

FLOCK TALK

Asbury and West United Church

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"The Friendly Church"

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Give thanks for all things!



Picture by Melissa Nielsen

Our Mission Statement: We are a diverse community of Christians, called by God, who seek to make a positive difference in the lives of those who live in the Bathurst and Lawrence Community and beyond.



Looking back...

ASBURY AND WEST CELEBRATED 207th ANNIVERSARY (June 2)

We welcomed Jasper Adah Timpug into the fellowship of God through the Sacrament of Baptism.



CELEBRATING FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE & OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL (June 9)



The Filipino Choir



Our Sunday school children & teachers having fun.

CONGREGATIONAL STRAWBERRY DINNER (June 22)



ABORIGINAL SUNDAY & THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (June 23)



Members of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)



Cari-Lyn



The Blanket Exercise

KARRY YA OWN KEY (July 20)



See pages 7 & 10 for details.

RE-DEDICATION (July 21)

We extended a warm invitation to all members of Wexford Heights United Church & their families to join us as we gathered to gratefully receive and rededicate the donation of More Voices Hymnals and Bibles.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & THE REV. DOUGLAS MCKENZIE MEMORIAL WALK (September 22)



On a beautiful sunny September afternoon, 14 people took a stroll around the neighbourhood to raise money for the church and for Noemy, our foster child.



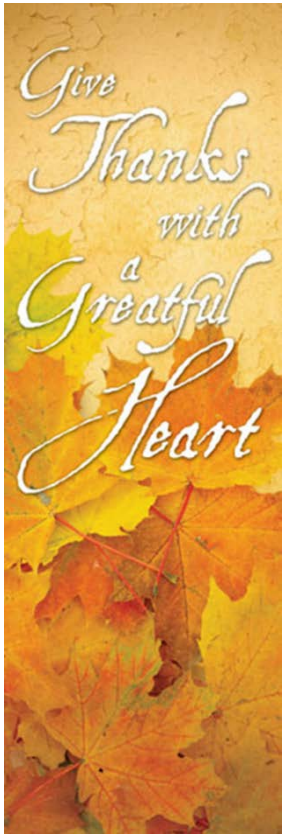
We also welcomed Dudley Ewan Abenoha Santotome into the fellowship of God through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Although it was a very humid day, everyone enjoyed themselves and came in smiling. Thank you to all who walked, to all who sponsored and donated, to all who helped, and to Jocelyn and Sylvia for providing the delicious lunch. The amount raised to date is \$1,686.

Walkers from l-r: Lucille Hunte, Heather McKenzie, Bonnie and Joel Nasimok (friends and neighbours of the McKenzie family), Peter McKenzie, Janiss Johnson, Mel Beckles, Lola Pinnock, Yvonne Lampkin, Scott McKenzie, Cheryl Holiday (organizer), Phoebe Cleverley, Clay Johnson, Brenda St. Germain, Linda Cobon (not pictured)



THE PASTOR'S PEN



It seems like just yesterday, I was saying, "hope you have a good holiday." Or "how was your summer did you get away anywhere?" The last day of Summer and the first day of Autumn have come and gone. And here it is October 1st the leaves are turning beautiful shades of yellow, red and orange. I see people closing their gardens and fertilizing their lawns in preparation for the winter that isn't all that far away. Where has the Summer gone?

Summer has turned into the beautiful season of Autumn-it's harvest time. It is the season of the year when we reap the fruits of God's creation. It is Thanksgiving and World Wide Communion. It is a time to reflect on the bounty creation and God's grace.

This Thanksgiving Rick and I will spend time with our families. We will likely eat too much turkey and pumpkin pie. The noise of teenage grandchildren, adult children and of course all their pets (6 dogs and 1 cat) will become too much and we will happily return home.

This time of year is a time to reflect on God's bounty of harvest. And God's bounty of family and creatures large and small. The words of that beautiful old hymn come to mind...All creatures of our God and King lift up your voice and let us sing. Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

Rev. Carol McKinley



SENIOR CHOIR

The Choir is always ready to welcome new members and we hope you will share your talents. If you are thinking about joining the Choir, please join us in the meeting room for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Should you wish to sing a solo or duet or play an instrument please speak to our Choir Leader, Anthony Panacci. As well, if you wish the Choir to sing a special piece of music, Anthony will be happy to take your request.

We are looking forward to the special seasons of Thanksgiving with Platinum Sunday, and Advent and Christmas services.

Glenda McBroom





WHAT A CELEBRATION!

