

The W.U.C. Uniter

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- Do you want to receive our newsletter by e-mail? Just advise Mary Frances Laughton.
- Can you open a "Word" attachment to an e-mail?
- Do you have suggestions for newsletter items? Do you have an article to contribute?

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Have you ever taken a look at our guest book in the Sanctuary...?

Each Sunday at the beginning of our worship service, those visiting with us are invited to sign the guest register at the back of the Sanctuary and introduce themselves to our Honorary Elder who is waiting there to greet them. Have you ever wondered how many visitors we receive? And, from where they are visiting?

Wilma Curd approached me one day and suggested that this might be an interesting note for our newsletter. So, I found a day and spent it

reviewing the guest book. Since we started keeping the current guest book in June 1997, a total of about 760 visitors have been recorded. And, they hail from far and wide, including right across Canada, many US states, England, Wales, Scotland, Tokyo, and Cape Town!

Leaf through the guest book some time and see the many interesting entries. There are comments, such as, "a veritable feast of music".

Look around on Sundays to see if there is someone "new" in the

congregation. Bring them along to coffee time in the Banquet Hall following the service and make them feel welcome. Anyone have any other ideas for news features? All ideas and contributions are welcome. Just drop them in Box #46, or send them by e-mail to www.hodginse@magma.ca

Brenda Hodgins

P.S. Thanks for the news item suggestion, Wilma!

ASK JOE

Well, hello there. It seems that my previous column was well received as a number of new questions have arrived. Please keep them coming!

I've decided to give you a bonus and answer two questions in this issue.

Question 1

Dear Joe:

I happened to hear that our church has become very successful in renting space. I only get to church on Sundays but would be interested in hearing more about these activities.

Signed,

Curious

Dear Curious:

A very good, timely question. Yes, this past year has been a "banner" year at Woodroffe for renting out space. In 2004, the revenues received for rentals were over \$28,000, 41% higher than 2003. What's the reason? It could be our reasonable rates, our location, or our facilities. I can't say what the real reason was, but we hope it continues. There are two categories of renters; repeaters (weekly, monthly, etc.), and one timers (special events, weddings, meetings, etc.). Examples of repeat customers are Kumon (educational training), Kiwanis, Club 2000, and the Woodworking Society. One time customers were also numerous. This past summer the neighboring YMCA used the Lower Hall. This added

\$3,000 to our revenues. We have set rates for renting various rooms (Banquet Hall, kitchen, etc.)

We also include costs for setup and supervision, when required. Our caretaker, Pat, has been very helpful in taking care of these additional areas.

This is an important and needed source of revenue for Woodroffe. If you know of any organization that is looking for space, please mention Woodroffe to them.

Signed, *Joe*

(See p. 3 for Question 2)

From the Church Library

What better time of year than winter to read a new book that presents us with a challenge, new ideas or information! Try one or all of the new books below.

***A sampling of
new books:***

- 306.6 Restless Churches by Reginald Bibby
BIB Bibby shows how churches can contribute to "the emerging religious renaissance" in Canada by welcoming people with spiritual hunger into their midst. Reviewed favourably in the January 2005 issue of the *Observer* magazine.
- 287.9 A Faith Journey compiled & edited by Michael Nyenhuis
NYE Nyenhuis, a lay presbyter from Kanata United Church, has produced an attractive book showing a photo of the interior and exterior of each United Church in Ottawa Presbytery. Opposite the photos is a one page concise history of each church.
- 220.6 The Bible from Scratch: the New Testament for Beginners by Donald L. Griggs
Griggs This book offers any lay person a very helpful basic guide to the scriptures with theological interpretation.

Don Mutch

Next Newsletter Contribution Deadline

***"Thank you to all who
have contributed to
our Newsletter...keep
the articles coming."***

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed items for inclusion in the newsletter. It would be great, as we go through our church year, to report on some of the many activities that we have shared and enjoyed. Those responsible for organizing these activities are encouraged to send in a story on how things went and any other interesting anecdotes from the events. This is just a heads-up that the articles for the next newsletter will be due in early May (the specific deadline will be noted in the Sunday service green sheets as time nears). However, don't wait!! All items are gratefully accepted sooner rather than later! So, if you have organized an event and would like to share your success story, just send it in. Thanks a bunch!

