



Signs of the Spirit

Canadian Forces Protestant Chapel Guild

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Welcome to the tenth edition of the Protestant Chapel Guild newsletter, "*Signs of the Spirit*"! This newsletter is intended to be a forum for sharing, celebrating, supporting, and encouraging one another. It is also hoped that the newsletter will be a vehicle for spreading God's word and sharing information about our Guild to the military communities we live in and our broader communities as well. You are encouraged to distribute this newsletter by email and hard copy as widely as you are able.

National Guild Conference 2009



"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you..."

2 Timothy 1:6a NIV

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 @ 1900 hours until Sunday, May 3, 2009 @ 0800 hours

Galilee Centre, Arnprior, Ontario

Host Guild: Edmonton

Please join us for Conference 2009:

- ❖ Enlightening Workshops
- ❖ Moving Worship Experiences
- ❖ Keynote Speakers – Valerie Lublink and Karen Kettle
- ❖ Servant Opportunities
- ❖ Time for Meditation
- ❖ Time for Fellowship and Fun
- ❖ Entertainment
- ❖ Music.....and more.

Conference information and registration forms have been distributed to all local Guilds. You are encouraged to plan early to participate in this very exciting event!

Guild Sunday 2008

On Guild Sunday this year Vice President Valerie Lublink spoke at Greenwood's St Mark's Chapel. She presented, as a dramatized Scripture, the woman who anointed Jesus feet. Three further members of Shearwater's newly formed Guild were able to travel to Greenwood for this occasion and enjoyed fellowship with the Greenwood ladies following the service.



Greenwood and Shearwater Guilds celebrate together on Guild Sunday.



The Edmonton guild was thrilled to have the National Guild President, Karen Kettle, as our guest for Guild Sunday weekend. We had wonderful times which included, a trip to West Edmonton Mall, supper out with the entire guild, visits with Karen over tea at Gussie Ellis' house where Karen stayed, and a luncheon after church on Guild Sunday. We were so pleased to be able to present Karen as our guest speaker to the congregation. We really wanted to keep Karen here for good but alas, she had to return home.

Submitted by
St. Luke & St. John chapel, Edmonton



Good News from our Guilds

Guess what's happening again in Shearwater? You will be happy to know that the Shearwater Guild, at St Michael's Chapel, has been reactivated. We have 8 members signed-up and have had our first meeting. We are planning a trip to Greenwood to join our Guild sisters there on Guild Sunday. Please keep our newly reformed group in your prayers.



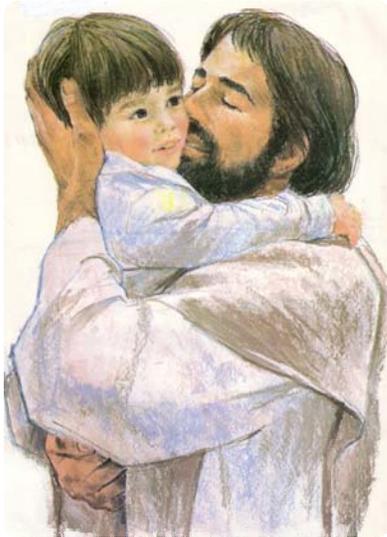
Devotional Corner

Waking up at Home

Some years ago a young family, with whom we were friends, died in a terrible car accident. Mum and two children had been driving a long time on the highway, late at night. Mum was tired; the children asleep; the weather was terrible – a blizzard really – and their car hit a transport truck head on. All three lost their lives. It was difficult for us, especially because the little girl was a good friend of our own daughter. I was asked to preach at their funeral. This was no easy task, but in thinking through what I might say, something came to me which continues to encourage me.

I thought about when I was younger, of times when I was in our car on a long trip with my family. You probably experienced the same thing. It's a very long trip and you have asked "Are we there yet" as many times as you dared, but still you drive on. Finally it's late at night and you're tired. Somewhere along the way you finally fall asleep. When the car reaches home, you're still sound asleep. Your mum or dad pick you up and carry you carefully inside and tuck you in, in your own bed, all without waking you up. In the morning you wake up as the sun comes through your window, just a little surprised to find yourself at home in your own room. You fell asleep in the car, but you woke up at home. Those two children had fallen asleep in their own car and woken up at home, in heaven.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."¹ Those who believe in Jesus don't have to fear death. What an encouragement to know that when the time comes and we fall asleep, our heavenly Father will carry us safely home.



¹ John 11:25

Submitted by Valerie Lublink

Mission Project – Partnership with MFRC

The North Bay Guild reports that they have a long standing relationship with the MFRC in their community and they continue to work on joint projects including a fundraising bake sale scheduled for November 29th. Guild President, Geraldine Harvey, says that when the Guild is doing projects they involve the MFRC and the MFRC also involves the Guild in their projects. Sounds like a wonderful relationship! As Geraldine says, “So for us in 22 Wing North Bay, we are excited to know that we had been doing this for years and still continue right up to this day.”

Congratulations North Bay – way to go!!

Executive Update

Your Executive met in Ottawa at the end of October. As we experienced in our meeting last October – the creative juices were flowing and we accomplished a great deal of work – and managed to have some fun along the way! Conference is well planned and the executive also addressed issues related to membership, elections, and our upcoming annual general meeting.

We were blessed again this year with a most generous gift from the Ottawa Guild who nourished our bodies with food and our spirits with fellowship during the weekend! Thank you Ottawa!!

More Good News From Our Guilds



The Bagotville Guild gathered again this year to make shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Contact Us _____

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Your questions, comments, and concerns are always welcome and encouraged.

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord(1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price(1 Cor. 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ(1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God(2 Cor.5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God(Rom.8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13)

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship(Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1: 5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child(Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

(Keep this bell ringing...pass it on:)

**"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you
and give you peace."**

Numbers 6:24-26

May God Bless You