



# Signs of the Spirit

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## Get a Piece of Guild History

For the first time ever a piece of Guild history could be yours. This amazing project was the brain child of Estella from North Bay, pictured on the right.

Each Guild was given pieces of fabric and ask to design a square. Estella then took the squares and sewed them in to a beautiful quilt with a matching lap quilt. She then donated the quilt to the National Guild to use as a fundraiser.



*Estella*

The quilt will be silent actioned off at the National Guild Conference, although bids are currently being accepted by the National Executive. If you can not make it to Conference but would still like to bid, you can email you maximum bid to Dana or any member of Executive and they will bid on your behalf, in \$5 increments, up to your top dollar (kind of like Ebay). The starting bid of \$200 has already been placed. Get your bid in now before your chance to own a piece of history is gone, forever.



## Guild Flower

It was decided at the last conference that the Guild needs a flower. The flower needs to be easily accessible and represent the essence of the Protestant Chapel Guild. National is asking all local Guilds to brainstorm and suggest a flower that your group thinks is deserving. Each entry will be published in an upcoming issue of the Signs of the Spirits. Before the 2015 Conference the National Executive will narrow the choice to three and the delegates will have the opportunity to vote next Spring.



### Winnipeg Guild Flower Entry “Pansy”

This flower’s name means “thought”, and so the pansy was chosen as a symbol of freethought and has been used to symbolize memories and loving thoughts. It has many other names, but perhaps the most common alternative to the pansy is “heart’s-ease”, with its implication that this little flower has the power to bring peace of mind to those who are heartsick, heartbroken, or heavy-hearted. Jesus comforts his disciples: John 14:1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God, trust also in me.”

The pansy is hearty, colourful, and long-lasting like our Guild friendships. Each one is unique, just like our guild members. The shape of the petals resemble the human face, and so brings a smile to *our* faces. The pansy relates to our sisters of the guild because it grows all across Canada.

Have you heard the good news???

The Guild Manual has been updated and can be viewed and downloaded at <http://chapelguild.com>

Visit <http://chapelguild.com> and back issues of Signs of the Spirit.



### Then Sings My Soul

Jesus Even Loves Me

1870

~by Joyce Wilmot

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God

has poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

Philip Bliss was born in Pennsylvania log cabin where his father led in daily prayer and where music was the primary entertainment. As a result, the lad found himself drawn to both the Lord Jesus and to music at an early age. When he was ten Philip sold vegetables door to door. Approaching an elegant home, he heard a sort of music he'd never heard before. Dropping his vegetables he scaled the fence and slipped unseen into the parlour. A woman was playing something new and strange to Philip – a piano. He was enthralled. When she stopped he exclaimed, “O, lady, please play more!” Spinning on her stool, the alarmed woman saw a little urchin standing there. “Get out of here with you big bare feet!” she cried. Philip beat a fast retreat but the sounds of the piano stayed with him and deepened his desire to become a musician. The next year, he left home to work in the lumber camps, earning none dollars a month as an assistant cook. Later becoming a log cutter and sawmill worker but he never lost his burden for music.

In 1859, Philip married Lucy Young and sent a year working at her father's farm. Lucy encouraged his dreams, and her grandmother provided funds for classes at a nearby music school. The next year, armed with a melodeon, Philip mounted his horse, Old Fanny, and began travelling place to place, teaching music and leading singing schools. In 1864, he sold his first song to a publishing company. Within a remarkably short time, he was one of America's foremost writers of gospel hymns. Among his songs “wonderful Words of Life”, “Almost Persuaded”, “Dare to Be a Daniel”, “Hallelujah, What a Savior”, “The Light of the World is Jesus”, and “I Will Sing of my Redeemer”. In 1870, Philip joined the staff of the First Congregational Church in Chicago. One evening, very weary, Philip found inner refreshment while meditating on Romans 5:5, “The love God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.” Picking up pen and paper he began writing, “I am so glad that my Father in heaven/tells of His love in the book He has given” As he taught that song to his children the next Sunday. Perhaps his mind went back to the elegant parlour where he wasn't welcome and to the strains of the music that had defined his life. ~Robert J. Morgan

In 2 Kings 22-23 we read how King Josiah and the people of Judah rediscovered the joy and importance of God's Work. During the repairing of the temple, Hilkiah the high Priest found the Book of the Law. It must have been lost or hidden during the reign of Manasseh. Then when the scroll was read to King Josiah, he listened and responded to it (vs 10-11). He sought further understanding of its importance in their lives (23: 1-4)

Many today have unprecedented access to God's Word. Let's renew our commitment to “find” it every day and by our lives show its prominence. Scholars for years have debated what the greatest book ever written is... the Bible is the most published. To know Christ, the Living Word, is to love the Bible, the written Word.

