



# THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER COBDEN-QUEEN'S LINE PASTORAL CHARGE



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## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

### The Cost of Telling the Truth

When Jesus was arrested and accused by the chief priests and the elders before Pilate, the Roman Governor, He was forced to tell the truth. Pilate asked Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (Matthew 27: 11) Should Jesus answer the question without twisting the truth? The answer to this question, certainly, would make the difference in the history of humanity. If He answered, "No," he might be able to avoid Pilate's life sentence. Then the whole humanity would be still in sin and under the curse of eternal damnation. But Jesus determined to be candid even to the death.

The cost of telling the truth is very high. I read this true story from The Reader's Digest. Once there was a certain Greenland Eskimo who was brought to New York city for a short visit. At all the amusement of sight and sound, he was filled with feelings of awe and wonder. When he returned to his home, he certainly had lots of stories to tell. He told stories of sky rocketing high rises, of streetcars, which he described as houses people lived in, and of dazzling lights everywhere. But his people looked into his eyes suspiciously and walked away from him. The whole village dubbed him a new name, "Sagdluk," meaning "the liar." He carried this new name in shame to his grave. Merle Crowell, who told the above story, lamented, "The road of the teller of new truths has always been rocky. Socrates sipping the hemlock, Christ crucified, Stephen stoned, Bruno burned at the stake, Galileo terrified into retraction of his solar verities – forever could one follow that blood trail through the pages of history." (The Reader's Digest, December, 1927).

To Pilate's question, Jesus answered, "Yes." The history tells us what cost this "Yes" charged Him. The history also tells us what interest this "Yes" gained for you and me. The loss of telling the truth was temporal, but its gain was eternal and universal.

Today, we are here as we are, grappling the root of Christian faith. We are able to enjoy the rich inheritance of Christianity, because our predecessors undauntedly said "yes" to the church, to the Bible, most of all, to God, our heavenly Father.

*Rev. James Y. Min*

### THERE IS A GOD

I know there is a God  
Who watches over me.  
He gives me gifts each day  
And they are all free.  
I can see the beauty of a tree,  
Listen to the birds that sing,  
Smell a rose,  
Or watch a wheat field  
Swaying in the breeze.  
Watch a hawk soaring in the sky,  
Hear the call of a whippoorwill  
Or watch a butterfly fly by.  
From the rising of the sun  
Till the beautiful sunset at evening tide  
God shows me his hands work  
THAT - No man can do.

Composed by: Isobel Fletcher

## PRESBYTERY REPORT

On March 26th, 2008, John Shane and Jon Williams visited the Cobden-Queen's Line Pastoral Charge on behalf of the Oversight Committee of Renfrew Presbytery. Their report was very positive. Rev. Min is pleased with the support he and Hester have received and with the visits he has made to members of both Congregations. The M & P committee were found to be very well informed and very dedicated with good communication with the Official Board. The Official Board is reviewing their Mission Statement. The committee were pleased with all the activities going on in the Pastoral Charge. All organizations appear to be very active. A note of concern was expressed as to where young families will be found to continue on with the work of the Church. A special vote of appreciation to those serving on the Cemetery Board. They felt that things are going well and that Rev. Min and Hester are a good match as they work together with the Congregations in the days ahead.

Submitted by Edna Peever

## WEDDINGS

**June 21, 2008**—Tim Tabbert and Connie White will be married at the Queen's Line United Church.

**July 26, 2008**—Sandra Judd and Chad Kendall will be married at Grace United Church.

**September 13, 2008**—Sarah Foster and Matthijs van Lydenburg will be married at Grace United Church.

## BAPTISMS

**May 11, 2008**—Delaney Jamie Zohr, son of Jamie and Yvonne Zohr, was baptised at Grace United Church.



## Beauty of the Earth

### Facts:

**Lyricist:** Folliot S. Pierpoint

**Lyrics Date:** 1864

**Composer:** Conrad Kocher

**Arranged Date:** 1861

**Scripture:** James 1:17

### Devotional:

Feeling discouraged? "Take a walk among your blessings" was the good advice given years ago for such a predicament. "Count your many blessings, name them one by one..." is the Gospel song's way of giving the same counsel. Psalm 103 says it best:

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits.***

Folliot Pierpoint did just that when writing this hymn. His list of blessings includes the natural beauty of earth and skies, the amazing creation called the "human being" and the gift of time. But some of his warmest words are used to thank God for the joy that family and friends—living and departed—have given, and continue to give to our lives.

