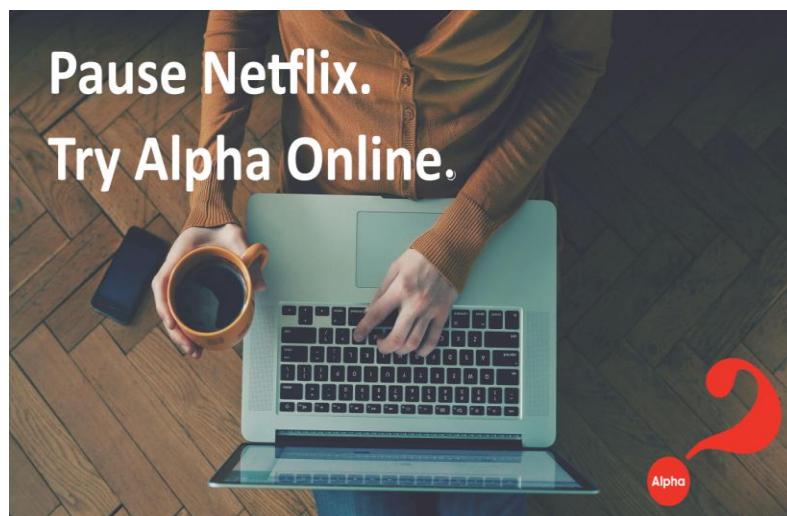




**FUN DAY AT THE FARM** has been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19

You can still help out by making a donation. Donations can be made through  
The website - [owensoundharvestforhunger@gmail.com](mailto:owensoundharvestforhunger@gmail.com)  
May you continue to be blessed by helping and blessing those less fortunate.

*Thank you.*



**Have you ever taken part  
in an Alpha course?**

The next online & in person Alpha starts  
Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:45 - 8:15pm  
@ TheXchange Centre

Email [alphaowensound@gmail.com](mailto:alphaowensound@gmail.com)  
or call the church office  
**519-376-2026** for the online or in person  
course details and to let  
us know you can come.

**We are looking for your input!**

Do you have photos to share or stories to tell? What would you like to see featured in  
*Connections*? Do you have an idea for a future article?

Please contact Angie Lyman at the church office.

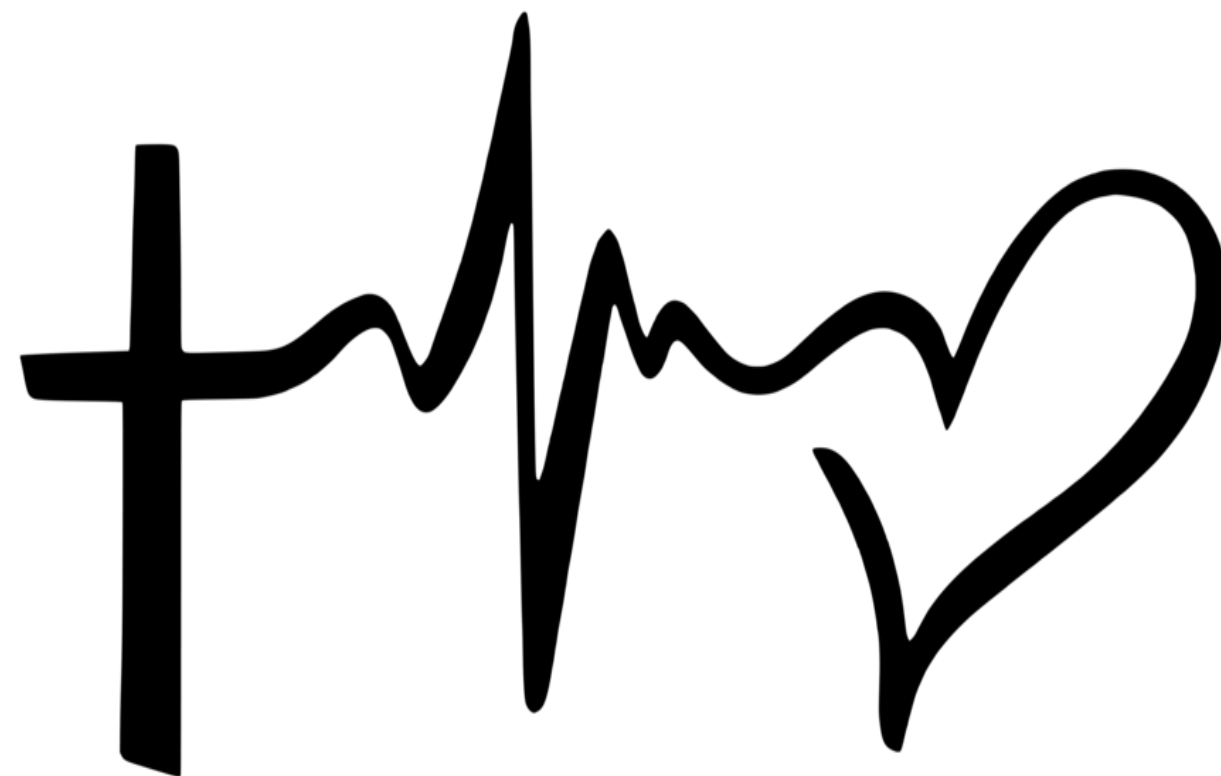
Email: [office@alliancechurch.net](mailto:office@alliancechurch.net) or call: **519-376-2026**.

