

NEWS

Have I Got e-  *for You!*



News from the Communities in and around the
Old Barns and Hilden United Churches



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Message from Your Editor

Just like the cow's tail, I am behind with this issue. We have a daughter in the midst of a high-risk pregnancy who has spent the past month in hospital but every day means baby is one step closer to a healthy, viable life. We thank the caring, compassionate health team in the Prenatal Special Care Unit, at the IWK for their expertise, their understanding, their hand-holding, and their smiles.

When not in Halifax, I have been delving into family history as we prepare for a Family Reunion. My grandparents are responsible for 210 direct descendants – 13 children, 39 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren, 75 great-great grandchildren, and 7 great-great-great grandchildren. We are expecting close to 100 at the family gathering (from sea to sea).

Summer is a time for relaxing – and mowing lawns and doing all those chores that cannot be done during the winter months – also a time to gather with friends and family, to head to the beach for sand and water time, to enjoy nature as it bursts around us in hues of greens and colours galore, barbeques and potato salads!

Enjoy each day and find a blessing each day to be thankful for.

~ *Leslie*



Good Bye, Dear Friends



Johannes "John" Heukshorst
August 9, 1943 – May 20, 2024
Beaver Brook



Ronald W. Patterson
May 26, 2024 at age 77 years
Hilden

*Life brings tears, smiles, and memories.
The tears dry, the smile fades,
but the memories live on forever.*

*Sympathy is extended to those community
members who have lost family and friends
from within and outside our communities.*

Always missed, forever remembered.



Happy Days!

80 + Birthdays:

August Fred Blois
September Grant Fancey

90 + Birthdays:

July Jack Johnson
September Eveline Whitehead

100th Birthday:

June Ruth Sandeson



50 + Anniversaries:

June Kent & Judy Loughead
Donna & Mervyn Dickey
July David & Carol Baird
Stephen & Mary Ann Yuill
August Arlene & Wayne Fisher
Dan & Laurie Gunn
Phillip & Valerie Kennedy

Grade Twelve Graduates

Makayla Kent
Dannan Forbes
Harrison MacRae
Joselyn Stodijk

"It takes courage to grow up and
become who you really are."

E. E. Cummings



A Tribute to John Heukshorst

Submitted by Garry Matthews

John and Mary and family have lived at the home behind the Fire Hall in Beaver Brook for many years, building the property up and raising a wonderful family.

They have been strong community supporters and committed to making the Food Bank Garden a success each year. It is through the garden, that I came to know John.

John had his own way of doing things, and when it came to the garden, he was usually able to convince us that his method was the better one. From planning the gardens to buying the seed and starting things in the greenhouse, to planting, weeding, watching for pests, to deciding the right time to harvest, it was total dedication and commitment., 7 days a week, till the last crop came up and the gardens were prepared for winter.

And he always made time for a garden tour if you dropped by.

John loved to share his knowledge, from growing, to fertilizing, and the little bit I know about pruning came from being around John.

Work mornings at the garden were always paused at 10:30 for a social time – coffee and a treat, storytelling, and laughter.

We all miss him but we carry on with the garden chores, knowing how John might want it done, and knowing he is with us every step of the way.



Joint Summer Services at 10:00 a.m. in Old Barns and Hilden

July 14 – Old Barns

July 21 – Hilden

July 28 – Old Barns

August 4 – Hilden

August 11 – Old Barns

August 18 – Hilden

August 25 – Old Barns

September 1 – Hilden led by Bruce Varner

September 8 – Old Barns led by Kent Loughhead

September 15 – Hilden led by Bruce Varner

September 22 – 9:30 a.m. in Hilden

11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

September 29 – 9:30 a.m.

