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Upcoming Events

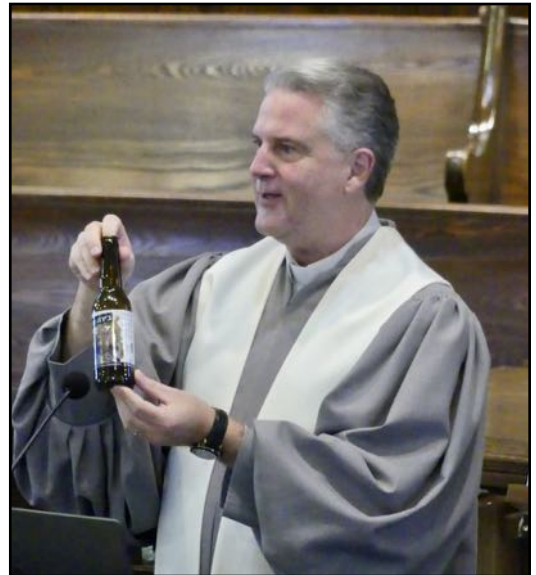
May 12	<i>Desserts with Disney</i> 7:00 p.m.	June 11	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Pride and Affirming Celebration
May 13	<i>Desserts with Disney</i> 7:00 p.m.	June 13	UCW Unit Potluck and Meeting 12 noon
May 14	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism Sunday		- Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
May 22	Victoria Day (office closed)	June 18	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism Sunday
May 27	Youth Choral Extravaganza 7:00 p.m.	June 25	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Farewell Retirement Reception for Rev. Craig Donnelly
May 28	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. with special music by the Voices of Victory and the New Amsterdam Boys and Girls Choir	July-Aug	Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. with a variety of pulpit guests
June 1-2	Mental Health Workshop 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 10	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Welcome Back BBQ
June 6	Caregiver Mental Illness Support Group 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (monthly meetings 1 st Tuesday)	Sept. 30	Fall Rummage Sale 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Easter Celebration -
April 9, 2023

Photo Gallery

Thank You Craig for the Wonderful Memories



*I*t is hard to believe that six years have come and gone since my arrival at Cambridge Street in the summer of 2017. Some days, I wonder if the time feels shorter, other days longer. Imagine, over two years of COVID restrictions, as well as my cancer diagnosis last fall. After prayer and reflection, the time has come for me to retire and be closer to family in Orangeville.



Cambridge Street has given me a true gift at the closing of my ministerial career. The people of this church are warm, caring and down-to-earth. There is nowhere else I would rather be at this point in my life. I will take with me many fond memories of our time together, as well as a couple of extra inches on my waistline from all the good food.

Dawn and I have thoroughly enjoyed Kawartha Lakes with all its trails, bike paths, rivers and lakes for kayaking and swimming. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to my wife, Dawn, for her love and support over 35 years of ministry and 36 years of marriage. I would not be where I am today without her.

Cambridge Street is a special place. It has been a pleasure to work alongside Erwin, Angelique, Pam, Walt and Brian. They are the best staff a minister could ever want, sharing a wonderful working relationship and a refreshing sense of humour. The Church Council has also accomplished many significant achievements: writing a Constitution, becoming an Affirming church, welcoming Queen Street, to name but a few.

In faith, I believe from the bottom of my heart that God will direct just the right minister to succeed me. Cambridge Street has an excellent reputation in the wider church, plus I sing your praises wherever I go. God has a plan for each one of us, for me in my retirement, and for Cambridge Street in your ministry. Part of the joy of life is to be open to the surprises God has in store for us.



I leave you with this blessing taken from Hebrews 13:20-21, "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Rev. Craig and his family were photographed by Mert Davis on February 27, 2022.

It has been rewarding to be able to reintroduce many of our special events that haven't been able to take place since pre-COVID. The one event we managed to keep going and have recently completed was our 20th annual Noon Hour Concerts, with a fabulous lineup of performers. The freewill offerings and attendance was the best in 20 years! Thanks to our Music Team and all those who came out to support and enjoy the wonderful performances.



