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Minister's Message

Unto us a child is born! Is there any short sentence so packed with joy, wonder, trepidation and prophecy? We at Bloordale anticipate the sacred season of Christmas once again, but we do so with a twist, knowing that December brings both breathtaking beauty for many and deep bouts of the blues for some. In the midst of the hustle and bustle we all feel, on occasion, that the manger scene has been buried in mounds of cheap tinsel like an ancient historical site under centuries of silt, that it's in danger of being buried alive. The centuries have left layers of debris that we must dig through each year to reach the central figures. So let's start digging!

Accustomed to throwing off the crass commercialism of our century, we are soon down to the Victorian era, still the most popular scene for Christmas cards. It is lovely, but pink-cheeked carolers, popcorn garlanded trees, and horse-drawn coaches are a long way from Bethlehem. We cut down again and come to a surprise – no Christmas at all, as Cromwell and, later, the Massachusetts colony outlawed Christmas. Dig deeper, and we uncover Reformation leader Martin Luther, who loved Christmas, sang about it, and gave us carols and greenery, but the poor were hard at work on Christmas Day as on any other day.

Continuing our excavation, we find ourselves in the Middle Ages and, instead of the crèche, the throne. Christmas Day is a state occasion, a time of coronation and courtly pomp. Both King Arthur and Charlemagne were crowned on Christmas Day. The humble crèche seems somehow out of place here! Strip back another layer and we come to the last days of Rome. Christianity is the state religion, but the Roman Christmas is tangled in pagan myths of a battle between light and darkness, symbolized in bonfires and evergreens. True, the saints are invoked: Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of sailors and unmarried women, and St. Lucia, executed for wanting to be the bride of Christ rather than the bride of a Roman official. The Christians, clearly, are undecided as to how to honour the memory of Christ's birth. When we move down to the last level we are surprised, again, to find no Christmas! Easter is the central celebration of the early church, though in a few churches the birth is celebrated at the winter solstice. Emperor Diocletian mockingly responds by having twenty thousand Christians burned to celebrate the day!

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LOOKING AT THE WEEKS AHEAD

- **Saturday, December 5** - **Holly Tea** - 1:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 6** - **Advent 2** - White Gift Sunday
- **Peel Choral Society** "Symbols of Christmas" - 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 13** - **Advent 3** - Christmas Pageant
- **Sunday, December 20** - **Advent 4** - Service of Music
- **Tuesday, December 22** - **Christmas with the Canadian Brass**
Roy Thomson Hall - 8:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 24** - **Christmas Eve** - Family Service - 4:30 p.m.
- Communion and Candlelight Service -7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 27** - **Christmas 1**
- **Sunday, January 3** - **Epiphany**
- **Sunday, January 10** - **Baptism of Jesus** - Baptism
- **Friday, January 15** - **King Tut**— Art Gallery of Ontario: 2:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, January 17** - **2nd after Epiphany**

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AT 10:30 A.M.

The Peel Choral Society Presents "Symbols of Christmas"

Sunday December 6, 2009, 7:30 pm.

at Bloordale United Church

As promised at our highly acclaimed "Sweet 16" Concert in Spring of 2009, The Peel Choral Society is returning to Bloordale for a festive Christmas Concert.



The Artistic Director and Conductor of the Peel Choral Society is Bloordale's own Music Director, Mervin Fick. Several Bloordale Choir members are also members of the Peel Choral Society.

Join us for this fabulous evening!

Tickets : \$20

Children 12 and under : \$10

Refreshments following the performance

For Further information and tickets contact
Nancy Harris 416-620-5377, or
Julia Stavreff 416-622-6309(h) 416-621-8050(w)

Christmas Fundraising Initiative

The Social and Fundraising Committee is organizing a 'booze bottle' drive for the December/January period.

Please bring your 'empties' to church with you, put them in the bins provided (at the inside back door) and we'll take them to the beer store.

Proceeds will go towards Bloordale programmes. Thanks to Stu McNair for this fundraising suggestion.

HOLLY TEA AND BAKE SALE

4258 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke, ON M9C 1Z7

416-621-1710 www.bloordale.ca

Saturday, Dec.5
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Enjoy coffee or tea, scones with whipped cream and jam...yummy! (\$4.00/serving)

Christmas cookies (\$5.00/dozen). Baking, Books and

Christmas decorations.



