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Upcoming Events

- March 3 Noon hour concert featuring Martin Neuland on trumpet
- March 5 World Day of Prayer focuses on the women of Vanuatu
- March 7 Regular worship service at 10:40 a.m.; third Sunday in Lent
Annual General Meeting at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary and live-streamed
- March 10 Noon hour concert with soloist and storyteller Alan Ely
- March 14 Rev. Dr. Aruna Alexander, who leads the core leadership group on anti-racism
interfaith/intercultural group with the Justice Forum of the United Church's
East Central Ontario Regional Council leads our 10:40 a.m. worship service;
fourth Sunday in Lent; Standing Together Against Racism: that we may be
One conversation continues with our pulpit guest immediately after worship
- March 17 Noon hour concert featuring Janis Neuland on clarinet
- March 21 Regular worship service takes place at 10:40 a.m.; fifth Sunday in Lent
- March 24 Noon hour concert features piano and organ duets by Gael Morrison and Erwin S.
- March 28 Palm Sunday worship service starts at 10:40 a.m.; sacrament of baptism (tentative)
- March 31 Noon hour concert with Cambridge Street United Handbell Quartet

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11: 45 a.m.
**in the sanctuary following the worship service. You can
attend in person or watch via live-streaming.**

The 2020 Annual Reports and the Agenda will be available for pickup at the church starting on Monday, March 1. The Annual Reports can also be downloaded from the church's website. If you choose not to attend in person, please forward any questions or comments you might have about the reports to the church office by phone 705-324-3547 on weekdays until 4:30 p.m. or email csuc61@gmail.com before Sunday, March 7.

Photo Gallery

Christmas 2020 - Pandemic Edition



Congratulations to Justin Rafton and Charlotte Paterson who were married at Cambridge Street United on Dec. 27, 2020. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, in-person attendees were restricted to parents Colleen and Andrew Rafton, good friends as best man and maid of honour, Rev. Craig, Erwin, and Walt. Our live-streaming capabilities enabled their families and friends, far and wide (including Charlotte's family in New Zealand) to participate and watch the ceremony.



Shannon McCracken & Erwin Strobach recording 'O Holy Night' for Christmas Eve



VOV Fab Five recording music video for Christmas Eve



One of Cambridge Street United Church Handbell Quartets recording Christmas music

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My hope is that this message will find you and your family well. So many have gone through a particularly difficult year: emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually. We hold these persons up to God in prayer and surround them with our love.



One year ago, in the middle of March 2020, our first state of emergency was declared for Ontario. This March, we are slowly moving out of the shadow of the second wave of pandemic lockdowns. May you continue to feel the freedom to uphold the measures that make you feel safe and secure. This will be different for each household, even as we respect each other by respecting government gathering guidelines for our communities and church.

The people of Cambridge Street never cease to amaze me. Even during tough times, people dug deep to support one another and the church. The “Feel the Warmth” campaign for the repairs to the boiler system and replacement of steam pipes was launched at the beginning of December. By the time you receive this *Chronicle*, we will have exceeded our goal of \$100,000. To God be the glory — and warmth to the tips of our toes!



Our appreciation is also extended to Bill and Yvonne Walden, their daughter, Karen Cartmell, and her husband, Andrew, and grandchildren Greg and Alex, who generously donated the new digital video cameras for the sanctuary. The updated system, complete with control panel, was installed in February for our future enjoyment. Please remember Yvonne in your thoughts and prayers as her cancer progresses. Her faith, positive approach to life, and laughter have always been an inspiration to everyone at Cambridge Street over the years.

Finally, I would like to thank Rev. Robin Thomson for her service as our Minister of Visitation and Pastoral Care over the past two years. Due to mounting budgetary deficit projections, Council had to make the extremely difficult decision to eliminate her position at the end of March. This was done in a sensitive and caring manner, in consultation with Robin and regional staff member, Rev. David Timpson. Robin will continue to be an important presence around our building, as we share our church space with Queen Street United Church and join in activities together.



Notes on Music

Erwin Stroobach

Well, we continue to live in hope. I have been going through Christmas cantatas and found a really good one. It would need a big orchestra and large choir. Do you think we will be able to cram 70+ singers into the choir loft this December? I'm also hopeful that by the time you receive this newsletter, our Noon Hour Concerts during Lent will actually be happening during Lent! I have starting composing again and one piece for piano and handbell quartet that I am working on is simply called "Hope". I'm hoping that we can present it when our Quartet is scheduled to play on March 31 as part of the Noon Hour Concerts. We hope for vaccines to come quickly, for continued health, for the time we can see family and friends again and for when the church opens again.



