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What to do with Holy Week?



HOLY WEEK

Very soon we will be celebrating Palm Sunday. A day when we enthusiastically wave palm branches in the air, and sing Hosanna in joyful voices after having spent much of Lent in a sombre mood. We celebrate even though we know what is coming in a few short days. But Palm Sunday can't be celebrated in isolation from the rest of the week. To get at the full meaning you have to experience each day of that week. The truth is that many people don't attend Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services. Instead, many return at the end of Holy Week and celebrate Easter. Easter the day with lilies and chocolate, the dark cloth is removed from the cross and white becomes the colour of the season.

But have you ever thought about what Holy Week might be trying to show us? What we might miss if we jump from Palm Sunday to Easter without going to the cross and the tomb? There is no doubt about it, Easter is a difficult season to get our head around. After all we see so much suffering on our TV's and in the paper that we might not want to go to church and be depressed there too! But there is a different way of looking at this season.

Think about how Holy Week mirrors events in our own life. We start with celebration, not a cloud in sight. Then we face our own trial of sorts: whether it is losing a loved one, our livelihood or our independence. We may have an idea of what the future may hold but we don't know how we are going to get through it. We might feel beaten and bruised from what life has turned into, but you know what? Regardless of the obstacle, we do overcome it. Life goes on even if it is in a way that we never thought possible. But we do.

Sometimes our life is like Holy Saturday: a time of waiting for the other shoe to drop. A time of waiting for test results, or a job interview, a time of waiting for who knows what may come our way in life. Even as we sit in a Holy Saturday time, we have the Good News promise of hope. It is a hope that things will go on, that things will get better, that living won't hurt so much. We may not know how, or when but Easter will come in the most unlikely of disguises. If we have hope, we can one day sing Hallelujah.

Now don't get me wrong. I don't have what some have called a "sunny Christian faith." Far from it. I believe that if we are honest with

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ourselves we all have our dying, death and resurrection moments in our life if but choose to see them and name them in those terms.

The Christian liturgy surrounding Holy Week is not just something that was set down millennia ago. It is something that can be life giving so that even today, it can offer meaning in our lives

Lent and Holy Week are difficult times of reflection and waiting within the Church year, but it can also bring us all together to recognize that we are all on this path of life together.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
Blessings, Rev. Carla



St. Paul's Welcomes its Newest Licensed Lay Worship Leader

It is with great pleasure that St. Paul's welcomes Joanna Braaksma as a Lay Licensed Worship Leader within the Ottawa Presbytery effective April 2015. Joanne was recommended by Session and the Board of Management of St. Paul's to undertake two years of study and included theology and church history, Hebrew and Christian scriptures, preaching, worship and pastoral skills. Licensed Lay Worship Leaders also continue to polish their skills and develop their theology through pulpit supply, reading, and continuing education events.

Joanne will now be able to offer pulpit supply both here at St. Paul's and in the greater Ottawa Presbytery. There will be a covenanting service with Joanne and her fellow LLWL at Bells Corners United Church on Tuesday April 14th. There will be a supper with the service to follow at 7:00PM. If you would like to attend please contact Joanne at 613-838-2679.

Congratulations Joanna. We are all very proud of you!



Walking with Jesus:

Since ancient times the season of Lent has been a time of reflecting upon the work of God in our lives and the life and passion of Jesus. Many people promise to "give something up" during Lent to help them understand the life of those who don't have as much as they do. To "give something up" can be an act of solidarity with the marginalized. This year I invite you to adopt the spiritual practice of walking. Jesus walked everywhere as part of his ministry and like most of the world's people today, walking is the only mode of transportation. From Richmond to Jerusalem is 8986km so each week you can keep track of how much you have walked and we will tally up the numbers and move "Jesus" closer to his goal of Jerusalem for Palm Sunday. Let's walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem together! We can do it St. Paul's!

