

Timothy's Topics



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Editor's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to the pews of St. Timothy's.

From what I have been hearing most of us had a good summer. Great weather, lots of time to think about the future of our church.

I know that many of the Committee leaders have been working hard to that end and you will find inspiring news to that effect as you read on through this copy of Timothy Topics.

Once again, "Welcome Back!" And let us all embrace the work that has been started by the leaders of all of St. Timothy's committees.

Lois Hope, *Editor*

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE KIRK SESSION

In keeping with the session's direction, the following resolutions and decisions taken at its meetings of May 11, and June 22, 2010 are summarized hereunder for the information of the congregation.

May 11, 2010

- (1) Motion adopted, that (1), Rev. Mitchell's proposed study leave from July 26 to August 1, 2010, and (2), holiday leave from August 8, to September 11, 2010, inclusive, be approved.
- (2) Motion adopted, that a special meeting of the session be held at 7:00 p.m., May 17th for the purpose of further discussion of the "Short-term Way Forward" proposal.
- (3) Motion adopted, that the Heron Emergency Food Centre be permitted the use of church facilities for holding a BBQ.
- (4) Motion adopted, that Lois Hope be appointed Representative Elder for the year commencing September, 2010.
- (5) Motion adopted, that, because of time and space limitations, representatives of the session and board meet with representatives of Getsemani Pentecostal Church discuss their request for use of church facilities.

June 22, 2010

- (1) Motion adopted, that St. Timothy's Church Session not proceed with the application of Getsemani Pentecostal Church for use of church facilities.
- (2) Motion adopted, that St. Timothy's become a "partner" with "Water Cans" and set an attainable financial goal. A one year project and possibly a \$5,000 commitment was suggested. Tentative approval to move ahead with a project was proposed.

George L. McCully, Clerk of Session

Upcoming Events



- October 2: Yard Sale
- October 3: World Communion Sunday
- October 10: Thanksgiving Sunday
- November 7: Remembrance Sunday
- November 13: Bazaar
- November 26: Advent Preparatory Service with Communion
- December 5: Communion
- December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

News from HEFC

The Heron Emergency Food Centre is most appreciative of all the fresh produce it has been receiving from bountiful gardens - rhubarb, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchinis and potatoes have been arriving steadily, and the clients just love it! Thank you so much.

“Reverse Offering” slips indicating items needed at HEFC will be distributed on Sunday, 26 September, with donated food to be brought to church on Communion Sunday, 2 October. This summer has seen us run out of boxes of cereal, tinned vegetables, tea and coffee.

Children’s snacks (fruit cups, granola bars and juice boxes) are always welcome too. The “Reverse Offering” programme is highly successful among our neighbourhood churches and certainly helps to ease the drain on HEFC finances. We remain very grateful to St. Timothy’s and the loyal support it provides to HEFC.

Pheobe Goudy



The Mission and Outreach Committee



The Mission and Outreach committee (“M & O Committee”) seeks to publicize what is going on at our church and find avenues through which we can further the Church’s work in the local community, our community in Canada, North America, and in the world.

The M & O committee informs the members of our church community of the ways we can support, on an individual basis and as a group, various efforts in our local community. We work to find how we can help in kind; not necessarily just with monetary donations.

With that goal, “*Moments for Mission*” was introduced in 2008. Its purpose is to increase awareness of the mission and needs of local charities by inviting representatives to St. Timothy’s. The representative addresses the congregation for 5 minutes during announcements prior to the Sunday service; then joins Rev Mitchell and greets the congregation as they leave the church at the end of the service; and finally is available at coffee hour to provide additional information or for further discussions.

Several years ago, the M & O Committee also introduced a program of welcomers. Welcomers are present before and after service. They assist Rev. Mitchell in greeting newcomers and inviting them to tea and coffee downstairs. (Linda Walker does a terrific job coordinating this effort.)

St. Timothy’s web site can be found at www.sttimsottawa.com. Anyone with computer skills is more than welcome to assist us with keeping our web site up-to-date and running smoothly. We hope the site will help us keep up to date with events at St. Tim’s and for members of the community to find their way to join us in worship and fellowship.

