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Upcoming Events

February 25	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Lent 2 - Scouting Sunday – Cookie Sunday	April 1	Easter Monday (office is closed)
February 27	Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	April 2	Caregiver Mental Illness Support 7:00 p.m.
March 3	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. with worship band – Lent 3	April 7	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. with worship band
March 6	Lenten Journey to Easter at 10:30 a.m.	April 9	Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
March 10	Noon Hour Concert 12:00 p.m.	April 11	Men's Coffee Group 10:00 a.m.
March 13	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Lent 4	April 14	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
March 14	Noon Hour Concert 12:00 p.m.	April 16	UCW Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.
March 15	Men's Coffee Group 10:00 a.m.	April 17	Junior Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
March 17	Pint of Blarney Concert 7:00 p.m.	April 19-20	ECORC Spring Meeting – 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
March 19	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Lent 5	April 21	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
March 19	UCW Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.	April 27	High Tea Event – seatings at 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
March 20	Junior Youth Group 6:30 p.m.	April 28	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – possible AGM following the service
March 24	Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.	May 4	Spring Rummage Sale 8:00 - 3:00 p.m.
March 26	Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	May 5	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. with worship band
March 28	Noon Hour Concert 12:00 p.m.		
March 29	Good Friday Service 10:30 a.m. (office is closed)	May 7	Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
March 31	Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.	May 12	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism Sunday
		-	VOV musical during the service



The Cambridge Street Singers, the Voices of Victory and the La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra presented a concert on December 3, 2023.

**21st
Season!**

Music to bring out thoughts of spring!

2024

Noon Hour Concerts

Come enjoy some wonderful music! Concerts start at noon
Freewill offering welcome

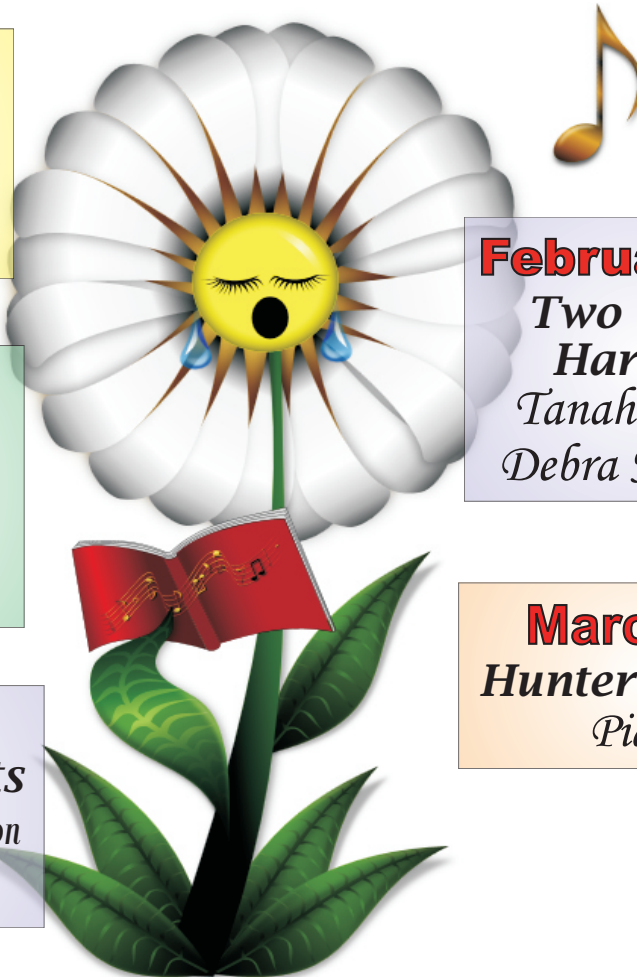
February 21
Pint of Blarney
*Celtic and
maritime songs*

March 6
*Front Porch
Harmony*
*4-part harmony
bluegrass*

March 20
The Maple Beats
*Terri Crawford, Rick Johnson
& Randy Read*

February 28
*Two Celtic
Harpers*
*Tanah Haney
Debra Northey*

March 13
Hunter Peeters
Piano



Bring your lunch and stay for a social time afterward
Tea & coffee provided

Cambridge Street United Church, 61 Cambridge St N, Lindsay

Photo Gallery

Joys of Christmas, November 18, 2023



Photo Gallery

Children's Sunday, November 26, 2023



Photo Gallery

Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm, December 24, 2023



My dear friends in Christ, what a wonderful experience to be a part of Cambridge Street United Church. Let's share the experience. As we enter into Lent, a time of reflection and connection within, we begin our Easter journey.

