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As the Tree Falls

Almost a hundred years ago, Bishop William F. Pendleton wrote a series of articles that appeared in *New Church Life* under the heading of "Topics from the Writings." These short pieces were compiled into a book and published under the same title in 1928. The following article relating to the nature of a person's life being fixed while on earth was included:

"It is a common saying, 'As the tree fall, so shall it lie.' The original statement is found in Ecclesiastes (11:3), 'In the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.' Solomon derived his wisdom from the ancients (AC 5223), by whom truths were expressed in correspondences.

"By a 'tree' they meant a person and by a tree remaining where it fell, they understood that a person's life cannot be changed after death. The general meaning of the saying has been handed down to the present time. But particulars are wanting, which are given in the Writings in the following and similar passages:

"It is according to order that everyone carries along with him his life which he had lived in the world, and that his state in the other life is according to it. The Lord's mercy flows in with all . . . but it is rejected by the evil; and since they have imbued evil in the world, they retain it in the other life; nor is amendment possible there, for the tree lies where it has fallen.' (AC7186)

"Every one's life remains with him after death; such as a man is when he dies, such he continues to be, according to the common saying, 'Where the tree falls, there it lies.' (AC 8991)

"He who is in evil in the world is in evil after his departure out of the world; wherefore, if evil is not removed in the world, it cannot be removed afterward. Where the tree falls, there it lies." (DP 277)

"A fuller explanation than elsewhere is given in the Spiritual Diary Minor, 4645, 4646, where it is shown that the common saying does not mean that he who is in good cannot be perfected in the other life, for he grows continually, but upon the basis of the life that had been acquired in the world. It is only with the evil that there is no progression after death. Thus the same law, but with a difference in result, applies to both the evil and the good."

Another passage not selected by Bishop Pendleton for elaboration on this subject related to the spiritual midwifery. The natural life is as a midwife to spiritual life.

"It is always the case with the things of spiritual birth that their reception must be wholly in the natural; and this is the reason why when a person is being regenerated, the natural is first prepared to receive; and insofar as this is made receptive, so far interior truths and goods can be brought forth and multiplied. This is also the reason why if during the bodily life the natural man has not been prepared to receive the truths and goods of faith, he cannot receive them in the other life, consequently cannot be saved. This is what is meant by the common saying that as the tree falls, so it lies; or as man dies, such he will be. For man has with him in the other life all his natural memory, or that of his external man (although not there permitted to use it, n. 2469-2494), so that it is there as a foundation plane, into which interior truths and goods fall; and if this plane is not a

receptacle of the goods and truths which flow in from within, these interior goods and truths are either extinguished, or perverted, or rejected. From all this it is evident that the natural is like a midwife.” (AC 4588)

We entertain this subject as we consider the Lord’s Providence in giving us every opportunity to live the life that leads to heaven. The Lord will not allow our lives to be “cut short” if in so doing He had not given us the opportunity to build up enough remains from Him to bring us into heaven. As we consider the lives ended through accidents and terrorism, it brings solace to know each life has received what is necessary to allow the person to make heaven their eternal home after leaving this world.

Rev. Michael Cowley

From the Pastor

June includes many end-of-year activities and New Church Day festivities!

Family Fun Fair Please look over the notices elsewhere in the Chatterbox for details about this fun event on June 8, from 5 to 8 pm. We look forward to a delightful time celebrating the 125th anniversary of the “Olivet Day School.”

Olivet School closing exercises. Please join students, parents, faculty, and friends for Olivet School closing exercises. Please join us for our chapel service at 11:30 am on Friday June 15.

New Church Day Pageant and Picnic. We celebrate New Church Day on Sunday, June 17, with a special worship service followed by a picnic on the lawn. As is often the case, this Sunday also happens to be Father’s Day, so come spend a special day honouring both natural and spiritual fatherhood.

The end of the month will see the pastors travel south to attend clergy meetings during the last week of June.

