



100th Edition of the Link

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LINK

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The 100th Edition of the “Link” is a significant milestone for our church paper. The mission of the “Link” has been to serve as an information tool between all the groups and individuals in the Fairview Family.










We have been blessed to have so many contribute to the “Link” issues over the years. We thank everyone who has submitted articles and helped with the production. Special thanks to those who delivered the “Link” and visited our families while doing so.

As we celebrate the 100th Edition of the “Link”, we look forward to exciting times as Fairview Church meets the needs of a growing community and city. We expect the “Link” to continue to keep our Fairview Family connected.

The “Link” Staff.

Special Features — Cindy Smiley
— Rita Reid-Smith
— Bob Bayne
Production and Layout — Sharon Tracey



 In the centre section of this edition of the Link you will 
find several pages that are outlined in this star border.
 This self-contained section contains articles from the very 
first copy of the Link as well as some reprints from other 
 Links that have been published over the years. Enjoy a 
 little piece of history in this, our 100th edition of the Link! 



Message from the Congregational Board Chair

It is my pleasure to bring greetings to you on behalf of the Congregational Board. I have to admit, that when I headed off to my very first Fairview Board meeting two years ago, I wasn't looking forward to the experience. I've sat on Boards before – often more attention is paid to “Robert's Rules of Order”, than to the important issues that may be on the agenda.

But wait ... let me tell you about my Fairview Congregational Board experience. I arrived on time, it was 7:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Chairs of the various committees had gathered (boy, it takes a lot of volunteers to keep things going). The lights were dimmed and we focused on the lighting of the Christ Candle, we listened to a meditation – there was time for prayer. This was my first church Board meeting and I felt a warm, arm-embracing kind of feeling – hmmm - the presence of God was among us.

The faces were all familiar and everyone really seemed keen to be at this Board meeting. They really cared about Fairview and were excited about the roles they had been called to fill. I remember going home feeling very thought-full. I had been subconsciously fighting a pull I was feeling to “get more seriously involved”. “I'm too busy – I already have too many “forks in the fire” - someone else has more time than I do.” All of those things may well be true, but then perhaps I needed to look at just how I was spending my time, what things I was giving importance to.

And so it was that I said “yes” when asked to consider a position of Vice Chair last February. I agreed to work with others who have so much more experience than I, a much better knowledge of Fairview's history (and Constitution)... I agreed to do what I can, to give of my time, to work with the congregation – because Fairview United Church is under God's watchful eyes, is cradled securely in the palms of God's hands; God has some awesome plans for Fairview and for Brantford. Of this, I am certain.

I am so grateful for all of you who have come forward and said “yes – I will serve” – as members of our Choirs, as Sunday School teachers, on committees and ad-hoc groups, and all of you who volunteer countless hours of your time to make Fairview the welcoming, safe and loving place that it is. I am also grateful for our staff who never cease to amaze me with their knowledge, skills and commitment

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From Rev. Barrie's Corner

EASTER GREETINGS TO THE FAIRVIEW CHURCH FAMILY!

Preparations for the Easter Season in the cycle of "Church Life" begin long before Holy Week appears on the calendar.

Easter 2007 at Fairview is no exception to this rule! I am truly grateful to our Director of Music, Nancy Krause, and the choir and musicians within this congregation for the variety and richness of the music that feeds our souls each week. Inspirational music, hymns, choir anthems, solos, renditions by the Praise and Worship Group, and instrumental selections are such an important part of our Christian Nurturing.

Music in worship serves the same function as food serves for our bodies. Music in worship is "Food for the Soul." As such, we need to approach our choice of music for worship in the same manner that we approach our choice of food for our bodies, namely, our musical diet should be as balanced as possible — meat ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God"), potatoes ("Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"), some fibre ("Lift High the Cross"), some chocolate cake

("The Old Rugged Cross") or some contemporary Christian Music ("In the Bulb There is a Flower") which we sing on a variety of occasions. I know that some of our church members regard some of the more modern music as the occasional helping of "Brussel Sprouts" that your mother makes you try because, in her words: "Try it; you might be surprised and find that you like it!" I find that the best way for me to learn a new hymn is to sing it at least four or five times so that both the word and the melody can make an etching in my mind.

As we approach Easter, I would ask that you give further consideration to the lyrics of Sunday morning's sample of Brussel Sprouts... "In the Bulb There is a Flower" with words and music by Natalie Sleeth. The words of verse 3 are:

"In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity,
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see."

Human nature being what it is, many of the hymns that we have learned in our youth and

adult years, have been literally etched in our minds more permanently than the greatest sermon we have ever heard. My favourite “Easter Etchings” include: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”; “Welcome Happy Morning”; “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”; “Up From the Grave He Arose”; and “Thine is the Glory.”

