

Other News

DEEPEST SYMPATHY (cont'd)

Dorothy Hogeboom

Sincere sympathy is extended to Harold Hogeboom (Pastor Courtney's father-in-law) on the passing of Harold's sister, Dorothy, on Wednesday, November 15, following a heart attack. The Courtney family attended the funeral service, which was held in Brantford the following Saturday.

Please pray for God's comfort and peace for all those families who have lost loved ones this past month.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The Church Christmas Banquet was held on Friday, November 24, with a delicious roast beef dinner, catered by Brown's Catering. Special guest for the evening was Eduard Klassen, Paraguayan Harpist and Speaker. In between skillfully playing beautiful old hymns on his folk harp, Eduard shared a very inspiring personal testimony of life growing up in a mud house in the Paraguayan bush. Eduard and his family travel worldwide and he performs approximately 250 concerts a year. His number one priority is to spread the gospel and to never take for granted the gift that God has given him through music. Eduard concluded the evening with a number of instrumental Christmas carols.

FREE CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

ICC will be providing a Free Turkey Dinner at the church on Christmas Eve for those who are in need, stranded students, seniors who are alone etc. To reserve a spot, please contact the church office ASAP—(705-436-1611).



Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Hebrews

10:23-24

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JOINING OUR STAFF....

The Board, Staff, and Congregation of Innisfil Community Church extend a warm welcome to Rev. Rob & Caroline Sharpe, Taylor, Victoria, and Josiah. Pastor Rob joins our staff as "Music Pastor", on an interim basis, beginning Sunday, November 26. We trust the "Sharpes" will find ICC to be a place of love and friendship as they join with us in "building the Kingdom" together.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month was our church secretary, Marion Boone. While Marion is one of our staff members, she also "volunteers" many, many hours—giving of her time as a Worship Team Member, Worship Leader, Adult Youth Supporter, Soloist for Funerals, Weddings, Primetimers, and so much more. Marion was honored by the congregation for her faithfulness, and presented with a token gift and Certificate of Appreciation, by Pastor Courtney. Thank You, Marion!

GOING SOUTH

This is the time of year when a number of our seniors (the Snowbirds) head south for the winter months. Some have already left; others will be leaving after Christmas. While we know they always have a good time, we do look forward to their return in the Spring.

FREE PIANO NEEDED

A local family is in need of a piano. If you, or someone you know, can provide one (in reasonable condition), please call the church office.

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

If you know of a family in need of assistance this Christmas Season, please call the church office ASAP—705-436-1611.

THANK YOU!

Once again we say "THANK YOU" to so many who year-round give generously to ensure others are blessed, especially around the Christmas Season. May God Bless You!



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SEASONS CHANGE

Well, here we are.....less than a month before Christmas! At the start of the Fall season, the trees and leaves have turned to brown and have already had a dusting of snow. Seasons will change without fail; and, so it is with our lives. Life is about constant patterns of change. But, when we hold onto a past season we cannot enjoy the current one. So cherish whatever season you are in and make it the best ever!

SHARING THE PULPIT

On Sunday, November 12, Pastor June White preached in both the morning and evening services. Her sermon topic was "The Beatitudes". Pastor June emphasized the importance of "storing up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy" and to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

The following Sunday, Pastor Ron Emmons spoke in both services, speaking on "The Kingdom of God." Pastor Ron reminded each one that the Kingdom of God is ever present with us. God's decrees have not changed, and, as kings and queens, we have the authority to claim the inheritance that is rightfully ours.

We appreciate so much the ongoing support of Pastor Ron & Pastor June and their willingness to always be available to minister.

Events/Activities

THE GATE

During November, the junior highs enjoyed a night of skating at the National Training Rink in Barrie. Also, their Bible studies for the month included the themes: "Don't Worry, Faith of a Soldier, and, Built on the Rock."