Finance Team Report - PAR

John Bennett

If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay your bills, taxes or mortgage, then you already understand the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) principle.

You decide the amount you wish to contribute monthly to the church which can be allocated to different uses, such as local givings, Mission and Service, etc. The amount will be transferred from your account to our congregation's account on the 20th of each month. You can modify or cancel your donation, change how it is designated, or change your information at any time.

Besides being convenient (no more weekly offering envelopes, cheques, cash), using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help our church's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing our congregation a dependable flow of contributions, which increases our overall financial stability. This has been particularly evident during this time of partial and full lockdowns due to COVID-19.

There are small cards available on the narthex table that you can place on the offering plate as a symbol of your PAR gift.

Any additional donations you make during the year to support fundraising activities, to place flowers in the sanctuary, etc., are recorded and included in your year-end tax receipt.

I hope you will consider using PAR. Please contact Pam Burt at the church office to enrol.



In December, a form was distributed with the *Cambridge Chronicle* to members and adherents of the congregation to fill out and return. This information is intended for our members and adherents only. It will allow us to contact you as needed, and it will make it easier for members and adherents of our congregation to contact one another.

I would like to thank everyone who responded to this request. If you still need to send in your form to the office, please do so. This list will be updated each year for the annual meeting, and if you missed having your name registered this year on the list, we will be sure to update it for the next document.

Please let Pam in the office know if you would prefer to view a copy of the *Cambridge Chronicle* electronically instead of a hard copy; please contact Pam by sending her an email at csuc61@gmail.com (Please note new church email).

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank Laura Hargrave for her many years on the Church Council, and for filling the positions of church treasurer and team leader. Thank you to Joanne Winter, who has been our present church treasurer, and we welcome Wanda Agnew, who will be taking on the role of church treasurer this year. Dawn Donnelly and Jan Warren will be stepping down as co-chairs of the Christian Education Team and we would like to thank them for their time taking on that role and Dawn Donnelly will continue to stay on as a team member. We welcome Angie Ursel as the new team leader for Christian Education. Thank you to all members who have been on the teams and welcome to all new members who will be part of a team, or who will become a team leader for Council.



We have been truly fortunate to be able to offer our live streaming service to our members and visitors at Cambridge Street United Church during this time of a pandemic. **We are installing a completely new sanctuary video camera system.** The audio-visual equipment upgrade is necessary to bring our current outdated system, with its very poor picture and audio quality, up to present day high-definition standards. This would not have been possible without the most generous gift from Bill and Yvonne Walden, their daughter Karen, her husband Andrew, and their children, Greg and Alex. On behalf of the Church Council and members of our congregation, we would like to offer you our deepest appreciation for your gift.

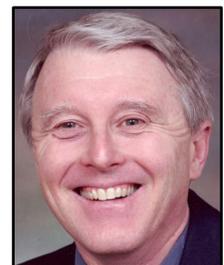


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Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many contributors, photographers (Mert Davis and Walt Radda) and reviewers (especially Nancy Payne and my wife Helen) who have made this issue of the *Chronicle* possible. *Dennis Eaton*



Feel The Warmth Campaign

Mike Puffer

We are very excited to announce that the “Feel the Warmth” fundraising campaign has received more than \$95,000 in donations and pledges – we are less than \$5,000 away from the goal of \$100,000 in support of repair costs to the church boiler and heating system!

Late last year, necessary repairs to the boiler and heating systems were identified. Leaks in the boiler required the dismantling and reinstallation of many sections of the equipment. Significant corrosion and leakage in the steam pipe system was uncovered as well and entire sections had to be replaced.

Though the repairs and their cost were not anticipated in the 2020 church budget, it was imperative that the work be done in order for the heating system to function properly. And, when asked, members of our church family responded most generously to the request to make donations or pledges in support of the “Feel the Warmth” campaign!

If you have not already donated to the campaign, there are many ways to help us reach the goal: by a straight one-time donation, a pledge over a period of time, giving in memory or honour of a loved one, giving electronically and even with a credit card, or by increasing your monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR).

