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Upcoming Events

Sept. 21	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Welcome Back BBQ Lunch following the service	Oct. 21	UCW Miriam Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; - Country Market following the service in the gym	Oct. 22	UCW Presbyterian Executive Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Fall Rummage Sale 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Oct. 22	Fall Bible Study begins 10:30 a.m. – runs on Wednesdays until Nov. 26
Oct. 5	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Worldwide Communion	Oct. 24	Used Book Sale 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Roast Beef Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Sunday	Oct. 26	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Day (office is closed)	Oct. 28	Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheon 12:00 noon
Oct. 14	U.C.W. Executive Meeting 1:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 1	LLWL ECORC Learning Event 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Labyrinth Walk for Thanksgiving 10:30 a.m.	Nov. 2	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Baptism and Welcoming New Members Sunday
Oct. 19	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – 193rd Anniversary Sunday; Apple Harvest Festival following the service (fundraiser for Canadian Foodgrains)	Nov. 9	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Remembrance Sunday
		Nov. 11	UCW Executive Meeting 1:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
		Nov. 15	The Joys of Christmas 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
		Nov. 16	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



John Connell, Brian Gowan and Sharon Connell played their bagpipes to the music of Everlasting Home to an emotional audience on June 8, 2025.



Walt Radda posted this sign in recognition of Carole Tully's significant poetry contributions to the church over many years.



The Talents and Treasures Event was held on May 24, 2025 to raise funds for the church. Mike Puffer and John Bennett hosted the successful event.



Bob May entertained the children during the Summer Activity Days for Kids program at the church in August.



John Harris dyed his hair purple to raise funds for the Talents and Treasures Event on May 24, 2025. Vivian Warren is seen congratulating John on his new hair look.

A Fall Reflection

A summer fades into fall, there's often a tug in our hearts — a quiet ache to hold onto the long, warm days on the lake or the golden evenings along the trails. We don't want to let go of the ease of summer's rhythm. And yet, as the season shifts, God invites us to notice a different kind of splendour breaking through.



Everywhere, creation testifies to this truth: the trees blaze with colour, the air sharpens with energy, and with each gust of wind, leaves loosen their hold. They drift gently to the ground, releasing themselves into the rich scent of soil, where Earth Mother does her quiet work of regeneration. What once clung tightly now nourishes new life.

The apostle Paul writes in *2 Corinthians 5:17*, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" The falling leaves remind us of this promise. They let go of what has been, not in despair, but in confidence that something new will emerge.

From Mid-Week Wednesday to Still Point 12:10 - More than a Midweek Reflection

Still Point 12:10 is more than a short midweek reflection. It's the long version of the sermon — a chance to go deeper into the message, into the stories that didn't make it into Sunday, into the insights that surface only when there's space to linger.



And this is the heart of the promise: that in Christ, we are always being made new. Just as the trees surrender their leaves and trust the quiet work of the soil, so too we are invited to release what has been and welcome what God is growing next.

Paul's words remind us, "The old has gone, the new is here!" Fall is not simply an ending; it is God's whisper of beginning. And in that still point that we step into the new creation already unfolding within and around us.

Just as the leaves surrender their place on the branches and return to the soil, so too are we invited to trust that God is at work — renewing, reshaping, and bringing forth life in us. Fall is not simply a time of letting go; it is a season of becoming, a sign that in Christ, new creation is always breaking through. Beannacht Dé ort! God's blessing to you!

September 4 is the first day for rehearsals to start up again. September does feel like the beginning of a new year. The new start is also the perfect time to jump in and join one of our many wonderful ensembles. All our groups will be starting up over the next couple of weeks. What's remarkable is what evolves out of these rehearsals. Friendships are developed, a sense of family and fellowship, laughter, the many bad jokes and occasional really funny ones. And we strive to make beautiful, uplifting music together.



