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WOLFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Heart of the Community with the Community at Heart

From Pastor Scott's Desk



A bishop from the United States visited Russia when the Cold War was at its peak. At the end of a worship service, the bishop was approached by a young Russian girl who asked about the Church in North

America. The bishop attempted to answer her question as best he could in just a few minutes. Then the girl asked: "But what difference does it make? What difference does it make in the people?"

These are great questions for all of us to ponder during Advent as we countdown to Christmas. What difference does Christ make in our lives? What difference do our ministries at WBC make?

I know of a teenager who has made a commitment to Christ and is looking to be baptized, as a result of God's good work through our faith community. I know of an elderly person who has found hope for the journey through WBC even though her baptism was many decades ago.

At the heart of the gospel is the claim that God comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ is God's way of reaching, teaching and serving people. His life revealed something of what God desires for us; the realization that "a person is a person through other people," to borrow the wisdom of Desmond Tutu.

Hopefully this newsletter will give us just a few snapshots of how people of all ages have been enriched by our fellowship in recent years.

Our 246th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, Oct 27, marked Wolfville Baptist Church's 246th Anniversary. Unbeknownst to the congregation, a surprise guest speaker appeared. The Rev Theodore Seth Harding, our longest serving pastor, showed up looking very much like our current senior pastor (with hair).



After Worship, there was a potluck fellowship in the Lower Hall. At this time, we also celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Valley Mission Church at Wolfville Baptist with leader Sungkeun Jung. Hence, two cakes were cut and a good time was had by all!

Advent / Christmas Events

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| Nov 28 | 9 am | Church Decorating |
| Dec 1 | 9 am | Advent Breakfast & Crafts |
| Dec 6 | 6 pm | Young Adult Christmas Celebration |
| Dec 14 | 2 pm-4 pm | Family Christmas Party |
| Dec 15 | 10:30 am | Christmas Cantata |
| Dec 20 | 7 pm | "Christmas in a Lower Key" (Orchard Valley United) |
| Dec 22 | 10:30 am | The Absolutely-Nothing-Can-Go-Wrong Christmas Pageant |
| Dec 24 | 7 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |
| Dec 25 | 10:30 am | Christmas Worship Service |
| | 12 pm-4 pm | Christmas Day Social |

Welcome Back, Richard!



We welcome Richard Collicutt back to Wolfville. Richard is extremely happy to be back at Wolfville Baptist Church. You might remember talking with him when he contacted you as we were preparing the 2020 WBC pictorial directory.

Richard spent two years in his second home, Switzerland, where his three adult children still reside. Welcome back, Richard!

Valley of Hope Ministry

Valley of Hope is an inclusive and intercultural community dedicated to creating a welcoming space for worship that brings together individuals from a wide range of cultural and national backgrounds. We aim to nurture a spiritual environment where people can connect and experience God collectively, without barriers of language or culture.

Our Sunday gatherings are filled with dynamic elements, including engaging music, a dedicated children's Sunday school, meaningful preaching, and warm fellowship over a shared meal. Music at Valley of Hope is lively and contemporary, incorporating a variety of songs performed in multiple languages, reflecting the richness of our community's diversity.

Preaching is delivered in English, ensuring accessibility for all attendees, and is thoughtfully



Vipin Joseph, his wife Achsah John, and their daughters Elinorah and Elianah

presented by students from Acadia Divinity College, who bring insight and passion to the messages. The service is designed to be a space where people can grow spiritually, learn from one another, and enjoy the beauty of cultural unity.

Through our diverse and inclusive practices, Valley of Hope seeks to embody a community where everyone feels valued, inspired, and connected to God and one another, fostering a genuine sense of belonging across all backgrounds and traditions.

Jim & Lucille Trites

Jim was born in Eastern Kings Hospital and, as a child, lived on University Avenue where the Irving Centre is now located. After elementary school he moved to Greenwood and then came back to Acadia, graduating in 1968 and 1969. For 33 years he taught school in Hebbville. While in Lunenburg County he was very involved in sports: playing and refereeing basketball and soccer, coaching basketball and cross-country and, for several years, was the District Coordinator for the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation.



Lucille was born in Mersey Point, went to school in Liverpool, and did her RN training at Payzant Memorial in Windsor. For several years she was the charge nurse in the Liverpool Hospital. After an early retirement she moved to Lunenburg where she resumed nursing and where she and Jim met. They both love to travel and are snowbirds with Arizona as their winter base. They have visited six continents and agree that retirement is the best job they ever had and plan to continue with it.

