



FOR PETE'S SAKE"

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Upcoming Event Dates

Tuesday, April 29 - Book Club

Wednesday, April 30 - Parish Hall is in use for a dinner for Blessings volunteers

Thursday, May 1 - RSVP to dklopp@hay.net or call 519-236-7999 by this date with menu choices for the Ladies' Dinner at Hessenland on May 8.

Friday, May 2 - Pastor Nadine leads a Hymn Sing at the Exeter Villa at 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 4 - Sanctuary - Holy Communion - Food Basket - Recording.

May 5-12 - Pastor Nadine is on vacation

Thursday, May 8 - Women's Dinner - Hessenland Garden Room

- Social time begins at 5:30 pm and Dinner is at 6:00 pm
- Cost is \$58 per adult and \$29 for children

Sunday, May 11 - Sanctuary - Tracy Lather leading the service - Kid's Club (Linda Bluhm) -
- Mother's Day

Sunday, May 18 - Parish Hall - Communion

Sunday, May 25 - Sanctuary - Kid's Club (Vanessa Strike)

Save these June Dates

Wednesday, June 11 - Men's Dinner at Hessenland (More information to follow)

Sunday, June 29 - Cemetery Decoration Day Service (at the Cemetery weather permitting)

Easter Egg Decorating Community Event

About 30 church and community members attended the pizza supper and Easter egg decorating event at St. Peter's on Friday, April 11. The pizza was enjoyed by all, and the children had a great time getting their fingers messy as they decorated their eggs.

This was another great community outreach event organized by St. Peter's. Special thanks to the organizers!



Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Bruce Junker and his family as they mourn the loss of Janice (Jan) who passed away on April 24th at South Huron Hospital in Exeter.

Full obituary available on Hoffman's Funeral Home site.

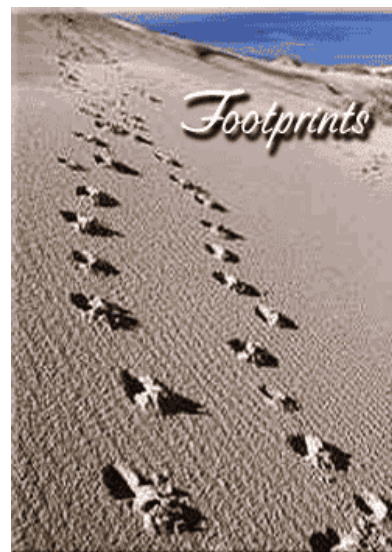
**On Saturday, May 3, 11:00 AM -12:30 PM Visitation in St. Peter's Fellowship Hall.
1:00 PM Celebration of Jan's Life in the Church Sanctuary.
Lunch will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.**

Jan, an avid golfer, would suggest *casual or golf attire be worn (NO SPIKES)*.

+++++ FOOTPRINTS written with love by Bev Thiel

When I was contemplating what I would write about this month, I visualized a picture of footprints. As I was setting up my healing treasures a day later, I discovered a wallet size card, with the words of a poem about a dream of walking beside the Lord entitled "Footprints." I knew at that moment that this would be my story. The icing on the proverbial cake happened when my husband told me that it was his mother's favourite poem. When a person says to "follow in my footsteps" it is profound in numerous ways. My understanding is that it represents your legacy in life.

As a child, I was fascinated by my footprints in the sand at the beach. I would attempt to join them in a circle and then try to walk around in the exact same mold of my feet. When I would create this masterpiece near the water, it was a mystery on when the waves would take it out, never to be seen again. It is comparable to the circle of life and changing your course, so you do not walk in circles all your life and acknowledge when to step out and create new footprints. Also, realization of being washed out as a cleansing of old ways and habits and making room for new adventures on the horizon.





As your footprints become larger because you are growing up, you must contemplate other pathways to follow. The philosophy of walking in the DEEP MUD OF TEENAGE YEARS can either be exhilarating or scary. The mud can sink you and leave you stuck and if you are lucky, your friends will pull you out to safety. It is not stating that leaving your footprints in the mud is not right or wrong, just stay clear of sinkholes. Remember if you do not make mistakes, you have not lived.

Look before you leap was a lesson I found difficult at times to follow, but I survived and learnt many lessons along my pathway. Use your own compass to create the sequence of footprints that you wish to follow. Sometimes the path you have chosen will take you near a cliff. Make a choice - to either have a parachute to ensure a soft landing or turn around and walk in another direction.

As you age and you are blessed to have children, be there to hold their hands and keep them safe. As they grow up, walk behind them to encourage them to make their own path and catch them if they fall. Be in the front to give them space but turn around when they call your name for guidance and listen to their concerns or fears.

As your children age and begin creating their own families, be proud of them and honour their choices. If you are blessed with grandchildren, their footprints are beside you in an equivalent way of your children, but different. You certainly will still guide them and keep them safe, but their upbringing is your children's responsibility, as their parents. This pathway that you are now on is enjoying your grown children, your grandchildren, family, and friends.

Create footprints to lead you to adventures and travels.

Retirement gives you freedom to enjoy the various stages of your life.

Do not get stuck in the mud or be afraid to leave the comfort of the circle.

Hope the footprints you have created in life, will leave a positive imprint to your legacy.

