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God's Love and Ours

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

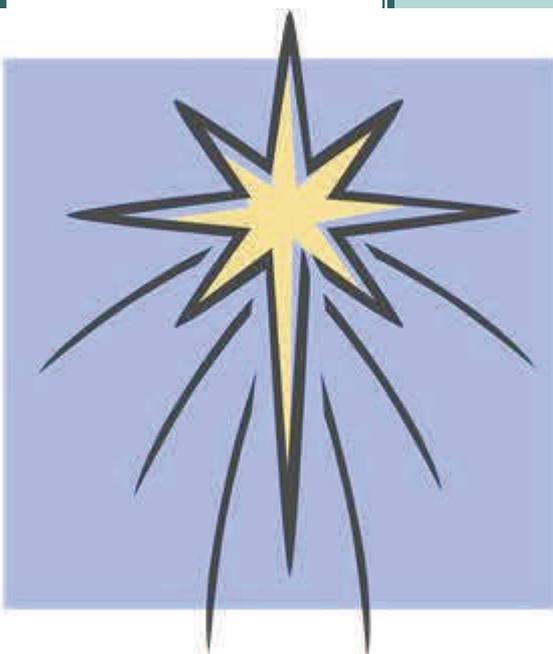
¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

(1John 4:7-21)



GETTANO in December - Tim Newhouse

Check out back page



Services commence at 9.30 am

This roster is subject to change as some speakers are yet to confirm.

| Date | Leader | Speaker | Special Event | Topic |
|---------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| DEC 11 | Marita | Tim Newhouse, Rani, Clare, Linda. Luke to facilitate. | | Experiences of Christmas |
| 18 | Clare | | | Nativity |
| 25 | Rochelle | | Breakfast in park | Christmas service |
| JAN 1 | Trish | | | |
| 8 | Rose | | | |
| 15 | Thelma | | | |
| 22 | Tony | | | |
| 29 | Ken and Tim Newhouse | | Chocolate Sunday | |
| FEB 5 | Rani | | | |
| 12 | Rochelle | | | |

Thank you to the unseen and unsung heroes who will be serving us:

| 2011 | DECEMBER |
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| Set up and bring milk | Leigh/Kevin |
| Food  | Marg McK Marshall Marita Maleys |
| Clean up a.m. tea | Woods |
| Pack up after Service | Nick Duncan Tim P |

From Lindy—from a recent day at school:

A profound Christmas comment from a 6 year old who was looking intently at a picture of the nativity which showed two donkeys peering into the manger.

Very seriously he said " Just as well the donkey didn't eat that baby or there wouldn't have been much joy on earth"



TRANSFORMATION • EMPOWERMENT • ADVOCACY • RELIEF

TEAR National Conference - Enough! Being God's people in a captivated world

06 July 2012 - 08 July 2012

We live in a world of both abundance and scarcity; a world of affluence and poverty; a world of the powerful and the powerless. We are complicit: our imaginations are captive and captivated, held under the power and seductions of materialism, corporate power, myths of unending growth and consumerism, and Western superiority.

In the face of Roman captivity, the early Christians claimed 'Jesus was Lord, (not Caesar)', and lived out a radical alternative. An alternative in which everyone had *enough*.

Like them, we must ask ourselves, *how can we live as God's people in our captivated world?*

Key Speakers: Sylvia Keesmaat and Brian Walsh (read more below). Also Mike Frost, Dave Andrews, Phil and Julie (fieldworkers from Afghanistan).

Full program for children and youth.
More details to come.