To contribute, please submit your descriptions of committees and activities to Reverend Mitchell who will forward them on to the webmaster.

Finally, the M & O Committee is very excited to join Watercan in a new activity this year. More information about this project will be available in the near future. We hope that our children will also take part in this project ; we cannot wait for it to come to fruition.

The M & O Committee welcomes new members. If anyone is interested in joining us and enriching their Christian lives please speak with Reverend Mitchell or Andrew Lenz.

Andrew Lenz

Back to Sunday School!!

Sunday School started September 12th with an open session. All the children and youth joined in song and prayers, listened to the Bible story of the lost sheep, and heard a description of WaterCan's work in Ethiopia.

Sunday School continues with the children and youth taking up their respective classes with the following teachers:

- Grades 1 to 4: Gertrude Peters and Ian Mitchell
- Grades 5 to 8: Nic Larouche
- Youth: Mariellet Agbor and Kirsty Bailey.
- Charlotte Craig and Jen Ginting lend a hand with the teaching where required.



Mission projects will be chosen and planned by the children and youth (with the help of the teachers) so stay tuned!

A Christmas Pageant (it's really not that far away!) is planned for December 19th. Anyone who wants to participate in any aspect of the pageant; be it planning, helping with costumes, or even to participate in the pageant itself, please contact Nic Larouche.

The Christian Education Committee members would like to take this opportunity to extend their gratitude to all who have agreed to teach this year. Their help and service is indeed a Godsend. But, we can always use more teachers, and so volunteers are always welcome!



Harvest Thanksgiving Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Book of Praise No. 803

Author: Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Composer: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

Tune Name: St. George's Windsor

This hymn is one that appears in many different versions in virtually every major hymn book. It was written by Henry Alford (1810-1871) for use in services to celebrate the harvest and remains a popular Harvest Festival hymn on both sides of the Atlantic. The author is generally regarded as one of the most gifted Christian leaders of the 19th century who distinguished himself as a theologian, scholar, writer, poet, artist and musician.

Henry Alford was born in Bloomsbury, London. His father, also Henry, an Anglican clergyman, was rector of Aston Sandford in Buckinghamshire. Henry attended Trinity College, Cambridge, where he subsequently became a fellow. Ordained in 1833, he was curate of Ampton in Suffolk and incumbent of Quebec Chapel, London, before becoming Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, the “mother church” of all England, in 1837. He remained there until his death in 1871.

Alford maintained strong relations with evangelicals and other non-conformist denominations and did all he could to resist the “high church” movement within the Anglican Church. It was as a Greek scholar that he attained his greatest distinction. His four-volume edition of the Greek testament, on which he laboured for 20 years, became the standard critical commentary of the later 19th century.

“Come, ye thankful people, come” was first published in Alford’s *Psalms and Hymns* in 1844. The author revised it 3 times. His final version, which is considered authoritative and which appeared in the 1868 version of his *Poetical Works*, is the one printed in the *Book of Praise*.

Two of Christ's parables are echoed in the hymn: the story of the wheat and tares in Matthew 13:24-30, and the story in Mark 4:26-29 which tells of the seed which springs up without the sower knowing of it, and which includes the line: "For the earth bringeth forth of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear".

Alford's strenuous efforts and unlimited activities in Christian ministry, lead to physical breakdown in 1870; he died on 12 January 1871. The following inscription can be found on his tombstone: "Diversorium Viatoris Hierosolymam Proficiscentis" (The Inn of a Pilgrim Travelling to Jerusalem).

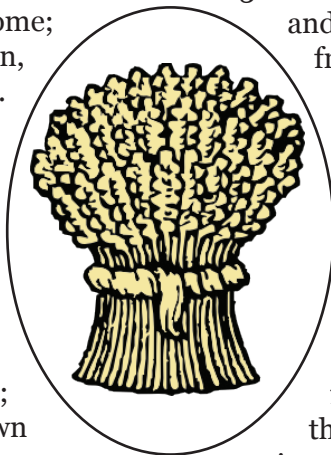
The tune that is universally associated with this hymn, St. George's Windsor, was composed by George J. Elvey who was born into a musical family and sang in Canterbury Cathedral during boyhood. He attended the Royal Academy of Music and served as the organist for 47 years at historic St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Although originally composed for another hymn written by James Montgomery, it was wedded to Henry Alford's text in the well-known Anglican hymn book *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1861. George Elvey was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1871 for his many years of faithful service to the royal family and for his composition Festival March, which was played at the wedding of Princess Louise. He is also the composer of the familiar hymn tune "Diademata" which is sung with Crown him with many crowns (# 274 in the Book of Praise).

