

# Restlessness a part of human nature

"Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

Those are the words at the start of a prayer that was said in our church on this past Sunday. It's a prayer we use every year at about this time, and I always look forward to it. The words are very old and are very special to me. I think they speak of an enormously important truth.

When I said that these words are old, I really meant it. They come from the first page of a book

written 1600 years ago. It may not have hit Oprah's list, or the New York Best-seller list, yet down through those centuries it truly has been a best-seller. The book is St. Augustine's Confessions.

It is the story of his spiritual journey.

Augustine lived in a turbulent time, a time of decay and decadence. The Roman Empire was crumbling, its leaders too corrupt and licentious to do anything to save it.

And in that unstable time, people were searching for something to believe in. Sects, cults,

heresies and pseudo-religions abounded. Does that sound anything like our world today?

Augustine was born to a pagan father and a devoutly Christian mother who saw that her son was raised in the faith. Once away from home, he did as many well protected young people did, and still do. He just had to taste all those hither-to forbidden fruits! But though his lifestyle would have broken his mother's heart, Augustine was not a total wastrel.

He was a true scholar, and studied all the great philosophers, and became

himself a professor of philosophy in Milan where he lived with his mistress and his son Deodatus, a name which means, "Gift from God".

Into his life came Bishop Ambrose, a very saintly man. Augustine was drawn to him and his teaching, but fought against conversion. It would mean giving up too much.

As he tells us in The Confessions, his prayer at this time was, "Lord give me chastity and continence, only not yet!" He goes on to tell of his struggle, and his final giving in to the power of the Spirit whose overshadowing had kept him from finding true peace as he dabbled in various philosophies and heresies.

And so, in that splendid book, he began the story of his journey by telling us of its end, finding rest at last in God. "You made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

What St. Augustine found out for himself so long ago is true for all time, and for all people. I am

utterly convinced that this divine restlessness is part of our human nature. It's built into us! The Quakers have a wonderful saying, "There is that of God in every person." Sometimes it's called the "divine spark", and I believe that it is just this that causes us to be restless, and to seek for wholeness, to seek for God.

When we are young, like Augustine, we try to satisfy our restlessness with fun and games of different kinds, often with

partying and such diversions.

But nothing entirely satisfies. Ultimately we still face a kind of hunger, a kind of emptiness that nothing quite manages to fill, and so the quest goes on. Sadly, for some, the quest never ends. The restlessness goes on and on. There's a book by Rabbi Kushner that has a wonderful title, When All You Ever Wanted Isn't Enough. That sort of says it all. What is very sad is when we see people com-

ing near the end of their lives, who seem to have everything, but are still restless, still looking for that something more, but unwilling to give in to the "Something More", that one thing that will give them everything!

When I was a young student, many years ago, like so many students, I went through an agnostic period. I was wretched! I was not cut out to be an agnostic! A friend gave me a poem to read, The Hound of Heaven, by Francis Thompson.

The poet tells of his restless journey, fleeing from the "Hound", hiding in every way he could, in fun and partying, but always relentlessly followed. Like

Augustine, his flight was because he feared that, "...having him, I might have naught beside".

When at last he can run no longer, he realizes that what he has tried so hard to escape is what he truly longed for.

"Halts by me that foot-fall. Is my gloom after all, shade of his hand outstretched caressingly?"

Lord you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.

But rest in God doesn't mean passivity. Nor does it mean our lives will be endlessly quiet. We are called to serve God in a restless world, but with God's peace in our hearts, we can do just that!

## Royal Canadian Legion News

By TINA MORRELL  
Branch 233, Orangeville

Our Barrier Free Access Campaign is ongoing and we are still accepting donations.

Saturday July 25th come out and join us for our Karaoke night from 9pm-1am. With host Johnny Green members and Guests welcome.

Sunday July 26th we

will have Euchre at the legion starting at 1:00pm (doors open at noon) cost \$10.00. Open to the public. All money given back in prizes.

Sunday August 16th is our 14th annual Veteran's Day Salute. Beginning at noon, with the ceremony starting at 2pm. Past and Present Canadian an Allied military personnel are invited to register now

for recognition at the ceremony. Call 519-942-2077 or attend in person at the Legion, 7 John St.

We have had two teams qualify for the Provincial Golf Tournament on Sept 12 at branch 185 Blenheim. They are Barry Dzikowski, Doug McChesney, Gord Ormerod and Norm Tobin.

*Lest We Forget*

# DUFFERIN AREA Church Directory

**ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
5 FIRST AVENUE, ORANGEVILLE  
519-941-0640

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8:30 a.m. Traditional Service,  
10 a.m. Contemporary Service  
(Sunday School and Nursery)  
Rector: The Rev'd Canon Peter Scott

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
312 Owen Sound St., Shelburne 925-2923

Pastor: Rev. Susan D. Wilson  
Sunday, July 26 - 10:30 a.m.

**Grace Church of the Nazarene**  
at The Ministry Centre  
736 Steeles Street, Unit 3, Shelburne

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and ACTS for Children  
Pastor: Rev. Bob McLellan - 519-925-056C  
Website: [www.ShelburneGrace.com](http://www.ShelburneGrace.com)  
Come Grow With Us!

