

Forgiveness or Forbearance?

The summer months are upon us. As usual, I have a few weddings in my calendar. How grateful I am for the opportunity to witness the vows that men and women make before God, family and friends, promising to be faithful to each other, for the rest of their lives.

Sadly, we all know that many marriages do not last a lifetime. There are a multitude of reasons why relationships become broken, but I still perform each wedding ceremony with a sense of hope and

optimism, that God's grace will work in this marriage and that it will last until they are parted by death.

Many years ago I read an article in a Christian magazine which gave some advice on the marriage relationship. Among the many good things it said, there was one that appealed to me most strongly. The writer recommended that all couples learn to recognize when a situation called for forgiveness and, perhaps even more importantly, when it required forbearance.

Forgiveness is, of course, choosing not to hold on to anger when someone has wronged us. Forgiveness allows us to let go of our hurt feelings and respond to others in grace. As we live in relationship with others we must cultivate a forgiving spirit.

Forbearance is different. To me it speaks of patience with another, not because they have intentionally wronged us, but rather because they have inadvertently hurt us or let us down. When someone

makes an honest mistake, do we need to forgive or forbear?

I have come to believe that when I feel hurt or wronged the situation usually calls for forbearance rather than forgiveness. The people who are closest to me rarely, if ever, would do or say something to deliberately cause me pain. Offense happens because they make a mistake or an error in judgment. They might forget a promise or overlook one of my needs. Do I forgive? Or do I forbear?

Whatever language we choose to use to describe what happens in our hearts, the important thing to remember is that this is the way God wants us to live. Paul writes,

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love,

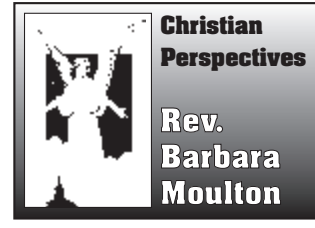
which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

If we practice this verse I think it causes us to take a s t e p b a c k , whenever someone we love has hurt us. We need to honestly ask ourselves if the offense was deliberate.

If we really think about it, we would realize that most of the times, in a healthy relationship, the offense is not deliberate. Choose to forbear.

One of my biggest frustrations with most sit-coms based on married life is that they develop whole episodes around situations w h i c h would be resolved in five minutes in my family. On the T V screen, husbands and wives are going to elaborate lengths to make up for a wrong, or conceal a wrong or blame someone else for a wrong.

It seems like the words "I'm sorry" are the last words to be considered. We will not live with another until death parts us if we allow every injury to part us. So may each of us learn to forgive and choose to forbear. And God's spirit will bless our relationship with grace and growing love.



Christian Perspectives
Rev. Barbara Moulton

Royal Canadian Legion News

By TINA MORRELL
Branch 233, Orangeville

Watch for our lineup of events - Don't miss out!

Our Barrier Free Access Campaign is ongoing and we are still accepting donations. The Barrier Free Access Committee wishes to thank Ron and Mary Simms and Lorne Lundy for their donation to the fund.

Our Handicap Access

Fundraiser on Friday June 26th. We will be having a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner will be served from 5-7pm at the cost of \$10.00 per person (eat in or take out), delivery available for Seniors. Tickets must be purchased by June 23rd. Entertainment will be provided by Jean Legendre from 6-10pm. **We are sorry that the elevator will not be up and running at

this time.** Please come out and support this worthwhile cause.

Saturday, June 27th come out and join us for our Karaoke night hosted by Shawn Lundy from 9 pm - 1am. Members and Guests welcome.

On Sunday June 28th we will have Euchre at the Legion starting at 1pm (doors open at noon) cost \$10.00. Open to the public. All moneys returned in prizes.

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Come and celebrate Canada Day at the Legion on July 1st. Branch opens at noon, official ceremonies start at 2pm. We will also have a BBQ with hot dog or hamburger and a drink for \$3.00. The Sandhill Pipe Band will be there along with fun and games and much more for the kids. Please come out and have some fun.

Lest We Forget

New Canada Post regulations said puzzling

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making access difficult and dangerous in that to reach it, especially in winter time, requires a walk for a considerable distance along the ice and snow covered gravel side road thus placing me in a dangerous situation.

My neighbour also must relocate his mailbox from its existing spot at the head of his driveway 22 feet to the east on the traveled road, in its present spot he drives to the

mail box and while still in his driveway retrieves his mail. Now he will have to drive on to the road, stop his car, exit the vehicle, walk across the road to the mailbox, retrieve the mail and walk back across the road and into his car. If that is not a dangerous situation conjured up by Canada Post then I don't know what is.

My protests concerning the hazard this unnecessary move would create fell on deaf ears and my telephone call to Ottawa

regarding this was met with derision by the snippy female who answered the phone.

Being a handicapped WW2 veteran, unable to walk any distance, one would think that Canada Post, before instituting this change, would have consulted with people to determine the problems such changes would impose on their customers, if only to establish good public relation, but bureaucrats, given a little authority, are apt to exer-

cise that authority to the limit.

