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Upcoming Events

<p>May 10 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism Sunday</p> <p>May 12 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>May 14 Men’s Group 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>May 17 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with pulpit guest Rev. Wayne Reed</p> <p>May 18 Victoria Day (office closed)</p> <p>May 19 U.C.W. Miriam Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 24 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>May 31 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Minute for Mission – Cookie Sunday</p> <p>June 5 Kids P.A. Day Camp 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 7 Sunday Service with worship band 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>June 9 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 14 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>June 16 U.C.W. Miriam Unit Potluck and Meeting 12:00 noon</p> <p>June 21 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism and New Members Sunday</p>	<p>June 28 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Minute for Mission – Cookie Sunday</p> <p>July 1 Canada Day (office closed)</p> <p>July 5 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with pulpit guest</p> <p>July 12 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>July 13-17 Kids STEM Day Camp 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>July 19 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>July 26 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with pulpit guest – Cookie Sunday – Minute for Mission</p> <p>August 2 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with music TBA</p> <p>Aug. 3 Civic Holiday (office closed)</p> <p>August 9 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with pulpit guest</p> <p>Aug. 10-14 Kids Arts Camp 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Aug. 16 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Aug. 17-21 Kids Arts Camp 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Aug. 23 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Aug. 30 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p>
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Lisa and Dan Kapp co-directed Cabaret on April 18, 2026. The musical review was a major fundraising event for the church. Both performances were sold out in advance.

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Photo Gallery

Noon-Hour Concerts: February 25 - March 25, 2026



Trumpets and Beyond -
February 25, 2026



KLCB Clarinet Choir
March 4, 2026

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Seven Hills Fiddle Band -
March 11, 2026



Oakridge Four Barbershop Quartet - March 18, 2026



Bach to Vierre - March 25, 2026

Signs of New Life All Around Us

There is something happening right now—quietly, steadily, without announcement. Flowers are pushing up through the ground. Buds are forming on trees that only weeks ago looked bare. The earth itself is softening, opening, beginning again.

Scripture reminds us, “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation... everything has become new.” New life in Christ is not only something we talk about in church; it is something we can begin to notice all around us.



At Cambridge Street United Church, we are leaning into this season of renewal and vitality. Our **Living Faith Bible Study** continues as we explore “**the Bible and how it meets us in everyday life.**” Together, we are discovering that Scripture is not distant or abstract, but alive in the questions, challenges, hopes and ordinary moments we carry each day.

Each Wednesday at **12:10, Still Point** — offers a short pause for reflection, breath, and renewal. It is shared on YouTube at [YouTube.com/@revsharon](https://www.youtube.com/@revsharon), but it can be listened to at any time. Still Point is an invitation to breathe, reset and return to the sacred stillness within everyday life.

On the Sunday afternoon following worship near the **Summer Solstice**, we are planning an outdoor **labyrinth walk**. Walking the labyrinth is a gentle way to slow down, pray, reflect, and listen. There is no right way to walk it. Each step becomes an invitation to return to centre.

Looking ahead to the fall, we will be creating a **Wednesday evening Still Point Community** — “*A place to return to center together.*” This monthly gathering will offer space for self-care, meditation, time at the labyrinth, coffee, and conversation. It will take place around the same time children are meeting on Wednesdays, giving parents and caregivers an opportunity not just to drop off, but to participate, rest and build community.



Like flowers rising through the soil and buds opening on the trees, God’s renewing life is still at work. Sometimes we simply need to pause long enough to notice.

In Christ, we are reminded that new life is not only a promise for someday. It is a promise we are invited to notice here and now — in creation, in community, in prayer and in the quiet places where hope begins again.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we continue learning, walking, breathing, and growing together.

I am continually amazed and thankful for the many talented musicians we have at Cambridge Street United who add so much to our weekly worship services and offer amazing musical outreach through the many concerts and shows.



We finished another Noon Hour Concert series, our 23rd season with a talented group of performers. These concerts were well attended, averaging about 100 people in the audience each week. A special thank you to Lisa and Dan Kapp for the vision of directing a Cabaret show that was a huge success. With two sellout performances, and with the cast of 10 adults, Voices of Victory and live band, it was an amazing show. Thank you to all the performers, the many volunteers behind the scenes and Dan and Lisa. Easter had the choir augmented with guest choristers and with the brass and timpani, the service was a wonderful celebration of our risen Lord.

As we approach the summer months, we can look forward to a bit of down time. Voice of Victory will be singing for the last time on May 3. Our Bellchoir will be ringing on May 17 for the morning service and then performing at a couple of retirement homes in the afternoon (our big Lindsay tour!). Our bell quartet will be ringing on May 24, the Worship Band will play in June and the Cambridge Street Singers will continue to sing to the end of June.



On Palm Sunday (March 29, 2026), Emma sang *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* for the processional.