Joint Service in Hilden

Information about our churches and when our services are can be found on our website. Most Sundays, the Old Barns services are either live-streamed or taped and can also be found on the Charge website:

cliftonpastoralcharge.ca



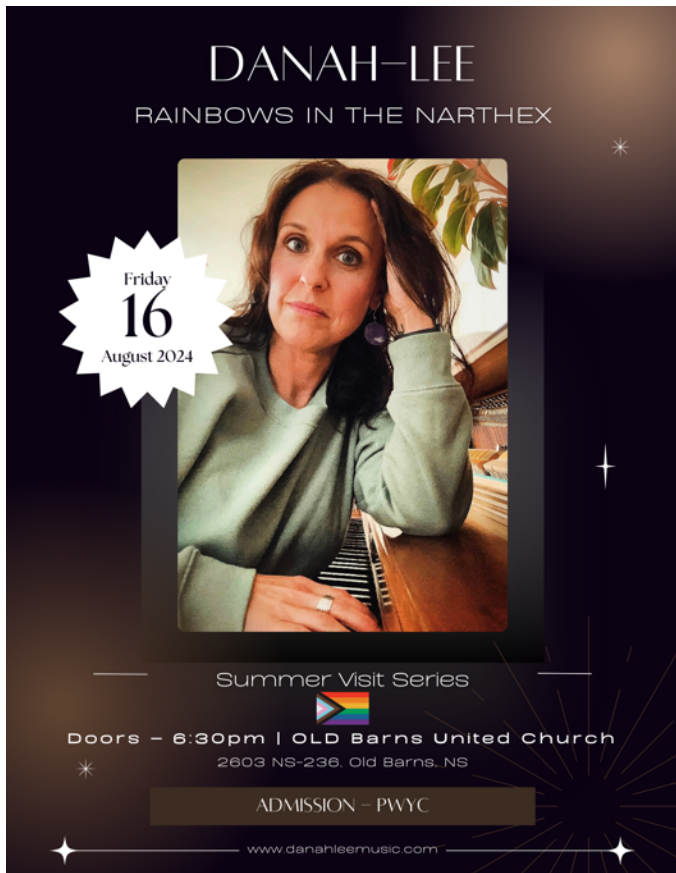
Quotes to Live By

Home is the place you grow up wanting to leave,
and grow old wanting to get back to.

Everyone gets to be young, but not everyone
gets to be old. Embrace life every day.

Believe you can and you are half-way there.

If you can dream it, you can do it!



Mark your calendars!

Friday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Danah-Lee is a singer/songwriter and the music director at the United Church in Renfrew, ON



The night sky – May 10/11

Food Bank Garden 2024

Submitted by Garry Matthews

The Food Bank Garden is under way with the seeds and transplants (started in the greenhouse) now planted. The Knights of Columbus of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church and the Old Barns United Church Men's Club are preparing this garden of vegetables and fruit for the Colchester County Food Bank.

We typically do our weeding and harvesting on Monday mornings, and Wednesday mornings, at 9 am. We deliver produce the same morning to the Food Bank, which is open three days a week. We plan to have a garden time one evening a week for those who are working during the day.

This year, the garden is again located at the home of John and Mary Heukshorst, 1766 highway 236, in Beaver Brook, just 10 minutes from town. It will be a smaller garden to match the Human Resources available.

Garden volunteers will be updated by email early each week, telling of garden progress and listing the chores for the coming week. We watch the weather, and on rainy days, we rest!

We welcome volunteers to help us at the garden; please contact me to add your name to our mail list.



*Three things there are that will never come back
The Arrow shot forth on its destined track
The appointed hour that could not wait; and
The Helpful word that was spoken too late.*

Pictures Contributed from: Garry Matthews, Barb Miller, Amanda Oberski, Cathy Vallis

Outstanding Youth Business in Agriculture

The Minister's Agri-Connect Youth Council Reception was held on February 22, 2024, at the Halifax Convention Centre.

The Honorable Greg Morrow was joined by the Nova Scotia Youth Council for Agriculture to celebrate the council's achievements during the past year, and to learn about exciting new initiatives to empower and attract young people to agriculture.

Initially formed nearly two years ago, the Youth Council helped develop the Plant Your Roots Program that is successful in supporting young people entering agriculture. The Council also provided great input and recommendations into the topic of mentorship that has led towards a mentorship program.