# CONNECTIONS

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED WITH WHAT GOD IS DOING AT OSAC

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## MOMENTS INSPIRED BY



*Faith • Hope • Love*

# The Heart of Friendship

Written by~ Eleanor Reed

- F** - Friendship is a gift from the heart.  
Planting a seed of kindness is a good start.
- R** - Reaching out to others all around  
Brings joy beyond measure – new friends are found.
- I** - If someone keeps coming to your mind in the night  
Your timely gift of prayer would be just right.
- E** - Everyone needs a “gift” of your presence”  
No need to bring wrapped up presents.
- N** - Notes of encouragement delights us too.  
Building self-esteem with a word from you.
- D** - Do offer some TIME as a special gift.  
A friend’s spirit will receive a great lift.
- S** - Sharing a meal or casserole given –  
Is sometimes like a taste of Heaven.
- H** - Helping others, feel better through your love  
With God’s guidance & wisdom from above.
- I** - I’m grateful for gifts of friendship to me  
Throughout last year’s difficult recovery.
- P** - Pause now and think over your day.....  
Have I given a heart gift away?

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Poem written after Eleanor’s open heart surgery in 2007

# OSAC INTERNATIONAL WORKERS



Please pray for **Gary & Sharon Howell** as ministry is very different these days due to COVID-19. Please continue to pray for ministries with the clinic up in Dahra, the doctors and patients.

**Bill & Ilana Lobbezoo** ask you to pray along with them. Pray for a sense of God’s guidance as they discern the proper timing for their return to Cambodia. Praise God for His hand of protection on Cambodia as they report very little spread of the virus. Pray that regulations for those arriving from other more affected countries will be effective in containing the contagion.



Please continue to pray for **Lizette Lavoie** and the Kids in Crisis ministry to orphans. Your support of these orphans is saving lives for the glory of God.

**DESIGNATED FUND**

**Mike and Nikki Howell** 2 year apprenticeship to Senegal to begin January 2021.

OSAC has approved a designated fund to raise **\$17,000**. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist this couple in their support.

**\*Please mark your envelopes MIKE & NIKKI on the “OTHER” line to donate to this fund.\***





# OSAC SUPPORTING COMMUNITY MISSIONS



TheXchange Centre continues to work towards its mission to resource our community in the practical love of Jesus by equipping the church to love people, share Jesus and make disciples. Through COVID we've been able to continue to offer our financial, relationship and discipleship services online. The pandemic has certainly impacted these three areas, created new conversations and it is my hope that Jesus increasingly uses our church partnerships and services to offer Owen Sound the hope and love of Jesus.

It has been exciting to see many take part in online Alpha, CAP Money Course and Family Life Canada relationship coaching. I am especially grateful for the partnership of Owen Sound Alliance church in offering these services. As restrictions are lifted on our physical space I ask that you pray for relationships established pre-COVID with groups such as (Keystone, GBHS, Coffee House) to be re-established successfully.

I also ask that you pray for the development of our co-working space initiative in light of COVID. Please continue to pray for volunteers to be trained as coaches and course hosts. TheXchange is financially supported partially through rental income and partially through donations. As of July we are needing an additional \$1000 a month in donations to replace the end of start up funding. Please consider becoming a monthly ministry partner. Contact Pastor Greg if you are interested. Also, donations can be received through Owen Sound Alliance church or by visiting

[www.thexchangecentre.com](http://www.thexchangecentre.com)


Pastor Greg Musselman

**ARDEN**  
LANGUAGE CENTRE



Please prayer for the students and teachers as they prepare for online classes this fall.





**DAVE & ANDY FOSTER**

## Dear Graduates:

So yeah, this wasn't really the spring we were anticipating. What an extraordinary situation this virus has left us in. As I have mentioned at our youth meetings - most of which have been on ZOOM lately - I feel awful that so many year-end activities were missed. Grad trips, student awards, athletic banquets, performances and recitals, prom, and many other things. Our Spring Retreat at Riverview was cancelled, so too our end-of-year parties.