We again look forward to presenting a Christmas Cantata on December 14 with a full orchestra. If you wish to join us, please speak to me as rehearsals will start at the end of October. Also, I'm very excited that Lisa and Dan Kapp will be directing "An Evening with Andrew" featuring music of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Auditions take place on October 4 and 5 with two shows being presented on April 18. Please watch for more details as they become available.

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:

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 (need 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.

Happy New Year!



The Cambridge Street Concert Choir, the Cambridge Street Bellchoir, the Voices of Victory Alumni Choir, the Voices of Victory, the Cambridge Street Orchestra and the Worship Band presented a special concert to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada on May 4, 2025.

Photo Gallery

Baptisms



Lucy Louise Dunn, child of Nolan and Alana Dunn, was baptized on May 11, 2025.



James Miedema, Ford Miedema and Reid Miedema, children of Jesse and Ashley Miedema, were baptized on May 11, 2025.



Regina Melody was baptized on June 15, 2025.

Photo Credits:
Dennis Eaton and
Doug Rayment

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

80+ Milestone Birthday Wishes to: Milt Battersby who turns 90 on September 25, **Dave Larsen** who turns 85 on October 3, **Marguerite Olan** who turns 80 on October 11, **Jan Warren** who turns 85 on October 17 and **Joan Smiley** who turns 80 on November 20.



- Congratulations to **Paul and Eileen Cockburn** as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 22.
- Condolences to **Charlie Currie, Pam Currie** and family, on the death of **Ina Currie** on June 25.
- Congratulations to **Xander Winter** who was called to the bar (Law Society) on June 16 in London, Ontario, and was married to Lydia Mead on July 5 in Cobourg. Fun story: They had met at Cambridge Street when they were teens and he was singing with the Voices of Victory and she was singing with her church youth choir which came here for one of Erwin's extravaganzas. When Xander and Lydia met the second time it was on an online dating site about 5 years ago. Lydia's profile came up on Xander's search and he recognized her from the choral extravaganza. She apparently had no idea who he was, but her younger sisters recognized him as the trumpet guy.
- Congratulations to **Sydney Harwood-Jones** who went to Italy in July with the International Lyric Academy and performed as Cinderella's step-mom in the musical "Into The Woods".
- Condolences to **Paul and Betty-Ann Kennedy and sons**, on the death of Paul's brother Ivan Kennedy on July 6 and on the death of **Betty-Ann's** mother **Pat Eisinga** on August 21.
- Condolences to **Bob and Beverley Connors** and family on the death of Bob's sister Dianna Connors, aunt of **Artemis Chartier**, on March 22. A celebration of her life was held at Cambridge Street on July 20.
- Congratulations to **Jean and Jack Kyle** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 2.
- Congratulations to **Walt and Birgit Radda** on the arrival of their newest granddaughter, Alice, who arrived on August 5. Proud parents Leah and Andrew are doing great.
- Congratulations to **Justin and Charlotte Rafton** whose daughter Elora was born on the August 27. **Andrew and Colleen** are thrilled grandparents (their first). Justin and Charlotte were married at Cambridge Street in 2020; they reside in New Zealand now.
- Congratulations to **Eric Waddilove and Dianne Walker** who were married at Cambridge Street on August 23.
- Congratulations to the **Bennett and Warren Families** on the marriage of Ashleigh Warren (granddaughter of Jan and Derek Warren, and daughter of Rhys and Tracey Warren) and Jacob Willock (grandson of John and Maria Bennett and son of Christine and Jason Willock) on Saturday, September 13.
- Congratulations to **Rev. Sharon and Doug** who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on September 15.
- Congratulations to **Eleanor and Murray Walden** who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on October 1.