On Ash Wednesday, thirty people joined me to walk the canvas labyrinth or used a finger labyrinth. In the centre of the labyrinth was a wee bowl of crystals to choose from for each to carry throughout the Lenten season to remind them of the experience. These wee stones will also help them to remember to pause to be present, to pray and to quietly pass a blessing of peace to those around them.

Rather than giving something up for Lent this season, why not as a community embrace the practice to pause in our day to pass peace and blessings to others. This isn't something you have to do overtly. This pause and prayer can be a conscious choice to smile at another and to silently focus your thoughts on asking God to bless the people around you in that moment. In this season of Lent let's make a commitment to create an intentional pause of love, knowing many people struggle with anxiety and fear every day, some perhaps as deeply as Jesus did at Gethsemane.

You may also choose to join our "Conversations in Faith: A Journey to Easter with Mary Magdalene." This idea arose at our "Liberating Doubt" event, an interest in Mary Magdalene's journey with Jesus to the cross, to become the "apostle to the apostles". We don't have to wait for Easter to hear Mary Magdalene's words, "I have seen the risen Christ", as we can intentionally pause to see this in each other every day. The journey to Easter is truly one of compassion and love for all.

If you were unable to attend the labyrinth event no worries; there will be more opportunities to walk it or use a finger labyrinth to connect within, with God and to enliven your soul. Thank you for the honour to serve you. Peace and blessings.



The first labyrinth session took place on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

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Dennis Eaton

With the Christmas season long gone, I would still like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the concerts with La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra (LJYO) on December 2 and 3 and our *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols* on December 17. Everything went splendidly well and it was so wonderful to be able to do this collaboration with LJYO after 4 years.



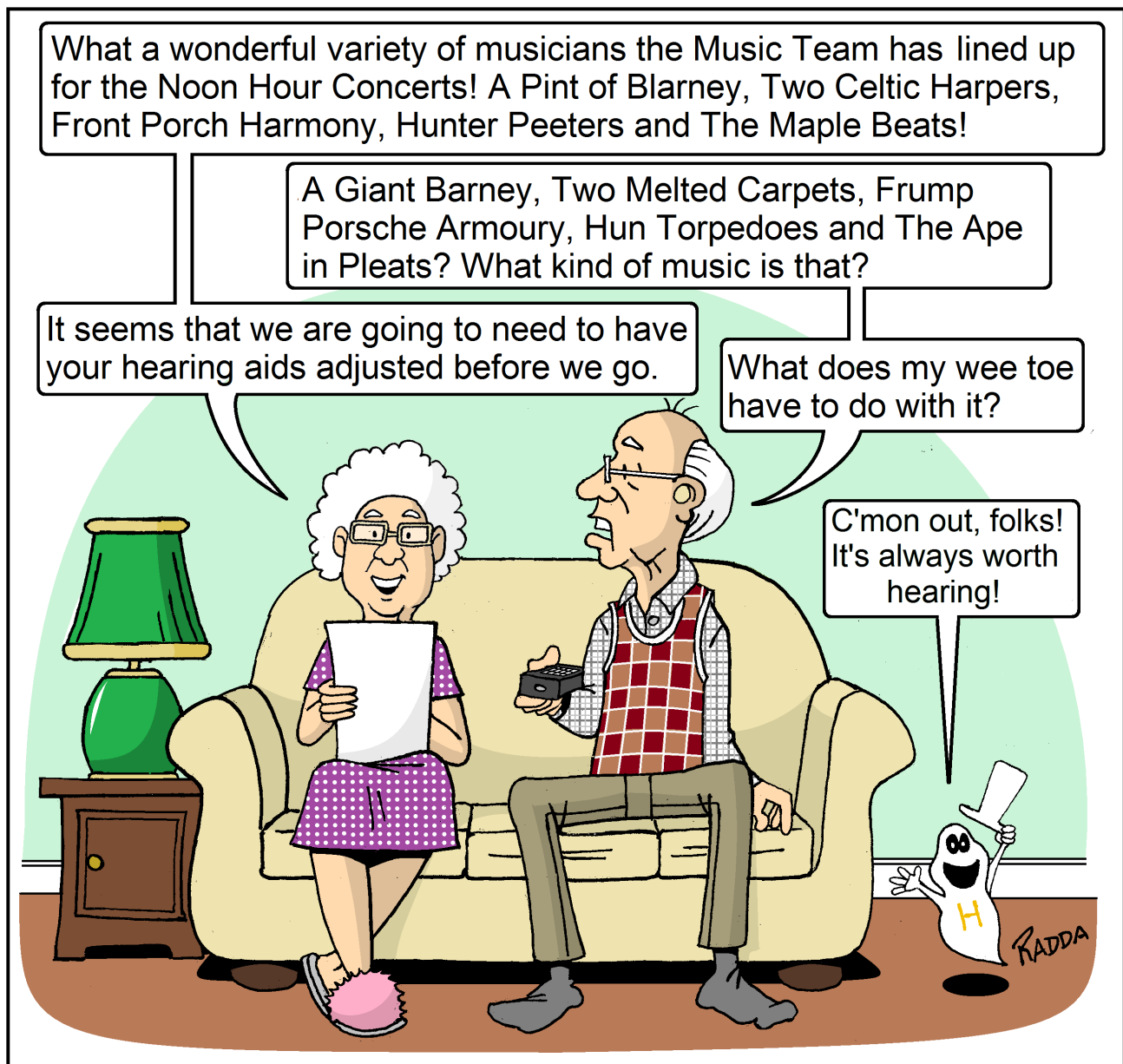
But things never really do slow down very much at Cambridge Street. We have our 21st annual Noon Hour Concerts during Lent beginning on Feb. 21 (see poster elsewhere in this edition for details). Do come out and enjoy these free concerts (donations appreciated) with a very talented lineup of performers. We were disappointed that our planned upcoming tour to Quebec with Voices of Victory failed to generate enough interest to make it feasible. However, in the meantime, I received an email (through the church office) from Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) inviting our Cambridge Street Singers to audition for an upcoming major production of Pepper Choplin's *Our Father* at Carnegie Hall in May. This concert will feature singers from around the world performing together on this famous stage under the direction of Pepper Choplin himself. Interestingly, we performed Choplin's *Our Father* with a small orchestra on March 6, 2016. To be honest, when I first read the email, I thought it was some sort of scam (sorry choir!). After speaking with Jeff Binner, director of development with DCINY, three recordings were sent, and the invitation came to join the mass choir for this special concert. We have 10 choristers going and two VIP patrons (which I think is a fancy label for chaperone). It will involve two half day rehearsals on May 26 and 27 and then rehearsal, sound check and 7:00 p.m. concert at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday, May 28 with a two hundred voice mass choir and professional orchestra. It should be quite the experience.