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple,
come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.



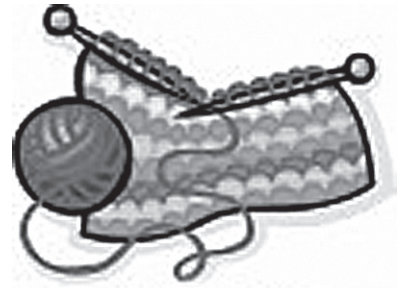
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.



The Craft Group

When the Craft Ladies gather in the Goforth Room every Monday afternoon, there is an air of excitement as the members unfold their knitted, crocheted or crafted projects. Everyone enthuses over a beautifully knitted afghan or a 'chic' crocheted hat and scarf set.



What is striking is not only the amazing range of talents amongst these ladies, but also their willingness to share their expertise with newcomers and others.

Right now, new craft ideas are percolating as they head towards the Annual Christmas Bazaar. The question most often heard is, "Do you think this craft idea will sell?" Knowing the Scottish predilection for frugality, the ladies have to be discerning salespeople as well!

On occasion, the ladies collaborate on a large project; such as the Church's 50th Anniversary Banner. Many of the projects are prompted by the lovely fabrics and wools generously donated by the congregation.

Promptly at 3 p.m. the tea kettle goes on and the ladies break for tea, talk and often a hilarious joke, for after all, one needs a little levity. The ladies have talents that lie in other directions too. When the Church's talent night rolls around, this special camaraderie has led to several stage successes, produced by our Berry West.

All the ladies look forward to your stopping by our table at the Christmas Bazaar. You will see colourful quilted Christmas place mats, knitted dish cloths engaging crocheted Christmas Carollers, Catnip fish toys for a family kitten, aprons and many more handicrafts for the people on our Christmas list. See you at the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

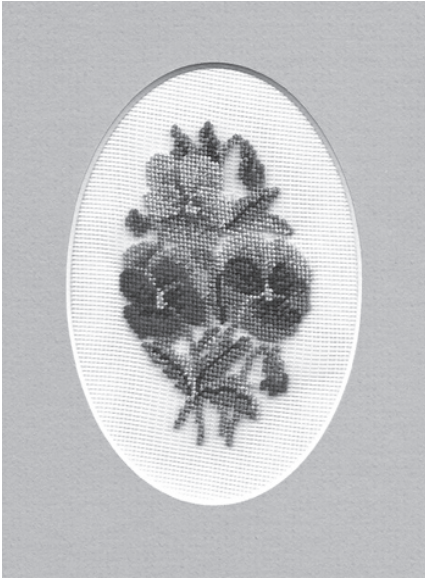
Grateful thanks, in advance for all your donated craft items.

Charlotte Craig

P.S. Please consider joining the craft group. We welcome all newcomers.

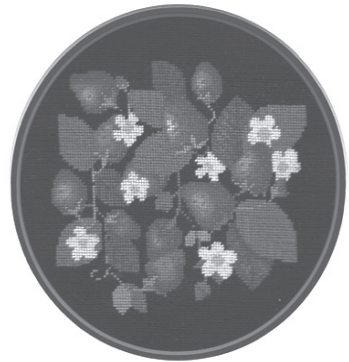
St. Timothy's Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 13



It's the most wonderful time of the year!
The Deli is bursting with good things to eat,
The Craft table loaded with
things that are neat.
The Baking is scrumptious and tempting to all.
For the Turkey a la King Luncheon,
they're lined in the hall.
At the Silent Auction bidders
are milling around,
The Short Bread Raffle has folks buying tickets
hoping they'll win a pound!
And this year only, a very special addition,
Exquisite, ready to frame,
petite point pictures are on exhibition.
(and ready for purchase!)