To donate to the “Feel the Warmth” campaign, please contact Pam Burt in the church office. Thank



U.C.W. Report

Elaine Kell

When I watch the live-streamed service, I am once again thankful for the dedicated staff who bring us music and messages of hope that overcome the constant bombardment of statistics causing fear and pain in our lives. We regret cancelling of our Annual General Meeting and Unit meetings. At our December executive meeting, I was grateful that the Executive members installed for the year 2020 have agreed to remain in their respective positions. Due to donations from U.C.W. members, a donation from the “Non-Event” and memorial tributes for Lillian Nickerson, we were able to form a limited budget giving \$3,000 to the church, Home Commitment and \$3,000 to Mission and Service, as well as donations to local organizations. We hope to increase our outreach when fundraising is possible. Donations to U.C.W. can be made by cheque payable to Cambridge Street United Church with a direction memo to U.C.W. The Cambridge Street U.C.W. were responsible for hosting the 2021 World Day of Prayer. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, I would suggest that U.C.W. members and our congregation offer a moment of prayer on Friday, March 5, for the women of Vanuatu who we are honouring this year. I would like to share the following quote: “When your arms can't reach people who are close to your heart, always hug them with your prayers”.



Masking Up for the Church

Vivian Warren

There's little I can thank the global pandemic for, but I can thank COVID-19 for reacquainting me with my sewing machine. Since March, I've been putting it to good use making reusable cotton masks for sale. It started because my sister lives in a remote area of Northern Ontario where the response to wearing masks seemed to be slow, so she wanted me to sew masks for her friends that would combine safety and comfort with a bit of personality!

Word has spread since then, with hundreds sold or donated, and now I'd like to keep it going with 50% of the proceeds of masks sold going to the "Feel the Warmth" campaign. At \$10 per mask, that's \$5 to the fund, and since wearing masks is still going to be such an important part of containing the spread of COVID-19, I'm hoping to keep busy sewing and "accessorizing" my Cambridge Street United Church family and friends!

The masks are made from high quality cotton, lined with a pocket for filter material, and have either adjustable elastic ear loops or a lace tie that goes behind the head over the ears and ties at the neck. Each has a bendable nose wire for a snug fit. I have some masks already made but I have plenty of fabric to make masks that fit your personality or interest – Canadian theme, golf, curling, music (you've seen some worn by our handbell choirs recently), flowers, winter theme and plenty of colours. I have child sizes available as well. If you're interested or need more information, please email me, Vivian Warren, at vivianwarren32@gmail.com, or call me at 705 328 3212.



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Vivian Warren

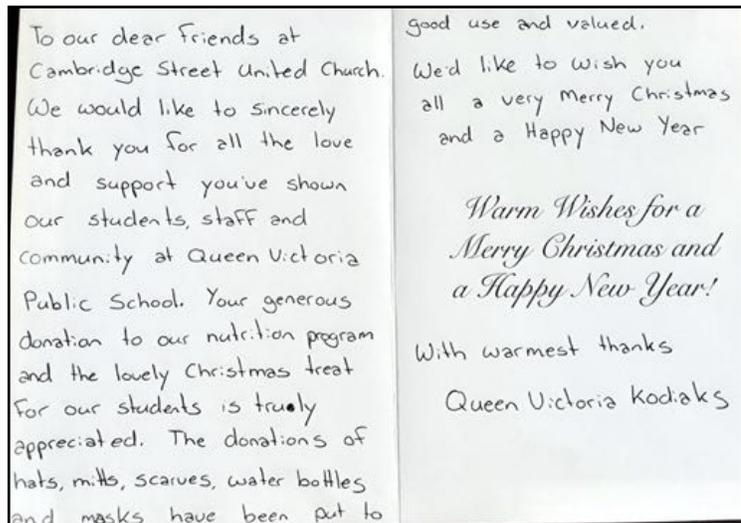
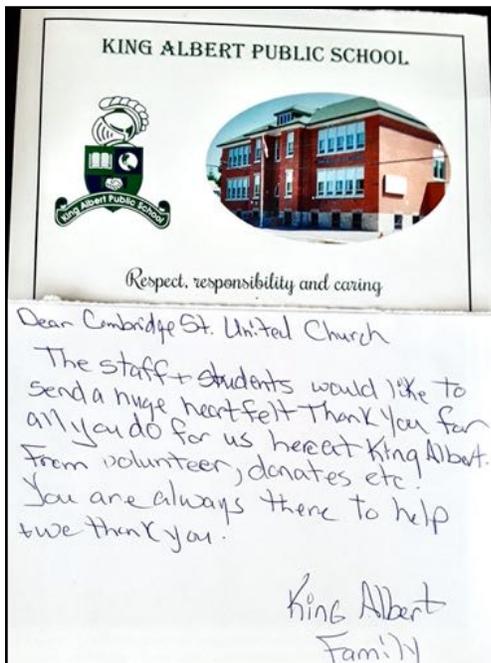


