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Drinking from the Well

Have you ever been excited about a project, got going on it, and found it a little more complicated than you expected? You might have been really excited about the project in the beginning and time flew by while you worked on it, but now, the longer you work on it, the more it becomes drudgery. Its one foot in front of the other and you begin to wonder why you started it!

In this week's SHIFT story from Genesis, Jacob has this same feeling. When he meets Rachel at the well in Haran, he has a vision; the amazing ideal of marrying Rachel the beautiful shepherdess. He is so overcome with this image that he is able to roll the stone off the well all by himself. The task usually required a major group effort, but Jacob was so enthusiastic that he managed it alone. He was so energized that he even agreed to work 7 years for Rachel's hand. And the years were "but a few days." Yet when it came time for him to marry Rachel he got the "weak eyed" Leah instead! It took 14 years for Jacob to reach his goal of having Rachel on his own.

If we remember that daughters in the Word picture our affections for truth, we can see how this story is really about us. The first affection we develop, represented by the elder sister, Leah, is developed from the mundane truths of our daily lives. Things like getting up on time, going to work, stopping at stop signs, and accomplishing our work honestly, justly and faithfully. But she is "weak eyed," these external truths do not "see" very well, nor can they feed us on a deeper spiritual level. They are just the first to bear fruit just as Leah had six sons while Rachel remained barren.

Isn't this just like our own experience? We catch sight of a vision of a noble life and set out to attain it, but when we think we should deserve our goal, we find it is still ahead of us and we don't yet have exactly what we want.

These lower affections, although not the ideal, serve a productive role in changing us as we patiently wait, keeping the true ideal "Rachel" in view. This original ideal we saw at the well still remains our final goal, a goal where we can become experts at loving the Lord and loving the neighbour.

As you move through this busy fall, take time to stop at the well like Jacob did. Read the Word, and allow your innocent affections ("remains") to drink deeply from the stone troughs surrounding the well. The cool water from under the stone, the nourishing truths from the internal sense of the Word, will replenish those old affections for the ideals you are hoping to achieve.

Rev. Calvin Odhner

From the Pastor

Last spring the **Pastor's Council**, as part of our regular review of the worship offerings, discussed the Contemporary Service. We had been hearing from families with children that the existing format was not serving their needs, that it was better to have a shorter talk in the main service followed by the activities in Sunday School than to have to sit through the full service, even though it was shorter than the full traditional service. With the agreement and support of our Sunday School teachers, we decided to provide a children's talk and Sunday School every week. However, we wanted to keep the simple ritual, the contemporary music, and the visitor friendly tone of the message. To distinguish it from the old Contemporary Service and remind everyone to invite their friends to join them in church, we'll call it a "visitors" service on the calendar. We'll continue the tradition of holding it on the first Sunday of each month.

For 2011-2012, the members of this year's Pastors' Council are Katherine Jutras, Janine Nater, Tomoya Okubo, John Parker, Kim Parker, Frank Raymond, Roger Schnarr, and Brian Wyncoll. Both Brian Smith and Calvin Odhner are invited guests at the meetings. Worship, instruction, social life, and the society calendar are on the agenda at every meeting. If you have anything you'd like us to discuss, please speak to me, or to any member. The purpose of the Pastor's Council is to provide a means of two way communication. Information passes from the membership to me, and I will ask the members to pass information along to the congregation.

Remembrance Day service: This special service will start at 10:45 AM on November 11th, and will pause for 2 minutes of silence at 11:00 AM. There will be readings from Scripture, a short address, and we will close with singing "O Canada."

Getting Ready for Christmas: Here is a list of the items I know about so far. We will be discussing the December calendar at the November Pastors' Council meeting so there may be adjustments as a result. Please be sure to check the Society Calendar for the time and place of these events, and also watch the weekly news notes for last minute changes.

Dec. 2 TAG party at the manse.

Dec. 9 Forward Sons Christmas party at the church

Dec. 11 Holy Supper service as part of the regular service

Dec. 14 Christmas Doctrinal Class

Dec. 17 Christmas Pageant (Tableaux), Pot Luck supper, Christmas Carols.

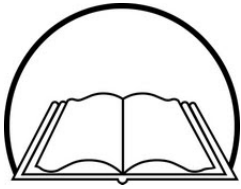
Dec. 23 Last day of school.

Dec. 24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (will include an infant baptism)

Dec. 25 10:30 AM Christmas Day Service

Jan. 1 12:00 – 4:00 PM Soup and Bread at the manse.

Jan. 9 School resumes.



