



# WESTSIDE'S STORY

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In Loving  
Memory  
*Raye Pinnell*  
Aug. 28, 1941 -  
Nov. 7, 2022

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Pinnell family. The family have invited the Westside family to attend a *Meet and Greet on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Westside Church to say goodbye to Raye and to meet her family.*



### mark your calendar!

Sun. Nov. 27 - Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am at Golden Harvest Restaurant

Sun. Nov. 27 - Advent 1

Sat. Dec. 24 - Westside Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm

Sun. Dec. 25 - Please note - there will be no Christmas Day Service

### Westside Pulpit Supply

Nov. 13  
Rev. Angus Sutherland

Nov. 20  
Rev. Karen Kovats

Nov. 27  
Rev. Angus Sutherland

Dec. 4  
Rev. Karen Kovats

Dec. 11  
Rev. Mark Gedcke

Dec. 18  
Rev. Angus Sutherland

Dec. 24 - 7 pm  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

Dec. 25  
No In Sanctuary Service

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 - Harry Homeniuk
- 10 - Kim Shrubbsall
- 18 - Emma Krulicki
- 25 - Kathy Gaskin



Just a reminder to all organizers of events at Westside to please book your event through Jan in the church office so she can add all events to the church calendar.



Please pray for Glen and Jane Christensen, Shawn Hass, Nadine Mahaffy, Eva Buchaupt, Dale O'Connor, Sandy Allen and Jean Andrews. Please forward prayer requests to Mardie Crosby at 519-219-0783 or at [rcmk@rogers.com](mailto:rcmk@rogers.com).

WESTSIDE CHURCH  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
*Candlelight Service*

**SAT. DEC. 24**  
**7 PM**  
**CAROLS - CHOIR**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**



Dec. 18  
Jim & Dale O'Connor

**Men's Breakfast Fellowship**

Sun. Nov. 27  
8:30 am  
Golden Harvest  
Diner, 2492  
Cedar Creek  
Rd. Ayr.

## Important Westside Church Expansion Update

Over the next few months, you are going to see many updates about the expansion project and things that have to change as a result of that project. My interest in this activity is the access to the building and usage of various rooms.



### Changes re Parking & Access to Church



Since the expansion is primarily along the north side of our Church, ie: the minister's office, the church office, the cloak room, parts of the kitchen, and the board room, **there is presently no access to the Church from the north paved parking lot (off of Osbourne St.)**

### Effective immediately, the main and only entrance to the Church will be the south (glass) doors .

I just came from a meeting, and they want to start digging by the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. This is going to create some issues for those that have difficulty with stairs. For this we are truly sorry, but remember the major reason for this construction is accessibility.

### Attention key-holders: The Security System key-pad has been moved to the wall across from the bulletin board close to the south glass doors.

More dates of activity will be relayed as soon as we get them. The Building Committee thanks everyone for their patience with this effort. Please forward any questions to George Spall, Convenor, Westside Board of Managers, at 905-809-7073 or at [georgesrailfan@rogers.com](mailto:georgesrailfan@rogers.com).



## Preach for the Call Follow Up

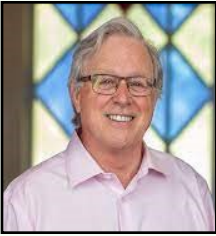
### From: Rev. Megan Penfold, Interim Moderator

As you know, on Sunday November 6 Westside had a candidate preach for the call. **Dongwon Brian Jung** led the congregation in a very moving worship service on the theme of the importance of faith in our lives.

Following the service, **96% of those in attendance voted in favour of calling Brian to become the new minister of Westside.** This is an exciting time in the life of your congregation! It is also an exciting time for Brian and his family!



You may be wondering what happens next. Over the next week the elders will be making contact with all communicant members who were not present and asking them if they wish to support the call. Their signatures will be collected. Once this process is completed the call documents and supporting signatures will be passed on to the Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington for approval at an upcoming meeting. Representatives from your congregation, Zac Thomas and Dale O'Connor (co-Convenors of the Search Committee) will speak in favour of the call. Once the call is approved by our presbytery it is sent to Brian's presbytery for approval as well. Then, Brian can be inducted as the minister at Westside. While there are still a few steps to take place, the ball is rolling and things are well under way! Continue to pray for the process to go smoothly as we complete these next steps in bringing Brian and Westside together. As always, if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Rev. Megan at [penfolder79@gmail.com](mailto:penfolder79@gmail.com) or 226-899-1250.



To: The Westside Family  
 From: Rev. Mark Gaskin  
 Date: October 18, 2022

Dear Friends,

It was not easy to retire as your minister earlier this year – to say good-bye to people who had been so important to me these past ten years. I am sure that is one reason it has taken me so long (too long, I think) to write this thank you letter – knowing I was signing it as your former pastor.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to celebrate the conclusion of my ministry with immediate family members, extended family, and many good friends. Thank you so much for the kind gifts we received at my “Farewell.” Some were practical, some were funny, some were touching – and they were all offered with the compassion and care I have come to expect from the leadership and the people at Westside. Thank you for the many kind words and best wishes that were shared at my Farewell – and others spoken to me in my last days and weeks. It was heartening to know how much my time with you was appreciated.

As one who poured energy, time, and emotion into the life of this congregation, I know Westside will remain a healthy and strong community. And I know you will welcome your next minister with the same warmth and love that enveloped Kathy, Eden & Edward & Bennett & Georgia, Oliver, Tara & Jason & Rory, and myself as each of us arrived and were welcomed into the Westside Family.

Kathy and I have received many blessings from Westside – and we look forward to our new relationship.

Grace and Peace,  
*Mark* (former pastor)

## Calling All Knitters!

### Westside's Knitting Box

will be located in the hallway to receive knitted articles which will be delivered to the Firefighter's Christmas Basket Fund and the Food Bank

for distribution before Christmas.

Thank you for supporting this Mission outreach.



### Pastoral Care Contact

Westside's Interim Moderator Rev. Megan Penfold is the minister at Doon Presbyterian in Kitchener. Since January 2022 she has been serving as the Interim Moderator for Westside. Megan can be reached at 226-899-1250 or at [penfolder79@gmail.com](mailto:penfolder79@gmail.com).

Westside wants to respect the privacy of those attending worship in person as much as possible, while live streaming our services. Please remember our services are broadcasted, recorded and made publicly available.

Photos taken may appear on Westside's website. Please let the office or Dale O'Connor know if you have any objections.



  
**SEND  
 GOOD NEWS  
 AND  
 GREAT JOY**

PACK A SHOEBOX

**Thank you for  
 your support!**

**Thank you to all  
 who participated!**



220 pounds of food products were donated by Westside for the Food Bank and \$190.00 was received on Oct. 2 for the Food Bank from our “Second Offering”. Also, \$378.00 was received in loose change for our “Change for A Child”! Thank you!