

Cambridge News **Spring 2010 Edition**

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Up-Coming Events

April 27 UCW Rebekah Unit Meeting 7:30 p.m.
April 30 Linnea Good Concert 7:30 p.m.
May 2 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. - Outreach Sunday
..... Living the Questions 12:00 noon
May 3 Living the Questions 7:00 p.m.
May 4 Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheon 12 noon
..... UCW Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.
..... Property Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
..... Canadian Mental Health Assoc. Event with keynote
..... speaker Joe Fiorito 7:00 p.m.
May 5 Stewardship Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.
May 9 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
..... VOV will perform the musical "Are We There Yet?"
..... during the service
..... Living the Questions 12 noon
May 10 Living the Questions 7:00 p.m.
May 11 Congregation Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
..... Worship Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
..... C.E. Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
..... Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
..... Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
..... Official Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 13 Rummage Sale 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
May 14 Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
..... Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
May 16 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
..... Living the Questions 12 noon
May 17 Living the Questions 7:00 p.m.
May 18 UCW Hannah Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.

May 23 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. - Pentecost Sunday
May 24 Victoria Day (church office is closed)
May 25 UCW Rebekah Unit Meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 26 Fish Fry Dinner 4:30 p.m.
May 30 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
..... Living the Questions 12 noon
..... Prayer Shawl Knitting Circle 1:30 p.m.
May 31 Living the Questions 7:00 p.m.
June 1 UCW Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.
..... Property Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
June 2 Stewardship Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.
..... UCW General Meeting & Potluck 6:15 p.m.
June 4 Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
June 6 Worship Service & Church Picnic 10:30 a.m.
June 8 Congregation Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
..... Worship Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
..... C.E. Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
..... Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
..... Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
..... Official Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
June 13 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
..... Honduras Teachers' Brigade presentation
..... Service at Frost Manor 2:00 p.m.
..... Service at Caressant Care 3:00 p.m.
June 15 Board of Trustees Meeting 3:00 p.m.
June 18 Youth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.
June 20 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
June 27 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
July 1 Canada Day (church office is closed)
July 19-23 Vacation Bible School

Linnea Good

Canadian Singer and Songwriter

CONCERT

Friday, April 30, 2010, at 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of songs, stories, fun & laughter at
Cambridge Street United Church

Tickets available at the church office- Adult \$10 Youth \$6

Youth Presence

During the concluding days of the 40th General Council a young person came to a microphone and responded to a dismissive comment by stating that *"Youth are not the future of the church, they are the present."* In the months following, this quote was posted on a United Church website with the question, *"If this is so, what are the implications to the United Church?"*

The question received immediate responses, one man posted the observation that the he and his friends had made the same statement in the 70's, and he knew it had been repeated in the 80's. He wasn't there to know but he imagined it had been said in the 60's as well.

Another, who was perhaps there in the 60's, offered the reflection that when he was young he believed that the youth had all the answers, he has since learned the value of experience. Each generation of youth, he concluded, think they have the answers and consider their elders old fogies, but eventually they too learn the value of wisdom. The conversation took off with affirmations for, and the defence of, experience. Youth needed to gain experience before they could have anything of value to learn. While the thread explored the virtue of experience it ignored the question, *"What are the implications to a church where youth are a part of the present?"*

Such a church is enriched by the gifts and presence of each generation.

Experience has a downside. Experience is easily misappropriated for self service. Experience is used to rationalize entitlement. And too often, confronted by such behaviour, the experienced person excuses the conduct saying, "That's just the way things are!" It is the voice of experience that says, *"We've always done it this way."* Youth, on the other hand, may have an unbridled idealism, are less likely to be acclimatized to cynicism, and very likely to be undaunted by the explanation why and continue to ask why not?

The disciples asked, *"Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"* Jesus said, *"I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."* The implication of a youthful presence in the church is the presence of curiosity and creativity. Such a presence doesn't replace experience but it reminds experience for which it must reach – nothing less than the kingdom of Heaven.

Back to the 40th General Council and the exchange at the microphones and to the statement that has been repeated by every generation and challenges every generation. And every generation, in spite of its experience, tends to rise to the bait and become defensive; one generation pitted against another: a far cry from the kingdom of heaven. Jesus also said, *"A house divided against its self cannot stand."*

What would be the implications? Such a church enriched by the gifts and presence of each generation, experienced and creative, the wisdom of the ages, the kingdom of heaven.

Paul Reed

Congregation Committee Report

Spring is in the air! It is wonderful to see the tulips and daffodils sprouting once again. The Congregation Committee has had a busy winter. We welcomed 17 new members on January 31st.

