

DAYSRING DAYBOOK

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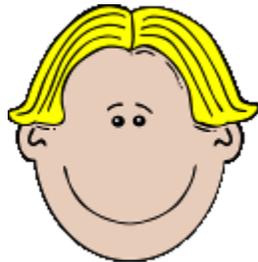
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VOLUNTEERISM

This issue highlights two examples of volunteering.

- On page 2, we replicate a story from the University of Alberta about Dayspringer Ron McCullough.
- On page 3, we show a composite of pictures of many of the scenes from the Dayspring Christmas Pageant on December 22 - and on page 4, there is a description of how volunteers made it happen.

Dayspring has a long history of “volunteering” - one of the “personality features” of the congregation.



It is understood that no financial gain can be expected for service rendered as a volunteer.

Here are some of the benefits of volunteering:

- To donate a skill to benefit another person or organization
- To develop a new skill for possible employment
- To demonstrate time usefully given while unemployed and added to a resume
- To make contact for possible employment
- To take a break from a heavy administrative job without management responsibilities
- To help an overworked and understaffed agency
- To take on an assignment as a family and work together in the community
- To meet new people, especially when settling into a new neighborhood or city
- To have fun



Quote of the Month

Volunteers

do not necessarily

have the time;

they just have the heart.

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FROM OUR MINISTER: Giving our Time

There is one aspect of being a congregation that gets hugely underestimated. This edition of the DayBook is putting an emphasis on this aspect. I would say that volunteerism is the engine that keeps many congregations such as Dayspring going in the way we do.

In the Presbyterian Church in Canada guide, "Volunteering in the Church - A Practical Guide to Equipping the People of God for Ministry in the Local Congregation" Dorothy Henderson captures this aspect of the life of the church in quite a descriptive manner. She says, "In a way, 'volunteer' does not begin to capture what unpaid workers offer to the church. Most Christians see the work they offer in the congregation as 'ministry,' and they are happy to do this in the service of Christ. However, the word 'volunteer' is used ... to distinguish between salaried workers and workers who offer their time and receive no pay."

So many of you do such precious volunteering in a wide variety of ways. It is not about the amount of time or work, whether your contribution is large or small, it is much rather the spirit in which it is done. As part of the volunteering that is done at Dayspring, an immeasurable amount of work is accomplished that can never be described in words.

The contributions that are made, are ultimately service out of gratitude towards our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thanking each and every volunteer adequately is just not possible. Know fully that what you do is tremendously appreciated. The difference made,

when all is added up, can be seen in the love, the hospitality and the care that are all part of who we are at Dayspring.



A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Heinrich".

Dayspringer Ron McCullough honoured by University of Alberta



Ron McCullough's love of agriculture is matched by his passion for his faculty.

Since graduating 65 years ago, McCullough has helped the Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences develop partnerships with industry and other post-secondary institutions.

He suggested a "Centennial Club" to mark the faculty's 100th anniversary, inspiring 100 donors to each give \$100,000 to the Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences.

McCullough and his wife, Brenda, have sponsored the Lilian McCullough Chair in Breast Cancer Surgery.

His career has bridged cattle ranching and public service, serving as Red Deer alderman, Alberta assistant commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission and director general of the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion.

McCullough still nurtures the bonds of his beloved Class of '54, publishing his "Saggie Aggies" newsletter and being a homecoming class booster since 1990.

CHRISTMAS IMAGES 2019



VOLUNTEERING “ON THE SPOT”

Volunteering “on the spot” became a vital technique for producing the drama of the Christmas Nativity on December 22.

As the children and adults were getting into their costumes in the back room and being briefed on their parts when they entered the sanctuary, it became apparent there were some missing parts to fill.

Being experienced in making events happen, Lynn, our Church School Coordinator, was able to approach some potential players as they came into the building. They were soon attired in the appropriate costume and briefed on who to follow and what to expect.

One mother even wore sheep’s clothing to encourage her daughter to follow her as a lamb!!! A few other newcomers were attired as animals.

Volunteering has many benefits and can be beneficial and fun. We hope this style will be memorable and add to the meaning of the event for all the players, whether expected or unexpected.

Thank you, Lynn, for your resourcefulness in knowing just who would fit into whatever role was required.



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