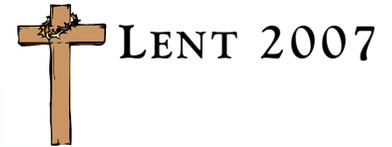




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Lent— Historical Tradition of Intention *Message from Brian Copeland*

At my level of skill in tennis and squash a really good shot, a winner as they are called, is usually a fluke. My partner will laugh when I say to him, 'you know I intended to hit that shot.' My games are made up of responding to what's happening and very little of intentional shot making.

The historical tradition of the Christian church in the season of Lent is one of intention. We aren't just living in response to the world or the good news. We are invited to live our lives with intention. It may be a time to commit to fasting from some food, especially one that has a particular temptation for us, or it may be a time to read a few verses of the Bible everyday before we set off for work, or to pray for others and for the world during the lunch hour each day. There are countless ways to make Lent a season of intentionality.

The church set this time apart for candidates who were being baptized and confirmed, as adults, to live a life of obedience and discipline. It was a time of preparation for living a Christian life in the world which reflected, in each person's own way, the life of Jesus. His life of radical obedience to God's will and desire, his time of prayer and fasting, his call for justice, his healing presence with others are all ways of being that we are invited to imitate in this sacred season.

Wisely, the church mothers and fathers knew that it took a degree of intention to even begin this discipline of living like Jesus. It's a different game from always responding to others' shots and agendas for us. Lent is a time to be intentional in our Christian life and live in even one small fashion the disciplines that Jesus gave us as a way that leads to new life. May he be our guide in this calling!

Success

He has achieved success who has gained the love of little children; who has left the world better than he found it; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty; who has looked for the best in others and given the best he had.

- A.J. Stanley



Welcome New Members!

- Dale Wallingford
- Kristen Elson
- Niki Mintenko
- Norman Nielsen

Landscape of Lent *Message from Jan Lougheed*

Joyce Hollyday writes, "The landscape of Lent is often painted as a desert." We are reminded of that in the texts for Lent. On the first Sunday of Lent, Jesus retreats to the wilderness to search out God's direction for his life. Lent is a

thirsty and lonely time. The gift of Lent lies in its invitation to undertake an annual journey of self reflection.

We discover that in the midst of the thirsty and barren times, God promises oases. During these next six weeks our com-

munity of faith is invited to travel this challenging Lenten journey together, keeping our hearts and souls open to experience anew, places of refreshment. "Enter this season boldly, knowing that we walk toward a promise."

Emerging Spirit

by Keith Howard

"Change could and does happen, in life and in the church. But often more than a whiff of mystery is in the air when it does. Starting places vary.... Emerging Spirit intends to be an opportunity for the transformation of congregations and the church."

60TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT FOR 2008

Let's launch into the next 50 years with a church quilt recognizing the heritage of all those involved with Woodroffe United Church. Everyone is invited to buy a quilt block and have a name embroidered on it. Each name on a block is available for \$50.

The finished quilt will be hung permanently in the Banquet Hall. Forms are available to submit names in the Banquet Hall and the Narthex after church on Sunday or throughout the week at the church office. We will receive names until October 2007, but don't wait too long to submit your name. The Quilters are anxious to get started on the embroidering!

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Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know Jesus, will come to know Jesus because they saw Him in you. The "family resemblance" should be there...

We are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings going through a temporary human experience.

"Early Bird" Reflection Group

Jan Lougheed

Are you an early riser? Might you consider that possibility, one morning a week through Lent? All interested folks are invited to join together for breakfast (muffins and coffee) and a time of reflection and study. **Friday mornings at 7:30 in the Friendship room, February 23 - April 6.**

We will be using a Lenten Study book, On the Road Again, by James Moore. This seven-session study provides one lesson for each week in Lent. Moore says in his introduction, "Each year as we move toward Easter, we make a road trip. We join Jesus on the road as he moves to and through the cross." This study explores the significance of Jesus' experiences on the road. If you have not been part of this reflection group before, you will find a warm welcome. Please feel free to join us.

THIS IS WHAT LOVE IS ALL ABOUT!

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's, arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound.

On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I in-

quired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's Disease.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised, and asked him, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?"

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, "That is the kind of love I want in my life."