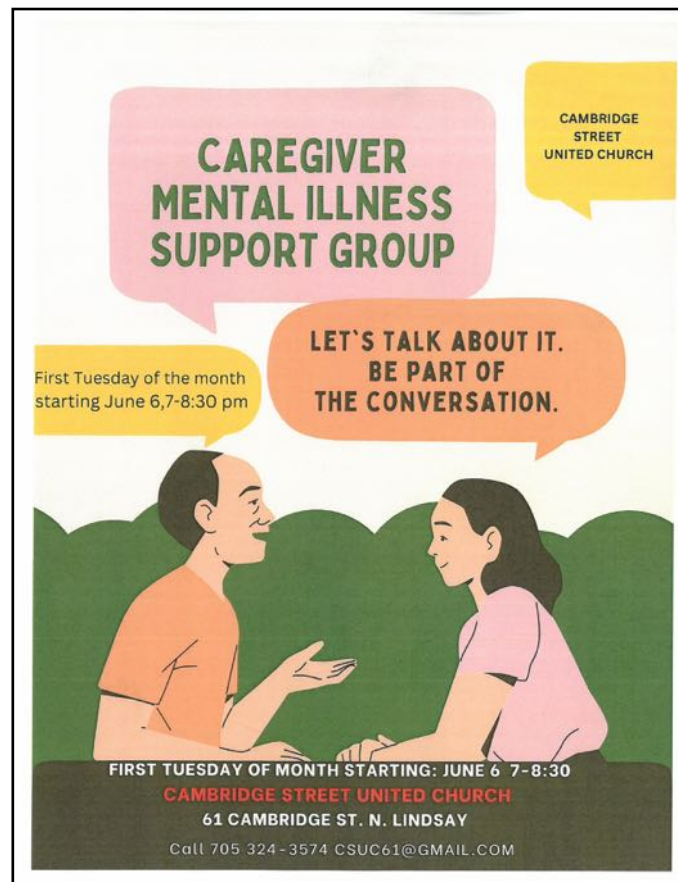
We have a busy spring before we take a well-deserved summer break. It's hard to believe we are at this point again. Our handbell choir will be finishing the year playing for our morning service on April 23 and then an afternoon concert at Adelaide Place. Our bell quartet will play for our April 30 service. The Cambridge Street Singers will continue to sing until the end of June. Our Cherub Choir will sing one more time for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14. Voices of Victory and Friends are busy preparing for *Desserts with Disney* on May 12 and 13. See our ad elsewhere for more information. There is reserved seating, so if you have not bought your tickets yet, time is running out and you will not want to miss this entertaining show that includes fancy desserts during intermission. On Saturday, May 27, the New Amsterdam Boys and Girls Choir from East Harlem in New York City will be joining the Voices of Victory and Central Senior Public School Choirs for our Youth Choral Extravaganza concert at 7:00 p.m. We will have an afternoon workshop with guest conductor Emily Daquano, from the Mississauga Children's Choir and founder/director of Port Credit Glee. Sunday, May 28, the New Amsterdam Boys and Girls Choir will join Voices of Victory for our morning service, followed by a barbeque lunch before our guests head out.



The Worship Band played for an appreciative congregation during the Sunday service on April 9, 2023.

It has been wonderful welcoming new members to all our musical ensembles this year. What a privilege it has been to work with so many talented, kind and dedicated folks throughout the past year. Thank you! We also wish Craig all the best as he begins retirement this summer, it has been an honour and joy working with Craig over the years. He and Dawn will truly be missed. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Announcement



A flyer for a support group. At the top, a large pink speech bubble contains the text "CAREGIVER MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP". To its right, a yellow speech bubble says "CAMBRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH". Below the pink bubble, a yellow speech bubble says "First Tuesday of the month starting June 6, 7-8:30 pm". To its right, an orange speech bubble says "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT. BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION." In the center, an illustration shows a man and a woman sitting on a grassy hill, facing each other and talking. At the bottom, text reads: "FIRST TUESDAY OF MONTH STARTING: JUNE 6 7-8:30", "CAMBRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH", "61 CAMBRIDGE ST. N. LINDSAY", and "Call 705 324-3574 CSUC61@GMAIL.COM".