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Comprehensive Review Task Group Releases Report - March 2015

After two years of intensive study and consultation, the Comprehensive Review Task Group is recommending major changes to The United Church of Canada that would revitalize and nurture a range of ministries, simplify governance and administration, and enable the church to live within its resources. "We believe God is doing a new thing and is calling us to change dramatically so we can participate fully in God's mission," explains the Rev. Cathy Hamilton, chair of the task group. "Our current organizational structure is simply not sustainable from the point of view of either our volunteers or our finances."

"We have consulted broadly across the church and are recommending six significant changes in the way the church operates and in its priorities. We feel these changes would carry the church into the 21st century and open us up to new possibilities and ministries," Hamilton added.

The full report, titled "United in God's Work," is available on the 42nd General Council website. <http://www.gc42.ca/comprehensive-review-report>

A key recommendation is that the church commit to an initiative tentatively called "Chasing the Spirit" to renew its spiritual centre, just as the Spirit renewed the disciples through the Pentecost experience. This recommendation reflects the task group's belief that the purpose of streamlining church

structures and processes is to enable vital ministry in the world. To that end, it recommends committing significant resources—10 percent of annual giving's to the Mission and Service Fund—to supporting new ministries and new forms of ministry.

The task group is also recommending that

- the church place a high priority on building relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people based on mutuality, respect, and equity, and that the church continue to live out its apologies to Aboriginal people.
- the church reduce its governance structure from four courts to three councils, with the denominational and regional councils focused on providing support and services to communities of faith. Communities of faith would include congregations as we know them, as well as other forms of Christian community.
- a College of Ministers be established to accredit, oversee, and discipline ministers. All ministers serving in paid positions would be members of the College, and it would be governed by a board composed of equal numbers of ministers and laypersons.
- a working group of ministers be struck to study the concept of an association of ministers that would offer support to and foster collegiality among ministers.
- the church spend only what it receives and reduce its spending from 2015 levels by at least \$11 million. Communities of faith would pay an annual assessment that would cover governance and support services, while donations to the Mission and Service Fund would fund only ministry and mission activities, such as global mission and outreach ministries.

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The 42nd General Council will discuss and make decisions about the task group's recommendations and any additional proposals when it meets August 8–15, 2015, in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

In the spirit of consultation that has been the foundation of this work, people across the church are encouraged to read the report and discuss it this spring in their congregations, presbyteries, and Conferences. The United Church of Canada makes its decisions in community and has processes through presbyteries and Conferences for additional proposals to reach the General Council this summer. Please send your proposals through those normal processes.

"We see this as the work of the whole church and know our recommendations would change the church significantly, but we heard over and over again that we should be bold and transformative," adds the Rev. Hamilton, "We think God is doing a new thing, and the church needs to respond to that call to live out God's mission in Canada and the world."

The Bible Study Group would like to invite everyone to read "What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover: What it Means and Why it Matters." Popular speaker and writer Rabbi Evan Moffic brings an understanding to the Last Supper that will forever change how Christians celebrate communion and prepare for Easter. We will be meeting in the church hall on Monday's from noon till 1:30PM so bring your lunch. The book can be ordered online through Amazon (also in e-book format) or through Rev. Carla.



Holy Spirit Awards 2015

Submitted by Betty Giffin

The Stewardship Committee decided to make our Volunteer Appreciation event this year, something that folks will not soon forget. We were not sure how this gala would be received but were very pleasantly surprised.

Some members of the congregation truly got into the spirit wearing their Oscar worthy finery including tiaras, boas, and faux jewels. Jim Wagdin, as Master of Ceremonies was over the top in his role, to the enjoyment and appreciation of all those present.

In case you missed the event, here is a list of the 2015 winners

-Favourite Villain – Judas Iscariot (played by Ray Melvin)

-Favourite Parable – The Good Samaritan (played by Ginger Chapleau)

-Favourite Prophet – John the Baptist – the award was accepted by his manager (played by Leslie Abrahams)

-Favourite Fundraiser – Pie Making – award accepted by Isabel Thompson on behalf of the group

-Favourite Puppet - Thumper – award accepted by Rev. Carla and Thumper

-Favourite Outreach – The Outreach Committee (each received an award)

-Favourite UCW Theme – Ruth Herd inviting guest speaker Janet Stark

-Favourite Choir Anthem – How Long has it been? Duet by Lorna McCurdy and Allister Sehl

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-Favourite Book Club Selection – Orphan Train
by Christina Baker Kline – Dot Rea

Most Treasured Moment:

This is the list of Treasured Moments people identified as significant in the Life of the Church.

