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**May  
2025**

## Upcoming Events

May 7-10	2025 Church Photo Directory Sessions	June 15	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism Sunday
May 11	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism Sunday and Welcoming New Members	June 17	UCW Potluck and Meeting 12:00 noon
May 13	Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	June 18	Labyrinth Walk for Summer Solstice 10:30 a.m.
May 14-17	2025 Church Photo Directory Sessions	July 1	Canada Day Holiday (office is closed)
May 18	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.	July 6	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. led by Karen Cartmell, LLWL
May 19	Victoria Day (office is closed)	July 13	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
May 20	UCW Miriam Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.	July 20	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
May 22	“A Taste of Healing Pathway” demonstration 1:30-3:30 p.m.	July 27	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
May 24	Talents and Treasures Event 4:00-8:00 p.m.	Aug. 3	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
May 25	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.	Aug. 4	Civic Holiday (office is closed)
June 1	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Celebrating the 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada	Aug. 10	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
June 6-7	Healing Pathway Phase 2 Training 9:00am-4:00 p.m.	Aug. 17:	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. led by TBA, music Bob May and Nicole Corley
June 8	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Pride Sunday	Aug. 24	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. led by TBA, music provided by TBA
June 10	Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 31	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. led by Dylan Robichard, music provided by TBA
June 12	Men’s Group 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 1	Labour Day Holiday (office is closed)



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, visited Cambridge Street on April 5 - 6.



## Photo Gallery

## Noon Hour Concerts, March-April, 2025



Winds of Change - Gregory Ward and Anne Olscher



Singalongs for a 60's Invasion - Margaret Hughes, Jo-Ellen Abercrombie, Bob May and Mike Arthurs



Bronze and Ebony: The Cambridge Street Quartet - Angelique Stroobach, Cathy Puffer, Janis Neuland and Vivian Warren with Erwin Stroobach conducting



It Takes Two - Lisa and Dan Kapp



Schubertiad - Gael Morrison and Liana Cooper



Rory O'Neill



Keith Kirkpatrick

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*Hi*, my dear friends! We are vibrant and thriving in 2025. We have several baptisms, numerous new members joining, and lots and lots of programming to participate in.



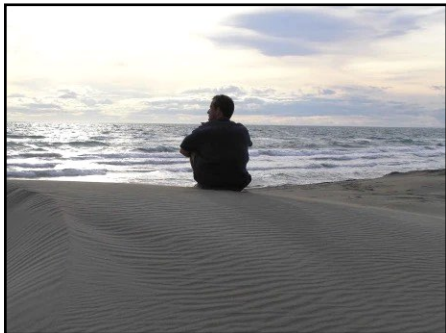
The Iona Rule group that gathered stated they would like to continue being mindful, hopeful, and thankful. I also heard from several folks that cannot come during the day. That's why I plan to share a short, guided meditation to settle your soul, practices to rewire the mind, and a sacred pause for gratitude and peace every Wednesday at 12:10 pm. I will do this live on our YouTube channel. This will be about 30 minutes over the lunch hour, so folks can participate as a "lunch & learn" and link in as they can. You are also welcome to join me live in the church.

### **What does it mean to Step into a Life Ruled by Peace? The peace that surpasses all understanding in Christ Jesus?**

Peace is one of the great themes of the Bible. In the fourteenth chapter of John, Jesus leaves His disciples a lasting legacy: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

#### **What is peace?**

The absence of problems and pressures? No. These are a part of our lives. No one is immune to struggles. Is peace the absence of all conflict? No, there are times when even Jesus calls us into conflict with the destructive forces of life.



#### **Peace is really built on God's promise of God's presence.**

A presence that says we are not alone. A presence that I rely on and return to again and again in prayer to resurrect peace. We can find this peace by **following Jesus' example** to find a quiet space, to retreat to be. To be still, to quiet the mind and to reconnect with the soul, with God. Scripture says, "Jesus often **withdrew to the solitary places in prayer.**" He withdrew to the desert, to the wilderness, to lonely places and prayed. He sought solitude to **reconnect within, with God, to reorient towards hope**, seeking

solutions through the soul, rather than the ego.

