

# The W.U.C. Uniter

## A new look....

- New editor for The W.U.C. Uniter.
- We will be experimenting with new layouts for our newsletter.
- And, we hope to have an electronic version available for sending out by e-mail!

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## A difficult act to follow...

*Carrying the torch will be quite a challenge, especially trying to keep up the excellent work that Joe did in initiating and developing the newsletter over the past six years. Yes, it has been six years! It just seems like yesterday that we had the contest to name the newsletter.*

*Thank you, Joe, for the fine work that you did in editing and producing this valued communication vehicle. You gave it such a warm, fun feel.*

*We are all glad to see you stay on as a featured columnist tackling, what we are sure will be, a broad cross-section of stimulating, fun and educational topics.*

*Thank you also to the contributors. I look forward to receiving your articles, advice and suggestions to keep our newsletter fresh and filled with timely items. It is an important part of the life of our church community. Just drop your items in mailbox #46, or e-mail the*

*Church directly at ([wuch@woodroffeunited.org](mailto:wuch@woodroffeunited.org)) identifying the subject as "Newsletter item".*

*It will be a challenge to try to match Joe's wit! (Fortunately, Woodroffe's congregation has a wonderful sense of humour and a great willingness to share, so I know there will be no shortage of contributions.)*

*Brenda Hodgins*

## ASK JOE

As you might not know, my new role is to be a star columnist for The Uniter. Each issue I will answer questions posed to me by you, our reader. Please submit questions to the editor well in advance of the deadline so I have a chance to respond. The question can be on any subject as I have vast knowledge on many subjects.

Here's my first question –

*Dear Joe:  
If I go into a forest and speak, and no woman hears me, am I still wrong??  
Signed, Confused*

Dear Confused,

Interesting question! Before I answer, let's make some basic assumptions. First, I assume it's a clear day, not raining. Second, let's say it's in the summer and I'm wearing shorts.

Because I'm not much of a hiker / camper, I'm probably lost, and I've left my trusty compass at home. I know moss grows on one side of the tree but I'm not sure what side that is. Where's Bob Walkington when you need him?

OK, I now speak. I'd probably say "I think I'm lost." If I'm right, you probably wouldn't be reading this as I'd still be looking for a way out of the forest. If I'm wrong, then I found a way out of that damn, oops, sorry, darn forest, and made it home to write this answer. Now, no woman heard me, and I was wrong.

So the answer is, "YES" – I'm still wrong.

Signed, *Joe*

## From the Church Library

**A sampling of  
books added  
this fall:**

Pamphlet: **Your Child's Baptism** (Protestant edition)

This brief pamphlet will help parents reflect on why they want to baptize their child. After a brief background on the origin and meaning of baptism the writers show in text and pictures what to expect in the Christian sacrament of baptism.

287.9 M&S: **Sharing Our Vision**

The stories and activities in this booklet are meant to encourage thankful giving and to help children learn about their United Church and its Mission and Service Fund. Children will see how their gifts help people around the world.

229.8 DAV: **The Gospel of Thomas: annotated and explained** by Stevan Davies

In 1945 twelve ancient books were found inside a sealed jar at the base of an Egyptian cliff. One of those texts was the Gospel of Thomas. Written at the same time as the four gospels of the New Testament, it presents a new way of looking at Jesus and reminds us that we can find the Kingdom of God here and now.

248.32 NOU: **The Way of the Heart** by Henri Nouwen

In these increasingly more sound polluted and frenetic times Nouwen's simple, clear words will help those who seek to turn from a complex world to a connection with God through prayer, wisdom and silence.

*Don Mutch*

## Memorial Window

***"Thank you to all who  
have contributed to  
the Memorial  
Window."***

The final stage of the Memorial Window (Phase One) was completed in early September and the Memorial Committee would like to thank all those members of the Congregation who made financial contributions and ensured the success of the project. The Committee is in the process of preparing a book listing the contributors to the Window and the parties in memory of whom donations were made. It is planned that the book will be available for permanent viewing in the Church. The Committee will continue to receive donations directed to the Memorial Window.