- Listening to Carla explain the Trinity – using water in three forms
- Chili Cook-off
- The day Rev. Carla came to us
- Irish Dinner Auction
- Watching Mom and Isabel inn their skits
- Communion
- Our candle light wedding ceremony surrounded by family
- Listening to the choir sing my Favourite old hymns
- Isabel and Marilyn singing Water during Raise the Roof
- Fun at the Chili Cook-off
- Receiving my new pin from Ginger
- Making the fruit cake that was served at Christmas Communion
- Gary playing and singing to the kids at Christmas
- Creative Worship
- The Scrooge Christmas Carol Production
- Carla's service and sermon after the shooting incident on the Hill
- When Carla became our minister
- The day I first came to church
- Every baptism
- Little talk with Jesus
- We Rise Again
- In the mid 80's, Ernest Mabley told me my church family was very proud of me. I've never forgotten him and his words meant so much to me at the time
- Gary singing to the children on Christmas Eve

- Easter Sunrise Service at Walter and Donna Fosters followed by church service
- When we lit candles for our loved ones
- My wedding
- Sunday School pizza parties are fun
- Children's baptisms
- Christmas Eve Children's service
- Christmas Eve
- When I stood at the altar and said "I do"

The final award of the day was **The Good Will Ambassador's Award** which went to our very own **Rev. Carla**. Following the service, we were treated to cake and fizzy apple juice. A good time was had by all!



Please See St. Paul's Web Site for More Awards
Event Photos

Home Communion Now Available



Session will be offering Home Communion starting on Sunday March 29th. Home communion will be offered four times in 2015: March 29th, June 21st, October 4th and November 29th. If you or someone you know might be interested in receiving this ministry please contact Ginger Chapleau at 613-838-3077 to arrange a time.

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Home is Where the Heart Is*

—written by Rev. Carla Van Delen

Growing up, I always longed for a home that I had never seen. My Dad along with his siblings and parents emigrated from Holland in the 1950's. Like so many people after the Second World War, they wanted to leave the destruction behind and embrace a new way of life for their family. My Dad would tell me stories of the plot of land that his Father had rented outside the village. He told me about the crocks of sauerkraut that my grandmother would lovingly make and set aside to feed her family over the winter. I heard stories of Opa chasing his bees through the village because they had decided that they wanted to break off and start another colony. When they moved to Canada, they rented a farm outside of Pembroke and even though the first few years were extremely hard, my Dad's eyes would get a certain shine to them when he talked about "the farm."

When I was older I moved from town to the country and currently live on a two hundred acre farm. My husband and I heat our home with carbon neutral wood stoves. We have chickens, and cows. I attempt to grow more vegetables each year and I cherish each ripe apple that I pluck from the tree in our yard. I

delight in inhaling the scent of fresh linen just plucked from the clothes line. I can gaze at a star filled sky at night and hear the frogs singing my name when I lay in bed. I know that I am lucky, not everyone can own a farm. But I have the luxury of knowing where my meat comes from. I know how it was raised and how much fun the chickens had scratching around the garden. Our home may be our kingdom but what about our kin-down with Creation?

To reconnect with Creation we don't all have to all live in the country. You can water your flowers from a rain barrel, compost or at the very least recycle. We can decide how many clothes are enough, ask under what conditions were they made and how well will they last. At the center of our faith is God's hope of wholeness for all of Creation. That wholeness starts with all the choices we make that go into making our house a home. What materials are our homes made of? What chemicals do we use in our homes? What kind of waste products do we generate? Coffee pods anyone? Do we know what we are putting in our mouths and how it got on our plate in the first place?

A home is where we take our first steps, say our first words and for some of us, take our last breaths on this mortal plane. A home is made of memories and laughter, simplicity and love. A home doesn't have to be big, fancy or full of stuff to be complete; it only requires a willingness to share our table. I just hope that my gift of memory and story to my nephews will have the same impact that my Dad's had on me.