Michael

From the Assistant to the Pastor

Every year, as June draws closer, the celebration of New Church Day and the performance of the Olivet New Church Day Pageant begin to loom large in my mind. The pageant is one of my favorite worship services. Yes, it’s more work than most other services, but you get out what you put in. During the years I’ve been here a lot of people have put a lot into our pageants, and the results have been—I think—beautiful. The stories and promises that we revisit with every pageant continue to inspire me with a quiet thrill of hope. I wish for you the same experience.

If you would like to be a part of this year’s pageant, you are most welcome! Please see Justine’s note further on in this issue for more details, or you can simply speak to her directly.

I’ll be away a fair bit in June: I’ll be preaching in Ottawa on the 10th, and then I’ll be in Bryn Athyn for the clergy meetings from the 22nd to the 29th.

May the Lord’s presence brighten and cheer your spirit as we prepare to celebrate the birth of His church.

Rev. Jared Buss

From the Principal

The May Musical traditionally marks the “winding down” portion of the school year. Time has flown! Our musical this year, on May 16, was a treat for all who attended. The opening act was the Playschool and the Kindergarten, who sang with enthusiasm. The main show was *Oh Jonah*. Thanks to our music teacher, Rachel Hasen, and her volunteer assistant, Justine Buss, the willing and able hands of the faculty, and hard work from the students, the stage looked amazing and the performances, were “through the roof” excellent. During a couple of the prayer solos, there was barely a dry eye in the house! Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I am happy to share some photos with you. These were taken at the dress rehearsal earlier that day.

Gabriele Pulpan



1. Waking Jonah so he can continue his task.



2. The sailors don't anticipate a storm!



5. Will the Lord give Jonah another chance?



3. The chorus provided the perfect backup vocals.



4. Jonah is being swallowed!

Children's Gift Program

Every June 19th, the Olivet Church remembers the church's birthday. This year, at the end of the June 17th church service, all children from infancy through Grade 8 will receive a special gift from the Olivet Church to recognize this significant event.

Please contact Jan(et) Parker (najpark@hotmail.com or 647-504-3137) or Sara Gatti (sara.gatti@olivetnewchurch.org or 416-236-0190) if you and your child(ren) plan to attend. Also, if you are aware of any visiting children, please reach out, so no child is missed. Please plan to attend this special occasion.

Olivet's New Church Day Pageant

Sunday, June 17th at 10:30 AM

During the regularly scheduled church service

Call for pageant volunteers:

For special events like this to happen, we need volunteers! If you are interested in:

- Costuming;
- Performing;
- Creating set or prop pieces; and/or
- Childcare (for the director's kiddos)

then please email or call Justine Buss at justinebbuss@gmail.com (or call 647-745-2111). Please note that performers and costumers will need to be available from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 16th for rehearsal, so check your schedules before volunteering. ☺

Thank you for helping us celebrate the New Church's birthday in such a fun and powerful way. We hope you're looking forward to this event as much as our three-year-old has been for the past year. Happy New Church Day!

Justine Buss

Fun Fair!

Most exciting news! We are moving along in our plans to have a 125th Anniversary Fun Fair that church members and school parents will enjoy and talk about for years to come! We have enjoyed the September "alumni BBQ" for last several years, and this promises to be even more fun.

Join us for a **magic show, artistic activities, skill-testing games, delicious food**, and much more, on Friday, June 8, from 5 to 8 pm.

Nominations are open for the Kathleen McClure Fountain Memorial Award!

This monetary award is designed to remember Kathleen McClure Fountain's love of children, respect for education, and sense of service freely given, as well as to inspire the best in every student.

Do you know someone in Grade 5, 6, 8, or 12 who exemplifies these characteristics? If so, please send in your nomination as soon as possible. Please email caroline.horigan@gmail.com to nominate a student or to ask any questions.

(Note: Nominees do not have to be currently/previously enrolled in Olivet School.)