From the Principal

Several members of the Office of Education staff will be visiting Caryndale at the end of October for routine teacher evaluations. When they are done there, they will come to Olivet for a visit and to give a presentation to our staff about new developments in the Language Arts Curriculum. It's always good to have this professional contact with the leaders of New Church education and to refresh our professional skills.

Also in the area of curriculum development, I will be attending curriculum meetings at the office of Education in Bryn Athyn in early November. It's time for us to review the Religion curriculum again. This is an especially important task because in our system all the other subjects key their curriculum to the Religion curriculum.

Sunday School News

On September 25th we had our start-up party for Journey. We had an amazing turnout of 17 children and for the first time in years we had three classes!

As always the Journey team in Bryn Athyn has done a wonderful job providing lesson plans, activities and pictures for all the children to do. Some of the fun things we have done in Sunday School and JOY so far are put together a play about Jacob and Esau, made our own Jacob's Ladder with blocks and string, talked about Jacob's family and our own, reenacted the journey home by Jacob and his family and divided our flock of sheep to take home.

The Jacob story is full of wonderful lessons on so many levels, such as being a good sibling and friend, the importance of being patient and trusting in the Lord's guidance, and how sometimes we have to deal with disappointment. It is always a pleasure watching the children learn these important lessons, and connect their own experiences with the story they have just heard.

Katherine Jutras
Sunday School Director



Because...



**You've
worked
hard!**



**You've
dug
deep**



**Don't
give up!**

... Soon it will be time to celebrate! November 16th, 6:30pm, Olivet New Church, Main Hall. You are invited to a **wine** and **candlelight** SHIFT Dinner. Real entertainment, slideshow presentation, music, door prizes and lots of fun! \$10 at the door.

Everyone's invited! (Even if you didn't join a group.)

News Notes Thank You

Calvin and Maggie would like to thank everyone for the thorough pounding they experienced at their "Pound Party." It didn't just end that day either, as we continued to be "pounded" with kilograms of food for days! We are very grateful to have filled our new cupboards and Asher has continued to show his gratitude through consumption! Thanks to Jim and Karen for hosting!

Love, Calvin and Maggie (and Asher)

Address Change

Details are available in printed

Duty Roster

Date	Usher	Chancel	Organist	Sunday School	JOY	Greeters	Refreshments	Flowers
Nov 6	Patrick Horigan	India Asplundh	F. Raymond	Katherine J	Janine N	P. Horigan & M. Broderick		G. Pulpan
Nov 11 Remembrance Day Service	S. Bradfield	S. Bradfield	CD?			S. Bradfield		U. Morton
Nov 13	Peter Bailey	Janet Parker	A. Nater	Katherine J	E. & K. Parker	L. Holmes	A. Schnarr	U. Morton
Nov 20	Marco Braam	Laura Braam	A. Nater	Joan Jorgenson	R. Hasen	A & M Braam		U. Morton
Nov 27	Sam Cho	I. Asplundh	A. Nater	Katherine J	Janine N	J. Jorgenson	Need Volunteer	U. Morton
Dec 4	Sean Horigan	C. Jutras	F. Raymond	Katherine J	Janine N	D. & M. Starkey		G. Pulpan

Wednesday Supper Duty Roster

Date	Cooks	Dishwashers
November 16 Shift Celebration Dinner	Maggie Odhner, etc	Asher Odhner, etc
November 19 GCIC Luncheon	Doris McDonald, Joan Raymond, Ersa Parker, Naomi Reid, Margaret Starkey	Cooks
November 23	Joan Jorgenson, Katherine Jutras	Jordan Reid, Colin Buck

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SHIFT week 6						
6 CAO FALL BACK to EST 10:30 AM Visi- tor's Service	7	8 7:00 PM Closed AA	9	10 3:45 PM Faculty Meeting 6:30 PM Beaver Scouts 8:30 PM Open AA	11 CAO 10:45 AM Remem- brance Day Service 7:00 PM. Forward Sons Dinner & Program	12 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Clan McLeod
SHIFT week 7						
13 BDS 10:30 AM. Traditional Service 12:00 PM Pot Luck Lunch	14 7:35 PM Board of Directors	15 7:00 PM Closed AA	16 SHIFT Celebra- tion Dinner and Program	17 10:00 AM Arcana Group 3:45 PM Faculty Development 6:30 PM Beaver Scouts 8:30 PM Open AA	18 Chatterbox Deadline BDS to Oak Arbor	19 10:00 AM GCIC Board Meeting in Toronto fol- lowed by Luncheon
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November Anniversaries

Details are available in printed and electronically emailed Chatterbox.

Love combined with friendship continues on after the wedding and is strengthened - a friendship which differs greatly from that of any other love, because it is a full one. CL 214

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