Kay Roffey Dampier's 95th birthday, along with the 40th wedding anniversary of her eldest son Bruce and his wife Gaylia, was celebrated at the Old Mill Restaurant on Saturday, June 15th. Thirty-five family members arrived from as far as Ottawa, as well as Napanee, Colborne, Port Hope, Ajax, Little Britain, Elora, Alymer, St. Catharine's, Mississauga, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Toronto. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon, celebration cakes, gift presentations and a wonderful afternoon of shared memories, storytelling and laughter.

On Kay's actual birthday, July 3rd, another smaller celebration was held at the Mandarin Restaurant.

Rev. Bruce Roffey



A RELATIONSHIP WITH FAIRBANK UNITED CHURCH

In recent months the United Church of Canada has undergone a change in its structure. It used to be there was General Council, Conference, Presbytery and the local church. The church decided there was a lot of overlap in decision making and spending.

Today we have a new structure General Council, Regions and the local church. Asbury and West is part of the Region called Shining Waters. There is concern that people at the congregational level might feel a disconnect to the larger church since there is no longer presbytery.

The church is looking to "clusters" of churches to help people to stay connected...to that end I have good news. For the last few months I have been meeting with area ministers to talk about supporting each other through a "cluster group"

Rev Steven Loweth from Fairbank United Church and I would like to explore what clustering might mean for Asbury and West and Fairbank. The first step that we have taken is to exchange announcements and special events—Fairbank's announcements will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall by my office. Fairbank United will post our announcements and special events.

The next step Rev. Steven and I would like to do is a pulpit exchange. Possibly in November with the approval of both Worship Committees.

The church is changing and the way decisions and how churches relate to each other are also changing. Clustering gives Asbury and West and Fairbank United Churches a way of staying connected.

Rev. Carol McKinley



Fairbank United Church



The Young at Heart Seniors fall programs has started with a games session, to be followed by a Thanksgiving pot luck lunch (Oct 10). We will then have a Halloween Party (Oct 24) with a Western theme to be followed by Remembrance movie (Nov 14). That will be followed by a speaker closing with our Christmas pot luck lunch (Dec 12) with George Held playing the piano.



We are holding firm at around twelve members and are encouraging members of the congregation to join us for friendship and fellowship. Invite your friends, as we endeavor to carry on this worthwhile cause.

Melvyn and Shirley Beckles, Group Contacts



PROPERTY MINISTRY

The members of the Property Ministry continue to oversee that the regular maintenance of the building facilities are done to ensure a safe and welcoming place.

The various maintenance companies continues to do their regular servicing to keep the building functioning. The device on the handicapped door on the Saranac entrance of the church building which was burnt out has been replaced at a cost of \$1,695.00. For those who use the south entrance into the church, we are still trying to have the key pad replaced.

Many people have inquired about the church sign and we hear your cries. Our application is on 'hold' with the city, as receiving approval has become a challenge. It is a frustrating situation but we will have a sign one way or another. The

issue is with the Heritage Preservation and the Archaeologist and whether they would be willing to amend the provision that was placed on the property during renovation.

Relationship with our tenants – Korean Immanuel Methodist Church and the Clover Montessori School (formerly known as Forest Hill Montessori) continues going well. We are renewing Clove School lease for ten (10) years.

The Upper Room has been getting increased interest. Last summer we had Rooks To Cooks running a cooking class for young children. We also had the regular casual rentals. It would be lovely if other members of the congregation volunteer to help with the supervision.

Yvonne Wright and Clayton Johnson, Co-chairs



THE GREAT TRAIL

(An expert from Karry Ya Own Key on July 20)

CANADA: from sea to sea to sea --- a trail from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, and northward from Edmonton to Tuktoyaktuk on the Beaufort Sea, part of the Arctic Ocean. When Europeans first "discovered" this continent they had no idea how huge it was and they called the people "Indians". The voyageurs penetrated this wilderness, paddling their huge canoes up the St. Lawrence and through the lakes. Greeted by First Nations people, they voyaged through the narrows at Sault-Ste. Marie and across Lake Superior, where another major portage led them to forested highlands and the prairies.

Nowadays, it is possible to travel the Great Trail by car, bicycle, or on foot – or by taking our famous CPR or CNR, a wonderful experience, especially through the spectacular Rocky Mountains. Many Canadian city-dwellers have a cottage on a lake or river and spend as much of the summer as they can living close to the out-of-doors.