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

96th Ottawa Venturers

Peter Morrison

It was a busy late Fall for the Venturer Company. On November 11th, we joined with the other sections, leaders, and parents, as over 90 people met at the Westboro Cenotaph for our Remembrance Day service. Two days later, we were out on a cultural ramble, exploring Ottawa's Chinatown. Also in November, we took advantage of the nice weather, and hiked up the Luskville Falls trail to the old fire tower. In December, we toured the 4-level, underground Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum in Carp, played laser tag with the Scouts and senior Cubs, and went carolling in the Whitehaven neighbourhood with the Scouts and Cubs. In January, we honed our rock climbing skills with a trip to the Coyote rock gym. Five of the seven Venturers braved some of the coldest January nights at winter camp in the Madawaska hills near White Lake.

Coming up, we hope to get some skating in as soon as we get some ice, and in February, we're scheduled to help run the annual Klondike Sled Derby at Lac Beauchamp, Quebec. Also in the works are plans to celebrate Scouting's 100th anniversary year (2007) with a special evening Scout service in February, and special spring and summer camps and activities.



Woodroffe's Church Library

Don Mutch

For 43 years our church library has provided books on religion and Christianity in particular. We have biblical handbooks, guides, dictionaries and concordances. There are books on: how to live the Christian life; prayer; pastoral care; personal and group devotions; worship; Christian education; theological issues; family life and more.

There are attractive books for young children, youth and adult readers.

In recent years we have added some items in compact disc and DVD format. A new DVD titled **Telling our Story, Living our Faith** presents six women from different parts of the World who retell key experiences of their lives. One of the six women is **Lei Garcia** from the Philippines who spent time with us here at Woodroffe last September. The women talk about their faith, about overcoming violence, about justice and peace. Recommended by the executive of our UCW.

Pause for Thought...

Why does everyone have to "put their own two cents in"?. But they'll only give you a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

We all know someone, be it family, friends or colleagues, who has been touched by the various forms of cancer. Many of us live on the edge, believing cancer will never happen to them and I was certainly no exception. Life is full of uncertainties and challenges, and now for me and my family, breast cancer and the fear of the future has become a new reality. Who would believe that, this time last year, I would be one of the 22,200 women diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006? Thus began my voyage through the wonderful health care system provided by the Ottawa Hospital Regional Cancer Centre. Hopefully, I have been given the chance to be yet another who proudly proclaims breast cancer can be beaten!

It was a cold winter's night last February when I made a dreadful discovery - a large lump in my breast. How could this be so? How could I be the ONE in nine women who is expected to develop breast cancer during her lifetime? I thought I was a poster child for clean living and healthy lifestyle, including annual doctor checkups and a mammogram nine months earlier. Throughout this past year, I have had surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and now am continuing with further treatment, every three weeks for the next year. I have seen many doctors, learned about the disease, and participated in state of the art drugs and trials. Although we feel 2006 put mine and my family's life on hold, we start 2007 with a renewed hope for the

future.

How does one cope with cancer? No one way is the right way, yet really every way is the right way - whatever works for you. There are choices and decisions that need to be made. In addition to having great confidence in my medical care, it was important for me to continue to have a positive attitude and not let the disease or the drugs drag me down. Of course, I do not do it alone. I have a wonderful family who has risen to the challenge of living with and loving me. The presence of friends, assuring me that I am not alone and encouraging me to stay positive, has lifted me up on numerous occasions. The extended family of Woodroffe Church has been there to help us throughout the challenge. Caring has taken many forms from phone calls, cards, cookies, flowers, meals, best wishes, prayers, the list goes on. Your thoughtful acts of kindness have truly touched my heart, and I am grateful to you all.

I know many people find it uncomfortable to talk about breast cancer with those of us living through it. I was once like that myself and now realize the best way is to be up front and open - there are no secrets as this is one disease there is no hiding from. I am happy to talk about it to whomever asks. It shows your concern and I love to be in your prayers. In the mall when strangers ask "Are you in treatment?", I reply "You bet!" and the response is often a big hug, a

thumbs-up or a "you-go-girl". I always feel happy after these encounters.

The medical care and support I have received from the Cancer Centre has been incredible. I realize that without funds, progress to treat and beat cancer cannot continue to be made. I have had the good fortune of "timing" as previously not available drugs have been part of my own treatment plan. I cannot repay the cost of all this care given to me, but I want to reach out to those women, and their loved ones, who will be regrettably diagnosed with breast cancer in the future. To this end, I have signed up for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer®, a 60km walk in Ottawa in June, benefiting the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation. I would be honoured if you would support me in this wonderful endeavour - best wishes, pat-on-the-back or a donation, if possible. 100% of every donation goes directly to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, a registered charity that supports cancer services and world-class cancer research across eastern Ontario.