And yet, we made some new memories. We figured out some new ways of enjoying community life - from a distance. We worshipped and prayed and learned together. And, I can say with confidence, our friendships are stronger than they were 12 months ago.

These things, unquestionably, are a work of grace. In disappointing times, as in all other times, God is gracious and God is good.

As you look ahead and embark on your new adventure: new grade, new school, new program, new apprenticeship, new format, new 'normal' ... let me offer you four "W" words.

1. **WORSHIP.** We were made to worship. All human beings are worshippers. Let me encourage you - honour God and put Him first in every aspect of life. This will lead to the fullest and best life you could possibly live. (Matthew 6:33; John 10:10)

2. **WORK HARD.** You will find all sorts of new opportunities. Wherever you find yourself, and whatever you are doing, work at it diligently. Full Send. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." (Colossians 3:23)

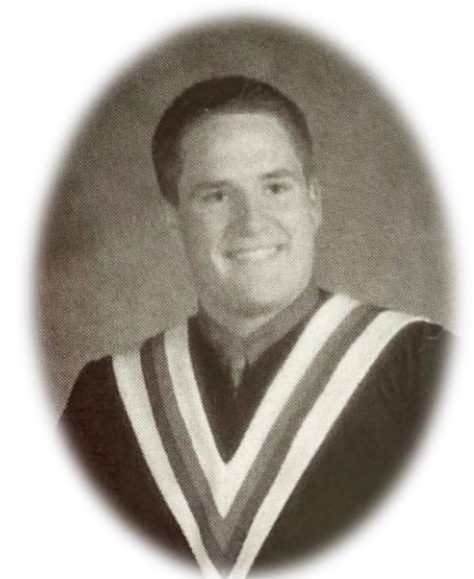
3. **DON'T WORRY.** God is in control. Jesus made this very plain in his Sermon on the Mount: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life ..." (Matthew 6:25)

4. **WAIT.** Wait on God. This is difficult for people, maybe most of all for young people. We dream and plan and have goals and we want it all to happen right now. *Friends, there is a blessing in the waiting.* God's timing is perfect, and He shapes our character as we wait on Him. We learn to trust Him more and rely on Him more. In an "instant world," those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. (Isaiah 40:31)

Worship, working, not worrying, and waiting - with Jesus at the centre of it all. I can't wait to see where He takes you and what you accomplish in His name. Apart from your mom and dad, Bernice and I are your biggest fans! And we love you deeply.

Pastor Ryan  
High School Graduate - Class of '03

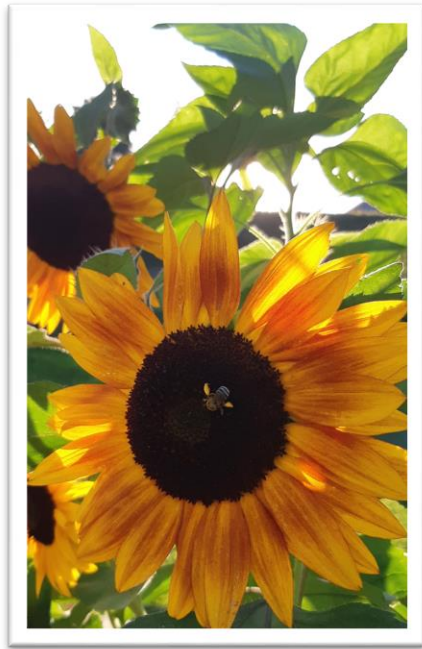
**Ryan Tudor**  
THANKS TO MY LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH YOU ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, YOU ARE SO FAITHFUL, I LOVE YOU. PSAML 63! TO THE BEST LOOKING GIRL AT APPLEWOOD; MALEY, YOU MAKE ME SO PROUD, I LOVE YOU. TO RACH, MOM AND DAD, I LOVE YOU GUYS. ALL THE FRIENDS, NOTHING BUT LOVE. THIS HAS BEEN A LOT OF FUN.



**Applewood Heights  
Secondary School  
Mississauga, ON**



# Through the lens of...



Sunflowers are so cheerful. That little wee honeybee in the center is busy working; I am sure it is grateful for the food it's Maker provides it.

## Maria Bullock

During this unusual time we find ourselves in, when we need to social distance but still thrive where God placed us in; the obvious is amplified ... our sanctuary for praise and worship has to be in our home and yard.