Do you remember Terry Fox? This young man set himself the task of hiking from St. John's, Newfoundland to Vancouver and Victoria, even though he suffered from cancer and was an amputee. With his hippety-hop gait and enormous determination, he made it to the north shore of Lake Superior and then had to accept a ride to reach his destination. There is a memorial to Terry on the North Shore east of Thunder Bay, which I have visited. In 1980, at age 22, he covered 3,339 miles across 6 provinces. The site has a fabulous view over nearby Lake Superior. Terry was in pain as his cancer had worsened and he had to accept a ride to the Royal Columbian Hospital at New Westminster, BC. The cancer spread to his lungs and he died on June 28, 1981. He had hoped to raise \$1 from each Canadian for cancer research and treatment. The Terry Fox Run is held in September each year to continue raising funds to fight cancer.

When I contacted the people at the Great Trail, I was told that each section is responsible for its own area. So we should consider the waterfront along our shore of the Great Toronto area, included the island lakeshore and beaches, as our share of the Great Trail.

Phoebe Cleverley



Editors' Note: To date over \$750 million has been donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

PLATINUM SUNDAY

Mark your calendar for our next Platinum service on Christmas Sunday, December 22, 10:30AM.

More details to come!



Give
THANKS
to the
LORD
for He
IS GOOD
His
LOVE
endures
FOREVER
Psalm 107:1



WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS & MUSIC MINISTRY



As we look back over your church year since the last issue of Flock Talk, a lot has gone on. In June we celebrated Asbury's 207th Anniversary, we welcomed Jasper Adah Timpug into the fellowship of God through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated Filipino Independence & our Sunday School. We participated in the Blank Exercise and listened to Native music during our Aboriginal service, complete with special guests from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. We had a delicious congregation Strawberry Dinner hosted by Council. We extended a warm invitation to all members of Wexford Heights United Church & their families to join us on Sunday, July 21 as we gathered to gratefully receive and rededicate the donation of More Voices Hymnals and Bibles. See pictures on pages 2-3 and an article on pages 7 and 10.

With Rev. Carol away for summer vacation, this was a great opportunity to involved members of our congregation and invite speakers from two organizations that Asbury is now partnering with, The Children's Breakfast Clubs and the North York Harvest Food Bank. They spoke to us of the great need within our own

community and where we could help the most. Thank you to Lisa Crawford, Mel Beckles, Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson and Cheryl Holliday who lead our morning worship.

Though many of us were on summer vacation our music continued. Thank you to Anthony and the Choir for always providing us with music to soothe the soul.

As we look to the future, I hope you enjoyed; Fall Plantinum Sunday (Oct 13) and will mark your calendar for our Christmas Platinum Sunday (Dec 22). These special services are a great opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbours and introduce them to our church family.

If you have any Worship service ideas or you would like to assist with the service, please speak to one of the Worship Ministry members Lisa Crawford, Cheryl Holliday, Clayton Johnson, Glenda McBroom, David Tuck, Anthony Panacci, Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen and of course, Rev. Carol.

Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen, Chair

SUNDAY MORNING CHANGE

In an effort to ensure we have a safe environment we will be making a slight change Sunday mornings. The inside front doors (located on the church level near the elevator vestibule) will be locked at 10:50am. A door bell is installed by the double glass doors leading into the church narthex/lobby. If you arrive after the doors are locked, simply ring the door bell and someone will quickly come to let you in. The outside doors at the top of the stairs and at the street level entrance will remain unlocked and there is no change in the operation of the elevator or the lift.

Council decision made Sept 29, 2019



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Cummer Avenue United Church Women (UCW) invite our UCW and all women to attend a UCW cluster meeting on Friday Oct. 25th, at 12: 00 noon. The meeting will be held in the Friendship Room of Willowdale Emmanuel United Church, 349 Kenneth Avenue. Please bring your own brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage provided. The guest speaker is Diane Aikman from Shining Waters Regional UCW, who will be talking about the new UCW structure and the national project, Women for Change, Zambia. Please plan to car pool. All are welcome.

Christmas Pot Luck Dinner!

Mark your calendar for the dinner to be held on Saturday, Dec 7th. Watch your bulletin for further details.

Dorothy Ostrum



MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

This Ministry continue to reach out to everyone who enters these doors. We are in touch with members and non-members alike, invite people to become members and send cards to sick and absentee members.

We continue to make calls and visits as needed to our Home Members. Our at Home Members are Hollie Hepburn, Evelyn Lyons, Helen Smith, and Frederica Cameron.

In the past month we lost one of our dear members, Mr. Raymond St .Germaine, and a former member, Mrs. Joan Guinn. Our sympathies go out to the families.

The members of this Ministry are Rev. Carol McKinley, Melvyn and Shirley Beckles, Phoebe Cleverley, Linda Cobon, Janiss Johnson (Secretary), Lucille Hunte, Yvonne Lampkin, Ianthe Spencer (Chair) and Nancy Sisson. We would welcome anyone who would like to join this group, please speak to anyone of us.

