



THE PLAIN FACTS
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Prayer Concerns

Wild fire firefighters
The homeless
CBOQ Churches
Victims of world conflict
and injustice
Victims of flash floods

CHURCH CAMPING WEEKEND 2026

You know you live in Canada if someone in a Home Depot offers you assistance... and they don't work there.

EVENTS FOR JULY/AUGUST 2026

July 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Guest Preacher - Rev. Margaret Bell - Communion Sunday
July 12 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Representative from Harvest Hands
July 19 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Guest Preacher - Rev. Margaret Bell
July 26 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Guest Preacher - Rev. Margaret Bell
Aug 02 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday
Aug 09 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Aug 16 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Aug 23 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Aug 30 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service
Sept 06 Sun 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Service - Communion Sunday

NOTE: Pastor Rob will be away from June 29 to July 26
The Deacons will be available for pastoral care while he is away

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Bob Limon	14 th	Wayne & Wynn Dale(65)
3 rd	Ashley Sawyer	16 th	Greg Graham
5 th	Michael Sargeant	17 th	Dan Grant
6 th	Carolyn McLeod	21 st	Don Ferguson
6 th	Jeff Wilcox	25 th	Wayne Higgs (80)
7 th	Sherri Doner	25 th	Ellen Brekelmans
8 th	Darrin Ralf	25 th	Aria McCallum
10 th	Gary Higgs	26 th	Sharon Axford
10 th	Anna Woodhouse	27 th	Mike Jackson
12 th	Carolyn Chesterfield	29 th	Kellen Graham
12 th	Todd Ruddock	31 st	Erene Mifsud

ANNIVERSARIES

6 th	Karl & Donna Crocker
6 th	Mike Jackson & Amy Dale
7 th	John & Sherry Doner
15 th	Tim & Cathy McCarthy
22 nd	Dave & Carolyn Chesterfield
22 nd	Andrew & Josseline Silaidis
28 th	Bob & Donna Limon

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Sue Anne McCallum	15 th	Bodhi McCallum
5 th	Kim Vanderberghe	19 th	Ken Jacklin
6 th	Kolton Dale	23 rd	John Gibbons
8 th	Karen Cook	25 th	Tyler VanDuynhoven
15 th	Barbara Axford		

ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Quinton & Rebecca Break
7 th	Martin & Laura Penner
9 th	Brian & Tiffany Plaunt
20 th	Deb & Ramzi Afara
20 th	Zoey & Regina Chen





On June 3 the After 8's group of ladies enjoyed their end-of-season breakfast at Stacked Pancakes.

Row 1: Margie Bell, Linda Willand, Vicki Houghton, Marion Lammiman, Barb Axford.
Row 2: Louise Sargeant, Betty Rewbotham, Betty Lidster, Nancy Millman, Donna Limon.
Their co-ordinator Linda Cummings was unable to attend. They were also joined by Michael Sargeant.

At the Ladies Aid Finale Luncheon held on June 10 at the Wayside Inn, Margie Bell presented Nancy Millman, President, with a card of appreciation and enclosed gift certificate.

Thank you ladies for your support over the past few years as you guided me along the path of leadership for a group of cooperative, hard-working, knowledgeable, fun-loving and compassionate girls!

Thank you Louise for your work and dedication as Secretary-Treasurer. You kept me grounded.

Thank you, Margie for all of your advice.

Nancy Millman



THANK YOU John and Sherry Doner for keeping our new electronic sign informative and interesting for the community.

Photo submitted by Malcolm Rust



CBOQ 2026 ASSEMBLY REPORT

Thank you for the opportunity of attending CBOQ Assembly 2026 with the topic of "And Then They Prayed ...".

Pastor Rob has already covered the CBOQ Assembly meetings and discussions in general.