My gratitude to the health care system and the wonderful nurses and doctors, who have worked so diligently to help me fight this disease, knows no boundaries. I am blessed and very lucky to be living in Ottawa, close to such a wonderful medical facility, in the year 2007 with all its medical advances and to have such wonderful support of family and friends.

Thank you so much.



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Prayer Power

*There has been some interest expressed in forming a prayer group in our congregation. No format has been chosen yet, but it is hoped that even those unable to make it out to church could still contribute through prayer at home. If you are interested in participating in any way, please call **Sandra Copeland** at 613-829-6824.*

If there is enough interest, a meeting will be held to determine the best way to proceed.

"We need to remember it is God's house that people are being welcomed to. The people who are coming in are already a part of us and we are part of them; all are a part of God's Family".

- Emerging Spirit Impact Team member



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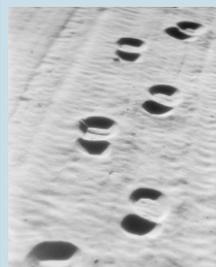
Footprints in the Sand.....

Mary Stevenson

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:

"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied: "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



Chickadees are frequent visitors at back yard bird feeders at this time of year. These perky little birds seem to defy the coldest of winter days.

I'm sure you have seen them often, but have you ever had a chickadee come to your hand to feed? What an amazing experience!

A visit to the Jack Pine trail in the Greenbelt and a pocketful of sunflower seeds is all it takes. Stop along the trail and face the forest (pick a spot that is not right next to a feeder). Say 'pish-a-wisha-wisha' loudly a few times to attract the attention of some chickadees (they are so inquisitive that they will come closer to see what is going on). Take off your

mitten. Then put a few sunflower seeds in your palm, hold out your hand, and wait quietly. Be patient. Very likely, a chickadee will perch on a branch nearby, and then will swoop down and land gently on your hand. Don't be alarmed; this will not hurt. You will be awed by the incredible lightness and delicacy of the tiny bird. It will take a single seed and fly off with it.

Once safely back in a tree, it will break the shell by tapping it hard on a branch. Then it will eat the treat hidden inside, and if you are offering more, it may return for another seed. Perhaps it will call to other chickadees - 'dee, dee, dee', encouraging them to join in the feast.

Have you ever wondered how these tiny creatures manage to survive the cold? It turns out they have several special adaptations: They can fluff up their feathers for extra insulation; they have heat shunts in the circulatory system of their legs to keep from losing internal heat; they shiver almost constantly during the day to warm themselves up; and they can lower their body heat several degrees on very cold nights without suffering hypothermia.

But there is another trick they have for those cold nights: They huddle together to keep each other warm. I think this is one of the nicest adaptations, don't you?

What is Emerging Spirit?

Excerpt from the United Church Web Site

Emerging Spirit is an exciting initiative of The United Church of Canada focused on establishing and nurturing a relationship between the United Church and Canadians aged 30-45.

People of this age need to receive a special invitation to our church. They are one of the first Canadian generations to grow up largely outside of the church. Many are at a turning point in their lives where they're considering major decisions about career directions, marriage and children, and setting down roots. For many, the decisions to explore spirituality and whether or not to participate in a faith community are among the key questions they're considering.

Emerging Spirit will reach out to 30-45 year olds using their most popular media preferences. Its aim is to introduce or reintroduce the ministry of the United Church to them and to invite them to join with us on the journey of faith. The media component of Emerging Spirit will proceed hand in hand with work to help congregations and their leaders develop more effective welcoming ministries to those aged 30-45.

The two parallel strategies of Emerging Spirit are: creating a media presence to raise awareness about The United Church of Canada and extend an invitation to those aged 30-45; and, encouraging, training, and resourcing congregations as they work to develop the quality of their welcoming ministries to 30-45 year olds.

Emerging Spirit also offers important opportunities for congregations to: reclaim and proclaim the key elements of the gospel they are called to live out in their context; reassess how they are perceived in their local communities; and, strategize about things they might do to be more welcoming to those who don't currently attend a faith community.

Financial Picture at Woodroffe

Joe Smarkala

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Congratulations!!

