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Upcoming Events

October 20

Service 10:30 a.m. - Observance of September 24 October 22 Regular service 10:30 a.m. the National Day for Truth and Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheon October 24 Reconciliation. 12:00 noon September 30 Fall Rummage Sale October 29 Regular service 10:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. November 5 Remembrance Sunday 10:30 a.m. October 1 Service 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Paul November 12 Regular service 10:30 a.m. Reed - Worldwide Communion November 18 The Joys of Christmas with Worship Band 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. October 8 Thanksgiving Service 10:30 a.m. November 19 Regular service 10:30 a.m. October 9 Thanksgiving Day (office is closed) Children's Sunday service November 26 October 15 Regular Service 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

> 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Roast Beef Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Used Book Sale



The congregation celebrated the retirement of Rev. Craig Donnelly on June 25, 2023. Rev. Craig was accompanied by many members of his family.

Photo Gallery

Rev. Craig's Retirement Celebration, June 25, 2023













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Please bring gently used and clean clothing, household items and toys, etc., to the church for sorting on (not before): Wednesday, Sept. 27, Thursday, Sept. 28 and until 12 noon on Friday, Sept. 29. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY PLUG-IN ELECTRIC ITEMS** (eg. lamps, small appliances, etc.) **OR BABY ITEMS** (highchairs, car seats, cribs, etc.). We need MANY hands to help — sign-up sheets are posted on the Bond Street entrance bulletin board or call the office.

Notes on Music

Erwin Stroobach

Rehearsals started up again on September 7. Summer is unofficially over,

everything is starting up again and it's a fresh start to what will hopefully be a wonderful new season of activities. The new start is also the perfect time to jump in and join one of our many wonderful ensembles. Do you know that from our Cherub Choir to the Cambridge Street Singers, we have an age span of over 90 years? Pretty amazing! What is remarkable is what evolves out of these rehearsals. Friendships are developed, a sense of family and fellowship, laughter, the many bad jokes and occasionally really funny ones. We strive to make beautiful, uplifting music together.



We are excited to have La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra joining us for our Christmas concert on December 3, after four years. Voices of Victory will also be presenting a musical again this year and hopefully tour in the spring. It seems we are still struggling to recover from COVID, but it has been encouraging to be able to restart many of the opportunities that existed before. Now we just need more children and youth getting involved. It is very exciting to have Bethany join our staff as Youth Coordinator and we look forward to the new energy she brings.

So this is your call - come out and join us. If you don't like to sing or ring, maybe you can help the Music Team in organizing our Noon Hour Concerts or Concerts at Cambridge Street series. Here is a list of musical opportunities:



The Cambridge Street Singers sang during the church service on May 21, 2023.

Cherub Choir - JK to grade 3

Voices of Victory – Grades 4 – 12 (check out our website at: (www.voicesofvictorychoir.com)

Cambridge Street Singers – Adult Choir

Christmas and Easter Choir – youth and adult singers invited to join our choirs

Cambridge Street Bellchoir – youth and adult (you need the ability to read music)

Cambridge Street United Bell Quartet – for advanced ringers

Worship Band - for youth and adults

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Search Committee Update

Nancy Payne

You can expect news very soon about the appointment of a short-term supply minister to provide full-time leadership at our church for the months ahead. (Because the body that approves such appointments at the regional council level met after the *Chronicle*'s press time, the details weren't available for publication in this issue.) Keep an eye on your email, the monthly eNews and the November edition of the *Chronicle* for more information! Having a minister to provide consistent short-term leadership allows members of the search committee to take the time and care needed to discern the best fit for the ministry of Cambridge Street United Church.

Announcement

Roast Beef Dinner, October 20, 2023



Bethany Swinerd

Welcome to Kids Corner!

The corner of the world just for your kids. On Sunday mornings, we gather to live, laugh and learn about Jesus's love. Our activities are play-based because let's face it, they're in school all week! Kids Corner focuses on children's spiritual interests through crafts, music and games, and answers any questions they may have. It's a safe place for all children, no matter what; we are a judgement-free zone!



