



The Dayspring DayBook

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WHEN TO CALL YOUR MINISTER

Sometimes people wonder when they should call or contact their minister.

Call your minister...

- When you are going into the hospital.
- When there has been a death in your family – whether or not you or the immediate family of the deceased want your minister to conduct a celebration of the person's life
- When you would like a prayer said for you.
- When you are not able to come to church for more than a month.
- When you have a question or concern about something at church.
- When you are planning to be married. If you want your minister to perform the wedding, please check with your minister before setting a date to ensure that the date is available for your minister and the church building.
- When you want to have your child baptized.
- When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't.
- When you have an issue in your marriage that is unresolved after one month. Your minister is not a professional marriage counselor but is able to talk with you about how God's

Word might be helpful - and your minister can help you find a professional therapist if you would like that.

- When you are facing a problem with your job, children, parents or anything or anyone else where a sympathetic friend might be helpful.
- When you've lost your job.
- When you're considering a new career.
- When your conscience is troubling you and you want assurance of God's grace and forgiveness.
- When you are wrestling with a spiritual issue or have a question about something the Bible says.
- When you have a friend or relative who wants to know more about Jesus.

Keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive list. You can certainly call your minister at other times too. And don't hesitate to call when you are feeling joyful and want to share your joy.



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A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY OF FAITH & CARE

THE CHURCH IN MISSION

Update: Faith Presbyterian Church, Fort McMurray

Faith Presbyterian Church is involved in recovery and rebuilding after the wildfire evacuation on May 3. The first worship service in Fort McMurray was held on Sunday, June 12, within the home of the Brewers. During August, worship was in the manse and on September 11 the congregation gathered in Westwood Community High School. The congregation has been able to receive funds from their insurance company to help with clean up costs and business income interruption. Gifts cards were received from some Canadian congregations immediately after the fire and these were distributed to church evacuees located in Edmonton. Cash donations were also received by the Session and Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland.

Over the summer PWS&D raised funds through a Wildfire Appeal. There have been conversations with the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church, Edmonton-Lakeland Presbytery, the Regional Staffing Council of Synod, ecumenical regional leaders, local clergy in Fort McMurray, and leaders in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

At the writing of this article, a proposal has been tentatively approved by the executive of PWS&D. It is anticipated that funds will be used to support the Wood Buffalo Food Bank Association. Since June 1 through July 31, 91% of those who received hampers had never been to the food bank before.

After a disaster the need for counselling supports is also in great demand. PWS&D will be partnering with Borealis Counselling Services to support "One-on-one Barrier-free" counselling to residents facing financial constraints, "Wellness and Critical Incident" workshops, support groups, and extra staffing.

Waypoints, (previously Fort McMurray Family Crisis Society) is expecting to see a 30-40% increase in domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse in the region post the wildfire evacuation. This estimate is based on post-natural disaster research from around the world including examples in Alberta, (Slave Lake Wildfire and Calgary Flood). The trauma of fleeing one's home, losing one's home and in some cases losing one's pets in such a horrific way leads to both acute and long-term stress that results in a number of mental health and wellness challenges for community members. Waypoints is looking to increase its capacity to not only meet the expected increase in needs but to put in place preventative measures to reduce the impact of stress and therefore the negative outcomes that its research demonstrates.

PWS&D also plans to provide Transitional Housing Support through the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church in Fort McMurray. Some funds will be held in reserve until other needs become apparent in the community. Working locally and ecumenically, we hope to host Compassion Fatigue Prevention and Resilience workshops to address such themes as: The Cost of Caring, Personal Assessment, Building Resilience and Creating a Personal Plan.

Faith Church appreciates the words of encouragement, prayer and acts of compassion they have received from Presbyterians across Canada and internationally.

(The Rev.) Dianne Ollerenshaw
Interim Moderator, Faith Presbyterian Church, Fort McMurray

FROM OUR MINISTER: God is creative and works through us ...