Brenda Hodgins

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To show the squirrel it could be done.

Bulletin Board

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

February 2005

4 Friday Men's Dinner 6:30 p.m.
 5 Saturday Men's Dinner 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.
 25 Spaghetti & Games Night 6:00 p.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.

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.

ASK JOE (continued from page 1)

Question 2

Dear J:

I hear that you are a pretty good Scrabble player. What's your secret?

Signed, Three Letter Sam

Dear Three Letter:

First of all, I never put out three letter words normally they're 6 or 7 letters long. Also there's a little known technique of drawing letters from the bag that I've perfected. Knowing your P's and Q's is important, and finally, knowing your opponent's weaknesses is essential (e.g., are they good with Q's, do they understand the value of S's. etc.). Following these guidelines will allow you too to become the Scrabble champ for the Western Hemisphere, as I did last year, twice.

Signed,

Joe

(Current reigning Scrabble champion of The Universe As We Know It)

(Note: The following article was intended for the November newsletter but was lost in "Cyberus" space and did not make it! It was included in one of our Sunday bulletins, but is worth repeating here.)

Where does it all go?

In the week leading up to the Woodroffe Bazaar, more than one person was heard wondering out loud just where all the items crowding the hallways and covering the stage had come from. But have you ever wondered where all our leftovers go at the end of the day? While Bazaar 2004 is history, it is interesting to find out where all the surplus items ended up.

As the Bazaar wound down on October 23, Eva Lamb of the West End Interfaith Social Action Group and Judith Cooney of our Outreach Committee collected linens, kitchen ware, small appliances and even furniture for distribution to people moving out of the Carling Family Shelter and into a new home. Some of the clothing from Second-Hand Rose that was left unsold went to a women's shelter. Damaged or otherwise not saleable books were recycled, and saleable books were shipped off to Kanata United Church for their upcoming book sale. Some of them will no doubt make their way back to Woodroffe for next year's bazaar!

Unsold mittens, hats and scarves were packed up and in December decorated our mitten trees in the Narthex. Other items from the Wednesday sewing group's table were given to Outreach or offered for sale at the UCW Christmas potluck dinner. Some jewelry was put in storage for next year, while the rest, along with the remaining tools, sporting goods, clothes, picture frames, house wares, linens, "fleas" and other items, were boxed for delivery to the Salvation Army and Value Village. Even though the Church paid to have these leftovers picked up, the cost was no more than what we would have paid for extra dumpsters had a home not been found for these items.

What about all the waste that inevitably accumulates during bazaar season? Rather than going into the garbage, compostable kitchen waste was bagged by the kitchen crew and now lies decomposing in the Hockin's backyard. Thanks to the diversion efforts of Mary Lynne Harvey, Marie Gwilyn and Jan Lougheed, plastics and Styrofoam that would otherwise have gone into a landfill are being exported to Trenton for recycling. What's more, a dumpster-load of cardboard and paper was diverted and either stored in Woodroffe's sheds by Pat Pearson or farmed out to congregation members for curbside pick-up by the City of Ottawa. The "box busters" even took time out to sell a couple of trunks that remained.

In the end, thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth Harvey and Sean Norton, the bazaar table conveners and many other individuals, just one dumpster was needed for the material that could not be reused, recycled, diverted, stored, sold or given away. And, in the disposing of our bazaar leftovers, we honored the United Church creed, which calls us to love and serve others and live with respect in Creation.

A job well done!!!

Shirley Hockin



Mission and Service

Refugee Update

It is hard to believe that over five and a half years ago, in May of 1999, Islam, Zoja, Leotrim Nuhijaj as well as Islam's nephew, Jeton, arrived in Ottawa as part of the Government of Canada's program for refugees from the war in the former Yugoslavia. Muhamed, Jeton's brother, followed a few months later.