*The Memorial Window Committee*

### Bazaar 2004 Update

Due to a number of sales, particularly of furniture, which occurred after the Bazaar officially closed on Saturday, and the receipt of a donation that came all the way from California, the Bazaar total that was announced on October 24 must be adjusted.

As of October 27, 2004 the total raised at the Bazaar is **\$21,217!!!**

Thanks to all for a very successful Bazaar 2004.

*Karen McNeil*

**Nepean Fine Arts League**, together with the Pottery Guild, invite you to attend their sale at the Nepean **Sportsplex, December 5, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

(Voluntary donations to the Food Bank would be appreciated.)

*Helen Fluken*

## Bulletin Board

(\*Note - please check the weekly Bulletin to confirm time and place)

### November 2004

12 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 14 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 19 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 19 Friday Ana Rodriguez Concert 8:00 p.m.  
 21 Sunday Pledge Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 26 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
     Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.  
 28 Sunday Advent I Service 10:00 a.m.  
     Communion  
     Deck the Halls 4:00 p.m.  
     Potluck Supper 5:30 p.m.  
     Carol Sing 7:00 p.m.

### December 2004

4 Saturday Strings of St. John Concert 8:00 p.m.  
 5 Sunday Advent II Service 10:00 a.m.  
     White Gift  
     Kindle-A-Flame Service 7:00 p.m.  
 6 Monday UCW Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
 12 Sunday Advent III Service  
     Lessons & Carols  
 19 Sunday Advent IV Service - Pageant  
 24 Friday Christmas Eve  
     Family Service 7:00 p.m.  
     Communion 10:00 p.m.  
     Church closes at noon  
 25 Saturday - Christmas Day - church closed  
 26 Sunday - Family Service 10:00 a.m.  
 27 & 28 Church closed  
 31 Friday - church closes at noon

### January 2005

1 Saturday New Year's Day - church closed  
 2 New Members Breakfast 8:45 a.m.  
     Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
     Communion  
     Reception of New Members  
 3 Church closed  
 8 & 9 Sat. & Sun Adult Ski Trip  
 9 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 14 Friday Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.  
 16 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 21 Friday Spaghetti Supper & Games 6:30 p.m.  
 23 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
     Stone Soup Lunch  
 30 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

### February 2005

4 Friday Men's Dinner 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
 5 Saturday Men's Dinner 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
 6 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 8 Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
 11 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 12 & 13 Sat & Sun WYG Ski Trip  
 13 Sunday Lent I Service & Communion 10:00 a.m.  
 18 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 20 Sunday Lent II Service  
     Scout/Guide Service  
 25 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 27 Sunday Lent III Service

### March 2005

4 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 4-5-6 Fri., Sat., Sun. WYG Fasting in Faith Weekend  
 6 Sunday Lent IV Service  
     Anniversary Sunday  
     Annual Financial/Stat. Meeting  
 11 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 11 Friday The Ottawa Bach Choir Concert 8:00 p.m.  
 13 Sunday Lent V Service  
 18 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
 20 New Members Breakfast 8:45 a.m.  
     Sunday Lent VI Service 10:00 a.m.  
     Palm Sunday  
     Reception of New Members  
 24 Thursday - Maundy Thursday Supper 6:00 p.m.  
 25 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.  
     Good Friday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
     Church closed following the service  
 27 Sunday - Easter Sunrise Service  
     Family Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
     Communion  
 28 Monday - Easter Monday - Church Closed

### April 2005

1 Friday Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.  
 3 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 9 Saturday - Scouts/Beavers/Cubs Pancake Breakfast  
 10 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 16 Saturday - GST Auction & BBQ  
 17 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 24 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 29 Friday Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.

Bulletin Board (continued)

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May 2005

- 1 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
6 Friday Woodroffe Concert Series
"Yoriko Kimmons & Friends"
& Reception 8:00 p.m.
8 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
13 Friday Strings of St. John Concert 8:00 p.m.
15 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost
Confirmation & Communion
22 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
23 Monday Victoria Day - church closed
27 Friday Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.
29 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

June 2005

- 5 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
BBQ & Baseball
6 Monday - UCW Potluck Dinner
12 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Annual Congregational Program Meeting
19 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
24 Friday Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.
26 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

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WUC SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Two important social justice issues, which have been brought to the attention of the M & S Committee, are noted below.

