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Summertime, a great time for continuing to learn

As the weather warms and we draw closer to summer our thoughts turn to a more leisurely time, vacations. Whether we travel or just enjoy new experiences here in the Ottawa area, summertime provides us with an opportunity to continue discovering and expanding our thoughts. It also provides an excellent chance to experience other church communities and bring ideas back to Woodroffe about the life and practices of those congregations.

This suggestion was also touched on by Rev. Anthony Bailey, of Parkdale United Church, when he visited with us on Sunday, April 17. He mentioned how in other churches, in other countries, members were encouraged to learn from their travels and relate those experiences to their home congregations.

If you have a story to tell about church life in other communities send in your article for printing in a future issue of the Uniter. As a

start, please see a story (below) from one of our congregation who visited Ryerson United Church in Vancouver on Easter Sunday.

Have a great summer!

**Brenda
Hodgins**

A Visit To Ryerson United Church Vancouver, B.C.

It was Easter morning, with rain falling lightly in an older and upper middle class part of nearly downtown Vancouver, when I entered the sanctuary of Ryerson United Church. The inside was impressive and reflected what I expected from the elegant stone wall on the outside of the building with lawn and shrubs neatly trimmed. The size of the sanctuary was a little smaller than back home at Woodroffe and the raised altar area was much more subdued than I expected. Indeed the choir was largely hidden from sight by what seemed like smoked glass panels. Later in the service the choir would come out from behind the glass and form a group to sing an anthem.

There were no vacant seats that I could see when the service began with welcoming comments and announcements by Interim Minister Brian Thorp with Rev. Bari Castle at his side. The congregation seemed to be a balance of younger and older people and it wasn't long until Rev. Castle had everyone clapping beats to the uplifting and joyous music. There was an evangelical tone to the entire service with a lot of singing and clapping and at one stage people crossed the aisle to greet their neighbours with handshakes. I was impressed with the warm feeling that flowed through the congregation. Rev. Castle, who led in the Christian education part of the service, was joined at the front by fifty children before they headed off to Sunday school. Later Rev. Thorp delivered his sermon in a rather informal manner by standing out in front of the

congregation rather than from the pulpit.

After the service I joined others for coffee and cookies in the Christian education building across the street. During this fellowship, I met a retired Minister of Ryerson and noted to him the very uplifting atmosphere that I had enjoyed at the church service. He told me that the church had gone through an adjustment back a few years ago and that a less traditional and more evangelical atmosphere had emerged to accommodate the younger folks. Whatever had happened it appeared to have very positive results for the Ryerson United Church as the program indicated they would be receiving eleven new members the following Sunday.

**Elwood
Hodgins**

From the Church Library

Two recent additions to the church library are listed below.

COU **Noah's ark** retold and illustrated by Lucy Cousins, award-winning writer and illustrator of books for children. This colourful picture book will appeal to children age two and older.

259.4 **May I Walk You Home?** by Joyce Hutchison and Joyce Rupp.

HUT This book is a helpful resource for caregivers who are sensitive to the needs of the terminally ill.

*It's easy to borrow books from the church library! Clearly write the date, your name and telephone number on the book loan card and leave this card in the **Books on Loan** box on top of the card catalogue. This enables the library committee to keep track of the books on loan.*

Don Mutch

Woodroffe Family History Project

*Recollections?
Old photos?
Suggestions?*

The Woodroffe Family History Project is continuing. We have been busy contacting long-time members of the congregation to arrange an opportunity to visit and chat with them about their recollections. Those visits will begin shortly. The next stage will be to dust off, literally, the files in our own church archives and organize the material that has been so carefully preserved by a succession of church archivists.

Our thanks to all of you who have contributed material, or suggestions of people to visit, or have made other offers of assistance. If we have not taken you up on these yet, please be patient with us. This is a three-year project and we will certainly be in touch with you at some point.