***"Home is Where The Heart Is" was written for an online Lenten Series on Facebook called "Longing for Home."**

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yadnuS ruomuH yloH OR Holy Humour Sunday

Don't miss being at St Paul's for Holy Humour Sunday on April 12th at 10:30AM
"Backwards: God Turns the World on its Head"-
Wear your clothes backward for church. Even the worship service will be backwards!



St. Paul's Board Meeting Minutes Just an E-mail or Phone Call Away

Anyone who wants to receive board minutes regularly just needs to contact either Sandy or Judy and make the request. It's an awesome way to keep in touch with everything that goes on at St. Paul's!

Judy Wagdin, Board Chair
613 838-3785 or judywagdin@smartsurf.ca

Sandy Smith, Board Secretary
613 836-5680 or poetryfour@rogers.com



Invitation to Join the Children's Choir

David George, our choir director, would like to invite all children and youth to join the Youth Choir. Practices are between 10:00 and

10:20AM on Sunday mornings. **Also, the Adult Choir is always open to new members.** Please speak to David about times of practices. All are welcome. You can call David at 613 838-3785



The Power of Music

Can you imagine coming to church each Sunday and not being welcomed by the sounds of music. Can you imagine not hearing music that complements the sermons, the readings, the prayers of the people or the greetings we share with each other?

I can imagine it but I sure don't want to experience it. The music at St. Paul's is one of the special things I enjoy about coming here. David, the choir, the guitar guys, the kid's choir, when it is present, along with other special music guests, refills my soul for the coming week. Regardless of how the past week has gone, I can always and I mean always, leave the church in a better place than when I arrived and I attribute much of that to the music.

What is it that music gives us, what sadness or emptiness does it fill, what memories does it invoke? Why is music so powerful?

Well in this day and age when you don't know something, you can always ask Google the questions of life and get an answer. My answer came when I enquired about the "Power of Music". What I got were a number of quotes from some notables and some less known, about how music impacted them. The following quotes spoke to me. See what you think;

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"Where words leave off, music begins" -
Heinrich Heine

"Ah, music," he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here!" – J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

"Music touches us emotionally where words alone can't." – Johnny Depp

"Music is the universal language of mankind."
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Where words fail, music speaks" – Hans Christian Andersen

"I love beautiful melodies telling me terrible things" – Tom Waits

"Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common." – Sarah Dessen

"Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence."
– Robert Fripp

"Music is the strongest form of magic" –
Marilyn Manson

"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without" - Confucius

"Music is an outburst of the soul" – Frederick Delius

"I love the way music inside a car makes you feel invisible, if you play the stereo at max volume, it's almost like the other people can't see into your vehicle. It tints your windows, somehow." – Chuck Klosterman

"Music can change the world because it can change people." - Bono

So thank you David, thank you choir, thank you guitar guys, thank you kids. Thank you all for bringing your voice to the music each Sunday.

My wife reminds me that Psalms 98:4 says
"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing

praise." It says nothing about being tuneful. So even those of us who say they cannot sing should just belt it out, enjoy the music, feel the music listen to the words and come back every Sunday to top off that empty spot.

With much appreciation to those who make music. –Bryan Giffin



RICHMOND FOOD BANK THANKS

YOU Contributed by: Joanna Braaksma

"How do I love you? Let me count the ways."
This quote expresses how the volunteers at the Richmond Food Bank feel about all the people (school children included) who donated to the Christmas food drive this year. We say "How do we say thank you, thank you, thank you?"
Let me count the schools who participated this year:

Richmond Public School, North Gower Public School, Munster Elementary School, St. Philips School in Richmond, Westwind Public School in Stittsville, Sacred Heart Secondary School in Stittsville. St. Philips church also sent food. These students all contributed boxes, and boxes, and boxes of food.

The boxes covered 90% of the basement floor of St. Paul's United Church. It was like a mine-field trying to walk among the boxes.