Landmine Clearance & Survivor Assistance

In August the Canadian Landmine Foundation announced that it will operate as part of the global Adopt-a-Minefield Campaign. The campaign channels funds through the United Nations and has raised over \$14.5 million for mine clearance and survivor assistance. These funds have been targeted to the most heavily mined countries in the world: Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Croatia, Mozambique and Vietnam.

The most recent initiative to raise funds is entitled "Night of a Thousand Dinners". Organizations, churches and/or individuals are encouraged to host a dinner and ask the guests to make a freewill donation to landmine clearance and survivor assistance activities. While one is encouraged to host an event at the beginning of November, funds will, no doubt, be accepted at any time. Please see www.1000dinners.com for details.

Overcoming Violence

The World Council of Churches has named the period from 2001 to 2010 as the Decade to Overcome Violence (DOV). The mission theme of the UCC from May 2003 to May 2005 is Overcoming Violence: Seeking Reconciliation & Peace. Specifically, Nov. 25 to Dec. 10th has been designated as 16 days for a worldwide campaign on Overcoming Violence against Women and Children. They have named the campaign On the Wings of a Dove (www.wcc-coe.org/dov). Another campaign of interest is one developed by men for men to address issues of violence facing them: The White Ribbon Campaign (www.whiteribbon.ca).

Please take an occasional look at the Social Justice bulletin board just outside the chapel. Stay tuned for more information on social justice issues!

Judy Chaplin



## **Mission and Service**

### Beads of Hope on TV

The United Church of Canada's Beads of Hope Campaign in support of world aid for the HIV/AIDS pandemic will come to an end on December 31, 2004. Contributions from United Church members have far exceeded the planned targets for this endeavour. As the global partners of the United Church of Canada continue with their work on issues related to HIV/AIDS, ongoing support to the Mission and Service Fund will be essential to support the core financing for these programs initiated with Beads of Hope funding.

On November 28 and December 5, the United Church's weekly television program *Spirit Connection* will present two programs which will highlight HIV/AIDS related work being done by United Church partners in Mozambique and Tanzania. This is an excellent opportunity to see how your support to the Beads of Hope Campaign and your ongoing commitment to the Mission and Service Fund are making a difference.

Spirit Connection airs Sunday nights at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time on Vision TV.

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### Progress toward 2004 Goal

As of October 8, 2004, the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada had only reached 53.91% of its 2004 goal of \$30.3 million. It is through this fund that the United Church supports service and ministry in Canada and around the globe. For more information visit: [www.united-church.ca/msfund](http://www.united-church.ca/msfund).

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### Welcome ...

The Mission and Service Committee welcomes Judy Chaplin to the committee. Judy will be responsible for any social justice issues which are brought to the attention of the committee through congregation members, from the local area, or from the head office of the United Church of Canada. Judy joins fellow M&S committee members – Muriel McGuinty, Margaret Ault, Bev McKee, and Marcia Armstrong. Brian Copeland provides ministerial support for this committee.

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***It is the 80<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the  
United Church in  
2005.***

***How shall we  
celebrate?***

*Marcia Armstrong*



**Thank you, Pat!!****Honorary Elders**

The Honorary Elders held their Annual Fall Luncheon Meeting on October 3, 2004. Guests included Reverends Jan Lougheed, Don Boyd and Brian Copeland; as well as, Chair of Council Larry Richardson.

The guest speaker was Rev. Copeland who spoke on "Sports and Religion". It was a very informative and amusing dissertation on the commonalities of both activities.

The meeting was chaired by Hal Gillis who reported that the Executive, under the direction of Acting Chair Cathy Ziai, was continuing efforts to find a replacement for Past Chair Percy Hillier who resigned in April 2004. Honorary Elders were asked for suggestions. Percy Hillier was thanked for his continuing dedication to the work of the Honorary Elders Committee.

