



# BANWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH

## News 'n Views!

### November 2010

# Breakfast with Santa



**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**



**Banwell Community Church**

**Join us for a pancake breakfast, fun activities  
 and games as well as a visit with Santa!**

### **Cost:**

- ◆ non-perishable food items
- ◆ an unwrapped toy or
- ◆ hats, mittens and scarves

Hey Kids! Don't forget your letter to Santa!

All donations will be taken to a local charity.



### Limited Seating

*BCC's families have first choice but must be signed up by Sunday, Nov. 14/10*

*Please notify the church office if you will be unable to attend, so that others on our waiting list may have an opportunity to participate.*

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Sunday, Dec. 12th**  
**@**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Everyone is invited!**  
**Refreshments to follow**

**Free gift for every family that attends.**



### **THE NEW PIANO IS HERE!**

**\$10,000 is still needed!**  
 Donations at the concert are welcome.

### **PIANO FUNDRAISER CONCERT**

**November 5th**  
**@ 8:00 p.m.**

Silent Auction, items include scarves from Jerusalem and Amber from Poland



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## **AGE UNLIMITED**

Theme: **CELEBRATE REMEMBRANCE**

“We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”. Romans 8:37.

“He died to make us holy, let us live to make men free - while God is marching on”.  
Battle Hymn of the Republic.

A special Remembrance program is being planned for our Age Unlimited meeting on November 10th at 11:00 a.m. This group is the senior's ministry of Banwell Community Church. We extend an invitation to you to attend our meeting to offer praise to God by prayer, scripture reading, a devotional thought, speakers of interest to the group, singing our favourite hymns and we end the morning with a delicious lunch. The lunch is planned and prepared by our hostesses Yvonne Eberle, Penny Bain, Madelon Kidd and their many helpers.



Larry Costello, a volunteer at the Downtown Mission is a World War II veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy and has an exciting presentation - “A Veteran Remembers”. Larry Costello joined the navy in 1939 and rose to the rank of chief petty officer. He has also been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 65 years and volunteers annually with fundraising for veterans by raising donations for poppies. Larry has also been a volunteer at The Downtown Mission for 33 years.

### **WE HAVE TWO SPECIAL REQUESTS:**



Bring a donation for a poppy - this will assist a veteran; bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to assist the needy at Downtown Mission.

There is an ongoing need for peanut butter, canned fruit, vegetables, tuna, salmon, pasta and cereal. A box will be available at our meeting or place your gift in the food bins at the west door entrance to the church. Larry will deliver the items to Downtown Mission.

Our special guest will be Al and Grace McCann. Topic: “Why the “Y””? After hearing Grant Fairley speak to our group, Al wrote a paper about his adventure of employment. Grace has made a special DVD.

Invite a friend, plan to attend for the fellowship and experience our program as we praise God.

**“A heart at peace gives life to the body -- He who opposes the poor shows contempt for the needy, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God.”**  
**Proverbs 14:30,31.**

Henry Nurse, Coordinator  
Submitted by Joan Fulmer



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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

As we enter November we are now seriously into the autumn schedule and hopefully have everyone back from the “scattered summer” to our weekly worship gathering. The month will be a bit of a mixed bag as far as themes go, with some wonderful variety. On the first two Sundays the pastor will conclude the message series on I Thessalonians 5 which helps us focus on our life together as followers of Jesus and how the apostle Paul felt we ought to treat each other as we come together for worship, fellowship and mission. On the third Sunday of the month, we will hear from one of our favourite other “voices” from the pulpit as the pastor spends the last week of vacation for 2010. Finally, the last Sunday of November signals the beginning of Advent ... can it be possible? As always, our musicians under the leadership of our Minister of Music Ian Smith work hard to provide us with the sounds and lyrics so meaningful in our walk with Christ. May we continue to enjoy God’s presence as we worship together!