**Our soul longs for this connection**, for this peace. Yet it can be difficult to find this solitude, inner stillness, and silent the mind's unending ego driven judgements and evaluations. Yet if Jesus could find time during his busy life healing and transforming lives, we certainly can try to find a few moments to pause to create inner peace and renewed hope!

Will you join me on Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. for a Midweek Reset to Rewire, Recharge, Reclaim and Resurrect Peace and Hope?

Beannacht Dé ort! God's blessing to you!

*I*do not know about you, but for many years now, I live off of to-do lists. On my desk at home, I have pieces of paper that I write down things that need to be done — emails that need to go out, music notes, rehearsal schedules, instrumental parts, pick something up for my mom and the list goes on. Every few days, I recompile those items not completed which are often scattered over three or four sheets to a new list. Sometimes, I still miss things, which resulted in a friendly reminder from Dennis Eaton at 7:30 on this Saturday morning, that I missed the deadline for the Chronicle Newsletter.



It has been particularly busy as of late. We just completed another successful Noon Hour Concert Series (thank you Music Team performers, and helpers), a joyous Easter service (thank you choristers and instrumentalists) and now, as of writing, are one week away from our Celebration Concert on May 4. I hope you were able to attend. It has been a massive undertaking and I really hope everyone who participated and supported the event will agree that it was well worth the effort. Lastly, most of our Bell Choir members will be participating in the Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers (O.G.H.E.R.) Festival in Hamilton in early June.

Dennis, thank you for your patience. Now I can move to the other items on my to-do list. Unfortunately, I can not cross off newsletter article, because it never made it on the list. Hopefully I will do better next time.

