



CHRIST CHURCH NEWS SUMMER 2015

The Quarterly Newsletter of Christ Church, Warwick, Bermuda

Governor George Duncan Raukawa Fergusson

George Fergusson was born on the 30th September, 1955, the son of Bernard Edward Fergusson and Laura Margaret (nee Grenfell) in Coupar Angus in Perthshire, Scotland.

His father was a soldier and writer, working in various parts of the world, including New Zealand, where he was Governor General from 1962-67. Later his father became a chairman of the British Council, an International Observer during the Nigerian Civil War and a life peer.

His mother worked in the Womens Voluntary Service during World War II, later becoming a social worker in Tanzania, and then a children's magazine editor. George attended schools in Scotland, New Zealand and England before going to Magdalen College, Oxford to study PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) where he briefly met Margaret Wookey.

In 1978, they met again outside Westminster Abbey. Margaret worked for the British Council in a variety of countries including Zambia, Ireland, South Korea and London and continues to work for the Council, now with the title of Information Risk Manager. On the 10th January, 1981 they were married at St. Michael's Abbey, Hampshire by the Minister of Crown Court (London), John Miller Scott, together with David Higham, a Catholic Priest.



The couple's eldest child, Laura attended Trinity College, Dublin, is married to Max Kenworthy and they have two children – Grace and Samuel. Laura is a freelance writer. Sadly, the Fergusson's son, Alexander, was killed in London whilst riding a pushbike in 2005 at the age of 20. Alice, their second daughter, attended Nottingham University, is a teacher and was married to her husband by Barry Dunsmore. Elizabeth, their third daughter, is 24 and attended the London School of Economics, is working with children with speech difficulties and plans to start her Masters degree soon.

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Letter from your Interim Moderator



Friends,

May I begin by thanking you all for the warm welcome to Bermuda which you have given to both Moira and myself. We have felt very at home since our arrival at the end of March. It has been a busy time in the life of the congregation but we've made good progress on the road to finding your new minister with the Nominating Committee having been elected on 10 May and now setting in motion the process of advertising for applicants (this will appear in Life & Work in July) and, in due course, dealing with these.

Any vacancy is a time of uncertainty, but congregational life must go on – and yours certainly has. Over Holy Week and Easter there was involvement in ecumenical services with our brothers and sisters from St Paul's and from St Andrew's, in addition to our own regular Sunday worship. Socially, we've had various events and I'm looking forward to those planned over the coming weeks before things probably calm down a bit over July and August. The Kirk Session has also been active and is currently embarking on a review of the Congregational Roll – following preparation of the Electoral Register highlighting the need for this. It has also separated the Worship & Communications Ministry team into two parts, with Communications continuing to be convened by Eugene Rayner and Worship, at least for the moment, by myself. Yes, congregational life does have to carry on during a vacancy!

Indeed it's important that a new minister should arrive to find an active and forward-looking congregation and, to that end, there has to be considered what needs to be done in preparation for the celebration of Christ Church's 300th anniversary in 2019. That may seem some time ahead, but, if works require to be undertaken to the building, time (and money) will be required. This will require not a little effort, as it will, of course, be over and above the on-going life and work of the congregation, which has to be maintained and developed.

I continue to view with enthusiasm my task as both Interim Moderator (primarily in helping your Nominating Committee in the vacancy) and Locum (where my involvement is both pastoral and in leading worship). I'm happy to provide whatever pastoral and other support I can during my time with you, and if therefore you or anyone you know in the congregation is in hospital or confined to home, please let me know – the Manse no. is 236-0400 (if I'm not in, leave a message and I'll get back to you). As for how long you'll have to put up with me, I really don't know. I have to be away for most of October, but it looks as though Moira and I will return before the end of that month and remain until you have your new minister.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and, if you're going away, may you travel safely and enjoy your time somewhere different. If you're staying on island, I look forward to your continuing involvement in the life and worship of CCW over the summer months, though I also hope you'll find some time for rest and relaxation.

May God bless you in all you do.

Derek

Christ Church Calendar

July ONE SERVICE ONLY – AT 10 A.M.

- 5TH 10 A.M. Morning Worship followed by informal service of Holy Communion. Spaghetti Sunday
- 12th 10 A.M. Morning Worship
- 19th 10 A.M. Morning Worship, including dedication of BOM participants for their trip to Malawi
- 26th 10 A.M. Morning Worship

August ONE SERVICE ONLY – AT 10 A.M.