On Thursday, December 30, 2004, several members of the former WUC Refugee Committee met at the home of Jeanette Montgomery for a potluck lunch with the Nuhijaj family. Since their arrival in Canada, the family has expanded to five with the addition of Nentor and Alban. Unfortunately Jeton (20 yrs) and Muhamed (19 yrs) were unable to attend due to their work commitments. Both boys have jobs in construction.

A lovely time was had by all. There was plenty of food including a delicious "pita" which Zoja made. It was heartwarming to note the cheerful disposition of all family members. Zoja continues with English language lessons while Leotrim (10 yrs) and Nentor (4 yrs) attend D.Roy Kennedy School. Alban (2 yrs) has a couple of years before he begins formal schooling. At present, Islam is tending to health issues.

Thanks to Jeanette for suggesting and hosting this event!

Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD)

The Government of Canada has not yet decided whether to support the U.S. in the deployment of a missile defence shield system. For information and to learn about the work of churches in opposition to the plan, please see www.ceasefire.ca. Interested individuals can sign a petition online.

Judy Chaplin



Wednesday Sewing Group

We are still making procedure dolls for CHEO. Catnip mice continue to be a popular item, especially for cats.

There is a beautiful new quilt in frames and our quilters are busy.

If you are making items for our next bazaar, we have a good stock of craft supplies. Even better join us and share your skills. We welcome new members.

We meet Wednesday mornings in Rooms 21 & 23 upstairs. Contact Fran McKean for more information. . . phone: 596-1221.

Fran McKean

A nun asked her class to write notes to God. Here are some they handed in ...

Dear God:

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool.

Dear God:

Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You keep the ones You already have?

Dear God:

Maybe Cain and Abel would not have killed each other if they had their own rooms. That's what my Mom did for my brother and me.

Dear God:

If You watch me in church on Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes.

Dear God:

I bet it is very hard to love everyone in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I'm having a hard time loving all of them.

(More to follow in the next issue...

thanks to *Sue Smarkala*
for contributing these gems!)

A few chuckles from "365 Days of Duct Tape"

1. Prevent windshield chips and icing ... Cover your entire car windshield with duct tape. Can't see? Roll down your side window and stick our head out like a dog.
2. Prevent chapped lips ... A strip of duct tape over each lip does the trick. (Great UV protection, too!)
3. Better than breath mints ... Eat too much garlic? Duct tape a pine tree air freshener in front of your face.

Membership Relations

Mary Frances Laughton

We at Woodroffe are indebted to Larry Richardson for the untold hours of efforts he has put into designing and developing a new membership database for us. This database will contain contact information for all members and adherents of Woodroffe. All this information will be maintained according to the new Federal Privacy laws. It will be under lock, key and password and only those who must have the information will be allowed access to it.

The formal ROLL of the congregation that lists full members of the congregation is an old black book filled with handwriting. Don Mutch has taken the responsibility for keeping that up to date. Every person who has ever been a member of Woodroffe is listed in that book.

The first draft of the 2005 Woodroffe Telephone Directory is being proofread now. We have decided not to include email addresses this year but if you would like to have your email address available to other members, could you please drop me a note in my box or send an email to the office (wuch@woodroffeunited.org) and we will include it in the membership database. The Directory is published each year in February 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. If you do not wish to have your name in the directory, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Job Vacancies

In the last two newsletters, I have written of jobs that needed filling. Each time, we move a little forward. Jacinda Bain is our new Archivist so now we are just looking to fill the rolls of Coffee Convener and Driver Coordinator. We are always looking for members to serve on our Membership Services Committee. Thanks to those who have come forward!

Any more takers??? Call me at 828-5591.

E-Mail Listings

I included this message in the last newsletter and got 5 replies. If you would like to email the office with your comments, please do so.

We have a list of member emails 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.

