

## LEAFAGE AND ROOTAGE

American President Woodrow Wilson once pointed out that "a man's rootage is more important than his leafage." What others see are the leaves, the outside. What they can't see are the roots, the values and principles that ground a person. A happy and fulfilled life grows from a good system of roots.

No one believed in the solid "rootage" of President Jimmy Carter more than his own mother "Miss Lillian," as she was fondly called. She was aware of her son's reputation for honesty, which had become a topic of curiosity among many politicians and even reporters. During a 1986 speech at the University of Tennessee, Jody Powell told a story about a television reporter who grilled Miss Lillian on this topic.

"Is it true," asked the reporter, "that your son doesn't lie? Can you tell me he has never told a lie?"

"Well, I reckon he might have told a little white lie now and then," replied Miss Lillian.

The reporter spotted the opening. "I thought you said he didn't lie!" she exclaimed. "Are you telling me that white lies aren't as bad as black lies? Just what do you mean by a white lie?"

"Well," drawled Miss Lillian, "do you remember when you came in this morning and I told you how nice you looked and how glad I was to see you...?"

Those people who care about strong and principled inner lives leave an important mark on the world. They actually live from the inside out. Their inner convictions guide their actions. Their inner principles govern their lives. It's like roots which are sunk deep into lasting values and sustain the tree through whatever hard times may come along.

What does it mean to have good roots? I think it means to be strong enough and healthy enough to do whatever you truly want to do. It means to be strong enough, at least most of the time, to give your best to the world.

I would like to have roots that grow deep and strong. I would like a system of roots that could give me:

- enough strength to forgive those who hurt me;
- enough confidence to overcome any amount of fear;
- enough courage to accept whatever obstacles life throws my way;
- enough compassion to love even the unlovable;
- enough faith that nothing can shatter my peace of mind.

If I grow good roots, I don't need to worry about the leafage.

-- Steve Goodier

## Gifts of Love Service

February 12th, 2012

All children and youth are invited to take part in our Valentine Service. Come and share your talent whether it be playing an instrument, singing, dancing, reciting etc.

We are also looking for those who would like to take part in service duties ie: greeters, taking up collection and doing the bible readings.

Please let Heather McKeown know what role you would like to play - 831-9454

### LINGER LUNCH

After the Gifts of Love Service we will be holding a linger lunch to which all are invited. Please let Kim Allard (831-3483) know if you can help out in any way.

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man. -- Benjamin Franklin

(whoops— I don't think this is meant for the women in the church)

**If you know of someone who is sick, house bound, or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 831-1256.**

## Youth Group News

On February 3 (Friday night) youth group will meet at the GRC for public staking at 7pm till 830pm (2.50\$) following this they are invited back to the Allard's home for hot chocolate and snacks. Then they can enjoy the games room, pick up at 10. (at 92 Lloydalex crescent.)



Please RSVP Kim Allard  
613-831-3483



## Atlantic Voices:

### the Newfoundland and Labrador Choir of Ottawa.

kicks off its 10th Anniversary season by spotlighting the music and culture of PEI. Please join the choir and Musical Director Scott Richardson as they present

#### "And They're From Prince Edward Island"

on **TODAY** at 3 p.m. at Centretown United Church,  
507 Bank Street, Ottawa.

For tickets contact Doug/Kelda Sinclair (836-9607)  
or Hannie (722-9240).

Admission is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, free for children 12 and under.

Visit [www.atlanticvoices.ca](http://www.atlanticvoices.ca) for more information.

## CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD

THE BOWES BROTHERS, Saturday, February 18th at 7 pm  
at Munster United Church. Admission \$15.00

Loonie Breakfasts are held every Tuesday morning at 9:00 until mid May at Stittsville United Church.

## Do you have extra sewing and knitting items lying around at home? They would be really appreciated in Cuba!

These items are difficult for the Cuban Sewing Centre to get as they are often not available and costly. If you would like to see them go to a good cause please bring them to the church when you come and we will collect them in old suitcases (also needed) to be taken to Montreal for next year's students to transport to Cuba. Anything for sewing such as: Material Thread Trims Elastic, Ribbon, Crochet Cotton, Hooks, pins & needles. Anything for knitting such as: Yarn Needles Patterns are good if they are in Spanish. Thanks! Kathy

## DJD YOU KNOW??

.....we collect Campbell Soup Labels, used postage stamps, eye glasses, aluminum pop tabs and used computer ink cartridges.

.....there are clip boards with crayons and colouring pages hanging at the back of the sanctuary for the little ones.

.....that we are "Team 100"? When we happen to eat at Broadway and let the server know that "We are Team 100", 10% of any dollars spent on food are donated back to St. Andrew's.

**.....THERE ARE A FEW LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE AT EVERY SUNDAY WORSHIP. IF MORE ARE NEEDED, PLEASE NOTIFY GEPY.**