



Gale Gatherings

THE MISSION OF GALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS TO BE A FAMILY OF EMBRACING AND DYNAMIC DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WHO GLORIFY GOD IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

May 2018

What's happening at Gale this season:

May 20—Elmira & District Assisted Living special Sunday celebration. Please wear red and bring sandwiches for a potluck lunch to be held after the service.

May 25-27— Gale Family Retreat at Camp Kintail

June 2—Affirm! Knox Waterloo, registration is requested. 2-6 p.m.

June 10—Communion Sunday, Rev. Dr. Walter McLean speaking

June 19—Tuesday Monthly Luncheon. Menu: Cold Ham, Salads, Bread, Dessert, Beverage. Price: \$12. Dine in or call for take-out. (No monthly luncheon for July & August)

June 20—Canadian Food Grains dedication—7:30 p.m.

June 24—Sunday School graduation

August 20-24—Kintail On The Road Vacation Bible School

September 9—Rally Sunday

WIND AND SPIRIT

The powerful wind storm in early May brought to me a vivid story from my past.

My mother's family was centred around the Mono area just north of Orangeville. The windmill from one of the heritage farms was removed in the 1960s and taken up to Barrie where a cousin had planned to set it up. He never did and so in 2005 we made plans to return it to Mono Township and re-erect it on our family farm.

I was there on the day to help get the windmill up again. After a couple of hours of setting things in place and getting the crane into position the bright tower rose to its position. With a few mechanical adjustments and hook-ups a lever was released, jiggled a few times, coaxed and slowly the fans 15 metres in the air above us began to spin. The rod went slowly up and down and a minute later fresh water started flowing out of the pump's spigot and down to the barn. This was nothing that would

change the world's course, but it was momentous for the Sinclair family.

I marvelled at the turning blades in the sky; created decades ago; pressed back into service after many years on the ground and now again pushed by wind to energize our farm. Although not nearly as elegant, I am still captivated by the many wind generators popping up like mushrooms around our country. For little or no effort on our part, we get this free power; this wind; this spirit energizing our world. We are all amazed at the show of the wind's power we witnessed in that storm on May 4th.

God's spirit flows through his creation. We

don't make it come or go. It just is there at God's bidding. We call upon that spirit to energize us; to move us; to flow into us and make us wells of living water for the world. In a way, I'm glad that we can not make the wind come and go. That is a responsibility and power that any human would abuse. I'm glad, though, that you, and I and Gale church can be like the windmill. Let's just put ourselves out there in the path of God's relentless spirit and catch it when it comes our way. Let's use God's wind in us to bless the world around us with living water.

Shalom
Rev. Scott Sinclair



Clerk's Corner *by Darlene Vandermey, Clerk of Session*

The Session and Board of Managers participated in a one-day retreat held at Riversong Banquet Hall in March where Dana Benson facilitated the question of "what now". Our building program is complete, we have been in our new church for a while now.....so where are we going, what is in the future for the ministry at Gale? Small

group discussions took place and that permitted us to not only vision what might be ahead but also to acknowledge all the things that have been accomplished. Our congregation is active as it serves to be an example of Christ's love within our walls and out into the community. A follow-up with Dana for Session

and Board happened on May 5 here in our Fellowship Hall and more will be shared with the congregation as time moves on.

At our Session meetings time is spent in prayer for our congregation and seeking God's direction. If at any time you have a prayer request, a concern or an idea that you

would like Session to be aware of please do not hesitate to contact your Elder, Rev. Scott or myself.

It now feels like Spring has arrived and may we all be refreshed with the love of Christ as we serve Him together.

***Darlene Vandermey
Clerk of Session***

Financial Summary *by Stephen Hinbest, Treasurer*

In April 2018 we did not see a contribution of the 10% increase in general fund donations that we saw in the first quarter of 2018 and what was reported in the early April Bulletin.

In April 2018 we only saw a 3% increase in general fund donations from 2017.

This combined with the decrease year-over-year that we are seeing in the Building fund donations has left only a 2.7% increase in our main donation accounts. Our target increase to balance the budget for 2018 is 14%.

On a positive note, to the end of April 2018 we are in a Surplus of \$2,260.

Where as in 2017 to the end of April we were in a

deficit of (\$5,920). This is due to the increases in other revenue accounts and some decreases in expense accounts. I will caution that this is only a four month period and often timing of when an expense is paid can shift to a later month. I will continue to provide updates on our financial position as the year proceeds.