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"/>



Council Notes

(From Chair of Council)

The United Church of Canada provides for three alternative organizational models for Pastoral Charges: Session/Stewards/Official Board; a unified board structure called the Official Board; and a council structure called the Church Council.

The organizational model at Woodroffe United Church, since 1970, is a church council. The Congregation or Pastoral Charge determines and defines the organization and duties of those committees that are responsible and empowered to exercise particular functions of ministry as well as the organization and responsibilities of the Church Council.

The work of the church is accomplished by Council through the following committees: Worship, Membership Relations, Administration/Finance, Christian Education, Mission and Service, Outreach, Ministry and Personnel, and the Board of Trustees.

The United Church provides "The Manual" as a means to communicate to members the policy and current guidelines of the church. The Manual is generally updated every three years after the meeting of General Council. In addition, Woodroffe United Church has developed its "Terms of Reference" which articulates in more detail how the work of the church is carried out. Currently, the terms of reference of all committees is being reviewed by Council and any necessary revisions will be brought forward in a recommendation to the congregation.

Most committee meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend. Notices of committee meetings may be found in the Sunday Bulletin or by calling the Church office. The congregation has two Annual Meetings, one focusing on finances, statistics and the budget (to be held on Sunday, March 6, 2005) and the other focuses on the programs within the church (to be held Sunday, June 12, 2005).

The success of the work of Council and the Committees depends upon the faithful participation of all its members. If you are interested in more information or might be interested in becoming a member of a committee or council, please let me know.

Larry Richardson

Literary Corner

**The wonders of nature are ours to behold,
Be sure to observe them as they unfold,
They change as the seasons, bringing something new,
So be sure to observe them if they're new to you.
Each day will bring you some new treasure
Which should provide you a new pleasure.
So smile, and let the world smile with you
Because if you frown, you may frown alone.**

Lloyd Rintoul

“We’re Gonna Sing”, February 26, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Woodroffe United Church and Kanata United Church choirs will be joining forces to put on a concert called, ‘We’re Gonna Sing’ on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Kanata United Church (33 Leacock Drive). The choirs are dedicating this concert to the memory of the former chorister, Mary Heard. Both choirs are very excited to present the world premiere of a choral piece of music which they had commissioned in memory of Mary. Toronto composer, Eleanor Daley, was chosen to write the musical composition. The program will also feature music for organ and harp; flute duos; a P.D.Q. Bach work for organ four hands; and much more. There is no admission charge but a free-will offering will be taken and the proceeds will benefit the Ottawa Cancer Society.

Woodroffe United Church - Music Plus Concert Series 2004 / 2005

All take place in the Sanctuary of Woodroffe United Church.

(See the following page for more detailed information.)

**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, was 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.

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.

And ...

We are delighted to welcome back the

Strings of St. Johns featuring **Pamela Hoswitschka, organ**
Friday, May 13, 2005 **8:00 p.m.**

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

Visit the Strings of St. Johns' web site for more information on their exciting season.

www.stringsofstjohns.ca

Pamela Hoswitschka



Dr. Lisette Canton, Conductor, Ottawa Bach Choir Friday, March 11, 2005 8:00 p.m.

Lisette Canton is the Founder and Artistic Director of the critically acclaimed Ottawa Bach Choir which opened its third season this year. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Canton moved to Canada in 1977. She has a Bachelor of Music degree in Performance from McGill University, a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting and Voice from Eastman School of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting and Voice from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Canton was recently appointed to the Department of Music at York University in Choral Conducting and Early Music Performance. Previously, she conducted the Carleton University Choir and taught at Carleton University. With the Carleton University Choir, Dr. Canton conducted many major choral works with orchestra, and toured in June, 2004 to Normandy, France, where the choir was invited to sing in the International Choral Festival at the University of Caen in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

Dr. Canton has established a large voice studio and is in demand as a vocal coach, technician, guest conductor, adjudicator and workshop leader, and has presented many workshops on choral conducting techniques, literature, and sight singing in Canada and the United States. She was recently one of the judges on the national jury of the 2004 CBC/Radio-Canada National Competition for Amateur Choirs. Dr. Canton has recorded for CBC Radio and Television, and has been the guest conductor of numerous ensembles in Canada and the United States. She is a member of the Association of Canadian Choral Conductors, the American Choral Conductors Association, the American Federation of Musicians, the College Music Society, and the Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association.