Our goal for the coming year is to do an every member visit.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

Ianthe Spencer, Chair

BENEVOLENCE

NEW



What is Benevolent?

Organized for the purpose of doing good.

How is My Benevolent Offering Used?

Asbury and West has a history of reaching out to people in our community who need a helping hand up.

The members of Council recently decided to support The Children's Breakfast Clubs organization as a new outreach program for Asbury and West. The Children's Breakfast Clubs is a non-profit charitable organization that believes every child is entitled to a nutritious breakfast. An estimated 4,000 meals are served each week in the 20+ clubs across the Greater Toronto area. We are pleased to be supporting the program at the Baycrest School right here in our neighbourhood. All donations placed in the BENEVOLENT envelopes will now be directed to The Children's Breakfast Clubs. Be sure to indicate your name and/or envelop number to receive full credit. Any and all amounts are valued and will be forwarded along. For more detail see www.breakfastclubs.ca

Asbury is also supporting the North York Harvest Food Bank who has provided a food box (located in the narthex) to collect all our food donations. Your donations are accepted whenever you come to church and the food will be picked up once the box is full. We appreciate all food donations, but the following items are particularly useful to the community we serve: canned fish and meat, canned beans and canned tomatoes, rice (or even quinoa!), cooking oil. Please remember, they do not give out any expired food and all food must be no more than 3 months past its 'best before' date. For more details see www.northyorkharvest.com

We are blessed to have this opportunity to serve God in these outreach ministries. Thank you for your support.

The Council of Asbury and West United Church



CONVERSATIONS

Do you like to have a good conversation? If you do, you are in luck, on Wednesday mornings at 11am members of Asbury and West gather to discuss many different topics. Sometimes we discuss different scriptures from the Bible. We learn new words like "pericope" or "eschatological".

Other times we watch movies or read articles and theologically reflect on the movie or article. Theological reflection looks like this:

As we are watching the movie or reading, we write down words or phrases that reflect living a Christian life. When we have our discussion, we talk about what we have written down and how that connects with our lives.

Conversations is a welcoming safe place to reflect, laugh, and learn. I asked a few people to tell me why they like/love Conversations. Below are the responses:

- ✝ Learning new things or being reminded of things that I haven't thought of for a long time. Sharing my thoughts and opinions in a safe place.
- ✝ Most of all I like the friendship.
- ✝ I like everything. There is freedom to say what I want. I love the people. I just enjoy coming.
- ✝ At conversations we talk about everything.
- ✝ For me the most important thing is the togetherness.
- ✝ I like everything...gathering around the table and sharing with people I respect and admire.

If you are looking for a safe place to learn, share, laugh and love, Wednesday at 11am is the place to be. All are welcome.

Blessings,

Rev. Carol McKinley

KARRY YA OWN KEY (Karaoke)



The room was a-buzz July 20 with music and laughter. It was the evening of the second KARRY YA OWN KEY fundraiser. About 70 people gathered to share in an evening of delicious food and local entertainment. Many of our congregation stepped forward to wow us with songs, poetry readings, jokes and skits. A total of \$1,420 was raised for the church. Thank you to Sheila Mascoll and her team for providing all the food and organizing the entertainment.

Cheryl Holliday

Psalm 107:1
"Oh, give
thanks
to the
Lord
He is
good;
For His
lovingkindness
is everlasting."

Editors' Note:

Pericope - an extract from a text, especially a passage from the Bible

Eschatological - relating to death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind



COUNCIL

The season of Thanksgiving is always a time to reflect on all the things for which we are thankful. If we were to compile all our items the list would certainly include such things as family, friends, neighbours, our church, good health, employment, shelter, food, freedom, peace and opportunities to serve.

As you read though the pages of Flock Talk I know that you will be thankful for the work that is done in our church. We are grateful to the people who found opportunities to give of their time and talent to ensure the church runs well in all aspects. I am especially thankful for Rev Carol's guidance and the work accomplished by the Chairs and members of each Ministry.

Looking to the future, we are most fortunate to have opportunities to generate revenue for our church including the signing of a ten (10) year lease with Clover Montessori School and several new children's cooking programs offered by Rooks to Cooks. Another opportunity we have is the rental of our Upper Room to the community, BUT, we need some help.

We need people to assist with the supervision of rental events, otherwise we are unable to rent out our space. The role and responsibilities are straightforward and this can be done by one person or several folks working together. A training session will be provided by members of our Property Ministry. AND, in recognition of your time supervising, Council has approved the payment of a small honorarium.

