

# The Kindred Spirit Connection



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## From the Vestry

On Sunday, April 19, after a cup of tea in the Centennial Parlour and tending to a few last-minute details, I drove home, lifted our new 21-speed bikes onto the trailer and hit the road. Crossing the bridge at Sarnia, we had decided to take a different route south. It took us an extra half hour to avoid the construction on I-75 but we finally swung around the bottom of Lake Erie to Cleveland. The plan was to find I-77 at Cleveland and take it to South Carolina. By 9 p.m. it was growing dark and rain had begun. At the junction of I-90 and I-77 we found a KOA campground from our 2007 KOA directory. Thank goodness it was still in business. It looked pretty quiet. In fact it looked deserted, but on the third ring of the doorbell, a woman appeared in her bathrobe. The campground would not open until May 1, but if we did not need the showers or a washroom, we could stay. Exhausted, not unlike Mary and Joseph on a starry night in Bethlehem, we were just glad to be anywhere. It rained all night and all next day, but the rain did not keep us awake in the night. We had miles to go when it became light. After the mountains of West Virginia, two tunnels and a long downgrade, the sun finally broke through. We saw no more rain for two weeks.



The destination was Huntington Beach State Park just south of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Eileen and Hugh John Cook have camped there for over 30 years. Their praise of the park and the area was not overdone. The park has three miles of quiet beach, a beautiful grassy campground and a resident alligator. Across the road is Brookgreen Gardens, 9000 acres of a former rice plantation, converted in the 1930s to a sculpture garden. In fact Brookgreen Gardens has the largest collection of sculptures in the world and is a must-see if you are ever in the area. Muriel's Inlet, a couple of miles north of the park, is where the fishing boats come in. It has both seafood restaurants and fish markets.

During our nine-day stay we were transformed. Beach walks, bike rides, strolls in the gardens, good food and a bit of outlet shopping re-created us and I can still feel the positive effects of this trip weeks later. Now, as June is upon us, many of you will be planning time away from the

## Calendar

### May

- 31 Camp Barbecue, noon  
Roller skating, 7 pm

### June

- 5-6 Marcus Borg Lectures
- 7 Borg Sunday
- 12 Spring Movie Festival  
*Nights in Rodanthe*, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Communion and  
Strawberry Sunday
- 19-21 Camp, Pearse-Williams

### August

- 11 Summer Communion
- 24-28 Vacation Bible School

rhythms of daily life. I hope that your time away will be as beneficial as the time away Connie and I experienced in April.—Rev. Tom



**Alec and Sadie Whitfield:** Celebrating their 65th Anniversary

## From our Staff

### Music Department

In this article, I would like to highlight the many people who give their time and talent to help make music at Wesley-Knox. If it were not for these wonderful people, musical life at Wesley-Knox would not be the rich experience that it is.

First is Barb McGill, our Primary Choir director, whose choir won Gold and a \$150 scholarship at the Kiwanis Festival this spring. (Congratulations, Barb and your young singers!) Barb is certified to teach music to young children in both the Kodaly and Orff methods and she is excellent at it. Each Thursday, her choir room is full of the happy sounds of children learning to match pitch, keep rhythm and read music at the beginning level.

Helping Barb at the piano every Thursday is Richard Yake. A retired high school teacher, Richard has found great pleasure in working with young children, and Barb and the choir appreciate both his skills and his sensitivity at the keyboard. Richard also uses his piano skills to help with the Senior Choir sectional rehearsals (i.e. just the men). As well, he is happy to supply for me, even playing an entire Sunday worship service on occasion.

Cathie Banks is our enthusiastic and talented Handbell Choir director. She is a musical handbell soloist as well as a fine teacher of handbell ringing. Her rehearsals are always upbeat and fun, and we are blessed to have her.

Irla Stewart is a recent addition to our Wesley-Knox family. She is quickly making herself indispensable. A talented choir director,

pianist and music teacher from Goderich, Irla has an unerring musical sense and a wealth of experience. She enjoys working with young people and recently co-directed and accompanied the Junior Choir musical, *Elijah*. She also accompanies the Youth Choir on its "road trips" and occasionally plays the Sunday worship service.