Yoriko Tanno-Kimmons, Soprano Friday, May 6, 2005 8:00 p.m.

Yoriko came to Canada at the age of 17. After obtaining her Associateship in the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, she studied opera at the University of British Columbia and continued with private lessons in Seattle and later in Toronto. She now coaches regularly with world-renowned opera expert Stuart Hamilton.

On the West Coast, she sang several solo engagements with the Vancouver Symphony, the Pacific Northwest Ballet of Seattle and the Prince George Symphony, and the role of Maria Corona in the Canadian première of Menotti's *The Saint of Bleeker Street*. Toronto roles have included Musetta in Co-opera's production of *La Bohème* and Tatiana in *Eugene Onégin* for Summer Opera Lyric Theatre. The Toronto Star noted her Mrs Li in the world première production of the musical *Tiananmen Dreams* and Ellen in Opera in Concert's *Lakmé*. Yoriko has often been heard in recital accompanied by Stuart Hamilton, with whom she has also recorded for the CBC. In 1998, she returned to Japan to sing for the first time in her native land: a four-concert tour, with Ottawa accompanist Evelyn Greenberg, including Yoriko's home town in Miyagi-ken, the Festival Hall in Tome and the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo. She continues to sing in recitals and concerts whenever time and opportunity permit.

As a busy and successful voice teacher in both Ottawa and Toronto, Yoriko emphasizes healthy and effective vocal production for singing styles ranging from bel canto to belting. Her students consistently excel in competitions and festivals at the local and provincial levels. Classical students are prepared for RCM exams and may be selected to sing, under professional direction, in her studio's annual *Shooting Stars Operatic Showcase*. Several sing in Opera Lyra Ottawa productions or have proceeded to vocal programs at post-secondary institutions. Many students opting for musical theatre careers have obtained professional roles in Toronto, on Broadway, with U.S. tour companies, etc. Despite a heavy student load, including teaching voice for Carleton University, Yoriko provides one-on-one instruction through private lessons. She has also given master classes for the Charlottetown Festival Youth Company, the Quebec Singing Teachers' Association, etc., and lectured for the Opera Lyra Ottawa Guild.



JOY AT PASAKA

What could be more heart warming than seeing smiling, happy children's faces?! Camp Pasaka provided that. Ingrid Mazuta, (from Ottawa's "Peace Latvian Lutheran Church"), a tireless organizer for the last 10 summers, made sure that 100 Latvian orphans or foster children (2 separate camps) had the opportunity to enjoy fun and laughter for 11 days during their holidays. From the time of flag raising to nightfall, great activities were planned.

Ten counselors helped, instructed, hugged and consoled 46 energetic Latvian youth. It took some time for many of the children to feel comfortable with, or trust their new "teachers" (their name for counselors). Once that was established we had a "rip roaring" time. The only difficulty was getting them to bed. In mid-June the sun sets at 11:30 p.m.! Promises of reading stories helped solve that problem. Some even enjoyed reading aloud, both in Latvian and in English!

Pasaka's campers had no time to become bored. Rain or shine, all were kept busy. And, it did rain the first six days of camp ... and nights were a wee bit chilly. I had six layers of clothing on, plus we all doubled up our blankets to keep warm. Rolf would rise an hour earlier each morning to get the fireplace going in our dining hall. Wet shoes, socks and various articles of clothing would decorate the massive fireplace.