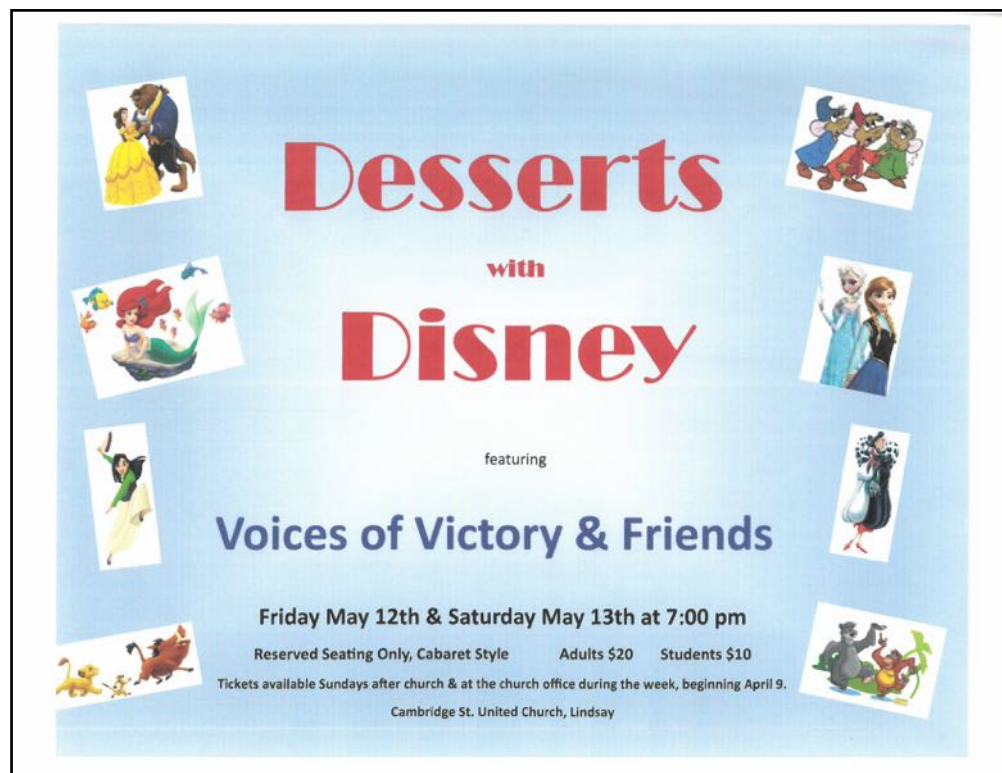
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A flyer for a Disney-themed event. The background is light blue. In the center, the text "Desserts with Disney" is written in large red letters. Below it, in smaller red letters, is "with". Below that, "Disney" is written in large red letters. Underneath, in small black letters, is "featuring". Below that, "Voices of Victory & Friends" is written in large blue letters. At the bottom, it says "Friday May 12th & Saturday May 13th at 7:00 pm". Below that, it says "Reserved Seating Only, Cabaret Style Adults \$20 Students \$10". At the very bottom, it says "Tickets available Sundays after church & at the church office during the week, beginning April 9." and "Cambridge St. United Church, Lindsay". There are several small illustrations of Disney characters around the text: Belle and the Beast, Ariel, Snow White, Cinderella, and others.