In this connection, Saturday, June 4, has been designated Honeywell Day and there will be day-long celebrations held at the Nepean Museum on Rowley Avenue, involving members of the Honeywell family. For newer Woodroffe members, the land for our church was donated by the Honeywells, who were the first settlers in Nepean Township (their house built in 1811 was located where our Lady of Fatima Church stands today). Ed Honeywell was the founding Treasurer, a position he held for many years. You can find more information at <http://www.nepeanmuseum.on.ca/jun.htm> or by calling the Museum at 723-7936.

John Patton

Bulletin Board

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

May 2005

22 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m., Confirmations
 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.
 25 Saturday – Strawberry Social 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 26 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

July 2005

1 Friday – Canada Day – Church Closed

August 2005

1 Monday – Civic Holiday – Church Closed

September 2005

4 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 5 Monday – Labour Day – Church Closed
 9-11 Friday – Sunday WYG Retreat
 11 Sunday Church School Registration 9:30 a.m.
 11 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 Welcome Back Lunch 11:30 a.m.
 13 Tuesday – Scouts, Cubs, Beavers Registration 7:00 p.m.
 18 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 Covenanting of Church School & Pastoral Care Team
 Welcome Back Lunch

23-25 Friday-Sunday Adult Retreat
 25 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

October 2005

2 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. World-wide Communion
 New members breakfast 8:45 a.m.
 Honorary Elders Luncheon
 7 Friday Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.
 9 Sunday Thanksgiving Service 10:00 a.m.
 10 Monday - Thanksgiving – Church Closed
 14 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 16 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 Bazaar Prep Meeting after Service
 21 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 22 Saturday – **Bazaar**
 23 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 28 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 30 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

November 2005

4 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 4 Friday Toonie Night 7:00 p.m.
 4 Friday Murder Mystery & Dessert Night 7:30 p.m.
 6 Sunday Remembrance Service 10:00 a.m.
 11 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 13 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 18 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 20 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 25 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 27 Sunday Service – Advent I – 10:00 a.m. Communion
 Deck the Halls 4:00 p.m.
 Potluck 5:30 p.m.
 Carol Sing 7:00 p.m.

Literary Corner

The rains will come to grow the flowers
 I can sit and watch them for endless hours,
 And if you plant them, the vegetables grow
 In every neatly planted row,
 Producing food for all to eat
 Helping the hungry their needs to meet.
 Nature does most to help the environment
 But we should keep busy 'til our retirement.

No better day, no better night,
 That with your smile the world you light,
 For all of us will feel much better
 With your smile as a shining letter
 Nature will seem a heavenly gift
 Sent our spirits to uplift,
 So try to spread your joy around
 And nature will with hope abound.

Lloyd Rintoul

Notes from Administration & Finance

Finance

Here are our numbers as of the end of March 2005.

	Actual Year To Date (YTD)	Budget YTD	Last Year YTD
Total Income	\$72,218	\$79,259	\$64,808
- Envelopes	\$53,807	\$58,232	\$52,358
- Other	\$18,411	\$21,027	\$12,450
Total Expenses	\$88,432	\$88,408	\$93,051
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$16,214)	(\$9,149)	(\$28,243)

Our expenses are pretty well on budget. We are using a different accounting method for some of our major expenses like insurance this year. Last year the entire expense was shown when it was paid (i.e., January), this year we are averaging the expense over each month. So even though it looks like expenses are down this year, they probably are about the same as last year's.

Our income is about \$4,500 higher than last year with most of that being due to higher income for Use of Building. We are a little higher in envelope offerings than last year which is a good sign. It would be nice if this trend continued and maybe even at a better rate.

So we still have a deficit of about \$16,000 so far this year. As you might be aware, our Woodroffe United Council has formed a new Stewardship Committee which will be looking at ways to improve the financial situation at WUC. Good luck to the committee!