GROUND ZERO

Ground Zero youth are continuing their focus on learning God's principles through QUEST, a DVD outreach program. As well, Master's Commission from Waterloo joined them for a service, sharing testimonies and drama. The youth are also getting ready for their upcoming Christmas Banquet.

PRIMETIMERS

As reported by Pastor June, the Primetimers had a wonderful Christmas Banquet, held in the ICC gymnasium on Tuesday, November 14, with over 80 in attendance. The Roast Beef Dinner was catered by Colin's Catering and was enjoyed by all! The highlight of the event was a play in full costume, put on by the seniors themselves, entitled "The Stable." Marion Boone sang a solo, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and everyone joined in singing Christmas Carols and having a good time together.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

On the weekend of November 10-11, a group of men from ICC joined a large gathering of the Promise Keepers. The event was held at the Hershey Center in Mississauga. Pastor Ron Emmons reported that it was an impacting weekend for the men as they were challenged and inspired by the speakers who delivered the messages.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

About 60 women joined together on Tuesday evening, November 21, to celebrate the theme "Taste The World". God has blessed ICC with families from several different countries, adding a rich diversity of cultures

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to our congregation. Over 12 countries were represented and the foods that were brought for tasting were amazing. Bonnie Pereira was the guest speaker and shared the experiences of her recent year long trip to India. She presented a slide show highlighting the extreme poverty and need in that country with over 6 million children homeless. While in India, Bonnie worked in an orphanage and spoke of her life-changing time there. She also brought many interesting Indian items for display as well as several Indian fashions. It was a very enjoyable night.

HIS SEASON

The dessert concert with the gospel group, "His Season" was very well received and enjoyed by a "full house" on Sunday evening, October 29. It is great to see so many from the community joining us for these special events.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

On Sunday, November 5, the first part of the morning service was dedicated to the veterans of our assembly as they were honored for their years of service in fighting for freedom for our country. The following morning a Flag Raising ceremony was held at the Town Hall, organized by Pastor Courtney and supported by local ministers. As in other years, the students from Rejoice Christian Academy took part in the ceremony and interacted with veterans, while enjoying refreshments inside.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Please continue to pray that God will bring healing to the lives of individuals amongst us who struggle with health problems, several of which are dealing with terminal illness. Just as Aaron and Hur lifted up the hands of Moses (Exodus 17:12), so we, too, when trials come, ought to hold up each other in prayer and show our support whenever and wherever possible. God is pleased when we obey his Word.



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Muriel Roberts

We regret to announce the passing of Muriel Roberts, in her 83rd year. Muriel passed away on Thursday, November 2, at the Simcoe Manor Nursing Home in Beeton, where she had been a resident. Muriel came to Innisfil Community Church in July of 1986 and faithfully attended until the time of her illness. The funeral service was held at Innisfil Community Church the following Sunday and was conducted by Pastor Courtney.

Nick Vujic

Sincere sympathy is extended to Karen & Feilim Boylan and their family on the passing of Karen's dad, Nick Vujic, The late Mr. Vujic passed away on Tuesday, November 7, in his 80th year. Funeral service was held the following Saturday at the "Church of Croation Martyrs" in Mississauga.

Lorraine Cull **

We extend our sympathy as well to the Cull family on the passing of Lorraine Cull, a long-term resident of Innisfil. Lorraine passed away on Monday, November 13, in her 69th year after a battle with cancer. She attended Innisfil Community Church on occasion and was a recipient of our monthly newsletter. The funeral service was held at Scott's Funeral Home in Barrie on Thursday, November 16.

Fred Brown **

As well, we regret to announce the passing of Fred Brown, in his 69th year, also as a result of a short bout with cancer. Fred was a familiar face around the ICC parking lot, especially in the winter months, as he snow-plowed our lot for many years. The funeral service was held at the Innisfil Funeral Home in Stroud on Saturday, November 18.

** Our sincere thanks to Pastor June White, who conducted both the "Cull" & "Brown" funeral services and offered her support during Pastor Courtney's week away.