- 2ND 10 A.M. Morning Worship followed by informal service of Holy Communion. Spaghetti Sunday
- 9th 10 A.M. Morning Worship
- 16th 10 A.M. Morning Worship
- 23rd 10 A.M. Morning Worship
- 30th 10 A.M. Morning Worship

September – Return to two services

- 6th 8 A.M. and 11am Morning Worship followed by informal service of Holy Communion and Spaghetti Sunday
- 13th 8 A.M. and 11am Morning Worship **CCY RESUMES!**
- 26th Welcome back BBQ at Manse

Family News

BAPTISMS

- Mar. 8th Mason Trott Portelli
- Mar. 15th Adele Lauren Botelho
- May 24th Logan Makenzie Frith
- May 24th Ashton Vincent Rollin
- May 24th Annabelle Lynne Thomas

BURIALS

- Jan 14th Hermine Roseclair Maude Dill
- Jan. 28th Margaret Alice McComb
- Mar. 18th Victor Graham Richmond
- April 20th George Alfred Wardman
- April 23rd Pamela Joan Smith
- June 3rd Frederick L. Brangman

George Fergusson cont'd from front page

Between School and University, George returned to New Zealand where he worked at a meat freezing works, a bakery and apple picking. After university he worked for a law firm in South West Scotland before joining the Civil Service, in the Northern Ireland Office. That saw him with stints in Northern Ireland, Dublin and London before switching to the Foreign Office.

He worked first at the Russian Desk and then went to South Korea. Back in London, he became Head of the Irish Department at the Foreign Office and was on the negotiating team for the Good Friday Agreement. He was pictured, when the agreement was signed, next to Tony Blair. Following this the family moved to Boston, where George was the Consul General for four years. Then, back to London where he worked in the Cabinet Office as Head of their Foreign Policy Team from 2003-2006. From there he went to New Zealand as the High Commissioner, together with responsibility for the Pitcairn Island from 2006-2010. Visits to Pitcairn Island were complicated and involved several flights and a boat trip of 400 miles (five trips in all over the four years).

The next two years saw him in London again, working in the Cabinet and Foreign Office, prior to becoming Governor of Bermuda in May, 2012. During these two years in London he managed to include a visit to Burma, following part of his father's wartime trail.

With regard to George Fergusson's connection with the Church of Scotland, he was baptized in Edinburgh, and admitted as a member in 1980 to Crown Court Church in London, where he became an elder in 1987. In 2012, Margaret and he joined Christ Church, Margaret as an adherent, and later that year he joined the Kirk session as an elder by process of transfer. He enjoys being part of our church and feels very much at home there (his words).

Interests include history, walking, sailing and singing in the Bermuda School of Music Chamber Choir. He and Margaret are members of about fifteen charities in Bermuda.

It is unlikely that we will have another Governor of Bermuda, as part of our congregation, for a very long time, especially one who is also an elder. We thank them both for being part of our church family.

FLOWER CALENDAR

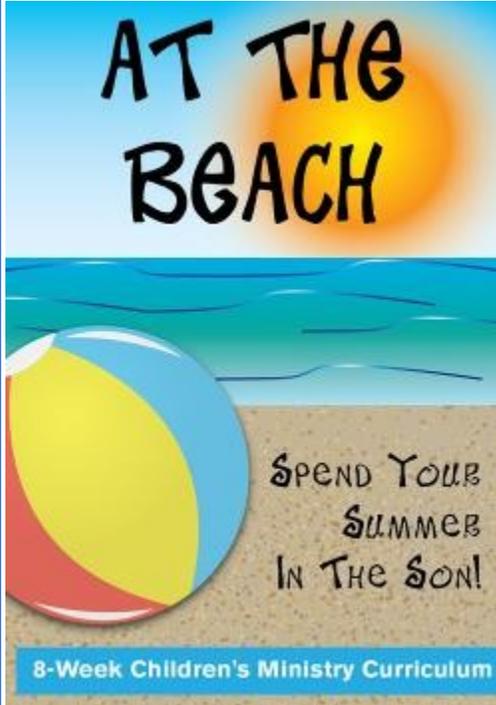
Fortunately, the Flower Calendar has been filled for the month of June and part of July. However, we would still like to have each week filled, with flowers donated for the Sunday services. If you would like to have flowers in Church in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up on the calendar, which is outside the West door of the kitchen. The arrangement should be in the Church by 1pm of the Saturday before the date of your chosen service. If you would like to have an "in memoriam" notice included in the Order of Service, please contact the office with the information.

