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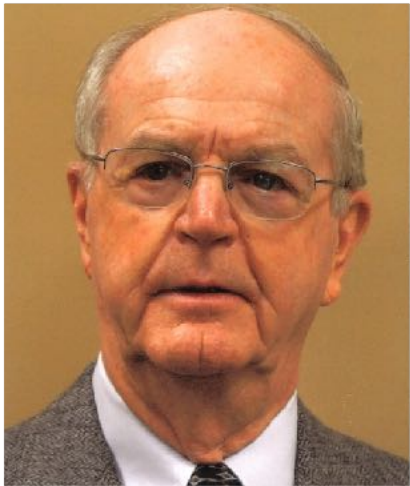


Jim Hutchinson left us on March 15 at the age of 64. His sudden loss is deeply felt by his wife, Denise, their children, and grandchildren.

Bill McFadden passed away on March 11 at the age of 82. He leaves behind his wife Clara, his children and grandchildren.



Ross Thompson, after many years of illness, died on March 3 at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife Helen, and many nieces and nephews.



News from the Pews Durham Presbyterian Church

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Our Dreams for DPC

In my sermon called “Prophesy, Dreams and Visions” of June 23, I shared my dreams for Durham Presbyterian Church. (Sermon notes available on the DPC website under the Blog) This was prompted by the author Tod Bolsinger in his book “Canoeing the Mountains - Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory.”

Joel 2: 28 gives this perspective: *“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”* God is sending his Spirit to open up our imagination, through prophesy, dreams and visions.

I was asked to share my dreams in the newsletter, so here it is:

- I dream of a church that is not ashamed to use the name “Jesus”
- I dream of a church that is a worshipping church
- I dream of a church that is serious about faith and not so serious about religion
- I dream of a church that loves the Bible
- I dream of a church that prays out of heart, not from poem
- I dream of a church that touches the community with the love of Jesus
- I dream of a church that is truly welcoming to everyone
- I dream of a church that is a family of faith - a place to feel safe
- I dream of a church that is free from the worries of finances
- I dream of a church building that is gathering place for the community

I would like to challenge you to allow your imagination to be opened by the Spirit. Please share your prophesy, dreams and visions in our family of faith!

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Much fun was held by the young people of the church when they hosted a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 13. The attendance was excellent. The group received the support and help of the members of the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committee. The group made the unanimous decision to donate the money raised to the Ukrainian Friends in West Grey. Some of the funds raised bought tobaggans for the family.

An interesting response from Dr. Billy Graham!

Church member unhappy with new music at service

Dear Rev. Graham: Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but from time to time our church's music director introduces new songs into the service, and I don't care for them. I like the old hymns and wish he'd just stick with them. Should I complain

to our pastor?
— Mrs. E.W.W.



**Billy
Graham**

I'm not particularly musical! But we have a singing faith, and God has given us the gift of music to praise him. The Psalmist declared, "With singing lips my mouth will praise you" (Psalm 63:5).

Instead of complaining to your pastor (or anyone else), I urge you to ask God to help you be grateful for all music that points us to God, new or old. No, you may not like some of it, but others do, and God can use it in their lives to encourage them and

bring them closer to Christ. Remember: The old hymns you like were once new, and someone probably didn't like them, either!

Sometimes, I'm afraid, a hymn can become so familiar to us that we sing it without even thinking about the words. But this is wrong, because then our singing becomes empty and meaningless. Don't let this happen to you, but meditate on the words of the songs you sing, and even turn them into a prayer.

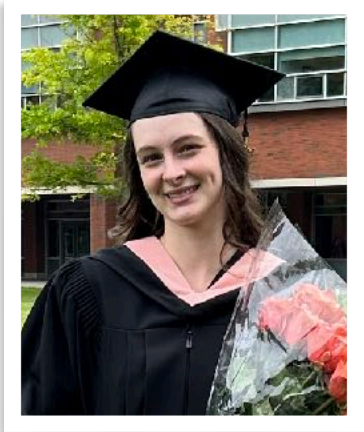
Your music director has probably been wise to introduce new songs slowly; completely changing everything all at once can be disruptive. Pray for him and encourage him, letting him know that you're grateful for his gifts. Yes, let him know you appreciate the old hymns, but support him also as he seeks to reach a new generation through music.

Readers can write to the Rev. Billy Graham at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201, or call 877-2-GRAHAM. The website for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is at billygraham.org.

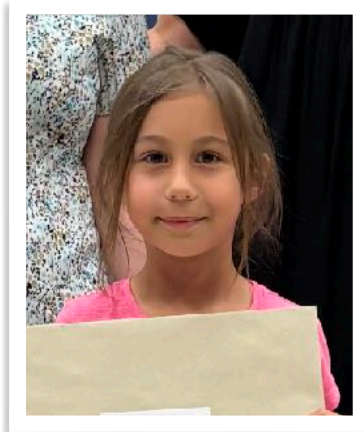
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Graduates



Megan Patterson graduated from Oshawa Tech University with an Honours BHSoc. She will be taking her Masters at Queen's University in the fall. Grandparents are Rose and Bev Patterson.