Sincerely,

***Stephen Hinbest
Treasurer***

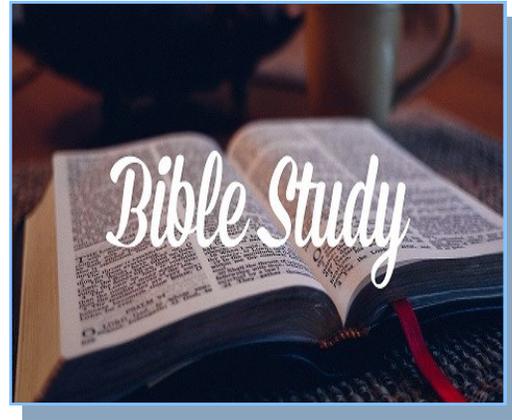
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{proverbs 3:5}

Donations Comparative				
	2017	2018	% increase (decrease) YOY	Target Increase
General Fund Jan.-April	51,790	55,917		
Building Fund Jan.-April	12,699	10,290		
	64,489	66,207	2.7%	14%

Small Group Bible Study

A bible study entitled "Fruit of the Spirit" is being planned for this September at Gale for nine weeks. These weekly sessions, of approximately 1 ½ hours each, will be held Wednesday mornings. The cost to each participant will be approximately \$10-\$12 to cover the cost of a study

guide. If interested, please contact Dave Chalmers at 519-669-0934 or by email at davechalmers4@sympatico.ca. Enrollment is limited to the first 10 people who show an interest. More information will be forthcoming in early September. We hope you will consider joining this new program at Gale!



Sunday School Graduation



Will be held on Sunday June 24th. There will be a small presentation during the service for all the children and teachers, and cake to celebrate our last day of Sunday School until the Fall.

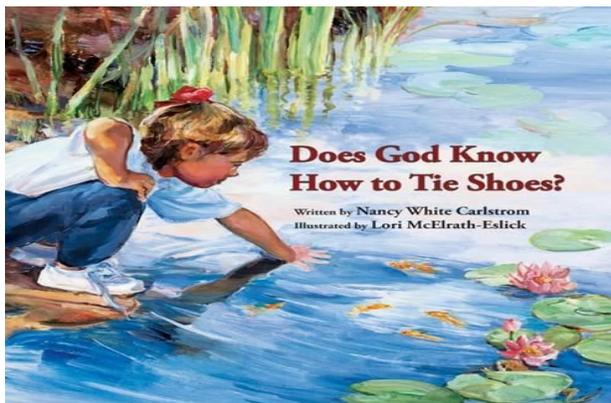
Library News

With summer and vacation time quickly approaching, you may want to check out the Gale Library.

New books were added to the library in April. There are some by well loved and familiar authors, but there are also some new ones to explore.

Check us out !

Does God Know How To Tie Shoes?



Author: Nancy White Carlstrom
Beautifully illustrated by Lori McElrath-Eslick

This children's book has many questions about God.

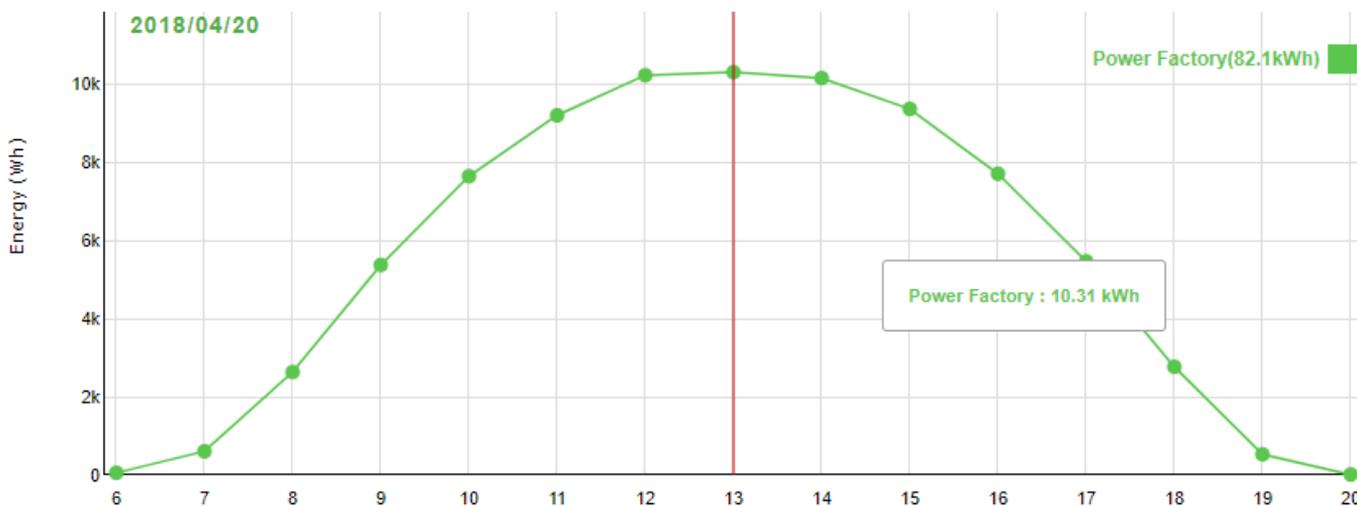
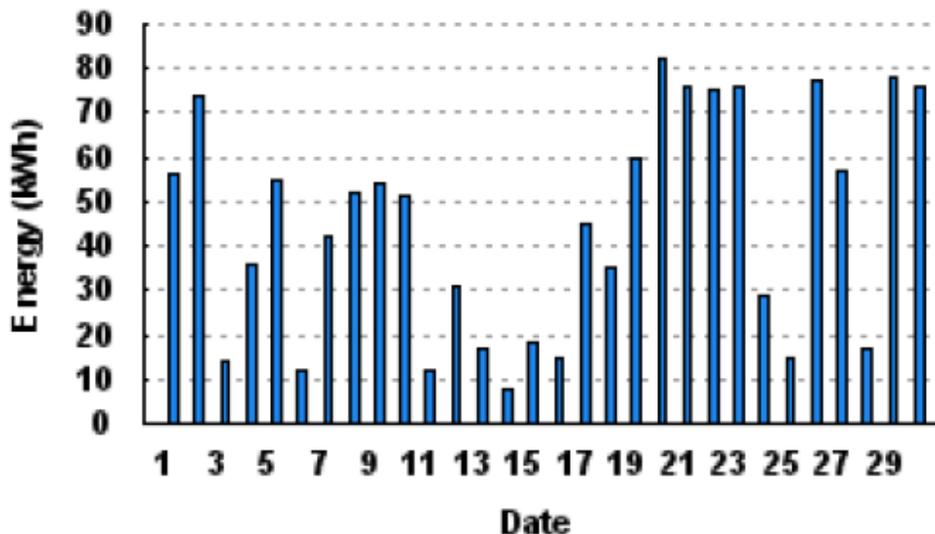
- Does God ever sing?
- Does God ever cry?
- How does God talk?
- What does God wear?

