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Everyone knew it was Super bowl Sunday: “Today’s about the Super Bowl the ads, the food, the game. The talk’s about Tom Brady and the coach, say, what’s his name? This evening all will gather to see the big contest and at the end one will be defeated and the other will be the best. But for us the game has started. Not football but the Canadian game, of shoveling and plowing our driveway so we can gather to praise God’s name. It’s not a game for everyone for some it’s better to rest – for it’s not whether we win or lose but that we offer to God our best”. So said Pastor Margaret Bell as she opened the worship time at church in words she had composed.

In fact it was the 28th anniversary of Margaret’s settlement at Plains and pastor and people were celebrating.

Pastor Margaret talked to the children about how they think of older people who look tired, use a walker or a wheelchair and love to sleep. Remember two things, she said. Whatever our age we are all children of God and some of our elders achieve significantly. She told them the story of Fanny Crosby who wrote the words for over 8,000 songs even though she was blind several of which we still use today.

The title of Pastor Bell’s talk was: *Jesus puts an older woman in her place*. The Bible story was about the healing of Peter’s mother-in-law. *The fever left her and she began to serve them*. Think of her sparkling in gratitude and back in the kitchen. So our deep gratitude to God motivates us to serve others in his name.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 11 Feb after worship and lunch. Pancakes will be served on Tuesday 13th Feb with the proceeds going to the Union Sports Club. George Lidster, Paul O’Drowsky and Gary Higgs were thanked for working on the storage area and Hazel Brekelmans and Donna Limon for tidying the Sunday school areas.

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