In February the committee organized and worked the Annual Meeting luncheon. Recently a small package was sent to our university and college students to add a smile to their day and to let them know that their church has not forgotten them. The membership roll continues to be reviewed.

The Bay of Quinte Conference together with Cambridge St. United's Visitation Committee presented a 'Spiritual Gifts Inventory Workshop' on Saturday, April 17.

Marj McClelland, Chair

Music Committee

The Committee has just completed a very successful music series "Noon Hour Concerts During Lent". The average attendance was 50 people and the majority took part in the "bagged lunch social time" after the performances. The musicians were extremely talented and varied - piano, flute, cello, vocal, recorder, sax, guitars, drums, keyboard and organ.

On April 17th the Music Committee hosted the Choral Concert

performed by the Kawartha Male Chorus and the Centennial Choir of Cornwall. The KMC have directed the proceeds of the concert to the church, in appreciation for the use of our facilities for their practices.

Did You Know? that Cambridge St United has a small team of volunteers that help on Fridays at the Soup Kitchen at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church twice a month? If you'd like to join the team, or be a back-up person, please contact Pam in the church office.

Outreach Committee

Outreach is making a donation to the children at King Albert School to enable them to take part in school trips. We are also collecting gently used children's books for their use, watch your bulletins for more information.

The Outreach Committee supports the Kawartha Lakes Food Source and encourages members of the congregation to do likewise. Each month there are "special needs", but any and all donations are appreciated.

Through Kiva, the Outreach Committee continues to make loans to people who are setting up or expanding small businesses. We are currently supporting individuals in Uganda, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Azerbaijan and Peru.

On May 4th at 7:30 p.m., come to our church and hear "A voice for those who can't be heard", an address by Joe Fiorito, reporter for the Toronto Star. This evening is presented by the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Finance Committee

Please take a few minutes to have a look at the condensed Financial Statement for the first 3 months of 2010. We are already through one quarter of our church year and the congregation's givings to date are somewhat lagging behind our proposed budget for 2010.

Our expenses are also below budget at this point so that has helped the situation to some degree.

So, once again, we ask that you do your best to increase your givings in order that all the great programs that Cambridge St United

offers to the congregation and community can continue.

CAMBRIDGE ST UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE - MARCH 31, 2010

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>2010 Actual</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Local Givings *	\$ 49,990	\$ 63,400	\$ 52,994
Other Receipts	<u>2,276</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>10,958</u>
	52,266	67,100	63,952
Expenses	<u>\$ 85,695</u>	<u>\$ 94,128</u>	<u>\$ 88,663</u>
Operating Deficit To-date	(33,429)	(27,028)	(24,711)
Transfers from Trust Funds	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,500
UCW Special Gift/Other	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,500
Deficit for Year to Date	<u>\$(23,729)</u>	<u>\$(17,328)</u>	<u>\$(15,211)</u>
M & S Givings	<u>\$ 13,314</u>	<u>\$ 14,275</u>	<u>\$ 13,504</u>

Thank you, Wayne MacLeish

Did You Know? that the United Church Women collect the following items: used eyeglasses, stamps, Canadian Tire money, Campbell soup labels, plastic milk bags, pop can tabs, and toiletry items. These items can be placed in the plastic drawer trolley located outside the gym doors. A detailed description of where these items are used is posted on the trolley.

Free Lunch; Expensive Journey

On March 22, I attended a Hospice workshop entitled "Thinking Outside the Box" at the Admiral Inn. This workshop was for health providers, sponsored by the Central East Hospice Palliative Care Network. Why was I there among all those health care workers, about fifty, is a good question. The invitation came across my desk, so I registered and showed up at 10:00 a.m.

The lunch was free. Many of us were taught, "There ain't no free lunch," and I guess that is still true. Our taxes paid for the lunch.

More important, there is the huge cost often created by our last days on earth. The workshop was about those last months and days of Joe (fictional, but based on real experiences) who had what lay people call a heart attack; and about his wife with Alzheimer's. In the role plays we did, I was Amanda, the divorced daughter and teacher who lived near her parents with two young children. Through his last year, Joe endured 13 transfers between home and various health institutions, had a wrong drug prescription, kept listing his wife (with severe memory problems) as his next of kin, had first contact with his family doctor well into the journey, and had a son out in Alberta who was pretty much kept out of the picture and didn't know when to come home. I can tell you, daughter Amanda was just about driven out of her mind; especially when both parents came to live with her at one stage. Joe died alone in a two-bed hospital room.