***FALL
RUMMAGE SALE***

Saturday, October 4, 2025
Cambridge Street United Church
61 Cambridge St. N., in Lindsay, ON

Regular Sale: 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Bring-Your-Bag-to-Fill Sale 1:00-2:30 PM
(for \$2 and up depending on size of your bag)

**Clothing for women, men & children
Shoes - Bedding - Books - Toys
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28th Annual

Roast Beef Dinner



Friday, October 24, 2025
continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
plus an option of Take-Out

Cambridge Street United Church
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Advanced Tickets \$30.00 adults
Tickets Purchased at the door: \$35.00 adults
\$15.00 children (5 to 12 years)

Tickets available from the Church Office 705-324-3547
Monday-Friday 8:30am-12noon & 1:00-4:30pm

Please join us for a wonderful meal!



Thank You

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

Dennis Eaton



In our last issue of the *Chronicle*, I explained how we change the light bulbs in the sanctuary light fixtures by lowering them down from the attic. In this issue, I thought you might be interested to see a little of the attic itself. It is a fascinating space; entering it is like stepping back in time. In the first photo you will see the massive wooden beams that support the church's ceiling, still marked by the hammer blows inflicted by the workers who put them into place 154 years ago (photo 2). The first photo does not give a real idea of how expansive the attic is – I would estimate the peak of the ceiling to be about 15 feet high. Remnants of the church's original knob and tube electrical wiring system, which powered the sanctuary's first electric lights, still exist (photo 3). An interesting feature of the sanctuary ceiling are the seemingly ornamental flourishes seen in photo 4. These are actually air vents that open into the attic (photo 5), drawing warm air up toward further vents atop the east and west facades of the building.

Unfortunately, this is a very brief tour, but I hope it gives an idea of one of the many amazing, yet largely unseen spaces that exist throughout our old church building. I am always happy to answer as best as I can any questions anyone may have about the church's architecture and history.



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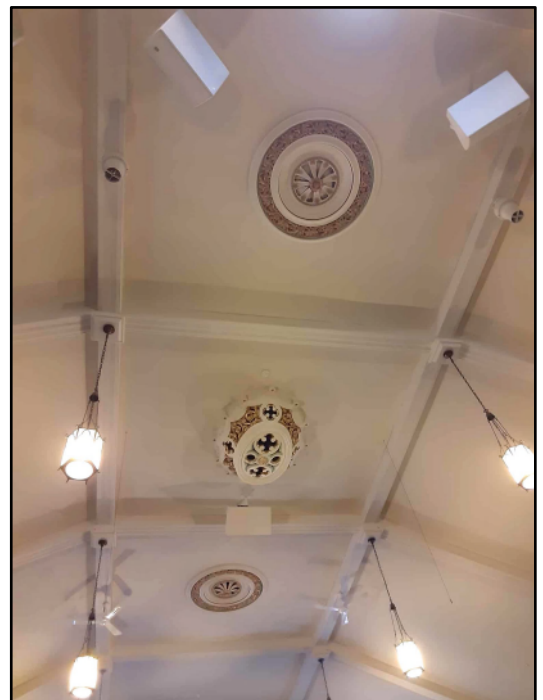
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Did You Know? **Scammers Pretend to Be Ministers Too** - Recently, a United Church in British Columbia had a close call with a scam. Someone pretended to be the minister and emailed the office asking for a copy of the church directory. Luckily, the office staff noticed something strange and double-checked with the minister. It turned out to be a scam. By being careful, the office protected the church and its members. Scammers try many tricks like this. Here are a few examples that the United Church of Canada has seen:



- Pretending to be a minister, council member, or church leader, and asking someone to buy gift cards for a sick friend or urgent need.
- Sending fake emails to a treasurer or office staff, asking them to change bank account details so money gets sent to the scammer.
- Using email addresses that look almost right, but are off by one letter or number.

How you can protect yourself:

- Be cautious of any message that feels urgent or unusual.
- Always check the email address carefully. Even if the name looks right, the address may be fake.
- If you're unsure, call the person directly at a phone number you know is correct.
- Never click on strange links or reply to suspicious emails or texts.
- Use strong passwords and, if possible, two-step login (where you get a code sent to your phone or an email).
- Learn more at <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en>

Important for our congregation: The staff at **Cambridge Street United Church** will **NEVER** ask you to **buy gift cards, run errands, or send money by email or text**. If you ever get such a message, please delete it right away. Do not reply. If you're worried about a message, please contact the church office directly at **705-324-3547** or **csuc61@gmail.com**.