BLOORDALE
United Church
JOIN OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

A Christmas Gift

A Christmas gift love sends to thee,
'Tis not a gift that you may see,
Like Frankincense or shining gold,
Yet 'tis a gift that you may hold.

If you are lacking bread and meat,
'Twill give you heavenly bread to eat,
If you are down-trod, e'en as Job,
'Twill dress you in a seamless robe.

The gift of love in Mary's eyes,
Looked down on Jesus with surprise,
That one so great should be so small,
To point the way for kings and all.

One heart of love can move the race;
One grain of truth can change earth's face:
A Bethlehem Babe, a shepherd's rod
Have lifted mankind up to God.

- Clarence Hawkes

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund has received many donations from the friends and family of Anne Nakagawa.

Thank You.

Minister's Message *(continued from page 1)*

So we come to a party of three, one of them bewildered, one of them over-awed, and the third, a child. As we look at the sheer walls of our excavation, we realize that we inherit it all. The strata that have grown up over the manger scene are ours, and there are valuable deposits at each level. The church has taken certain pagan elements and infused them with new meaning, and has, at its best, kept its balance. Pope Gregory the Great, dispatching missionaries to pagan Europe, said, *"Do not fight their customs. Adapt them to the praise of God."* Christmas is the best example one can find of that delicate interplay between church and world. So we turn to climb back up our time-shaft.

We enjoy the ironic humour that led the church to choose a day when pagans celebrated the triumph of light over darkness. Augustine observed that *"the day is not holy because of the birth of the sun, but of the Son, the one who made the sun."* The Middle Ages, with feasting in which the Lord of the manor served the serfs, echoes Mary's song of a God who puts down the mighty and exalts the meek. In the next era Luther and others turn folk music, dancing carols, and greenery to Christian worship. The Victorians, stovepipe hats, swishy dresses, and all, took the celebration of Christmas out of the courts and cathedrals and into the home. Dickens added concern for the poor. North America soon adapted the Dutch Sinter Claus for domestic purposes and gave us a new symbol of generosity and warmth. Even the commercial Christmas, despite its excess, has its underlay of joy in family life and love, with airport greetings and carefully planned gifts.

Such is the result of our exploration down through history, arriving back at our own and the history that is in the making by the present faith we share. In this season, through beloved words sung to sweet melodies, the starry-eyed wonder of children, the hanging of greens, the timeless scripture story, the pageant and the poinsettias, and even the shadowed loneliness of lost love, may God bless us all, within Bloordale and beyond, and may we all be brought to exclaim, in a moment of rebirth, *"Unto us - us! - a child is born."*

Merry Christmas, from Jim, Juanita, Mervin, Lisa, Nelsona, Lydia, Sarah and me!

Brian

The Property Committee extends its "Thanks" to all those who turned out to help with "Clean-up Day".

Brian's General Council Update - #2

(An altered excerpt from a sermon on November 15th)

According to news accounts and internal statistics, the mainline church is one of the many things that are falling apart in our day. We read that we are losing members. We read that we are torn by schism and scandal, and that it's hard to tell what the church stands for anymore. With all of this in mind, I attended the triennial General Council meeting of the United Church in Kelowna, BC in August. I went with anxiety on my heart about the kind of United Church we want to be, as we were asked to determine priority directions for the church's life in the next three years. I went to remember that we are not a solitary outpost of believers in Etobicoke but that we are connected to a communion of faithful folk who remember us when they say their prayers the same way we remember them. I went to take a place in the greater body of Christ of which we are all a part.

The over 600 people who gathered talked, with the help of theme reflection times, about going Down to the Potter's House, and we talked about all kinds of issues confronting both the church and the world: the economic collapse and prospects for its recovery, quelling the wars and rumours of wars in the Middle East and elsewhere, challenges faced by our youth and aboriginal people, issues of ministry and candidacy and being an intercultural church, even about updating our doctrine from its 1925 articulation in the United Church's Basis of Union. We talked honestly and from the heart. We expressed vast differences with one another, in table groups, in Commissions and in the plenary. We listened carefully to one another, and to those ecumenical and interfaith guests beyond our membership, including Muslims, Aboriginal people, Palestinians and Jews, who all enriched us with their presence. No one booed anyone else, and there was a lot of applause. A sense of mutual respect was palpable in the gathering – perhaps because we prayed and sang together morning, noon, and night! – and I think it's fair to say that we all came away with a renewed sense that God was with us, and is with us in all our differences and struggles as we grapple and persevere with our call to be a transformed and transforming church in the 21st century, making not just survival but endurance our watchword as we go.

