

## GOOD PEOPLE

A doctor said to his patient, "You have a slight heart condition, but I wouldn't worry about it."

"Really, Doc?" the patient replied. "Well, if you had a slight heart condition, I wouldn't worry about it either."

We can sometimes get the impression that most of the world is more or less out for themselves and that people care little about the plight of others. But I choose to believe differently. I believe that a lot of people are basically concerned about others, even if they don't always know how to express it. That perhaps why a certain story, clipped years ago and filed away, has remained one of my favorites to this day.

A trucker relates that he was traveling through rural North Carolina on I-95 when a brown sedan merged onto the highway. It weaved back and forth between lanes, causing the driver of the truck to shift into a lower gear. At first he thought the driver was drunk, but when he came closer, the trucker saw an old man shaking uncontrollably behind the wheel. He noticed a Citizen's Band aerial whipping to and fro as the car jerked between lanes, so he called on the radio: "You in the brown Chevy, if you can hear me, pull over. Pull off the road!"

Amazingly, he did! The trucker pulled up behind the car and climbed from his cab. The elderly man staggered from his auto and fell into the trucker's arms. He poured out a story of months of fear and pain that accompanied the illness of his only daughter. Now he was returning from the hospital where it was decided that she would cease any further treatment. In the hospital he remained "strong" and stoic for his daughter, but out on the road he fell apart.

The two men talked for the good part of an hour. The father eventually decided to share his pain with his daughter and said he felt good enough to drive home. The men embraced and the trucker followed him for 50 miles. As they drove along, the two talked together on the radio. The older man finally acknowledged that his exit was ahead and thanked his new friend again for the help. The trucker asked if he could make it home all right and, suddenly, a third voice broke in on the conversation: "Breaker 19, don't worry, good buddy. Go your way. I'll see him home!" Glancing in his mirror, he saw a livestock truck move into the exit lane behind the brown sedan. I think there are good people the world over. People who will gladly give that caring touch, a needed warm embrace or a patient and listening ear. They are like angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly. Look around. You're sure to see one. And look in the mirror. You might spot one there, too.

-- Steve Goodier

## Sharing in Ministry...

	<b>This Morning</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Duty Elder:</b>	??	
<b>Duty Manager</b>	Barb & Geppy	Barb & Geppy
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joan & Rob	Barb & John
<b>Readers:</b>	Joanna & Taylor	Linda & Brittany
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Anita & Dawna	Frieda & Louise
<b>Sound Board</b>	Steve/Daniel	Maggie

## UPCOMING AT ST. ANDREW'S

Jan 12 - Choir Practice

Jan 10 - Session at the Gaebels

Jan 11 – Granite Ridge Service—11 am

Jan 11 – Stittsville Villa Service—1:30

Jan 18 – Board of Managers

Jan 24— Ladies Evening Fellowship at Joan Watts

*It take seventy-three muscles to frown and only fourteen to smile. No wonder grouchy people are always tired.*

*Since you cannot have all you want,  
make your life happy by wanting what you have.*

**Saturday February 4th, 2012,**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

at 470 Roosevelt Avenue in Westboro

will be hosting a "P.W.S.&D. 101" information time from 2-5 pm. Susan James is the Africa Coordinator for Presbyterian World Service and Development and has just returned from Malawi in sub-Saharan Africa. She will be speaking on the various projects provided by PWS&D worldwide. If you are interested in attending please call Westminster at 613 722-1144 or Dave Mansell at 613 721-2714.

Susan will also be speaking during the worship service at Westminster on Sunday Feb. 5 at 10:30 am.

**Happy New Year** one and all. Now that the Christmas activities are over it is time to check out your social calendars. Do you have Jan 28th booked for the spaghetti supper and variety show at St Andrew's...well mark it in your calendars.

Feeling a little let down after all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season? Well check out the Help wanted ads. There is lots to do. Why I even noticed some Help wanted Ads for St Andrew's in Stittsville See the following and please give the jobs your prayerful consideration

## Help Wanted

Various positions required Immediately by the St Andrew's Church in Stittsville.

- **Coordinator for the Jan 28th Variety Concert**
- **Performers for the variety concert**
- **Coordinator for the Jan 28th Spaghetti Dinner**
- **Staff to assist in the kitchen preparing and serving the dinner and clean up duties.**
- **Ticket designer and printer - required immediately**

**The coordinator positions must be filled by Sunday Jan 8th. Please contact Marlene (836-4147) or the church office should you be interested in any of these positions**

Salary: opportunity to enjoy new challenges, lots of laughs, meet new friends and have fun doing God's work....hey.... he gave us his son Jesus!! what can we do for him??? volunteer and enjoy spending time with your church family.

For teenagers there is the added benefit of getting volunteer time in that you require for graduation.

## January 8: Flood Relief in the Philippines

When Tropical Storm Washi made landfall in the Philippines on Dec. 16, 2011, the results were devastating flash floods and landslides that left thousands homeless and decimated crops. According to the United Nations, as many as 400,000 people have been displaced. Thousands are in desperate need of food, shelter, clean water and emergency relief supplies. You can help support victims of this disaster by making a donation through PWS&D. You can give an offering through your church, mail a cheque to the office, donate online or call PWS&D at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291. Please mark all donations "Philippines Flood Relief." [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd).

The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say, "I was wrong."

Dear Residents,

I wanted to share some good news with the community after working on the Scotia Bank Park & Ride program for some time. I'm very pleased to see this come to fruition and can tell you that this Park & Ride will be operational on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. I encourage you to make use of this new Park & Ride as it will provide better transportation service for our community and alleviate traffic on the Eagleson Park & Ride. Located in the Scotia Bank north parking lot, 100 parking spaces will be available for transit commuters between approximately 5:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The lot will be served by ten trips on Express Routes 261 and 263, on request, with direct rush hour service to downtown. **Shad Qadri**