<b>Nov. 7th</b>	“Important Issues in Church Life...The Main Ingredients” (1Thess. 5:16-18)
<b>Nov. 14th</b>	“Important Issues in Church Life...Discernment” (1 Thess. 5:19-22)
<b>Nov. 21st</b>	Guest Speaker, Grant Fairley
<b>Nov. 28th</b>	“Promises of Christ’s Advent” (Hebrews 1:1-3)

## **VIEW FROM THE PEW**

This Election I did my civic duty by delivering reading material to households in my Ward. While pounding the pavement, climbing stairs and looking for hidden mail boxes I came across some interesting sights (interesting people too but that could be another view!) One particular sign in a window caught my attention: ***‘Experimental Dandelion Farm: do not disturb the weeds’***.

As an adult I appreciate that tongue-in-cheek kind of humour. As a child, I took everything to heart. One of my five brothers was merciless in his advice to me. When I asked him why he often had an elastic band on his arm he said ***“Once you start wearing a watch, you have to have something on your wrist all the time.”*** As a result, I have never owned a watch! I never ate peanuts as a kid because ***‘the little latch that keeps the two sides together is poisonous’***. On one of his visits to the hometown I asked him how his arms got so brown and he said he sticks them out the window when he drives. In my young mind that explained the left arm but I couldn’t figure out how his right arm was brown too so I asked him... ***“on the way back”*** he said... okay, I was REALLY young!

I appreciate using humour to get a point across. The best commercials are the ones that make us laugh and the people we like to be around most are the ones that see the lighter side of life. Pastor Alex takes full advantage of humorous situations to deliver his messages. That lets us see him in the same situations we often find ourselves and makes it easier to laugh at ourselves when we know we aren’t alone.

I hope you find some joy and laughter in your day. It will ease whatever ails you...but then that is just my view.

Zelma Horvath



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## Mission and Outreach Committee

Fall programs have begun and with it the need for donations, volunteers and most important – your prayers.

**Downtown Mission** – Having donated to and served our second lunch at the Downtown Mission, we turn our attention once again to the Food Bank. Donations will be greatly appreciated to help restock their shelves. Although much comes in for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the time in between is often lacking.

A representative from the Downtown Mission will be at the November Age Unlimited meeting and will pick up our donations. Please bring your canned goods and other non-perishable items and put them in the bins in the West entrance anytime.

**Operation Christmas Child** – the annual Shoebox campaign run by Samaritan's Purse. Dave Wickham and family are once again taking charge of this and we look forward to all 125 shoeboxes being packed.



This campaign will culminate in a '**Shoebox Party**' after church on Sun. November 7<sup>th</sup> – if you have not filled yours completely, or if you would just like to donate a few items, or a few \$'s – we will work together to complete them and also have some fun and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided for those who participate in the packing.

**Matthew House** – "Hand to Hand" is a new fundraising endeavour to support Matthew House – each person reaches out to 10 people, including family, friends, co-workers etc. to donate \$10 each – money to be collected by mid November.

**Guatamala Hope** – Our Dr. Ed Gilmore is involved in organizing another medical mission trip to assist the residents of several small

villages in Guatamala. We will be donating \$250 toward the cost of vitamins and look forward to getting an update when the team returns.

**ESL English Cafes** – up and running at both BCC and First Baptist Church thanks to the 10-12 volunteers from BCC, Grace and Ambassador Baptist churches with at least that many participants. An opportunity for people to fellowship and improve their English in a loving, caring person-to-person environment. A donation of \$250 has been given to First Baptist Church to cover the cost of heating, etc. for this fall's program.

**Women's Ministry** – Under the joint leadership of Mission & Outreach and Pastoral Care & Worship, three subcommittees are working on programs and activities for the coming year. They are: Hospitality & Fellowship, Spiritual Growth & Prayer and Women in Mission.

The Spiritual Growth & Prayer group will be off to a good start in holding a Day of Prayer on Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at Banwell and will be joining with Baptist women around the world in that endeavour.

Plans are also underway for the Christmas Candlelight Tea on Tues. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker, music, refreshments and opportunities to help those less fortunate.



Watch for further information on all of the above events and more! If you would like information, are interested in contributing to or getting involved in any of these or other Mission & Outreach initiatives, please call or email the Church office and you will be directed to someone who can assist you.