The answers she receives from her Moma and Papa are based on verses from Psalms. Find out if God knows how to tie shoes!

Solar Report Spring 2018 *by Lee Coulman*

April Daily Energy Production

After a hard and confusing winter, the sun is showing that there are May flowers and lots of solar electricity. We had 8 days that surpassed 70 kWhr per day in April.



I've got some "brilliant" questions?

- 1 At what hour does the peak output occur in the spring? Is this 12:00 noon?
- 2 At what time of the year does the peak power of 10 kW or more happen? Is this in the summer?

Before the answer reveal, have a look at a perfect solar day. This occurred Friday, April 20th.

On this day the power peaked at 10.34 kW and solar power extended from just after 6AM to 8PM, creating 82.1 kW-Hr for the day. This I think is a record. The sun peak occurred at 1 pm, not 12

noon!

Our highest peak powers occur during March, not the summer months. We had 10.68 kW on March 20th and this occurred at 1:30PM, but the shorter production day yielded 75 kW-Hr.

The longer spring and summer days will be the money making times for us.

Our environment impact of creating our own electricity is as follows:

Environmental Impact

Lifetime production of CO2-free energy is equivalent to:



Planting 490 trees



Taking 113 cars off the road

Faith Through Action—Field Dedication 2018 *by Fran Hill*

After a winter that had many different weather patterns, we are finally seeing signs of spring. Grass is beginning to grow and turn green; trees are budding, flowers blooming and we are enjoying more sunlight. As we celebrate spring and the Risen Lord we are reminded of God's everlasting love for all. As seeds are planted, we are reminded of the hope that comes from our Faith in God. Hope and Faith that we want to pass onto others. Faith in action.

One way that we can pass on that Faith is through our project for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). The CFGB helps provide emergency food support to people who have been displaced from their homeland, people whose crops have severely failed due to weather conditions, and support through pro-

grams that bring water and farming techniques so that they can be self-supporting. This year marks 35 years that the CFGB has been helping others.

Please join us for our 2018 crop Dedication. This year wheat is the crop that is growing.

Rev. Scott Sinclair will be leading the Dedication on:

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: The top of the field, on Side Road 4th Line E.

After the Dedication, please join us for strawberries, ice cream and a social time at the home of Jean Goodwin #7219 in the village of Inverhaugh just a short distance from the field.



All Are Welcome!

To get to the field take Line 86 E. towards Guelph. Just after the West Montrose Bridge, turn left at the lights at Katherine St. N. (formerly Reg. Rd. 23) and proceed until just past the village of Inverhaugh. At the top of the hill, turn right onto 4th Line E.

Parking is along the side of the road. Travel time from Elmira, about 15

minutes. Please call Fran Hill – 519-669-8572 if you have any questions.