Each day, Ingrid had a special theme planned. "Fantasy Day" or "People from Outer Space" got the imaginations running wild with regards to the costumes they put together, as did "Indian Day" and "Japan

Day". At those events the campers learned about some of the customs and activities of these people. We even had our own Olympics at Camp Pasaka – a full day of sports (it wasn't difficult getting them to bed that evening). Another most interesting event was "Moral Activities Day". Counselors were positioned at different stations of the camp, demonstrating different walks of life. Their main question was "Does Money Alone Provide Happiness?" All fortunately came to the conclusion that it doesn't.

Within the "Theme Days", the children not only played volleyball, basketball, and swam they participated in singing and folk dancing. When tired out by the physical activities, they showed great interest in creating musical instruments. The whistle and the "earth drum" were among the most popular. "Me, please Me next" were pleas heard, asking Rolf to teach them.

A demonstration of pride was clearly evident as most of the campers made valiant attempts at cleaning their rooms each morning after a hearty breakfast. The trophy, a gold colored plastic turkey, was the sought after reward. Not only was it insufficient to have a tidy, clean room, but creative juices were needed in the art of interior decorating. Blankets were artfully displayed on the wall, as were colorful branches and wild flowers.

A bit apprehensive as first time counselors, Rolf and I knew that we were ready and willing to be with these less fortunate children again. Their appreciation was in evidence particularly on the last day of camp by many hugs and tears ... many thanks, Ingrid!

Vija and Rolf

Wellness - Health - Openness - Love - Energy - Yourself

TAKE TIME TO BE 'WHOLEY' is a series of monthly educational sessions relating to Wellness organized and coordinated by Dana Richardson and Debbie Poole.

The series began in October with Speakers, Jean Willson, Naturotherapist (Wellness of Body), Rev. Chuck Spicer (Wellness of Mind) and Rev. Brian Copeland (Wellness of Spirit).

The second event was a meditation in the Hawaiian tradition presented by Shelia Wallace.

Rev. Jan Lougheed's presentation allowed us to slow down and take time to listen to and reflect on our inner guidance.

The most recent presentation by Dr. Colin Cameron was on Forgiveness.

Circle your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and join us in the Chapel. There are more interesting sessions to come!

Dana Richardson

96th Ottawa Scouts

The Scouts had a busy Fall, beginning with a day of rock climbing in Gatineau Park in September. Fall camp (at Rock Dunder near Morton) was a bit soggy but enjoyed by all. Other special outings included a BBQ/games night at Britannia Beach, laser tag, and caroling with the Cubs at several homes in the area. The Beavers & Cubs joined us in our Fall leaf bag campaign, and 75 youth, leaders and parents gathered together on Remembrance Day at the Westboro Cenotaph where each section laid wreaths, and we held a small service. In October, the Scouts manned the annual hot dog and pop stand at the Bazaar, and in November, fourteen leaders and senior youth from the 96th completed an intensive weekend-long St. John Ambulance First Aid and CPR course. Upcoming scheduled events include the annual region-wide Klondike Sled Derby in Gatineau Park near Lusville, a winter camp on Charleston Lake, the Scout Trucks derby, providing the entertainment for the April Pancake Breakfast, outdoor and indoor rock climbing, an early spring hiking camp, a late spring canoe camp, and hopefully a late summer extended canoe camp for senior Scouts planning to continue on to Venturers.

96th Ottawa Beavers

The Beavers have enjoyed meetings full of crafts, stories, songs and games. We have decorated small pumpkins, made and decorated gingerbread houses, made hand-prints out of clay and created some Christmas craft items. We helped the Cubs & Scouts with their Fall leaf bag sales campaign and Apple Day. The Cubs invited us to the Hallowe'en party in October and we joined with all sections at the Westboro Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. The highlight of our Fall programs was a family camp at Camp Opemikon where we hiked around to Eagle Cliff and also over to another lake on the property, made paper airplanes, played lots of games and enjoyed a campfire with another Cub group which happened to be at the camp the same weekend.

Peter Morrison



Successful Tsunami Relief Fundraiser!!