There's a time-honoured saying in the church that *"schism is worse than heresy."* What that means, among other things, is that it's okay for us to disagree, but what is not okay is for us to let go of one another through indifference or neglect. With the transformation of the church there are growing pains of disagreement, both at the national and local levels, as we move through the

challenges and changes necessary to keep up with what our always contemporary risen Lord is doing in the church and the world. I believe those delegates who attended the General Council meeting negotiated those challenges and changes well, caring for one another and offering dignity and respect to maintain relationships even when strong convictions collided. I pray that when leaders disagree here at Bloordale, we might do just as well, knowing that none of us is beyond reproach and none of us is outside the circle of the Potter's love. God knows this consuming, creative and fractured world needs the good news of divine love, ever-present yet elusive when left unproclaimed. So let us proclaim it with shouts of praise this holy season, and to God be the glory, this Christmas and at all times!

Christmas Beatitudes

Blessed is December, for Christmas is near.

Blessed are the poor of pocket, for they shall be called parents.

Blessed are the artistic, for they shall wrap everyone's gifts.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall restrain children from knocking over the tree.

Blessed are the heavy laden, for they shall be called shoppers.

Blessed are they who weave paper garlands, produce plays and wear a confused look, for they shall be called teachers.

Blessed are they who hunger for turkey and trimmings (and happily do the dishes), for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed is the sweater knit in secret, coins sent to the food bank, dinner for a shut in, for these shall be called love.

Blessed are we who, despite the chaos, hold Christmas closely in our hearts, for we shall be called glad.

St. James Food Basket

St. James Food Basket grew out of a request from a local community tenants association and was launched on February 7, 2007. Since then it has grown into an inter-faith, inter-church and community partnership. The St. James Food Basket is open every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.to give a hand to the 20% of our neighbours living at or below the poverty line, many of whom are children and seniors, the working poor and people with disabilities. We are currently serving 200 families a week and over 1600 people each month.

Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated. The St. James Food Basket serves people living between the south side of Eglinton Avenue and the north side of Dundas Street, and between the west side of the Etobicoke Creek and the east side of Kipling Avenue.

To register for the first time, clients need to show identification for each member of the family; proof of their address and income and applicable expenses from among the following: rent or lease receipt; mortgage payment; taxes and utilities and any regular medical expenses. We also need to know of any medical conditions or allergies that require special food. It is also important that clients bring bags or something in which to carry their food.

While our community partners provide much of the food each week, we are always in need of canned fish of any kind and personal care products such as toilet paper, sanitary products, diapers, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, etc., cleaning products, pet food and Ziplock bags of all sizes. Other desirable products include: canned fruit, cereal, pasta, beans, lentils, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jam, juice, powdered milk, tea and coffee, Ensure, Boost or other such meal replacement products, salt and pepper, sugar and sugar-free foods for diabetics.

This Christmas the St. James Food Basket is one of the causes that Bloordale is supporting with our Outreach offerings. Our aim is to collect \$1,000 for this most worthwhile cause.

Christmas Pageant - December 13th

Join us as our children and youth once again delight us with the dramatic telling of the Nativity Story. Each year, following worship, our Sunday School hosts a luncheon of sandwiches and sweets followed by their Christmas production. The children are already hard at work and looking forward to your support.

Come and let them warm your heart and spirit with this most touching story.

All are Welcome

Christian Development

Secret Pals

Well, our Secret Pals Program is about to begin! We have 6 eager young "pals" just waiting to begin writing to their secret pen pals. This program allows a child to be matched to a secret adult pen pal within the congregation."Pals" with correspond at least monthly, without revealing their identities.

In the spring, we will host a dinner where children and adults will get the chance to meet their "Secret Pal", share a meal together (along with some laughs, no doubt) and forge a lasting friendship! If you would like to participate and haven't yet signed up, you might still have a chance if you're really nice to Lisa.