But, not all people can get as excited about the natural world as the writer of this hymn. This is

especially true of those living in areas devastated by drought, fire, flood and a myriad of other disasters. And not all can be as enthusiastic about human relationships as he was. For example, those who have been neglected, abused, ignored or betrayed. For all such people, we pray that God will bless them; and then move the rest of us to provide those things—including an open wallet—that will bring peace and release from their difficult circumstances.

"God has no hands but our hands to do His work today" begins an old poem that echoes Jesus' beautiful words found in Matthew 25: *I was hungry and you gave me food... You invited me in...you visited me.*

For all of us, may the words of this hymn bring strength to unsettled lives and brightness to "blue" ones: "*For Thyself, best gift divine, To our race so freely given... Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.*"

*Nothing...in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8*

### Hymn Story:

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint was taking a walk one late Spring day, in the lovely area surrounding his home in Bath,

England. Overwhelmed with the beauty he saw, he sat down and wrote "For the Beauty of the Earth." Not only does Pierpoint thank God for His beautiful creation, but also for family, friends and other gifts God has bestowed upon us.

This hymn was originally written to be a communion hymn in the Anglican Church. It was first published in Rev. Orvy Shipley's *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864. The chorus was originally "Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise." This is from the post-communion prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, which begins "O Lord and heavenly father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving." The compilers of *Hymns, Ancient and Modern* changed the refrain to "Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise." Most versions now use "... this, our hymn of grateful praise," although the "New Standard" edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* and the *Presbyterian Church Hymnary* both use the original chorus.

Other changes have also been made. Originally this hymn had eight verses, although in modern day the last three verses of the hymn are generally omitted. They were first omitted by *Hymns Ancient and Modern* as being too Catholic in their language for an Anglican Hymnal.

## GUATEMALA UPDATE

The Cobden Community Players wish to thank all who supported our production of “Whose wives are they anyhow”. A special thanks to Grace United Church where we practiced twice a week for three months. Also for the two delicious meals made available Friday and Saturday evenings. This added to the enjoyment of the evening for everyone. Special entertainment by the Opeongo Band, Dai Bassett and Lisa Chaput-Takken made the evening more delightful with their special gifts. Muriel Buttle won the wall hanging. The monies raised by the performance will go to the poor in Guatemala. The raffle raised an amazing \$537.00 which will go towards stoves and bunk beds. The most thoughtful and generous donation of \$1500.00 from the Sunday School and Youth of Grace United Church will pay for a house which will be build in November 2008. This gift will improve the lives of a family for generations and for them I say “thank you”. The pastoral charge are also collecting money for a house and to-date \$1306.00 has been collected. Should anyone require more information on these projects, please contact Ted Richardson at 613-646-2985.

*Remember “Do what you can, where you are, with what you have”.*

Submitted by Ted Richardson

## COBDEN UNION CEMETERY BOARD

### Sale of Plots—Rates as of April 17, 2008

	Land	Care & Maintenance	Total Price
Single Grave	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$400.00
Two Graves	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$800.00
Four Graves	\$600.00	\$1000.00	\$1600.00
Cremation—single	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$400.00
4 corner posts			\$120.00

	Land	Care & Maintenance	Total Price
Single Grave	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$550.00
Two Graves	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$1100.00
Four Graves	\$1200.00	\$1000.00	\$2200.00
Cremation—single	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$550.00

### Internment Charge:

Burial Rights \$100.00

Vault Storage \$100.00

Cremation Burial Rights \$100.00

- Artificial flowers must not be used unless they are saddled and wreath mounted over the top of the tombstone or on the base of the stone. No artificial flowers of any kind in containers or in the ground are allowed.
- Solar lights or ornaments paced anywhere in the cemetery are not allowed.
- Flowers of any kind placed in a container for decoration service must be removed within 10 days of the decoration service.
- Tree and shrubs must be kept trimmed at all times by family members. Trees and shrubs must not exceed 48” in height and 30” wide.
- All flowers are to be moved by November 1st each year.