On the wall of our Family Room at home hangs the most beautiful “Cross Stitch Wall Hanging” that reads:

Bach gave us God’s Word

Mozart gave us God’s laughter

Beethoven gave us God’s fire

God gave us music that we might pray without words.

As you prepare for the fulfillment of “Jesus’ Resurrection” in your life, share the events and music of the Easter Season here at Fairview with your friends and family!

Once Again, May the Love of Christ Embrace “YOU”

Rev. Barrie J. Bain

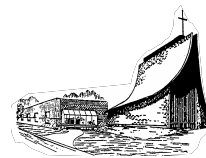
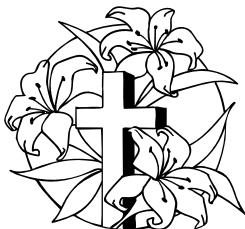


...continued from page 1... to Fairview United Church. Thanks to Glenn Watson who agreed to help out with some of the Board Chair responsibilities while I focus on family for a few months, and to Mark Staffen who has such passion.

I can feel the healing powers of the longer days, I can see the promise of Spring in the changing weather, and I can feel the warmth of God’s love....

now, if I could only get rid of this sore throat

Debra Ward, Chair, Congregational Board



Fairview Family Album

A 16 year old girl with carrot red hair and a “hot” guy whose high school locker in Guelph, was “two down” from hers. It began with a school football game – he was shy, she was interested. He played bass guitar in a band, had shoulder length hair – he was quiet, but “still waters run deep”. That was 34 years ago and their love has never been stronger.

Married at 20! Parents at 27! Grandparents at 48! Life experiences have been rich! Challenges, a few! Regrets, not a one! Life as a couple began in Guelph. Debra’s first full time job was at the Guelph Mercury (the local newspaper) in the Circulation Department. Her next job as a Court Reporter for the Provincial Court, Criminal Division, was quite an experience, and was followed by a stint as Office Manager for a dental office. Ken was a student at Waterloo University and

then at Conestoga College (Construction Technology). When Ken was offered a position working for a consulting engineering firm in Edmonton, they jumped at a chance to “spread their wings”. Hiking and camping in the mountains and the birth of their daughter Jasmine were the hi-lights of their time in Edmonton. The Western economy crashed and they were missing family, so home to Burlington they came. Daughter Tegan was born at Joseph Brant, in Burlington, Ken and Debra were working full-time, and life with two little ones was very busy.

A move to Brantford in 1988 was made as they were looking for a “slower pace of life”. Deb’s sister Cindy (and Tom) Smiley introduced them to special friends and they were made to feel so welcome at Fairview United Church. Life in Brantford was good. Debra accepted a role at the

Children’s Aid Society of Brant, Jasmine and Tegan attended Centennial-Grandwoodlands School, and then North Park CVI, and Ken kept busy in jobs in the construction and building industry (he is now employed at Conestoga College, Kitchener). A good part of the family’s time was spent at the Gretzky Centre pool and in the competitive sport of Synchronized Swimming. Summers were spent provincial park camping, feeding their love of campfires and hiking.

There is nothing more important to Ken and Debra than family, and not a day goes by that they don’t give thanks for the families they were born into. Ken’s parents, Glen & Joan, are active members at Echo Place United Church, Brantford; he has one sister in Guelph, and a brother and sister who live in B.C. Debra’s parents are Bob

and Dorothy Bayne; she has three sisters - Cindy Smiley and Brenda Brabant who attend Fairview UC and another sister Barbara who lives in Chatham. Family times are special, hanging around family kitchens, preparing food and catching up on life stories. The “cousins” have all grown up more like siblings than cousins. There are 24 of them when the Bayne family are all together – lots of noise, lots of laughs, and lots of support.

Jasmine attended Fanshawe College, Simcoe and graduated as an ECE in 2003. She married, operated a busy home daycare in Delhi, and is a wonderful mother to her two sons, Ethan (almost 4) and Evan (2 years). Tegan is finishing up her 4th year at U of Guelph, and hopes to put her degree to work in a career in counseling or working with children. She plans to move back home in April, so their Buckingham St. home will be bursting at the seams. Jasmine and her boys have a home with Ken & Debra (they say there is absolutely

nothing like waking up to the sounds of “Nana, Papa Ken!!” at 7:00 am). “Our home is small, but it’s full of love.”

This past summer, the Ward family began a new camping experience, this time with a new trailer parked at Chesley Lake Camp, a wonderful Christ-loving environment, close to Sauble Beach. It has been a part of Debra’s life from the time she was 13 and now they have a trailer site of their own. This is a place for resting, reading, kayaking, hiking and enjoying some quiet time with family.