We did exceptionally well in 2006, both financially and in giving of time and effort. Thanks very much to all the volunteers who help in the office, who help Sunday counting, who usher, who participate in the choir, who work the bazaar, who helped paint the church this past year and who made our front garden so much nicer.

The chart "Woodroffe 2006 Financials" outlines our fiscal progress in 2006. These figures are preliminary and audited financials will be presented at our Congregational Meeting in early March.

Income is higher in 2006 than 2005, and higher than our budgeted amounts. Year over year growth is 6.7%, an outstanding accomplishment achieved through your increased giving, your cautious spending, your efforts in the bazaar, and to Dave Chaplin for helping our "Use of Space" income increase.

2006 expenses grew by \$12,000 over 2005, but were lower than our 2006 budgeted figures. The net result is that we have a 2006 SURPLUS (not a deficit) of \$2,500.

Income for both M&S and Outreach are also higher than 2005 and exceeded budgeted figures.

Congratulations - on your generosity in helping those outside our church!

Now in addition to operational financials,

Woodroffe 2006 Financials	2006 YTD Actuals	2006 YTD Budget	2005 YTD Actuals
Income			
Envelope Givings	\$271,000	\$259,000	\$253,000
Fundraising	\$36,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
Use of Building	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$33,000
Other	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Income Total	\$359,000	\$333,000	\$325,000
Expenses			
Personnel	\$267,000	\$263,000	\$255,000
Property	\$52,000	\$57,000	\$45,000
Office	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,300
Other	\$27,000	\$33,000	\$34,000
Expense Total	\$356,500	\$363,500	\$344,300
Surplus / Deficit	\$2,500	-\$33,500	-\$19,700
M & S Income	\$41,800	\$35,300	\$39,800
Outreach Income	\$35,600	\$26,000	\$30,200
Designated	'06 Opening Balance	'06 Net Revenue	'06 Yr End Balance
Music Fund	\$4,000	\$400	\$4,400
Concert Fund	\$8,600	\$1,900	\$10,500
Roof & Repair, Garden Fund	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
Memorial Fund	\$13,500	\$3,500	\$17,000
Friends of Family	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Quilt Fund	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$30,600	\$13,800	\$44,400

we have a number of designated funds here at Woodroffe. The dollar figures below are separate from the ones that were in our first table.

Congratulations - our designated funds grew over the year, as did your continued support to these funds. Taking all of these figures, the result on our bank account was favourable. As of the end of December, 2006, we

had about \$70,000 invested in GIC's and \$81,000 in the bank. Of the total of \$151,000, about \$83,000 is tied up in either Designated Funds, or in the Outreach Fund, leaving about \$70,000 available to support our operations. This situation is a great improvement over 2005, and with your continued support, will continue into 2007.

Again, **Congratulations and Thanks to all!** We should all be proud of what we have

Things Don't Really Change—Comments Made in 1955....

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it."

"It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

"The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."



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We now have 47 members signed up for the PAR program.—which is more than double the number we had in October.

That converts into about \$7,000 a month which will ensure a steady cash flow

even in slow periods like the summer.

Thanks to all who have joined, if you haven't joined and want to know more, see Marie in the office for more infor-



mation. Now for the moment we've all been waiting for:

PAR WINNER for a free golf game with Rev Brian Copeland is...

Carol Cochrane!!

Taxicab Confessions... Wayne/Pen Lewis

A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies, "I'm Joe Cohen, taxi-driver, of Noo Yawk City." Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi-driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and Enter the Kingdom." The taxi-driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff. Next it's the minister's turn.

He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years."

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom." "Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi-driver and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?" "Up here, we work by results," says Saint Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

Thank You from Outreach!! Ruth Cooper

The Outreach Committee would like to say thank you to the congregation for making many small miracles happen this Christmas. Some 65 families approached the Church requesting assistance. Each request was verified through the Christmas Exchange so that there were no duplicates with other assistance providers. Each of the 65 families registered at the Church came in on the two Saturdays and the Friday before Christmas to receive a Christmas package. Each family received a food voucher redeemable at a local grocery store and a package of toiletries. The 80 children each received an age-appropriate white gift, a pair of mittens, a scarf, and a hat. Some kids were thrilled to be fitted with a donated pair of skates. It was a special moment when one six-year-old came in with a single parent and thanked us for the tooth brush he had received last year. 45 Families at the Carling Family Shelter also received white gifts and toiletries.