*Hal Gillis*

**Church Improvement Suggestions**

If you have any suggestions regarding improvements that should be made to our church, such as painting, repairs, replacements, etc., please pass along your suggestion to either myself or Elwood Hodgins.

The Admin & Finance Committee has some ideas for such improvements, but would like to hear from the congregation for their ideas and suggestions. Don't be shy, all ideas are welcome.

Thank You.

*Joe Smarkala*

There's someone at Woodroffe United who needs to be formally thanked for all he's done over the past number of years. It's Pat Pearson, our trusty caretaker. We're really fortunate in having Pat here at Woodroffe.

Pat's the one who keeps our church clean each week, who ensures we have heat in the winter, who sets up rooms for Woodroffe events as well as for those who rent space, who keeps our parking lot clear of refuse, and who is always there when you need some help.

In addition to all of that, Pat is often asked to work extra paid hours when we need someone in the church to preside over people using our facilities on Friday nights (his normal day off), on Saturday evenings and sometimes even Sundays. We get a lot of Use of Space rent (which we really need!) because Pat is willing to help us out at these times when he's normally off.

After this year's recent Bazaar, Pat also worked until midnight on Saturday cleaning the church, putting things away and making sure the church was back to normal for Sunday service. Anyone who came to church on Sunday following the Bazaar would not have known that a few hours earlier it was quite a mess. Thanks to Pat, and all the volunteers, for cleaning the church.

The next time you run into Pat, tell him how much we appreciate him being here. Maybe, he'll offer to sing you an 'aria' that he does so well.

Pat, on behalf of everyone here at Woodroffe, thank you very much.

*Joe Smarkala*

Shipwrecked man to another:

**"Don't worry-we'll be found. My pledge to the church is due this week."**... Al Johns in the Joyful Newsletter (Reader's Digest)

**Membership Relations**

*Mary Frances Laughton*

**Job Vacancies**

In the last newsletter, I wrote of jobs that needed filling. We were blessed to have response to several of them. Ivey Johnston is our new Greeter Coordinator, Don Mutch is the new Keeper of the Roll. We are still looking for Coffee Conveners, a Driver Coordinator and now we are looking for new members for the committee and an Archivist. Thanks to those who have come forward! Any more takers??? Call me at 828-5591.

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**Directory Preparations**

We are now putting in place plans for the 2005 Woodroffe Telephone Directory. Some folks have asked us to include e-mail addresses. The Directory is published each year in January as a tool for congregation members to keep in touch. At no time is it to be used for any commercial or soliciting purposes, nor is it to be shared outside the congregation. We do not sell the directories, rather we ask for a token amount to cover the cost of producing them.

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**E-Mail Listings**

We have a list of member e-mail addresses in the office which is used only for committee and administrative purposes. Some people have requested that they receive correspondence from the church by this means. If you are interested in using e-mail, would you please fill in the following form and leave it in my box in the hallway.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Receive newsletter by e-mail	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive minutes/agenda by e-mail	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive admin messages by e-mail	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Include my e-mail address in the Church Directory	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Copper Kettle Recipes – 2004**

Making lunch for 128 can be a challenge, but fall is the perfect time to do it. Here are the recipes from the market-fresh lunch at this year's bazaar. Veggies in large quantities were inexpensive at the market, as some vendors are getting ready to close up for the season. Since most of us are cooking for just a few, I've included family size quantities after each item.

**Parkdale Market Roasted Vegetable Soup**

- 3/4 bushel field tomatoes (4 medium)
- 1 bushel red peppers (4 large)
- 10 lb carrots (4 large)
- 10 lb onions (1 large)
- 11 litres low-salt chicken stock  
(½ litre or more) (For vegetarian  
soup, substitute vegetable cooking  
water with a little salt.)
- 1 whole garlic (1 clove)
- 1 bunch fresh dill (1 tbs dried)
- 3 tbs ground cumin (1/2 tsp)
- 1/4 cup *herbs de province*  
(or whatever you like)
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil (2 tbs)
- purple cauliflower florets for garnish  
(be creative)

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Cut the tomatoes in half. Toss with half the olive oil and the minced garlic. Place cut side down on a greased cookie pan and roast until the skins are just starting to turn dark. When cool, remove the skins.