### Board of Director Representatives

United Church—Jack McLaren 613-646-2030; Wilf Smith 613-646-2257

Presbyterian Church—Donald Hamilton 613-646-7663

## GRACE UNITED CHURCH—NEW ORGAN

In September 2007, Grace United Church was hit by lightning and it did damage – completely destroying the small organ in the fellowship room and damaging the church organ. One could never be sure that the organ key we used played or made the correct note. Lanark Mutual Insurance Company was contacted and they allowed us \$15,000.00 for the organ, the price we paid for it 20 years ago. We think this was very generous of them. After looking and playing other organs, we felt our choice would be a “Rodgers” organ from Campbell Douglas in Ottawa. The organ was originally \$23,900.00 but Campbell Douglas sold it to us for \$18,900.00 plus tax and it comes with a 10 year warranty. The difference from what the insurance allowed us and the price of the new organ came from the Memorial Fund. This was passed on a motion by Wayne McLaren, seconded by Joyce Bennett and approved by all present at the congregational meeting after church on April 18, 2008. It is a very beautiful sounding organ and it is our hope that the congregation will be able to enjoy it for many years.



*Keith Peever and his granddaughter, Emma Peever*

Submitted by Keith Peever and Isobel Fletcher - Organists

## PRAISE SERVICES AND HYMN SINGS

The session of our Pastoral Charge decided in October 2007 to hold a “Praise Service” the third Sunday evening of each month at 7:30. This is a service of praising God with music and devotion. If you haven’t yet attended one, come out and join us for a very uplifting service. We have welcomed many visitors to our church from the area. We have had guests from the area share their musical talents with us. There was no Praise Service in May or June this year as Queen’s Line held their annual Hymn Sing on May 25 which was enjoyed by all who attended. The Festival of Hymns was held at Grace Church on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. This was a fund raiser for the Cancer Society and raised \$1,043.00. This event has been held for eleven years and is co-ordinated by our organists, Keith Peever and Isobel Fletcher. This was an enjoyable evening of music with guest musicians from Calabogie, David Galbraith, Deloris Prussak, from Golden Lake, Megan Stewart from Foresters Falls, The Holtz Family of Pembroke and area, Rev. James Min as well as violin, accordion, trumpet and clarinet players, plus Keith Peever on our new organ and piano. We are planning our next Praise Service for July 20<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to have beautiful weather that evening – surely it won’t snow!! The offering for July will go to the Guatemala project. Come out and join us if you haven’t been at a Praise Service – you don’t know what you are missing.

Submitted by Isobel Fletcher

## PASTORAL CHARGE BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study classes finished the last week of April and will most likely resume again sometime in the fall. This session we studied the Gospel according to Mark and I believe all who attended found each class enlightening and uplifting. It was interesting to learn how parts of the New and the Old Testaments are related.

Most homes have a bible somewhere. Perhaps it’s a small white copy stored away. Possibly it’s the standard black-covered bible that gets dusted off and placed on the coffee table when the pastor calls. Whether it sits on the coffee table, or supports other books on a shelf, the bible may seem boring to many. No colourful pictures on the cover to arouse the senses. But as one lives with the bible, it springs to life with stories of the past, and prophecies for our future. Boring? Not my Bible!

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” Romans 15:4

Submitted by Dianne Johnson

## OUR CHILDREN

Thank you to all who supported Grace Youth and Sunday School for the annual Spring Dinner. Proceeds from the dinner in the amount of \$650.00 went to the Cobden Food Bank and \$1,500.00 went to the Guatemala project. The Youth and Sunday school have disbanded for the summer and will resume again in September.