In the last week of school before Christmas, spirits are generally high and it's hard to hear yourself think as the kids leave the classroom all excited anticipating Christmas break. This year was no different, kids will be kids. However things looked a little different this year. Our Outreach Team was not able to make our usual Christmas sit-down lunch and we couldn't be present in the school to see all those smiling faces. This year, with the help of our friends from the St. Paul's



Outreach Team, the kids all had a Christmas dinner in a to-go bag. Not quite the same but welcomed and appreciated nonetheless. When it came to the last day of school, our Outreach Team was filled with the Christmas spirit. We packaged and distributed a Christmas treat for every child at Queen Victoria Public School and every child at King Albert Public School. Our team probably enjoyed this experience as much as the kids did when they opened their Christmas treats.

Nathan Stephenson, Principal of Queen Victoria School, has asked for our help. He has purchased wool and is needing people who knit to make mitts for the kids at his school. The kids are from JK to Grade 6. If you can help, please call Doreen from Outreach at 705-359-1560.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Condolences to **Jean Robinson** and family on the death of **Frank Robinson** on Sept. 19, 2020.
- Best wishes to **Mike Warren** who moved to St. Thomas, Ont., in November 2020 to start a new position with RBC Royal Bank in that area.
- Congratulations to **Aimee King and Jeremy Phillips**, and siblings Emmie-Jane, Jeremy and Harper, and grandparents **Denise and Rob King** on the birth of Andy Fisher Phillips on Dec. 11, 2020.
- Congratulations to **Carl Kimmett and Pam Putman-Kimmett** on their wedding on December 5, 2020.
- Congratulations to **Eleanor Walden** who celebrated her 80th birthday on Dec. 12, 2020.
- Congratulations to **Justin Rafton and Charlotte Paterson** on their wedding on December 27, 2020.
- Condolences to **Del and Dianne Gallagher** on the death of Del's mother Norma on Dec. 28, 2020.
- Congratulations to **Dorothy Irwin** who celebrated her 90th birthday on Jan. 18, 2021.
- Congratulations to **Chris and Teresa Yu** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan 23, 2021.
- Condolences to **John Pickering** and family on the death of **Betty Pickering** on Jan. 20, 2021.
- Best wishes to **Susan and Donald Sindrey** who moved to London, Ont. on Feb. 1, 2021 to be closer to family.
- Condolences to **Craig and Debra Weekes** on the death of Craig's mother Violet on Feb. 1, 2021.
- Condolences to **Joanne Cooke** and family on the death of **Jim Cooke** on Feb. 2, 2021. Jim & Joanne had moved to a retirement home in Peterborough in 2020.
- Congratulations to **Ina Currie** who celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 13, 2021.

Photo Gallery



Pam Putman-Kimmett and Carl Kimmett were married on December 5, 2020, in their home under COVID-19 restrictions.



Chris and Teresa Yu celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 23, 2021.

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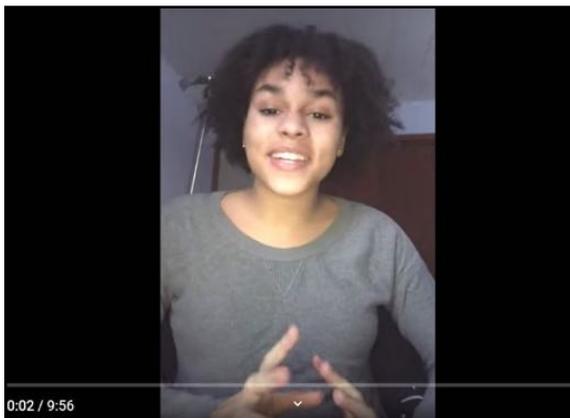
Cambridge Moments



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Photo Gallery

“Standing Together Against Racism: That We May Be One”



On Feb. 14, 2021, Morgan (left) and Olivia Reeve shared their experiences as young Black women growing up in our predominantly white community, and offered suggestions for living out our faith by taking action against racism. These conversations, sponsored by the Affirming Ministry Action Group continued on Feb. 28 as we reflected on our own biases. Rev. Dr. Aruna Alexander of the ECORC Justice Forum will preach on the subject on Mar. 14, with a conversation time to follow.

A Small Matter of Sponsorship

Thank you to all the sponsors who have contributed to the Cambridge Chronicle newsletter. We are looking for businesses to join our sponsorship program. Please call Pam at 705-324-3547 for details. For this issue, our generous sponsors have paid for the coloured pages in the print edition.



Christmas Eve was eerily quiet and the streets were empty but the candle lanterns shone brightly.

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