Condolences

Evelyn (Barber) Romero passed into the spiritual world on Sunday, April 29th. She was sister to Don Barber, Kay Longstaff, and Lorna Woodall. A memorial service will be held on June 2nd at 2:00 pm at Olivet.

~ June 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Canadian Achievement Tests - Gr. 2 & Up (June 1-8) 8p Hunger for Healing NA	2 2p Memorial Service for Evelyn (Barber) Romero
3 10:30a Worship (JJB)	4 Canadian Achievement Tests - Gr. 2 & Up (June 1-8)	5 Canadian Achievement Tests - Gr. 2 & Up (June 1-8) 7p Closed AA Mtg	6 Canadian Achievement Tests - Gr. 2 & Up (June 1-8) 7p Sons'	7 Canadian Achievement Tests - Gr. 2 & Up (June 1-8) 10a Last Arcana Class (2 Lorraine Gardens) 8:30p Open AA Mtg	8 Canadian Achievement Tests - Gr. 2 & Up (June 1-8) 8:30a Grade 3&4 Field Trip 5p Family Fun Fair - 125th Anniversary Celebration 8p Hunger for Healing NA	9
10 10:30a Worship (MKC) 12p Sunday School Pizza, Crafts, and Bowling	11 9a Last Tots' Time Class 7p Pastor's Council (The Manse)	12 7p Closed AA Mtg	13 6:30p Social Supper & Doctrinal Class (MKC)	14 Field Trip (JK-6) 8:30p Open AA Mtg	15 Chatterbox Deadline 10a Teddy Bear Picnic for Playschool & Tots' Time 11:30a School Closing Service 1p 1:00 pm Early Dismissal 8p Hunger for Healing NA	16 8a Chapel Reserved for Pageant Practice
17 Father's Day 10:30a NC Day Pageant (JJB) 12p New Church Day Picnic	18 7p Olivet Board Meeting	19 7p Closed AA Mtg	20 MKC out of town (Clergy Meetings)	21 MKC out of town (Clergy Meetings) 8:30p Open AA Mtg	22 JJB at Clergy Meetings MKC out of town (Clergy Meetings) 8p Hunger for Healing NA	23 MKC out of town (Clergy Meetings)
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A New Church Camp for Teens

Please join us **Sunday, July 1 – Saturday, July 7, 2018**

Held at the Ecology Retreat Centre Mono, Ontario.

(for teens who have completed at least Grade 8 and those in high school)

Theme: The Power of Words

For a **registration form** or more information please contact Stephanie Kuhl, Camp Director

Email: stephkuhl@live.ca or Phone: (519) 895-1891

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Junior Staff** \$200

Full payment is requested by June 10th.

A deposit of at least \$50 is required with registration. (\$5.00 non-refundable)

****Junior Staff** must have completed Grade 12 and attended Maple at least once before. Junior staff campers are expected to hold a leadership role and participate in specific camp activities.

Financial assistance is available. Please apply early as funds are limited. Direct your requests to the Camp Director.

Supper Volunteer Schedule

Date	Cooks	Dishwashers
June 13 – Social Supper	***Names removed from online version. Please contact the office for more information***	
June 17 – New Church Day Picnic		

June Anniversaries

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The states produced by [marriage] love are innocence, peace, tranquillity, inmost friendship, complete trust, a mutual desire of the mind and heart to do the other every good; also, as a result of all these, bliss, felicity, delight, pleasure, and...the happiness of heaven. — CL 180

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

If you are not able to come on your scheduled day, please find a sub

Date	Usher	Chancel	Organist	Sunday School 1 (PK-1)	Sunday School 2 (Gr2-4)	JOY (Gr5-8)	Greeters	Refreshments	Flowers
June 3	***Names removed from online version. Please contact the office for more information***								
June 10 Holy Supper Sunday School Pizza+Bowling Potluck									
June 15 End of School Service									
June 17 New Church Day Festivities Father's Day									
June 24									
Jul 1 Long Weekend									

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