So thank you for the small items of soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, tooth brushes and tooth paste which were placed in the food box in the Narthex or were given to Faye Parker or Ruth Cooper. Thank you also to all the providers of mittens, hats, scarves and socks which adorned the mitten tree. These are particularly welcome and highly appreciated not only by the families we directly assist at Christmas but also by the families aided at the Carling Family Shelter and the Pinecrest Queensway Social Services Centre. Thank you to all the people who contributed gifts to the Angel Tree. The warm pair of socks may have been the most significant gift that teenage boy received for Christmas.

Thank you to all of you who allocated a portion of your Church contributions to Outreach. We budgeted \$7000.00 this year for Christmas assistance of which \$6000.00 was spent on food vouchers and \$1000.00 on increasing the supply of children's gifts. Also \$1500.00 was given to Foster Farm and \$1000.00 to Britannia Woods Community Centre. This money was used for food baskets to assist a significant number of additional families.

All of this, of course, did not happen by accident. Small miracles take time and work. So a special thank you to the members, the "alumna" and the "friends" of the Outreach Committee for coming together to make it all happen as if by "magic". If you would like to know more about the work of the committee please make your self known to Jan Loughheed or a member of the Committee. Come out to a meeting or join in a special project; "WE NEED HELP".

Committee members are Don Partridge chair, Sandi Bain, Judith Clooney, Ruth Cooper, Mary Lynn Harvey, Faye Parker and Anne Penny. Helpers were Diana Baird, Susan Cooper, Shirley Hockin and June Smith.

The Outreach Committee appreciates the help of the congregation for all its' projects not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Thank you for your continuing support!

Reporters Wanted!



Read a good article in the

Observer that you would like to share? See a story taking place that we should all know about?

Birthday? Anniversary?

Don't forget, WUC Uniter is always on the lookout for news as it happens! Send to dklester@rogers.com or leave your article in box 46 at the church!

Wholly Holy Bloopers

Pete Curd

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they can be seen in the church basement Friday afternoon.

The pastor will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy".

The choir will meet at the Larsen house for fun and sinning.

Today's Sermon: How Much Can A Man Drink? With hymns from a full choir.

Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.

Don't let worry kill you off—let the church help.

A song fest was hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. White to come forward and lay an egg on the alter.

Update from Admin and Finance Dave Chaplin

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From an administrative perspective, several things have happened since the last update in November.

Perhaps most happily, we have been able to provide an appropriate home for a small Saturday school dedicated to helping the children of parents who have come from Russia to retain their language skills. It really is touching to peek into their classes, to see them playing chess and listening to opera in Russian. Mrs. Anna Frolova, a very energetic lady manages the School and she is supported by teachers who are clearly dedicated to their work. They in turn are attended by a number of older women who speak no English but ensure that jackets and boots are left in the appropriate places, that the kids are continuously supervised and that the rooms are left in a neat and tidy condition.

The success of the first months of this language school, and the fact that we do not make full use of our Sunday school facilities, encouraged the School to propose that we work towards establishing a day-care center for the same families during the week. Council approved this experiment at its meeting in January and we now host a first small group of children. We are now working with Mrs. Frolova to explore her obtaining regulatory approval to expand this facility. Of course, the day care facility will close for our bazaar week to allow us full access to our "sales rooms".

Some of you will have noted the new kitchen window installed on a cold day in January. It lets in much more light and is designed to allow us to install an air conditioner if summer heat gets to be too much.

The installation of the gate between our parking lot and the YMCA is essentially finished. The gate is as planned, but it is apparent that we did not take into account the determination of people to use a short cut between Lockhart and Woodroffe avenues. We will be looking at how to block the gaps on either side of the gate that were left to make life easier for pedestrians, cyclists and perhaps mothers with strollers."

In Memory.....

(since our last Newsletter)

Gertrude Lloyd, Eleanor Laughton
Alice Seabrook, Lillian Reddick
Glenn Shouldice, Stewart Moore

Life is Eternal

"Life is Eternal", the good Lord said,

So do not think of your loved one as dead.

For death is only a steppingstone

To a beautiful life we have never known,

A place where God promised man he would be

Eternally happy and safe and free,

A wonderful land where we live anew

When our journey on earth is over and through.

So trust in God and doubt Him never

For all who love Him live forever,
And while we cannot understand,
Just let the Saviour take your hand,
For when Death's angel comes to call

"God is so Great and we're so small"....