But things never really slow down very much as plans are already under way for next fall. Thank you to Pierre Chartier for organizing a benefit concert on Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 3:00 p.m., for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lindsay. It will be an uplifting, contemporary inspirational afternoon, with a backing band of professional musicians and including Cambridge Street United Church players, called **Wellspring**, along with our choirs, and featuring the wonderful Gospel artist, **Deidrey Francois** as the headliner. The aim is to offer hope, warm hearts and focus on our precious youth, the future of our community, through this musical program emanating love, joy, and inner peace.

On Friday, October 30, Phantom of the Organ concert returns with some spooky music and spine-tingling stories that will be fun for the whole family. And on Sunday, December 13, we look forward to presenting the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which will include full orchestra, augmented Christmas Choir and guest soloist Shannon McCracken.

We are truly blessed.

The search is underway for a suitable candidate to replace Pam when she retires as office administrator this October. Octavia seemed promising, but she would have required at least two more hands.



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many contributors, photographer (Nate Copeland, Don Hughes 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



This issue's curiosity is more like a mystery. On the very top of the stairwells flanking the north and south sides of our church's organ chamber, there are further short flights of stairs and landings that appear to lead nowhere but into a wall, as seen in the first photo, taken on the south side (the north side has been enclosed within a storage room we use to store our sanctuary Christmas decorations). As you can see by the beautiful handrails that grace the stairs and landing, these must have once had a real purpose, but what was it?

When the church was first built in 1871, the west end where our pipe organ now resides was a flat wall. When the building was expanded in 1886, this wall was opened up to create the space necessary to accommodate the church's first pipe organ, which can be seen in the second photo, circa that same year, 1886 (featuring Reverend Marmaduke Pearson in the photo - who happens to be the grandfather of Canada's 14th Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson!). As there was a window present in the back of the newly erected organ chamber, it can be assumed that the stairs in question logically led to a room of some sort behind the organ, perhaps the minister's office (although that would be a lot of stairs to have to climb every day!). But here's the architectural conundrum: the floor level that these stairs reach would intersect the window about a third of the way up, as indicated by the red line in photo 3. I've never been able to fully understand how that would work, although I have a few theories. Whatever was there was removed and the entrances sealed up to make room for our current, much larger organ when it was installed in 1913, so we may never know the answer. Nonetheless, this evidence that a room or passageway of some sort once existed high up behind the organ adds another layer of fascination to our historic old church.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

80+ Milestone Birthday Wishes to: Mary Hill who turned 90 on May 4, **Maria Bennett** who turns 80 on May 20, **Elaine Kell** who turns 90 on June 19, **Eleanor Davis** who turns 90 on June 24, **Sharon McCrae** who turns 80 on July 6, **Wayne MacLeish** who turns 80 on July 21, **Judy MacLean** who turns 80 on August 6 and **Keith Olan** who turns 85 on August 16.



- Condolences to **Carol and Grant Peters** on the death of Carol's sister, Mary Hough, on March 1 in Kingston, Ont.
- Condolences to **Eleanor Plewes** and family on the death of her husband Paul Plewes on February 28.
- Condolences to the family and friends of **Mable Cawker**, who died on March 15.
- Condolences to **Marian and Garth Mackay** and family on the death of Marian's sister, Darlene Smith, on March 16.
- Condolences to **Jan and Derek Warren** and family on the death of Jan's sister Ann Day on April 3 in Nova Scotia.
- Condolences to **Vicki and Brian Gowan** and family on the death of their son Miles in Abbotsford, B.C. on April 9.



Elora Jean Rafton, child of Justin and Charlotte Rafton, was baptized on April 19, 2026.

Photo Credit:
Dennis Eaton

A highlight of our Day Camps is always the large Lego table, where children collaborated throughout March Break to build a structure that eventually resembled our church. They added to it between projects and play, reminding me of the message, "Everyone has their own role to play in the church! We all work together to be ONE under God!"



March Break Camp was a success, thanks to the many people involved, especially our volunteers. Beyond their time and effort, they shared their passions—sparking curiosity and helping children learn new skills through activities like Laughing Yoga, gardening and art therapy. We also enjoyed a special visit from Rev. Sharon and her dog, Maisey, creating meaningful connections with the children.

A big thank you goes to our Junior leaders, who are part of our up-and-coming Future Leaders program, for teens in grade 8 to 12. The Future Leaders program will help teens become more involved as leaders in our community.

We're also grateful to the Olde Gaol Museum for hosting our group. They provided a welcoming and engaging experience with an interactive archaeological presentation, crafts, and a tour.

Throughout the week, children learned and played together—exploring the story of St. Patrick's Day, expressing big emotions through art and appreciating their own creativity. Most importantly, they built strong connections, showing empathy, teamwork and encouragement. By week's end, many friendships had clearly been formed.

Overall, it was a very successful March Break Camp, and I look forward to our P.A. Day camp in June and our summer programs.





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The U.C.W. enjoyed serving cake to the Cambridge Street United congregation on March 8 to celebrate International Women’s Day and again on April 19 for Volunteer Appreciation Week. Thanks to Mikayla Andrus of Kitchen Among the Trees in Kinmount for two delicious cakes for our volunteer event. Thanks to the artists in our Youth Group and Nate Copeland for the decorations in the gym. I look forward to working with other teams in our church to build on these events in 2027.