Easter is quickly coming up and again, we will be inviting singers to join our choirs for Easter Sunday. It would involve three Thursday evening rehearsals starting on March 14. If you are interested, please speak to me in advance.



The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was presented on December 17, 2024.

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Thank You

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

Dennis Eaton



Upper Room Portrait

Walt Radda

Many members of our congregation may be unaware of a remarkable item that is on display in our Upper Room. The portrait of Jesus pictured here was created by Elder Gwang Hyuk Rhee of Young Nak Church, Seoul, Korea and was presented to our church by Mrs. Lawrence Tremeer in 1981, in memory of her aunt Flossie McMullen. What makes this portrait remarkable is that if you look closely enough, you will see that it is formed entirely by the letters of the complete Gospel of Mark. The tiny, handwritten letters are spaced, lightened and darkened to create the image — a truly astounding piece of art. Please come and have a look at it for yourselves — you'll be amazed.

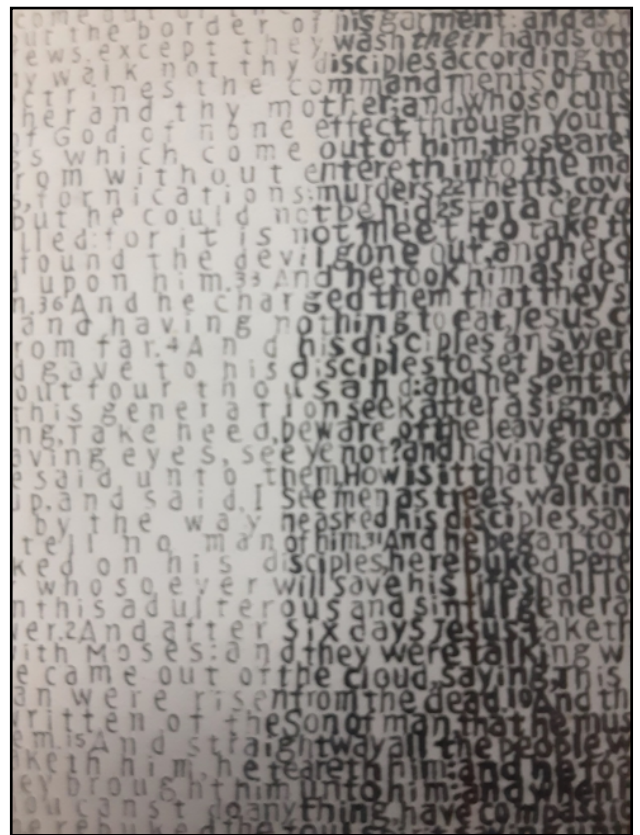
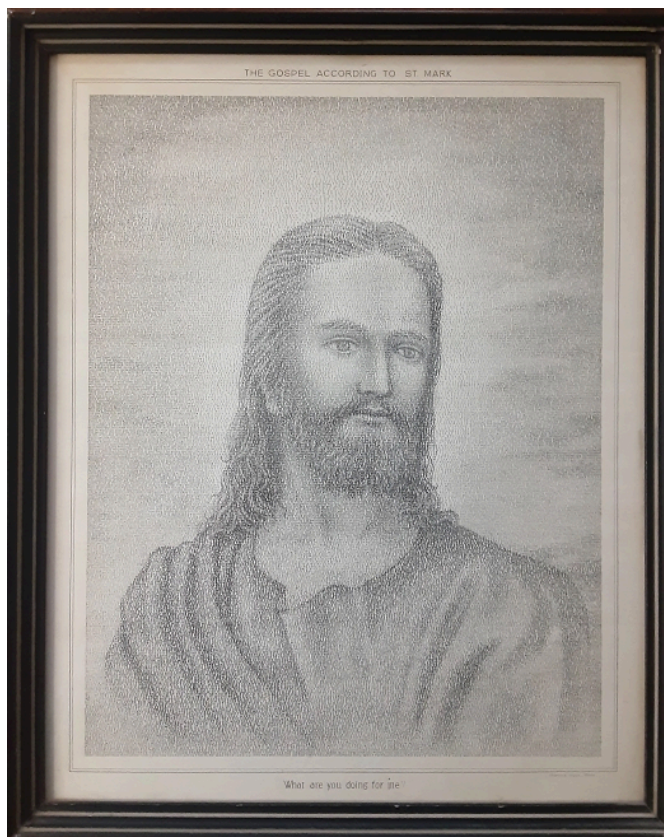
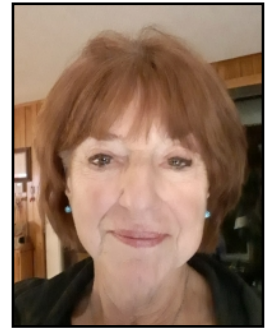


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Walt Radda

Rev. Sharon will be hosting a labyrinth event, a new monthly event on Wednesday March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Walking the labyrinth can be a very meaningful prayer experience. Whether it's meditative walking, or just plain fun for the challenge, it can help Christians reflect on their journey of faith and the obstacles they may encounter. It can also represent the believer's spiritual journey as they seek a closer relationship with God. Our Congregational Care team encourages everyone to give it a try and let us know what you think.



