed Forces** and the **Merchant Marines** will take part in a special Church service on **November 6, 2005**.

Arnold Springate has been asked to coordinate this event. If you would like to be included, please contact Arnold at 905-427-6606.

## St Timothy's Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will hold their first meeting on Tuesday, September 13. We meet at the Church at 7:30pm and would really be excited to see new faces. This will be a very busy time as we are preparing for our Silent Auction which will be held on Saturday, **November 19**, 2005. Our Silent Auction was a success in previous years. In 2003 we raised \$3,500. The money we raised from the Silent Auction and of course the Bazaar is used to support the Church in a variety of ways. A gift of \$2,000 was given to the Board of Managers this year. We also had new chairs put in the Catherine Smyth Fellowship Hall and plan to have the carpet cleaned before our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Donations were given to Camp Iona and Camp Glen Mhor. We also made a donation of \$100 to the Tsunami Relief Fund. Tins of homemade cookies were given to out members who are unable to attend Church. These were greatly appreciated. Some of our ladies have been quite ill and are still recovering and they are in our prayers. Our students who are off to University will also receive Tim Horton gift certificates that we know that they like to get.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ladies Guild!

Anne Rybak, President 905 427-7064

Jean Cairns, Secretary 905-427-7064

## St Timothy's Envelope Secretary - Luke Chanmugam

The one thing that we can mention is the new revised envelopes for 2006 as these will have a new column which will include PWS&D. Everyone reminded that I should be notified if there is an address change prior to 2005 tax receipts being sent out. Also a reminder that people should clearly specify how the donations should be distributed otherwise they automatically are credited to the general fund. Also we should add that the envelope numbers will likely change next year as we revise the current membership and delete those that are no longer being used in the past year.

Also we are looking at alternatives to paper tax receipts and perhaps review the possibility of emailing these instead to those who request it.

## St Timothy's Treasurer - Marjory Ueckert

So far this year we have been able to avoid any major expenses on our property. Our monthly expenditures are up, but within our budgeted guidelines. We have to supplement our weekly givings with fund-raising events, rentals of our facilities and by drawing on some of the accrued interest on our investments. We also have received generous GST and PST refunds. During the summer months our income did not keep pace with our expenses and our present bank balance is very low. Traditionally, this position can be expected to right itself by the end of the year.

## St Timothy's Web Master – Michael Bentley

[www.sttimothysajax.ca](http://www.sttimothysajax.ca)

Here you can find information programs the Church offers.

Sermons from Sunday Worship Services

Contact info

The latest Newsletter and Bulletin

And a bunch of other things!

There is also a St Timothy's Notice Board.

## St. Timothy's Women's Missionary Society (WMS) - Susan Jaworski 905-427-4090

The WMS meets regularly in the Catherine Smyth Fellowship Hall, usually on the first Wednesday of every month, September to June., at 1:00 p.m.. Friendships are made and strengthened at each meeting. Each month, tea and goodies are provided by a different member, and at our December and June meetings we enjoy a pot-luck luncheon together.

We discuss business that includes up-coming events such as soup luncheons, Operation Christmas Child, Sleeping Children around the World, special donations to charities, etc.

We complete our meeting with our Bible Study - currently we are studying *Women in the Bible*, and are finding this quite interesting.

We would very much like to welcome new members to our small group. Please consider yourself invited and join us. Our next meeting is October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## St Timothy's Silent Auction & Bake Sale – Call Karen Hamilton at 905-683-9162 for information Saturday, November 19, 2005 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Since 1991, every other year, the Ladies Guild has organized and hosted a Silent Auction. We are now planning for our 8<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction on November 19. Please seriously consider what you could donate – an item and/or a service. Item must be new or like new and things that you know someone else would like to bid on. The donation sign-up sheet is on the easel in the Narthex.

In order for the Silent Auction to be a big success, we need lots of donations and then, on November 19 we need lots of people to come here to bid on the items. Please mark your calendars now and tell your friends and relatives about this special event.

There will also be a room for **baked goods**. This is always a very popular area. We hope that you will plan to contribute to this area also (start your Christmas baking early!)

All proceeds collected on November 19 go to St Timothy's.  
We look forward to your participation!

### IGA Barbecues – Francine & Norm Terry

We held two Saturday Barbecues at IGA on Westney Road and Harwood. The first was April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the second will be September 17, 2005. The involvement of a number of our members make this action endeavour a big success and our Church profile in the community is enhanced by this action. We usually realize approximately \$350 on a Saturday after expenses. We appreciate the continued assistance we receive in this endeavour and look forward to September 17 and the coming year. Again, many thanks to all. Norm Terry

### Planned Acts of Christian Kindness (PACK) etc - Norm Terry

On Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> we held a Free Car Wash at the Church as part of our PACK or Planned Acts of Christian Kindness - the day turned out to be a huge success weather and participation wise. We had ten members of our congregation taking part in washing some 15 cars or vans - one at least was a convertible. To say the least, the people who had their vehicles washed here, were blown away by this act of kindness, while their cars were being washed we had conversation with these folk some of which lived within the immediate neighbourhood.

This Car Wash ran for one hour and we wish to thank all who participated in either as 'washers' or 'washees' a most successful Planned Action of Christian Kindness.

### Immigrant Inter-Church Support Group – Norm Terry

The on going work of this group has seen several immigrant families being assisted throughout this past year. We have assisted in providing furnishings for their residences, clothing where required and food vouchers as well as car fare for school attendance as required. At Christmas we provide Christmas boxes for a number of these families, through participating congregations in the Durham region. Our congregation provided for 3 families in this endeavour and these were in the Ajax area.

