

“News from the Pews”

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MESSAGE FROM PEG:

Barton Stone–Mount Hope United Church

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Church Mission Statement:

The Mission of Barton Stone–Mount Hope United Church is to be the people of God, called to respond with generosity of spirit, resources, and love; for the purpose of worshipping, nurturing, educating, equipping and caring within and beyond our church community.

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When the United Church was established in 1925, the governance was based on a four court system. The courts included Pastoral Charges, Presbyteries, Conferences and General Council. This past summer the change to a three court system was approved. Therefore, as of January 1, 2019, the Church courts will be pastoral charges, regions and General Council. Consequently, 16 Regions will be established across the country.

Barton Stone-Mount Hope will become a part of Region 9. The Regional office will be located on Highway 6 in the building that has traditionally been the Hamilton Conference Office.

This location will also house the staff of regions 7 and 8 as well.

Each region created a Commission which established staffing needs for their regions and where possible, if staffing needs were similar, the regions will share costs and personnel.

The staff list is available online if you would like to “meet” those who have been selected to fulfill a number of portfolios.

The Executive Minister for regions 7, 8 & 9 is Cheryl Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa and she will oversee the staff and regional concerns of congregations.

Other changes will include the way higher courts are financed. The hope is that the new model will divide the costs of the Church more equitably between congregations across the country as there will be a national formula that all regions will share.

The changes to the structure and finances of the national church hardly seem exciting; however, these changes are just practical adjustments that reflect the real desire of the United Church to remain a viable and socially relevant denomination in the Canadian culture.

Let us pray for our church leaders and others who are working through the practical and spiritual aspects of the changes required. May they be open to the Spirit and willing to truly reflect on God’s call to the Church into the future.

NOTE: Workshop and lunch on November 4th has been cancelled. *More information can be obtained from the pulpit.*

REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF BARTON STONE-MOUNT HOPE UNITED CHURCH

Hope you are enjoying the sunshine today. Here is a brief report from Tuesday's board meeting for the newsletter.

Highlights from your Administrative Board

1. We have welcomed some artifacts from Olivet United Church. Look for them in the sanctuary, narthex and Christian Education Building.
2. Nov. 4 - Fresh Start Seminar for all following worship with lunch provided.
Nov. 17 - Fresh Start Seminar 10-3pm. Bring your own bag lunch.
These seminars will define who we are and what we need as we move into the coming years after our transition period ends June 30, 2019.
3. Sock It To Me is coming in November. Watch your bulletin and/or newsletter for further info.
4. PA Day movie for kids. "Utopia". Nov. 2/18.
5. Movie Night Friday, Nov. 9/18 7 pm "Won't You Be My Neighbour".
6. Women's Group meeting Nov. 14th.
7. Men's Group meeting Nov. 29th.
8. Christmas Bazaar - Dec. 1/18. Sign up sheet in the narthex.
9. White Gift Sunday and congregational party - Dec. 2/18.
10. Christmas Concert - Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:pm featuring the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Women's Choir and our very own BS-MH choir!

We are a busy bunch. Thanks to all. See you at church! Joanne Eagles, Board Chair.

Fundraiser Event



Thursday, November 1, 2018

Day Trip to St. Jacobs. Leaves parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and returns

approximately 5:30 p.m.. **Cost \$45.00** per person.

Contact Naomi or Barbara at phone numbers in Church Directory.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

COOPER, Marjorie Jane (nee Howard) December 08,



1923 - October 01, 2018 With great sadness, the family announces the passing of Marjorie Cooper on Monday, October 1, 2018 as a result of a fall at home. Predeceased by husband Joe Cooper in 1996 and brother Norman Howard (Anna) in 2018. Marjorie was a graduate of the Hamilton General School of Nursing (1945) and McGill

University (1947). She was a long and faithful member of Barton Stone United Church in Hamilton. Marjorie lived a long life fiercely independent and keenly astute; enjoying her family, garden and home right until the end.

Historical Hamilton Connection

Burlington Street's original name was "Industrial Road". It derives its name from its proximity to Hamilton Harbour, which used to be called Burlington Bay. After World War II, when Hamilton was at its industrial peak, Burlington Street was the address of some of the city's most prestigious manufacturing companies. In the 1950s, the Canadian head offices of Stelco, Dofasco, Firestone, International Harvester, Procter & Gamble and Westinghouse were situated on or close to Burlington Street.

On August 25, 1898, the City of Hamilton received Power from the Decew Falls Power Generating Station. This station was built using Nikola Tesla's invention of the Alternating Current system of generators, transformers and motors. The city became to be known as the "Electric City". On Victoria Avenue, just south of Burlington Street, stand the first building to receive power in 1898. On the corner of Burlington Street and Strathearne Ave, is the major Electrical transformer station that receives power from 3 sources, Niagara Falls, Decew Falls and the Pickering Nuclear Station.