Brian Ratcliffe is our outstanding pianist who accompanies the Senior Choir when the anthem requires piano. I have yet to find an accompaniment that is too hard for him to play, but I keep looking! His wife, Karen Pincombe, is a professional percussionist. Karen has conducted the Senior Choir for me a couple times, always with great energy. They are both able to take a service if needed.

Marilynne McNeil uses her many years of musical training and experience to supply for me in Senior Choir rehearsals (as long as Richard is willing to play the piano!). She also is happy to take Junior Choir rehearsals should I be away.

Chris Punter is another talented pianist who enjoys playing for special services when the need arises. Neil Eadie uses his considerable keyboard skills on the pipe organ to supply for me as well.

Phyllis Ufford is the Senior Choir Head Librarian and the most important person at our rehearsals outside of the director. She is assisted by Marg Johns and Helen Campbell. Additional assistance is provided by Nancy McFall, Margaret Ryan, Ardith Heller, Marilynne McNeil who maintains our anthem database, and Cathie

Banks. Believe me, if there is a glitch with the library, the Senior Choir comes to a crashing halt!

Ronalee Porter is of tremendous assistance with the running of the Primary, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Youth choirs. She maintains the databases, organizes the libraries, communicates with parents, coordinates mailings and comes up with great ideas. She tries to help me clean up my many piles of music in the music office, but alas, to no avail.

These people are part of the reason we have a full-time music program at Wesley-Knox on a part-time position. Without their tremendous talent and the desire to share their gifts with us, our musical life would not be as rich. We thank God for each and every one of them. In gratitude—Karen Schuessler

### Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Forum recently planned and delivered a full worship service for our congregation! With help from Trevor Johnson, Liz Phoenix, David Burghardt, Mary-Janet Ross and Karen Schuessler, they built an entire service around their theme, "Walk the Talk". The grade 6-7 class participated in the service as ushers. Many thanks to all the youth and adults involved, for their hard work and for sharing their talents with us. Youth Forum's last meeting before summer is on Sunday, May 24.

Upstairs in the Sunday School we've been singing, painting and crafting our way through Bible stories, writing letters and doing a variety of displays on the bulletin boards. During May and June we are doing two units called

“Sharable Parables” and “Making Waves.” Our last regular Sunday school class will be held on June 14. There will be no Sunday school on June 21, our Pearce-Williams family camping weekend. Summer sessions begin on June 28. During the summer months all ages come together in one class. Teacher volunteers are still needed to cover a few Sundays in August.

New this summer! The Sunday school will be offering a Vacation Bible School experience! VBS will take place at the end of summer on August 24–28. Detailed information including how to register will be available soon.

In closing, I'd like to say a big thank-you on behalf of myself, the children and the congregation, to our Sunday school teachers and nursery volunteers for 2008–2009. Your contributions of time and talents have made a difference to our Sunday school programs, our church family and the children you have cared for.

With over 100 registered children ranging in age from newborn to 18, our nursery and Sunday School require many hands to run smoothly! To give everyone an idea of how many volunteers are actually needed in the Sunday school, here's a quick overview of how our Children's programs currently run: We have...

6 Sunday school classes X 1 teacher per month, per class (from September–June) = 60 teaching spots

44 Sundays to staff the nursery x 2 people per week = 88 nursery volunteer time slots

15–20 Youth Forum classes per year to staff = 15–20 teaching or leader spots

11 summer Sunday School sessions to staff = 11 teaching spots

That's about 180 spots in all!

Sunday school at Wesley-Knox is a busy, vibrant place! All teachers and nursery volunteers are invited to the Sunday school volunteer appreciation evening at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, at Cindy Stewart's home. See you there!—Karlene Kimber

## Committee and Group Reports

### Christian Education

Our Sunday School program is nearing year end. Karlene has signup sheets for the summer open sessions. Please consider volunteering one Sunday this summer. It is a fun chance to “try out” teaching. If you haven't tried working with our children, it is a rewarding experience.

Karlene is planning Vacation Bible School for the week of August 24–28. Many volunteers will be

needed to make this a success. Call or speak to Karlene if you are interested. The combined junior and senior youth groups held a 30-hour famine to support The Gym Project. They raised over \$900! They had lots of fun while contributing to a great cause. A special thank-you to Cathy and Mike Ede for helping us supervise our gang of some 15 youth.

A year-end roller skating party has been booked for Sunday,

May 31, at North London Community Centre. We have the whole rink and a DJ to ourselves from 7 to 8 p.m. Skate rental is \$2.25 and all are welcome to join us.