And remember—if you ever do get caught in a scam (it happens to many people), don't feel embarrassed. Ask a friend, family member, or even the police for help.

Finance and Stewardship Team Report

In early October the Finance & Stewardship Team will be sending its annual Thanksgiving letter together with a statement of individual donations to the end of September.

Your faithful financial support as we enter the final quarter of the year, which helps to ensure that we achieve our actual budgeted totals for 2025 is appreciated.

Donations may be made in a variety of ways, including cash, cheque, credit card, e-transfer or PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance – an automatic withdrawal from your bank account). An income tax receipt will be issued for all donations made before December 31, 2025.

We continue to be mindful that many people are experiencing financial hardship and may not be able to make a monetary donation. Thank you for the many ways in which you help to serve our church and our community.

Happy National Puzzle Day

Sign up by January 12

**It is time to beat the
competition**

**Cambridge St. United Church
Saturday January 24 2026
1-4 PM**

**Come join us for a few hours of fun.
The fastest team wins a special prize -
Contact Pam at 705-324-3547
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CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE ON-LINE - Thanks to the many in our congregation who have opted to receive their *Cambridge Chronicle* newsletter by email, we have been able to reduce the number printed and the cost of postage to mail them. If you would prefer to receive your copy by email or view a copy of the *Cambridge Chronicle* from our website, please let Pam in the office know by sending her an email at csuc61@gmail.com.

My name is Sharon Tracy, and I am pleased to be contributing to the *Chronicle* as the incoming president of the United Church Women affectionately known as U.C.W.



Did you know that back in 1953 the General Council of the United Church of Canada established a committee to understand and recognize the contribution of women to the church? This resulted in allowing women to participate on the boards of the United Church at all levels and the official start of the U.C.W. on January 1, 1962. The official purpose of the U.C.W. is "To unite women of the community of faith for the total mission of the Church and to provide a means through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian Witness, Study, Fellowship and Service."

Prior to the U.C.W. starting in 1962 with about 225 members, there was a Woman's Association in our church as far back as 1958. Today about seventy-five members meet the third Tuesday afternoon of each month (summer excluded) for a few hours to catch up with old friends and make new ones while enjoying treats and lots of laughter. We participate in programs that inform and entertain, as well as provide opportunities to grow and explore our faith. The U.C.W. also participates in regional events.

You may know that the U.C.W. has an annual commitment of a \$6,000 donation to our church. Last year, we were able to provide an additional \$12,000 through our fund raising efforts.

The U.C.W. has a remarkable legacy in our church including surviving the COVID pandemic. I feel very privileged to be part of this group and plan to work hard to ensure the U.C.W. continues to make meaningful contributions to our church and community.

Over the next few months, I plan to explore with you what it means to be a U.C.W. member and hope to plan activities that may interest you and perhaps increase our membership. Please do not hesitate to reach out to either myself or a U.C.W. executive member if you have any ideas or questions. All are welcome to attend our meetings.

In closing, I must thank the very talented and dedicated U.C.W. executive for their support as well as outgoing president Elaine Kell. And last but not least, a huge thank you to the army of volunteers who support the work of the U.C.W. including the men who provide the muscle necessary to do what we do.

Most of us at a certain senior age can remember back to our early days in church school. These were the first steps on our faith journey. My family worshipped at a village church just north of Napanee. This was a farming community and all the talk before and after service was farm talk.

Marjorie was our church custodian and she loved to ring the bells loud and long. Our farm was three concessions away and we could hear the bells just fine. Mother directed us to be dressed for church and standing beside the car when we heard the bells. Well not always, but we were never late for Sunday school.