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Thanks to the Guides and Pathfinders who took an evening to sort through each box and organize the items. Other volunteers came on Thursday and Friday evenings to prepare the hampers for the various families. We had whole families come to put the hampers together. Students, who helped, got hours towards their volunteer hours at school. It was a win-win situation.

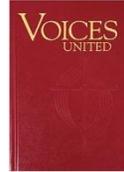
To an outsider, it may have appeared chaotic in the room, but if you stopped and listened, you could hear laughter. "Where is the peanut butter?" "I can't find the rice." Attempting to push a cart between the rows of tables was quite an accomplishment. Everyone was tired by the end of the evening but it was a "good" kind of tired.

We also want to say thank you to the various businesses and organizations that donated money to the Richmond Food Bank. The village church carol singing in early December raised over \$500. We also received money from the Home Hardware, IDA Pharmacy, Jabulani Wines, and Balmoral Insurance.

Of course where would we be without the help of our Independent Grocery Store. The King family have always been such a strong support of the food bank. We cannot forget the help from the Lions Club. Each year they make sure we have sufficient resources to help us along throughout the year.

The Richmond Food Bank works out of an area the size of a washroom in St. Paul's United Church. All the volunteers help to make the

program successful. We have now registered officially as a charity. Judy Wagdin is the Chair. If people in the Richmond area are in need of help, please call 613-838-5397 extension 3.



Quiz: Do you know your hymns?

Submitted by Judy Wagdin

Guess the title of the hymn that fits:

1. Dentist's hymn:
2. Weatherman's hymn
3. Contractor's hymn
4. Golfer's hymn
5. Tailor's hymn
6. Politician's hymn
7. Optometrist's hymn
8. IRS Agent's hymn
9. Gossip's hymn
10. Electrician's hymn
11. Shopper's hymn
12. Realtor's hymn
13. Therapist's hymn
14. Doctor's hymn

Answers on page 14

Quiz for Speeders

What hymns come to mind for each of these?

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| 1. 55 mph | 2. 75mph |
| 3. 85 mph | 4. 95 mph |
| 5. 100 mph | |

Answers on page 14X

Camp Awesome is being held here at St. Paul's from July 20th till 24th. Please contact Judy Wagdin for info and registration forms at 613-838-5483.

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Feasibility / Accessibility Update

(as reported in the 2014 Annual Report)

Committee members: Isabel Thompson, Bryan Giffin, Dave Pearen (resigned in October), Kim Mercer, Rev. Carla Van Delen and Sandy Smith, Bonnie Warnock (resigned temporarily)

Mandate: To present to the St. Paul's Congregation options to bring the church building in line with Federal regulations that state all public buildings must be accessible by 2025. For the St. Paul's building the major renovation has do with having an accessible washroom. However, we continue to undertake smaller projects as they arise to make the building more accessible.

Over the course of 2014 our committee has met ten times.

We began the year by crafting a presentation to be shown at the Annual Congregational meeting in February however after presenting to the Board we decided to present our work as a 10 minute presentation during the worship service on Sunday April 6th. Then we would call a congregational meeting for Sunday April 27th after the worship service.

The presentation included:

- a sketch of a proposed two floor expansion out the back of the church
- a class D estimate (800sq.ft X \$200), this doesn't include furniture etc.

- the passed motion to apply for a Trillium Foundation Grant that was passed at the 2013 Annual Congregational Meeting
- include that have met with Trustees twice so as to be included in the updates of the committee and are in agreement in principal.
- The Property Committee, the Board and Session are also aware of the proposal.
- Pie Makers have agreed to donate \$30 000
- Keith Eddy has offered to help with dry walling and framing

There were also two motions:

First Motion: "We the congregation support an expansion to the church building that would involve fundraising to supplement the funds obtained through grants and other revenues streams."

Second Motion: "Once sufficient funds are raised we the congregation authorize the Feasibility Committee to obtain the required architectural and engineering drawings to support grant applications."

After much discussion during the April 27th Congregational meeting, the congregation voted on spending up to five thousand dollars (\$5 000) to have some concept drawings created that outlines three options to make the washrooms accessible. We think that one of the three should include an estimate for a washroom in the basement by the elevator.