Repairs / Improvements at Woodroffe United

Earlier this year, Elwood Hodgins, our Property Administrator, presented to our committee a list of various improvement needs for WUC. Our committee put priorities on the long list of items. Some of these items have been completed or have been approved by the Admin & Finance Committee. They include painting and repairing the outside windows at the east end of the church, installing better and more efficient lighting throughout the church, providing a better ramp for the east end doors, installing motion detect lighting in the area of the outside storage sheds, adding signage in our parking lot indicating the flow of traffic and areas that need to be kept clear (i.e., in front of the south sanctuary door used for funerals), adding outside Woodroffe United identification signs at the west end of the church, and general lawn and tree cleanup of the outside area of the church.

Others on the list which have not gone through the approval stage include painting and repairs to the kitchen area, choir room improvements, and painting needs in other areas of the church.

Joe

Question 1**Dear Joseph,***Why was Easter so early this year?***Signed, Bunny****Answer –****Dear Bunny,**

The rule for determining the date for Easter Sunday that is used by most religions is a little complicated. It uses the concept of lunar months, that is, the time period from one new moon to the next new moon, about 29 days. Lunar months are different from calendar months and don't coincide with calendar months. So the rule for determining Easter Sunday is it's the first Sunday after the 14th day of the lunar month (the full moon) that falls on or after the first day of Spring (March 21).

That's quite a mouth full. Stating it another way, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon that happens after the first day of Spring.

So the earliest Easter Sunday can be is March 22, which last happened in the year 1818 and will next happen in the year 2285 (let's all get together for this one and have a party!), and the latest it can happen is April 25, which last happened in 1943 and will happen again in 2038. Next year, Easter Sunday is April 16.

Now don't ask me what's the reason for the rule, it has something to do with Gregorian calendars and the such.

Signed,**Joe**

(P.S. - you can call me Joe)

Question 2**Dear Joe,***Why did Noah include mosquitoes on his Ark?***Signed, Bitten****Answer –****Dear Bitten,**

We all have bad days.

Signed,
Joe**Grandma's Apron....**

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning dirty ears. From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warm oven. When company came over those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

This big old apron wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be along time before someone invents something that will replace that "OLD -TIME APRON" that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER THIS

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

**Edith
Kenney**

Mission and Service Matters

Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations (JGER)

A Multi-cultural Festival for Peace, "Peace in Concert", supported by the United Church among others, was held on International Earth Day, April 22, at the Bronson Centre. Local professional and amateur performers celebrated the possibility of world peace in a variety of ways - music, song, dance, poetry, etc. All proceeds were given to Operation Go Home and Cornerstone: The Women's Shelter.

Early in the new year, the Church in Society Committee held an educational event, "Acting for an End to Child Poverty". Ed Broadbent, during his recent visit to Woodroffe, also underlined the importance of addressing this issue. For more information on Child Poverty please see www.napo.onap.ca, www.csd.cs and www.campaign2000.ca.

At noon on Tuesday, May 3, at Parkdale United Church, representatives from Bells Corners United Church met interested people to discuss the visit of their youth to our United Church partners in Cuba. Please contact Judy Chaplin for information.

Check the UCC website for more information on the justice issues in which the UCC is involved.... www.united-church.ca/justice.

Judy Chaplin

Woodroffe Youth Group (WYG)

The Youth Group continues to serve the Church, locally and beyond.

On the first weekend of March, the usual eleven p.m. feast of pizza and cookies marked an annual youth group tradition. All the food disappeared before the midnight deadline of the 2005 Fast-in-Faith.

It truly is an exercise in faith as these young people reflect on a world of hunger in places where regular daily meals are unavailable. They know their experience will end in thirty hours, yet they get a sense of what it is like to miss a few meals. They raised, through pledges, a little more than \$1,000. This money will be sent to The Los Quinchos School in Nicaragua. This school provides meal programs for children who would otherwise be begging for something to eat and would not be able to attend school.