So, I am grateful if you will seriously consider this important opportunity for you to serve your church.

Continue to give thanks for all we have and for all the opportunities that are available to us.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Joelyn Shewalter-Patterson, Chair



COMMUNICATIONS (Chair: Vacant)

Keep the congregation informed through Sunday bulletin and announcements, bulletin boards, website, social media and Flock Talk. Reach out to the community through Website, social media and advertising.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Chair: Cheryl Holliday)

Ensure that children and adults have Christian Education, evaluate and choose study materials for all ages and work with the minister to involve children & youth in worship services.

HOSPITALITY (Chair: Lou Rhoden)

Initiate social and anniversary events and enlist the help of members of the congregation to organize after service refreshments.

MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE (Chair: Ianthe Spencer)

Encourage individuals to become members, maintain up-to-date church membership, coordinate revisions of church directory and name tags. Keep in contact with members and Home Members.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL (M&P) (Chair: Vacancy)

Maintains confidential oversight of our staff including all salary, working conditions and concerns. Training is available.

STEWARDSHIP (formerly called Finance)

(Chair: Phoebe Cleverley)

Develop and administer the overall budget for the congregation and keep the congregation informed about financial matters. Administer the Benevolent Fund and make annual decisions for grants to community organizations.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (Chair: Cheryl Holliday)

Oversees all matters related to the programs and special occasion for the United Church Women (UCW) and encourages all women to participate.

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND MUSIC (Chair: Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen)

Oversees all aspects of worship. Assists the Minister on planning worship services and coordinates the preparation and decoration of the sanctuary for services. Prepares for and assists with the elements of Baptism and Communion. Takes attendance at services, ushers and gathers the offering.

SHINING WATERS REGIONAL 10 COUNCIL MEETING



This year I was fortunate enough to attend our regions first Shining Waters Regional Council Meeting in Barrie, May 23-26. As the weekend approached, I was nervous as to the new format of the meeting; who would be there that I would know, what would be expected of us, what the new accommodation would be like and who my roommate would be. In addition, having a new food allergy, would they be able to accommodate it. This was a like attending Conference for the very first time.

When the youth and young adults arrived on Thursday evening, we met at the Georgian College Residence to drop our bags and get acquainted as a group. To my excitement, with the exception of a few missing people and some new ones it was almost the same group as the previous years. The youth and young adults headed over to Grace United Church to refresh our minds, learn about the new meeting format and how we would fit into the meetings. This was the first year that we were not able to vote on issues, despite us all being confirmed into the United Church. This is was very disappointing. After the refresher, we enjoyed a pizza dinner and got caught up on what had happened over the last year in our lives.

We made buttons, painted, and did some other crafts while we were at the regional meeting. There was a

sacred fire burning in recognition of the Aboriginal land that we were on.

Everyone who was at the meeting already met at this fire for the Opening Ceremonies. They had five Aboriginals who were running the service with their drums and singing songs. We then headed back to our residence for some down time before heading to bed. Every day we ate our meals at a place called TLC (The Last Class) which was an on campus restaurant that employed college students.

Although this group is now called Shining Waters Regional Council, the format of the meeting was exactly the same as previous Conference years. The youth and young adults lead the Sunday morning worship. As a group, we wrote prayers and scripted our "sermon", which was a skit about inclusivity. When some of the prayers were being read we got a lot of "oohs and aahs" from the audience who have waited years for the youth and young adults to have that loud of a voice in the United Church. We finished off the weekend with our last meal together as a group and then headed on the bus back home, until next year when we will hopefully all meet here again.

Melissa Nielsen



Conference theme:
"Creating Connections"



Making connections!

*The Prayer for The Creation of Something New:
Creator, You have welcomed the: Spring, Warmth,
Community and new life. We come to this council
with: Worry of differences, uncertainty of new
structure, loneliness, fear of change. But with all we
bring, we give thanks for: New beginnings,
familiarity and comfort, fresh starts, your love,
because we know we are not alone. Welcome us and
all that we come with. So we may find peace. Amen*



One of
the daily
messages...
"Who will
bear my
light to
them?"



Leading us in praise!



Aboriginal drums and drummer



Hand made buttons



*"Sharing the Gifts We
Have Been Given"*

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Your Stewardship Ministry Group thanks you for your ongoing support of the church and its activities. Although we continue to face some financial difficulties and challenges, your commitment to this church, both financially and in service, is truly a blessing.

