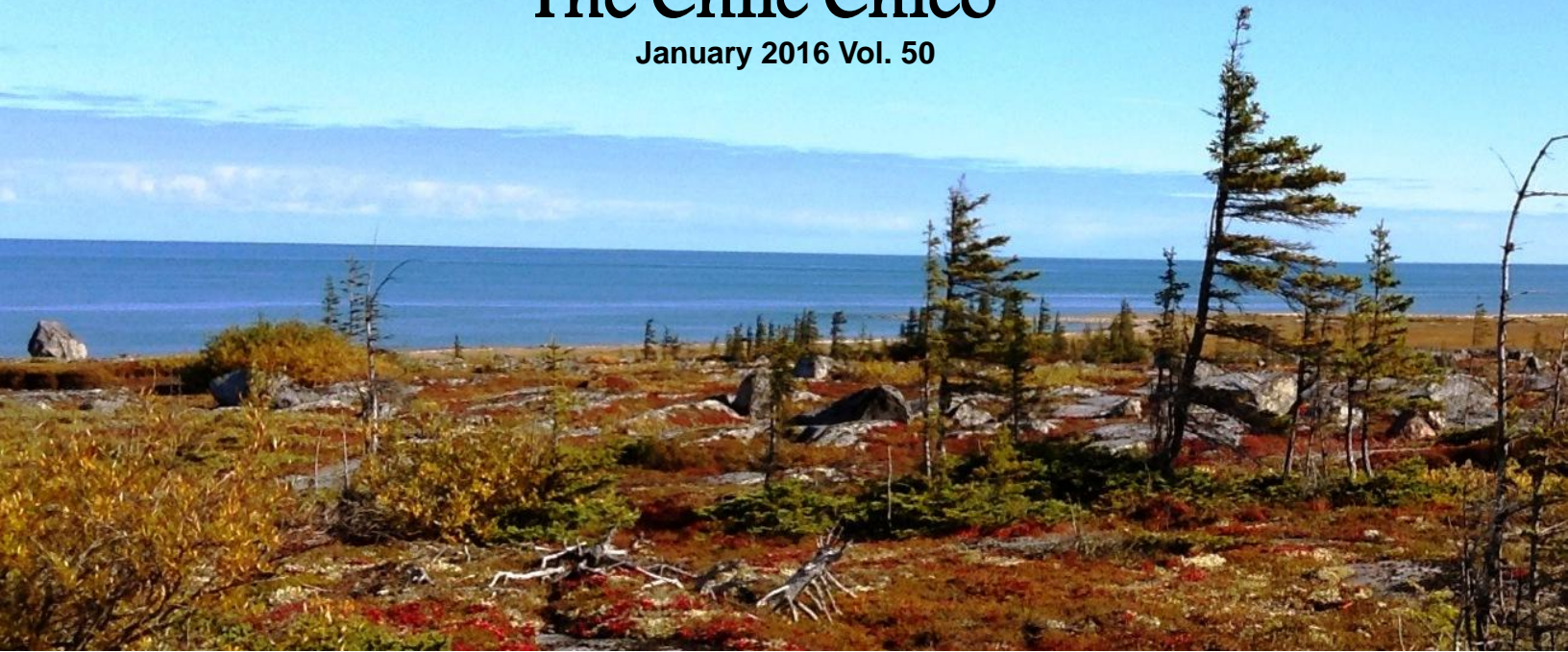


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Hudson Bay during our September goose hunt!

Happy New Year!

Tumpline Ministries marks the twelfth year this ministry has been in operation. The official start of Tumpline Ministries as an outreach ministry of GFPCA was 2003. I have, however, been running trips for over 30 years from this church. The very first trip I led here at Gospel Fellowship was in 1984. It was a canoe trip on the Missinaibi River in northern Ontario. Memories of the people and the events of that trip are still vivid in my mind.

2015 was a good year. The first trip was our annual Men's Fishing Retreat to north western Ontario. We often joke about it being the walleye capitol of the world. The lunker northern pike are also a key attraction.

In July, we headed to Labrador, Canada on a deep wilderness bicycling trip, however, the ferry taking us to Labrador broke down and we had to come up with an alternative plan. It pays to be flexible on these trips. We decided to bicycled the coast of Quebec on the Gaspé Peninsula and worked our way to Prince Edward Island. Not a bad recovery!!

Our final trip of the year was a canoe trip above the tree line in northern Manitoba. The trip started with a twelve hour train ride straight north to an area where the Deer River passed within a few hundred yards of the train tracks. We canoed our way to Churchill, Manitoba, hunting along the way. We even saw several polar bears during our adventure. Next year, 2016, is dedicated to trips geared toward the family. There is a two day canoe trip on the Susquehanna River in June, with a family canoe trip in August to our old favorite river in Ontario, the French River. Hope to see you by the camp fire!

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