We need more monthly conveners – that is, people who will take a particular month and contact those who have signed up to remind them that they are to provide the flowers. It is not an onerous task, so please contact me at the Church office if you would be willing to do this – 236-1882.

Many thanks and have a safe and blessed summer!

Liz Parker

CCY Summer Programme



This special all-age programme will run in the air conditioned West Hall beginning July 5. All children 3+ are welcome to join in. Water fun following the lesson, and so swimsuits are highly recommended!

We will be actively seeking parents to team up to take on a Sunday. Take this opportunity to spend a little more time with our CCY children, all the ingredients (lesson plans) will be provided!

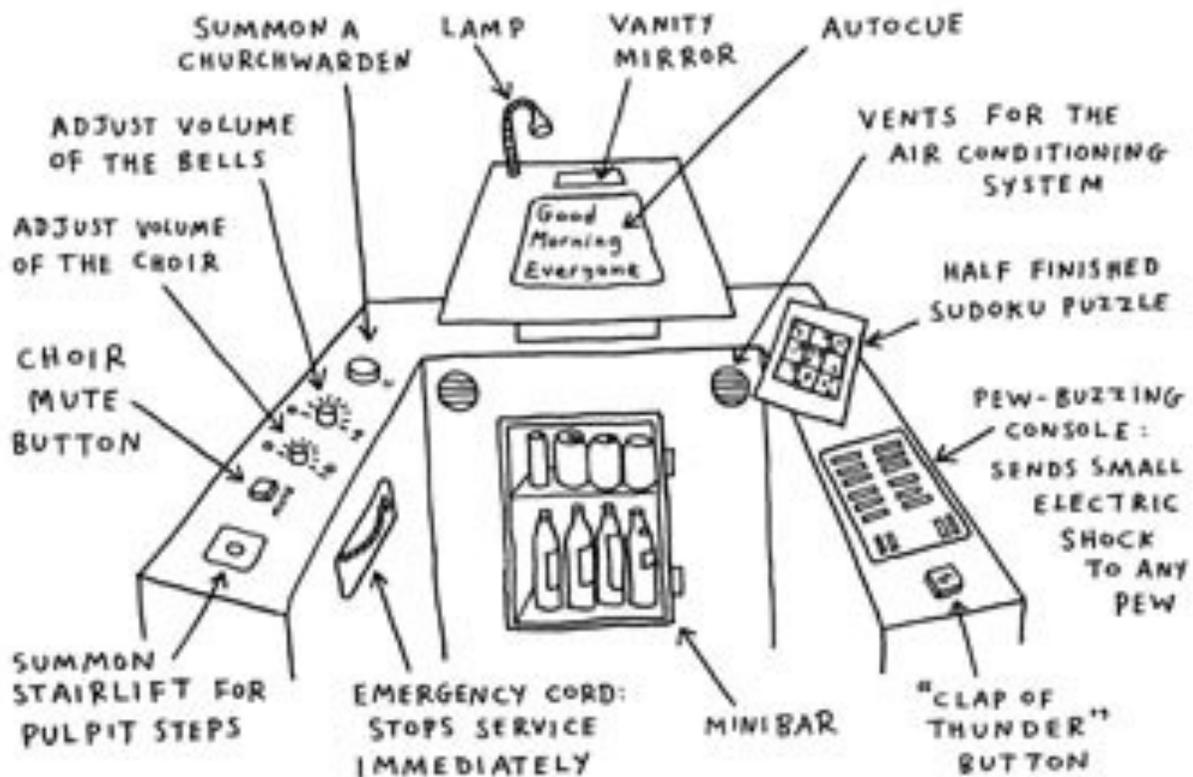
This summer, don't forget the SPF, and we should also never go anywhere without God!

Safe and happy summer to all CCY families!

Martha Kirkland
Nurture Ministry

THE PULPIT

THESE ARE THE TYPICAL CONTROLS



NURTURE MINISTRY REPORT

CCY Missions Bake sale was held on May 17th, with the children raising \$800 for Nepal Relief. A donation was made to KatKids.