And there is Nothing you need fear
For Faith in God makes all things clear.

Helen Steiner Rice

Banners Bob Walkinton

Banners have been used in worship settings since the rise of the Orthodox Church in the 4th century A.D. Most Christians throughout history were illiterate, and services were conducted in Latin, so visual images were used to illustrate and teach important bible stories. Stained glass windows later filled this same purpose.

Originally woven as elaborate tapestries, banners today are made of many different fabrics. Felt is popular, as it hangs without warping over time, and does not require finished edges. Banners can also be made in the same way as a quilt, pieced together with cotton fabrics.

Banners are not meant to be just decorative. The images on them contain a faith message about an event (baptism or communion) or a season (Lent or Easter). In a large sanctuary like Woodroffe, banners need to be proportionate in size in order to be seen easily, usually a minimum of 2 metres in length. The very scale of such a project requires attention to the stretch of the fabric used, and to matching the type of lining with the banner. A weight is used in the foot of the banner to keep it hanging evenly, and a pocket or loops are required across the top for the hanging rod. The fabrics must be strong enough to endure years of hanging and storage, and components must be individually sewn on rather than glued, as glues fail with time. There are countless techniques used in the creation of church banners, ranging from weaving to fabric painting, or to appliqué.

The Worship Committee is working towards increasing the number and range of banners available for use in our church. Some possibilities could be banners for funerals, weddings, baptisms, Pentecost or Lent. If you have any ideas we can use, or would like to create a banner yourself, please contact Bob Walkinton.



Worth a Titter.... Commenting on a complaint from Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North Westgas said, "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used during the explosion that destroyed his house"..... Daily Telegraph

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The oldest artifact of Woodroffe United Church is located behind the lectern.

The infant Woodroffe congregation met for worship for the very first time, 59 years ago next month, on March 7, 1948, in the basement of St. Martin's Anglican Church, now the West Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry Funeral Homes. As can be the case on such "opening performances," at the last minute it was discovered that a key player was not in

place--the Bible. Someone quickly rushed upstairs and borrowed a bible from the Anglican sanctuary. The deficiency was soon corrected by a donation from Mrs. Thomas Nesbitt of a large pulpit Bible in memory of John Nesbitt. This is the Authorized (or King James) Version which is still kept by the lectern and is typically used at Christmas when we wish to recite the familiar "great with child" version of the Christmas story.



March:

- 3 Vija Kluchert
- 17 Margaret Burton
- 19 Pamela Hoswitschka
- 28 Joe Smarkala
- 29 Beth Junkins

April:

- 16 Val Steeves
- 18 Jane Campbell
- 23 Maggie Kerkhoff

May:

- 7 Rolfe Kluchert
- 11 Elaine Armstrong
- 12 Wesley Dearham
- 21 Don Boyd

Who Did We Miss?



A Cowboy's Guide to Life.....

1. Don't squat with your spurs on.
2. Don't interfere with something that ain't bothering you none.
3. If you find yourself in a hold, the first thing to do is stop digging.
4. Always drink upstream from the herd.
5. Telling a man to git and making him do it are two entirely different propositions.
6. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket!

Verbatim Extract of WUC W.A. Meeting Minutes

Woodroffe Family History Project

The following is a verbatim extract of a very early WUC W.A. meeting held about 1950. Merve Mitchell read these minutes at the 40th anniversary and four of the women named in the minutes told him they were dead accurate. So... they must be. Read on....

Helen Turner went to the W. A. meeting, which was held at Mrs. Barklay's and was given a little table to sit at while she took the notes. Helen was a fairly rapid writer and was able to get down most of the proceedings. She copied the report into the minute book and, as Gladys Willans did not think about it until the next meeting, when she came to read it she found it just as Helen had written it, word for word. The reading caused some excitement! The minutes were as follows:

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Barclay. There were seven present when it started but more came. Mrs. McCauley doesn't know why they can't come on time. She told them so. Mrs. Bradley said, "Land sakes, she had hard enough time getting there at all. She left a big bag of stockings all in holes. Mrs. Ferguson said it's been so hot the holes are the most comfortable part of the stockings and if she were in Mrs. Bradley's place she'd let the girls go barefoot. "11's. Bradley is going to let Anne go but she can't let Gail, she's so lanky she'd look all legs, like a sand-hill crane. Mrs. McCauley said, Let's open the meeting by singing "How Firm a Founda-tion", but Mrs. Snider said, O, don't take that, it's in sharps: take "Nearer, Still Nearer", it's in flats, and Mrs. Bradley can handle the flats better. Then they sang and Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Stevenson prayed. Mrs. Stevenson prayed the longest, but Mrs. Bradley prayed the loudest and for the most things. Mrs. Murphy read the last report, and they said it was better than usual, she only left out one or two things. Then they collected the money. Nearly everyone paid. Only Mrs. Simpson couldn't find her's, she was sure she had it in her glove when she came in, and she couldn't see how it ever fell out. Mrs. Barclay will get it when she sweeps if it's in the house at all. Mrs. Cashman had her ten cents in a teacup all ready, but when she went to get it, it was gone, and she's afraid she gave that cup to one of the boarders by mistake. Mrs. Cashman said that's the worst of keeping boarders, your home is never your own. Mrs. Lamb said if she only knew which one got it she could charge it up to him. Mrs. Cashman wouldn't think of doing that. Total receipts of the meeting were \$2.20.

What is A Grandparent?

Gwen Moore

Short snippets taken from papers written by 8-year-olds.....

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no children of their own. They like other people's kids better.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them.

Grandparents are so old they shouldn't play hard or run.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

They don't say "Hurry up".

They know we should have snack time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

Concerts at Woodroffe....

Pamela Hoswitschka

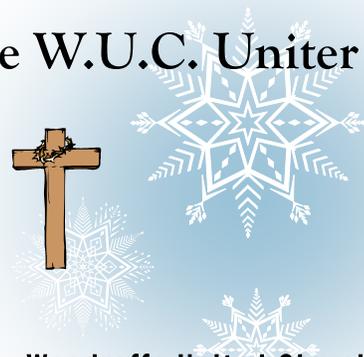
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The National Capital Concert Band, with soloist Kraig-Paul Proulx Saturday, March 3, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

The National Capital Concert Band, under the Direction of Stanley Clark, and tenor soloist Kraig-Paul Proulx will present a varied program on Saturday March 3, 2007 at 8 p.m. at Woodroffe United Church (207 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa). The concert will

feature traditional band selections, popular hits from movies and Broadway such as *I've Got Plenty of Nothin'*, and *As Time Goes By*. Also featured will be selections from *Carousel*, and *Gilbert and Sullivan*. There will be an after-concert reception. Tickets available in advance from the church office or at the door: Adults \$15 / Seniors and Students \$12. Plenty of free parking and on major bus routes. Info: 613-722-9250.

The Strings of St. John's will present "Sizzling Strings" featuring cellist, Paul Marleyn on Friday, May 4th, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. General Admission: \$15 / Seniors and Students \$10. Info: 613-722-9250



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Habitat for Humanity Jan Lougheed

Plans are well under way for the 2007 Habitat for Humanity trip to Jellico Tennessee, during the March Break March 10 - 18.

Jellico was founded in the late 1800's as a trading centre for the booming coal mine industry. Indeed, it got its name from the seam of high quality bituminous coal known as Jellico Coal. Jellico's fortunes over the years have ebbed and flowed with the coal business. It was once the largest city in Campbell County and a market area for more than 25,000 people living in the coal mining camps in the region. Today, Jellico's population is around 2000. The town has two banks, modern shops, a golf course, a beautiful state park on ground reclaimed from earlier strip mining, modern motels, restaurants and excellent hospital, good schools and good roads. There are eight modern churches with a combined membership of about 1000 people. Jellico is also the birthplace of the Mountain Assembly of the Church of God, a religious organization that now reaches worldwide. Nestled snugly in the Southern Appalachians astride the Tennessee - Kentucky border on I-75,

Jellico offers a gateway to some of the most breathtaking natural beauty of the United States - from the Cumberland Mountains to the Great Smokey Mountain National Park to the south and the beautiful bluegrass country of Kentucky to the north.

Our accommodation will be in a Comfort Inn in the town of Pioneer which is a little south of Jellico. Breakfast is included, our lunches will be provided by local food outlets and we will gather around the table together for our evening meal, prepared by our own group in the kitchen of a local church. We look forward to meeting the family who's home we hope to put the completing touches to while there. Brandy, Mike, Courtney (6) & Katelyn (8) have been living in uncertainty since Mike was involved in a construction accident and is now disabled. The girls are already planning their next birthday parties in their new home.

Thanks to all the folks who help support this mission trip.