Mail delivery personnel have always provided excellent service and I suspect they will groan when the change is made because the safety component anticipated will not exist.

The mail deliverers will remain exposed to the perceived hazards this change is supposed to prevent, but the customer will be become the endangered

K. Hayward
Mono

DUFFERIN AREA Church Directory

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Pastor: Rev. Susan D. Wilson

Sunday, June 28 - 10:30 a.m.

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at The Ministry Centre
736 Steeles Street, Unit 3, Shelburne

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Pastor Rev. Gord Horsley (519) 925-3651

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Office 942-8200 Pastor Mark Condon



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FAITH FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY: Service 11:00 a.m., Evening Celebration -
Praying for the Sick - 6 p.m.

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(beside Toyota Dealership)

Church Office: 942-4414

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Rev. Sandra McLaughlan-Abuja

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www.westminsterorangeville.ca

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419 Main Street East, Shelburne

Sunday Services - 9:30 a.m. Lord's Supper
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Chapel - 519-925-3910 or 519-925-0541

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St. JOHN'S CHURCH

3907 Highway 9 Caledon, ON 519-941-1950 519-941-5817 (F)

anglican@bellnet.ca www.stjohnshwy9caledon.ca

Just east of Orangeville

Every Sunday morning

9 a.m. Church Lite: all ages worship
9:45 a.m. Café St. Jean: Coffee & Breakfast -
Veggie Tales Sunday School

11 a.m. Anglican Classic Choral Eucharist
Thurs. June 25 - 5 pm to 7 pm: Annual Baked Beans,
Back Bacon and Bernies Supper - All Welcome

Sun. June 28 @ 2:30 pm: Annual Cemetery Evensong -
Old St. John's (7th Line Mono) -
Preacher: The Rev. Canon Don Beatty



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10:00 a.m. Sunday School

for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Pastor Greg Meadows

Camilla-Laurel-Mono Centre Pastoral Charge

NO SERVICES IN JULY

Sunday, August 2 - St. Andrew's, Camilla

Sunday, August 9 - Laurel United

Sunday, August 16 - Burn's United,
Mono Centre

Sunday, August 23 - St. Andrew's, Camilla

Sunday, August 30 - Laurel United

Sunday, September 6 - Burn's United,
Mono Centre

All Services @ 10:30 a.m.

519-941-0972

DUFFERIN COUNTY CHISTADELPHIANS

10th Line Amaranth

Contact: Chris (925-2236)

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

* Sunday 6:00 p.m. Bible Talk

* Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

* Friday 7:45 p.m. Youth Group

* Please call to verify location!

* No Collection • Free Literature

* Refreshments

* All are welcome!

New Hope Community Church

690 Riddell

Orangeville

943-1203

Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Majors David and

Donna Kennedy

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11 am Service with Rev. Edward Bellsmith

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trinityunitedchurch@bellnet.ca

Community of Christ

Grand Valley Branch - Mill Street, Grand Valley

Pastor: Elder Del Franks

Church phone: 928-3020 Pastor's phone: 940-8660

9:45 a.m. - Adult and Children's Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Shelburne (Reddickville) Branch - Pastor: Bill Arnold

519-925-2796

St. John's marks 175th anniversary

The congregation of St. John's Church is marking the 175th anniversary of the founding of Mono parish.

This (Thursday) afternoon, members of the congregation will launch the 175th anniversary program with special outdoor banners prepared for the event. Later, all are invited to a "pay what you can" pioneers' supper of baked beans, back bacon and berries in the church's air-conditioned hall.

The faith community of what's today known as the Parish of Mono traces its origins to between 1832 and 1835 and at one point had several churches scattered through Mono. The current, modern church is on the eastern outskirts of Orangeville, on the south side of Highway 9.

Fire claimed the original log church on the 7th Line of Mono in the

1850s. The current St. John's is the fourth structure to bear the same name, its immediate predecessor being in Mono Mills.

Strawberries, pets featured at market

The popular "Strawberry Celebration" at Market on Broadway, downtown Orangeville's farmers' market, is this Saturday, June 27, and is joined this year with a "Pet Show & Spa".

Orangeville Agricultural Society volunteers will be preparing and serving strawberry smoothies and shortcake at the back of the town hall starting at 8 a.m. until supplies run out. Ontario strawberries will be sold at the market at various vendor locations.

Buddy Bites Pet Show & Spa Events will include

a pet spa (10 a.m.-12 noon), and pet show (10-11). Show categories include cutest pet, coolest trick, best dressed, longest tail, most obedient, biggest/smallest, friendliest!

There'll also be a pet obstacle course and a wiener toss, and representatives from Spirit Ridge will be judges for the show. Prizes include gifts from local businesses.

Other activities Saturday include the weekly Kids Corral in Alexandra Park led by the

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Ontario's adoption records are now open.

visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open. This means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years of age or older, can now apply for a copy of his or her original birth registration and adoption order. A birth parent can receive information from the birth registration and adoption order of the child that was placed for adoption once that child turns 19 years old.

If you want your identifying information kept private, and if the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto.

To learn more about your right to information and privacy regarding adoption, visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).

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