On Friday 8th May the Nurture team hosted a very successful showing of the movie Paddington. About 40 people came along and enjoyed pizza, popcorn and something to drink, followed by the movie. When the movie was finished there was an exciting raffle of Paddington goodies. Everyone enjoyed the evening and \$469 was raised for the Church Restoration Fund. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this a wonderful family evening.

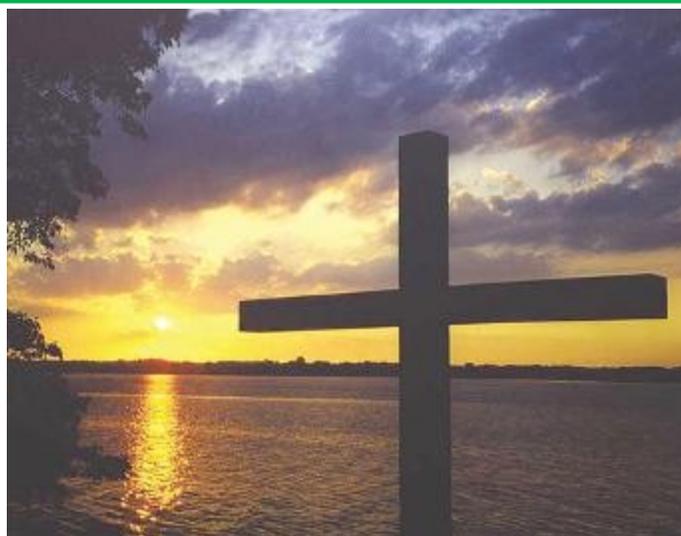
The CCY End of term all-age programme was held on June 28th. Derek included the participation of children in the service (reading, music, ushering, greeting), and there were gift books for Bubbles, with a class donation for the older ones to Toilet Twinning organization. Toilet Twinning provides people in the poorest communities on the planet with a decent toilet, clean water and all the information they need to stay healthy. It's the key to helping whole communities break free of the poverty trap. Our 'smallest rooms' became the proud owners of a personalized certificate, complete with colour photos of their 'twins'. The children's donations will be used by Tearfund to provide clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education. This vital combination works together to prevent the spread of disease. Children are healthier, and able to go to school; parents are well enough to work their land and grow enough food to feed their family. With better health, and more ability to earn a living, men and women discover the potential that lies within them to bring transformation. Family by family, community by community, nation by nation, we are flushing away poverty.

CCY Summer all-age programme "AT THE BEACH" will run from July 5 through September 6 in the West Hall. Parent volunteers are needed so leaders can take a break over the summer— see information on p. 5.

A 6-part series "The 6 Most Important Decisions" from May 3- June 14th was held for the Teens. Jill had a good response from parents and teens, and secured a co-leader for each of the weeks.

Bible Study had resumed at the Manse, and with a break in May, it continued through mid- June. A special 2 part series "In Search of Peter" schedule for Sept 23/30. St. Paul's and St Mary's will be invited.

The Church Family Picnic was held on June 14th at Chaplin Bay, and a very good time was had by all— many thanks as always to David Thompson for all his efforts!



WORSHIP MINISTRY REPORT

The newly separated Worship Ministry met for the first time on 7 May and is currently reviewing worship arrangements up until the end of the year, as well as considering what its remit might be. It met again on 23 June and, following that meeting, will submit a draft remit to the Kirk Session for approval, along with recommendations for worship arrangements to the end of the year. Meantime, however, the Ministry would propose that on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, there be only one service at 10.45am.

The members of the Worship Ministry team are:

Rev Derek Lawson, Convener ad interim; Alan Cameron; Cindy Campbell; Ron Campbell; Rod Ferguson (to be confirmed); Jeane Nikolai; Val Protheroe; Sophie Wightman; and Dale Young.

Any Elder wishing to join the team would be welcome.

Derek G Lawson

**Bermuda Overseas Mission
Malawi Project**

Bingo & BBQ

Saturday, 11th July 2015

6.00 - 9.00pm Christ Church, Warwick

Meet your friends and bring the whole family!
Dozens of awesome prizes, great food and fun for all

1. Reserve your Bingo cards and food order by Thursday, 9th July 2015 by emailing Michelle Fray-Morton (wfray@ibl.bm) OR Sue Reilly (suzereilly61@gmail.com)
2. Doors will open at 5.45pm
3. Dessert Bake Sale will be available for purchase

BOM Malawi Project Bingo and BBQ Reservation Form
To be returned by Thursday, 9th July 2015

Family name : _____

Number of Participants: _____

of Bingo cards required : _____ x \$5 = _____

Beef Hamburger Meal : _____ x \$15 = _____

Beef Hot Dog Meal : _____ x \$15 = _____

Veggie Burger Meal : _____ x \$15 = _____

Six piece Chicken Nugget Meal : _____ x \$12 = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

All meals include French fries, coleslaw, corn on the cob and a beverage.