Fairview UC continues to be an important part of Ken & Debra’s lives. Their children

were active members of the Youth Group, and they love hearing their grandchildren referring to Fairview as “our church”.

Is there a motto by which they live their lives?
“Your living is determined not so much by what life brings you, as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you, as by the way your mind looks at what happens.”

- Lewis L. Dunnington

“We are so grateful for all we have, for the love of our family, the warmth of our home, for the gift of our children and grandchildren.”



You are invited to come and
be a part of...

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

- April 1 Palm Sunday at 10:30 am
Procession of the palms
Piano duet
A Palm-Passion Musical Drama
Sunday School Open House after church
- April 5 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 pm
With Communion
- April 6 Good Friday at 10:30 am
Queen Square Bell Ringers and
soloist Tom Smiley
- April 8 Easter Sunday:
7 am Sunrise Service
10:30 am Easter Musical Drama with
trumpet, piano and organ accompaniment

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 15 Sacrament of Holy Communion
- April 22 Baptism
- May 13 Mother's Day

FAIRVIEW'S SLO-PITCH TEAM

Stay tuned to upcoming Sunday bulletins for the summer game schedule of Fairview's Slo-Pitch team. Once again Fairview will participate in the church league slo-pitch games. Come on out to the games and cheer for our team.



TBA

Join us at Echo Bowl after church on Sunday,
March 25 from
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
\$6.50 per person.
See Lori Haskings-Barber
or Linn Shea

**Garage
SALE**



The Tranquility
Unit U.C.W.
is planning
a Yard Sale for
Friday May 4
9 am to 6 pm
and
Saturday, May 5
8 am to noon.

*Donations accepted
May 3rd or phone
519-754-4711 for pick-up.*



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES®

You're Invited!

To a Ten Thousand Villages Marketplace

When? Friday, April 13 5 pm to 9 pm
 Saturday, April 14 9 am to 3 pm

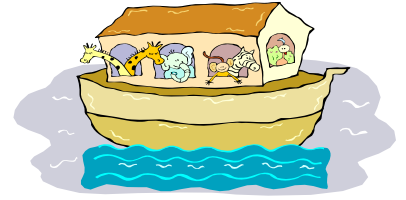
Where? Fairview United Church, in the Hall

What is it? Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. They work with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed. This income pays for food, education, health care and housing. It seeks to improve the livelihood and well-being of disadvantaged artisans, by providing opportunities and market access.

How? Ten Thousand Villages buys handcrafted products from artisans from 30 different countries and sells their products in non-profit retail stores and numerous marketplaces just the one being held at Fairview. **Come and support our world's artisans by purchasing products that reflect their rich cultural heritage and traditional skills.**

All I Really Need to Know I Learned from Noah's Ark

1. *Don't miss the boat.*
2. *Don't forget that we are in the same boat.*
3. *Plan ahead (it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark).*
4. *Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.*
5. *Don't listen to critics. Just get on with what has to be done.*
6. *Build your future on high ground.*
7. *For safety sake – travel in pairs.*
8. *Two heads are better than one.*
9. *Speed is not always an advantage: the snails were on board with the cheetah.*
10. *When stressed, float awhile.*
11. *Remember the ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.*
12. *Remember the woodpeckers – inside are a larger threat than the storm outside.*
13. *Be patient. It took Noah 120 years to find out what rain was.*
14. *No matter what the storm, when God is with you there is always a rainbow waiting.*





The Fairview Link: Issue 100!!!



The Fairview Link has reached a milestone in its existence. You are reading Issue 100!



The Link has been published at least 3 or 4 times a year since 1978. The first sixty issues were produced by June Attwood. Content was created and editing was done by many others. June (and later with help from her son Les) did the technical production.



Issue 1 was published in November of 1978. The first 15 issues were created by typing the articles with an electric typewriter onto Gestetner stencils, two pages per stencil. The typewriter would cut holes the shape of the letters in the stencils. If a mistake was made there was a horrible smelling pink correction fluid (like liquid paper) that was painted on to cover the hole and then typed over. Occasionally an entire stencil would need to be retyped due to problems that could not be corrected. Any line graphics required were cut with a stylus and special templates. This was a slow and messy process at the best of times.



Starting with Issue 16, Les's home computer was used and the stencils were cut with a dot matrix printer. This significantly sped up the creation of the text portions. The printer did not like this much. Due to the nature of computer software and graphics at the time (1983) it was still necessary to create any graphics manually as described above.