Come check us out Sunday mornings and feel free to bring a friend!





Thank You

Iwould 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.



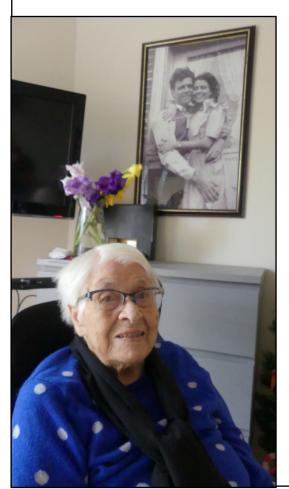
Born September 7, 1923, Nama grew up in a rural area north of Belleville, Ontario. Her father, Reginald Sine, survived gas warfare in First World War, but died from respiratory complications when Nama and her brother were small children. Her mother, Wanda Sine, taught school to provide for them. "A nurse who lived with us before Daddy died stayed on," Nama remembers. "We were a household of working women – a teacher, a nurse and my grandma, a professional seamstress."



She recounts a scary childhood memory: Walking home from school through a swamp, she saw a lynx attack a cow. Night came on before she reached the knoll where she could see the lights of home.

In 1944, Nama married Frank Tummon. Frank worked for a farmers' co-operative (co-op), while managing a dairy farm near Belleville. Nama taught school before and after the birth of their children, Patti and Clarke. "It took most of my salary to pay for live-in help," she recalls, "but I wanted to teach."

About 1950, Frank became manager of the Alliston Co-op. The family moved to Alliston and Nama taught school at nearby Borden military base. They moved to Lindsay in 1959 when Frank became district manager of the co-op. Nama became a teacher-administrator at the girls' training school (located on the west side of Lindsay where the provincial court building is now). In 1971, Frank and Nama (Patti and Clarke had left home as adults) moved to Newmarket where she was a remedial teacher for people with brain damage. When Frank retired in 1981, they returned to Lindsay.



They joined Cambridge Street United in 1959. Nama volunteered extensively, including teaching Sunday school and chairing the Worship Committee. She describes a much larger congregation than now, requiring 24 elders to distribute the communion bread and juice. Mert Davis, one of those elders, comments, "It was big, but Nama was good at organizing. She could give orders with a smile." Nama allows to being "kind of bossy," but adds, "You had to get things done. The worship service was really important in my life. I really loved it!"

Frank died in 2011. Reflecting on nearly 67 years of marriage, Nama says, "What a wonderful life Frank and I had together." She lived alone in her home until age 97. She is grateful for neighbours, Garth and Marian Mackay, who "watched out for me" and all those at Victoria Manor who care for her now. She is also grateful for friends and for the love of her children, Patti and Clarke, and their families.

How does Nama feel about turning 100? "I feel just the same," she replies. "I don't feel any different. I don't feel old or unable. I look back at my life and I'm happy."

Nama Tummon in August, 2023. The photo in the background shows Nama with her husband Frank in the 1940s.

Photo Credit: Mert Davis

Nama Tummon's 100th Birthday Celebration, Sept. 9, 2023



Nama's extended family was present for the celebration.



Jean Robinson, Nama and Eleanor Davis came to Cambridge Street in 1959. Rev. Michael is shown congratulating Nama.



Photo Credits: Mert Davis

Memories and Amalgamation of Our Two Churches

Joy Wilson

A U.C.W. meeting, Rev. Craig was asked what he would remember from

Cambridge Street United and he said it would have to be the people. This struck a chord with me as that is what I remember the most from Queen Street United. I joined the church in 1992, and in 2006 took on the role of Office Administrator until I retired in 2016.

During those years, I got to know Queen Street United through the voices and actions of its people. There was Faye, whose bubbly enthusiasm led me to Rev. Michael, who welcomed me with open arms and promptly



involved me with the church newsletter as its new editor, a role I carried out for a number of years. Through the newsletter I met with the chairs of all the committees and many of the people who made up the life of the church. Their voices live on in my mind: there was our poet laureate Sam, whose writings and photographs inspired us and our other photographers, Bill and Bruce. Bill, in particular, was always willing to share his photos to grace the covers of our bulletins. He and his wife Lorna still stay current as new members of Cambridge Street United.