As we mainly agree that God is our creator, it helps noting that God continues to be creative and also that this means that we as humans are also created in God's image. This makes it clear that we too, as creatures in God's image, would also be creative.

"Wow, that's a mouthful!" you might respond. Yes, and how great it is to be alive and have the chance at participating in this creative venture that God has put us into.

Since accepting the call to come and serve as the minister at Dayspring in September of 2007, I have repeatedly and continuously experienced this creative work of God's Spirit moving throughout the "faith and care" community that is called Dayspring Presbyterian Church.

We have progressed as a congregation in so many ways and we have become such a diverse faith community that embraces the "other", all thanks to God's expansive love.

Where do we go forward from here?

I think it's important for each of us to have a look at what our core group of leaders, our elders, or session, have been up to in the past roughly five years. We have attempted at reducing the complexity of, and streamlining, the work that is done in our congregation. This does however, not mean that our work has become less. It is in fact to the contrary.

How do we make sense of it? I suggest that we all try and have a look at the "tree graphic" that has been put up in our Great Room, above the old wooden pew from Westmount Presbyterian Church that was installed on the western wall during the summer. It has also been circulated by email and inserted in our weekly "bulletin package."

This has been the culmination of lots of hard work among our leadership and now we try and function from four team ministries. Have a look and feel free to ask around. This Sunday September 25 there will be an explanation during children's time too.

It is merely a way of organizing ourselves, and this isn't anything perfect or comprehensive, but it is a great starting point. Thanks so much to all who toiled together to get it this far.

Let's join hands and allow God's Spirit to work through us with the love that Jesus Christ instills in our hearts.

Heinrich





See what Margaret Wardell has been up to ...

The following is excerpted from an article written by Cam Tait that ran in several Edmonton newspapers in early August.

Margaret is largely responsible for the founding of the BIS chapter of Toastmasters International Club. BIS, if you're wondering, is short for Brian Injury and Stroke - or Be Inspired and Strong. The BIS Toastmasters group is made up of members, with disabilities: brain injury, stroke, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis.

Margaret sustained a brain injury in 1987 when she was involved in a car crash on the way to her teaching job. She was in a seven-month coma and was told any limited improvement would be only a two-year span. Margaret defied the odds. Today, she walks with a cane, wears an eye patch and does most everything with one hand.

In 2012, she was preparing to give a speech on brain injury to a teachers convention. "I joined Toastmasters in an attempt to improve my speaking skills in spite of my disability," she said. "I found that Toastmasters was such a boost to my rehabilitation that I wanted to pass on the benefits that I had received to others in the brain-injury community". With guidance from two Edmonton veteran toastmasters, Peter Kossowan and Willard Robitaille, Margaret formed BIS. Their first meeting was May 29, 2014.

"The first members were my friends in the brain-injured community," said Margaret. "They invited their friends and acquaintances from social and rehabilitation groups and it just grew from there. "Now, I regularly get phone calls or emails from rehabilitation specialists who are interested in introducing their clients to our program."

Speaking of her own experience, Margaret was used to speaking in front of a class and sharing her thoughts. "Those skills were second nature to me as a former secondary school teacher but after my severe head injury, those skills were completely gone," she said, adding Toastmasters helped get her confidence back.

"As far as I know, we are the only officially chartered Toastmasters club in North America made up of people with brain injury and related disabilities, with no involvement from any medical or rehabilitation professionals," said Margaret with pride.



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LEADERSHIP AT DAYSPRING CHURCH

SESSION

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Deputy Clerk: Iris Routledge

Roll Clerk: Jim Jeatt

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Bill Davis

Jane de Caen

John Carr

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Peter Eerkes

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Gina Kottke

Walters Munde

Nick Nation

Stanley Ngwa

Laura Patterson-Fortin

Todd Shipman

Darleen Springstein

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Heather Tansem

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The Rev. Dr. Heinrich Grosskopf

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Youth Coordinator: Shane Johnson

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Alternate Pianist

Darolyn McCrostie, B.Mus., P.D.A.D. (Education)

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