The Miriam unit enjoyed a presentation from Women’s Resources on March 17 and presented a donation to this important local charity. Women’s Resources is one of the charities the U.C.W. supports through our fund raising efforts and is also supported by other teams in our church. Women’s Resources has helped over 22,000 women since 1992.

After chatting with some women who are not available to attend day time U.C.W. meetings, we are excited to explore forming a new U.C.W. unit that will meet in the evening or after church for those women as an alternative to weekday meetings. Our first meeting will be on May 24 after church.

Congratulations to Miriam unit leader Lynne DeSaulnier on her new role as the president of the Kawartha Highland Presbyterial U.C.W. Lynne is already busy planning the 2027 Presbytery A.G.M. to be held at Cambridge Street. Lynne has resigned as unit leader given her new role. I will fill this position on an interim basis until a new leader is found. Dianne Babcock was also congratulated on her role in the new position of Member at Large.

Upcoming events include a Presbyterial Rally in Beaverton on June 11 and our potluck luncheon on June 16. The next Miriam unit meeting is May 19 at 1:30 — all are welcome to attend.





The Voices of Victory sang at the church service on February 22, 2026.



A student displays her artistic talent at the March Break Day Camp on March 19, 2026.



The congregation was delighted to hear the Bellchoir on March 10, 2026.

Our Church Garden Beds

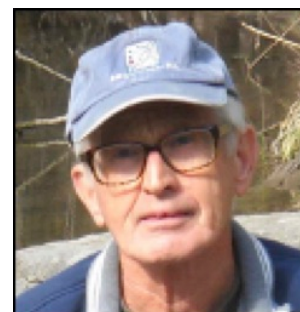
Carl Kimmett

On the north side of our church, just in front of the parking lot are our garden beds. There are four raised beds made of cedar wood and they have been well used over the years.

Starting in 2013, our Green Team chaired by Nancy Payne presented a motion to Church Council to initiate this project. The motion was approved and the beds were constructed right away.

Matthew Walmsley had completed a sustainable agriculture course at Fleming College and was eager to build these beds. The cost of the materials came in at around \$1,000 with some money transferred from existing committees and the balance from generous personal donations. Matthew donated his labour.

The original plan was to grow food crops and donate to local community organizations. For the first few years, these donations went to the Food Source but in later years A Place Called Home received our smaller amounts of garden produce. When the Donnelly family arrived, Dawn was most eager to grow her own organic food. They had two beds and Pam and I used the other two beds.



Over the years, our garlic crops have always generated comment so we believed our sanctuary to be free of vampires but we still have Hector.

As of 2026, Pam and I will not be using these beds. It is my observation that both the soil and the wooden frames are tired. My back is tired as well.

It is my understanding that a new proposal is coming forward from the youth group to continue gardening in these beds.

I wish them well and hope they all develop green thumbs.

Happy Gardening.

Outreach Team Report

Pam Putman-Kimmitt

Welcome to spring – finally! Birdsong, green grass and colourful landscape remind us of how lucky we are to live in this part of the world as many others do not.

Sunday, April 26 was the launch of the 2026 Foodgrains Bank project to help relieve world hunger.

The Outreach Team welcomed Phil Vandenberg, the new Foodgrains Bank Ambassador for our area, who announced that the Canadian Foodgrains Bank was partnering with Cambridge Street United Church and a local farmer, Bruce Vandenberg, the owner of Mariposa Dairy for the first local growing project. This is a wonderful project for our church outreach and a learning experience to follow as the location of the acreage is on Highway 7 just east of Oakwood. A sign will identify the location in the near future.



It is our commitment to assist with seed planting over and above what has been donated by generous local suppliers who support the efforts of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. All proceeds from the harvest will be sent to Cambridge Street United Church, which will then be forwarded to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Remember — the federal government matches growing projects four to one—what an outcome for your donation!

This year, instead of a thermometer to track our donations, we are counting sheep. For every \$20.00 raised, a new sheep will be placed on the picture board, which will be located at the back of the church most Sundays and down in the gym on Cookie Sunday, along with donation envelopes and reading material. We already have 20 sheep on the board — 180 yet to go. You can name your sheep if you like or dedicate it to someone. Write the name on your donation envelope or inform either Doreen or myself, who will see it reaches a sheep. All donations are very much appreciated to roll out this project. E-transfers are also accepted. Contact the church office for assistance. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.



Phil Vandenberg

Planting of the soybeans is expected to take place in the latter part of May but we are awaiting instructions from Mother Nature!





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KIDS ARTS DAY CAMP

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2-Week Day Camp / Mon-Fri / 8:30-4:00 / Aug 10-21
August 21 will be an Art Gala and Performance for families at 4pm.
We ask that children attend every day of this camp because the children will be building on skills and working on projects each day.
Open to Ages 5-12 / Children will be divided into younger and older groups.
There are volunteer opportunities for teens 13 and older, email if interested.

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