The second Family Movie Night is at 7 p.m. on May 22 and features the movie Bolt. It is a blanket and teddies event. The last two showings in our Spring Movie Festive are *The Duchess* on May 29 (a period piece about the life of the Duchess of Devonshire), and *Nights in Rodanthe* on June 12 (movie is based on the book by Nicolas Sparks).

Camp is approaching. We are having a barbecue after church on May 31 to support our costs. Camp weekend is June 19–21 at Pearce-Williams Christian Centre, R.R.1, Fingal. It is a fun weekend for families, couples, singles—everyone! Call me at 519.438.6252 for details.—Jane Walker, chair

### Ministry and Personnel

The church year is winding down and it will soon be time to sit back and relax. But for our staff here at Wesley-Knox, there are many things going on all summer long. Karlene Kimber will be holding a Vacation Bible School here in August and it sounds like it will be very exciting. I know she is hard at work planning it, but I also know she needs lots of extra hands to help make it run smoothly. So if anyone out there has free time and talents they would like to offer, I'm sure Karlene would love to hear from you.

Rev. Tom Hiscock will be away for a study leave in May and then will be here for most of the summer. He works so hard all year long and we hope he will have a great holiday in his new camper

when he does take vacation time in July. We wish all members of our staff happy, restful holidays. The M and P Committee hopes to continue to be a source of support for them, and to tell them that we are grateful to have them working for us at Wesley-Knox.—Debbi Jarvis, chair

## Communications

Many members of the Communications Committee have also been involved in organizing the Marcus Borg weekend. Nevertheless the ongoing work of the Communications Committee—keeping the website up-to-date, producing the Kindred Spirit Connection, and keeping bulletin boards in good shape—continues to get done. Thanks to all members of this committee and particularly webmaster John Selman and Kindred Spirit Connection editor John McFall for all their fine work.—Harry MacLean, chair

## Property

We all look forward to spring and when the finally snow melts. Suddenly, there it is: spring in all its glory including last year's leaves, garbage and broken fences!

I always say I'm not going to do much this year, but Mother Nature always has work for us to do! So with the help of Susan Smith, last year's leaves and winter's garbage got cleaned up, and we reseeded the front and side (Askin and Teresa Street) lawns. Taylor Fencing will be repairing the broken parking lot fence soon.

Murray Shaw will be installing the Teresa Street eavestroughs this spring.

There are a number of leaky spots in the roof. Hy-grade Metal Roofs will soon be investigating.

The Askin Street doors have now been repainted. Outside window frames will be painted as soon as weather permits. This summer, the boys' and girls' bathroom, back hallway and west side hallway will also be painted.

The Centennial Parlour and office carpets have now been cleaned to get out winter salt and stains. This September, all of our carpets will be professionally cleaned by Vastone Carpet Cleaning.



**Gym Fund:** \$18,000 was raised for its refurbishment.

The Property Committee plans to meet early in September to discuss some long-term projects. Until then, it will be just maintenance work!

Thank you for your continued support of the Capital Improvement Fund which supports so many of our projects, and for caring about our church home.—Cathy Flood, chair.

## Wesley-Knox Men's Group

Our community breakfast program continues to be well attended, usually with well over one hundred people per month. We will be taking the months of July and August off and will resume offering breakfasts on September 12. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this program so successful, and especially to Mike Ryan and our wonderful volunteers.—Neil Eadie

## Presbytery

Change is in the Wind: Birthing (or Re-birthing) our Congregations. This workshop was conducted by Bev Robinson from conference who led lay reps through what is needed by local churches to help motivate new membership in the United Church and, even more importantly, to help congregations change in the future, looking for new ways to be Christ's people in our age.

One of the most important aspects to consider in creating a new future for a congregation is, "You develop your future as you build on your mission." This quote from Ken Callahan tells us that the central task of the church is mission—being part of the greater world that God is creating. Through the grace of God we help people with their lives and destinies. How we choose to do this will create the future of our congregations. We need to identify and name our missions and be able to name those with whom we are in mission.

We were asked, "Can you express your mission in six words?" Any more than six words and then no one can remember it! This expression of your mission is an action phrase that allows us to focus energies in a clear direction. [Editor's note: At Wesley-Knox, in addition to our official mission statement, we already have an alternate easy-to-remember six-word statement: Open doors, open hearts, open minds.]