As well as the above, we have had an ongoing involvement with the Tabrizi family and to this end, the congregation raised \$2,000 to assist this family over a difficult time this year. We provide \$300.00 a month to assist them. Mrs. Tabrizi was doing Day Care at the ESL (English as a Second Language) while their parents were taking classes she was paid for this work but the work ended at the closing of the school year in June 2005. She continues to do volunteer work with Friends of the Library. The hope is she might be in a paid position with the Library. Mr. Tabrizi (Arastou) has had continuing health problems as he broke his heel early in the year and is slowly regaining his health.

He was helped and assisted by Norm Terry in work around his home for which he has been remunerated.

As recent as the last week of August, and beginning of September, he painted the entire Catherine Smyth Fellowship Hall prior to the School year beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. He is beginning to get calls for working, painting and repairs. Our assistance will end financially on November 1<sup>st</sup> with the last cheque of \$175.

## Outreach and Church Growth Committee Report ...by Susan Jaworski

Welcome to the beginning of a new church year once again at St. Timothy's. Hopefully we return refreshed and energized by the sunshine and beautiful weather that we enjoyed this summer.

As you are aware, the Outreach Committee finds various ways to make people already in our church feel like members of a family – and to bring others in our community into our family. Therefore we are responsible for such things as signage, visitor cards and invitations, advertising, the Newcomer's dinner, PACK, etc.

I would like to review for your benefit what your Outreach Committee has accomplished this past year.

Money was collected through the Wishing Well – which included generous donations- for the purchase of new , folding, comfortable chairs.

The library has been improved .. and continues to be improved..with the addition of new Christian fiction from a new budget, as well as your donated books. Brighter lighting in that area and other sections of the church through the work of the Board, has enhanced the area as well. Please check out our new authors... you will enjoy them.

We have bought crates, which will be filled with folders and envelopes for every family in the church. Names will be listed alphabetically and the crates will be in the Narthex. These folders will contain your nametags...which hopefully more people will wear because they will be easier to find! Literature will also be put into these folders to ease communication.

We are advertising in the NewsAdvertiser more frequently to improve our visibility in the community, and we have also continued to drop off brochures in new areas.

Last but not least, because of an extremely generous donation from a member of St. Timothy's, we have beautiful, new, comfortable cushions for our pews. Enjoy! They will be dedicated on September 25- our anniversary Sunday.



Our small group includes Arnold Springate, Bob Young, Norm Terry, and new to us this year, Betty MacLean as well as myself, and Rev. Dennis Cook who also attends most meetings. Please contact me if you would like to help in this area.

## PRESBYTERIANS SHARING ...

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."  
2 Corinthians 9:12

Presbyterians Sharing ... is supported by gifts from congregations. You are invited to share in this ministry and mission of the Church by supporting St Timothy's commitment of \$10,000 for the year 2005. Together we can share God's love and God's gifts with the world that God gave us. Weekly updates are printed in your Sunday bulletin. As of September 5 our givings were \$6,609.00. Carol Ann Hall, Treasurer

## EVENTS AT ST TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, September 18 Ordination of new Elders and a Baptism.

Monday, September 19 7:00pm Board of Managers Meeting.

Sunday, September 25 **St Timothy's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** "Were You There at St Timothy's ... on Sunday, **September 25, 1960** at the first service of Ajax Presbyterian Church and/or Sunday, September 15, 1963 at the dedication of St Timothy's Presbyterian Church, Ajax?" If so, the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee would like to hear from you. Plans have already begun as we look forward to celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service on Sunday, September 25, 2005. If anyone has photographs/newspaper articles/artifacts from those early years of our church, please contact any member of the Committee: Laina Malcolm, Ann Hopkins, Arnold Springate, Alice & Don Stephens or Mark Stephens. Plans include: Rev. Gordon Beaton as guest preacher, special music with guest soloist, displays, photo sessions and luncheon. Mark this special date on your calendar now! Mark Stephens

Monday, September 26 7:30pm St Timothy's Session Meeting.

Saturday, October 1 1:00 pm Planned Acts of Christian Kindness (PACK) at the Ajax Plaza (between Hunt and Station). Tim Horton's Gift Certificate giveaway. Volunteers needed.

Sunday, October 2 World Communion

Wednesday, October 5 1:00pm St Timothy's Women's Missionary Society (WMS) is continuing the Bible Study on *Women in the Bible*. Newcomers are always welcome. Call Susan Jaworski at 905-427-4090 for further information.

Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9 Please bring fresh fruits and vegetables that will be given to the Men's Hostel in Oshawa and non-perishable goods for the Ajax Salvation Army Food Bank. Call Karen Hamilton at 905-683-9162 for further information.

Monday, October 24 7:00pm St Timothy's combined Board and Session Meeting.

Tuesday, October 25 7:30pm St Timothy's Christian Education Committee Meeting.

Saturday, November 5 1:00 pm Planned Acts of Christian Kindness (PACK) at the Zeller's/Future Shop Mall on Kingston Road - Tim Horton's giveaway. Volunteers needed.

Saturday, November 19 10am-2pm St Timothy's **Silent Auction & Bake Sale**. Please consider what you can donate to this fund-raising event! Call Karen Hamilton from the Ladies Guild at 905-683-9162.

Sunday, November 27 Holy Communion and the beginning of Advent

Saturday, December 3 1:00 pm Planned Acts of Christian Kindness (PACK) at the Harwood Mall Gift wrap, tape and gift tag giveaway. Volunteers needed.

Sunday, December 4 5:00pm St Timothy's Family Christmas Dinner. Tickets \$12.00 per person.

Sunday, December 11

□ 11:00am Church School Pageant

□ 7:00pm Choir Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 24 7:00pm St Timothy's Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25 St Timothy's Session leads the Worship Service.

*The Newsletter Committee is John Hall, Arnold Springate, Don Stephens Norm Terry, Bob Young*