

## Thirsty Church Project Update!

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Hudson, Jim Hudson, Cox Hometown Flooring, and especially Aaron Smith and Crew who did a beautiful job from start to finish.

The vision of the Thirsty Church Project is to be of service to the community and surrounding area, and in line with this vision, a community sign has recently been installed at the Church for the purpose announcing community happenings for all of Londonderry. If you have an event, fundraiser, tournament, birthday, anniversary, or any other community happening that you would like posted, please call Amanda at 668-2300.

A sincere gesture of appreciation to Daryl Deuville from Truro, who donated his time to build this charming sign and the many community members who helped with installation. A

warm thank you is also extended to Will-Kare Paving & Contracting Ltd. who did a wonderful job creating a gravel parking area on the Church property.

Just like our freshly painted yellow door, the future is looking bright and full of 'heavenly sunshine' at the Thirsty Church. We hope you have enjoyed this update. Stay tuned for the announcement of a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch that we are looking forward to hosting in the spring of 2011.

As well, future updates will follow on Phase Two of the Thirsty Church Project to complete the basement over the winter months, and the installation of a wheel chair ramp in the spring. Join the Thirsty Church facebook group or email [thirstychurch@gmail.com](mailto:thirstychurch@gmail.com) anytime to stay connected.

## Possible Amalgamation with Great Village

*By Chris Urquhart*

Sunday School is back in full form, meeting at either Masstown or Debert United Churches during Church time (10:15am) and all children are welcome to come to our Sunday School. Church services for the month of November are as follows: Every Sunday 9am at Erskine United, Glenholme, and alternating services between Masstown and Debert at 10:15am: November 7th - Debert,

November 14th - Masstown, November 21st - Debert, November 28th - Masstown.

All schedules could change depending on what happens at the special meeting after Church on Sunday October 24th where a vote is being taken to join with Great Village Pastoral Charge. This would mainly affect the services in Glenholme so please check with our Church office - 662-2617 - if this concerns you!

## Great Village Garden Club Notes



Gerry Simpson displays samples of his grapes to the Great Village Garden Club members and spouses. (Shears photo)



Eileen Eaton, Harold Sharpe and Patti Sharpe work to release a bird which had become trapped in the netting while eating grapes. (Shears photo)

*By Linda Shears*

The Garden Club's fall season began on September 28 with a tour of Gerry and Linda Simpson's vineyard in Lower Debert. Gerry explained the function of their two windmills and how they contribute about one-fifth of their home's energy needs. He showed us the several varieties of grapes he grows, explaining the characteristics of each, and providing samples for us to taste. The plants are disease and insect-free; however, birds, especially flocks of starlings, are a constant threat to the crop. To give some protection, a netting normally used to bind round hay bales, is carefully wrapped around the rows of vines. Even with netting,

there is still considerable loss of produce.

Last year, during one afternoon Gerry spent away from home, he reckoned a loss of a thousand pounds to the feathered freeloaders. He recently planted the lower section of his field in black currants, which are also in demand for winemaking. When the grapes are ready for harvest, they are shipped to Jost Vineyards in Malagash as well as to the Masstown Market for sale locally.

After the vineyard tour, we met at the Masstown Market for our business meeting and a sample of the Market's coffee and baked treats. Two of our members were absent from the meeting and tour because they were in Chatanooga, Tennessee,

## Debert Fire Brigade HAS NEW ARRIVAL



Lots of new gadgets to try out! Fire Chief Wade Jennings raises the telescopic command light on top of the new truck, while Shane Slack looks on. (Harrington Photo)



Bradon Slack tries out the new dual slide utility tray in the Debert Fire Brigade's new truck. This handy tray extends out 75% of its length from either side of the vehicle. (Harrington Photo)

*By Linda Harrington*

It has been over two years in the planning but at last a shiny new fire truck has arrived at Debert Fire Brigade.

The 2011 Ford F550, 4x4, with 12 foot rescue body arrived at its new home on Wednesday, Oct. 20th. Metalfab Firetrucks, of Centreville, NB has been customizing the truck for the past four months. Sales Manager Jacques Pelletier handed over the keys to Fire Chief Wade Jennings, prior to a brief training exercise for Brigade members who were anxious to get their first look at the new versatile medical and fire rescue truck.

Mr. Pelletier was pleased to report the new truck is ULC certified. "This is only the second fire truck in Nova Scotia to be certified to this level. The Underwriter's Laboratory of Canada sets the standards to make sure everything on the truck is safe for the fire fighters and we build it to those standards," he says. "They even set things like a certain number of flashers on the vehicle to make it more visible when responding to a call."

The truck has a telescoping Command Light Knight on top, capable of delivering

attending the American Dahalia Society Show.

Plans were made for a memorial donation in honour of Audrey Congdon, who was a life member of our club and an active participant. We will continue to miss Audrey's cheerful greetings. We were told of an opportunity to tour the Beinn Bhreagh estate, which is the former home of Alexander Graham Bell in Baddeck. Plans were discussed for the November 6 visit from gardener and author, Niki Jabbour, who will address us on the topic, "Creating a Family Kitchen Garden".

Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Faith Baptist Church at 7:30 PM. New members are always welcome.

3000 watts. A generator is built into the roof of the vehicle, next to the Command Light, to maximize the available compartment space below.

Just a few of the additional features included are: a traffic light on the back, which has a variable light pattern for routing traffic; a trailer hitch; 2



Jacques Pelletier, Sales Representative for Metalfab Fire Trucks, hands over the keys to Debert Fire Chief Wade Jennings after receiving payment for the brand new fire truck. Mr. Pelletier delivered the truck from his company in Centreville, NB on Oct. 20th and many Brigade members stopped by the hall to see the newest addition to their fleet. (Harrington Photo)



Jacques Pelletier (driver's door), Sales Representative for Metalfab Fire Trucks, gives members of Debert Fire Brigade a short training session on some unique features of their new truck. (Harrington Photo)

two hundred foot electrical cord reels, with electric re-winder; vented compartments, for fuel storage; 1000 watt tripod light for use on and off the truck; roll up compartment doors and special lighting and nonslip surface on areas where fire fighters enter or exit the truck.

The paint includes a new

reflective coating which is NFPA approved for the luminescent output. This means the truck can be seen from a much greater distance, allowing traffic a greater response time to slow down.

Total cost for the truck was \$204,000. The multiple storage areas will soon be loaded with gear and ready for use.

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