As always, we try to have something of interest to everyone – what is your mission?

In His love and service,

Wallie Pizzuti, Chair



**NEW LIBRARIAN**

Maureen Church has felt the calling upon her heart to become the new head librarian. I congratulate her on this task. I believe she will be very helpful to you. She enjoys reading very much and has read many of the books.



Please come and welcome her to her new endeavour as well as the existing library team. She is a little nervous but I have reassured her that she will be great.

Thank you Maureen for your interest in this area in serving and may you feel the comfort in knowing that your journey has become very important in the lives of the church family.

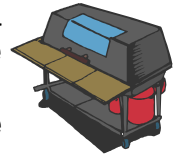
I would like to also thank everyone who has sent their "Thanks" to me and tokens of appreciation. I really enjoyed my time.

In Christian faith,  
Deborah Falkner (former librarian)

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

**SHEET METAL SKILL REQUIRED:**

Our new BBQ is in need of a metal shield to protect the burners from the elements (wind, etc.) when our expert chefs are doing their thing.



This project, although small, is important and needed. It will require bending metal in a skilled manner.

Anyone possessing the required skill is asked to contact Tom Holmes or Lino Braccio.

A large cover to protect the BBQ is also required.

**ANOTHER THANK YOU!**

Hose racks have been desperately needed to store our extensive lengths of hose. As a result, thanks to Lino Braccio, Tom Holmes and David Reimer, three racks were installed in the rear storage area.

Great job men!

**KIDS CLUB**

**Thursday Nights - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Nov. 4th **MILITARY NIGHT**



Nov. 11th **REMEMBRANCE DAY -  
No Club**



Nov. 18th **FARM NIGHT**  
Come dressed as your favourite animal or as a farmer.



Nov. 25th **JELLY BEAN NIGHT**





## **SMALL GROUPS**

### **MONDAY**

Rev. Doug Anderson – Ph: 519-979-2402  
Meeting at the Bodlack home  
2862 Clemenceau Blvd.  
Monday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
Currently studying the book of Mark

Jeff Soper's Group - Ph: 519-966-5641  
In the Fireside Room  
Monday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
Study on Prophecy "Iran the Coming Crisis" by Mark Hitchcock  
Beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>

Jim Wheeler's Group – Ph: 519-969-7180  
Men's Group, Meets at Jim's home  
3110 Askin Ave. in Windsor  
Meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Study on "The Unshakable Truth" by Josh & Sean McDowell  
Starting : Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

### **TUESDAY**

Laura Ferguson's Group – Ph: 519-735-8229  
Ladies Study, Meeting in the Fireside Room  
Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 a.m.  
Currently Studying "Women of the Old Testament"  
Starting: Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

### **WEDNESDAY**

Rev. Alex Moir's Group – Ph: 519-735-2654  
Men's Group, Meeting in the Fireside Room  
Wednesday Mornings, 7:00 a.m.  
Beginning the Book "When God Doesn't Make Sense"  
by Dr. James Dobson  
Starting: Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Claude Daniels' Group – Ph: 519-974-1821  
Meeting in the Fireside Room  
Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
Currently Studying Matthew  
Starting: Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

### **WEDNESDAY (Cont'd)**

John Goodwin's Group – Ph: 519-965-2603  
Meeting at the Wilcox's, 11829 Blair Street  
Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
Currently studying the Gospel of John using the Serendipity Bible  
Starting: Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Wallie Pizzuti's Group – Ph: 519-919-2043  
Meeting in Room #6  
Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
Currently going through the book of Acts  
This is an ongoing group

### **THURSDAY**

Donna Soper - Ph: 519-966-5641  
Parenting Group, Meeting in the Fireside Room  
Thursday Evenings 6:30 p.m.  
"Effective Parenting in a Defective World" By: Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

### **NEW!! Finance Course**

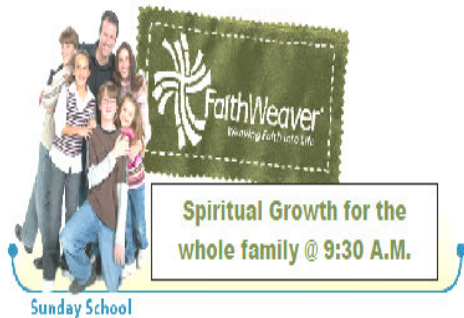
- ◆ Struggling with debt?
- ◆ Bills overwhelming?
- ◆ Wonder what God says about your finances?