With giving in mind, we are moving ahead this month with our Annual Giving Campaign. Soon you will be asked to consider your continuing support for the upcoming year. Annual Giving Packages for envelope and PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) givers will be available starting Sunday, October 23. If you do not have envelopes, please let Clay Johnson know and he will ensure you receive them. Extra Campaign Packages will be available for those who presently do not have envelopes.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to help count the offering after the services. At present we have three teams of two, but we need at least one more team. How does it work? These teams rotate on a schedule. In other words, you would not be counting every Sunday but normally have a few Sundays off before your team counts again. Training is available, which would take place on a Sunday morning after the service with an existing counting team. If you would like to be a counter, please speak to Cheryl Holliday.

We also would like to extend our thanks to those who organized fundraising events over the year, and to all who participated and supported them. Fundraising efforts so far this year have brought in over \$9,000.00. Good job!! More events are planned for 2020.

We are thankful to each one of you for your contributions to our church. Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Phoebe Cleverley, Chair



ARE YOU ON P.A.R.?

Have you thought about making your church donation by P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance)? Through PAR, automatic monthly withdrawals are made from your bank account. PAR is easy to set up and can be adjusted at any time should your circumstances change. If you are already on PAR, don't forget that you can increase your donation anytime. Simply speak to Cheryl Holliday, in confidence, about the process.

Thank you for your support!



COPPER KETTLE

Please drop your change in the big Copper Kettle. Folding money gratefully accepted. Available every Sunday.

Copper Kettle collected \$87.55 YTD.
Walk-up Sundays \$644.95 YTD.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

We are also collecting Canadian Tire money to assist with future purchases.
Please consider this form of donation to your church.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Sunday School

Over the summer we tried something new. Tables were set up in the sanctuary and we called this area "Kid's Zone". Colouring and other word activities were available each week to keep the children busy during the sermon time. It worked very well.

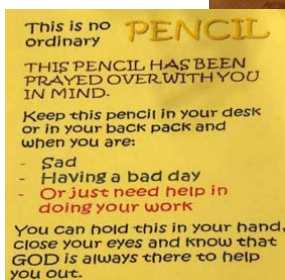
On September 8 we came back together for another season of learning and fun. We also shared in a Backpack Blessing and received a special pencil. Thank you to Rev Carol for leading this time during the service and for the pencils.

We had planned to have our own mini walk on September 22 in memory of Rev Douglas McKenzie and to help our foster sister, Noemy.

Unfortunately it rained so instead we had an autumn leaf scavenger hunt and created two beautiful trees, which are posted on our bulletin boards upstairs. Our offerings in September went towards the church as our contribution to this fundraising endeavour.

Our flannel board Bible lessons for the fall are focusing on the stories of Elijah and Elisha.

We are happy to welcome Janet Chen who has volunteered to help with the toddler and preschool children. She comes to us with a great deal of experience with young children. And we welcome back our dedicated teachers - Kim Davidson, Lydia Cariaga and Mel Beckles.



Youth Class

On September 15 we began a new class for the older members of the Sunday who have now reached their pre-teen and teen years. This class, for ages 12-15, meets separately on the second Sunday of every month unless otherwise announced. We are looking forward to how this group develops. At present there are 6 enthusiastic young people who meet with Cheryl Holliday. Discovering our place in the church and in society, discussing how the life of Jesus fits with our own, and having fun sharing thoughts, experiences and questions with each other makes our time together an enjoyable and educational one.

Please note – Many of the parents have been asking about confirmation for their teenage children. Confirmation classes and Confirmation will be held in the spring of 2020 for those seeking to be confirmed. Please watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins as the time approaches.

Coming up

Hallowe'en Trick or Treat on October 27. We welcome your donations of candy. Peanut and nut free are also needed. Check out the Helping Hands poster in the back hallway.

Christmas Party – December 22.