Aimee Watson graduated from Senior Kindergarten and will be entering Grade One in the fall. Parents are Samantha and Mark Watson.

Anniversary Sunday

On May 12, we celebrated the 169th Anniversary of Durham Presbyterian Church. We had the pleasure of hearing Pastor George Grierson speak as our special guest. George was raised in our church and is the son of Fred and the late Gerda Grierson.

Good Food Box

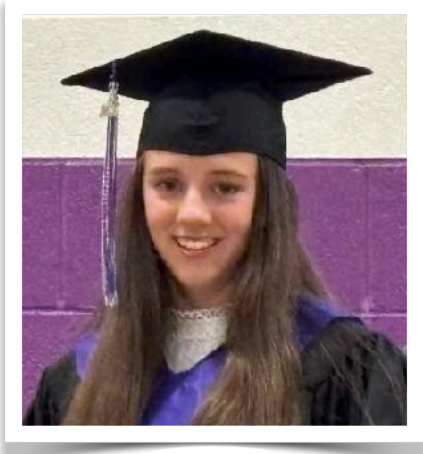
The Good Food Box has proven to be very successful. Those who have participated in the program have stated the \$22 paid for the box is an excellent value for the money. The program begins again in the fall with the order deadline being August 29 and delivery date of September 5.

Curling and Potluck Fun

On March 13, the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committee hosted another fun evening of curling and fellowship. Those curling got to work showing off their skills while others watched the games. This was followed by a delicious potluck enjoyed by all.



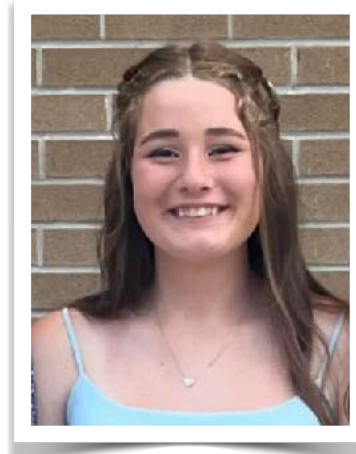
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Lana Basson graduated from JDSS. She is heading for the University of Waterloo in the fall to take a Bachelor of Science, kinesiology. Parents are Lucille and Will Basson.



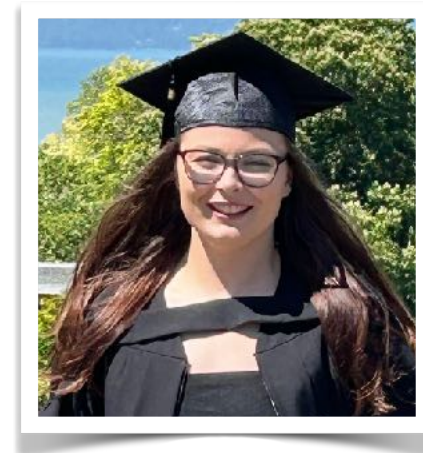
Tabitha Doney graduated with a Masters of Arts in Critical Thinking from Brock University. She will be working in Ottawa. Parents are Pat and Rick Doney.



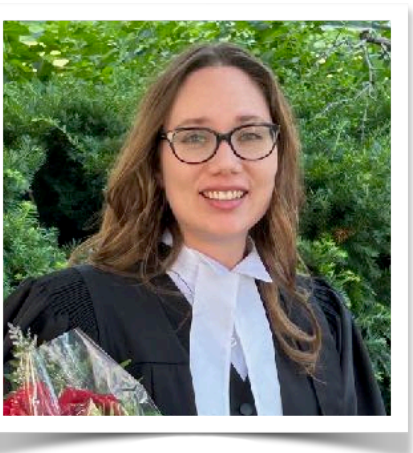
Bella Findlay graduated Grade 8 from SRCS. She is headed to JDSS in the fall. Grandmother is Wendy McConnell.



Mason Hale graduated Grade 8 from MacPhail Memorial and is headed to GHSS in the fall. Parents are Courtney and Adam Hale.



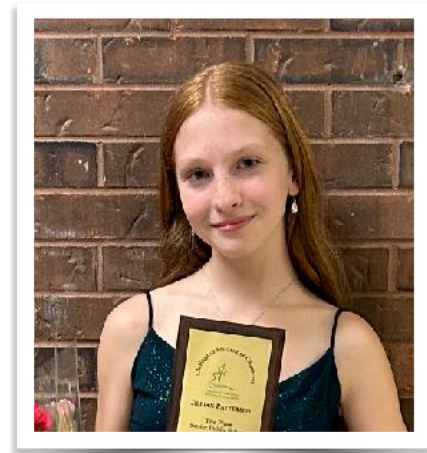
Avery MacGillivray received her Master of Kinesiology from the University of British Columbia. Grandmother is Isobel Morrison



Erin MacGillivray was called to the Ontario Bar following her graduation from the University of Ottawa. Grandmother is Isobel Morrison



Madison MacGillivray received her Undergraduate in Environmental Science from the University of Waterloo. Grandmother is Isobel Morrison.



Jillian Patterson graduated Grade 8 and is heading to high school in the fall. Grandparents are Rose and Bev Patterson.