Cut the peppers in half and remove the seeds and membranes. Place cut side down on a greased cookie pan and roast until skins are partly black. When cool, remove the skins.

Cut the carrots into large pieces, toss in the remaining olive oil and spread out on a cookie pan. Roast until the carrots are tender.

Cut the onions in quarters. Roast until the edges are darkening.

(You can toss the raw veggies together and roast them at the same time. Be sure to discard the tomato and pepper skins.)

Blend all of the vegetables in a food processor, including all of the juices. Add chicken stock or other liquid to your desired consistency. Add the herbs and spices. I didn't add any salt. Heat and serve. Garnish each bowl with a contrasting coloured raw vegetable or orange rind. Plan on serving seconds!

**Apple Crisp for 128**

1 ½ bushels of wind fall apples, peeled, cored & sliced; 6 cups white sugar; 6 cups brown sugar; 12 cups rolled oats; 2 cups white flour; 4 cups whole wheat flour; ¾ cup cinnamon; 1 tbs ground cloves; 5 sticks butter (1 ¼ lb).

Toss apple chunks in the white flour and white sugar and place in a greased pan. Dot the apples with the butter. Mix the remaining ingredients and cover the apples. Bake at 375 °F until bubbly and browned on top. Use clear-skinned apples—Spies if you can find them—and don't bother peeling them. If you don't mind the skins, they add brilliant shots of colour to the crisp. Apple crisp is something you don't need a recipe for, although this one is based on the one in Anne Lindsay's *New Light Cooking*.

*Jamie Hockin*



## *News from the United Church Women*

There are four active UCW units here at Woodroffe. Westwood, Renaissance, and Central-Midway meet during the day, while Jubilee meets in the evening.

The executive consists of the President, Joanne Tuttle; Card Convener, Marjorie Berry; Library Convener, Faye Parker; and Unit Leaders: Jean MacMillan, Ivey Johnston, Pat Forsyth, Betty Jean Bone, and Kringen Henein. The position of Recording Secretary is presently filled by Joan McLeod who will retire at the end of November. Betty Jean Bone has graciously offered to replace Joan. Ivey Johnston will retire as Treasurer at the end of December. Lynne Crocker will replace Ivey as our new Treasurer. The position of Vice President remains vacant.

Activities include brown bag lunch and social, a presentation by a local retirement home, an evening of making garlic baskets, book reviews for summer reading, assembling soup packages to sell, hymn sings, and presentations on topics of interest such as Heart Attacks and Strokes, Interior Decorating, to name a few. Meetings are advertised on the green sheets inserted in the Sunday Bulletins. New members are always welcomed, so don't be shy, come out to any of the meetings that interest you.

The Wednesday sewing group continues to be active sewing and quilting as well as making procedure dolls for CHEO.

The Friends of the Family group provide refreshments following funeral and memorial services.

The annual bus trip in June is open to all women as are the potluck dinners in June and December. Last June, Debbie Watts, Executive Director of the Friends of Hospice, gave an interesting talk about the services available through the hospice program.

Our December potluck will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of planning a Candle Lighting Service to follow the potluck dinner. The church will be decorated for the Christmas season and there is always lots of food. So start thinking about what you want to bring for the dinner and plan to come out for a time of friendship and sharing with other women members of the church. Remember, you do not have to be a member of a UCW unit to attend this event.

*Joanne Tuttle*



**Woodroffe United Church - Music Plus Concert Series 2004 / 2005**

**There are three exciting concerts in the 2004 / 2005 Season  
and all take place in the Sanctuary of Woodroffe United Church.**