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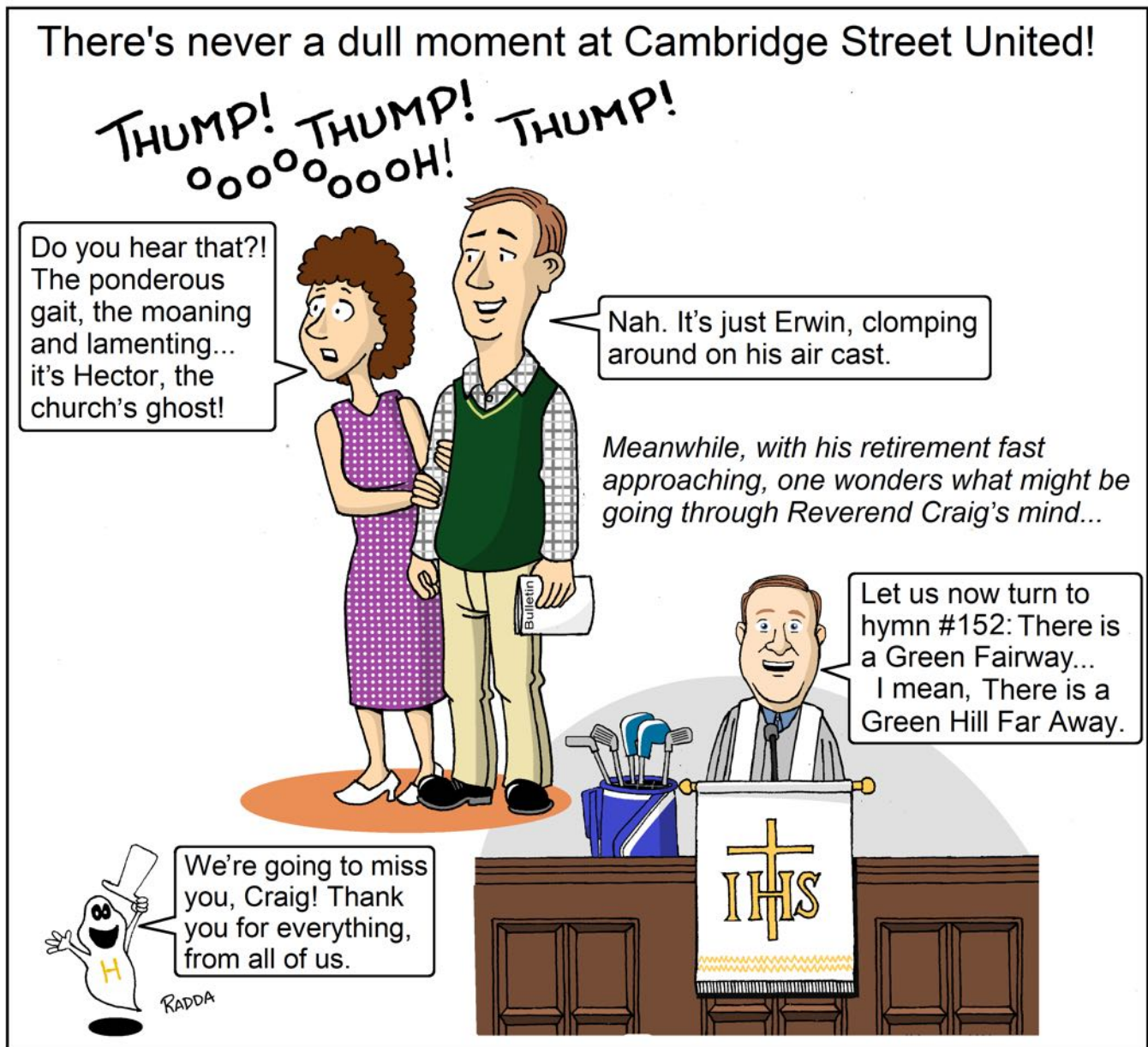
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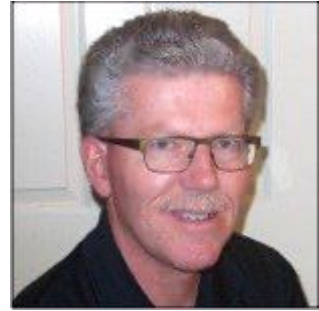
Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many contributors, photographers (Walt Radda, Mert Davis and Mike Puffer), technical advisers (Heather Eaton) and reviewers (especially Nancy Payne and Janey Hill) who have made this issue of the *Chronicle* possible.



Cambridge Street United Church custodian and jack-of-all-trades

Walt Radda was recently saluted for an incredible milestone achievement. Since 1997, Walt has provided editorial cartoons in the *Port Perry Star* and *Scugog Standard* newspapers. His sense of humour, sharp wit and ability to poke fun in a gentle manner to local individuals or situations that we can all identify with (including the ineptness, year after year, of the Toronto Maple Leafs!) have been enjoyed by thousands of people in the Scugog and Kawartha Lakes area. His cartoons are also always a highlight of the *Cambridge Chronicle* and other local media outlets such as *The Lindsay Advocate*.