The third weekend in April, youth gathered on Saturday morning to make sandwiches and soup for the Honorary Elders spring luncheon. On Sunday they served lunch and cleaned up the kitchen. This is always an enjoyable event for the young people.

WYG's have also gone bowling, played laser tag and generally participated in the life and work of the Church.

Thanks to all who support our ventures.

TAKE TIME TO BE 'WHOLEY'

Wellness - Health - Openness - Love - Energy - Yourself

Thanks to all who participated in the series of monthly educational sessions relating to Wellness this year at Woodroffe! It has been a wonderful of time of learning and the positive feedback from participants and presenters alike has been tremendous.

Recent speakers included:

- Martine Giroux (Ideal Body Alignment, Corrective Measures & Preventative Strategies)
- Jean Willson (Herbal Medicine)
- Stephanie Douma (Estrogen & its Effect on Brain Function & Mood)
- Barclay McMillan (Your Personal Voice – an Instrument of Wholeness)

This series has been extremely popular and we plan to continue on in 2005-2006. Look for such topics as Nutritional Cooking; Pilates and Therapeutic Massage; Dreams and much more!

Best Wishes for a happy and safe summer vacation!

**Debbie Poole and
Dana Richardson**

Central Midway Bus Trips

Central Midway United Church Women (UCW) have a long history of annual bus trips to interesting places. The first recorded trip we found was in 1981. The early trips were overnights to Quebec City, Syracuse and Toronto. Ida and Ken Woodwark were very involved in planning those trips.

In 2004 our trip was to an organ recital in Inkerman. An old Presbyterian church was bought and turned into an interesting theatre where Sharon Adams performs on an amazing organ. Lunch was provided by the Inkerman UCW followed by shopping in Merrickville.

In 2003 we traveled to Williamstown to see the "Quilt of Belonging" in its early stages. The finished quilt was on display at the Museum of Civilization and many of us from Woodroffe went to see the beautiful completed project. Two members of Woodroffe made squares for the quilt.

This year our trip is to Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg. Lunch will be at the Canadian Legion followed by a matinee performance of "Funny Money." The trip is June 22 and the bus is full, however, you can put your name on the waiting list by calling Phyllis Smith at 820-7676.

As you can see we have a great variety of trips. Planning has to start early and many are involved to make the trips a success. We all enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.

**Muriel McGuinty and
Pat Forsyth**

Membership Relations

Our new membership database is now up and running, thanks to Larry Richardson. As I said in the last new newsletter, all information will be maintained according to the 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 Woodroffe Family is made up of members and adherents. Members are those people who have joined the Congregation either by confirmation, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or official transfer from another congregation. Adherents are folks who join with us in the life and work of the church. If you are an adherent and wish to become a member, speak to Reverend Lougheed or contact the Church office at 722-9250.

The 2005 Woodroffe Telephone Directory is now available. The Directory is published each year 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.

Every other week, a letter is sent to those in the congregation who cannot get out on a regular basis or who have moved a distance from the Church. The last two sermons are included for those who want them. If you know of someone who you think should be getting this mailing, please let me know.

Our Committee has lots of jobs, some short term, some seasonal, some long term, that are vacant. If you would like to be involved with the Membership Relations Committee, please give me a call. Don't forget the Church BBQ on June 5!

Mary Frances Laughton

Chair, Membership Relations
828-5591

Woodroffe Considers Participation in United Church "Face to Face" Program

Face to Face is a program for children, youth and adults in congregations of the United Church of Canada who wish to host a visitor from an overseas partner church for one to two weeks to get to know each other and explore mission together. By bringing a visitor from an overseas partner church to Woodroffe, the work of the Mission & Service Fund in far off places is brought inside our doors. It puts a face on M&S work and makes it more real to members of the congregation. Ultimately it encourages people to contribute to the Fund and make a difference in lives of people around the world.

