

Thoughts and Smiles.... Nov. 14, 2022

In London, there's a woman who goes every day on the underground and sits on the platform just to listen to the announcement recorded by her husband in 1950.

Margaret McCollum, after the death of her husband Oswald Laurence, sits on the bench waiting to hear this recording that became one of London's most famous "Mind the Gap"

In 2003, Oswald died leaving a huge void in Margaret's heart. So, Margaret found a way to feel his presence closest.

After more than half a century, this voice was replaced by an electronic recording. Out of distress Margaret asked for this cassette tape from London transport company so she could continue listening to her husband's voice at home.

After becoming aware of the moving history, the company decided to restore the announcement at the stop near where Margaret lives, at the Embankment stop of Northern Line, where all passengers can listen today and hear Oswald Laurence's voice and to think that eternal love really exists.



10 THINGS TIME HAS TAUGHT ME

1. Most of our life is spent chasing false goals and worshipping false ideals. The day you realise that is the day you really start to live.

2. You really, truly cannot please all of the people all of the time. Please yourself first and your loved ones second, everyone else is busy pleasing themselves anyway, trust me.

3. Fighting the ageing process is like trying to catch the wind. Go with it, enjoy it. Your body is changing, but it always has been. Don't waste time trying to reverse that, instead change your mindset to see the beauty in the new.

4. Nobody is perfect, and nobody is truly happy with their lot. When that sinks in you are free of comparison and free of judgement. It's truly liberating.

5. No one really sees what you do right, everyone sees what you do wrong. When that becomes clear to you, you will start doing things for the right reason and you will start having so much more fun.

6. You will regret the years you spent berating your looks, the sooner you can make peace with the vessel your soul lives in, the better. Your body is amazing and important, but it does not define you.

7. Your health is obviously important, but stress, fear and worry are far more damaging than any delicious food or drink you may deny yourself. Happiness and peace are the best medicine.

8. Who will remember you and for what, become important factors as you age. Your love and your wisdom will live on far longer than any material thing you can pass down. Tell your stories, they can travel farther than you can imagine.

9. We are not here for long but if you are living against the wind it can feel like a life-sentence. Life should not feel like a chore, it should feel like an adventure.

10. Always, always, drink the good champagne and use the things you keep for 'best'. Tomorrow is guaranteed to no one. Today is a gift that's why we call it the present. Eat, Drink & Be Merry.



- Donna Ashworth

Here is a picture of my Christmas Tree.

It's still in the shed...because it's November.

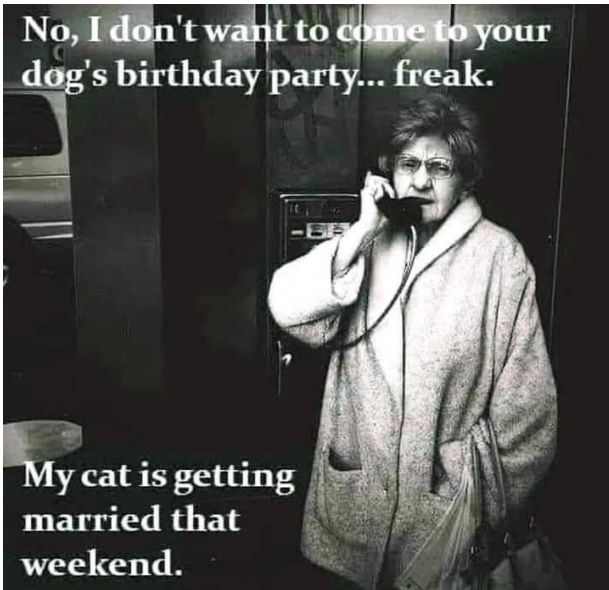


When you've been asked to bring a vegetable tray, but you really want cookies.....

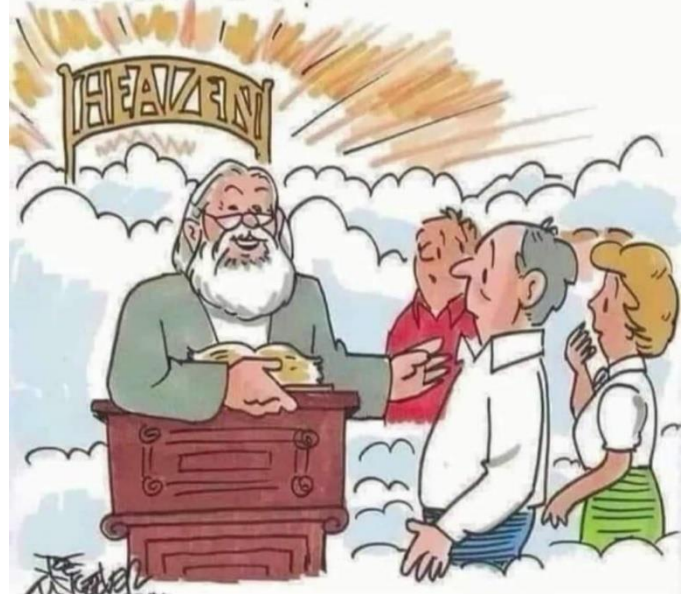


No, I don't want to come to your dog's birthday party... freak.