Thanks to the efforts of June Smith and her helpers a very successful bake sale was held at Woodroffe following Church service on January 16. A total of \$855.15 was raised and was directed towards the relief efforts being coordinated through the Bells Corners United Church and the St. John's Church in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka.

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on December 26, 2004, four waves (some as high as 30 to 40 feet) rolled in to Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, over an interval of 45 minutes. Thousands were killed. Almost every family lost a family member, a dwelling or both.

St. John's Church immediately took action in many ways:

Food distribution: 3,000 cooked food parcels were delivered on bicycles by boys from the church school. As of December 29 over 5,000 packets of dried food, rice, flour soya, meat, etc., were delivered to refugee camps. By New Year's Day trucks driving 17 hours had reached more distant villages over monsoon soaked roads.

Cooking utensils: St. John's Church immediately purchased 3,000 sets of utensils, each set comprising pots, pans, plates, water carriers, etc., and distribution began within 3 days of the disaster.

Water and sanitation: Salt water and sewage polluted many wells. St. John's purchased heavy duty pumps which the students used to pump out the polluted wells. They then chlorinated the wells. By New Year's Day 56 wells had been cleaned.

Clearing of Dead Bodies: Bodies were strewn everywhere. Students from the St. John's Vocational Training Center (VTC) buried many bodies, a difficult task as decomposition had well started.

Clothing and Shelter: Students in VTC's sewing program have sewn over 3,400 units of clothing including bed sheets, sarongs, nighties, etc., for women and children. Plastic sheets for temporary roof cover and sleeping mats also have been provided.

Medical and Sanitation: St. John's Church purchased and is distributing rehydration pills for those with diarrhea. The church has also purchased other medical supplies not available at the Batticaloa General Hospital.

St. John's Church is the church for which Bells Corners United Church provided \$10,000 last Easter to feed destitute children in refugee camps. Rev. Jeyanesan of St. John's Church has expressed gratitude for the help and solicits continued support and prayers.

You can help by sending a cheque for this work in St. John's Church, Sri Lanka, to Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Richmond Road, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 5C5. Please make your cheque payable to Bell's Corners United Church and on the comment line write Sri Lanka Relief Fund. Include your address for your charitable receipt.

OUR WOODROFFE FAMILY HISTORY

We are about to begin production of a history of Woodroffe United Church within the context of the Woodroffe community. Our aim is to complete the project in time for our 60th birthday in 2008. The product will be in both print and CD format.

The history will outline the growth and development of Woodroffe from its beginnings in the basement of what is now the West Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, in 1948 to its current place as one of the largest United Church congregations in the conference. At the same time, it will link that growth to the constant and remarkable changes which have occurred in the surrounding community.

Central to this history are the stories of the people who made it happen and here is where we particularly need your help. We are looking for any recollections or documents which you might have or know about which will help the story to come alive and ensure that it is as complete as possible. These contributions can be specific to the church or more broadly connected to the wider community. If you know of someone else whom we should contact, that information would also be welcome.

If you are able to provide such contributions, we will be happy to see that they are included and returned to you in good condition. In the case of personal recollections, these can either be submitted in writing or on tape or we can arrange for someone to meet with you to do a personal interview.

We are also looking for individuals who might be able to help with the project itself, for example in interviewing and/or transcribing interviews or helping in the final editing and production. There will be a form in the Sunday bulletin over the next few weeks which will allow you to detail the ways in which you might assist.

If you would like more information, please contact John Patton (729-4139 or mail slot #16).

John Patton



Brian's column

In the midst of an Ottawa winter I'm thinking about daffodils. If I lived in Victoria they would only be a month away from blooming, but this year Easter will be long gone before I see the yellow flowers decorate our front yard. Longing for signs of hope is at the heart of life. We don't need a garden full of daffodils to have hope, just one blooming on the dining room table will do while an Ottawa snow storm rages outside.