The Mission and Service Committee is spearheading this project and is seeking support from congregation members who would be willing to form a "working group"

- to explore the timing for this project at Woodroffe,
- to develop the theme for our Face to Face project,
- to define the type of visitor we would like to have to meet the needs of our theme,
- to develop an educational program so that the congregation has considerable knowledge of the country and partner church of our potential visitor before he or she arrives, and
- to plan theme related activities for the visitor to experience when they arrive.

If you would like to participate on this group, please speak to any of the M&S Committee members - Marcia Armstrong, Judy Chaplin, Bev McKee, Margaret Ault, or Muriel McGuinty.

This should be a lot of fun.

Marcia Armstrong

96th Ottawa Beavers

The Beavers were busy this winter welcoming two new members to the Colony, and sharing with them in many games, crafts, songs, and stories. Some of our craft projects have included making pirate costumes, Beaver Buggies, valentines, Mother's Day flowers, a space shuttle, and a cardboard canoe which really floated. One evening, we borrowed the Scouts' Klondike sleds and raced them ourselves, then built replicas of the sleds out of popsicle sticks. We've also had some special outings too. In support of our discussions on the One Tonne Challenge and the environment, we took a ride on the O-Train in February. We did some skating and sledding. We had a model train night where everyone got to select their own cars and be the engineer. We've participated with the other sections in the Scout-Guide Sunday Service, and in tree planting. Probably the highlight of the winter was a trip to the IMAX theatre to see the film (appropriately enough) "Beavers". Coming up in May, we will be attending a "Beaveree" in Petawawa in celebration of the 30th anniversary of Beavers in Canada.

96th Ottawa Scouts

The Scouts have had a busy winter, trekking all our gear over a couple of kilometers to a winter camp on Charleston Lake, and entering two teams into the annual regional Klondike sled derby. Each team maneuvers their sled around a 5 km course, and stops at 20 different stations where their Scouting skills are put to the test. Our senior team captured the trophy in their division this year, and both our teams placed well. We enjoyed an evening of tobogganing as well as an evening of indoor rock climbing. February concluded with our participation in the annual Scout-Guide worship service. We spent several meeting nights constructing 18-wheeler trucks for the Scoutrucks rally in April. April also saw us preparing some entertainment for the pancake breakfast, and selling maple syrup. In May, we joined with our Beavers and Cubs, as well as another Group in west Ottawa to plant 800 small trees along the Airport parkway. And, we served coffee after church one Sunday. Now that the good weather is upon us, we have plans to hold a cookout with the senior Cubs, we'll be climbing the cliffs of the Eardley escarpment in Gatineau Park, and plans are under way for an Algonquin canoe camp in early June, followed by our all-section closing BBQ.

**Peter
Morrison**



June Concert

On **Sunday, June 19th at 3:00 p.m. Michael Spassov** will give an organ recital in the Sanctuary of Woodroffe Church. Michael has graduated from the Juilliard School of Music in New York City and is a member of this congregation. The program will include works by Bach, Clerembault and Boellmann. Admission will be \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Senior and Students.

Review of "We're Gonna Sing", February 26, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Woodroffe United Church and Kanata United Church choirs joined 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. The singers dedicated this concert to the memory of former chorister, Mary Heard. There was a large and very enthusiastic audience which included many members of Mary's family. It was exciting to present the world premiere of a newly composed choral work by composer Eleanor Daley which the choir had commissioned in memory of Mary. A total of \$875.00 was collected in a free-will offering and presented to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Society.

Pamela Hoswitschka

Wednesday Sewing Group

The Wednesday Sewing Group is nearing the end of another successful year. The CHEO award of the Order of the Good Bear for making the procedure dolls was a special even. We had a successful table at the Bazaar and the U.C.W. Christmas dinner. Most of the items were made by us.

The quilters have been working on a beautiful quilt.

We will be closing for the summer at the end of June. If you are planning to make items for the Fall Bazaar check with us. We have a good supply of yarn and materials. You might find what you want.