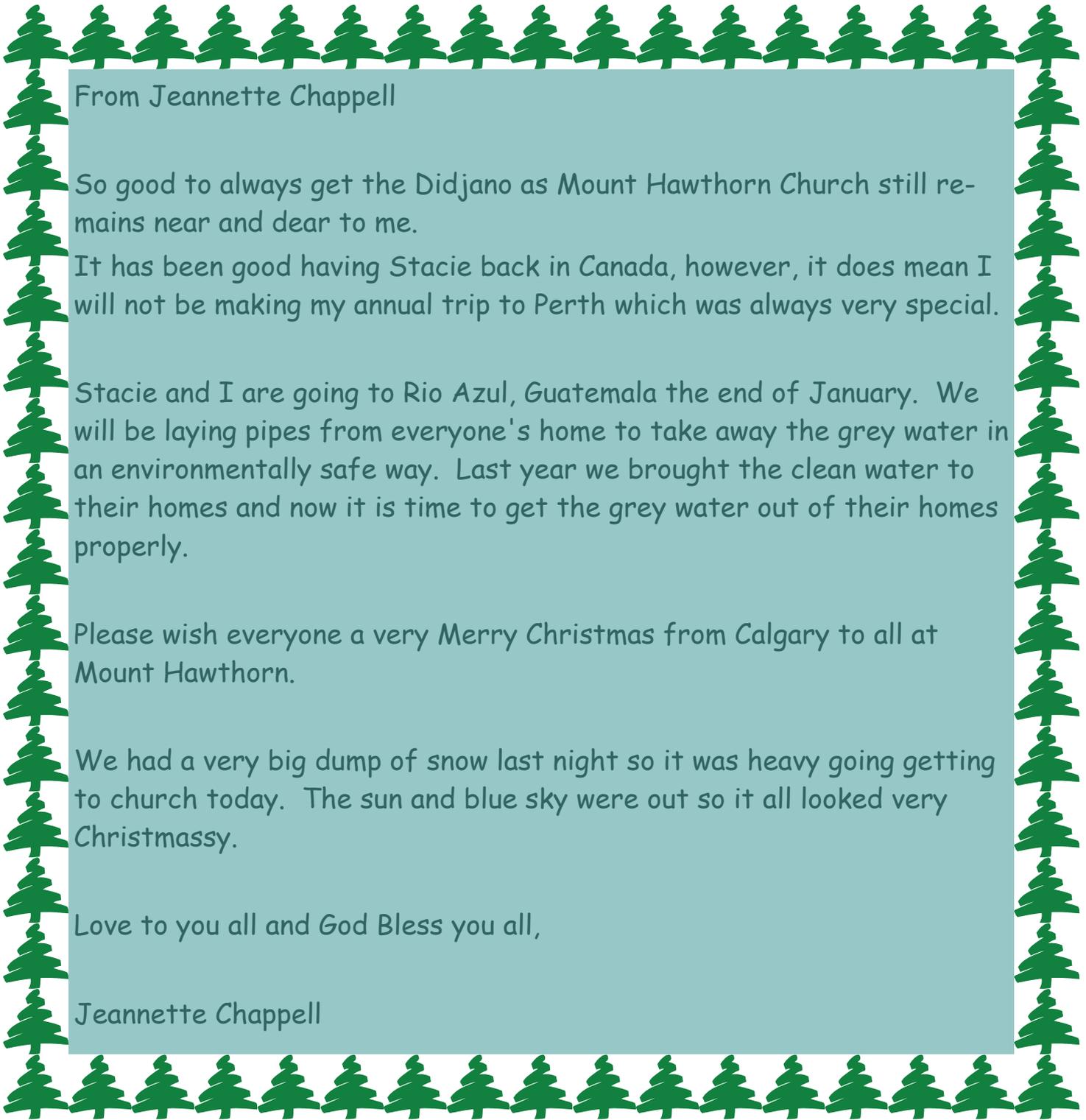
Sylvia Keesmaat and **Brian Walsh** live with their two daughters at Russet House Farm in Cameron, Ontario. On this solar-powered farm they practice animal husbandry and organic gardening. They also offer educational programs, retreats, and conferences on sustainable living.

In 2004 they published their co-authored genre bending and groundbreaking book *Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire*.

Sylvia is also the author of *Paul and his Story: (Re)Interpreting the Exodus Tradition* and the editor of *The Advent of Justice*.

Brian's books include *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian Worldview* and *Truth is Stranger than It Used to Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age* (both co-authored with Richard Middleton) and *Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Dislocation*, co-authored with Steven Bouma-Prediger.

His most recent book is *Kicking at the Darkness: Bruce Cockburn and the Christian Imagination*. Sylvia and Brian are currently working on a book project entitled *Romans Disarmed*



From Jeannette Chappell

So good to always get the Didjano as Mount Hawthorn Church still remains near and dear to me.

It has been good having Stacie back in Canada, however, it does mean I will not be making my annual trip to Perth which was always very special.

Stacie and I are going to Rio Azul, Guatemala the end of January. We will be laying pipes from everyone's home to take away the grey water in an environmentally safe way. Last year we brought the clean water to their homes and now it is time to get the grey water out of their homes properly.

Please wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from Calgary to all at Mount Hawthorn.

We had a very big dump of snow last night so it was heavy going getting to church today. The sun and blue sky were out so it all looked very Christmassy.

Love to you all and God Bless you all,

Jeannette Chappell

Christians, homophobia and trying hard to follow Jesus

David Pocock (Australian Rugby player)

<http://www.abc.net.au/religion/articles/2011/12/02/3382170.htm>

Bethlehemian Rhapsody— from Irene And Michael Check it out!!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=pW1pbuyGIQ0

Christmas in a nutshell from Worshiphouse Media

<http://www.worshiphousemedia.com/mini-movies/16143/Christmas-In-A-Nutshell>

WEB PRESENCE

Many months ago when we launched the MHCC website one of the ideas that was not followed up was to have a page with links to websites where members or friends of MHCC have an online presence. We are now looking at gathering up that sort of a list to add to the web page - behind the password, as it is about our shared life together rather than our public face.