Throughout the month of March, a wide selection of Walt's editorial cartoons from 1997 to 2022 were on display at the Scugog Memorial Public Library in Port Perry. Several members of the Cambridge Street United Church congregation enjoyed dropping in to view the exhibit and to congratulate Walt. Upon the exhibit opening on March 3, Walt was recognized for his quarter century of cartoons by Scugog Township Council, as well as members of the local media and friends and family.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement Walt! Everyone at Cambridge Street looks forward to continuing to enjoy your good-natured artistic contributions and commentaries about our church activities.



Walt and Birgit Radda attended an exhibit of Walt's cartoons in the Port Perry Public Library on March 4, 2023.

Photo Credit:
Mike Puffer

Announcement

Searching For a New Minister

What do you want in a minister and what do you want that person to help Cambridge Street United become? Please help shape the search for a new minister by providing your thoughts on this question. Your response can be as short or as long as you wish. You are welcome to speak with anyone on the search committee: John Harris (705) 928-3771 and Alex Istchenko (705) 324-7087 (co-chairs), Seamus Agnew (705) 928-3501, Abby Boehme, Brenda De Koker (705) 324-9410. Bruce Glass (705) 324-4266, Nancy Payne (705) 340-2815, Sarah Repka (705) 928-5574, Nora Reynolds (705) 928-3501, Aaliyah Rowe, Eric Smeaton (705) 879-2242 and Joanne Winter (705) 934-0239. You can also email your thoughts to csucsearch@gmail.com This is a complex process that will take many months, so to help ensure the first step is completed on time, please respond by **Monday, May 15**.

Outreach Team News

King Albert Public School Lunch Program



The end result of efforts by our newest team of volunteers was seven crockpots of mac and cheese for the kids at King Albert to enjoy for lunch.

Congratulations to Our High School Grads

Patricia Jane Teskey

Congratulations graduates! As you continue your life journey and make new friends, stay in touch with us at Cambridge Street United! We are always happy to hear about your new experiences. And when things go wrong – as they sometimes will – remember that your church family in Lindsay is here for you. *God be with you!*



Ellia Perdue graduates from I. E. Weldon Secondary School. She is thinking of staying in Lindsay to work and study for a year before heading off to university. She enjoys helping out with Sunday school and singing in the Voices of Victory choir. “I have so many great memories from my time at Cambridge Street that none really stick out,” she says, “but one really good memory was when Voices of Victory sang in New York City and we went on a cruise during our trip. On this cruise, the choir made the random decision to go up in front of everyone and sing “*Goin up a Yonder*” without any background music or anything. That was pretty cool.”



Lesley Peters graduates from I.E. Weldon Secondary School. Her plans include working at a nursing home this summer and starting a nursing program in September. Lesley enjoyed youth nights and “loved playing man tracker and hiding in the dark in the church – some great hiding spots, for sure!” She also enjoyed volunteering for the penny auction, roast beef dinners and cookie walk. Her favourite memories are from the Voices of Victory choir: making friends, the fun trips to New York and Tobermory with great sightseeing, the Dessert concerts – she “loved all the desserts”. Lesley adds: “We had a great time whatever we did. We owe so much to Erwin and Angelique. I will never forget!”



The Voices of Victory choir sang during the church service on February 19, 2023.

*A*s you may know, my family and several others in this congregation were originally in the Queen Street congregation. Now that we are amalgamated, it is time to look back on the positive memories from that period.

I recall my wife Lynn, myself and our young family fitting in to a very active Queen Street United Church community in the mid 1970's. Upon leaving our previous church, we had been advised to try Queen Street because we preferred a young and active church family. Rev. Jack Carbert and his wife Diana had built a welcoming environment with a Christian emphasis for rural and working people.

Church school was active with Ernie Eakins as superintendent and Genevieve Payne as chair of Christian Education. There were 75 children on Sunday mornings and some 25 teachers and helpers to provide Christian programming. I recall David C. Cook as the curriculum writer. Lynn Kimmett was the primary superintendent and Joan Smiley served the junior division. There was a developing youth group and later a young couples group. We had fun and felt good about it.