If you cannot make it to the Dedication, please drive past this growing season and see how the crop is progressing.

This is a joint project with Bethany United and Bethel Mennonite churches.

A Movie I think You Should See *by Rev. Sinclair*

COME SUNDAY is a new film that you can catch on Netflix or other streaming media. It stars Chiwetel Ejiofor (*12 Years A Slave*) It is based on an episode of the public radio series *This American Life*, which centers on Bishop Carlton Pearson, a rising star among evangelicals until he was ostracized by his own church and declared a heretic after he started preaching that

there is no Hell. The movie challenges us to consider our own beliefs of heaven and hell, who's in and who's out. And where is God's love?

I would love to hear your opinion of the movie and the questions it raises.



Reverend Mark Curtis—Special Concert, March 25, 2018

Reverend Mark Curtis provided an inspiring music and video program on “Seeing the Risen CHRIST” on Palm Sunday, after providing the musical message at the Sunday service earlier in the day. His daughter and son-in-law shared original

video to fulfil the message at the evening concert. People from our Elmira faith community were present and enjoyed some fellowship with Mark and all our family after the concert. Over a \$1000 was raised and will be donated to PWS&D.



The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who supported Gale’s Campership Fund by attending our Camp Sunday service and staying for our Camp Lunch.

We were so pleased with the great turn out – we had over 80 people stay for lunch!

As many of you will know, the money from our Campership Fund is used to pay 60% of the camp fees



for any child from Gale who attends a summer camp program or our Gale Fellowship Retreat weekend at Camp Kintail.

Whether at Cairn camps or Camp Kintail, there are many great opportunities for our kids to experience the joys of Christian camping.

Thanks to your faithful support we were able to raise \$432.00 at our



lunch and \$535.00 from envelope donations. Once again the people of Gale

have been very generous in giving to others – well done!

Kintail On The Road (KOTR)

Kintail on the Road will be again returning to Gale this summer. It is being offered the week of **August 20-24** and is open to children from Sr. Kindergarten to Grade 6. Grade 7 and up can sign up to be a junior volunteer. Registration forms are now available on the church website or at the church office.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – It takes the efforts of many adult volunteers to make this great program available. While we do have Kintail staff leading the program aspects of the day, the volunteers become the counsellors for the kids to help lead them to the correct places they need to be and to support them to have a fun

time at KOTR. We require 4 adults per day to help with the groups, as well if you are interested in helping with some of the snacks please sign up on the form in the fellowship hall or grab a registration form from the office. Amy Hopper and Melanie Dow are the co-ordinators for KOTR this year and are both very

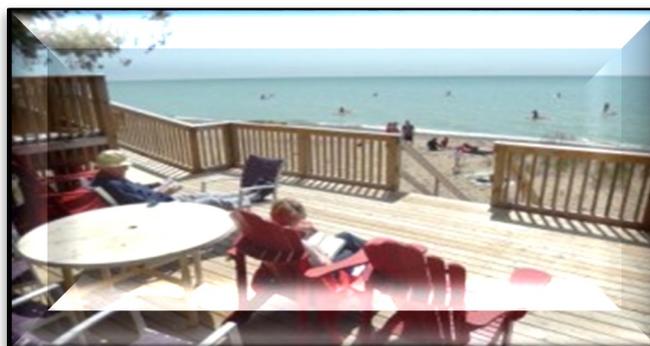
excited to be running the program since both have been involved as adult volunteers over the past years. We have many children signed up but there is still space for children to register. Questions—speak to Amy or Melanie.



Gale Fellowship Retreat

Gale Fellowship Retreat is happening from Friday May 25 to Sunday May 27 at Camp Kintail up on Lake Huron. This year there will be an extra special Worship Service held

on the Sunday involving Baptism of a few members from our church. Attending the Saturday is always a great option of seeing what this weekend is all about. Questions—ask Melanie Dow.



Fish Fry, Wednesday May 2, 2018

This year we served over 345 meals in the Fellowship Hall and for takeouts. It was a great success due to all of those ticket sellers, great fish from the Elmira Kiwanis, and lots of volunteers. People arriving were greeted by

our 3 parking attendants, then at the door and the ticket table. The flow took them to the Sanctuary where we had a slide show about our sponsored charities of Woolwich Counselling Centre (WCC), Canadian Food-grains Bank and the

Elmira Kiwanis. Faithlife Financial will provide an additional \$300 which should yield us over \$3800 to distribute.

Many thanks to the Fish Fry Committee consisting of Marilyn Coupal (chair), Dave Chalmers (kitchen),

Marnee Ewasko (tasks), Gerry & Sheila Bechtel (takeouts) and Lee Coulman (whatever).

A special thanks to all of those volunteers who made this happen! We had over 55 volunteers and I estimate that we had at least 160 volunteer hours.



