



STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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GOD IN MY LIFE – JUDY MARTENS



I have been asked to share how God has been at work in my life. I would like to thank this congregation for being so open to people experimenting with and learning to use the gifts that

God has given them.

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My husband Lloyd and I started singing together from our very first date and we have loved singing together ever since. God has given us a joy for singing and the easiest way for us to share God's love is through song. We have sung on the worship teams and I have led a team for about 30 years.

In the last few years the scar tissue in my throat, caused by my radiation therapy, has taken away my ability to sing. I felt very lost and didn't know what else I could do to serve God and this church.

I am thankful to God that He has given me new joy. I may never be able to sing again till heaven, but I know that God is walking with me and guiding me.

We have three young grandchildren and I love to tell them stories and do crafts with them. When

I realized that they were looking for Sunday School teachers, I thought maybe this was an area that God could use me.

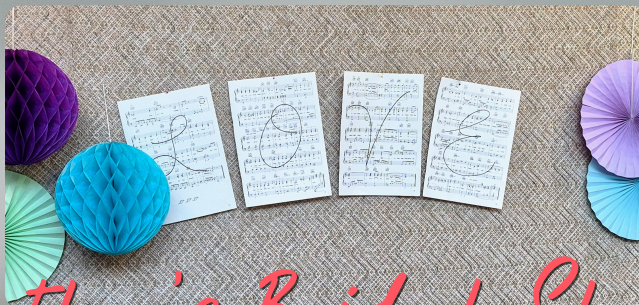
I have been privileged to work with Cyndy, who has a great joy for working with children. We have had so much fun planning lessons and crafts that will show the children God's love for them.

We were given the opportunity to go to a children's ministry conference. Wow, that was fun! There is so much to learn.

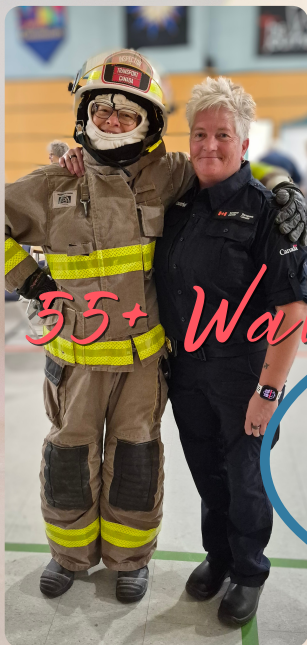
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We were told that 61% of young adults ages 18-29 who were active in church in their teens, are no longer attending, reading Scripture, or praying. One of the speakers explained to us that we tend to be good at one area of teaching, but don't follow through with others. We educate or teach the children the stories in the Bible. We may even be good at having them memorize verses, but we are sometimes lacking in showing how to apply their knowledge, or to lead them to a transformative relationship with Christ. This conference has put a desire in my heart to learn to work toward doing these things with our children and grandchildren.

I am thankful to God that He has given me new joy. I may never be able to sing again till heaven, but I know that God is walking with me and guiding me. God is good all the time; and all the time, God is good!



Heather's Bridal Shower



55+ Walk & Talk - Firefighter Lea



Pastor Jon as a firefighter!

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