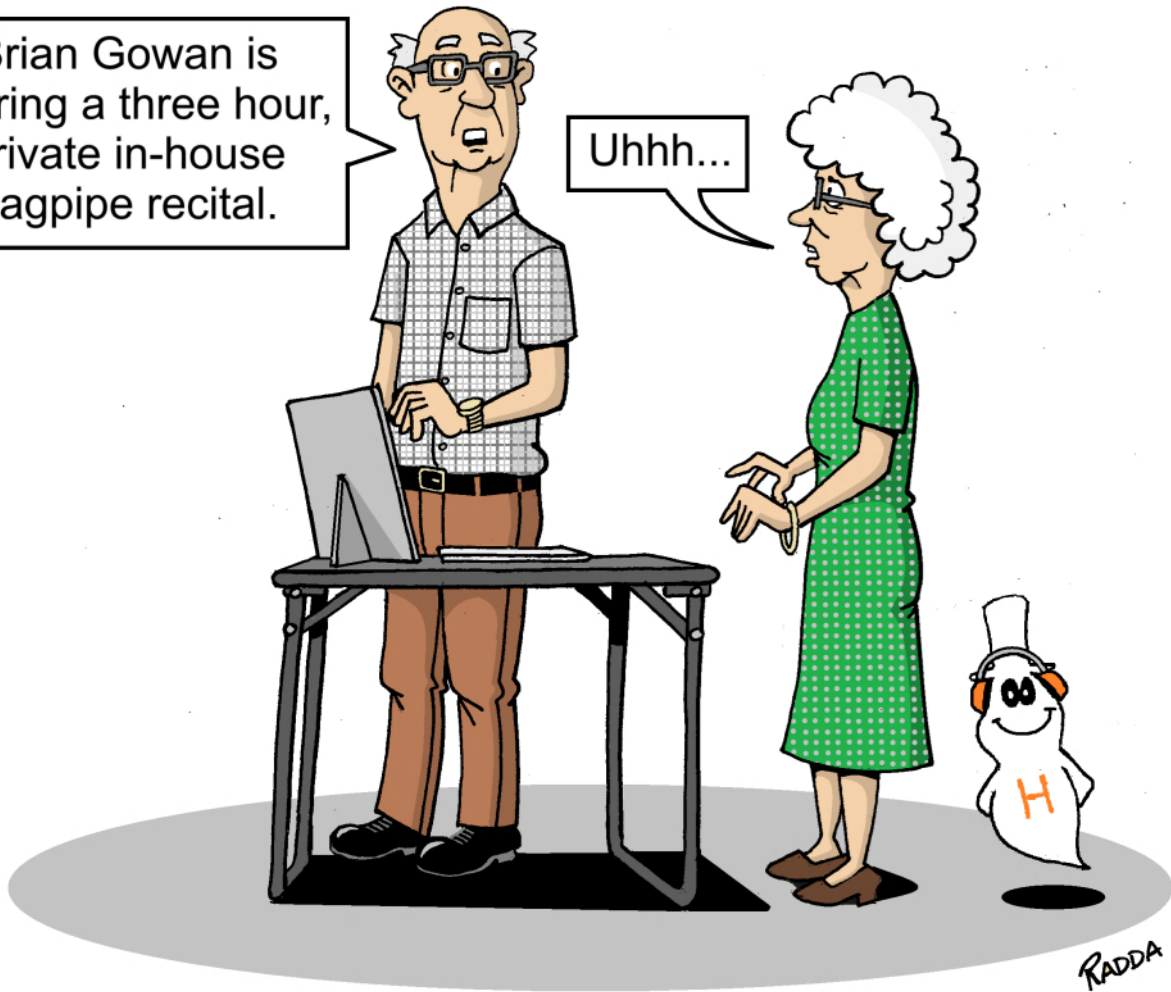


The congregation enjoyed a beautiful and very moving Easter Sunday service on April 20, 2025.

*C'mon out to the Talents & Treasures fundraising auction, Saturday May 24. There will be all kinds of great things to bid on!*

Brian Gowan is offering a three hour, private in-house bagpipe recital.

Uhhh...



## Thank You

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

*Dennis Eaton*





*I* am often asked how we change the light bulbs in the hanging fixtures in the sanctuary. I would like to say it is simple, but it is not. The fixtures must be lowered from the attic, which is accessible by one location only — a small hatch in the ceiling at the back (east) wall, which is reached rather precariously with a ladder, as seen in the photo.

In the attic, we unplug the fixture, unhook the chain from which the fixture is suspended and lower it down with a rope until it is accessible just above the floor.

Once the bulb is replaced, the fixture is hauled back up again. The same process is necessary whenever we need to replace or clean the ceiling fans. So, there you have it — I suppose it can be said that the light in our sanctuary descends from realms unseen!



**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

**Milestone Birthday Wishes to: Bob Wilson** who turns 85 on August 5 and **Joan Lindsay** who turns 85 on August 21.

- Condolences to **Dave McClelland** and family on the death of **Marjorie McClelland** on February 17.
- Congratulations to **Wanda Percival** who received the King Charles III Coronation Medal on March 30. Wanda's leadership and volunteerism with various local boards and committees, including Cambridge Street United Church, makes this a very deserved recognition.
- Congratulations to **Wanda Percival** for receiving the Citizen of the Year Award, to **Margaret Davies** for receiving the Legacy Leader Award and to **Terry Foster** (son of Ialean Foster) for also receiving the Legacy Leader Award, on April 26, 2025. The Legacy Award Honours and the Citizen of the Year Award are through the Lindsay District Chamber of Commerce.
- We are thrilled to welcome **Samuel Henry** to the staff as our Youth Coordinator, starting May 4 until September 1.
- Condolences to the family of **Dorothy Cameron**, who died on April 26, 2025

**Photo Gallery**

Maisey and her human companion Rev. Sharon.



Rev. Sharon officiated a lovely traditional wedding ceremony on February 22, 2025, when Johann Sinclair (daughter of Doreen Sinclair) and Dwayne Hillier officially tied the knot in front of their adoring families.

