

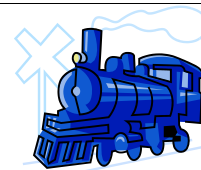
Thames Road Elimville United Church

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019

THE

CHAIR'S CORNER



With September fast approaching, our long summer break at Thames Road Elimville is coming to an end. Maybe you were able to enjoy some vacation time away or spend time with family and friends. At the very least I hope you have been able to manage some down time over the last two months to rest your body, refresh your mind, and rejuvenate your soul.

A change in worship leadership and pastoral care for our congregation took place on May 31st of this year when Rev. Jock Tolmay, who has been with us in a casual position since March of 2017, stepped down from his contract with us. We are very appreciative and overjoyed that Rev. Louise von Massow has agreed to take over the balance of Jock's contract that ends in March 2020. We gratefully thank Rev. Jock for the time he has shared with us and pray that he and Pam will have good health and enjoy many good times together in the months and years ahead. We also thank Rev. Louise for stepping in so willingly to fill our void; we look forward to our time together with her and husband Bruce.

In recent years at Thames Road Elimville we have been working on several major projects. It is very satisfying to finally see some of them coming to fruition. Of course the largest of these projects has been the installation of a vertical lift in the church. It has been almost six years since Church Council began investigating the cost to install a chair lift on the stairs from the front foyer

of the church to the sanctuary. As you well know things don't always work out the way you think they will and a chair lift was not to be; however, with some minor renovations in both the basement and the sanctuary, the more costly installation of a vertical lift from the basement to the sanctuary would end up satisfying our needs. We thank Robert Bray for the many hours he has devoted to this project over the years.

In celebration of the completion of the project, a ribbon cutting and dedication of the vertical lift will take place at the church on Sunday September 8th as part of our first worship service following summer break. The morning will start with a pancake and sausage breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by the ribbon cutting at 9:45 a.m. The worship service and lift dedication will begin at 10:00 a.m. As well, several other items will be acknowledged and dedicated during the service. Please plan on being a part of this historic occasion.

Another project that has been in the works for some time now is the upgrade to the exterior at the back door entrance. A fresh new concrete pad has greatly improved the look of our back entrance and eliminated the washouts previously experienced following a rainfall. Most importantly, the completion of these two major projects has made our sanctuary completely accessible.

To further enhance the look at the back of the church and to eliminate the mud on your shoes, the parking lot will be getting a facelift. It is anticipated this work will be completed by September 8th.

As you can see, Thames Road Elimville United Church is alive and well and I invite you to join with us, not only on September 8th but in the weeks and months ahead. Sunday worship services begin at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a Sunday School program during that time in the basement, although Sunday School does not take place every Sunday. The United Church Women meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of most months for meaningful and uplifting programs and if singing is for you, consider joining with the choir at 7:00 p.m. at the church on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of the month from September to June. Also, our Church Council Committees plan monthly coffee hours following Sunday worship as well as several fun family activities and fundraising events throughout the year for all to participate in.

Come climb aboard the Thames Road Elimville Express, embrace the journey and enjoy the ride, all the while reflecting on the progress we've made. Blessings to all...

Larry Lynn, Chair of Council

Welcome Back Sunday

Dedication Ceremony for the new Vertical Lift

Sunday September 8

8:30 a.m. - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

9:45 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

10:00 a.m. - Worship service of Dedication & Appreciation



Sunday, September 15

Outdoor Service at Elimville United Church Cairn & Cemetery

10:00 a.m. - Bring a lawnchair (If inclement weather, the service will be held at the church)

Tuesday, September 17

Welcome Back Fundraising Dinner and UCW Special Event

The UCW is trying something a little different! Since we have had no catering this year to raise funds for our UCW projects we are combining our September meeting program with a fundraising dinner. Our **entire congregation is welcome** to come to the church and either pick up a **take out supper** for their family or **dine in and stay for our special guest speaker**.

Pineridge BBQ is supplying a 1/4 chicken dinner with baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and dinner rolls. You will also have a selection of desserts to pick from.

Adults - \$18.00 each

Children (under 8) - \$9.00 each

Take out - available at church basement 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Dine in - come around 6:00 pm

Special guest speaker for the evening is 12 year old **Mikayla Ansley** from Blyth. She won a Lions Club competition in speech writing which took her all the way to the United Nations in USA. Her topic was ***Acts of Kindness***. We have chosen that as our program theme. **Kindness Matters!**

Tickets will not be printed, so we **need your name** on the list of meal orders **before September 11th**. Please contact **Carolyn Johns 519- 615-6343; Kathy Bray 519-229-8863; Virginia Warwick or Janet Coward**

*Hope everyone will sign up for this **NEW Fundraiser** - Pineridge BBQ Chicken Dinner (Take-out or Dine In)*

Contact info for our minister Rev. Louise von Massow: 519-758-8121 or l.vonmassow@outlook.com

Community News: Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre and Art aRound Town have teamed up again for another fundraiser on Thursday September 5. It includes a delicious buffet of soups, an art show/sale, silent auction, raffles and more! The event takes place at Exeter Christian Reformed Church, doors open at 4:00 p.m. and soup is served at 6:00! Tickets are \$10 and are available at the South Huron Welcome Centre.

Our church supports the Exeter & Area Food Bank regularly. Bring food items to church on the first Sunday of the month. Suggestions are school lunch items, baby and hygiene supplies.

Be a Steward and join PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

Your stewardship can happen through automatic monthly withdrawal or PAR. Besides being convenient, regular monthly givings help your church's outreach even when you are away.

If you already participate in PAR . . . have you considered changing the amount of your gift? You can also designate which church program (listed below), you would like your contribution directed towards. **Contact PAR Secretary Sharon Passmore 519-235-2708**

Donors who support any projects or outreach programs of our church can receive their charitable tax receipt by email. Simply provide Treasurer, Mary Lou Thomson mlthomson@quadro.net with your email address.

Stewardship can be designated towards:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Care and Support of the Church; | <input type="checkbox"/> United Church Women; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission & Service Fund; | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Fund; | <input type="checkbox"/> Elimville Cemetery; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thames Road Elimville Community Park; | <input type="checkbox"/> South Huron Foodgrains Project |

Cheques can be made payable to **Thames Road Elimville United Church** and indicate on the memo line where you would like the donation to be directed. Mail to the attention of **Mary Lou Thomson, Treasurer; P.O. Box 3 Exeter, NOM 1S6.**



Have you disconnected your land line? . . . let Sharon Passmore know your cell #, so the church member contact list is correct and up to date.

Are you receiving this newsletter by snail mail? . . . please let Judith Parker know your email address. Send to rjparker@quadro.net

Spread the word that Worship Services and Events held at the church are now accessible with the addition of designated parking, new sidewalk, automatic door entrance and vertical lift from the lower level up into the sanctuary.