The journey at our "end of days" can be costly: For family members the cost can be in dollars, mental stress, guilt, confusion and lack of communication. For the Province, the cost can be in dollars, system failures and votes lost. For the dying person, the cost can be in loss of dignity, loss of communication with loved ones, loss of opportunity to clear up unfinished business, and loss of opportunity to speak to anyone about his/her life, death, faith and how she/he wants to be remembered. Clearly, there is a role for active ministry at many points along this journey.

In summary, my observations are that our health systems sometimes fail as death approaches, but all the health providers present were extremely caring people. More money and resources directed to home care would help in many ways.

I suggested to our table that possibly a group or a workshop for retired people, or anyone, on "How I want to be remembered" might be one helpful step before a major crisis strikes. It was suggested to me that I should offer such a workshop at the local college. Like most people facing questions about death (wills, funeral planning, feelings), my reply was, "Not now, but maybe later."

As I write this, it is Holy Week. It is a time to focus on the death of Jesus because of evil that lurks within humans and even more within power systems, then and now. It is a time to focus on how we remember Jesus, and to experience his spirit working with the good that lurks within all of us. That spirit is still alive facing evil, breaking

down old systems and pushing us to live life to the full in communities that never stop caring for the world and for one another--at all stages of life. There is a cost!

And how do you want to be remembered? It is worth talking about--while you still can.

Walter Murray, Visitation Minister

Musical Notes

With summer fast approaching, I think everyone is looking forward to some down time. Much has happened over the last while with many plans already under way for next year.

We had a fabulous Noon Hour Concert Series during Lent. Thank you to members of the Music Committee for organizing this. A special thanks to all our instrumentalists who played for Easter and Good Friday.

We still have the *Arise and Sing* concert, Linnea Good concert, Voices of Victory musical on Mother's Day, and tour two weeks later to Quebec. Soon all the choirs will end rehearsals for another year.

Numerous events are already in the planning stages for next year. Our Cambridge St. Singers will be doing a joint concert with Trinity United in Peterborough, in February we will again host a Youth Choral Extravaganza, and in May our biannual dessert concert will take place. I hope to have a small orchestra in place for our Christmas Cantata in December. Our Bellchoir will likely travel to Hamilton for the Ontario Handbell Festival. There will be concerts, musicals and other exciting events taking place.

And we need you! Our Music Committee can always welcome new members or helpers. A new choir executive for Voices of Victory is being formed, you don't need to be a choir parent to help out.

Thank you for all your support. Have a restful summer and consider joining us in the fall.

Blessings: Erwin Stroobach

Did You Know? that you can request a name tag to be worn at Sunday services. Check the Name Tag Request Form posted on the Bond St. bulletin board or call the church office.

Spring Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

And

Friday, May 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

(Friday is Bag Day - fill a supplied bag for \$1.00)

"Something for everyone!"

Bring gently used and clean clothing, household items, and toys to the church on Tuesday, May 11th and Wednesday, May 12th for sorting.

If you can help sort and/or sell, please sign-up on the Bond St. entrance bulletin board or call Brenda Rhodes at 359-1494 or Pam Burttt at 328-1499.

A Message From Your Stewardship Committee

100 x 100 = 15,000 (?) No, we don't have our math wrong. Not when you take a close look at the fundraising potential of the church's Shopping Card Program. Consider this: One hundred families purchasing \$100 worth of cards each week will result in \$15,000 raised for the church in one year.

Best of all, no one using the Shopping Cards has to spend any additional money in order for the funds to be raised!

Some church members may be unfamiliar with the tremendous fundraising opportunity that the Voices of Victory youth music program and the United Church Women have participated in over the past 2.5 years. Following each Sunday service and Monday to Friday in the church office, people can purchase shopping cards for dozens of local retail establishments. The cards can then be used like cash at the stores.

There is no additional cost to use the cards instead of cash, but the church receives a 3 per cent discount on every sale. Thus, for every \$100 worth of cards bought, the VOV and UCW shared \$3 that went towards their activities and costs. A family can generate \$150/year by using \$100 worth of cards each week, at no cost to the

buyers. At a time when we are all carefully monitoring our spending, the opportunity to help the church financially without paying any additional money may seem too good to be true – but it IS true!

If your family has not taken advantage of the Shopping Card Program as just one way to help the church meet its financial needs, please give it a try.

For further information on just how easy it is for you to support the VOV and the church through the Shopping Card Program, please speak to VOV parent rep Cheryl Nagel, church secretary Pam Burttt, or any member of the Stewardship Committee.