From Left to Right:
Blake Jennings of Bayview Poultry Farm Ltd –
Outstanding Youth Innovator in Agriculture
Minister Morrow
Amy Hill of Snowy River Farms –
Outstanding Education Champion
**Jenna Burris of Green Oaks Nubians –
Outstanding Youth Business in Agriculture**

Congratulations Jenna – your community is proud of you!



Future Visioning Committee

By now we hope you are aware that our Pastoral Charge has set up a Future Visioning committee with the following members: Lorne Burrows (Chair), Rev. Phillip Kennedy, Sheila Marshall and Glenda MacDonald (Hilden), Garry Matthews, Karen Archibald-Waugh and Barb Miller (Old Barns).

The purpose and work of the committee is to invite any and all ideas from the congregations/communities of Hilden and Old Barns as to how to plan for the future work of the churches serving those two communities.

We have met several times, both as a committee and as open meetings for the Pastoral Charge. Many ideas and thoughts around how we can increase membership, hence increasing resources; whether those resources are in dollars, or in people who are interested in seeing our churches thrive as essential parts of our communities.

It's not been hard to see that our "resources" are declining, in people and in revenues.

Our hope as a Visioning Committee is to tap into some new energy out there as well as make better use of our existing resources through careful financial planning, and re-energizing our existing pool of resource people.

Since our May 15 open meeting for the Pastoral Charge, we have had some ideas come forth regarding our outreach to new/younger folks and from that we have been setting up to serve coffee/juice before church in Old Barns for the month of June. We will plan to continue this in September when regular services resume after summer vacations.

Some new FaceBook posts have been popping up and we have Mallery (Kent) Thomas to thank for that, as well as offering to help with other aspects of social media. Thank you Mallery.

There are plans in the works by Karen and Mallery to organize a few days of outdoor children's activities at the Old Barns church during the summer. More details on that will be forthcoming.

Rev. Phillip has been in conversation with Ross Bartlett regarding a Clifton Pastoral Charge workshop, possibly to be presented in the fall.

In closing, we would like to thank you all for your patience and your input as we proceed with this daunting, and very important, visioning and planning process.

Old Barns Church Library

Submitted by Beckie Burrows

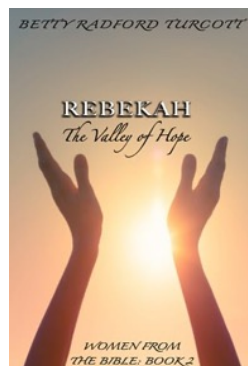
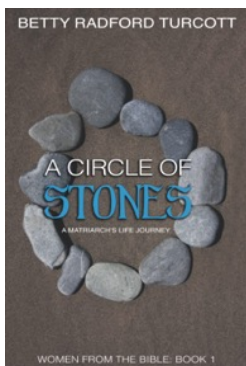
New Books for you to read!

A Circle of Stones: A Matriarch's Life Journey by Betty Radford Turcott

A Circle of Stones invites the reader into the life of Sarah, the leading woman in the Book of Genesis. From her birth to her death, we read of her courage, strength, wisdom, and compassion as well as her failures and weaknesses. She struggles with changes in her life that push her to new ideas, while trying to hold in balance the traditions and history of her women forebears. Each stone she collects is a meaningful symbol of an important event which helps to ground her experience. Sarah will leap off the pages of this book and into your heart.

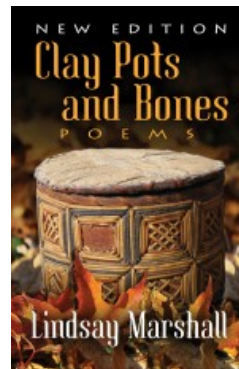
Rebekah: The Valley of Hope by Betty Radford Turcott

The Valley of Hope opens the tent flap and invites the reader into the life of Rebekah, daughter-in-law of Sarah, the subject of the first book in this series. We learn of the life of this biblical matriarch from birth to her death. We read of her wisdom, courage and passionate love for her husband, Isaac, and her son Jacob. She is wise yet reckless, a woman of integrity yet capable of crafty manipulation of others. Her life unfolds in this book, from birth to death, a leader of the women of her time. She is someone we can admire and whose life experiences hold a mirror before us as we ponder life in our own valleys.