Many of you live with quiet courage, facing days that seem more like Good Friday than Easter. We bear the pain and uncertainty of life with necessity. There is no medicine to offer us a magic cure. There is no surgery to heal some of the wounds that inflict our souls. Jesus came to a world where despair was triumphant. He came among us as one who knew the true suffering of human kind. The emptiness we hold. The sorrow we share. The fear we face.

Easter stands on the horizon as God's great sign of hope. It is the daffodil blossoming in the winter storm. In Jesus' resurrection God boldly proclaims that hope has come to the world. Emptiness and sorrow and fear are not the final product of life's equation. Hope is the final word. New life reigns supreme. Darkness is overcome, death is vanquished, and God has written a postscript to the story. Do not be afraid, I am with you, even unto the end of the age.

A warm spring day will burst the tight grasp of green around the flower. In the twinkling of an eye the daffodils burst forth and the winter storm is at last avenged. It takes time. It takes patient waiting. We live through Lent; walk the dark path of Good Friday and then suddenly a new day dawns. Easter's song is one of rejoicing! Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.

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Brian



DESIGNATED FUNDS AT WUC

A number of designated funds are maintained at Woodroffe United Church:

1. Memorial Committee Funds

The Memorial Committee manages all memorial gifts received by the church. When memorial donations are made and no specific fund is designated, the monies are deposited in the Memorial Fund. Over the years, the Memorial Committee has used these funds to further specific projects at the church. For example, Memorial Fund monies were used to assist in the purchase of the church's grand piano. More recently, the Memorial Committee encouraged directed donations to stage two of the Memorial Window, stage one of which was initiated and completed by the UCW. Another project supported by the Memorial Committee is the purchase of round tables, which members feel are more conducive to fellowship, to replace our aging rectangular tables.

2. General Purpose Bequest Fund

Over the years, many persons who have attended Woodroffe United Church have remembered the church with a final gift, a bequest received after their death. As the name of the fund suggests, the monies are not used for a specific activity or project. Disbursements from this fund must be approved by Council. It is the General Purpose Bequest Fund that sustains the operations of the church in periods of financial hardship, for example, when the church is running an operating deficit or is faced with repairs that exceed the amount in the Roof and Repair Fund. The fund is not limitless, however, and will quickly be exhausted if we continually withdraw from it.

3. Roof & Repair Fund

This fund started when we were replacing our roof in stages, usually depending on available funds. It is now used as a general building repair fund for major repairs. There are a number of members of the congregation who are faithful contributors to this fund. These donors recognize that, although the church is more than the building, the building still needs constant attention!

4. Music Designated Fund

Monies donated to the Music Designated Fund are used to fund music projects. Money comes into the fund via memorial donations, through the Sunday offering and as a result of concerts held at the church. Fund monies are used to purchase specific pieces of music as memorials, to pay for organ repairs and as seed money for more concerts. The fund is managed by the organist.

5. Outreach Designated Fund

The Outreach Designated Fund permits the church to actively participate in providing care and tangible aid to the many persons in our nearby communities requiring social assistance - food, medical care, housing, training and similar support. (Note that the church also budgets, separately from the Outreach Designated Fund, \$6,000 per year for the West End Community Chaplaincy.)

6. Mission and Service Fund

This is support provided to the greater church in the world, through the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. When all the donations from all the churches across Canada are added up, the amount is in the millions of dollars.

7. Woodwark Student Bursary Fund

This fund was established by Ken Woodwark, who was a minister emeritus at Woodroffe United Church, and his wife Ida, both long-time members of the church. Monies from the fund are used to assist students studying for the ministry, with aid provided on a Presbytery-wide basis.

Contributions to designated funds may be made through your Sunday envelopes. Donors also deliver their contributions to the church office in person or by mail. If you wish an acknowledgement with respect to your gift to appear on a particular Sunday (for example, the anniversary of the death of a loved one), please remember that the church office needs the donation and the pertinent information by noon of the Tuesday before the Sunday in question.

For more information about gifts to the church, please contact the Treasurer.

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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 Seasons of the Spirit 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.

Visit our newly designed website: 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.