Speaking of new members, I was particularly touched by her kindness when I was approached by Patricia of the Affirming, Diversity and Justice Team to work with her committee on the fourth year anniversary of Cambridge Street United becoming an Affirming Church. Queen Street United also had its fourth year anniversary this year. As a member of our Affirming Task Force under the direction of Rev. Robin, Carm, Louise, Sandra Lee, Rick and I had worked together to put forward a comprehensive program explaining what it means to be an Affirming Church, although as Carm stated, Queen Street United had always had a reputation for being inclusive and friendly. The congregation agreed and 100 per cent of the members voted yes to being known as Affirming. This year, I participated in the joint anniversary service in June. Sandra Lee from Queen Street was also involved. The voices of Patricia, Nancy, Artemis, Sandra Lee and Joan now echo as a sample of people from both Queen Street United and Cambridge Street United as we celebrated our 4th Affirming anniversaries together. We had a celebration cake in the gym afterwards and we received many compliments for a meaningful service. Special thanks were given to Artemis, her daughter Christelle, Shaylyn, Les Agnew and to Nathan, for their touching performances.

The more things change, the more they stay the same — worship and fellowship in an amalgamated church is both challenging and reassuring as new opportunities arise. In future editions, I hope to share more memories and stories of Queen Street United and amalgamation with you.

Together Ahead

Carole Tully

The time ahead we cannot see,
The pathway may not yet be known.
But here at Cambridge Street, God is with us,
We are not alone!

As one, our congregation
Is very truly blessed.
So we should give all that we are able,
In all things, do our best.

Let us share with the hungry.
As we're so readily fed.
Let us aid those who may seem lost,
Give a kind, guiding hand instead!

May we love our enemies— Take each one to God in prayer. For all who travel life's pathway, Let us ever remember to share!

Yes put our faith in Jesus, And we shall always find That He is ever with us Here, and with all humankind!

Morasse's are on the Move

Mike Puffer



Lisa and Chris are relocating to Hawkesbury, Ontario, at the end of September, in order to be closer to family members. In late August, many friends and family members paid tribute to the Morasses for their many years of ongoing and dedication contributions to Cambridge Street United. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed following the service.

A photo of Lisa and Chris Morasse (and grandson Seth), taken on August 27, 2023 after the church service.

Photo Credit: Cathy Puffer

Photo Gallery

Pride and Affirming Service, June 11, 2023



Atticus North and Artemis Chartier interpret a dramatic reading.



Shaylyn Agnew and Les Agnew share a song together.



Artemis Chartier, Christelle Chartier and Pierre Chartier teach the children a song with sign language.



Nate Copeland reads a children's story.

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Cambridge Street Council to Vote on Indigenous Autonomy Within U.C.C.

In 2022, at the gathering of the 44th General Council of the United Church of Canada, the National Indigenous Council proposed that the church identify and remove any structural barriers that would prevent developing and sustaining an autonomous National Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada.

When there is a requested change in church structure that alters the Basis of Union of *The Manual*, a remit is required. **The remit requires a vote by every regional council and each pastoral charge's governing body**.

If a regional council or a pastoral charge does not register a vote, that is considered a vote against the proposal. The church council of Cambridge Street United pastoral charge will be voting before the due date of March 31, 2024.

There is one question* to be voted on, as follows:

Does the regional council/pastoral charge agree to amend the Basis of Union to reflect:

- a. The United Church of Canada will be organized as follows: (1) a three-council structure, consisting of communities of faith, regional councils and a Denominational Council**; and (2) an autonomous National Indigenous Organization; and
- b. That once the new autonomous National Indigenous Organization is established within The United Church of Canada, it will have its own mechanisms to make any future changes to its structure and processes, and, therefore will not be subject to the remit process under section 7.4.1 of the Basis of Union; and
- c. The changes required for the establishment of the autonomous National Indigenous Organization.
 - *This remit is one overall question. Parts a, b and c cannot be voted on separately.
 - **"Denominational Council" and "General Council" are often used interchangeably.