Clay Pots and Bones by Chief Lindsay Marshall

Poetry is Lindsay Marshall's way of telling stories, of speaking with others about things that matter to him. His heritage. His people. His life as a Mi'kmaw. For the reader, *Clay Pots and Bones* is a colourful journey from early days, when the People of the Dawn understood, interacted with and roamed the land freely, to the turbulent present and the uncertain future where Marshall envisions a rebirth of the Mi'kmaq. The poetry challenges and enlightens. It will, most certainly, entertain.



Let Us Pray: A Collection of Prayers by Jane Doull

Volume 1: a set of prayers for every Sunday in Creation & Ordinary Time, Advent, and Christmas

Volume 2: a set of prayers for every Sunday in Epiphany, Lent & Easter

Volume 3: a set of prayers for every Sunday in the Easter season, Pentecost and Ordinary Time

Volume 4: prayers and liturgy for Special Occasions



Water of Life

Submitted by Beckie Burrows

Jim Gehrels was a hydro geologist, specializing in water quality issues. In 1995, he travelled to Liberia with Lifewater Int'l., an organization that installed simple wells and taught the villagers how to use them. He and his wife Lynda were deeply disturbed by the large number of Liberian children who were dying due to contaminated water. They created Lifewater Canada and began drilling more wells in Liberia.

Each well, with training and ongoing assistance, could be installed for \$3,000.00 and could provide water for about 600 people for one dollar each for a year. (The cost is \$4,000.00 now). The number of people supported per well dropped to 500, and they are at 420 now, and working towards lowering that to 300.

It takes over forty pumps of the handle to fill a five- gallon pail, and each family needs about three pails. Multiply that by 420 people using that well. They need a lot of money for repairs and upkeep.

From July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024, they completed 4,473 projects, which benefitted 1 ½ million people. This fiscal year they expect to complete 6000 projects. These wells don't only provide safe drinking water. They provide safety to girls and women, due to the shorter travel distance, and provide time for the girls to attend school.

The improved sanitation means better health due to reduced illness. Food security and cleanliness is much improved.

Placide Chaisson was also deeply concerned about the water situation and started Water of Life in our local area twenty years ago, reaching out to a very few churches and schools. Over the years there has been increasing interest. Most churches and schools have become involved, some occasionally, while others have supported Water of Life every year.

There have been many projects undertaken, and to date, twelve schools and seven (sometimes more) churches have completed 54 projects (43 wells, 11 pump repairs, or health and hygiene), supporting over 20,000 people in about 40 communities, and raising about \$130,000.00.

Placide has been working very hard, especially this last year and a half and has kept us inspired. The Committee's "dream goal" to celebrate Water of Life's 20th year is to raise \$20,000.00. We would be delighted to reach \$10,000.00. As of June 10th the total is over \$11,000.00!! with some donations yet to come.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way with this Water of Life project. We all raise our glasses of clean, uncontaminated water in a toast.

Some Statistics for your information:

	Projects	Beneficiaries
New Wells	281	149,133
Rehabilitated Wells	217	85,496
Pump Repairs	2,943	1,170,219
Rainwater Catchments	1	250
Community Toilets	17	2,390
Hand wash Stations	16	2,640
Health & Hygiene	998	154,413
TOTAL	4,473	1,564,541

445,450	Hours Saved Per Day
321,313	Monthly School Days Recovered
7,113,994	Total Monthly Economic Impact

Following are two photos of the Old Barns United Church's fundraising walk, held on May 25. A small but dedicated group braved the windy day to offer their support.



WALK



Beckie, Karen, Sandra, Barb, Glenda



Ruth Sandeson on her 100th Birthday (June 16th) with Colchester County Mayor Christine Blair



Beckie, Karen, Garry, Sandra



Easter lamb on the Vallis Farm

The End