Mike Puffer
Chair, Stewardship Committee

12th Annual Howell's Fish Fry Dinner

(Pan Fried in Canola Oil)



Wednesday, May 26 ~ 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Cambridge Street United Church

Advanced Tickets

Adults \$14.00 ~ Children (5-12 yrs) \$7.00

Take-Out Orders by Advance Ticket ONLY

Christian Education Committee

As spring advances, the end of the Sunday School year approaches. Many thanks to our two superintendents, Julie Henry and Stephanie Harwood-Jones, for all their hard work. Julie's term as superintendent is coming to an end and we are looking for someone to fill her place and work with Stephanie. Please give some thought to this rewarding position. Thanks also goes out to all the teachers for their dedication over this year.

It has been decided that we will hold our Sunday School Picnic at the church this year. We will have our service as usual in the sanctuary, with a potluck lunch and games to follow. If the weather cooperates, the games will be held outside on the lawn. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Watch the bulletin for more details.

There will not be a confirmation class held this spring due to lack of participants. Rev. Paul will hold the class in the fall if there is sufficient interest.

Barb Alldred, Co- Chair

Sunday School News

This year has flown by, thanks in part to the great bunch of kids we have at Cambridge Street United, and the dedicated group of volunteers who offer their time and experience to the Sunday School program. We are now into the final sessions of Sunday School classes and would like to thank the dedicated group of teachers who worked with us this year. Special thanks to Stew Stainton, Glen Harwood-Jones, Kaitlyn Fraser and Gabby Walton for teaching numerous sessions. Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated. Special thanks also goes out to Shannon Stewart for her reliable, cheerful presence in the nursery.

We are pleased to offer the Grade 8 graduating students commemorative pins and to the Grade 3 students Adventure Bibles. These items will be presented at the church picnic.

We are still searching for someone to volunteer as co-superintendent for the upcoming year. Please contact one of us if you would like to donate your time to the kids of Cambridge Street United.

Classes finish the last Sunday in May and open sessions will be offered throughout the summer. There will be sign up sheet in the lower hall for anyone who would like to help. Curriculum is provided. Also, please consider signing up to teach in the fall. We are always looking for volunteers and would love to see some new faces in the coming year.

Julie Henry and Stephanie-Harwood Jones
Co-Superintendents

Cambridge St United Church and The Canadian Mental Health Association are hosting a special keynote address with Toronto Star columnist Joe Fiorito. Joe's work focuses on telling the stories of the people we rarely meet or see: the elderly, the poor, the disenfranchised and the mentally ill. His columns appear each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Appropriately called, "A voice for those who can't be heard" the event takes place Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Question and answers will follow. Admission is free!

United Church Women

Spring has arrived, although the last few days have felt more like summer, and with it a very busy time for the UCW. A special thank you to everyone who helped with the following events:

- Lion's Club White Cane Dinner. - the Hannah Unit
- Beef Pie Making
- Spring Luncheon and Bake Sale
- The Spiritual Gifts Workshop
- The Kawartha Male Chorus Choral Concert

When you are doing your spring cleaning remember the Rummage Sale on Thursday, May 13 from 9:30 am-5:30 pm and Friday, May 14 from 9:00-10:30 am. Please bring gently used clothing and household items to the church on May 11 and 12 for sorting. Help is always appreciated for sorting and selling. See the sign-up sheet on the Bond St. Board.

Please join us on June 2 at 6:15 pm in the gym for our General Meeting and Potluck. Everyone is welcome.

Have a wonderful summer.

Karen Martin & Janet Millard, Co-Presidents

Did You Know? that Bell Canada has graciously allowed us to use their *gravel parking* lot on Sunday mornings for additional parking. The parking lot is located on the south side of Bond St., between Cambridge St. and Lindsay St.

***U.C.W. Pot-Luck Dinner and General Meeting
Wednesday, June 2 at 6:15 p.m.***

All ladies of the congregation are invited to come out for an evening of fun, fellowship and food. Please bring your favourite pot-luck contribution, such as a casserole, salad or dessert, along with your dishes, cutlery and mug. Coffee and tea is supplied. Chris Scott and her cloggers will entertain us.