Over the course of the year we have also looked at possible revenue streams to fund a renovations including:

- 1) With upcoming changes in the Ottawa Presbytery there may be money freed up to do new things.

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2) We will need to look at our plan in the in two years' time to see how much has been raised and how long will it take to raise it.

3) Internal funds like: Gurdie Vaughn \$25 000, Beula Bennett \$20 000 (stipulations church work) Maybe the expansion could be called the Beula Bennett Community Room with a plaque.

4) There is a church/manse modernization fund from the General Council matching up to \$5000 in any year. Church Extension can make loans to congregations for capital work, there could perhaps even be some grant component. Contact person is Dan King, chair of Church Extension.

5) The community involvement letter will need to be updated. These are the letters that express support for the community work that is done by the church. These letters will need to go out once we have a clearer idea of what type of renovation we will be looking at undertaking.

6) Fundraising ideas: Church calendar (pictures), St. Paul's Expansion Catalogue (like World Vision or Gifts with Vision), cookbook.

Funding drawback: We were reminded that Trillium can only be applied to once most of the funds are in hand. We were also reminded that Trillium would only cover a percentage of the cost, perhaps a third (1/3). Also Trillium doesn't give to churches so the community and Food Bank components will have to be highlighted in the grant writing stage.

In May along with the expertise of Andy Lawton we contracted Pye & Richards Architects Inc. to

meet with the committee to hear our input and then to create three options for possible renovation/expansion of the church building. They came back to us with the drawings in July. After reviewing each floor plan the committee noted that each option presented by the architect had both pros and cons.

In October Andy Lawton and Gord Krieg of Pye & Richards Architect Inc. met with the committee again to hear our concerns and input with regards to the drawings.

The major issue seems to be that in order to be in compliance with the building code we need to have four bathroom fixtures (toilets). This is what was required when the extension was added to the church in 1965. The architect will argue that four is all we need but the city may say we need to be in compliance with the current code if we put another extension on the church.

On November 20th 2014 Pye & Richards Architect Inc. were paid \$2260. for the drawings.

After hearing our input and concerns, Pye & Richards Architect Inc. came back at the end of the year with two amended drawings and another one for a total of three.

Other upgrades: Threshold ramp was installed at the McBean Street entrance to the church. These have greatly helped people move both safely both into and out of the church.

We also discussed a ramp for the front of the sanctuary but decided to hold off on purchasing

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it until we know if an addition will be constructed.

Throughout the ongoing process of making St. Paul's as accessible as reasonable possible it has been our commitment to providing clear updates to the congregation on our progress. We have done so through the bulletin, and The Epistle and we will continue to do so in a timely way.

Isabel and Sandy attended The Lanark County Funders Forum which held a seminar on June 4th with regards to Trillium Grant writing.

We ended 2014 with new options and look forward to exploring these new possibilities with you the congregation as we continue to minister to the community of Richmond. We realize that this will be a long thoughtful process that will take time and much discernment for all of us so we ask for you to pray for the committee members as they work on your behalf.

Submitted by Rev. Carla Van Delen
(Feasibility Committee Secretary)



Do You Have a Bucket List?

In April, be on the lookout for the Stewardship Committee's Post-it Board "Before I die..."



A Brief History of Mission and Service

When The United Church of Canada was formed in 1925, each of the founding denominations—Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational—had funds to which individuals could designate gifts to support the wider mission of the church beyond the local congregation.

At first, the church's wider mission fund was known as the Maintenance and Extension Fund. In an effort to make it clearer that gifts to the fund supported "mission," its name was changed to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund in 1928. This name was used for the next 40 years.

In 1968, all the work of stewardship and revenue generation was combined into one administrative unit in the United Church's General Council Office. To reflect this change and to better reflect what the church's mission fund supported, the name was changed to the Mission and Service Fund in 1969. This is the name we have used in the church ever since.

Mission and Service Is the Church
God's Mission, Our Gifts watermark

Regardless of the name changes, the role of Mission and Service remains the same: It is the unique way through which United Church people and others direct their gifts to support God's mission through The United Church of Canada.