Fellowship Report

A very successful Seniors' afternoon tea was held on Friday April 10th, with close to forty people enjoying the refreshments and sing-along, accompanied by Val Protheroe. This was a huge increase in numbers compared to our usual average of twenty people. Once again, residents from the Lorraine Rest Home attended, along with many friends of members of the congregation. Many thanks to the committee for providing the refreshments, decorating, serving and clearing up.

At our meeting on Sunday, June 7th, we will discussed our menu for the MAD Group's evening on June 27th, as well as a Safari Supper and 90th birthday celebration. Because of Coral Dakin's work and travel schedule, we have not pursued the Safari Supper, but will probably hold this in the Fall. There are four people on the database who will celebrate their milestone 90th birthday this year; two have already been approached and agreed to have the function in their honour. The other two will be contacted shortly. The four are: Marishcal Astwood, George Chamberlain, Pam Darrell and Nancy Valentine.

The Welcome Guild continues to "perk" along under the guidance of Sue Garland. Many thanks to the members of that committee who provide baked goodies, coffee and tea – and in the summer lemonade and iced tea. Sue is always looking for more help on this committee.

Our June meeting was the last for the summer, unless something unforeseen crops up.

Once again, my sincere thanks to the ministry members – Anna Summers (vice-convener), John Barnett, Sue Black, Sue Garland (Welcome Guild), 'Neil' Kempe, Gina Lord, Irene Vosper, Jennifer Young. As always, more members would be very welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Parker, Ministry Convener

Loads of Love

We are busy in both laundry and breakfast areas, and seeing new faces, mostly for breakfast. As always, the clients are very appreciative.

We are also blessed as Bermuda Gas & Utility has donated a new washing machine, and it's up and running. Yeah !!!

We are so grateful for another donation of \$1000.00, from an anonymous donor, 12 containers of laundry detergent from Calvary Gospel Ministries, bread, juice & yoghurt from Lindo's, and cereal, scrambled eggs & body wash from Daily Bread.

We now need men's clothes, small medium & large, jeans, T shirts, golf shirts, underwear. NO dress clothes or socks, please.

Please call me if you can help at 236 0915, or, cloud9@northrock.bm

Thank you,

Pat Lang.

BERMUDA OVERSEAS MISSIONS

I am pleased to say the trip plans are coming together as 32 volunteers prepare to leave for Mulanje, Malawi on the 24th July 2015. Of this number we have 20 students from all across Bermuda.

Habitat for Humanity, Malawi has informed us that we will be helping in their Orphan and Vulnerable Children programme in Mulanje (southern part of Malawi). Due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic (11% of the adult population infected in 2010) and high levels of poverty and other social challenges such as food insecurity, is the main threat that has subjected many households to loss of sustainable livelihoods and incomes. The last report put 1,400,000 orphans (2010) in the country. Habitat for Humanity has dedicated themselves to providing decent shelter for the families in this area. Since they established themselves in Malawi in 1986 they have constructed homes for more than 11,000 families. Family dwelling units consist of simple structure usually around 3 rooms for a family of 4 – 7, or 4 rooms for a family of 8 or more in size and cost approximately 4,500 per house to construct (total inputs plus volunteer labour). In addition Habitat for Humanity runs programmes of education and training to help these families to survive. Vocational training is being offered to the families as well as will writing. In this part of the world it is quite common to see the children thrown out into the streets, should their parents pass away. Without a Will to protect the family the house will be given to an adult male relative who will kick out the other family members and keep the house themselves.



We are very excited to be part of this programme and look forward to sharing our stories on our return.

The fundraising has gone very well so far. The fish fry sold just under 700 dinners and the two roti sales were very successful. Since then you may have seen tag sellers at the various supermarkets around the island.

