



These nine young Parrsboro ladies spent hours walking around town displaying a variety of posters warning of the oncoming dangers of Climate Change. (D Yorke Photo)

Flip the Switch November 9, 2 pm

The Parrsboro Band Association will be hosting a special event "The Flip of the Switch" at 2:00 pm on November 9th to celebrate the installation of solar panels on the Hall.

The \$170,000 solar panel partnership with Nova Scotia and for 20 years will supply enough electricity for the Hall and twelve area homes.

Light refreshments will follow.

"Old Fashioned Barn-Raising"

By Polly Suttis

Seventy people from 10 churches, along with approximately 30 people from Open Arms and the Parrsboro community, gathered to erect a "quick build" for what is to be the new home of Open Arms Church, Parrsboro.

In six days, and starting with only the concrete slab, exterior and interior walls were studded, exterior closed in, and trusses and roof went up! And all these workers were fed by the ladies of Faith Baptist Church in Great Village plus volunteers from the local Open Arms community. The teamwork and fellowship that developed over the six days was very similar to "barn raisings" which used to be a common occurrence in rural areas.

In mid-October, another team from Redbank Baptist Church in Lexington, South Carolina will arrive to help get the building water tight.

Nearly 4 years ago, on November 8, 2015 Open Arms' first service was held in

the basement of Doug and Lillian Lake's home. With a capacity of 60 people they soon outgrew the allotted space and have been meeting in the Elementary School Gym and the Band Hall for the last few years. Church leaders realized they needed a permanent home.

During that time, a growth fund was established, and through supporting churches, individuals, Regional and Federal Fellowship of Baptist Churches, the exact amount was raised to purchase 14 acres on Smith Hollow Road and Rt. 209, 3 kms from the centre of Parrsboro.

Easily accessible from several areas, the building will be a place to worship, study, fellowship, and serve the wider community. The growing congregation realize a building is not the church - the people are the church. The mission of Open Arms Church is "To Know Jesus, and to make Jesus Known - Through Love, Truth, Community and Action".



In traditional barn raising style numerous workers are required to raise and secure the walls of the new church. (Submitted)



This aerial photography shows the cement pad and lots of volunteer vehicles for the Open Arms Church construction program. (Submitted)



Immediately after the walls were up the rafters were installed and volunteer workers started installing sheathing for the roof. (Submitted)



A crane lists rafters for the Open Arms Church construction in Parrsboro recently. In typical "barn raising" fashion an army of volunteers had the walls up and roof closed-in in five days. An incredible monument to what work can be accomplished when the need arises. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Volunteers achieved this much on the new Open Arms Church in six days. Recognition is needed for the army of volunteers who prepared lunches, snacks and end of day meal. (Submitted)



With a small army of volunteers this much was accomplished in just over a week. (Y Yorke Photo)



Before the walls were up, this "mess tent" was erected to serve as the dining hall. (Y Yorke Photo)



Work is done for the day. Now, it's chow time in the mess tent. (Y Yorke Photo)



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