

## 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 is 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, 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>	Hilary	Anita
<b>Duty Manager</b>	Jim & Jamie	Geppy & Frits
<b>Greeters:</b>	Marlene & Harold	Beth & Boyce
<b>Readers:</b>	Jamie/Kate	Colin
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Lois & R.A.	Anita & Dawna

## ***Upcoming at St. Andrew's . . .***

- **Apr 1** – Choir Practice – 7:30 pm
- **Mar 30** – Ladies Evening Fellowship at Anita's
- **Apr 1** – Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 here
- **Apr 2** – Good Friday, Stittsville United – 10:00 a.m.
- **Apr 4** – Easter Sunday, Communion Sunday,
- New Members
- **Apr 5** – PCW – here at 10:00 am
- **Apr 13** – Session 7:30

All the ladies of the church are invited out to the



Ladies Evening Fellowship to be held at the home of Anita Wong, 28 Smoketree, Stittsville (836-9564) on March 30, at 7 p.m.

Please call Anita if you would be able to provide the goodies for that evening.

Prayer is an acknowledgement of faith:  
worry is a denial of faith.

## REMINDER:

There is a quantity of dishes, bowls, baskets, tins etc left from various functions. Please take minute to go downstairs to see if any might belong to you.



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 Handmade Paper Jewellery From Caring Hands

Hot Luncheon Adults- \$8 Children- \$3  
 Bake Sale

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

2 Mulkins Street 613-831-1256

**ATTENTION - ATTENTION**

April 17 is going to be a really exciting day here at St. Andrew's. It's the day of our Annual Spring Bazaar, but with a twist. In place of our Craft and White Elephant Tables we will be having something brand new. Along with our Bake Sale and Luncheon there will be a selection of goods from Ten Thousand Villages Store, Pearls for Girls and Caring Hands (which Anita Wong has been supporting)

**Ten Thousand Villages** in Ottawa sells fairly traded products from around the world. Their two stores sell a wide variety of **hand-made crafts**, such as linens, jewelry, toys, ceramics, musical instruments, home decor and much more. And don't miss the **Fair Trade food** section which includes coffee, chocolate, cocoa, tea, sugar, spices, jams, olive oil and chutneys. Fair Trade items purchased at Ten Thousand Villages allow artisans in developing countries to provide food, healthcare, education and housing for their families. The two stores are operated by Ottawa Alternative Trade Corporation - a not-for-profit organization - and rely on volunteers for many of their retail positions. *Your purchase makes a difference*

The dream of "**Pearls for Girls**" is for all girls around the world to receive the leadership education they need to create healthy futures, for themselves and their communities. Currently, this dream is out of reach for many girls, especially those living in developing countries, such as Lesotho, Southern Africa, who are now orphans because of HIV/AIDS. Lesotho is a small country bordered on all sides by South Africa. To change this reality, teenage girls and young women in developed countries are invited to build their leadership skills through organizing "Pearl Bees" where they bring people together and create pearl bracelets to raise funds for the leadership development of girls in developing countries. At the same time, all who attend have the opportunity to tell share stories on issues that matter to them.

**Caring Hands** is an organization made up of volunteers who assist Kampala families living in poverty, giving them new hope for the future. Their goal is to break the cycle of poverty in families of the community. The greatest challenges for families living in poverty are food, housing, school fees, health issues, and access to clean water. To help with such needs, Caring Hands is involved in material, psycho-social, and spiritual support, and by networking and giving information on existing available services for HIV positive individuals. Making jewelry out of recycled paper has become the most important income-generating project for Caring Hands and the women involved. About 40 women have been trained in making beads out of recycled paper that are eventually transformed into jewelry and sent to markets around the world. This has given the women self-esteem, put a smile on their faces, and alleviated the struggles with poverty. The profits are used for various charitable activities.