Community Partnership

Bloordale has a wonderful opportunity to partner with Eatonville Junior School. Their principal has asked if there are any individuals willing to donate some time to work with children on crafts, games, chess, knitting, painting, or anything you feel you might have a talent with, that you would like to share. Remember, these are elementary school children so you don't have to be a professional!

They are very open to suggestions, so be creative and lend whatever talent you have. This is a great chance for Bloordale to live their faith by sharing time and talents with the community. Please speak to Lisa if you are interested.

Upcoming Concerts- Mark Your Calendars

As you plan into 2010, please mark these two confirmed Bloordale concerts in your calendars.

Saturday, Feb 13th, evening:

Two Tenors and Friends

A concert featuring Brian McIntosh
and Mervin Fick

Friday, June 4th, evening:

Finest Kind

Folk Trio from Ottawa, featuring Ian Robb,
Ann Downey and Shelley Posen

Both are events not to be missed!

Grateful Thank You

I would like to thank those who sent cards and offered prayers for my recovery during my stay in the hospital, especially Brian for his visit. I now have a new defibrillator which the doctor informed me cost the hospital \$25,000; \$35,000 in the U.S. (installation extra). We can be very thankful we have OHIP.

John Mulholland



Hats Off

Thanks to Alun Morgan for painting the east windows of the CE building and to Jim Spalding for being Mr. Fixit.

Save Your Xmas Card Stamps

Support the Canadian Bible Society by saving the postage stamps from your Christmas cards. Simply cut out the stamp leaving a margin of at least 1/2 inch. They can be deposited in the Stamp Box on Sunday mornings. For more information, call Marg Cloke at 416-621-3539

Flower Deliveries

If you are providing flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, they must either be delivered to the Church by noon on Friday or bring the arrangement with you on Sunday between 10:00 and 10:30

AGING in PLACE

About 30 people enjoyed an information session on Friday afternoon, November 20. Our guest speakers were Cheryl Austin of "Spectrum Health Care", Bev Heggie of "Motion Specialities", and Vicky Riley-Keyes of "Red Coats Moving Solutions". We learned about the services available in our community to help us stay in our homes, safely, as long as possible. Tips on decluttering were particularly well received, for who among us does not have "stuff" that we don't need anymore! Start now - while you still have some energy to do it! Our speakers even provided some door prizes to add a little fun.

I would like to thank Rev. Nelsona Dundas for her thoughtful and most appropriate opening prayer, and the following members of the Pastoral Care Committee for providing refreshments, serving them and cleaning up: Marjorie Jackson, Evelyn Hughson, Helen Hitchcock, Gladys Lewis. Thanks to Jim Spalding for setting up the gym so attractively, and for working with Bob Hitchcock to ensure an effective sound system. I am also grateful to Jill and Jim Donaghy, and Doug Brown for putting away the chairs and tables.

Dana Bach

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Sign in Albert Einstein's office at Princeton University

Stewardship Spot

"Stewardship is everything I do after I say 'I believe'."

In Advent and at Christmas our ears have a way of filtering information through the season's lens in a way that doesn't happen the rest of the year. Consider that when the minister says at the end of the service to *"go and bring Christ's presence into the world,"* for a split second we who are obsessed with still incomplete shopping lists may think that what is meant is Christ's presents! It seems that, like Jacob Marley, we are haunted at this time of year by the ghost of Christmas presents.

Someone has done a parody of The Night Before Christmas in which Santa Claus and the reindeer were replaced by Jesus and the apostles. Here's one of the stanzas:

- *When what to our wondering eyes gave a jostle*
- *But a miniature boat and twelve fishing apostles.*
- *With a leader so eager at heart to please us*
- *That we knew in a moment that it must be Jesus.*

This is, in one sense, crass, but an interesting thought nonetheless. What would children around the world do if Jesus slid down the chimney in place of Saint Nick? The writer of this verse once asked children at his church that precise question, and a boy, without hesitation, said, *"I'd send him back for Santa Claus."*

Our initial reaction to such an outburst might be negative, as we lament children being so caught up with the commercialism of Christmas, perhaps, with Santa being simply a front man for the merchants at the mall! But upon second thought we may realize that Christmas is also about incarnation, when God put the skin on love. Over the past two thousand years we've tended to disembody Jesus, to make him only spiritual, not an embodied human being. But the message of Christmas is the delightful dance of spirit and flesh, of spirit in flesh, reminding us that there's unimaginable and unexpected holiness in the world as well as beyond it.