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Once these steps were completed the stencil was “run off” by placing it on the drum of a Gestetner machine. Ink oozed from the drum through the holes in the stencil and onto the paper. The first machine was hand cranked. Everything was controlled manually and it was frequently a very messy process. Later an electric machine was donated and the process became more automated and somewhat less messy.

In May 1986 with Issue 27 the reproduction process was changed to photocopying and things became much cleaner and easier to do with better print quality. It was now possible to use photographs, something that was virtually impossible with the Gestetner system. This change in the reproduction process allowed the dot matrix printer to be replaced with an HP LaserJet II laser printer with Issue 38 in November 1989. A more powerful computer with desktop publishing software allowed the pages to be fully designed with the graphics and photos scanned into the computer. The Link continued to be produced this way until June and Les stopped doing it with Issue 60 in June 1996.

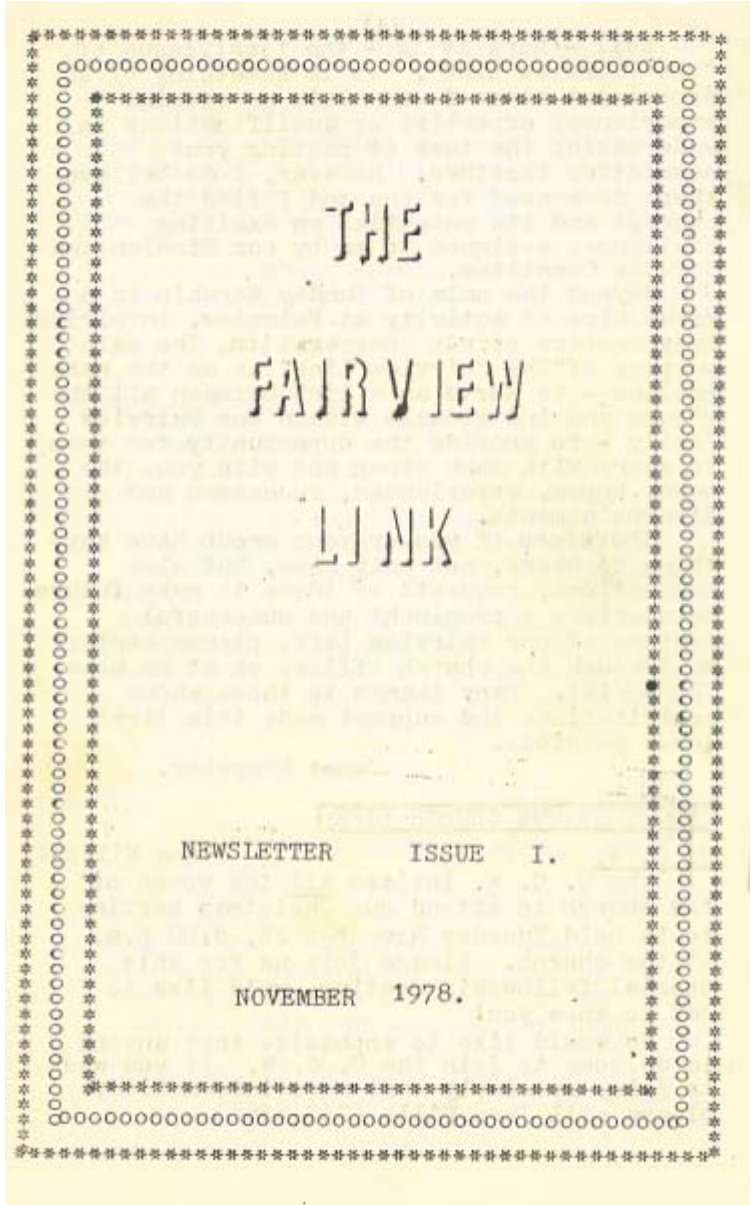
This issue (#100) of the link was produced by Sharon Tracey in the church office using basically this same process. The differences are that it is done with a much more powerful computer, a higher quality scanner to input the graphics and photos, much more powerful desktop publishing software and an ink jet printer.

We have included the cover and several articles from Issue 1 of the Link to give you a few examples of what the first issue was like. We hope you enjoy them.

By: June and Les Attwood



Front cover of the first edition of the Link





Reprinted from the first edition of the Link



Well - here it is - the first issue of "The Fairview Link". It is something of an experiment since I can claim no special experience, expertise or qualifications in undertaking the task of putting your newsletter together. However, I do believe there is a need for one and I find the concept and its potential an exciting challenge, assigned to me by our Mission and Service Committee.