Indigenous Peoples' rights to their own spiritual identities and to self-determination would be acknowledged by the passing of the remit and would be consistent with the <u>Calls to the Church</u> and the <u>United Nations</u> <u>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</u>.

For more information

- ➤ Visit https://ecorcuccan.ca/ the website of the East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC). Scroll down and see a button on the left side that says, "Remit Information and videos". Notice abundant links to further United Church and Indigenous learning resources.
- Discuss with others with a study guide and other materials available on the General Council website at: www.generalcouncil44.ca. Click on Remit 1.
- Attend (in person or by watching on live streaming) our September 24, 2023 worship service to observe Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Worship leader Nancy Payne, Licensed Lay Worship Leader, will offer some historical and theological context for understanding the remit.

Life Passages

Pam Burtt

- Milestone Birthday Wishes to: Grant Peters who turned 80 on May 24, Lorne Thurston who turned 100 on July 1, Bud Harris who turned 80 on September 3, Nama Tummon who turned 100 on September 7, Hugh Burton who turns 80 on October 8, Doug Mah who turns 90 on November 8.
- Condolences to Eric Waddilove on the death of his wife Linda on May 7.
- Condolences to Dennis and Wanda Peterson on the death of Dennis's mother Clara Peterson on May 23.
- Condolences to **Iris Whiteside** on the death of her son-in-law Jim Croft on June 2.
- Condolences to **Chris and Teresa Yu** on the death of Chris's brother in June in Hong Kong.
- Best wishes to Lisa and Chris Morasse who are moving to Hawkesbury, Ontario at the end of September to be closer to daughter Gabby, son-in-law Jesse Simpson and grandchildren Austin and Seth.
- Condolences to Wanda and Les Agnew and family, on the death of Wanda's brother Roger Roadhouse on July 2.
- Condolences to Pam Burtt and family on the death of her mother Lorraine Hurl from Scarborough on July 7.
- Condolences to the family and friends of Marilyn Kee on her death on July 23.
- Condolences to Jon and Debbie Roberts and family on the death of their daughter-in-law Amy Roberts on July 30.
- Condolences to Szabina and Blaine Kitchen and family on the death of Szabina's mother Eva Balogh on August 4 in Lindsay.
- Condolences to **Bonnie Sharman** and family on the death of her husband Ron Sharman on September 3.

U.C.W.

Elaine Kell

The Fall Rummage Sale is taking place on September 30 and we are grateful

to everyone who helped and contributed to its success with special thanks to convenors Maxine Anderson and Pam Burtt. Please take note of our new Bulletin Board in the Bond Street Hall which is a memorial tribute to Lillian Nickerson. We are very grateful to Brian Gowan for his expert help with the bulletin board project. The U.C.W. were pleased to have provided two new floral arrangements for the sanctuary created by Gayle Graham. We were happy to cater the 100-year birthday celebration for Nama Tummon on



September 9 and wish her continued good health. The U.C.W. Midweek event on October 25 will be hosted by Greenbank United Church. The guest speaker is Paul Oliver from Urban Nature who will discuss the effect of climate change on our birds. For registration details, contact Elaine Kell at 705-324-5809. Planning is underway for the Joys of Christmas event on November 18 featuring the Cookie Walk, Browser's Corner and the Tea Room in the beautifully decorated gym. Please note that milk bags can once again be accepted for recycling.

Photo Gallery

Baptisms, June 18, 2023



Eva Louise Alton Shea, child of Nicholas Shea and Elizabeth Alton.



Gray Ernest Wayne Jenkins, child of Meredith and Eriq Jenkins.



Kara Murray, Michael Murray and Katelyn Murray, children of Jana Lee and Joe Murray.

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