Wilma was our basement pianist and she loved to play the gospel hymns loud and fast. We knew them all and didn't need the green gospel books. Wilma pounded that old piano so much that the church mice ran out from underneath it. We cheered and yelled "play it again Wilma." This was fun!

Finally, the superintendent would announce "we have to move to class time." We were teenagers and were expected to take a leadership role and we would read the lesson introduction in the David C. Cook manual, give the announcements or lead in prayer at the end of the service.

All of these duties were part of our Christian training. Time spent at Sigma-C, Quin-Mo-Lac camp or Golden Lake camp was our reward for these duties.

My father taught the senior boys class and many local lads moved on to the adult class. Ours was an active church at Selby and Sunday school had a happy impact on our young rural lives.

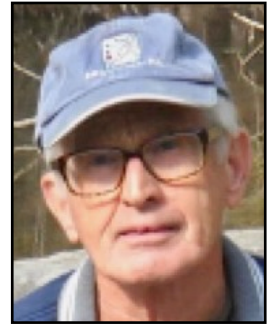
Later in secondary school, I was nominated to attend Older Boys Parliament at Queens University. What an eye opener that was.

When in my work career and attending Orono United Church, I was the leader of the boys Tyros Group and then after marrying Lynn, I helped out with the Hi-C group. All important United Church activities.



I spent one term at Oshawa Presbytery and then acted as a delegate to the Couchiching Conference for men.

These were all expressions of Christian faith developed from my Sunday School days. Those days were important but they were also fun.



The joys of summer – long days, relaxation and the taste of fresh local fruits and veggies give us a healthy renewal of strength and happiness.

I was fortunate to spend three separate weeks at three lovely bodies of water — the strong waves and lighthouses of Lake Huron, gentle breezes, the cry of loons at Lac du Shea, Quebec, and the tranquil banks of Hay Bay where swans gracefully pass by the water's edge on a regular basis. This is the location of Old Hay Bay Church, the oldest Methodist Church in Canada, built in 1792. Here, Carl is one of the volunteer custodians who greets visitors to this heritage site, representing the United Church of Canada.



The reality of life in many parts of our struggling world is much different with constant and ever increasing famine. The Canadian Food Grains Bank is relentless in its efforts to teach climate-smart agricultural programs as well as provide direct emergency food where needed. Their theme is “til all are fed.”

Cambridge Street United Church Foodgrains appeal began in March and ends on October 19. Our bi-monthly country market has been well supported but we have a ways to go to raise the thermometer to our goal of \$3500.00.

Could you help to raise the thermometer with a donation? This is a perfect charity of choice as the Federal Government matches donations 4 times to 1 for designated programs up to a maximum of ten million dollars – what an impact! Special envelopes, cash and e-transfers to the church office are available for your support. The Outreach Team is appreciative of your consideration.

Reflection: “A closed mouth gathers no food.”



Fall Rummage Sale Announcement

FALL RUMMAGE SALE - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Regular sale from 8:00 am to 12:30 p.m. and
Bring-Your-Bag-to-Fill Sale (fee of \$2 and up depending on the size of your bag) from
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Our Fall Rummage Sale is fast approaching, so now is the time to start collecting your donations for drop-off. Please make sure all donated items are clean, ready to display, and in working order. We cannot accept any plug-in electric items (e.g. lamps, small appliances, etc.) or baby items (cribs, car seats) or large furniture. Since there is very limited market for cassette tapes or VHS tapes, please consider other organization when donating these items. **Gardeners** – When splitting perennials in your garden or house plants, keep us in mind. Perennials and plants are a popular item to sell and we welcome your donations.

Drop-Off Times: Wednesday, October 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Items we are accepting: clothing for men, women and children; shoes; kitchen ware; household décor; craft supplies; linens; bedding; jewelry; small sports equipment; children's toys; books; games; puzzles; Christmas and seasonal décor.