On the 19th July 2015 we will hold a dedication service at 10 a.m. at Christ Church to honour the participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- BOM Tag Day 2nd July 2015 at Clarien Bank, Reid street
- BOM Malawi Project Bingo and BBQ Night at Christ Church, July 11th from 6-9 P.M.
- BOM Malawi Dedication service at 10 a.m. on 19th July 2015 Christ Church.
- BOM Malawi team depart for Malawi at 10 a.m. 24th July from Bermuda airport.
- BOM Malawi Team return to Bermuda at 8.30p.m. on 10th August 2015



OUTREACH REPORT

Outreach held a sandwich and salad lunch on Sunday 31st May to raise money for the school uniform programme, through Family Centre. We raised just over \$600 and with the \$742 from the soup and salad luncheon held on 1st March we will be about \$800 shy of our goal of \$2,100 for supporting the school uniform programme. However a donor has advised me that they are willing to contribute the balance of funds required to meet our goal.

We assisted Lorraine Rest Home tag day held on 20th May and the total raised exceeded \$2700.

Outreach supported BOM with the annual fish fry on the 22nd May. Despite some hurdles like the extractor fan breaking in the kitchen we still managed to sell nearly 700 dinners, which grossed \$13,680 plus another \$1,200 in donations. The costs are now coming in so we expect to net around \$12,000. The proceeds are to be used to help cover student trip costs as well as purchase of building tools and materials in Malawi.

Following the April earthquake in Nepal, we asked for collections to help with the relief efforts. We managed to collect over \$2,500 for this cause. The funds were donated to a local charity – Adara Group who have been working in Nepal for the past 17 years. Pamela Barit Nolan, representing Adara Group, came to the Church on 31st May and presented on their work in Nepal and how the funds we donated would be used.

We still collect the food donated each week, which in turn is collected by the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families in Warwick. This is in addition to the spaghetti Sunday each month.

BOM are getting ready for their trip to Malawi and will depart on the 24th July. There is a dedication service at Christ church for volunteers and their families on the 19th July at the 10 a.m. service.

We assisted in procuring a new washing machine for Loads of Love, donated by Bermuda Gas.

Outreach also supported the CCY Picnic on the 14th of June, and helped make food for the 27th June's MAD Island Song Night, in order to help raise money for the church restoration fund.

Future activities include:

- In discussions with Midge Oliver (Care) to setup a procedure to review and assist people who come to the church looking for financial support. There needs to be a procedure in place to handle and vet the requests and then some fund raising to support the properly vetted requests.
- Bingo Night postponed from 20th June.

David Thompson

CARE MINISTRY

The Care Ministry Team continues to look after our Members in time of need when they require help. We have recently been helping those from Westmeath to Church who are unable to drive and they thoroughly enjoy the Service and meeting new people. If you know of anybody who would like transportation, please contact any Member of the Care Ministry team.

There was a presentation on Dementia given by Sharon Swan from Westmeath on June 6th in the Thorburn Hall. There has been a lot of talk on this issue so if you were unable to attend, we would be happy to give you a copy of the presentation.

Jenny Tufts, who kindly visited Members of the Congregation for those who were in Hospital, has been unable to do so, due to new regulations. I will try and find out what the new protocol involves. We appreciate Jenny's help over the past two years.

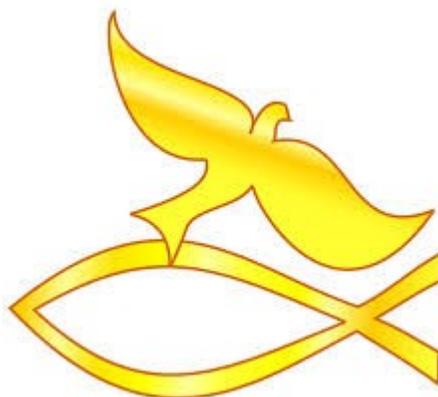
Flowers continue to be given to those members who have recently been in KEMH and are now back at home recovering from their surgery. We truly appreciate members of the Church who donate the flowers and those who receive them are delighted to have them.

Ministry Contact numbers are:

Midge Oliver	236-4736
Doug Frith	236-2515
Jenny Tufts	238-1218
Norma Latham	236-1932
Pam Leibowitch	236-3648
Betsey Mowbray	292-4575
Pat Lyn	232-1657

We always appreciate those who continue to donate flowers, which are then distributed to members in the Congregation. It will often brighten up their day!

