

Pastoral Care Update May 15, 2024

Happy Wednesday

May the sun shine brightly on your day and the warmth of your smile light up the world



Thank you to Pastoral Care Transportation Team for their kindness in driving members to medical appointments.

Prayer Requests for:

- Fran Dance, Jack Gieg, Michael Moran
- Brian McMillan in the passing of his brother, Paul
- Bill Brown & Margie McEachern, in the passing of their brother Don Brown, stepson of Frank Simonato
- Jen Adams & Brad Hare in the passing of their mother, Joan Hare
- Bob Grant, in the passing of his sister, Donna Rintoul
- Martha Lawrence, in the passing of her daughter, Cyndy Lawrence
- the people of Kenya, who are experiencing devastation because heavy flooding
- Sunday May 19 (Pentecost): We are reminded that we are one worldwide family in Christ. We give thanks for people in every generation who have spent their lives sharing the good news of Jesus with others.
- for peace in the Holy Land, where Jesus was born, lived, died and rose again. Praise God for Israelis & Palestinians who speak out for peace despite great personal loss. May God grant peace among the nations.

Visits Afar with Church Members



Isobel Jardine & her daughter Sandra Green in Windsor



Nina Sanderson with Catherine in Woodstock



Ellen & Bob Allen in Orangeville



Leslie Stone in Ottawa feeding the birds



The amazing First Impressions Children & Youth Choir

A "Giving" Story

Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus. Finally, there was only one other family between us and the ticket counter. There were 8 children, all under the age of 12. The way they were dressed, you could tell they didn't have a lot of money, but their clothes were neat and clean.



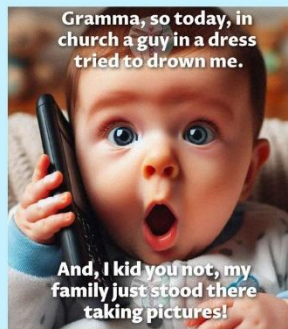
The children were well-behaved, all of them standing in line, 2-by-2 holding hands. They were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, animals, and the acts they would be seeing that night. By their excitement you could sense they had never been to a circus before. The father and mother were smiling and enjoying seeing their family happy.

The ticket lady asked the man how many tickets he wanted? He proudly said, "I'd like to buy 8 children's tickets and 2 adult tickets". The ticket lady stated the price. The man's lip began to quiver, then he asked, "How much did you say?" The ticket lady repeated the price. The man didn't have enough money.

Seeing what was going on, my dad intently dropped his \$20 bill on the ground. Then he bent down, picked up the \$20, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket." The man certainly appreciated the help in a desperate, heartbreaking and embarrassing situation. He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hand in both of his, accepted the \$20 bill, and with a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied; "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family."

My father and I quietly walked back to our car and drove home. The \$20 that my dad gave away was for our own tickets. Although we didn't get to see the circus that night, we both felt a joy inside us that was far greater than seeing the circus could ever provide. If you want to live a grateful life, learn to give.

~ Katherine Hepburn



First Church Happenings



Friends Moyra Adams-Smith
Caryn Wolfe & Nancy Plater



Dessert ladies having a fun time
at Bobbie Brown's home



First Impressions
Children & Youth Choir
at Sunday Worship



Lillian Walker Skuce born April 18
to Sam & Virginia Skuce, grand-
daughter of Connie Wells

Make Moments Count

Every minute someone leaves this world behind. We are all in "the line" without knowing it. We never know how many people are before us. We can not move to the back of the line. We can not step out of the line. We can not avoid the line. So while we wait in line...

- Make moments count.
- Make priorities.
- Make the time.
- Make your gifts known.
- Make your voice heard.
- Make the small things big.
- Make someone smile.
- Make the change.
- Make up.
- Make peace.
- Make sure to tell people they are loved.
- Make a nobody feel like a somebody.
- Make sure to have no regrets.
- Make sure you are ready.