My particular interest was Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec which hosted a display celebrating over 150 years of love, courage, faithfulness and service. They highlighted all aspects of the Baptist Women's Movement begun by A. V. Timpany, an Elgin native. Many photos of former missionaries sponsored by CBWOQ were on display as well as many items from the past such as Mission Circle programs and original copies of CBWOQ magazines - The Link, The Visitor and the more recent Link and Visitor.

Their "Gallery Walk" featured many photos and stories of former missionaries and showed the love, courage, faithfulness and service of these many people.

The Friday evening Meet and Greet, attended by approximately 55 women, was a wonderful opportunity to share stories, encourage one another, discover common ground, renew acquaintances and forge new connections.

I am looking forward to CBWOQ year 151 and beyond.

Louise Sargeant

Camping At Springwater 2026

For the potluck supper Saturday night Charlie Rewbotham and Kim Graham were in charge of cooking the hamburgs.



Some of the preparation crew included Pat Kennedy, Mary Sawyer, Diane O'Brien and Donna Limon.



Marjorie Higgs enjoyed quality time with Sophie, the youngest attendee at the camping weekend.



A very special **THANK YOU** to Sherry Graham for organizing the camping, food and finances for another successful weekend.



Finding Thin Places

Summer has a different rhythm.

The schedules that shape so much of our year begin to loosen. Children are out of school. Vacations are planned. Gardens are producing. Days stretch longer, and many of us find ourselves spending more time outdoors—around campfires, on porches, at cottages, in parks, or simply enjoying an evening walk as the sun lingers a little later in the sky.

The Celtic Christians spoke of "**thin places**"—moments or locations where the distance between heaven and earth seems especially small, where God's presence feels a little more visible and grace a little easier to notice. Summer has a way of creating those opportunities for us. Away from some of the noise and busyness of life, we are invited to pay attention again.

In the church calendar, we continue in Ordinary Time. Yet there is something wonderfully fitting about that name during the summer months. Ordinary Time reminds us that faith is not only found in special occasions or significant milestones. Much of discipleship is learned in the everyday moments of life. It is discovered in the ordinary places where God quietly meets us.

One of the great gifts of summer is that it creates space to notice.

We notice the beauty of creation. We notice the people around us. We notice our own need for rest. In a culture that often prizes busyness, summer can become an invitation to slow down and pay attention. The Scriptures repeatedly remind us that God speaks not only through dramatic moments, but through gentle whispers, quiet waters, and still small voices.

Perhaps that is why Jesus so often withdrew to mountainsides, lakeshores, and solitary places. He understood that rest is not a reward for faithfulness; it is part of faithfulness itself.

As a congregation, summer also offers opportunities to strengthen the relationships that make us a church family. Whether through informal conversations before worship, shared meals, community events, or simply checking in on one another, we are reminded that the church is not primarily a building or a program. It is a people learning to love God and neighbour together.

For many of us, one of those thin places is found in creation itself. We experienced that during our camping weekend and outdoor worship

service, gathering beyond the church walls to share fellowship, laughter, and worship in God's creation. Such moments remind us that the Creator's presence is not confined to sanctuaries. The same God we meet in worship walks beside us on trails, sits with us around campfires, and greets us in the stillness of a summer morning.

For those who travel during these months, we pray for safe journeys and meaningful experiences. For those who remain close to home, we pray that you will find moments of refreshment and joy in familiar places. And for all of us, wherever summer takes us, may we remain attentive to the thin places around us.

A sunset over the water. A grandchild's laughter. A conversation that unexpectedly touches the soul. A star-filled sky. A quiet morning with a cup of coffee and a prayer. These moments remind us that all creation is filled with the glory of God and that heaven may be closer than we think.

As we journey through July and August, my prayer is that you will find both rest and renewal. May you discover thin places in unexpected moments. May you experience the gift of God's presence in both adventure and routine. And may the simple joys of summer deepen your gratitude for the One who created and sustains us all.

Enjoy the season. Rest well. Travel safely. And wherever you find yourself this summer, may the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit accompany you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rob