



SmithfieldCarman

NEWS & VIEWS

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Our Churches



Smithfield



Carman

Mission Statement

On our journey through life, let us endeavour to reach out to all people with love, respect, encouraging words and thoughtful deeds.

Together we gather in community:

Caring, Sharing, Supporting and Educating one another in a worshiping family of God.

872 Smith Street, Brighton, Ontario K0K 1H0
613-475-4191

email: smithfieldunitedchurch@cogeco.net
website: www.smithfieldcarman.ca

Elevator available & wheelchair accessible

Services Sundays at 10 a.m.

September & November – Carman

October & December – Smithfield

After services on Sunday is a time of conversation. Refreshments after each service.

Supervising Minister

Pastor Ian F. Robb
613-439-8765

Worship Leader

Karen Bates
905-355-1331

Office hours

Friday 9 – 1 p.m.

Events

September

Sun. Sept. 16 Carman Commemoration Service
11 a.m. Carman location
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jamie York

Thur. Sept. 27 Applefest Ecumenical Service
Brighton Community Centre 7 p.m.
Hosted by St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Sat. Sept. 29 Carman Applefest (Booth 64)
Apple pies & homemade bread

October

Sun. Oct. 7 Worldwide Communion

November

Sun. Nov. 11 Remembrance Day

Sun. Nov. 25 Reign of Christ

December

Sun. Dec. 2 Advent 1, (Mitten Tree)

Fri. Dec. 7 Children's Christmas Concert
at Carman Site

Sun. Dec. 9 White Gift Service
(Young People assisting)

Thu, Dec. 20 Christmas Hampers handed
out to families in need.

**Mon. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service & Communion
7:00 p.m. Smithfield Site**

Sun. Dec. 30 10.00 a.m. Smithfield Site
(Young people talk about Xmas)

Notables

Smithfield & Carman Hall Rentals available.
Call office 613-475-4491 for information.

Home baked chicken meat pies **\$4.00** each.
Available at Smithfield location.

Any items for the Christmas Hampers can
be handed in at Smithfield location. Sharon
French will be looking after the hampers
again this year. Thank you Sharon!



Past Events

Carman Corn Roast & Talent Auction
August 17th at Carman location





Corn Roast & Auction Was a great success, as you could see in the photos!

SmithfieldCarman took in \$2,705 for the auction item donated and sold.

Donations for the corn brought in \$550.

Our new auctioneer Mr. Keith Smith did a great job!

Thank you to all who made donations and helped with the corn roast and made it a great night for all that attended.



Introduction to Meditation



Meditation is one of the most powerful techniques available to improve mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being. It is practiced in all the major religions. This four session course is a clear, systematic presentation of this essential art and science.

We will introduce you to the philosophy and practice of meditation based in yoga and will teach you how to sit, breathe, awaken the energy force, develop concentration, and meditate. You can sit in a chair and don't have to perform difficult exercises. In this course you will learn all you need to know to begin practicing meditation and to continue on your own.



Suggested reading: *Meditation and Its Practice* and *The Royal Path: Practical Lessons on Yoga* by Swami Rama. (available from instructor)

Dates: Four Wednesdays, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10

Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: Carman Church Hall, 853 Carman Rd, Brighton (East off Hwy 30, north of 401)

Four sessions: \$50.00 (SmithfieldCarman Church members rate, \$25)

Instructor: Susan Craig, Director (retired) Himalayan Institute of Canada

Call (613) 475-5176 to register or email: susan@susancraig.com



'BEYOND the BELL'

Earlier this week an annual event was held at the Smithfield Church site (872 Smith Street, Brighton) of SmithfieldCarman United Churches. According to the organizer Ms. Gladys Bonin, it is named "**Beyond the Bell.**"

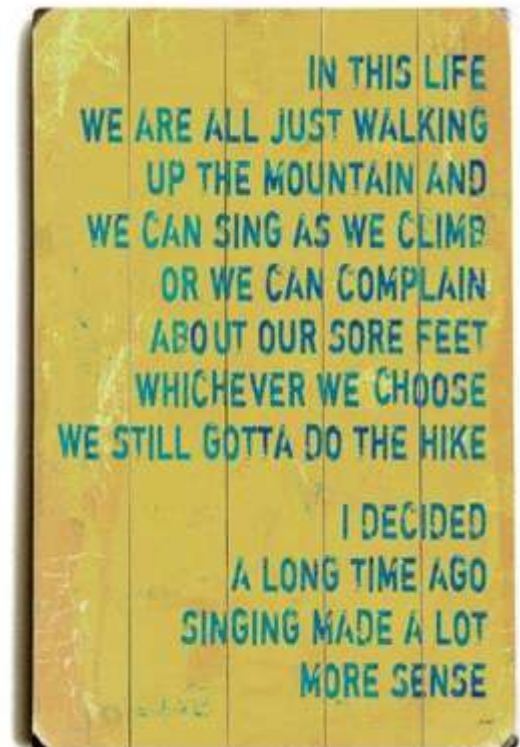
It provides an opportunity for retired teachers to socialize together and maintain contact with each other on this hallmark day... the first day the children return to classes in school.

