



South Nissouri Presbyterian Church

Newsletter

Upcoming Events

June 2013

June 22:
Strawberry Supper

June 27:
Senior Youth Group
End of year bash

June 30:
Hymn Sing Service

July 2013

July 7:
Worship led by
session

July 28:
Picnic

August 2013

Aug 4:
Time Change-
Worship begins at
11:00am

“Flowers appear on
the earth; the
season of singing
has come, the
cooing of doves is
heard in our land.”

Song of Solomon 2:12

Minister's Message

As many of you know, I moved into the village of Dorchester on June 3rd. I am looking forward to being closer to the centre of the action as I'll be living in the apartments at 22 Carleton Crt. At this point my phone numbers will remain the same until July after I return from my Middle Eastern adventure. I will be chaperoning a trip with Youth In Mission to Israel/Palestine from June 29- July 11. The Global Young Adult Festival is taking place in Bethlehem through Sabeel, an Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre that hosts people from the PCC every year. Entitled 'Moving Mountains, Reshaping the World' the conference will unite

over 500 young adults from around the globe to explore environmental sustainability, economic justice, human rights and community. As a chaperone I will be responsible for caring for the four Canadian Presbyterian participants as well as taking part in the conference. I feel very blessed to have this opportunity to visit the Holy Land and learn more about the difficulties God's people experience there. I'm looking forward to sharing my stories with you when I return. Please keep us in prayer as you are enjoying your Canada Day festivities and for the days following. Shalom!

Rev. Heather Paton

How's It Going?

The session and board met last month and decided it would be a good idea to invite the congregation for an evening to discuss how it's going as a congregation on a more regular basis. Our next meeting is going to be **Thursday September 5 at 7:00pm** in the church basement. Everyone is invited to take part in this informal discussion about our strengths, challenges and how we can continue to serve God together. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details.

Wanna Get On PAR?

If you have automatic debits taken from your bank account to pay your bills, then you already understand the Pre-Authorized Remittance principle. Did you know that you can give to the church in the same way? Using the PAR program for your offering allows you to give intentionally, proportionally and faithfully to the church, even when you are not able to be there in person. Providing our church with a dependable flow of contributions also helps with budgeting and reduces paper work.

How it works: decide how much you want to give each year and divide that by twelve (Or, decide what you want to give weekly and multiply that by 4.33, as there are 4.33 weeks in a month.) Then fill out the authorization form to get started and that amount will be transferred to the church's account each month. There will be PAR cards to place on the offering plate each week as a symbol of your gift. This is a program we are exploring and we'd like some feedback about whether you'd be interested or not.

Youth In Mission

Pastoral Emergencies

June 29-July 11

Rev. John Bannerman will be on call for pastoral emergencies while Heather is away.

Contact him at the church:
519-681-7242 or
home 519-681-9876

Excerpt from Jamie's entry on the YIM Malawi Blog- Mon. May 13

The bus left at 2:00 to travel to a Children's Corner Program where we were greeted with the biggest smiles on the faces of not only the children, but also the teachers, along with loud cheers and singing. Needless to say, the events and games that transpired are memories I will remember for the rest of my life. Playing such games as tug of war against my youth leader, as well as going up against him in a sack race are just two of the many games/poems/songs that took place. Other games were high jump and jump rope (resulting in minor injuries of some of the youth! but nothing a few band aids can't fix). There are 90 youth enrolled in the program that gives the children a place to go to before and/or after school. Just because there are 90 youth enrolled doesn't mean that only 90 show up, today there was an astounding 200 Malawians that showed up to give their thanks and praises to their fellow brothers and sisters from Canada.

The kind hearted and selfless teachers (about 7 of them) refuse to turn away a child because they are enrolled. As the day wore on and laughs and cheers were heard for miles around, again it was sadly time for the Canadians to head back to Annie's Lodge for supper. Leaving all the youth was probably the hardest part of the day, as all the children would come to shake our hand and kneel down before us out of respect. Because each youth wanted to shake the hand of all the Canadians, handshakes quickly turned to high fives so we were all able to say thank you to all of the Malawians. As we trekked back to the bus, the Malawians did not stay behind and accept us leaving....they all followed us back to the bus, still wanting high fives. As the bus drove away, not one child stayed still while waving. It seemed like all 200 children were running after the bus, keeping up quite well and for quite a while. The joy, smiles and laughter of the children brought an even bigger smile to my face.

Christmas in July Shoebox Mission

Over the next month we will be partnering with the Dorchester church to collect items to donate to the children who attend Stevenson's Camp, an overnight camp for children from low-income households in the London area. The list of helpful and playful items is available at the back table. Empty shoeboxes are also needed. We ask for all donations to be brought to the church by Sunday June 30th. This is a hands-on way we can contribute to needs in our local communities.

Recent Events

Congregational Picnic!! Sunday July 28

Come one, come all, for a time of fun, sun and delicious food. We'll gather at the **Hill farm** – *time to be announced.*

Please bring a lawn chair, a dish to share, and a playful attitude.

Hope to see you there!