Nikola Tesla Boulevard became exit No. 90 from the QEW for Burlington Street on October 22-23, 2016. At the entrance of Nikola Tesla Boulevard, there are high voltage transmission towers on either side of the road, each one stands as a monument to Nikola Tesla as they bring Electricity, to power the city.

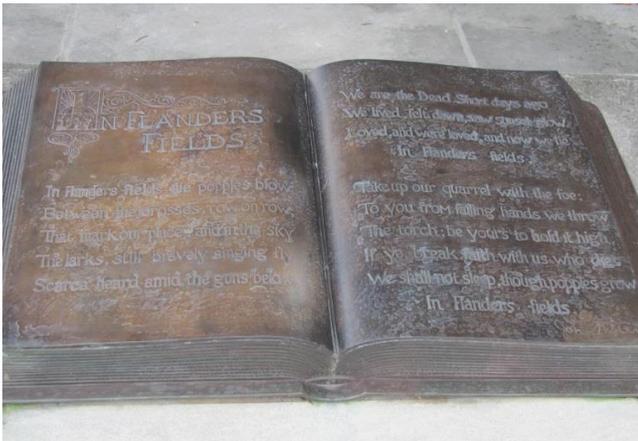
Lest We Forget



Statue of Lt. Col. John McCrae at the Guelph Civic Museum



Lest We Forget Monument at McCrae House in Guelph



In Flanders Fields engraved in stone on the Monument

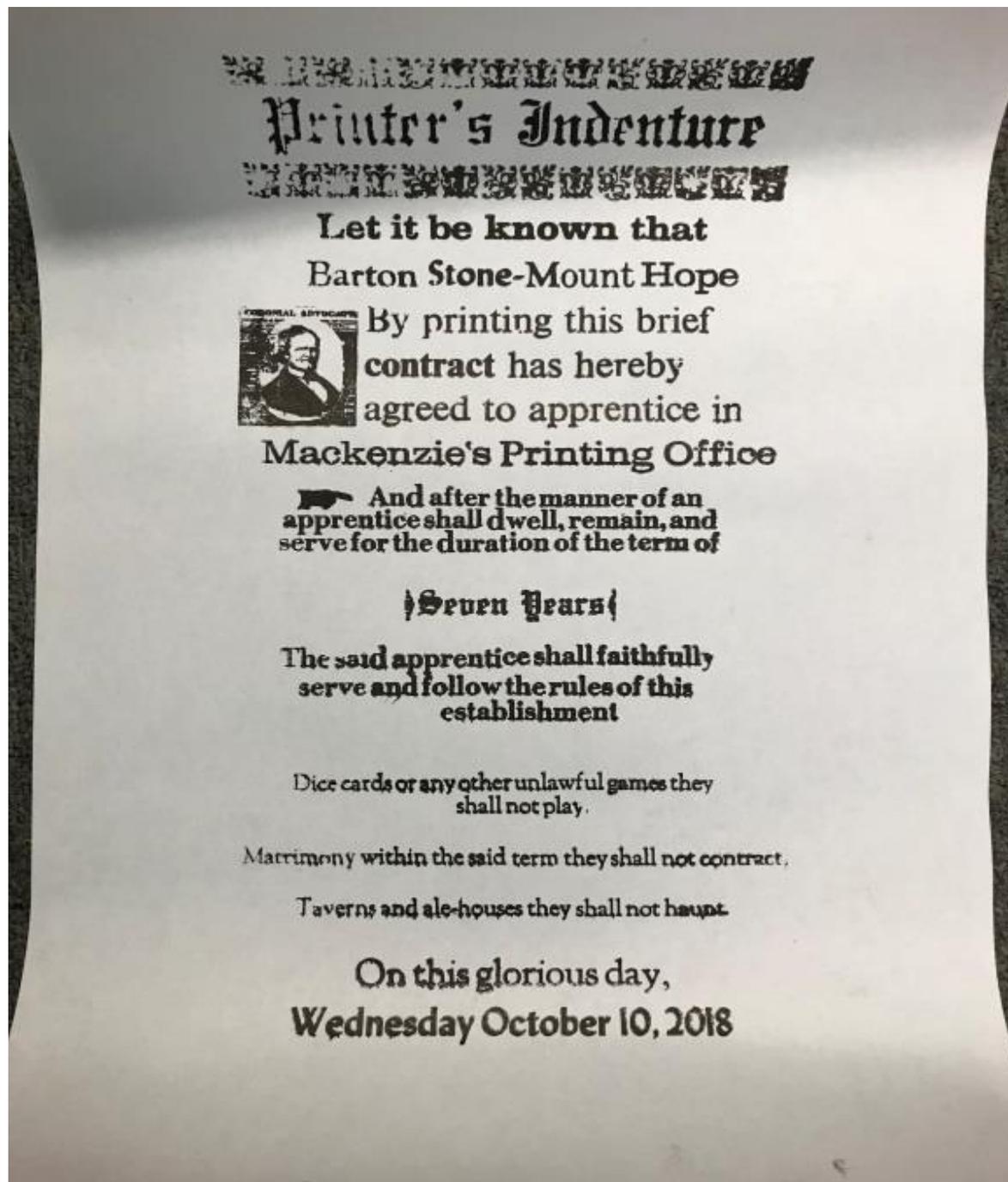
In Flanders Fields
John McCrae

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**





Recently, under the most perfect of weather conditions, the **Women's Group** enjoyed a bus trip organized by Naomi Morrow to Niagara-on-the-Lake. En route, we stopped at NEOB Lavender Farm where we learned the distilling method and properties of two kinds of lavender, as well as rose geranium, calendula and lemongrass. Many made purchases of products for such things as calming anxiety, sleep aids, treating skin conditions and insect bites and burns. In the same small shopping complex we perused an antiques and gift shop, and the Great Mountain ginseng store where we saw beautifully packaged boxes of ginseng that ranged in prices up to \$8,000. Next was lunch at our choice of restaurant in Niagara-on-the-Lake

and shopping at clothing, gift, chocolate and bake shops, as well as at Ten Thousand Villages which focuses on the sale of Fair Trade items. An interesting stop in Queenston was at the shop and printery that had belonged to William Lyon Mackenzie, grandfather of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada in the first half of the 20th century. We learned some interesting facts about William Lyon Mackenzie and had an opportunity to see a printing press from the 1700s like the one he used for the newspaper he created. We actually set the type and printed book marks and an information sheet personalized for Barton Stone-Mount Hope for the date of our visit on printing presses from the 1800s and 1900s. (Look for it posted in the narthex of the church.) Last, and certainly not least for some people, was the stop at the Chocolate FX factory and store on the way home to sample and purchase chocolate treats – a sweet ending to the day.

Next Women's Group Gathering: Wednesday, Nov. 14 – 2:00 p.m. in the parlour - details to follow

Gifts With Vision catalogues are now available. For the person who has everything, gifts in the name of someone on your list in denominations from \$10 to amounts of your choice may be purchased to support needs in Canada, Indigenous communities and around the world. For \$25 you can ‘plant’ an olive tree in Palestinian territory to replace a tree that has been uprooted. Or boost food security threatened by climate-change in Sub-Saharan Africa. Provide a bus pass to