Volunteers are needed to make it a success: A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bond St entrance bulletin board or call the church office 705-324-3547.

- Sort donations and get everything organized: Oct. 1 & Oct. 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Oct. 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
- Sale Day to help shoppers, manage sales, and keep things running smoothly: Shifts are 8:00-10:30am and 10:30am-12:30pm.
- Clean-up after the bag sale ends at 2:30 pm – pack up remaining items for donation to a variety of different charity groups in Lindsay.

Sign up for any shifts you are available. Every helping hand makes a difference!



The Annual Spring Rummage sale, held on May 3, 2025, raised several thousand dollars for the church.

Photo Credit: Shelley Johnston

Some of you may recall that back on Sunday, October 15, 2023, a long-time dear friend of mine from my years in 4-H officiated at our morning service. Roger Robertson — brother of Paul who plays in our Worship Band — agreed to leading us in worship on the condition that Larry and I promised to visit him and his wife Sharyl at their home near Teeswater/Lucknow Ontario, as we had never been there before.

I'm pleased to report that 21 months later and after countless "reminders" from Roger that I needed to honour our pact, Larry and I made the 3 hour trek across to western Ontario to spend a weekend with the Robertsons at the end of July. Climbing through caves at Metcalfe Rock, hiking to Hogg's Falls in Grey County, experiencing a novel thing called "rain" (and having tornado warning alerts on our phones), touring through the Mennonite farm countryside, shopping at Mennonite farm markets, dipping our toes in Lake Huron, eating huge ice cream cones at Holyrood General Store, feasting on ribs and burgers painstakingly supervised by Roger on a smoker and, most importantly, enjoying lots and lots of wonderful conversation and laughter filled our weekend. I am so glad that this promise was fulfilled!

"There are friendships imprinted in our hearts that will never be diminished by time and distance." - Unknown





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Being back at Cambridge Street United has been like a breath of fresh air.

When I left to pursue my education at Nipissing University, the church was lively and full of friendly folks; it is nice to see that the same atmosphere and friendly faces have remained abundant in the daily happenings of the church. Coming back to work with the children and youth of the church has so far been a pleasant experience. I had been a part of the Sunday school world here throughout most of my high school years under Gabby Simpson, so to come back and step into her shoes has felt like a step in the right direction. The children and youth I have met so far have been a joy to be around.



Every one of them has a tenacious will to explore, learn, and of course have fun as they journey through the life God has set out for them. Listening to their stories, helping them in Sunday school, and seeing them think has become a highlight of my Sunday mornings. I was pleased this summer to bring back some semblance of vacation Bible school through our activity days. The children who attended left having made some new friends and with huge smiles on their faces, truly showing what we as a church can achieve when we work towards the growth of our youngest church members. I am hoping to continue in this role in the future, and I am already thinking of some new and exciting events to hold in the upcoming year. While I am happy to lead the effort of child and youth activities in the church, our church community still has a part to play in educating our youth. Our church community is whole when our youngest are included; I am hoping that our congregation will encourage more children and youth to enter back into our community in the coming year. I am excited to see what the future of Cambridge Street has in store for me.



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Photo Gallery

New Faces - May 4, 2025



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New Faces - June 15, 2025



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Special Announcement From *The Lindsay Advocate*, September 2025

For more than 20 years, Erwin Stroobach and his wife Angelique have been building a notable music program at Cambridge Street United Church in Lindsay. Stroobach's talents at the console of the church's pipe organ can be heard each Sunday – but also during the biennial Phantom of the Organ event, which showcases the instrument's unique sound for audiences well beyond the walls of Cambridge Street. Under Stroobach's direction, the church's Voices of Victory choir has toured throughout central and eastern Canada, taken their talents to Manhattan, and introduced many local youth to beautiful choral music. In 2024, Stroobach's choirs performed at New York's Carnegie Hall, and the Noon Hour Concerts he organizes during Lent are much-anticipated events in the local arts scene.