SO: if you have a blog, webpage, myspace, etc and would like others from the MHCC community to be able to find it, please send a link through to me. This may be something that is by you for you about you, or an organisation/ business/ community group/ that you are involved in, or some other form of connection. It doesn't need to be church-related!

Please send me the link and also a note explaining how you (and/or others linked with MHCC) are connected to this site (eg you play in that band, you volunteer for the organisation, you write the blog). Also let me know if you are aware of other MHCC people's web presence, as I imagine not everyone will read this and/or remember to let me know where they are online.

Thanks,
Clare

http://www.actforpeace.org.au/Ways_To_Give/The_Christmas_Bowl.aspx

The screenshot shows the Act for Peace website. At the top left, the logo reads "act for peace" with the tagline "reduce poverty protect refugees prevent conflicts empower communities". Below this is the text "The International aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia." To the right is a photo of several children and a red circular button that says "give". A navigation menu includes: Home, About Us, Ways To Give, Act, What We Do, Be Informed, NCCA, and a search bar with "GO". The main content area features a large photo of a woman and a child in a field. To the right of the photo is the heading "Christmas Bowl" and the text: "Help fill the Christmas Bowl! Gifts to the Christmas Bowl will support Act for Peace's vital work in communities around the world affected by conflict and disaster." Below this is a red button that says "CLICK TO READ MORE". At the bottom, there is a horizontal menu with four items: "Christmas Bowl", "Gifts for Peace", "Representatives", and "Monthly Giving".



SOME OF THE THINGS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- † Margaret McKissock's family on the sudden death of her son in law Neil. Margaret's Daughter Moira and children, Neil's extended family, Irene and Michael and boys. All of those related to and closed to Moira and Neil and family.
- † Glen and Chris Brooks
- † Julie and her family as Julie's aunt has passed away
- † Heather Brown—moving
- † Elisa, Josh, Sam, Tahlia in Sri Lanka
- † Elise, Greg, Eleanor and Elise's sister—recovery from lung transplant
- † Bobby, Peter and Nick travelling in the UK
- † Committees within our church
- † Speakers
- † Service Leaders
- † Elders
- † Peter Oliver in his Teaching role within the church
- † How MHCC uses it's resources
- † Our children
- † Erica and Steve McKinnon and their work in Lockridge
- † TEAR—East Africa Food Crisis
- † Small groups within our church
- † Mark Bovill—house

Go in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Return to no one evil for evil, but strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, comfort the afflicted, honour all people, befriend the poor. Go forth, and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may that Spirit so fill you this day that you go forth from this place, seeing the face of Christ in each face you encounter, and accepting God's extravagant love which is a free gift to you.
Go in peace.

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Timothy James Newhouse

I express myself better in words, so I'm challenging myself by trying to incorporate both words and pictures. Every person is a work in progress and trying to fit who a person is on one page is impossible; I've done my best.

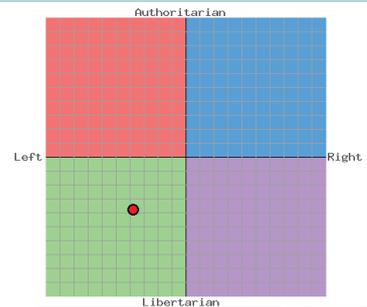
2011 has been a challenging year. I seem to achieve more amazing things every year but this year God has made me look within myself rather than to him. It was only as I wrote this that I worked that out!



I despise my full name. I feel my abbreviated, preferred name of 'Tim' better captures my enthusiastic, approachable character.

Right now, music is what I live and breathe. I have no idea where that will take me but I hope it takes me somewhere good.

I have so many dreams; I want to be a musician, composer, public speaker, news reporter, comedian, actor, writer... the list goes on. What remains to be seen is if I can develop the work ethic required to succeed at whatever I do.



This is me on the political spectrum. It speaks for itself; I'm a moderate leftist/libertarian.



I have the greatest friends in the world which I often take for granted. I love people, whether their numbers are great... →

← or small.



I have recently been elected a House Captain for 2012, one of six in my House. (there are 3 houses) Regardless of whether this leads to becoming a School Captain, this is a true and unexpected honour. I intend to use my position for the absolute good of God's kingdom.



This school is part of who I am, and has formed much of who I am. I couldn't have been more blessed to come here. I try to incorporate the school motto 'Serve God, Serve One Another' into everything I do, and always finish with those words at the end of church services I lead.

Some of my most treasured friends are the lovely people I've grown up with at MHCC. I never spend enough time with any of you. The love you have for me and the support you give me has been and always will be a blessing.



I've now learnt that God is unchanging; all that is changing is my understanding of who He is and the world I live in. My faith is currently in a power struggle with my hectic lifestyle; I hope faith wins because it drives me to do amazing things every day.