So Santa isn't the incarnation of God's love – that's Jesus! – but he may be the incarnation of our love, and that is a good thing, a healthy reminder of how our gifts give flesh, make material, our love for one another. We buy or make gifts for our families and friends because we need to embody our affection, and like a hug or a kiss, a present is a sign of our presence. We offer anonymous gifts to those in need during Advent, embodying our love for strangers in need, and on

White Gift Sunday we wrap gifts in paper so that one gift can't be distinguished from another, which would provide the opportunity for judgment about whose was best.

Yes, Jesus and his birth is the essence, the spirit, of Christmas, but that message needs contemporary incarnation, and Santa, in our culture at least, continues to fit the bill. At their best, then, our Christmas customs represent the incarnation, as known in the making real of our love for one another. So give, and give generously, with a spirit of joy, and ride on the wings of our common prayer that the world may be more like Christmas throughout the year.

Brian

Cirque Du Soleil – OVO

On Tuesday evening, October 27, 60 Bloordale family and friends went to see the new Cirque du Soleil show Ovo, under the Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) in the Port Lands by Cherry Street. Yes! The show was in a tent!

Some of us had never been to a Cirque du Soleil performance before, while others were veterans having seen Cirque du Soleil in Toronto years ago, or in another city (Las Vegas). Over half of us carpooled.

Ovo is written and choreographed by Deborah Colker, who turned an exploration of the insect world into an "entertainment delight".

An adorable troupe of red ants juggled kiwi fruit and corn cobs with their feet and won our hearts. High flying trapeze beetles, complete with safety net ended Act I and gave us heart palpitations with their spectacular leaps to the trapeze. Act II's finale involved trampolines, a rock climbing wall and a dozen creatures that looked like green power rangers. They were bounding 40 feet into the air and landing gracefully on the vertical rock wall. This performance seemed to be the hands down favourite for most of the Bloordale crowd.

There was a great demand from Bloordale for this show. Our initial order of 20 tickets quickly grew to 60. Our tickets were in the Blue section, good seats in close proximity to one another.

Our evening's performance was sold out, as have been the bulk of Ovo's shows. (2,600 person capacity). The tent was temperature controlled; before and after the show, and during intermission one could buy food, beverages and merchandise. The tickets were 4" x 8", very colourful, and certainly to be kept as souvenirs.

Thanks to all for coming, and a special thanks to the drivers. A great time was had by all!

Outreach

Fred Victor Centre – Fred Victor Centre is a multi-service organization and a registered charity, with a mandate to provide assistance to men and women who live in extreme poverty and are marginally housed or homeless. Their mission statement is: To offer a continuum of community services, housing options and advocacy for adults who are experiencing homelessness, marginalization and poverty.

Through its programs and services Fred Victor Centre helps people to address their essential needs for food, shelter, and social contact – the basic requirements for survival. Once these needs are met, they can begin to focus on their hopes and dream for a better future. People are able to rebuild their lives by having meaningful involvement and purpose, as well as the opportunity to develop their skills and capacity.

We hope to raise \$500 with our November 29 Communion and Outreach offerings to support this worthwhile charity.

Donations to our Outreach baskets are needed as follows:

St James Food Basket:

- Containers such as clean margarine or sour cream
- Egg cartons
- Clean small water bottles
- Clean gently used winter coats and jackets – all ages
- Food items, especially canned fish, meat, peanut butter
- Baby food, baby formula.

All charities:

YWS, Women's Habitat, Ernestines, St James

- tooth paste and brushes, deodorant, soap, lotions, shampoo
- combs, brushes, razors, lip balm and other personal items

Note: if you have large quantities of bottles, containers and winter clothes you may take them over directly to St James on Wednesdays (back door). Call ahead to Ernestine's 416-746-3701, ext 2030, Women's Habitat 416-252-1785, ext 228 if you have towels, sheets, blankets, dishes etc to see if Ernestine's or Habitat need them and arrange delivery time. Thank you to those who can help them out. Do a winter clean out instead of a spring clean and see what useful items you can afford to give away to a shelter.