Beyond the calm of Sunday Worship is a great hive of activity at Fairview, involving many members of our congregation. The main purpose of "The Fairview Link" is as the name implies - to serve as a link between all the groups and individuals within our Fairview Family - to provide the opportunity for them to share with each other and with you, the news, hopes, experiences, successes and disappointments.



Therefore, if you or your group have anything to share, not only news, but also suggestions, requests or ideas to make future newsletters a prominent and successful feature of our Fairview Life, please contact me through the church office, or a my home. Many thanks to those whose contributions and support made this first issue possible.



Janet Kempster



TRUE STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY



I believe Stewardship involves the total person - One's time, one's talent , one's money. But I know from personal experience that the real test of my stewardship is in parting with my money. Recently, I received a letter with a pledge card from The United Way. On it was a suggestion as to the percentage giving income that I should consider for that campaign. I procrastinated for several days because I could think of a dozen and one other things for which I could use the money that they were requesting. It was only after I thought about the Service rendered to the community of which I am a part, the various organizations covered by the United Way, that I sat down and wrote out a cheque.



Some-one has said, "Christian Stewardship is not to be viewed as man's plan for raising money. Rather, it is God's plan for rearing His Children". (continued...)





In order for the United Church of Canada to maintain its Mission, in Canada and throughout the world, it has to borrow money. This is so, because not all the people of the United Church of Canada are systematic in their Givings, and not all Congregations are regular and systematic in remitting their Mission and Service dollars to our national office for disbursement. The same thing applies to the operation of Fairview Church. The Congregational Board in order to operate, has to borrow money from time to time. Again this is because not all Fairview people are systematic and regular in their Church Givings. The best stewardship is systematic and regular - "On the first day of the week let everyone lay aside for God as God has prospered him", the Apostle Paul urged the early Christians. Perhaps a modern paraphrase of Paul's exhortation today, might be, "On every pay day let everyone lay aside for God as God has prospered him".

I read recently where a person had a dream in which he saw his Church's program curtailed because people would not give regularly and systematically. In the dream a giant billboard appeared before him, publishing the details of his church. It went like this:

- (1) The Pastor will save all his sermons and preach the whole 52 on the last Sunday of the year.
- (2) The choir will not sing until the last Sunday of December and then it will sing 52 anthems.
- (3) The Janitor will not clean the Church until the end of the year. He will then do it 52 times.
- (4) The Church and Sunday School will not be heated or lighted except during the last week of the year. In that week, all our children will be taught their 52 Bible Lessons, the Scouts and Cubs and other youth groups will receive all 52 programs.
- (5) No Pensioner of the Church, no widows or orphans of pensioners will receive their pension cheques until the last week of the year.
- (6) Hospitals, Colleges, half-way houses, homes for unwanted children, homes for unwed mothers, all downtown City Missions, all Distress Centers, all Hospital and Institutional Chaplaincies, all Alcohol and Drug rehabilitation centers, all Evangelical, Agricultural, Educational and Medical work, are reminded that they are to be functioning the last week of the year, and money will be forthcoming sometime that week.

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A ridiculous dream!! Yes, but not so unreal. As the Minister of Fairview I have no right to tell you how much you should give but I have a responsibility to challenge you to a systematic, regular, proportionate amount for the Church's work at home and throughout the world.

E. Ken Norman.

"Do all the good that you can
By all the means that you can
In all the ways that you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can."

John Wesley: (Founder of the Methodist Church)

Reprinted from a previous edition of the Link

Springtime

When the sun shines bright in the springtime,
And rivulets run in the lane,
There is a feeling that comes to many,
A feeling that's hard to explain.

You may stare across acres and acres,
You may gaze at your garden small.
No matter the size of the planting,
The feeling's the same in us all.

This feeling must be a perennial,
No matter what the weather may bring,
After laying dormant for winter
It arrives with the sun in the spring.

When the sun shines bright in the springtime,
And water runs on the south slope,
When another season has started,
Hearts are filled with excitement and hope.

Submitted by Dick Martin



Reprinted from the October 1983 edition of the Link

****FAIRVIEW'S EXPANSTION**

Less than a month remains before the dedication of the Church addition takes place. Gord Ferrell, chairman of the 'Building Ways & Means Committee', reports that all is going well and that completion is expected, by that November 6/83 date. Hundreds of 'man hours' have now been contributed by this committee, as they have progressed through both planning and implementation. We are going to have a fine facility, thanks to their dedication, and many hours of decision making and problem solving.

Likewise, Paul Disher, states that the financing is following the expected course. As Chairman of the 'Financial Ways & Means Committee', he and his group have carried concerns and worries for the rest of us. They wish to express their sincere appreciation to those who have responded financially to date, but are concerned that the momentum for raising funds, may not be maintained through individual efforts and group projects.

