

Announcements

Terrace Lodge Service – Wed January 28 at 1:30 p.m.

OACC Board Meeting – Sat Feb 7 at St Thomas Church

Mapleton AGM Sunday February 8 Pot Luck Dinner after Church followed by the Annual Meeting. Please have all financial reports audited and handed to Mike Stover by Sunday Jan. 25th and all written reports handed to Rosemary Goble by Sunday Jan. 25th. The auditors are Esther Wackley, Marjorie Hanley and Sharlet Ellsworth. We encourage everyone to attend the Pot Luck Dinner and the Annual Meeting.

WMS Meeting – Thursday Feb 12 at noon at the Church.

MVB – Mon Feb 16, craft meeting at 1 p.m. at the Church.

OCYF Winter Weekend Feb 20-22nd. Our youth shall be staying at the St Thomas Church. Program will include Leadership training by Nancy Griffin, Skiing with instruction by Albert Gredig, a mission project, Bible Study and worship.

BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME IN MARCH

WEB-SITE: Bonnie Kolkman has been updating our website at <http://www.geocities.com/mapletondisciples/index.html>

Here is that long overdue promise to share Wally's address:
Wallace Howlett
81 Grand Avenue, Unit 7
London ON N6C 1M2

Janet's new address is:
1371 Commissioners Rd West
Apt 208
London ON N6K 4H8

Her telephone number - 519-686-2945 is now officially the Church business number.

A Message from Your Fundraising Committee

A preliminary meeting was held this past week to discuss and prioritize our fundraising efforts. We reviewed the financial situation at the church and acknowledged that there were three sources that need to be addressed to help the church meet its perennial shortfall. These are: Cost cutting; increased givings; fundraising.

Therefore it is reasonable to aim at a cost saving/income increasing of \$3000 under each category.

The **Cost-cutting** has already begun under the Board's direction. Already with relatively easy cuts almost \$2000 has been saved. We are confident we can reach our target in this category.

Any **increase in givings** will only be determined over time. However, based on Nov and Dec givings it seems likely that givings are up. To reach an increased givings of \$3000 our active families (approximately 30) need only increase their givings by 2\$ a week (x 52 weeks). This is attainable. Furthermore, if members are encouraged to

bring guests to church, not only will this increase givings ... it will also build the church through increased membership. We are going to encourage this by having a bring a friend to church campaign through lent. The fundraising committee shall provide coffee and treats downstairs after every Lenten service so a time of Fellowship can be enjoyed by all. Again, our target seems reasonable and attainable.

Our Committee identified **3 Fundraising Initiatives:**

Plant Sale: May 2. This sale will be co-ordinated by Lesley Moncrief. All people in the congregation who have flowerbeds are encouraged to put aside 2 or 3 plants for this sale when they are separating old plants or seeding new ones. The Sunday School will also be doing a project that involves seedlings under Lesley's direction. We may also have a bake-table at this event.

Garage Sale: July 11. This sale will be co-ordinated by Joan Bogart and will occur in conjunction with her neighbourhood Garage Sale. We will provide more details closer to the time. but for now don't get rid of any of your garage sale stuff!!

Grow-a-Row: Spring, summer, fall. We would like all of you vegetable gardeners to plant a little extra for the Church this year. This harkens back to the traditional sense of tithing ... offering up the first fruits of harvest. When it does come time to harvest what you have planted for us, Bonnie Kolkman and Irene Versteegen-Buis will coordinate the cooking of the vegetables into soups and stews which will then be available for sale. We will also have a Soup and Sandwich Supper in the Fall to kick off the sales.

Thanks!!!!

A Request from the MVB Craft ladies

We would like everyone to keep any pine cones (especially the small ones) as we have a couple projects that require them.

Thanks again!!!!