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Teddies For Comfort Calling All Knitters!

A Tisket, A Tasket. We have Teddies in a Basket!

Sandy Grimwood and Janet McKenna would like to introduce you to their little friend **"Westie"** and his siblings, also named "Westie."

They are announcing the start of a new program called **"Teddies For**

Comfort". Westie and his siblings will be going out into the community to provide comfort where needed. Perhaps it will be through the Police Services or Firefighters or Nursing Homes or the Hospital - anywhere there is a need. So, we are calling on all knitters to help by volunteering your time and yarn if you have some. This pattern is fairly easy to follow.

We will begin by meeting at the Church on Wed. April 19th from 10:00 – 11:00 am for knitting and coffee.

Those of you at home who would like to help but can't make it to the Church, then please contact Sandy or Janet and we will get the pattern to you.

Can't knit you say? Then we will also need help with purchasing supplies such as yarn and stuffing.

We have copies of the pattern for you and can answer any questions you might have. A special thank you to Kathy Gaskin, Jane Cooper Sandra Ridsdale, Cheryl Amy and Janice Hamill for their enthusiastic support.

Looking forward to meeting with you and sharing this new project. See you on the 19th and the coffee and tea will be ready!

For more info., please contact Sandy Grimwood at 519-621-7903 or by email at sandygrim@hotmail.com or contact Janet McKenna at 519-740-7945 or by email at cent57@hotmail.com.



<u>PLEASE PRAY</u> for Glen and Jane Christensen, Shawn Hass, Nadine Mahaffy, Eva Buchaupt, Dale O'Connor, Jean Andrews, Don McLeod, Bob and Sandy Allen, Shirley Gilmour and Rev. Brian Jung and family. Please forward prayer requests to Mardie Crosby at 519-219-0783 or at rcmk@rogers.com.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday - April 16

Westside is so blessed to have so

m a n y wonderful volunteers who give of



their time and talent!

We would like to say "Thank You" by celebrating w i t h c a k e a n d refreshments **right after the service on Sunday, April 16th!**



1 - Lois Morrison

- 2 Rick Devries
- 4 Rob Hope
- 8 Bruce Morrison
- 16 Helen Weir
- 23 Sandy Allen
- 25 Bob Allen
- 26 Maryanne Homeniuk 28 - Gabriel McLay



3 - Brad & Tina Krulicki 14 - Rick & Pam Thomas

If you can help with Coffee Hour or donate cookies,



please see Linda Perriman.



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A BRIEF UPDATE FROM YOUR BUILDING COMMITTEE



As I put pen to paper for this Building Committee Update, I reflected upon Danny Franks devotional (Missing The Mission) which we distributed to the congregation quite some months ago. It reminded me that a congregation should not get too comfortable in its own pews, but should make every effort to reach out to those within its community with whatever resources it has at its disposable.

While Covid brought many unexpected challenges and delays to our project, which at times seemed unsurmountable, God intervened and made what seemed impossible, possible. Proverbs 16:9 reminded me that He knew what was needed and the plans we had only came about according to His time and His will. Proverbs 16:9 "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps".

Upon further reflection, I remembered a short story I heard recently about our newly retired Senator Mark Hatfield, who spoke about a trip he had made to Calcutta to observe the work of Mother Teresa, ministering to the poor and the sick. He quickly assessed the magnitude of the problems she faced and the the limited size of the resources available. "Mother" he asked, " don't you get discouraged when you see the magnitude of the poverty and realize how little you can really do?" She answered, "my dear Senator, God did not call me to be successful, **He called me to be faithful**." How profound.





God isn't calling us a Westside to be successful, He is simply calling us to be faithful and trust him for the outcome. To that point, the apostle Peter is another good example for us to consider. Peter was totally unqualified to lead the early church — uneducated, impulsive and with limited relevant experience. In fact, most HR managers would have tossed Peter's resume into the waste basket, but Jesus chose Peter anyway. What Peter had to offer was not his skill set, but his passion and availability. He wasn't called to

be successful - just faithful. With the two above mentioned examples in mind, let us remain faithful and continue to pray and support our building project to its completion.

WHAT WE EXPECT TO SEE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Removal of the North cement wall in the kitchen, and a steel beam installed
- Removal of the North cement wall in the former secretary's office, and a beam installed
- The addition framed in
- Removal of the excess earth presently on the two lots at 172 Forest Rd.
- Building of a new retaining wall at the end of the upper parking lot

Once the above mentioned is complete, the inside work can begin. More information to come as we push forward.

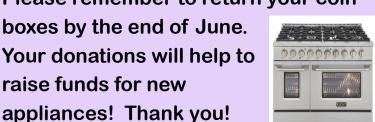
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SEE ZAC THOMAS OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.