Since the decision to build in May, there are countless others, to whom we all must extend our thanks for their assistance and accommodations. It is difficult to name the many without risking an oversight, so I would request that everyone who recognizes somebody's contribution, -say so; personally. It will provide a chance to talk to just about everyone.

The members of the Congregational Board and their Chairman, Mrs. Doran, have been most accommodating and supportive to matters of the project, and particularly helpful on evacuation and alternative planning.

Happily, the project, per se, is nearly completed. Some furnishings, not provided for in the contract, remain as projects for interested groups. Our builder/designer, Doug Neate, has been an excellent contractor, always ready to consult and offer ideas for improvement, or make changes and trade off's with the 'Building Committee.'

The two "Ways and Means Committees", will have surely met their terms of reference by the year end. It would appear appropriate, that the Congregational Board Committees could resume the remaining management, as part of the normal operation, from that point on. The plan then, to dissolve the committees, -is to have a report from each, at the Annual Congregational Meeting, followed by a motion to dissolve all appointments outlined in the 'Torch Report'.

Bill Anticknap, Project Coordinator



Reprinted from the October 1983 issue of the Link

****A PERSONAL THOUGHT**

I have been a part of the Fairview Family, only a few years.

I watched and listened as the plans for our new building were born.

I wondered and worried how the funds for this huge undertaking would become available.

I saw us achieving beyond our dreams.

I thought of all the people before me, who had worked so hard to build the original church. How sad some of them must have felt to know it had to go.

Then, after the inside walls were removed from this "Little old hall", I stood inside and discovered a beautiful, intimate church, much like the one I had attended for 20 years, and I too felt sad.

Now as I see our new building grow daily before my eyes, I have a different feeling.

It's a feeling of excitement, of doing, or comradeship and belonging.

It's a wonderful feeling for every man, woman and child in the Fairview Family to share.

Won't "YOU" join in and feel it too?

Claire Steel.

Jokes from past copies of the Link, submitted by Dick Martin

A minister being welcomed into a new Parish, was given a pie by a lady that was not a good cook. His family wouldn't eat it so it was put in the garbage. He worried how to thank the lady without lying. This is what he wrote "Thank you so much, a pie like your does not last long in this family."

Being bald isn't all bad, if company comes you only have to straighten your tie.

Men's Bake Sale

In 1992 Dave Kelman organized a bake sale. Highest price, Bob Moffat, a pie over forty dollars. George Weeden, shortbread.

Louise Martin bid twenty four dollars, George bought his shortbread back for twenty five dollars. We still don't know if George's cookies were that good, or if he didn't want anyone to eat them. Sorry George the devil made me write that.

(Dick Martin)

Fairview Financial Focus

Jan. & Feb. 2007

Income

Individual Givings

—To Fairview	\$23,921.94
—To Mission & Service.....	3,325.44
Group Givings	200.00
Rent.....	570.00
Other Income	<u>2,225.65</u>
TOTAL	\$30,243.03

Expenses

Committees

—Faith Formation	\$ 0.00
—Finance & Administration	1,120.91
—Ministry & Personnel	24,297.11
—Outreach	260.00
—Property	3,420.04
—Worship	721.12
Mission & Service	1,658.50
G.S.T.....	268.44
Capital Expenditure	<u>1,683.10</u>
Total	\$33,429.22

DEFICIT.....(\$3,186.19)

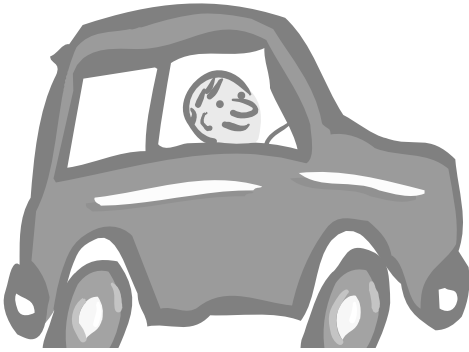
A “ways and means” committee was suggested at a recent morning service and that committee has been formed to suggest ideas to alleviate the predicted deficit budget.

*“Coming together is a beginning
Keeping together is progress
Working together is success.”*

Quote by Henry Ford

Respectfully submitted by,
Donna Gilbert, Chair of Finance

zoom...zoom...zoom



From time to time, we become aware of an individual who would appreciate transportation in order to attend the Sunday worship service. There are several members already who are providing this service for seniors and others who would not be able to attend otherwise.

If you know of anyone who would like to have a ride, or if you would be willing to provide transportation if required, please call the church office and lists will be established to make this service available. Thank you.

