

Summer Daze



Here we are schools closed for summer holidays and life should slow down. A time to enjoy the sunsets walks in the parks and lazy days just lounging in your back yard or at the beach.

Some of us started our summer witnessing the sun go down and listening to the drummers at the park, the first night of summer, the longest day of light. Solstice, an experience to catch if you haven't already done so. Lots of people celebrating the beginning of a new season.

With the new season come plans on how to enjoy the freedom of late nights and warm weather. We all have dreams and hopefully we'll make a few of them come true as we regenerate our souls and bodies.

Vacations can mean different things to everyone. Some of us like to stay close to home while others are planning trips abroad. Whatever you choose make sure you include time for worship. When you're away visit the local churches. If you're home make sure your summer includes worship.

Share your joy with family and friends by having a BBQ or picnic with them. Visit Lakeside Park and the Merry-Go-Round, Tuesday night is Food Truck Night, a wonderful way to end the day after the beach experience.

Happy Ralphs isn't far, meander along the path. Enjoy the farm animals and take the path to the pond where you'll find ducks, geese and turtles up the slope to another path along the lake front. Here you can sit and rest on benches and watch the waves as they lap against the shore.

Enjoy each and every day to its fullest. See the wonders of the season change - the flowers and fruit which are in abundance in Niagara. This is one of the most beautiful places to live. Let's not take it for granted. Get out and enjoy the nooks and crannies we call home.

Take in

- the Canada Day Celebrations on July 1st at Rennie Park
- Canal Days Marine & Heritage Festival August 3 - 6, City of Port Colborne
- the Royal Henley Regatta, we're all familiar with this it's in our own back yard

Have you been to the Facer Street European Festival August 6th, Facer Street St. Catharines?

Have you ever visited the Wainfleet Bog Conservation Area? It's an Eco System full of Cotton grass, European birch trees, snapping turtles and Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes. Apparently there are wooden paths throughout the area so you can walk without damaging the foliage.

We are so fortunate to have so much on our doorstep to pursue without traveling too far afield. Wear good walking shoes, make frequent stops to explore the area you visit and pack a lunch. Enjoy life in the Niagara Region.

There is so much to explore in Canada; Children's Festivals, Toronto Island, Ottawa, Sherkston Shores, Dunnville for fishing, Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum, Balls Falls, Toronto R.O.M. and Art Gallery.

Look around, you can travel far or enjoy your own back yard. Whatever you do keep safe; take time to appreciate what God has created. Make sure you leave room for worship wherever you travel this summer.

See you in September!

My view from this side of the pulpit

Bonnie