Join Gord Wickham on Thursday evenings, starting November 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for a four week series on managing your finances.





**Sunday Morning Christian Education Hour**



**Christian Education Hour Classes  
are growing!**

**Come out and be part of the Sunday  
morning fellowship as we learn about  
God together.**

**Classes for ages JK - Adult  
(Nursery available upon request)**

**FACES IN THE CROWD**

- You may have been missing one of our musicians over the past few weeks. **Christian Wiley**, our other drummer for the Worship Team, is studying at Emmanuel Bible College in Kitchener-Waterloo area.



- We were privileged to share in a very special moment as **Chris and Aimee Seguin** and **Pete and Sarah Matthews** participated in our "Presentation of Children/Dedication of Christian Parents" portion of our service on September 26<sup>th</sup> by presenting their children **Ruth-Ann Michelle Seguin** and **Cara Mayelynn Matthews** to God for blessing.
- Thanks to **Karen Scadden, Marlee Page** and **Kim Stevenson** for working hard in providing the rich Thanksgiving decorations throughout the building.
- A special thanks to **Linda Stevenson** for using her artwork to facilitate our worship in the creation of the new banners in our sanctuary.
- Finally, congratulations to **Bonnie Hammond** and **Keith and Donna Rivard** who completed the half marathon in the Detroit-Windsor run on Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Veggie Connections  
Children's Church  
JK - Grade 5**

**Sunday Morning @ 10:30 A.M.  
A Fun Place for Kids to  
Apply the Bible to their Lives**

**Join your Veggie Friends Bob & Larry  
For Puppets, Videos, Dramas, Games  
And much, much more.**

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Announcements for December and January events must be submitted by Sunday, November 14th in order to be published in the December/January issue of the News 'n Views.



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## **MY BACK PAGES**

All of us have likely heard the quip, “the next voice you hear ...” whether on television, radio or some other medium. It got me thinking about the voices we listen to on a regular basis ... what voices catch my ear? Our loved ones, of course, rank right up there. How about our favourite thinkers or commentators? Do we listen closely to the words of celebrities and other folks whose faces we would recognize? For followers of Jesus, there is an entirely different group of musicians, preachers and writers who inform us.

All of this reminded me of one of my favourite quotes, from the great American novelist John Updike who once remarked, “No one is really stupid. Everyone knows something you don’t!” What a good piece of wisdom to remember this political season. When the rhetoric starts to escalate and promises fly across the airwaves and newspapers, there are all kinds of folks representing “the truth.” One of the challenges of living in a democracy is sifting through all the information and deciding what is true for us, all the while realizing that part of the blessing of living in a society like ours is the free sharing of ideas ... especially at election time!

Updike’s quote is helpful for those of us Yahweh worshippers as well. In spite of the fact that the Christian faith is a part of our culture and that we meet fellow believers everywhere, we’re not always going to agree on everything. This was brought home to me as I found the most recent edition of Christianity Today in my mailbox. Featured on the front cover was the picture of a Christian figure with whom I take great issue. I was more than a little disappointed that this publication, trusted by so many believers, would “lower” its standards by highlighting this man and his ministry. Yet in reading the article, I learned some things about him that helped me to understand why he thinks the way he does.

I still disagree vehemently with his theology and what he represents in the Christian church ... but I learned a little bit more about “where he is coming from” to use a familiar expression. And it all started with a willingness to open a magazine and read an article. It might mean closing our mouths and opening our ears to listen to another ... one we might not have called stupid, but perhaps misinformed. May God give us the courage to listen to all the voices we hear; the discernment to know which ones are the most helpful; and a spirit of love to all ... since that is what Christ, our brother and saviour, modeled for us and would have us do.

Devotedly your pastor ... Alex

### **NEWS TEAM MEMBERS:**

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