### A CHILD IS BORN

What did you HEAR  
The day your child was born  
Did you hear his cry so forlorn  
As he made his earthly presence  
Knowing Jesus was blowing his horn

What did you FEEL  
The day your child was born  
Did you feel the pain of his fight  
As he made his earthly presence  
Knowing he was precious in Jesus sight

What did you SEE  
The day your child was born  
Did you see a face of beauty and love  
As he made his earthly presence  
Knowing he was a gift from above

What did you TOUCH  
The day your child was born  
Did he touch your tender heart  
As he made his earthly presence  
Knowing he was Jesus' child in part

What did you SAY  
The day your child was born  
Did you say a word of thanks  
As he made his earthly presence  
Knowing Jesus was the one to thank

THANK YOU Jesus  
For all your gifts  
The gift of children dear  
Guide them with your loving touch  
Your word we hold so near

By Susan Gilchrist



### Once Upon a Time

There was a man who had nothing ...  
and God gave him ten apples.

He gave him the first three apples to eat.  
*The man ate the first three apples.*

He gave him the second three apples to trade for a shelter  
from the sun and rain.  
*He traded the second three for a shelter from the sun and  
rain.*

He gave him the third three apples to trade for clothing to  
wear.  
*He traded the third three for clothing to wear.*

He gave him the last apple so that he might have something  
to give back to God to show his gratitude for the other nine.  
*Then he looked at the tenth apple... and it seemed bigger  
and juicier than the rest.*

*He knew that God had given him the tenth apple so that he  
might return it to Him out of gratitude for the other nine.  
But the tenth apple looked bigger and juicier than the rest.  
And he reasoned that God had all the other  
apples in the world ...*

So the man ate the tenth apple.... and gave  
back to God ...  
the core.



**God has given you enough apples to supply your  
needs—plus one with which you may show your  
gratitude to Him. The choice is yours. Will you return  
to God the largest and juiciest of your apples—or only  
the core?**

Submitted by Hazel Hawthorn

## MEMORIES OF THE QUEEN'S LINE UNITED CHURCH

An advantage of being married to one of the oldest members of the congregation is having access to stories of how the structure itself has changed, and of happenings many years ago.

When I first started to attend this church, I wondered why the window sills were so close to the floor. It was explained that originally there was no basement, that entry and pews were all on the ground level. A small area in the north corner, where the steps come up to the choir, had been excavated big enough to hold a furnace and a supply of wood. Charlie Bilson used to walk a mile and a half to church every Sunday morning in the winter season to light the fire and have the church warm for the afternoon service. A bench in front of the furnace made a great meeting place for boys and young men to gather and have a visit if they arrived early.

In 1942 it was decided to make a full basement. The floor was raised to the level it is now, necessitating those steps from the vestibule, which are, as the years go on, becoming increasingly difficult to climb.

Some of our older members, like Dalton Mordy, Gordon Oattes and Jim Wallace, remember helping to shovel gravel and pour the cement for the new foundation. It was hard work, but they likely had a lot of fun at the same time.

An event that started as fun but didn't end up quite that way, involved a wild crab apple tree that grew in the fence line just across the road from the church. The participants will remain unnamed, but an apple fight took place one afternoon following the service, and one of the missiles went through the window high above the front door of the church. It was never clearly established who had fired it, but a certain person I know quite well got the blame. He still denies his guilt!

Now for my own first memory involving Queen's Line Church we go back to 1947. I had a Sunday evening date with a young man from this area. It happened to be Anniversary Sunday and in those years there was an evening service. Since there was only one car in the family, my date took his father to church to sing in the choir, then came and got me where I was boarding west of Cobden, and we returned to pick up his father. It was a dark autumn night, and I waited in the car while he went into the church to get his Dad. Somehow they missed each other, and suddenly I was aware that a strange man had opened the car door beside me and was about to get in to what he expected would be an empty seat. Catching sight of me he said, "Oh, wrong car," slammed the door and disappeared.

Little did I think then that he would become my future father-in-law, or that I would ever be here, as one of the "seniors" recounting memories of the Queen's Line United Church.

Submitted by Sheila Wallace

### Hymn Sing

L-R, Lena Oattes, June Ferguson, Hester Min, Margaret-Ann Leach, Bonnie McLaughlin and Crystal Leach.



### Church Services

**Queen's Line United Church —9:30 a.m.**

**Grace United Church, Cobden—11:00 a.m.**

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*Our Church is an important part of our community!*