We were told, "Start from where you are. Know your community, listen to their stories and they will tell you who they are. Their stories will inspire you to work towards the church you could become!"

There are also many other important questions: What does the community think of your church? Who lives in your church community and what are their needs? Also have conversations with other neighbourhood churches and consider what your community would be like if your church ceased to exist.

The ideas listed above are only part of what we need to consider in planning our future at Wesley-Knox. We hope we can put some of these ideas into practice over the next year or so.—Debbi Jarvis, presbytery representative

### **District Visitors**

Wow! Time goes fast. We are already preparing for the summer slowdown.

Our visitors, who bring Wesley-Knox news and communion cards to doorsteps before each communion, are doing an excellent job of keeping everyone connected to the activities of this congregation. Maintaining an accurate record of households, addresses and phone numbers is an ongoing part of this work. Many thanks to our visitors for the great response to the yellow list distributed with their books last time. Both Heather and I are still updating and correcting our information, according to the information on those sheets.

I am looking forward to the Borg event, vacation and summer. Hope you have a safe and relaxing summer. (Perhaps, from our hammocks, we visitors could be dreaming ahead about how to continue to maintain our connections with all our Wesley-Knox folks.) —Brenda Smith, chair

### **Property Use**

Wesley-Knox is a very busy

church with many activities throughout the building. All church leaders and staff are reminded of the need to book their meeting or rehearsal rooms with Heather Westbrook well in advance of the date required.—Neil Eadie, chair

### **United Church Women**

The United Church Women have had a very busy spring and we are all looking forward to some warm weather and summer.

Our Annual Easter Food Fair was held on April 4. Our newly renovated gym added to the festivities of the day and the Food Fair was a great success. The cakewalk, silent auction, and coffee and tea-room all had lots of customers, and the baking tables sold out. The children enjoyed games and we all had a wonderful time. Our profit exceeded that of last year so that was a plus. But I think it was working together that made the day extra special. Thank-you to all who participated, and to all those who came to shop. If you missed it, plan on coming next year. The exact date will be announced in the September issue of the Kindred Spirit Connection.

Our Community Friendship Spring Social was held on April 23, we were able to entertain ten of our members and many friends. We enjoyed an afternoon of good fellowship and good food.

May 4 saw the whole church abuzz with the Spirit of Spring Fashion Show hosted by Unit 1. We had a grand evening as we watched the models in the sanctuary and then moved to the social hall for refreshments, draw prizes and shopping. Unit 1 did a wonderful and very professional job with the fashion show.

The UCW Spring General meet-

ing was held on Sunday, May 24, immediately following church service. Our guest speaker, Sue Minns, is a motivational humourist. Her topic was "I Choose the Red Shoes."

June is now upon us as we look forward to end-of-season picnics and potluck dinners. But just before our summer respite begins we will be assisting with the luncheon on the Marcus Borg weekend, June 5 and 6.

United Church Women welcome all women of the church. We have three units and all units meet monthly except during July and August.

Unit 1 meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

Unit 2 meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

Unit 4 meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

Please call me, Marg Henderson at 519.439.0988, for further information and to enjoy some fun and fellowship.—Marg Henderson, UCW president



**Elijah:** This musical was performed by the Junior Choir.

## Re-imagining the Christian Faith

*Bruce Tallman is a London-based spiritual director (he is nominally Roman Catholic) whose articles frequently appear in the London Free Press. Bruce prepared the following article on Marcus Borg, but the Free Press did not print it because to do so would violate a collective agreement which states that the Free Press may not publish articles written by a volunteer or freelancer that article could have been prepared by a staff member. We thank Bruce for preparing this article and we offer it here:*

**Marcus Borg** is coming to London and that is good news for anyone who has struggled with their faith and how to make it more intelligent and relevant. A clear, persuasive and brilliant thinker, Borg is responsible for helping millions of people keep their faith in our postmodern world. The Right Reverend David Giuliano, moderator of the United Church of Canada, recently wrote that Borg is "...one of the finest contemporary biblical scholars in the world. His work is both intellectually rigorous and spiritually inspiring."