Rev. Sharon leads a group of approximately 30 people through a session about labyrinths on February 14, 2024.

Staying in Touch: Visitors via Phone – Interested in learning about our new initiative? A friendly phone call is a great way to stay in touch with our members. If this program appeals to you, we will offer a short Visit by Phone Workshop in the spring. Let us know, or contact us for more information.

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United Church Women Report

Elaine Kell

The World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year by Cambridge Baptist Church on March 3 at 2:30 p.m. and features the Women of Palestine.

The Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial U.C.W. Annual Meeting is March 19 at Trinity-Providence United Church in Bobcaygeon. The theme is "From a Woman's Point of View" with speaker Gerri Lynn O'Connor, former Mayor of Uxbridge.



Photo of the Rummage Sale on May 7, 2023.

Cambridge Street U.C.W. held its Annual General Meeting in January and I am pleased that our executive members will continue to serve in 2024. We continue to have excellent attendance and interesting programs at our monthly unit meetings.

As you approach spring cleaning, please keep in mind our Rummage Sale on May 4.

Wishing everyone a happy spring.

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Dennis Eaton

Thoughts for Lent and Beyond

Carole Tully

In the forty days during Lent and the time beyond
Are days to reconcile, repent, and reflect for us all,
Remembering that Jesus died to save us
And hear us when we call.

In this world of wars and hatred,
May we try those we meet, to embrace—
So that others afar may see
The love that is God's grace!

We pray each day to Jesus
Keep Him forever in our heart,
For we know that He ever does surround us
And never shall depart!

For a Woman on the Road to Jerusalem

*“What would you gain if you were to win the whole world,
but lose your self in the process?*

What can you offer in exchange for your soul?”