St. Tim's Christmas Bazaar will soon be here,
You know; People come from far and near,
To help us spread our Christmas Cheer.
We really need you, please Volunteer,
November 13th is the date it's planned,
Please keep it in mind and come lend a hand!



The Afternoon Circle

In the Sunday notices a few weeks ago we all heard that the Afternoon Circle would resume their meetings on Monday, September 7, in the Goforth Room. I spoke to Dolly Wilson, to find out more about this very important group of Ladies. What have they been doing and what plans do they have for the coming months?



Well . . . this a very busy and interesting group. I was sorry to miss the service they conducted last August. Once again they surpassed themselves and presented a thought-provoking and meaningful worship. Our thanks to them.

A Plaque has been presented to Peter Martin to recognize all that he has done over the years in the Service of the Church, the Choir and this group. Once again, our thanks to them.

At their first meeting plans were made for the Winter programme. They will continue the “Getting to Know You “ programme, and continue support for the High Horizons and the Union Mission.

They are looking forward to an interesting roster of Speakers and Fellowship within St. Timothy’s, and we are looking forward to the continuing contribution of the Afternoon Circle to our Lord, St. Timothy’s and the Community

Your Editor

Spotlight on the Congregation

Jean Walker

Favorite Hymn:

How Great Thou Art

Favorite Expression:

*If There’s No Sense There’s No Feeling –
often spoken by her Grandfather*

Most of the walls in Jean’s lovely apartment at Oak Park Manor are covered with large paintings of colorful flowers. She loved to garden and her house on Woodcrest Avenue, where she lived from 1954 to 2009, had a large flower bed filled with plants purchased over many years at St. Timothy’s Sidewalk Sale. She always appreciated Peter Martin’s willingness to fill her orders for new plants over the

years.

Jean was born in Toronto 90 years ago. She studied Modern Languages, specializing in German, at Victoria College, part of Toronto University. After graduation in 1942 she worked for the German Prisoner of War Censorship Program in Ottawa. Many of the good friends she made there were from western Canada.

After returning to Toronto to help her family, Jean took a Business Course and worked for Crown Life Insurance for 5 1/2 years. In 1948 she spotted a newspaper advertisement for the Communications Branch of the National Research Council (CBNRC) looking for people with her skills. She was hired and returned to Ottawa, this time with her sister. To her delight many of her old friends from western Canada were also employed at CBNRC.

Jean's family are 7th generation Canadians. Her father's family, the Walkers, were from Aberdeenshire Scotland, and the Browns from the Isle of Mul. Her mother's family, the Smiths, are also from Aberdeenshire. The Smiths settled in western Ontario bringing fruit tree seedlings with them. They helped to establish the fruit orchards near Brantford.

Her father was Chief Gunnery Instructor at Petawawa for most of the war. He never threw anything away. Among the papers Jean was sorting through while preparing to move she found, as well as old Hydro bills from 1925, a copy of his letter dated October 1 1939 offering his services to the armed forces after war was declared. There were many interesting documents among his papers and fortunately a family member is taking care of preserving these records.

Jean's parents moved to Ottawa in 1978. Her mother attended the early St. Timothy's church services taking place at Alta Vista Public School. Jean's good friend John Stirling was an active member of the church and encouraged the Walker family to attend. It was he who proposed the name St. Timothy's for the new church. Jean joined once the present day building was completed.

She has worked on the plant table at the Bazaar and with Mary McLaren looking after the flower beds at the back of the church. Jean really enjoyed being part of Dolly Wilson's team for many years which served luncheon provided twice a year by members of St. Tim's as their share of a city-wide church contribution in support of the High Horizons at McKay Street United Church.

The Polar Bear Express

For us both, it was a sentimental journey. The Polar Bear Express Train Tour brought back memories to George of canoe trips in his youth down rivers which converged at the Moosenee River. Ruth remembered our trip to Moose Factory with three school-age daughters years ago, and her first tast of bannock prepared by the Crees over an open fire.

We boarded the Ontario Northland train in Toronto, after a pleasant stay at the Royal York Hotel, and a tour of the roof garden, known for herbs and bee-keeping, and a tour of the hotel's huge kitchen.