My cat is getting married that weekend.



"AND TO YOU WHO DID NOT ACTUALLY GO TO CHURCH BUT WATCHED IT ON TELEVISION, YOU WILL NOT ACTUALLY GO TO HEAVEN—BUT WILL BE ALLOWED TO WATCH IT ON TELEVISION!"



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Have a terrific week!

Blessings to you all!



Those who like my posts are happier, more intelligent and better-looking than those who don't; according to a study I made up.

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website. <https://saubleunitedchurch.ca/category/davids-blog/>

And if you want the online experience of the church worship services, follow the link here below...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_jlpRQ-X8A

or

<https://youtu.be/sJSYzqa5ISE>

And now... for your information:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – WHY WOULD A RURAL CONGREGATION BECOME AFFIRMING? - AFFIRMING LUNCH & LEARN SESSION

St. Andrew's people are invited to join SBUC for learning, sharing and lunch the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am in the Gathering Room. Just bring a bag lunch and we'll provide the tea, coffee and water!

LIGHT UP THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022 — — last year we had lights outside the Church for the Christmas season and you helped by donating towards those lights. It was a very nice display of lights and camels, with the idea of more this year.

This year we want to expand those lights a bit more to the middle portion of the driveway, and add a nativity scene – we are asking you to consider donating towards this expansion of the Church display. If you would like to donate, please submit or add a separate donation (cash or cheque), marked – **LIGHT UP THE CHURCH**. Accepting your donations for the month of November – thank you. We plan to do the same with the decorating, with volunteers helping out and then a separate day to turn the lights on – if you would like to help this year, please let **Jo-Ann 519-422-1996** or **Kate 519-422-3041**. Dates will be announced shortly.



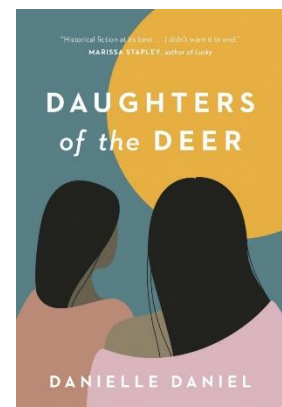
FROM THE AFFIRMING COMMITTEE:

In April we'll have a Lunch & Learn session on the award-winning book **Daughters of the Deer by Danielle Daniel**. We encourage you to put it on your Christmas wish list so you can join us with your thoughts in the New Year.

4.52 stars as reviewed by Good Reads - In this haunting, ground breaking, historical novel, Danielle Daniel imagines the lives of her ancestors in the Algonquin territories of the 1600s, a story inspired by her family link to a girl murdered near Trois-Rivières in the early days of French settlement.

Marie, an Algonquin woman of the Weskarini Deer Clan, lost her first husband and her children to an Iroquois raid. In the aftermath of another lethal attack, her chief begs her to remarry for the sake of the clan. Marie is a healer who honours the ways of her people, and Pierre, the green-eyed ex-soldier from France who wants her for his bride, is not the man she would choose.

This beautiful, powerful novel brings to life women who have literally fallen through the cracks of settler histories. Especially Jeanne, the first child born of the new marriage,



neither white nor Weskarini, but caught between worlds. As she reaches adolescence, it becomes clear she is two-spirited. In her mother's culture, she would have been considered blessed, her nature a sign of special wisdom. But to the settlers of New France, and even to her own father, Jeanne is unnatural, sinful--a woman to be shunned, and worse.

Links to the videos shown in last Sunday's service; you can watch again or share....

<https://youtu.be/sJBEwgBfw3I> From "The Many" 2017 album, "**All Belong Here**," this song is a new kind of call to communion, a call to remember who we are and how much we are loved, a song that sees God's table as a place where we all belong and that this whole world is God's table, where we can eat and be filled and drink in grace.

And from Hope Force International

<https://vimeo.com/768291382/cd0a42cd68>

and bonus

<https://vimeo.com/766211679>