**BROADWAY TABERNACLE**  
Lead Pastor: Paul Carroll

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. Young Adults Program 7:11 pm

Programs for all ages  
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Located: 1/4 kilometre West of C-Line, Orangeville  
519-941-3981 [www.broadwaytab.com](http://www.broadwaytab.com)

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Corner of Hwy. 10 and Hockley Rd.

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 a.m.

There's room for you and your family here at OBC. Join us this summer!

[www.orangevillebaptist.com](http://www.orangevillebaptist.com) 519.941.4790

**ABIDING PLACE MINISTRIES**  
A Church with a Difference, making a Difference  
Auditorium, Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne  
"C" Door off Centre Street

Sunday Services - 10 a.m. & Children's Church  
Bible Study & Prayer - Wed. 7 p.m. @ Pastor's Home  
Pastor Rev. Gord Horsley (519) 925-3651  
Come and be blessed, all are welcome!

**HOCKLEY VALLEY BIBLE CHAPEL**

SUNDAY SERVICES  
10:30 a.m. Family Worship, Sunday School  
Hockley Road (between 2nd & 3rd Line, Mono)  
Office 942-8200 Pastor Mark Condon

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Hwy. #10, 3 km south of Orangeville  
Sundays @ 10 a.m. Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Carol McLean 942-2338  
Everyone is Welcome!  
[www.jjcm.ca](http://www.jjcm.ca)

**FAITH FELLOWSHIP**

SUNDAY: Service 10:00 a.m., Evening Celebration - Praying for the Sick - 6 p.m.  
THURSDAY: Floating Bible Study, 7 p.m. Call for Location.  
Hwy. #9 East of Hwy. #10, Orangeville  
(beside Toyota Dealership)  
Church Office: 942-4414  
Affiliated with the Independent Assemblies of God International

**WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**  
247 Broadway, Orangeville 941-0381  
Rev. Sandra McLauchlan-Abuja  
Worship Service, Sunday School Classes, 10:30 a.m.  
[www.westminsterorangeville.ca](http://www.westminsterorangeville.ca)  
"Westminster United Church; Seeking and Sharing the Love of God"

**BETHEL BIBLE CHAPEL**  
419 Main Street East, Shelburne  
Sunday Services - 9:30 a.m. Lord's Supper  
10:45 am Family Bible Hour, Sunday School  
Chapel - 519-925-3910 or 519-925-0541  
[www.bethelshelburne.com](http://www.bethelshelburne.com) All Welcome

**St. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
3907 Highway 9 Caledon, ON 519-941-1950 519-941-5817 (f)  
[anglican@bellnet.ca](http://anglican@bellnet.ca) [www.stjohnshwy9caledon.ca](http://www.stjohnshwy9caledon.ca)  
Just east of Orangeville

Every Sunday morning  
9 a.m. Church Lite: all ages worship  
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11 a.m. Anglican Classic Choral Eucharist

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[www.TheHeartOfOrangeville.com](http://www.TheHeartOfOrangeville.com)  
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3 Zina St., on the corner of First and Zina!  
519-941-2707

**REFORMED CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
50 Blind Line, Orangeville 941-6401  
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7:30 Sunday Morning

**CHRIST CHURCH WHITFIELD**  
Centre Rd. & Dufferin 17 925-2923

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Sunday, July 26 at 8:30 am

**BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF GRAND VALLEY**  
152 Main Street North 928-5658  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

**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 CHRIStADELPHIANS**  
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

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
11 am Service with Rev. Edward Bellsmith  
Nursery, Sunday School & Teen Group  
Music, Social events & Outreach  
200 Owen Sound St., Shelburne 925-2233  
[www.wondercafe.ca/churches/trinity-united-church](http://www.wondercafe.ca/churches/trinity-united-church)  
[trinityunitedchurch@bellnet.ca](http://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

## What about the plight of residents?

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best interest in mind and they are trying to communicate and be transparent about what they are doing. I don't believe this to be true.

In the July 16 edition of Shelburne Free Press and Economist there was an advertisement about the Highland Companies having a Community open house, where the public can ask questions about their aggregate application. In case no one has noticed it is on July 25, the same day as the Honeywood Beef BBQ, one of the biggest events in the community. If this company really cares

about the community why make the public choose between attending a social fundraiser that has been going on for years, or attending an open house about one of the biggest issues the county has ever faced? That does not sound very community oriented to me.

At the last Melancthon township meeting that I attended it was brought up the Highland Companies extended their open house meeting to start at 11 am because they were unaware that the Honeywood Beef BBQ was on the same day. Why does this company who cares about the community so much not even know

about the BBQ? The Highland Companies is also leading the community to believe that this open house is out of care and respect for the community.

However if you check on the website for the Ministry of Natural Recourses, under Aggregate Resources you will read that each applicant must hold an information session for the public. The reason for this meeting is because they have to have an open house for the public in order to apply for an aggregate licence.

The Highlands companies may choose to respond to this letter but how can we believe anything they say when they

have mislead this community from the very beginning.

In the May 8, 2008 Orangeville Citizen a Highland Companies manager of the potato facility, said "there is no interest in the land apart from growing potatoes." This statement is false as we now know the Highland Companies will be applying for a licence to extract aggregate in the next 3-6 months.

I believe that this company is only concerned about making money, not our community and I hope that no one believes their propaganda.

Kate Armstrong via e-mail

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