*(Watch for inserts in the Bulletins for more detailed information.)*

**Ana Lourdes Rodriguez, Pianist, presents  
"Latin-American Delights"**

**Friday, November 19, 2004.**

**8:00 p.m.**

Don't miss Ana's exciting performance of the rhythmic and energetic music of Latin America. Cuban-American pianist, Ana Lourdes Rodriguez, a specialist in Latin American Music, has performed extensively in concerts and recitals in the United States and abroad. Concert venues have included Boston, Miami, New York, Prague, and Rome. Ms. Rodriguez has performed in such prestigious concert halls as Steinway Hall, Merkin Hall, and Carnegie's Recital Hall. Because of her innovative programming, Miss Rodriguez has had much success with audiences and is commonly invited for repeat performances. In addition, her expertise in Latin American music has made her a frequent performer for music organizations such as, "The Dominican Association of Classical Artists" and "Amigos de la Zarzuela". Ms. Rodriguez is a regular pianist for the Museum of the American Piano in New York. The television show **Raises**, which highlights new talent, has televised Miss Rodriguez's concerts.

**The Ottawa Bach Choir,  
Conducted by Dr. Lisette Canton**

**Friday, March 11, 2005**

**8:00 p.m.**

The Ottawa Bach Choir will present a varied program of choral delights. The Ottawa Bach Choir, founded in 2002 by Dr. Lisette Canton, has already achieved national and international recognition and been acclaimed as one of Ottawa's most outstanding choral ensembles. Consisting of some of the best choristers from the National Capital Region and beyond, the Choir performs music from all historical periods while keeping Bach's choral oeuvre as the focus of its repertoire. This season the Choir's first concert entitled, *Baroque Christmas Around the World*, will be recorded live for national broadcast on Radio-Canada.

**Yoriko Kimmons and Friends**

**Evelyn Greenberg, Piano**

**Friday, May 6, 2005**

**8:00 pm.**

Singer, Yoriko, and some of her friends and students will present varied vocal gems.

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**Tickets** for each concert are:

Adults \$15 / Seniors and Students \$12 / Children (12 and under) \$8

Tickets may be purchased from the Church Office, after church on Sunday, and at the door.

*Pamela Koswitschka*

*Woodroffe United Church is also host to the following three musical events:*

**Strings of St. John Christmas Concert**

with **Laurence Ewashko (Baritone)**

**Saturday, December 4, 2004 8:00 p.m.**

Come and enjoy music of the Christmas season accompanied by the lush sounds of a twenty-two member string orchestra (with Concert Master, Janet Roy) under the direction of Dr. Gordon Johnston.

**Tickets:** General Admission \$15 / Seniors and Students \$12

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**Strings of St. John**

featuring **Pamela Hoswitschka, organ**

**Friday, May 13, 2005 8:00 p.m.**

**Tickets:** General Admission \$12 / Seniors and Students \$8

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**Canadian Showtime Chorus**

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005** afternoon

**Free Public Performance**

This is a champion singing group for women, specializing in a capella four-part harmony. A charter member of Sweet Adelines International, this 95 member chorus ranks in the top 20 of more than 600 choruses worldwide. Under the direction of Master Director, Sandra Nason, the Chorus provides audiences of all ages with energetic and dynamic performances of a wide range of music from traditional barbershop to contemporary, Broadway and Celtic. We are proud to be representing Lake Ontario Region at the Sweet Adelines International competition where we will be performing a Celtic package that includes a rousing Irish Medley (It's a Great Day for the Irish and MacNamara's Band) and the beautiful and poignant "That Tumble Down Shack in Athlone". Our members are all ages, from 18 up and come from all walks of life to share in the joy of music. This past year we released our first CD with a variety of well-known and loved songs such as "We are Family", "Over There", "Fare Thee Well" and "Turn Around". We are pleased to be able to share our music with the entire community at a free public performance at Woodroffe United Church on Sunday afternoon January 16th, 2005. We would be most pleased to have you visit us at our website:

[www.canadianshowtimechorus.com](http://www.canadianshowtimechorus.com).

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*Pamela Hoswitschka*

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## Brian's column

A friend tells me that in Australia Christmas Day is an opportunity to hang out at the beach. Oh that we should be so lucky in the Northern Hemisphere. I'll be thinking about him being on the beach while the snowflakes fall in Ottawa. We can't choose the situation into which we are born. We don't choose our parents. Life comes as it is, the beach for some, snowflakes for others.