Century of Links

This is the hundredth edition of the Link that you now hold, through all the years of service, many stories it has told.

The profiles of many families is an interesting feature, were they Doctors, Nurses, Farmers, Homemakers, Carpenters, maybe Teachers.

There is slo-pitch ball, some players carry a heavy load, look forward, you will get better championships are down the road.

Activities for younger folks, come join in, enjoy the fun. We are blessed with a tremendous staff, or we would never get it all done.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, ladies groups, Even Stitch and Chatter, What do they chatter about on Thursday, It really doesn't matter.

Rev. Barrie still has service on Sunday Will get it all in, don't blink, The choir will lead in music and song May you all be blessed, enjoy your Link.

Submitted by Richard (Dick) Martin

*We invite you to join us this summer as we
worship together in our Summer Church format:*

**Fairview - Harmony
United Churches**

2007 Summer Worship Schedule

July 1 *Regular service at Fairview, 10:00 am*

July 8 *Summer Church at Fairview, 10:00 am*

July 15 *Summer Church at Fairview, 10:00 am*

July 22 *Summer Church at Fairview, 10:00 am*

July 29 *Summer Church at Fairview, 10:00 am*

*For pastoral care or emergency during this time
please call the Rev. Barrie Bain, 752-8549, res. 905-765-8026*

August 5 *Summer Church at Harmony, 10:00 am**

August 12 *Summer Church at Harmony, 10:00 am**

August 19 *Summer Church at Harmony, 10:00 am**

August 26 *Summer Church at Harmony, 10:00 am**

*For pastoral care or emergency during this time
please call the Rev. Wayne Myhre, 752-2912.*

September 2 *Church at Fairview at 10:00, no SS*

September 9 *Regular services resume at 10:30 am
at Fairview, including Sunday School*

** When attending church at Harmony, please use your regular
Fairview Offering Envelopes.*

In Memoriam



George Smeaton
February 6, 2007

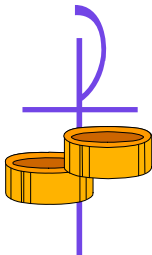
New Members

December 17, 2006

Don and Linda Camick
Conrad Church
Eleanor Clarke
Judy Jackson
Scott and Tanya McDonald
Sue Preston
Doris Taylor
David and Patsy Watson



Weddings



*Sasha-Lynn Morgan
& Michael Renwick*
November 25, 2006



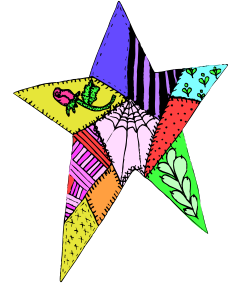
Baptisms February 18, 2007

Katie Lynn Bell
daughter of Stephen and Heather Bell

Aiden Jacob Dawdy
son of Timothy and Jennifer Dawdy

Ainsley Dianne Misiuda
daughter of John and Sharon Misiuda

The Stitch and Chatter group have been quilting regularly every week but took 2 weeks off at Christmas for a much needed rest.



We have a beautiful blue and white large hand-quilted quilt for sale. If interested, please get in touch with us.

Our group has been together for 25 years. We made a wall-hanging in the church depicting a large casement window. Names were embroidered in blocks and each name was sold for \$1.00 or \$5.00 per family.

We are not sure how much money was raised, but it was our start, and if we counted the names we would know.

We have made donations to several groups and our church general fund, knitted squares for the homeless, food bank, benevolent fund, choir sound system, Wells for Haiti, Sleeping Children Around the World and also donations to the kitchen.

You know what stitching is all about, but the chatter is something you will have to come and find out. You would be surprised.

Louise Martin

Canadian Tire Dollars



The Men's Prayer Breakfast group have set up a Collection Box in the Narthex for Canadian Tire money.



The dollars received from the collection box will go to assist with church lawn and garden projects.

Thank you in advance for any contributions that you are able to make.

Fairview Men's Prayer Breakfast Group

**Tools for Coming to Terms with the Changing Landscape of Church
Mon. Mar. 26**

Tools for drawing in and keeping people in a culture that says "God is dead!" Preparing your church to receive newcomers?

Ushers, greeters, visitor friendly worship

New people greeters and follow-up brochure describing what you believe as a church

Preparing your building to receive newcomers?

Appearance inside and out
Proper use of signs
Accessibility

Reaching out to your community?
Fliers/community involvement (raising your profile in the community)

Marketing strategy (what are the needs of the people in your community and what does your church have to offer to meet those needs).