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Take Note of Upcoming Events at St. Paul's

- Seder Meal - Wednesday March 25th from 5:00-7:00PM - This symbolic meal reflects the -- Passover meal that Jesus would have had with his disciples. Potluck meal to follow.
- Loonie/Toonie Drive for Mission and Service Fund runs until March 29th
- Home Communion Offered March 29th – Contact Ginger to make arrangements 613 838-3077
- Palm Sunday March 29th with Sunday School Breakfast prior to the worship service from 9:00 until 10:30. Communion will be celebrated during the worship service.
- Maundy Thursday Service April 2nd at 7:00PM This is a contemplative service of readings and music that recount Jesus's betrayal and Passion.
- Community Good Friday Walk Friday April 3rd at 10:30AM -Light lunch will be served at St. Paul's United Church. -Route to be determined.
- Easter Sunrise Service -Sunday April 5th at 6:25AM at the home of Donna and Walter Foster, 3285 Eagleson Rd. Note: wear your rubber boots for the short outdoor service.
- Easter Sunday Service April 5th at 10:30AM
- Holy Humour Sunday on April 12th at 10:30AM –Reminder to wear your cloths backwards for this church service –“God Turns the World on its Head” - Even the worship service will be backwards!

- Communion will be celebrated at St. Paul's April 19th
- Rev. Carla will be away attending her course at Five Oaks in Paris Ontario from Friday May 1st through Saturday May 9th
- Sunday School Yard Sale will be on Saturday May 9th. – Drop off your new and lightly used items in advance, to help make this sale a success for the Sunday School.
- Communion will be celebrated at St. Paul's May 10th
- Messy Church May 24th from 4-6:30PM theme is "Growing"
- Annual General Meeting of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference will be held at John Abbott College in Ste. Anne du Bellevue from May 29th till May 31st. This year the bulk of the work will focus on the Comprehensive Review Report and preparing for the meeting of the General Council in Corner Brooke Newfoundland in August 2015. Rev. Carla will be attending this church meeting.
- Church Picnic and Fun in the backyard - Sunday June 21st
- Home Communion Offered June 21st – Contact Ginger to make arrangements 613 838-3077
- Summer Epistle input due June 18th with publication June 25th
- July and August Worship Service times will change to 9:30AM – Don't be late for church!



Remember, as Bonnie Warnock regularly reminds us, **“Sunday isn't Sunday until you've been to church.”**

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Answers to Hymn Quiz Part One:

1. Crown Him with Many crowns
2. There shall be showers of blessings.
3. The Church's one foundation.
4. There is a green hill far away.
5. Holy, Holy, Holy.
6. Standing on the promises.
7. Open my eyes that I might see.
8. I surrender all.
9. Pass it on.
10. Send the Light.
11. Sweet bye and bye.
12. I've got a mansion, just over the hilltop.
13. He touched me.
14. The great physician

Answers for Speedsters Quiz:

1. God will take care of you.
2. Nearer my God to thee.
3. This world is not my home.
4. Lord, I'm coming home.
5. Precious memories



Easy Easter Pie

Ingredients:

- 20 Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Miniature Peanut Butter Cups, unwrapped (Part of 13-oz. pkg.)
- 50 Hershey's Kisses milk chocolates, unwrapped (part of 13-oz.pkg.)

- One large tub (12-oz.) frozen Non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- One Ready Crust Graham Cracker Pie Crust (6-oz.)

Optional Garnish (if desired):

- Candy-Coated Milk Chocolate Eggs

Directions:

- Chop each peanut butter cup into six pieces; set aside. Microwave 50 Kisses milk chocolates in medium microwave-safe bowl on high (100%) one minute or just until chocolate are melted when stirred; stir in 3-1/2 cups whipped topping until blended.
- Spread half of chocolate mixture into crust; sprinkle with peanut butter cup pieces. Top with remaining chocolate mixture. Refrigerate three hours or until set.
- Spread with remaining whipped topping just before serving. Garnish each serving with milk chocolates and optional candy eggs. Recipe makes eight servings..



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