Cheryl Holliday, Chair



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Bible Quiz

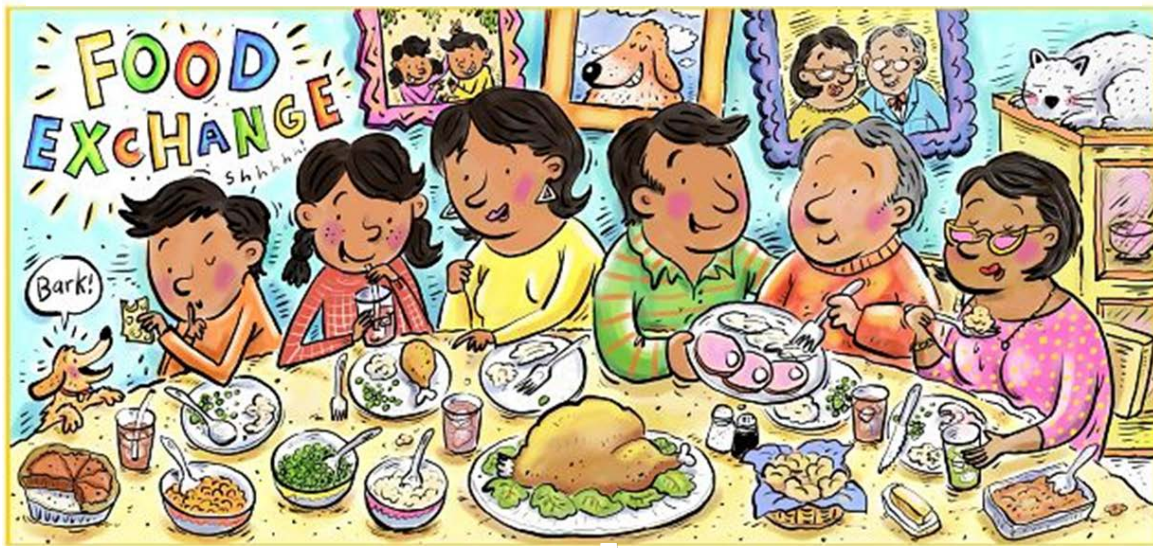
1. Who was the Son of God?
2. What did Jesus' father do for a job?
3. Jesus told a parable about a prodigal ____.
4. How many disciples or apostles did Jesus have?
5. Which of the apostles betrayed Jesus?
6. What did Jesus feed to 5,000 people?

Bible Quiz Answers:
1. Jesus 2. Carpenter 3. Son
4. Twelve 5. Judas
6. Loaves and Fishes

GAMES PLUS MORE



Can you spot 26 differences?



List 5 things you are Thankful for:

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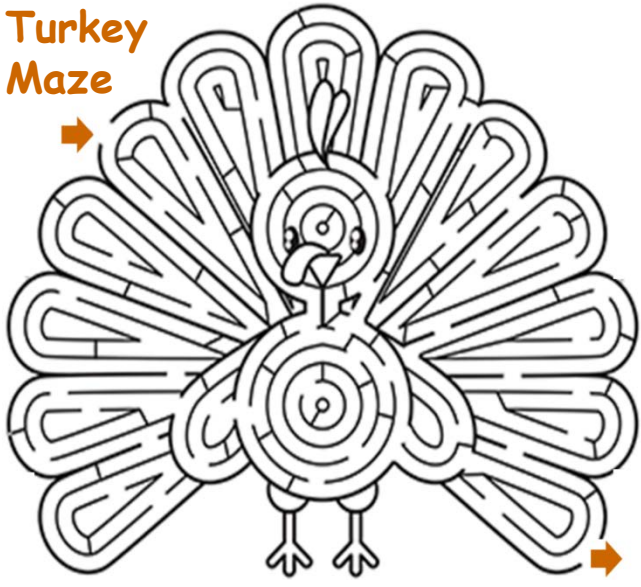
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5.

Turkey Maze



Remembrance Day

Monday, November 11

They gave their tomorrows,
so we could have our today!

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

by John McCrae
May 1915



Give Thanks

In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus
for you.

What if you woke
UP
TODAY
with only the things
that you
thanked
God for
yesterday?

Wake up every morning
being thankful for the
Gift of Life
with the thought that
something wonderful is
about to happen...



The Pumpkin Prayer

I am a Jack O' Lantern
My lights will shine so bright
For I'm a Christian pumpkin
My symbols tell what's right.
My nose is like the cross
On which our Savior died
To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide.
My mouth is like a fish
The whole wide world to show
That Christians live in this house
And love their Savior so!
The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like the star
That shone on Baby Jesus
And wise men saw from far.
My color, it is orange
Just like the big bright sun
That rose on Easter Day
Along with God's own Son.

WE MAKE A
LIVING BY
WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A
LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.

No matter how good or bad
you think life is, wake up
each day and be - - -
thankful for life.
Someone somewhere
else is fighting
to survive.

GIVE
THANKS
in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you
1 Thessalonians 5:18

A
Grateful
HEART is A
HAPPY HEART

What are YOU
Thankful For?



NOT WHAT WE SAY ABOUT OUR
BLESSINGS
BUT HOW WE USE THEM, IS THE TRUE MEASURE OF OUR
THANKSGIVING

Don't think of the
things you didn't get after
praying.
Think of the countless blessings
God gave you without
asking.

THERE IS
always
something for which
to be
Thankful

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



WOMEN'S MINISTRY UCW

Are you a woman looking for a church group that will provide a welcome break to your day and an opportunity to serve the church? If so, look no further.