- Jesus

Mark 8: 36-37 (The Inclusive Bible)

Is it your passion they do not love you for?

Would they love you more

if you wore flowers in your hair?

If you cast your eyes down when they declare

as true, what your mind and heart find false?

Should you always acquiesce?

Abandon your true self

to win their love?

Or, would they then dismiss you too?

As much if you smiled sweetly

as they do now, when to yourself you're true?

Better to take the road to Jerusalem

in passion and in truth.

Stare down their scorn and bear rejection's blow.

For in passion, you do not lose the world

and in truth, losing nothing,

gain your whole life, your soul.



Photo Credit:
Nina Hill

*M*emories are the present made past and how we recall them is often how we frame our lives. As voices echo through the years, so too do the events marking our journey in life.

I have been sustained not only by the weekly sermon, but from the opportunities for fellowship that church life offered. Our Queen Street monthly Women's Fellowship lunch comes to mind. Each lunch had a theme and a worship focus, followed by conversation and coffee/tea where we could share snippets of our lives. To Eileen Cockburn and Dorothy Thompson before her, I thank you for your leadership. Likewise, I can hear the voices of our weekly Book Club as we read through a variety of books that made us think and often laugh. Today, the opportunity for fellowship and active faith is available through Cambridge Street United Church Women. It not only enriches the lives of its members through fellowship, but its work enriches the life of the church through valuable and varied fundraisers.



Queen Street lost two of its distinct voices this winter. Bill Nimmock was the Queen Street volunteer photographer who gave us wonderful photographs to adorn our bulletin covers. A gentle, generous man, he never complained and always came through if asked for help. Elinor Brown was the person in charge of our Queen Street Prayer Group. She was the calm, friendly voice at the end of the telephone if someone needed an ear to listen to them, or needed to hear some words of wisdom to confirm their faith in God during a desperate time in their life. Both were unassuming, outwardly ordinary people who managed to live their faith and in doing so revealed how special their lives were. They are missed.

Whether at Queen Street or now, Cambridge Street, some opportunities to engage in both faith and fellowship are obvious but may not always be appreciated. For example, helping to serve coffee, tea and juice on a Sunday morning or the work of our ushering groups. It's easy to assume that church life simply happens, but there is always a volunteer serving on a committee or putting in long hours for other activities. All these people have distinct voices; sometimes not appreciated until suddenly they are not there.

Sometimes people can only contribute their presence in the pew, recognizing that everyone needs to "retire" from active involvement at some point. Their accumulated wisdom re: life and faith is still very present and should be listened to when advice is needed. Basically, the vitality of a church is a matter of the personal choice of its members and the willingness of others to "hear" what is being said. Thank you for "listening" to me as I have recalled some "voices" from the past.

Life Passages

Pam Burt

- **Milestone birthday wishes to: Mary Jones** who turned 80 on January 3, **Jim Lindsay** who turned 80 on February 6, **Rose Parcels** who turns 80 on April 8 and **Mert Davis** who turns 90 on April 18.
- Condolences to the Nimmock family and friends on the death of **Bill Nimmock** on December 28, 2023, and **Lorna Nimmock** on January 26, 2024.
- Condolences to **Don Brown** and family on the death of **Elinor Brown** on January 4, 2024.
- Congratulations to **Erwin (Opa) and Angelique (Oma) Stroobach** on becoming grandparents: **Mara Sloane McCracken** arrived on January 5, 2024, to happy parents **Shannon and Ehren McCracken**.
- Condolences to **Colleen and Andrew Rafton** and family on the death of Colleen's mother, **Ursula Nietsch**, on January 27, 2024.

Photo Gallery

Baptisms - November 26, 2023



Gabriel McKay Jackson Rodrigues and brother Oliver Marcus Alexander Rodrigues, children of Daniel and Anita Rodrigues, were accompanied by godparents at this special sacrament.



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PINT OF BLARNEY

Concert 7:00 PM



Friday, March 15, 2024



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King Albert Public School Lunch Teams

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Soup Fest - Golden Ladle Winner: Jan Warren, Jan. 7, 2024



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Cherub Choir and the Voices of Victory Choir





Bethany and her Kid's Corner crew made trays of nachos for the Lunch and Learn crowd on January 21, 2024.



On January 21, 2024, Rev. Sharon hosted a Lunch and Learn Event to encourage a discussion regarding faith, liberate doubts, ask spicy questions and enjoy a side of nachos.



Artemis Chartier is shown playing a song illustrating Micah: 6:8 "Seek justice, love mercy, walk humbly with the Lord" at the February 11, 2024, service. The children's signs show the same messages.

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