Borg was in London two years ago and drew 450 people to a single lecture. This time he is here for a whole series called "Re-imagining the Christian Faith," and organizers have told me that people are coming from all over southwestern Ontario to hear him speak. He is a leading voice in "Progressive Christianity," a grassroots movement emerging in mainline Protestant churches all over North America.

Borg was originally Lutheran but later became Presbyterian and then Episcopalian (Anglican). He

has many Roman Catholic admirers such as Fr. Richard Rohr. Much of his teaching is in line with the recent Synod of Bishops on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."

The author of some 16 books about God, Jesus and the Bible, including the best-selling *The Heart of Christianity*, Borg is considered to be a thinking person's Christian. He takes a "metaphorical-historical" approach to scripture, and would agree with the great Protestant theologian, Karl Barth, who said that "I take the Bible far too seriously to take it literally."

Borg is very adept at sorting out the historical from the metaphorical and mythical in the Bible. He doesn't want to get rid of metaphor and myth. He wants to help us understand their deeper meanings. People tend to dismiss myth as fallacy, and so in our scientific evolutionary world, they turn away from religion because of obviously mythological stories in the Bible.

However, Borg points out, myths like the Garden of Eden actually contain deep truths. The first few pages of the Bible are really about the true nature of God, human beings, and earthly existence. God is good, humans are basically good, and life is good, but we get tempted to be self-centered and make wrong choices with disastrous consequences for everyone. That is the true meaning behind the myth and what the authors of Genesis were really trying to convey using fanciful storytelling. Truths like this are eternally valid in any age and culture, including our own.

On the other hand, fundamentalists who get hung up on the Garden of Eden being about the creation of the world in six days, 6000 years ago, that Eden was an actual place, that there was a talking snake, and God created Eve out of Adam's rib, are turning people into atheists and totally missing the point, in Borg's estimation.

Some people see Borg as inaugurating a revitalized and renewed Christian faith, but he is not without his critics. Throughout his life he has been involved in the controversial "quest for the historical Jesus". Some people think that he pushes the envelope too far.

Borg is giving four lectures: *An Emerging Christianity*, *Meeting God Again*, *Meeting Jesus Again*, and *Rethinking Christian Life* at Wesley-Knox United Church, London, on June 5-6. There will undoubtedly be people who disagree with him when he opens up the floor to questions from his audience. But Borg is a sincere and engaging speaker, and whether people agree with him or not, it promises to be a very profound, lively, and thought-provoking event. For more information or to register, visit [www.borgevent2009.com](http://www.borgevent2009.com).—Bruce Tallman, [www.brucetallman.com](http://www.brucetallman.com)



**Spirit of Spring Fashion Show:**  
Featuring Wesley-Knox models!

## Our Stewardship Journey: Beyond Bricks and Mortar

In the last Kindred Spirit Connection, we put forward some general thoughts about what is involved with being a steward in God's church. We suggested that stewardship is moving the church to achieve its mission and that everything we do as individuals and as a congregation is stewardship.

During the month of May, the Stewardship Committee has been examining the stewardship of time. We've been trying to get a handle on how much time is being contributed by our congregational members to the various programs and activities of our church. "Stewardship tokens" of hearts and apples have been handed out and will be presented as part of the Sunday offering at Communion on June 14. Then we'll count up the tokens presented to get an idea of what we're collectively contributing to Stewardship as "time".

In this series of articles we'd like to examine the stewardship of money by asking the question: **Why do we need a full-time ordained minister, a professional music director and our building?** We contribute a significant amount of our financial resources to pay salaries and operate our church building. What are the benefits of having these paid positions and our present church facilities?

Let's start with the minister. Some congregations utilize the services of lay people to fill the roles of a minister at considerably less expense. Why is it important for us to have a full-time ordained minister?

A minister fulfills many roles in a congregation. A summary of Rev.

Tom's time over the past year is revealing. He considers his key focus to be worship-related activity, spending nearly 25% of his time preparing sermons and developing worship services. Another 15% of his time is spent on weddings and funerals. These are not only worship services but also present the face of our church to the community. Pastoral care includes hospital and home visits, and drop-in "visits" with various church and community groups meeting in our building. This occupies another 20% of his time. In this work he is assisted by Dr. Doug Ross, our Minister of Visitation. Then there are other congregational life matters such as meetings, study groups, family camp. These take up 14% of his time. Administration, staff matters, managing an intern—that adds up to about 10% of his time. And then there are Middlesex Presbytery duties of the M, P and E committee where he deals with pastoral relations issues and currently, a project to prioritize Presbytery ministries—another 10% of his time. The balance of our minister's time is taken up by meetings with community groups where he again presents a Wesley-Knox face to the community and by continued education.