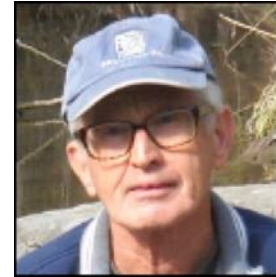
Lynn Cascadden was the dedicated custodian to keep both the church and the Annex (the red brick building to the south) clean and welcoming. At that time, only the first two floors of the Annex were usable but improvements continued to change the old building from a printing shop to an Outreach Centre. There were many stories about the wind blowing through the upper stories or baking with heat in the summer. There was a library there as well which seemed to be a book drop for ministers moving on.

In 1976, the membership role tallied 841 members with good attendance on Sundays. Gordon Everson was the organist and very proud of the pipe organ dedicated at the 50th anniversary in 1928. That organ now sits abandoned in Celebrations.

In 1976, a new ministry model was initiated with Rev. Bessie Lane hired to be the third minister in a team approach between both Queen Street and Cambridge Street. One of her duties was a joint committee to encourage liaison between two congregations. I was on that committee and I remember Fred Copping representing Cambridge Street. One project was to provide a Sunday evening meal to Sir Sandford Fleming College students. Many students were lonely as they did not go home in the winter and we wanted to encourage church activity for them. We often cooked pancakes and sausages on the griddle top stove at Cambridge Street. They were eaten up quickly by the hungry students. I recall Charlie Glennie enjoyed being the flipper.

These remembrances will need input from those of you who attended Queen Street as those church records have been forwarded to the archives in Toronto. So please dust off your memories; I will be seeking you out.

The Confirmation Class of 1989 - From left to right, Steven Smiley, Debbie Poaps, Jill Toombs, Lisa Sinclair, Joel Kimmett and Beth Smiley



Best wishes to Gladys Torrance on her 101st birthday on May 6, 2023! Gladys joined Cambridge Street United Church at age 23 and is a life member of the United Church Women (U.C.W.).

Gladys grew up in Coboconk, the daughter of Bill and Ella O'Brien. Raised Anglican, she married Charlie Torrance at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Lindsay in 1943 and her first child was christened there. But, she explains, Charlie was an active member of Cambridge Street United. Deciding her family should all attend the same church, Gladys joined Cambridge Street United in 1945.

"Eventually", she says, "I became more active in this church than Charlie was."

She enjoyed a close relationship with her sister-in-law Fran (Torrance) Graham, who married Charlie's brother Bruce. (Bruce Torrance died in the 1950s. Fran eventually married Harvey Graham.)

Charlie and Gladys bought a house on Elgin Street in Lindsay. Bruce and Fran bought a home a few doors up the street. Gladys smiles when recalling her children, Linda and Murray, and Fran's children, Janet, Nancy and Peggy, going freely in and out of both houses: "If my children were at Fran's and it was dinner time, she would set plates for them at her table. It was the same if her children were in my home at meal time." All five children attended Cambridge Street United Sunday school.

When asked to identify a highlight of her 78 years as a member of Cambridge Street United, Gladys answers: "The good friends I made in the U.C.W. When you work alongside someone all those years, you get to know her. You know her family and she knows yours." Fondly remembering her contemporaries,

Nama Tummon and others, she laughs: "When you were in a U.C.W. unit headed by Marg Hancock, you served at many church events! We made piles and piles of sandwiches!"

Gladys also knitted dozens of hats and mittens after a dry cleaner in Lindsay began collecting used winter coats to clean and repair for free distribution to anyone in need. She smiles to think of each person who received a coat also receiving a new hat and mitts.


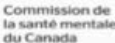

At 101, Gladys has lived through her share of life's sorrows. Charlie died when she was 63. It helped, she says, to think of her grandchild Andrew, born two weeks before Charlie died, as the continuation of Charlie's life. A more recent, abiding sorrow has been the loss of her son Murray to cancer in 2017.

Now living in Lindsay with her daughter Linda, Gladys enjoys overall good health. As her Cambridge Street United Church visitor for 12 years, I wish to thank Gladys for our visits together, graced by the warmth of her kindness, humour and hospitality.



Announcement

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING at Cambridge Street United on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. Facilitators, Johannah Sinclair and Monica Smith, have been providing MHFA courses since 2018. Brown bag lunch event, refreshments provided by the church. Cost is \$40 for the workbook. **Registration forms are posted on the Bond Street entrance bulletin board. Registration deadline: Friday, May 12.** There is stigma associated with mental health problems. The most difficult part of intervening is knowing what to say. Participants will learn how to listen non-judgmentally, give reassurance and encourage professional support. Participants will learn crisis first aid skills for substance abuse, suicidal behaviour, panic attack, psychotic episode, and much more.