You Are Invited to Celebrate 50 Years of Commissioned & Ordained Ministry for Rev. Bessie Lane, at Northminster United Church on Saturday, May 1 for a *Come and Go Tea*, 2-5pm, and on Sunday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. for the *Service of Worship*, followed by a light lunch. Northminster United Church is located at 676 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa (corner of Rossland Rd. and Simcoe St in Oshawa). RSVP if you're attending either event by calling 905-725-4133 or email office@northminsterunited.com. Rev. Bessie Lane was an Associate Minister here at Cambridge St United from 1976 to 1980.

Brooches for Sale

Looking for that perfect gift for Mother's Day, Graduation, or a thank you gift for a teacher? The U.C.W. have some beautiful brooches for sale, and at \$10 each they make a great gift. The high quality pins come in a variety of colours and sizes, and vary from Ladybugs, Dragonflies, Frogs, Bees, etc. The pins are on display in the church office and can be purchased at the office or contact Carol Peters at 324-9968.



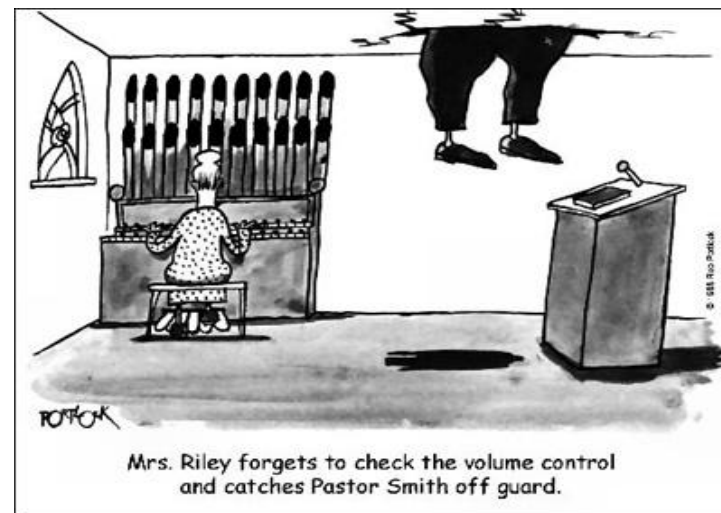
Did You Know? that you can sign-up to be a greeter or scripture reader on a Sunday morning? The scripture reading is made available in large print. You'll find sign-up sheets posted on the Bond St. bulletin board, or call the church office for further information.

Our Hurts and Cares

Our Losses: Ken Williams (Feb. 18), Walter Stewart (Feb. 20), Jeanette Jennings (March 7)

Milestones: *Please contact Pam in the church office with any milestones that you would like to see in the next newsletter.*

- Michael & Marg Locke were blessed with the birth of their first grandson (they have six granddaughters) - Michael Peter Andrew Jeffrey, son of Clayton & Jennifer, was born Feb. 18th in Calgary.
- Congratulations to Walt Radda who turned the big "50" on March 20th.
- Congratulations to Frank & Nama Tummon who celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary on April 8th.
- The family of Sam Murdock wish to extend congratulations to him on his 90th Birthday on April 30th.
- Congratuilations to Frank & Jean Robinson who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 2nd.
- Congratulations to Fran Graham who turns 90 on July 14th



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Church Newsletter On-line

Thanks to the many in our congregation who have opted to view their church newsletters on-line we have been able to reduce the number of Church Newsletters that we need to print, and reduced the cost of postage to mail them. If you would prefer to view a copy of the newsletter from our website, please let Pam in the church office know by sending her an email at csuc@nexicom.net. An email will be sent out from the Church to let you know that the newsletter has been published and is ready for viewing on the website.



A sample of some of the beautiful art work produced by students of Marion Hill at the drawing lessons held earlier this year at Cambridge St United.

You Are Invited! To attend a special 8th Anniversary Open House at the General Council Office on Thursday, June 10th. Meet the Moderator, former Moderators, the General Secretary, and General Council staff. Start the day at 8:30 a.m. by joining Moderator Mardi Tindal for morning prayers. Then take part in Bible study, guided tours, workshops, and lots of other activities. There will be music, fun, and birthday cake. Everyone is invited: clergy, lay people, children, UCW groups, confirmation classes, youth groups, choirs, and you! Come alone or come in a group.

Details are posted on the Bond St entrance bulletin board and even more information about the day's festivities is posted on The United Church of Canada's website (www.united-church.ca/85th) as plans are finalized.

For more Information please contact Mary-Frances Denis, (416) 231-7680 ext. 2016 or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2016, or by email openhouse@united-church.ca



At the AGM on February 7th, in-coming chair Lisa Morasse presented outgoing chair Brenda DeKoker with a plaque and a token of our appreciation for her past leadership.