For a congregation of our size, we would need a small army of specially trained lay people to fulfill all of these roles. We'd certainly have issues of consistency and co-ordination to overcome.

For worship services, many people could come up with a couple of sermons but we need someone who can preach weekly, provide consistency throughout our services, and be the creative

spark behind our worship experiences. There is also the consideration of availability for funerals and weddings. A full-time minister is able to shift schedules and be readily available whereas laity, working around their other occupations, would have difficulty.

A full-time minister can relate to all sectors of the congregation. He acts as a liaison between the various committees and groups for planning purposes, and provides wisdom for dealings between groups and individuals within the congregation. Because the minister is paid staff, he fills holes in congregational activities and structures, picking up the pieces when someone fails to do a volunteer job.

The minister is our resident theologian who ensures that everything we are doing truly stands up to Christian theological standards. We need someone to answer our questions of faith and Biblical teachings. This requires someone with extensive education in theology.

In times of crisis our congregational members need a full-time minister who will be available as a trusted support for families and who can provide links to various help networks. It's important for our families to feel that they have such a support available even though they may not use it.

Without the services of a full-time ordained minister, our congregation would likely survive for a while but would likely start to falter after a period of time as the laity struggled to keep up with all of these services.

Stewardship means providing leadership for our worship experi-

ences, support for our families and guidance for the lay leadership within the congregation. Please consider the financial aspect of that stewardship by asking yourself, "What is God asking me to give?"—Marilynne McNeil, chair, Stewardship Committee

## Mission and Service

With a population of 2600, the northern Ontario community of Sandy Lake faces numerous challenges – climate change, poverty, remoteness and drug addiction. Being so isolated, it has had to pay outlandish prices for basic food items like eggs, meat, baby formula, etc.

The Mission and Service Committee of Wesley-Knox chose to help this struggling community and challenged the congregation to raise funds for fishing nets that First Nations peoples could use to feed their families.

Over \$930 was raised so far through Loonies for Lent. At \$250 per 100 yard net, this money was enough to purchase three nets, as well as repair kits, fishing hooks and fishing line. Committee members Mary Bee Howarth and Glen Pearson travelled to Sandy Lake in May to witness the challenges firsthand. What they saw and experienced left them determined to do whatever was required to assist Sandy Lake in its present state.

Mary Bee and Glen went out in the fishing boats and assisted in gathering the various kinds of fish from the nets – an ardu-

ous and freezing undertaking. These nets, provided by the good people of Wesley-Knox, permit the community to begin gathering steady supplies of fish that will be prepared and preserved to provide much needed nutrients to struggling families and especially the elderly in the community.

When this journey of helping Sandy Lake began a year ago, no one anticipated the kind of effort that was going to be required to lift a community out of hunger after so many years of devastation. But Wesley-Knox took up that challenge, and along the way provided the kind of hope Jesus provided when he filled the nets of his own community and inspired hope in the process.

(Note: Along with the UCW, our Environmental project this year is collecting those outside milk bags. 250 is a magic number because 250 milk bags will make one bed mat for someone in Africa. So reduce your garbage, recycle those milk bags....and they will be reused as mats!! Put them in the bag hanging by the mail slots! Thanks.)—Glen Pearson and Jane Roy, co-chairs

## Community Membership

Wesley-Knox welcomes the following into the Christian Community through baptism:

**Brooke Dianne Fowler**  
daughter of Chad and Laurie

**Carter Allen Daoust**  
son of Christopher and Keri

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We give thanks for the life and witness of:

**Janette Baynham**  
April 26

**Marion Farrell**  
May 16



**Sandy Lake:** Mary Bee Haworth travelled to Sandy Lake with Glen Pearson to observe, first-hand, the challenges the community faces.

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This is the last issue of the KSC before the summer, so it is appropriate to thank my faithful contributors and proofreaders without whom this newsletter wouldn't happen. For those who like to plan ahead, the cut-off for contributions to the fall issue is September 6. Have a good summer—John McFall, editor