

Forward in Faith NEWSLETTER

Durham Presbyterian Church



September 2026

INTIMACY and COMMUNITY

The theologian, Marty Solomon (BEMA podcaster), said: "If you create the space, God will fill it." Continuing in our mission of "Forward in Faith", we want to grow in developing our intimacy with God and community with each other. In our commitment to have an impact in the world as Christians, we believe that focusing on intimacy with God and deepening our community as believers, is the way to move forward in faith. We want all that we do at DPC to be about our love for God and our love for each other. We trust that our work in ministry will prosper as a result of our intimacy with God and our community with each other. Let us then create the space to focus our efforts at DPC on intimacy with God and community with each other and see how God fill it!

For more information, refer to the BEMA podcast, season 1, episode 24 "Creating a Space".

Be sure to join our weekly BEMA discussion group, every Wednesday at 6pm in the Upper Room. (Starting on September 16)



Newsletter Launch

This is the launch of DPC's new bi-annual "Forward in Faith" Newsletter. The launch of the new newsletter coincides with the adoption of a new logo and mission statement (see below). We are looking for volunteers to serve on an editorial team for the newsletter. If you have the nose to sniff out stories and love to write, please contact Rev Will (226 974 6265) and become part of the editorial team to re-imagine how this newsletter can contribute in our endeavor to grow as a community.

New Mission Statement and Logo

The last phase of the amalgamation process between Durham and Holstein, was to revisit our mission statement and logo. Discerning where God is leading us and considering feedback from the congregation, the following mission statement and logo was adopted:

"At Durham Presbyterian Church, our mission is to walk "Forward In Faith", sharing God's love within our church and community with care, service, compassion and love. We welcome everyone with the love of Jesus, creating opportunities and space to grow with God and with each other."



The Manse

After the listing of the manse expired in May, Session and the Board of Managers had to consider the way forward. With a mandate given from the congregation at the annual meeting, and after considering all possible options, Session and the Board of Managers decided to make the manse available for rent. The manse was subsequently occupied by the Anekunabe family at the beginning of August.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School took place at Holstein Park Pavillion from 20 to 24 July. This year's theme was "Surprise Party - The unexpected grace of Jesus."



Church in the Park

The annual "Church in the Park" took place on June 28 at the pavilion of the Durham Conservation Area.



Wendy Retire

After 33 years of service, Wendy McConnell has retired as secretary of Durham Presbyterian Church.



New Secretary

We welcome Samantha Watson as our new secretary. May you find joy in serving our Lord in this capacity!



In Memoriam

We remember our cherished DPC family members who passed away this year:

- Charlie Lough (January 11)
- Clara McFadden (March 7)
- Isable Edge (April 15)
- Madeline Shay (April 22)
- Doreen Weaver (April 29)
- Glenna Monk (May 2)
- Iris Zimmerman (June 11)



Canadian Citizens

The Basson family became Canadian citizens on August 20 when they took their citizenship oath in Kitchener.



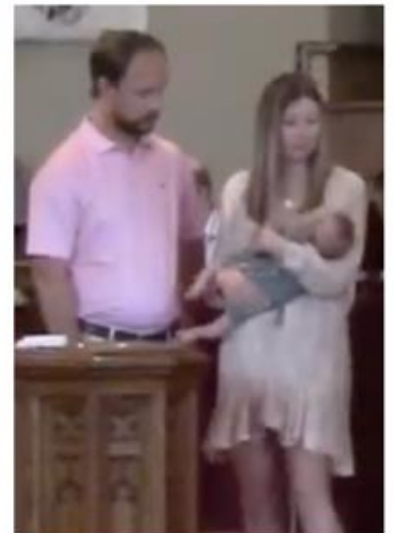
Wedding – Megan and Colby

Congratulations to Megan Wilton (daughter of Doug and Nancy Wilton) and Colby Loosemore, who tied the knot on July 11. May your marriage be filled with the love of our Lord!



Baptism – Atlas Nixon

Atlas Nixon, son of John and Nixon, and brother of Archer, was baptized on August 30. May Atlas grow up always knowing that he is a child of God!



Strawberry Tea



The ladies of the Trinity Group held the annual Strawberry Tea on June 24. It was a wonderful opportunity to socialize with music provided by Ron McManus.



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Rev Dave Nicholson celebrated his 90th birthday on July 9. Durham Presbyterian Church is truly blessed to have a minister who served with distinction in the congregation with us. Your presence at DPC is blessing to us all!



Graduations

Grade 12

Akosua Anekunabe
(Emmanuel and Gifty's daughter)



Jessie Beirnes
(Arnold and Arita Droog's grandson)



Thomas Finlay
(Wendy McConnell's grandson)



Zach Lemon
(Denise Hutchinson's grandson)



Grade 8

Abena Anekunabe
(Emmanuel and Gifty's daughter)



Jorja Finlay
(Wendy McConnell's granddaughter)
Honour roll,
General Proficiency Award,
Community Awareness Award

Nick Hall
(Rob and Melissa's son)



Adeline Lemon
(Denise Hutchinson's granddaughter)

Jordyn Tymcio (Jessie and Wendy's son)
Honour roll,
Music Award