Mental Health First Aid Training
Hosted by Congregational Care
June 1 & 2, 2023
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Queen St. Hall, Cambridge St. United Church

There is stigma associated with mental health problems. The most difficult part of intervening is knowing what to say. Participants who take this course will learn how to listen non-judgmentally, give reassurance, and encourage professional support including:

- Increased awareness of signs and symptoms of the most common mental health problems
- Decreased stigma related to mental health
- Increased confidence interacting with individuals experiencing a mental health problem or crisis
- Increased help actually provided to individuals in crisis or experiencing a mental health problem

You will be well prepared to interact confidently about mental health with the people in your lives, including at schools, extra-curricular activities, social services, family, friends, and communities. You will learn Crisis first aid skills:

- Substance abuse
- Suicidal behaviour
- Panic attack
- Acute stress reaction
- Psychotic episode
- Eating disorders
- Deliberate self-injury

Facilitators Johanna Sinclair BA, Hon, BSW, RSW and Monica Smith BA, Mediation have been providing MHFA courses since 2018 to numerous community based organizations and government agencies.

- This is a brown bag lunch event. Refreshments provided by Congregational Care.
- Costs are for the workbook \$ 40.00

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Print Name _____

Payment of \$40.00 enclosed, (payable to Cambridge St. United Church). Please order my workbook.

Signed _____

Please submit your registration to the Church Office by May 12, 2023.

Announcement

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All Are Welcome!

**A Joyous and Affirming
Pride Celebration Service!**



**Flag raising and refreshments
Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m.**

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- **Milestone Birthday Wishes to:** **Carole Tully** who turns 80 on May 7, **Kay Reddick** who turns 95 on June 28, **Hans Beekhof** who turns 90 on July 3, **Muriel Carr** who turns 90 on August 1, **Linda Waddilove** who turns 80 on August 4 and **Jim Tully** who turns 80 on August 21.
- Condolences to **Richard and Dianne Elson** on the death of Richard's brother George on February 15 in Squamish, B.C.
- Best wishes to **John Pickering** who has moved from Lindsay to be closer to family.
- Condolences to **Norm Reedman** on the death of his wife **Evelyn Reedman** on February 19.
- Condolences to **Todd and Shiela Black** on the death of Todd's father, Howard Black on February 25 in Lindsay.
- Condolences to the family and friends of **Ellen Bush** who died on March 12.
- Condolences to **Judy MacLean** on the death of her husband **Ron MacLean** on March 28.

U.C.W. Report

Elaine Kell

Spring arrived along with the United Church Women Rummage Sale on May 6.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped sort, bake, sell and donate the many items which contributed to another successful sale. The usual attendance at monthly U.C.W. meetings of thirty ladies is most encouraging. We have welcomed several new members from Queen Street and also from our Cambridge Street congregation. We are planning a potluck lunch on June 13 to welcome the summer season. There will also be a Kawartha Highlands Presbyterian U.C.W. Rally in June at Highland Hills United in Minden and more details will be posted.



Uppermost in our minds is the retirement of Rev. Craig. He will be sorely missed by all but we are happy he will have much deserved family time and the opportunity to rest and pursue other interests. We thank him for the gracious, positive support he extended U.C.W. at every opportunity. We wish him and Dawn much good health and abundant blessings.



A scene from the
Spring Rummage
sale on May 7, 2022.

Photo Gallery

Noon Hour Concerts



Margaret Wolf, Martin Neuland and Roy Feuerherdt
- March 1, 2023



Jo-Ellen Abercrombie, Margaret Hughes, Bob May and
Mike Arthurs - March 15, 2023



Liana Cooper and Gael Morrison
- March 8, 2023



Quin Lang - March 8,
2023



Gael Morrison and Barb Hilts - March 8,
2023



Downeyville Fiddlers and
Friends - March 22, 2023



Margaret and Don Hughes,
Mike Arthurs, Les Agnew,
Artemis and Pierre Chartier
- March 29, 2023

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