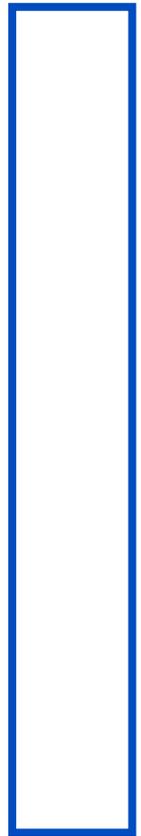
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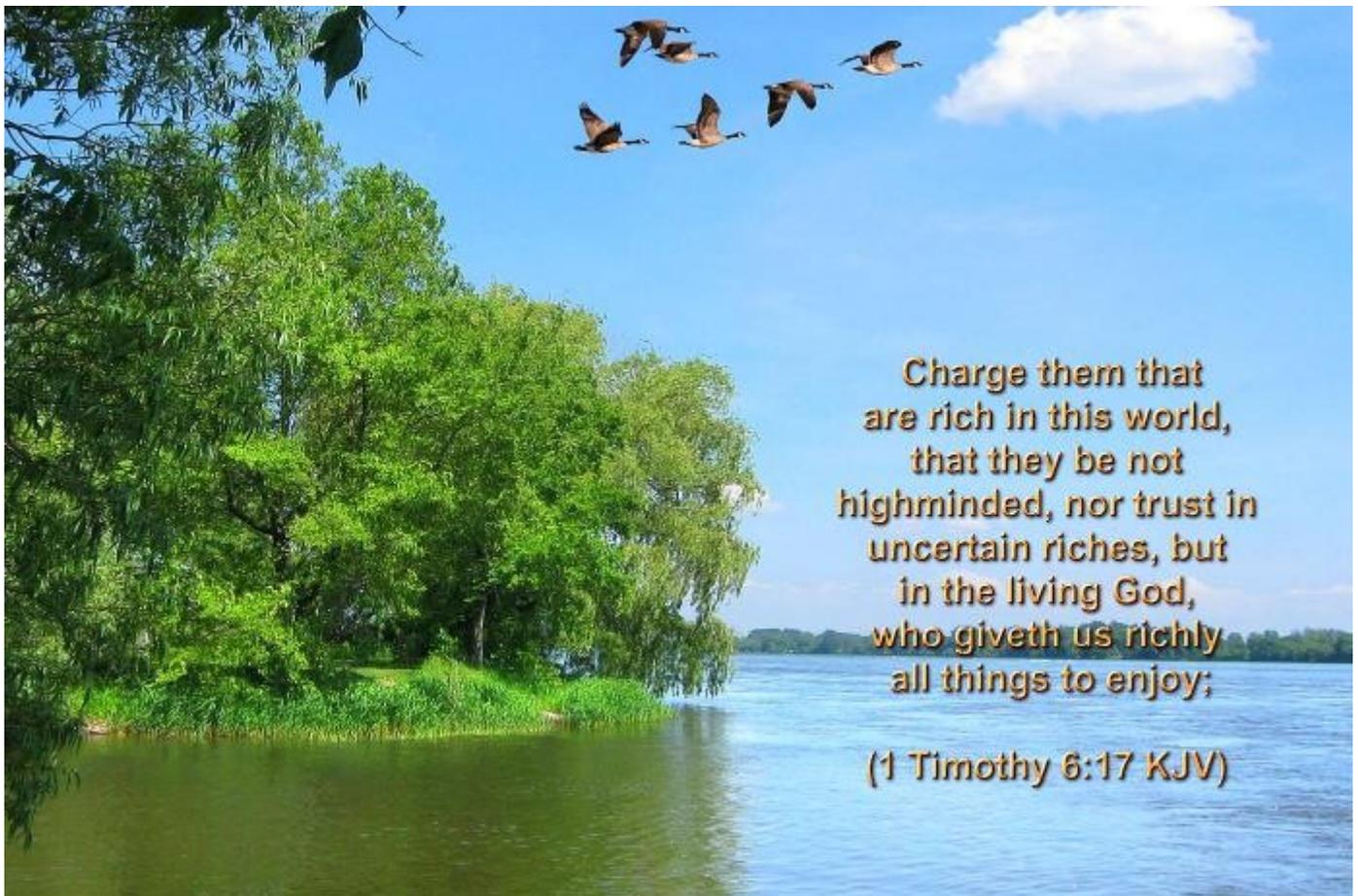
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Charge them that
are rich in this world,
that they be not
highminded, nor trust in
uncertain riches, but
in the living God,
who giveth us richly
all things to enjoy;

(1 Timothy 6:17 KJV)