someone living with low or no income. Provide food, shelter and education for displaced persons. Provide a kit of pots and pans and other necessities for someone with mental health issues setting up a new home. Provide school supplies, farm tools and bursaries in the Philippines, Kenya and Zambia. Support employment training and basic job attire in a Canadian urban centre. Purchase a \$10 grocery gift card for First Nations in the far north where food is extremely expensive. For \$100 purchase a bicycle for a pastor in Zambia. Provide warm clothing for Indigenous youth, or ‘build’ a well for safe water in Congo. And the list goes on.

PHOTO QUIZ:

Any guesses as to the photo? If you know, let the editor know by email or phone!.



The October photo was the John Street Turntable, Roundhouse in Toronto. Congratulations to Larry and Linda Smith,

CORRECTION: *In the September News from the Pews, the editor made an error as to who submitted the photo of Captain James Cook. The photo was submitted by Larry and Linda Smith with thanks.*

Discussion Highlights from the Nations Uniting

Sharing Circle on The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

Article 44: These rights apply equally to male and female Indigenous individuals.

Article 45: None of the rights herein may diminish or extinguish the rights that Indigenous peoples have now or may acquire in the future.

Article 46:

1. Nothing in this Declaration should be interpreted as dismembering or impairing any existing State (e.g. cannot become a separate State from Canada), or be ‘contrary to the Charter of the United Nations’. How are passports impacted? (e.g. Haudenosaunee passports?) Do Indigenous peoples need ‘Canadian’ passports to travel to other countries?

2. No one’s rights should be trampled while trying to gain the human rights of one group of people.

Canada and the United Church have now signed on to UNDRIP.

Next gathering: Mon., Oct. 22, 10:00 to noon

1652 Chiefswood Rd., Ohsweken – Possibly to view the documentary ‘First Contact’

Suggested reading: 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act by Bob Joseph

Flowers in the Church

If you would like to have flowers in the Church for any occasion, in memory, a birthday, an anniversary or just because you like flowers contact Betty Berry. Her contact information is in the Church Directory.

Church Library

There are no “written rules” for borrowing from our Library, just two requests:

1. When you borrow a book, would you please remove the blue card inside the front cover, sign your name, and place the card in the small wooden file box to the right.
2. When you return the book, please put the blue card back in the front cover and put the book back on the shelf.
3. If you have a book to donate to the library, could you please hand it to me first so I can put a borrowing envelope and blue card inside the book. Many thanks, Barb Baker.