Board of Management Update

Early in 2024 WBC amalgamated the Boards of Trustees and Finance into a new consolidated Board of Management. The transition was smooth and offers a much more cohesive team serving as the custodians of our church's property and financial resources. The new board also oversees all matters pertaining to the employment of church staff, excluding the pastoral positions.

Gisèle Caron, from Finance, joined Rosanne McClare of the Trustees to co-chair the Board of Management. Karen North, John Murimboh, Carolyn Price-Weiland and Kathryn Himsl (recording secretary), Samuel Chan (treasurer), and Don Beaton (curator) complete the Board.

The beautiful heritage building with all its charm and antiquity offers many challenges and opportunities. We strive to maintain it to its utmost potential, given our resources. We also strive to stretch those resources for the Utmost Good.

We are responsible to oversee all these practical and financial decisions but also require the congregation to join us in committee work and the joy of creating a wonderful community of worship.

Men's Breakfast



Each month, 10-20 men gather for food and fellowship in the Wolfville Baptist Lower Hall. Even Pastor Scott gets into the act, serving as one of the cooks at the Nov 15th gathering! All are welcome to drop in for breakfast.

Friends Far Away

(submitted by Melody Maxwell)

In June, I had the privilege of travelling to South Korea to visit two families who attended our church last year. Misuk Chon and Jess Park and their families made me feel incredibly welcome in their beautiful country.

I arrived at Incheon Airport and was warmly greeted by Misuk, who lives nearby. She helped me transfer to another airport, where I flew to Jeju Island and met Jess, Jino, and Jess's husband Jason. It was wonderful to reunite with this family and spend a weekend on this beautiful island. Jino felt like my own nephew; I had missed him a lot! I then flew back with them to their hometown, Gwanju, and saw Jess's mom, Eun Soon Koh. She was incredibly hospitable and kept urging me to eat more food.

After a week of travelling on my own, I met back up with Jess and Misuk in the bustling city of Seoul. We saw several sites, including dipping our feet in the Cheonggyecheon Stream, as pictured here.

Misuk's family generously escorted me back to the airport in the pouring rain. It was a wonderful experience of reuniting with these special families who will always have a home at Wolfville Baptist.



*Misuk Chon, Jess Park
and Melody Maxwell*

Christian Education at WBC

What an exciting time to be involved in Christian Education at WBC! Sunday morning EDGE kids and EDGE youth are growing and learning under the capable leadership of Kerry Kindred-Barnes and Cathy Murimboh.

The kids are "Diggin In" to the heart of God, learning how God reveals himself to us and calls us to show his heart to others. The youth

are going deep into the Old Testament, book by book, exploring how God shaped His people through the history, customs, and practices of the Ancient Near East, and what that means for us today.

EDGE Unlimited, our youth group, meets regularly on Monday nights. In October we participated in Challenge Weekend at New Minas Baptist. It was a weekend of worship, challenging preaching, games, food, and serving the community.



Our group was assigned to rake leaves for a senior woman. Twenty bags later, we ran out of time and bags but got a photo as proof of our hard work.



Our recent PD Day Camp and Messy Science Day were well attended by children from our



church and from the community. Both camps were full, and ten youth volunteered as helpers. It is a joy to

serve our community this way and the added blessing is we get to mentor our youth as they explore their gifts.

EDGE Kids and Youth joyfully packed 30 Blessing Bags for the guests of Valley Connect Outreach.



Thank you to the many volunteers who help with the EDGE ministries at WBC. Whether it is volunteering at a day camp, helping on Sunday morning, supplying snacks or drives, or helping at Youth Group, you are making an impact on the lives of children and youth. The CE team and I appreciate all that you do.

If you are feeling God nudging you to get involved with our children and youth ministries, we would love to hear from you.

Joy & peace, Rev Ruth

S&B Holly Tea & Sale



On Saturday, November 16, S&B held its Holly Tea & Sale. This annual event attracts people from near and far.

Pelham Flowerdew and his wife are from Halifax. They first attended an S&B Holly Tea while they were dating. Since then, they've married and had two adorable children. They have not missed a single Tea in ten years. It's become an annual family tradition...and this year they even brought their parents!