From Union Station we travelled north through the towns of Temagami and Temiskaming, with a side trip to Cobalt, a silver mining hub in the 1920s. There we visited an intriguing military museum and were led down into the remains of a former working silver mine. When the light in the mine was turned off, the blackness gave us sympathy for the men who had toiled there with candles attached to their helmets.

After a night in the Cochrane Railway hotel we boarded the Polar Bear Express with its overhead observation car. After passing by many northern lakes and forests we eventually reached Moosenee. Our tour group walked around this historic town, seeing the old Hudson Bay fort and several small ancient cannons placed for defence from French ships three hundred years ago.

From Moosenee we crossed by boat to Moose Factory, still the home of Cree Indians. From the comfortable, rustic EcoLodge we were taken in freighter canoes up to the southern shore of James Bay, the northernmost point of our journey. We returned under a brilliant sunset, with the full moon rising in the west.

On our return to Cochrane, we had our only visit with a polar bear at a sanctuary for orphaned bears. There was even a chance to swim "with the bear" but with a plexiglass wall between you and him. All in all, our trip reminded us of the beauty and the history of northern Ontario. *George and Ruth Toller*



The Teka, DeAllie, Batson clan

Ah, it's an intricate web, this family tree of ours, but I will do my best to explain.

We were all born in the Caribbean; the Teka and DeAllie families hail from the "Spice Island" of Grenada; the Batson family from the "Little England" island of Barbados. We are a very close family, extended by both love and marriage.

Kennedy "Kenny" was married to Roselyn "Muzzie" Teka (nee DeAllie). They had one child – Wendy. I think they chose not to have any more kids because they got it so right the first time. That's why I married her.

Kenny was the renowned leader in their family. He operated his own title-search company in Ottawa until he suffered a stroke in 1990. He was also an excellent speaker and writer.

Kenny was an Elder at St. Timothy's church and during his later years when he was confined to a wheelchair, the amputated pew (row 11 on the left side) was created to accommodate his usual seating position in church. Sadly, Kenny passed away in 1997.

Muzzie loves to walk, especially with one of her favourite sisters, Cynthia "Cindy". They used to walk miles daily and sometime twice daily. As a result, some time back, I gave them the nick-names of "Knock-about" and "Hot-foot".

On one of our summer road trips to Maine one year, we rented an entire apartment on the beach. The weather when we arrived was beautiful – 85 degrees and sunny with a nostalgic breeze coming off the sea. We were so happy, as soon as we checked-in we all went for a walk on the beach that seemed a mile-wide. As she was merrily skipping along the beach next to Cindy, Muzzie decided to kick some sand on her; she tried to do this casually with one of her forward steps, but her toes buried deeper than expected in the sand and she made a crashing dive, landing face first in the sand, then rolled onto her side.

We were horrified, but she started laughing more from embarrassment than anything and we knew she was not seriously hurt. To watch the whole scene unfold as I did from a distance, you would have thought she found a priceless gold coin in the sand and wanted to snatch it up before anyone else saw it.

Wendy and I have no kids. Wendy is the bundle of joy that came into her family within the first year of her parents' marriage. She has been a natural joy for the rest of the family since birth. Because I only came along at marrying time, I really can't take credit for that, but I reap the benefits. When needed, she takes care of the more mature members of our family...and me.

I am John Batson. I am the last of eleven kids. This is where it gets complicated, so stick with me now.

My brother Allan Batson was married to Cindy Batson (nee DeAllie). They had two sons, Blake and Kirk. So Allan is Wendy's brother-in-law and also her uncle-in-law. Their two sons are Wendy's cousins as well as her nephews-in-law. That's all the explaining I will do in this regard. You will thank me later.

Fred "Feddie" DeAllie was married to Joan (nee Teka). They had two kids, Heather and Roger. Fred and Joan were the first of the family to immigrate to Canada and Ottawa became the home city for them and eventually the rest of the clan. Fred was viewed as a handsome, pleasant, likeable chap.