Photo Credits: Walt Radda and  
Doreen Sinclair



## Photo Gallery

## Photos from the Moderator's Visit, April 5-6, 2025



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and Nancy Payne



*I* must admit that on rare occasions, I lose focus on the church service and keep looking at the front of our church. I see a lot of wood. I see a single high pulpit, a wonderful set of organ pipes but the choir loft has difficult access. This makes me wonder — is our chancel design really a cathedral?

Most of what we see was part of the 1886 renovation and Rev. Marmaduke Pearson wanted to make us a prominent methodist church of that time, maybe even with some cathedral features.

In the design of a medieval English cathedral, the sanctuary was aligned from west to east with the high chancel windows allowing in the first light of day.

We sit in the nave. As you move forward, you come to the communion rail which this church once had. This is the start of the chancel, which would include everything forward to the organ pipes. The chancel was considered to be sanctuary from military or political actions. No person could be removed against their will. The altar table would hold the communion elements.

Then toward the congregation, there would be a rood or screen which was a barrier between the chancel and the worshippers. We have to understand that in medieval times, the priest, the organist and quire were educated to their profession. The public worshippers were considered common. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, they were cold, often hungry and they smelled.

Within the chancel, there would be a high pulpit to one side and a low pulpit, often on the other side. The organ console, quire pews and pipes were arranged for effect, but the light of the high windows had to shine upon them for morning prayers. Beyond the quire was the apse. Located off the apse, there could be small chapels for private worship or discussion with the priest. The access to these chapels was called the ambulatory — a narrow walkway with a railing.



Now we return to Cambridge Street. On the upper floor behind our organ pipes, there are the remains of a railing that disappears into the dry wall. If you look from the outside, high up on the west side, is the remains of a doorway from a private room which is now within the cavity of the 1913 organ. This doorway is a mystery. The railing and walkway constitute an ambulatory. So, are we a cathedral?

No. To be a cathedral you need a bishop. Sorry, we do not have a bishop but a reverend at our church. So we continue with an 1886 chancel, a strong quire, an outstanding organ, intergenerational worship and we have heat. We have an ambulatory but we are not a cathedral.

The medieval interior of Gloucester Cathedral.

## Post-Easter Reflection

Carole Tully

We rejoiced at Christ's resurrection at Easter,  
So forever now, thanksgiving and hope we raise.

Give support and love to all we meet,  
Sharing in prayer, service and praise.

Cambridge Street embodies fellowship to all.

It's ever here to assist and to care,  
Whenever there are trials or challenges,  
I know my church is always there.

Within this, my church congregation,  
I feel hearts and minds that overflow.  
I'll endeavour to embrace my Lord with steadfast faith,  
Wherever I may go.

## Announcements

### MidWeek Wednesday Connect

Step Into a Life Ruled by Peace

REWIRE • RECHARGE • RECLAIM

**✝ Peace in a Chaotic World**  
The most highlighted verse in Bible?  
*Philippians 4:4-7*  
"Be anxious for nothing... and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds"

 How do we live that verse when life feels like too much?

 Learn techniques to calm your inner storm

 Let faith anchor your soul, not fear

 **Beginning May 14, 2025  
12:10 PM**  
Follow to grab the link when we go live

### ✦ JOURNEY WITH ✦ MARY MAGDALENE TO FRANCE

Join us on a sacred pilgrimage as we follow the footsteps of Mary Magdalene through the mystical landscapes of France.

DATES: June 18, 25, July 9, & 16, 2025 @ 1:30pm

\* HIGHLIGHTS:  
Sacred sites,  
spiritual teachings,  
quiet reflections,  
and deep connection

CLOSING CELEBRATION:  
Special lunch gathering  
on July 22, 2025 —  
Mary Magdalene's  
Feast Day!

Discover where she walked.  
Feel her presence, Awaken  
your own sacred journey.





## Photo Gallery

## Cambridge Moments



Pancakes and sausages were served after church on March 2, 2025.



Members of the Voices of Victory and the Cherub Choir sang during the church service on April 6, 2025.



The Worship Band shared their musical talents on April 6, 2025.



Easter Baskets were distributed to the staff and students at King Albert Public School on April 16, 2025

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Dennis Eaton

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