Leadership: Allan Warren & Jane Wyllie

Starts: 7:00 pm; ends 9:30 pm

Cost: \$20 (\$15 if 3 or more from a congregation)

Tri-Church Study Group

There will be a Tri-Church Study Group coming up in May. All the details have not been arranged yet, but it will be a discussion/reflection about "The Lord of the Rings". It will start around the beginning of May and last for around 6 weeks. More information will be published in the weekly bulletin as more details become available. If you would like more information about his study, please call the church office closer to the middle of April.

Please join the ladies groups as they meet for their general meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 pm in the Hall. This evening is hosted by the *Fairview/Willow* Group. All women are welcome.

Ladies General Meeting

Faith Formation is continuing their very successful "Hot Dog Luncheons" following the church service on March 25 and April 29. Please join us and help us raise money for the general fund.



We welcome you to join these activities...

Church Services, Nursery, and Church School at 10:30

Women's Groups

Men's Breakfast Group

Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders

Youth Group

Coffee Hour following services

Friday Afternoon Cards

Quilter's Group

Pot-Luck Suppers

Choir

Praise and Worship Services

FRIENDSHIP!

FELLOWSHIP!

FUN FOR ALL!!

HEAVEN

The couple was 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven.

They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now." The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied, "remember, this is your reward in Heaven."

The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man. "This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day." Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages. "Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy."

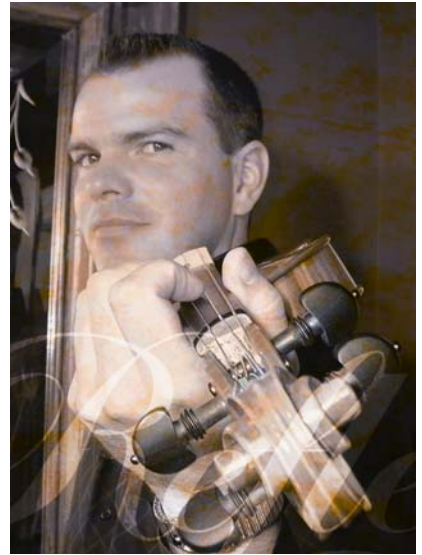
The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked. "That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This IS Heaven!" The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself."

The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your stupid bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago!"

The Scott Woods Show

Old Time Christmas Show

Country Gospel Benefit Concert



Attention

*Fairview United Church,
49 Wayne Drive,
Brantford, Ontario*

Attention

Friday, November 23rd, 7 pm, 2007
Saturday, November 24th, 7 pm, 2007

This fast paced two-hour concert skilfully combines old time fiddling with country gospel songs, perennial favourites, and a generous helping of humour. You'll be treated to one of Canada's best talents—the man with the flying fingers and magic bow-fiddling sensation, Scott Woods. Scott has performed to enthusiastic crowds throughout Canada, the United States, and in Holland.

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This young man has captured all the major Canadian fiddling titles, including Canadian Open Fiddle Champion, Canadian Grand Master's Fiddling Champion, and Canadian Fiddler Entertainer of the year. For seven years he was musical Director and played the part of Don Messer in "Memories of Don Messer's Jubilee", a tribute show which has toured across the country. In addition, he has several recordings to his credit, which will be available at the concert.

There are lots of things to watch for when Scott Woods takes to the stage. His keen sense of timing and his sharp wit will keep you on your toes. And speaking of toes, just try to keep them still as he plays those old time tunes!

Scott is backed up by his own four-piece band. Together, they stir up a storm of good music to lift your heart and feed your soul.

Note:

Tickets for the Scott Woods Show will be available from September 16, 2007. Ticket price \$15.00.

To pre-order or purchase tickets phone Grant Wilks at 519-752-4227 or Bob Bayne at 519-754-4711.

This Old Time Christmas Show will again be an outstanding musical event. We encourage the Fairview Family to not only plan to attend but become "ticket salesmen" for this Country Gospel Benefit Concert. Invite your family and others from your community. We know from last year's show that those who attend will be treated to a memorable musical event.

"Sponsored by"

Fairview Men's Breakfast Group.

26 Beautiful One-liners

1. Give God what's right -- not what's left.
2. Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma--but never let him be the period.
6. Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
7. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a faith-lift.
8. When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
9. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
10. We don't change God's message -- His message changes us.
11. This church is prayer-conditioned.
12. When God ordains, He sustains.
13. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
14. Plan ahead -- It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
15. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
16. Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
17. Exercise daily -- walk with the Lord.
18. Never give the devil a ride -- he will always want to drive.
19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
21. He who angers you controls you.
22. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
23. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
24. Be ye fishers of men -- you catch them & He'll clean them.
25. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
26. Read the Bible -- It will scare the hell out of you.