While living in Grenada, one of his cousins – Henry – would visit with Fred and just sit and watch TV for hours, without a word between them; later he would tell Joan, "Henry is the most boring person in the world; trying to talk to him is like sinking slowly into the depths of the ocean;" Joan would smile, because Henry would tell her the same thing about Fred. In his later days here in Ottawa, he wore pants with an elastic waist and joked that it was his "eating pants" since it was loose enough around the stomach, to allow him unrestricted eating at our many holiday and family gatherings.

Fred is the brother of Muzz and Cindy. Sadly, he passed away in 2005.

Joan is the last of 8 kids in her family and has chosen to return to Grenada, where she now lives nearer to her two kids. Joan loves to laugh and can see humour in any situation, which probably keeps her young at heart. She is the youngest sister of Ken, which means Joan and Fred are brother and sister to Ken and Muzz. That makes Wendy the double cousin of Heather and Roger. Fred was Wendy's Uncle and Uncle-in-law, and Joan is her aunt and aunt-in-law. Clear?

Doreen Donovan (nee Teka) was married to George "Donno" Donovan. They immigrated to Canada after the coup and U.S. intervention in Grenada back in the 1980's. They were both comfortably settled in Ottawa when we planned the first of our 1990's road trips to include Prince Edward Island/PEI and gathered at our house for updates every week. Those were exciting times, interrupted by sad times which caused us to modify our plans. On the first trip right after Donno died, the nightly snoring throughout the apartment was the only thing that made her emerge from her gloom and grace us with her smile. She was one of the main snoring contributors.

Doreen was always feisty and today lives at the Glebe Centre.

Donno was the greatest teaser in the family. He could tease you for a lifetime about any misfortune he happened to witness or hear about. Before coming to Canada, he was a senior government official in Grenada. It was back in the spring of 1990 when I returned from a trip, expecting to be met at the airport by Wendy, that I got a shock. Wendy was not there to meet me as agreed, nor was she at home when the taxi took me home from the airport, nor did she come home before I went to bed. I was both miffed and concerned

at the same time. Eventually she arrived and told me Donno suffered a stroke and was at the hospital in intensive care where she had been all night. I felt a bit guiltier and plenty concerned. Donno had planned to meet me at the airport too. Sleep was then out of the question. Sadly, he passed away a few days later.

Donno was Wendy's uncle-in-law and Doreen is her aunt.

So, there were once upon a time, 8 Teka siblings who got to know 11 DeAllie siblings who were introduced to 2 of 11 Batson siblings. Enough said!

JPDB

We Remember

Barbara Anne Lee (Pettitt): January 25, 1940 - May 10, 2010

Barbara, born in Hamilton, Ontario, passed away after a brief illness in North Vancouver, B.C. short of her 42nd wedding anniversary. She has left her loving husband, Doug; their daughter, Catherine (Jamie Bassett); grandsons Nicholas and Christopher; her brothers Rob (Gail) and Don (Pennie) plus many nieces and nephews to a second generation.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents and a daughter, Sheryl. Miss Pettitt taught Kindergarten at Lloyd George and Bellcairn Public Schools (PS) in Hamilton; in Marville, France; and Lahr, West Germany (RCAF dependants).



Mrs. Lee opened an Early Kindergarten at Alex Taylor PS in Edmonton. She was a substitute/supply teacher for primary grades in Winnipeg and Ottawa; and a full time librarian at Fielding Drive PS; followed by Kindergarten and English Development positions at Dunlop PS; retiring in 1997.

Family and friends were always kept close, she was devoted to maintaining connections and creating things for those dear to her. There are many children and grandchildren (grand-nieces and nephews) across Canada that received a rainbow coloured blanket at birth, some of whom are now wrapping their children in the same blankets that they enjoyed in their youth. Counted cross-stitch was another challenge for her hands that she thoroughly enjoyed. Stamping and card making were new found joys that she shared with close friends. Barbara loved the beauty of flowers in their natural state in gardens or in the woods.

If you wish please consider the Canadian Cancer Society 1-888-939-3333, or any charity of your choice.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, ...
and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord
of hosts, if I will not open you the windows
of heaven, and pour you out a blessing,
that there shall not be room enough
to receive it. ~Malachi 3:10