The story of Jesus birth seems so intriguing because of the unexpected people and places. Who would have picked Mary and Joseph out of a crowd as parents of the Messiah? And who

could have ever guessed that a cattle shed would have been the delivery room for the Christ? Jesus' birth didn't fit the expected norms. Even today we want to make the event as quaint as possible. But Jesus birth, like his life and death, will never fit the imagination of our eyes.

As we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season, keep your eyes wide open, listen intently, and watch avidly for the presence of God born again in our world. It may well come in ways that we could not imagine, and might never expect. Look for the surprises God brings into your life this

season, to see how and where Christ is born for you.

May the blessing of the child in Bethlehem's manger come to you and to those whom you love in extraordinary ways this year. As you gather to celebrate with us in worship and song may the story of holy birth sing in your heart in unimagined channels of love.

Peace be with you,

*Brian*

*"As we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season, keep your eyes wide open, listen intently, and watch avidly for the presence of God born again in our world."*

## A Place in the Community

I stand mesmerized by the falling leaves from the autumn trees. Each leaf, in its own unique way floats to the ground and settles in among others which have found their place on the cool earth. Soon the greenery of the lawn is matted with a maze of bright colour.

Each leaf finds its own niche.

We too, within the church community find our own niche. Whether it is lending a hand in the kitchen peeling vegetables for soup, sorting recycling,

chairing a committee, participating in worship, or offering a listening ear to another in need, we seem to find our own niche.

It is in finding our unique place that we give to and receive back from the life and work of our church. Our bazaar always highlights for us the gifts of people in action here at Woodroffe. Somehow these gifts seem to continue throughout the year as we all contribute to the fellowship and community building in our church.

As we enter this Advent Season and ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of The Christ, may we settle into our niche in this creative community and offer ourselves as servants preparing the way.

Shalom,

*Jan*

*"It is in finding our unique place that we give to and receive back from the life and work of our church."*

## A round of applause!! Woodroffe's Sewing Group Wins CHEO Order of the Good Bear



Those of you who were in Church on Thanksgiving Sunday heard Rev. Jan Lougheed tell the children about our procedure dolls, and about CHEO giving the Woodroffe Sewing Group the Order of the Good Bear. It was nice to hear the applause of the congregation.

Perhaps you wondered what was so special about the funny looking little white dolls and how we started making them. It all happened about 3 years ago. Gerry Grandmaison's granddaughter is a Child Life Specialist at CHEO. She told her grandfather about wanting a source for these dolls and he volunteered us. He also acted as our courier until his sudden death this summer.

How are these dolls used? The Child Life Specialist demonstrates on the doll the procedure the child will have. Then the doll is given to the child with a kit to personalize it as they wish. We have a snapshot of a little boy who broke his leg just before the summer holidays. The doll has a cast on also. Somehow this simple act helps to calm the fear of the unknown. We hope to continue making them as long as we can help a frightened child.

Oh, yes, we do other things as well. There is usually a quilt under way. We have a table at the Bazaar with items made throughout the year. We welcome new members. We meet Wednesday mornings. For more information call 596-1221 and speak with Fran.

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**About Woodroffe:**

Woodroffe United Church offers a West-end Ottawa church home within the fellowship of the United Church of Canada. We are a welcoming and caring community which includes a modern Church School program using the Whole People of God curriculum, an active outreach program, a dedicated pastoral care team and a broad variety of opportunities for worship and spiritual growth. The church is managed by a Church Council that operates through committees open to anyone wishing to participate. We have many mid-week activities for youth and adults and we provide a home for other community groups.

Woodroffe United Church operates under a council system, using committees to undertake specific responsibilities and activities. All committees need people to function and there is a job for everyone. Our committees include: Administration & Finance; Christian Education; Membership Relations; Ministry & Personnel; Mission & Service; Outreach; United Church Women; and Worship.

**To learn more visit our newly designed website:**

[www.woodroffeunited.org](http://www.woodroffeunited.org)

The Woodroffe United Church web site has been designed to provide information of interest to members and adherents of the congregation as well as to friends, visitors, those new to our community and anyone else who wishes to learn about who we are.