The UCW which stands for United Church Women meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month from noon – 2:00 pm.

What Do We Do?

Women of all ages are invited to join us. At our meetings we start with a bag lunch followed by a short devotion and business where we also collect at \$2 due. After this, whoever has volunteered to run the meeting will present a program.

We attend some special meetings throughout the year. One is *World Day of Prayer* which takes place on the first Friday in March. Every year women in a different country prepare the service and we attend the local church who hosts this service. This year the country was Slovenia and the theme was "Come...Everything is Ready". For next year the women of Zimbabwe have prepared the service and the theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". This year we are invited to join the Cummer Avenue UCW for a special lunch and speaker. (See page 8 for more details)

For many years we have supported charities such as the Scott Mission, the Massey Centre and of course the operations of our church and Mission and Service fund of the United Church. Some of our monthly envelope givings go to support our commitment to the National UCW.

Regional meetings are held a few times a year for all UCW's in the Shining Waters Regional Council. One or two of us try to go but since the change in borders, often the meetings are too far away.

Coming Up

We are looking forward to the Christmas season this year. Firstly, our usual collection of socks for the Scott Mission will first be donated to the "Mitten Tree". This tree will be up during the Advent season to accept your donations of mittens, scarves, hats and socks. All of these items will be donated to the Scott Mission in January.

We are also hosting the Annual Congregational Pot Luck Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 7. Please look for more announcements and information in upcoming bulletins.

As usual we will hold our own Christmas Pot Luck Lunch in November. At this time we will reveal our Secret Pals by exchanging small Christmas gifts. Then we will pick our Secret Pals for next year.

We hope you will join us. Our next meeting is October 22.

Cheryl Holliday, Chair

Happy Halloween October 31st

Carve your Pumpkin with lots of imagination!



O give
thanks
unto the LORD, for he is good;
for his mercy endures forever.
Psalms 107:1 (KJV)

Calendar of Events



October

- Sun Oct 22 - Sunday School Trick or Treat (donations welcome)
 Thurs Oct 24 - Seniors Halloween Party
 Thurs Oct 31 - Halloween

November

- Sat Nov 2 - Clocks turn back 1 hour
 Mon Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
 Thurs Nov 14 - Seniors Remembrance Movie & Speaker

December

- Sat Dec 7 - Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, all are welcome, more details to follow
 Thurs Dec 12 - Seniors Christmas Pot Luck Lunch with George Held
 Sund Dec 22 - Platinum Service, 10:30am
 Sun Dec 22 - Sunday School Christmas Party
 Wed Dec 25 - Christmas Day
 Thurs Dec 26 - Boxing Day
 Tues Dec 31 - New Year's Eve

January 2020 – Happy New Year!

- Tues Jan 1 - New Year's Day

February

- Fri Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
 Mon Feb 17 - Family Day
 Sun Feb 29 - Leap Day

March

- Tues Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 Sun Mar 29 - Deadline for Easter issue of Flock Talk

April

- Fri Apr 10 - Good Friday, Service at 10:30am
 Sun Apr 12 - Easter Sunday, 10:30am
 Mon Apr 13 - Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)
 Sun April 26 - Lunch and annual meeting

Regularly Scheduled Events - ALL ARE WELCOME

- Caring for the Temple includes study at 11am; lunch at noon and Yoga at 1pm. Come for all or choose one or two.
- Choir Practice, Sunday morning at 9:30am.
- Conversations (Bible Study) Wednesdays at 11:00am.
- UCW 3rd Tuesday at noon, except Dec., July & Aug. Bring your lunch.
- Worship Service & Children's Church School on Sundays at 10:30am, followed by refreshments after the service.
- Young at Heart (Seniors) 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00am. Bring your lunch.

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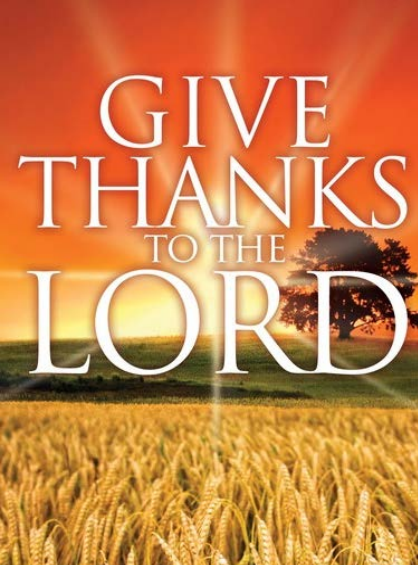
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