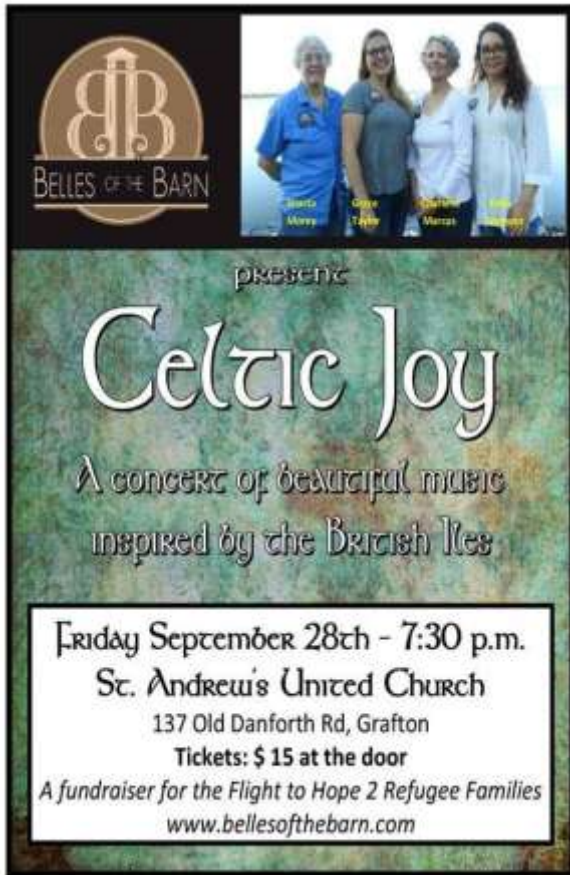
It is also time to perhaps reminisce on days gone by in the school room while having a refreshing tea/coffee and snack. The SmithfieldCarman church is delighted to offer a suitable space for this event which is so well named by and for retired teachers.

If you would like any further information on this or any other inquiry you may have about the contents of our Newsletter, please contact our Church Secretary, Susan Majury by phone or e-mail to our web site, and your questions will be directed appropriately.

SmithfieldCarman Meetings

September 12th at Carman location. Session, Stewards, Official Board will meet. Pot luck supper.





"The In Crowd"



Sleiman Mansour - "Encounter":

"Forcible separation is divisive and destructive. We can build a wall around ourselves and the rest of the world will ignore us and carry on. The only way to resolve conflict is through discussion and unbiased compromise."

Failure to achieve this has its own rewards.

For the love of poetry. . .

A Ritual to Read to Each Other

If you don't know the kind of person I am and I don't know the kind of person you are a pattern that others made may prevail in the world and following the wrong god home we may miss our star.

For there is many a small betrayal in the mind, a shrug that lets the fragile sequence break sending with shouts the horrible errors of childhood storming out to play through the broken dyke.

And as elephants parade holding each elephant's tail, but if one wanders the circus won't find the park, I call it cruel and maybe the root of all cruelty to know what occurs but not recognize the fact.

And so I appeal to a voice, to something shadowy, a remote important region in all who talk: though we could fool each other, we should consider -- lest the parade of our mutual life get lost in the dark.

For it is important that awake people be awake, or a breaking line may discourage them back to sleep; the signals we give -- yes or no, or maybe -- should be clear: the darkness around us is deep.

~ William Stafford



I want to think again of dangerous and noble things. I want to be light and frolicsome.

I want to be improbable, beautiful and afraid of nothing, as though I had wings.

~ Mary Oliver

Work and Contemplation

The woman singeth at her spinning-wheel
A pleasant chant, ballad or barcarole;
She thinketh of her song, upon the whole,
Far more than of her flax; and yet the reel
Is full, and artfully her fingers feel
With quick adjustment, provident control,
The lines—too subtly twisted to unroll—
Out to a perfect thread. I hence appeal
To the dear Christian Church--that we may do
Our Father's business in these temples mirk,
Thus swift and steadfast, thus intent and strong;
While thus, apart from toil, our souls pursue
Some high calm spheric tune, and prove our work
The better for the sweetness of our song.

~Elizabeth Barrett Browning

This is the last page of John McCain's most recent book...

"The world is a fine place and worth the fighting for, and I hate very much to leave it, spoke my hero, Robert Jordan in "For Whom the Bell Tolls". And I do, too. I hate to leave it. But I don't have a complaint. Not one. It's been quite a ride. I've known great passions, seen amazing wonders, fought in a war, and helped make a piece. I've lived very well and I've been deprived of all comforts. I've been as lonely as a person can be and I've enjoyed the Company of Heroes. I've suffered the deepest Despair and experienced the highest exultation. I made a small place for myself and the history of my times.

I leave behind a loving wife, who is devoted to protect The world's most vulnerable, and seven great kids. I wish I had spent more time in their company. But I know they too will go on to make their time count, and be a useful service to their beliefs, and to their fellow human beings. Their love for me and mine for them is the last strength I have.

What an ingrate I would be to curse the Fate that concludes the blessed life I've led. I prefer to give thanks. The Bell Tolls for me. I knew it would. So I tried, as best I could, to stay "a part of the main". I hope those who mourn my passing, and even those who

don't... will celebrate as I celebrate to a country made of ideals, whose continued success is the hope of the world.

And I wish all of you, Great Adventures, good company and lives as lucky as mine.

Jokes of the Day

- It was Oscar Wilde who said: "I am not young enough to know everything."
- "A diplomat is a man who always remembers his wife's birthday but never remembers her age."
- "We don't drink and drive. Our kids always have the car"
- "Every time I try to take out a new lease on life, the landlord raises the rent."
- We all remember that great pop musician, John Lennon. It was he who coined these words: "Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans."

Our Service Time



**Please come out and
join our worship service!**

*Thank you to Pastor Ian Robb & Susan Craig
for all their contributions to this newsletter.*

*Any suggestions for our next issue, please hand
your ideas into the office. We will be
publishing a newsletter on a monthly basis.*