Tennessee Ten Commandments.....

Some people in Tennessee have trouble with all those "shall" and "shall not's" in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, some folks in middle Tennessee got together and translated the "King James" Into "Jackson County" language,.... no joke, read on...

The Hillbilly's Tennessee Ten Commandments (Posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, TN.)

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| (1) Just one God. | (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa. |
| (3) No tellin' tales or gossipin'. | (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'. |
| (5) Put nothin' before God. | (6) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal. |
| (7) No killin'. | (8) Watch yer mouth. |
| (9) Don't take what ain't yers. | (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff. |

Now that's kinda plain an' simple, don't ya think? Y'all have a nice day.

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt". (Are you doubting this?).

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.



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“Ask Joe” Column Joe Smarkala



Question 1 - Dear Joe: Why do the Chinese use chopsticks instead of cutlery? Signed, Mahjong

Dear Mahjong - I'm not very good using chopsticks, especially with soup. The Chinese have a well know proverb, “We sit at the dinner table to eat, not cut up carcasses”, meaning eating should be simple, and enjoyed. So food prepared by the Chinese is normally cut into bite sizes in the kitchen before serving. The chopstick was the perfect instrument to get this pre-cut food to the mouth. I'll have an egg roll to go, please. Signed Joe

Question 2- Dear Joe: What do these animals have in common : koala bear, prairie dog, firefly, silkworm, jackrabbit, and guinea pig? Signed The Vet

Dear Vet - Your trying to trick me, aren't you? It took me some time to work this out, can you, the reader, figure out the answer? The answer is ---- they are all imposters. The koala bear is not a bear, it's a marsupial; the prairie dog is not a dog, it's a rodent; the firefly is not a fly, it's a beetle; the silkworm is not a worm, it's a caterpillar; the jackrabbit is not a rabbit, it's a hare; and the guinea pig is not a pig, it's a rodent. Now what's a Tasmanian Devil??? Signed Joe

Editor Response to the Question of a Salary Raise for “Dear Joe”...

“Dear Joe”, based on exhaustive, in-depth discussions with “Persons Who Shall Go Nameless” your request has been considered at great length and given our undivided attention. Consensus has been reached and a corrective course of action agreed upon that adequate compensation should be immediately forthcoming. Said compensation will take the form of **two (2) cups of coffee** during ‘after church coffee hour’ for the price of one! Never let it be said that “Persons Who Shall Go Nameless” are “tight fisted”. Trusting this meets your requirements, we remain... “Persons Who Shall Go Nameless”

Happiness keeps You Sweet
Trials keep You Strong
Sorrows keep You Human
Failures keep You Humble
Success keeps You Glowing
But Only GOD keeps You Going!

The call of the whale to those out of reach echoes a secret they long to teach, that material things will sink out of view but time spent with a friend is forever with you.

Willie Curd

2007 Men's Dinner

The cowboys and cowgirls were in great form at this year's Country and Western Men's Dinner. Close to 200 attended the event over the two nights and were treated to an extraordinary Western meal (with a Winnipeg Ukrainian flavour) and fine Western hoedown entertainment complete with square dancing. Awards of cans of baked beans and miniature cacti were presented to best Western table and best country and western trivia experts. And who was that bouncy cowgirl with the short shorts, long cow boots, and great legs that was dancing up a square dance storm??

Thanks are extended to all the men who made the event possible, to the Suzart troop of performers, and to the guest square dance callers. It was quite a weekend!

Trust for the Future.... “I say this because I know what I am planning for you”, says the Lord. “I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.” Jeremiah 29:11 NCV

Life is like a garden. Each day God gives us opportunities to plant seeds for the future. When we plant wisely – and when we face the future with trust, optimism, hope, and determination – the harvest is bountiful.

Are you willing to place your future in God's hands? Are you willing to do your part to help your family, your friends, and yourself? Hopefully so, because you have the power to change the world – the power to improve the lives of your loved ones, your friends and your neighbours.

God created you for a very important reason: His reason. You have much important work to do – and the best time to begin that work is now.

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God!

WUC Uniter “November Bloopers”

Page 8—March 1st, 2008 is our
60-th anniversary, not 80th!

Page 8—We had an
ANGEL tree not an ANGLE tree!

Thanks to Don and Phyllis Mutch for catching these ‘bloopers’!



Many Thanks to all who
contributed to the Newsletter.
Together, we make it happen!
Debbie Lester