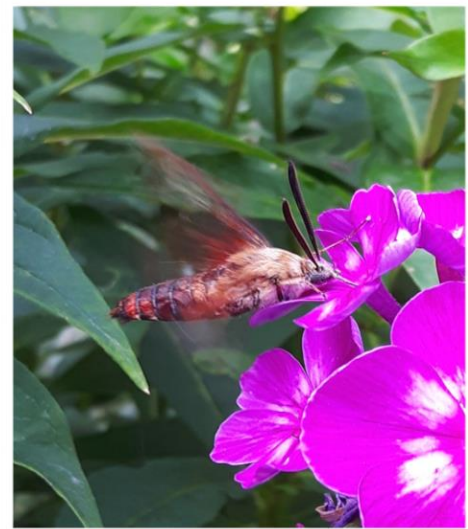
I tried to capture through pictures some of the beauty I see that leads me to be grateful to our good and awesome God. Thank you Lord Jesus for all the gorgeous and colorful flowers, the cheerful bees and moths and goats and the beautiful sky.



Glads makes me glad! I'm in awe of its many colors and how the petals are designed and painted with care; just one of many wonderful varieties of flowers in our garden.



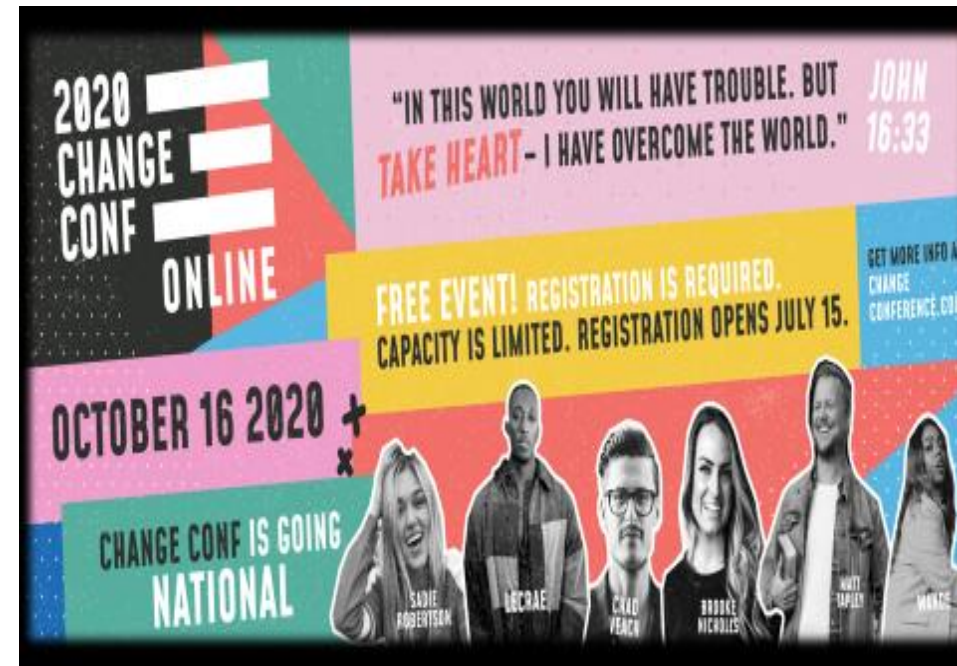
Everyday these goats come running down the hill adjacent to our backyard. I enjoy watching them graze as they add beauty to the backdrop of the glorious sky. I just love looking up at the sky, watching and waiting for my Lord Jesus to call and meet his Bride in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 says: ***"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."*** Maranatha Lord Jesus! Take us HOME, to our eternal home!



The hummingbird hawk-moth is so cool! You got to be there to appreciate it as it makes its humming sound going from flower to flower. I always see them hovering on our Phlox, must be its favorite kind of flower.

# Attention!

## STUDENTS



### Change Conference 2020

#### Is NOT Cancelled!

This conference is being run digitally and it's FREE!!

If you are a student in grades 9 -12 this is an exciting event with some great speakers lined-up. Please head to their webpage and book your spot.

[changeconference.com](https://changeconference.com)

Maybe you could host a social distancing viewing party!

For more information on this event contact Pastor Ryan

[rtudor.osac@gmail.com](mailto:rtudor.osac@gmail.com)

### University and College Students

We recognize that schooling for 2020-2021 is looking very different then you anticipated. We here at OSAC would love to support you in prayer as you make your plans. If you are a returning student and have moved or planning to be at home for this term or if this is your first year away from home, please let Angie Lyman know at the church office by calling [519-376-2026](tel:519-376-2026) or emailing [office@alliancechurch.net](mailto:office@alliancechurch.net) your mailing address.