**The Book Shelf**  
**A Year of Biblical Womanhood**  
**by Rachel Held Evans**

Strong-willed and independent, Rachel Held Evans couldn't sew a button on a blouse before she embarked on a radical life experiment--a year of biblical womanhood. Intrigued by the traditionalist resurgence that led many of her friends to abandon their careers to assume traditional gender roles in the home, Evans decides to try it for herself, vowing to take all of the Bible's instructions for women as literally as possible for a year.

Pursuing a different virtue each month, Evans learns the hard way that her quest for biblical womanhood requires more than a "gentle and quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:4). It means growing out her hair, making her own clothes, covering her head, obeying her husband, rising before dawn, abstaining from gossip, remaining silent in church, and even camping out in the front yard during her period.

See what happens when a thoroughly modern woman starts referring to her husband as "master" and "praises him at the city gate" with a homemade sign. Learn the insights she receives from an ongoing correspondence with an Orthodox Jewish woman, and find out what she discovers from her exchanges with a polygamist wife. Join her as she wrestles with difficult passages of scripture that portray misogyny and violence against women. With just the right mixture of humor and insight, compassion and incredulity, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* is an exercise in scriptural exploration and spiritual contemplation. What does God truly expect of women, and is there really a prescription for biblical womanhood? Come along with Evans as she looks for answers in the rich heritage of biblical heroines, models of grace, and all-around women of valor.

### **Coming to Conference? Don't forget your:**

- ✓ Red shirt for **Red Friday**
- ✓ Toothbrush
- ✓ Stories to share from the past year
- ✓ Bible

### **Local Guild**

#### **Wait!! Wainwright Has a What?**

That's right ladies, Wainwright has a Guild!!! We are just in the organization stages but in September, Wainwright will have an official Guild. Currently, we have four excited members, who are brainstorming ideas on how we can support and mentor young military wives, support our transient

troops, since Wainwright is a training base, and ways we can grow our new Guild.

### **Petewawa - St. George's Chapel Guild Thanks Their Padres**



St. George's Guild presented a large fruit basket to the chapel team at their weekly O group meeting.

Front row: Padre Rachad Khadij, President Doris Graves Guild President, CLC Padre Bob Lay, Virginia Rich Guild Secretary, Padre Mario Gaulin, Padre Titus, Padre Sandra Davies

back row: Padre Michel Gagne, Padre Wayne Sollows, Padre Shaun Turner, Padre Ray Smith.

Missing Padre Lara Bowditch, Padre David Egers, Padre Liam Thomas, Padre James Lee, Padre Bill Hodson

The Guild motto is faith fellowship and service. Part of the service is to support the work of the chapels and chaplains. Many of the Guild activities happen at the chapel with the implied support of the chaplains. A formal thank you was given to the chaplains at their regular meeting. Doris Graves, Guild President and Virginia Rich, Secretary presented a large basket of fruit to the chaplains. We are fortunate to have the support of chaplains from the Protestant and Catholic Chapels.

By Hilda Young

As the Conferences is approaching, I always get excited to meet with particular friends. Some are regulars, who I can count on seeing every year, others only come as their work or family schedule allows. I have made some of my most valuable friendships at Conference and even though these ladies are all related to the military, our paths would never have crossed otherwise. I will leave this issue with a poem that reflects how important these ladies are to me.

### **Tribute to Friendship**

I love you not only for what you are,  
But for what I am when I am with you;  
I love you not only for what you have made of yourself,  
But for what you are making of me;  
I love you not for closing your ears to the discords in me,  
But for adding to the music in me by worshipful listening;  
You have done it without a touch, without a word, without a sign.  
You have done it just by being yourself.  
Perhaps that is what being a friend means, after all.

—Author Unknown

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Submissions are always welcome!! If I missed your submission I am so sorry. Please send me an email and remind me. We would love to see Guild Sunday and your fall activity pictures.

Deadline for the next issue is November 1st.

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## Notes and Reflection