When you are planning your Fall activities, we invite you to join us. You don't need to wait until Fall, come any time. We meet in Room 23 upstairs Wednesday mornings, 9:00 to 11:30. Contact person, Frances McKean, 596-1221.

**Frances
McKean**



Brian's Column

I am just old enough that I started school in a two-room school house at the end of our road. By Grade 2 the township had built a large consolidated school and bused in all of the rural kinds. But in Grade 1, it was a two-roomer with a bell at the top with a huge pull rope that some lucky child was asked to pull to announce the beginning and end of classes and recess. What I remember most about that year was the month of June. The school had become so unbearable in the heat and humidity that the teacher took us outside and let us sit under the big maples and elms and chestnut trees while she tried to teach. Sitting under a tree in June, gathered about our elderly teacher Mrs. Angle, has always been the image that I have of Jesus and the disciples.

Reading scripture one might begin to think of the disciple tagged along more like day care children tied to each other following their care giver, but I think it was like school in June. Jesus found a good tree to sit under in the furnace heat of the Middle East and the disciples, glad to have a break at last, flopped to the ground under the shade of the tree and relaxed while Jesus told another parable.

My friends, wherever you find yourself this summer, scout out a tree and sit in its shade and recall Jesus teaching his disciples. Imagine him there and retell your favorite parable, the Sower and the seed, the Good Samaritan, or whichever one draws your attention, and let the summer heat engulf you like a disciple of old. Because wherever you go, be it to the banks of the Ottawa or shores of Lake Ontario, Christ walks with you each new day.

The great promise he gives us as we disperse for our summer rest is that I will be with you even to the end of the age. This summer I want to think of Jesus there with me under the canopy of a maple sitting by the edge of the lake pondering, relaxing, and renewing my soul for service in Christ's name.

Blessings in this season,

Brian



Learning the Right Lesson

Young Christopher couldn't wait for Halloween. His costume was ready for weeks ahead. He tried it on everyday and paraded excitedly around the house. He dreamed about all the candy he would receive. Finally the day came. He couldn't wait 'til he got home from school and quickly put on his costume. His mother went with him as he hurried up the laneway of the first house. Christopher was filled with anticipation as he knocked on the door. It flung open suddenly and a man dressed in a hideous Dracula costume let out an evil laugh. In fear, Christopher backed up, turned to his mother and said, "I think I have enough candy now," and they went home. When the doorbell rang at his own home, he opened the door, poured all the candy they had into the first trick or treat sack, closed the door and said, "There, that's finished." This was his first experience of Halloween. Had he continued down the block, his evening would have been much different. Like many of us, Christopher took the wrong lesson forward.

Laurie Beth Jones writes, whenever an event causes us to shrink back and be afraid or feel disempowered, chances are we are taking the wrong lesson forward. This mind is constantly forming conclusions, and in a world saturated with negative messages, it is too easy to stamp a lesson with a message of fear.

Jacob, eighteen months old, was having a delightful time at a birthday party. He was grabbing big red balloons and hugging them tightly. The inevitable happened. A hug, much too tight, popped the balloon, with a loud bang. Jacob, eyes wide and lip quivering looked desperately for his mother. Her response set an example for this little guy. She clapped with glee and shouted, "Hooray Jacob!" The quivering lip turned into a smile on Jacob's face and in an instant he learned to not be afraid of change and surprise. He carried the right lesson forward.

We could resolve to help one another laugh, not cry when a balloon breaks in our arms. There will always be other balloons or jobs or people to hold. That is the lesson to carry forward.

Jesus did not let fear dictate his activities. He took God's message of love to be the foundation of all he stood for. He carried the right lesson forward.

May you find some time this summer to reflect on this past year, re-energizing in the knowledge of God's love which builds the foundation to carry the right lessons forward.

Shalom,

Jan



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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.

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.