Mitten Tree – It will be set up by Nov 29 and you can help decorate it with your new mitts, gloves, scarves, socks etc. New small toys are also welcome and anything you might give to a teenager. All items will be delivered before Christmas. Thanks

Securing a Sound Future – an update

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who responded to our Securing A Sound Future appeal. As at November 15, 2009, \$37,415 has been received with a further \$12,745 pledged, to be received by June 30, 2010: a grand total of \$50,160.

All the proceeds of Securing A Sound Future are being applied against our December 31, 2008 cumulative deficit (\$47,014); some of this cash has already been used to pay off the balance of our first presbytery loan. The second presbytery loan had its regular payment of \$6,800, plus interest paid from these funds. The balance has been used to repay borrowed funds from the Memorial fund, and the capital and contingency fund.

Exciting events are planned for 2010 to help with raising the balance of funds to reach \$100,000, the target as approved at our AGM last February. In the works is a golf tournament for late May or June, with sponsorships, and also another community wine and cheese, with silent auction, and guest speaker tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening April 17, 2010. Please join us when they are officially announced.

Again, Thank You for your pledges and contributions.

Poinsettia Fund

Once again, we will be purchasing Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. They will then be distributed to the homebound members of the congregation to remind them that their Bloordale family has them in their thoughts. If you would like to contribute to this fund (also used to purchase lilies at Easter), Edna Bell will be collecting money for several Sundays starting Nov.22 during coffee hour. If you would like to dedicate the poinsettia to someone, please indicate this to Edna when you make your donation.

Yoga Classes with Bernice Chandler



Every Tuesday afternoon in the church gym from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. for mature students (i.e. over 50) - male and female.

First class is always free.

Come join the group, we have a lot of fun. I can be reached at 905-793-0390 or just arrive in the gym any Tuesday a little before 2:00 p.m.

Christmas with the Canadian Brass – Pops Concert

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

8:00 p.m.

Roy Thomson Hall

Join the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Brass for a joyous programme of holiday classics, featuring the Mississauga Choral Society, whose conductor is our very own Mervin Fick.

Tickets in Mezzanine – Side L4 and L5, \$63.25, Seniors, Students, Children: \$42. For information or tickets, please call Julia Stavreff, 416-622-6309 (home) or 416-621-8050 (work).

Come with us to see

KING TUT

“The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs”

At the Art Gallery of Ontario

An all-new exhibition featuring more than 100 remarkable treasures and artifacts from the tomb of King Tut and ancient sites of other important pharaohs.



www.ago.net

Friday, Jan 15, 2010 at the AGO

317 Dundas Street West
(just West of University Ave)

Our visit is from 2:00 to 4:30 pm
(2:30 entry into the exhibit area)

*Price: \$27 per person, \$23 for seniors
(includes admission to the AGO, and coat check)*

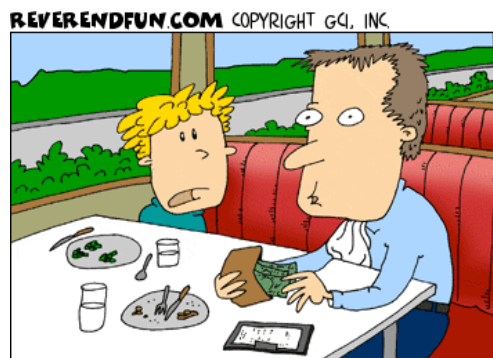
A Bloordale and Friends Event

For further information or tickets contact
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A Toast

Raise your glasses in the air
And give three rousing cheers
To all of the extraordinary super volunteers
They always share their time
With enthusiastic hearts
They appear from out of nowhere
To do their special parts
Whenever there's a project or a
Task to be completed
You can always count on them
They never are defeated
Their smiles are genuine
And their attitudes are winning
Surely they must be the ones
Who keep this old world spinning
So if there is a job to do –
Don't shrink back in fear
Just seek out the expertise –
Of a Bloordale volunteer

Bloordale United Church



Thanks to Shirley Ostrander
**HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD
ONLY GETS 10%?**

*Wishing all
A Very Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year*

Deadline for Next Issue

Articles for the next issue of Bloorbeat should be submitted no later than **January 8th**. Send your articles directly to Norman Dundas: email: norman.dundas@sympatico.ca or facsimile at 416-695-4729.

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