

When The Lord Made Mothers

When the good Lord was creating mothers, he was into his sixth day of overtime when the angel appeared and said, "You are doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, not plastic, have moveable parts, all replaceable, run on black coffee and leftovers, have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands, no way!" "It's not the hands that cause the problems, said the Lord. It is the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's the standard model," the angel asked?

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors, when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there, " when she already knows. Another in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't put what she has to know, and of course the ones here in the front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and says, "I understand and I love you," without so much as uttering a word.

"Lord," said the angel, tugging his sleeve gently, "Come to bed ..."
"I can't," said the Lord. "I am so close to creating something so close to myself. Already, I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

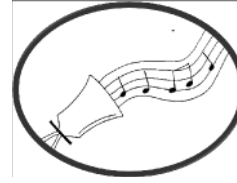
The angel circled the model of a mother. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough," said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure!"
"Can it think?"

"Not only can she think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator. Finally the angel bent over and ran her fingers across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It is a tear."
"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."
"You are a genius," said the angel.
The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there," he said



AN A-PEALING OPPORTUNITY -

HANDBELL RINGING WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY 28 MAY.

Trinity Presbyterian Church will be offering a handbell ringing workshop for individuals interested in trying out this very unique way of making glorious music with an ensemble. This free workshop takes place at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 110 McCurdy Drive in Kanata, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.. Please note that a basic ability to read music is needed.

For more information and to sign up, please email karen@kobierski.com or call Karen at 613-254-5977.



We are hoping to have a newsletter out to the congregation for Anniversary Sunday, May 22. We have set the deadline for submissions for May 15th (next Sunday) and are hoping to hear from as many groups as possible ie Sunday School, Choir, C.A.R.E., Youth Group, PCW, Ladies Fellowship, Session, Board. Or if anyone has some interesting thoughts, articles, stories, jokes etc. to share, please contact Beth. It will be nice to be reminded of all the accomplishments in the last few months as well as hopes and plans for the future.

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Mother's day is when everybody waits on mother and she pretends she doesn't mind the extra work.

Don't forget to get your Loblaw's prepaid/gift cards during coffee time. The cards can be redeemed at
**Loblaw's, Your Independent,
Loblaw's Superstore and Value mart.**

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD

Handbell Workshop, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Kanata on **May 28, 2011 from 1-2:30 pm**

"Young at Heart", presented by the Atlantic Voices, The Newfoundland and Labrador Choir of Ottawa, **May 29, 2011 at 3 pm** at Centretown United Church.

Family Concert by the Kanata Symphony Orchestra on **May 14 at 7:00 pm** at the Glean Cairn United Church.

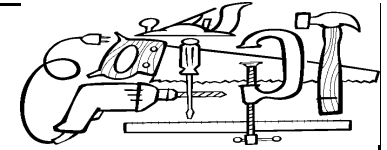
Bells in Spring, Massed Handbell Chimes Concert on **May 15 at 7:00 pm** at Rideau Park United Church

MISSION CAPSULES - MAY 2011

Cariboo Ministry: A space for kids

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* introduce the love of Christ to children in Ndazkoh, British Columbia. As part of their outreach to people living in and around Ndazkoh, The Reverends Jon Wyminga and Shannon Bell Wyminga run a Kids Space program in the Ndazkoh school. Through songs, activities and discussions, the children – 90% of whom come from the Ndazkoh reserve – learn about the love of God. This program not only ministers to the children, but is a witness of Christ's love for parents and the whole community who see the love and care Jon and Shannon share with their children. This is an important ministry for a community still struggling with the consequences of the residential schools. Pray for the children attending the kids space program and for the ongoing ministry of Jon and Shannon.

ARBOR DAY COMING UP!!



The Board of Managers is hoping to enlist the help of anyone who is willing and able to come out on May 28th to get our church ship shape for the following day which is Anniversary Sunday. There will be a list up next week showing the types of jobs that will need doing.

CHURCH LIBRARY



Library News

A couple of new books have been added to our Library:

More Than a Slave, the life of Katherine Ferguson, by Margaret D. Pagan

"Based on the life of Katherine, the historical novel will take your breath away, as it follows her life of a slave who would one day gain her freedom and pioneer the Sunday School movement. This story of the struggle for freedom in the Revolutionary War era begins in the 1770's, and follows her life thru to the 1850's. A very moving story of her courage, dedication and faith."

Song of Saigon, One Woman's Journey to Freedom, by Anh Vu Sawyer

Anh Vu, a 23 medical student, had no idea she was about to face the most terrifying ordeal of her life, in the spring of 1975 as South Vietnam teetered on the brink of collapse. Anh tells the dramatic story of how her prayers were answered for herself and her family to do the impossible - escape.

These are just two new books in our Library, please take the time to review the Library listings - and you may find other interesting books to read. Easy to sign out, read and bring back, no late fees.... just enjoy!!

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