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• Curb appeal!!
Be part of our landscaping project for the front of the church. New memorial fund established. See page 2.

- Calling all painters – we need your help. See page 2, or contact Elwood Hodgins.

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March was pretty much my favorite month when we lived on the Prairies. By then the sun was so high and strong that the snow would finally melt off even the secondary roads, and the temperatures would easily swing up by 20 degrees, so a -20 night gave way to a zero daytime temp. And in the southern prairies, around Brandon where we lived, winter was often dry and almost void of snowfall, but March could bring in some huge blizzards that covered the world in snow.

Then comes Lent: the forty day season, not including Sundays, of fasting, repentance and discipline. Somehow it seems like a downer in a month when

life is looking up. This year I want to frame it as a gift. A gift of God to me, to you, to the world when we are able to focus our spiritual lives on a few simple practices that can be our gift of thanksgiving to God. Specifically, Lent is a time to renew our practice of prayer. Some have an active, even daily prayer life; for others prayer is more a mater of the situation and circumstance.

Lent, in the month of March, is the opportunity to turn our life, indeed our soul, in prayer to God. Here's an idea: Find a moment in the day, every day, be it just before you leave the house in the morning, or in the minute before you turn out the bedroom light at night, and remember someone

you know and love and care for in prayer. Perhaps you have a couple of people or even more right now for whom you are concerned. Lift then up by name to God in prayer in this season of Lent, in this month of emerging hope.

St. Paul invited the Thessalonians to pray without ceasing. One moment of prayer, one name and one life lifted up to God in Christ, is our prayer that never ends. And as the warm March sun radiates across the land, I pray that you may find hope in prayer.

Brian

As I write this, our youth are preparing to depart for their winter ski weekend. It is always a joy to take these young people for a couple of days on the hill. Through this Woodroffe Congregation they have developed a sense of community and enjoy gathering for events together. Once returning from Gray Rocks, we will be into more in depth preparation for our Habitat for Humanity build.

Habitat for Humanity is an organization which began from the vision of a young Baptist minister, Clarence Jordan, who felt there were injustices which needed to be addressed concerning the racism and affluence of southern American whites. Clarence and his wife and a few others bought 440 acres of land in Southern Georgia in 1942 and together they farmed this place which they called Koinonia. Koinonia is the Greek word in Acts 2 for Christian community or fellowship. They

all shared their possessions and tried to treat both blacks and whites as their brothers and sisters. Millard Fuller, a wealthy business man, trying to work through marriage difficulties, came with his wife to live in this koinonia community. Their relationship healed and they stayed in the community for four and a half years. In 1968, Koinonia Farms received a new vision, which they called Partnership Housing. They took all the assets of the farm (\$25,000) and laid out 42, half acre lots. They built four bedroom houses with bath, kitchen, and living/dining room and sold them to a family. The payment for these homes would stretch out over 20 years with no interest (based on the biblical principle that we should not charge interest). This meant, at the time that the cost would be about half the usual financing and for a poor person that meant the difference between owning a house or not. The 42 houses

were built and more land was purchased for continued building of homes. In 1975 Millard Fuller became Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity.

Today homes are built in much the same pattern as the first Koinonia Farms houses. Many communities are in desperate need for volunteers to assist in constructing Habitat Homes. In conjunction with a group from the Kanata United Church, five youth and ten adults from Woodroffe will travel to LaFollette Tennessee during the March break, and assist with the building of a home, another exciting event which will draw us together and reach beyond to the wider community. Moving into this reflective season of Lent, may we all seek the Holy One in our ordinary living. Shalom,

Jan

Landscaping Plan For the Front of Woodroffe United Church

Council has approved a landscaping plan for the front of the church and the establishment of a landscaping memorial fund. An outline of the plan and the memorial fund follows:

Plan Objective

- Simple, low cost, low maintenance, and suitably hardy for a western exposure that is adjacent to a busy street.

Plan Proposal by Artistic Landscaping Designs Ltd.

- 2 Ginkgo – Maidenhair Trees at the front of the Sanctuary. These trees are slow growing (12 meters high – 6 meter spread), have been around for 150 years, are immune to pests and diseases, and adapt well to pollution, city conditions, salt and drought. Autumn colour is clearest yellow.

- 12 Low Spreading Junipers which are blight resistant and tolerant to salt. These low spreading junipers (30 to 50 centimeters high) will be located both in front of the sanctuary window and along the slope leading to the sidewalk and the exit driveway at the north-west corner of the front lawn.

- 2 Pine Shrubs (2.5 meter spread – 1 to 1.5 meters high) that are salt and air pollution resistant will flank the cement steps at the front entrance.

- 2 Dwarf Globe Cedars, that will require little to no trimming, will flank the church sign and replace the current shrubs that have been winter damaged.

- River-Rock on Fabric will cover the lawn between the Auditorium exterior wall and the cement archways that now stand alone at the front. This will provide a visual linkage between the cement archways and the front wall of the Auditorium. The river-rock can be related to several bible stories, e.g., the rock upon which St. Peter built the first church and the river water used for baptisms.

- The beautiful Blue Spruce now in front of the Auditorium and the flower beds in front of the current sign and along both sides of the front walkway will remain.

Funding the Project

A short term **LANDSCAPING MEMORIAL FUND** is being established to enable Church members to donate specifically to the **landscaping project**. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,500.00 and your donations are needed to help improve the appearance of the church at the front.

Next Steps

1. The landscaping plan was introduced to the Congregation during the service on Sunday, January 29th, 2006.
2. In April, and to the extent special funding has been achieved, arrangements will be made with Artistic Landscaping Designs to purchase and deliver the necessary materials.
3. If funds have been obtained, a tree/shrub planting day will be organized for volunteers in early May.

Elwood Hodgins

Thank You Volunteer Painters!

As of February 5th, 23 people have signed up to paint and 5 others have volunteered to help provide lunch for the painters. What a wonderful response to our invitation and a hearty 'thank you' to all. Your support will significantly reduce church maintenance costs this year. Leaders for each painting project have also been identified. We are thankful to the following volunteers for taking on this additional responsibility.

Lois and Philip Cheetham - the north entrance staircase
Joanne Tuttle - the hallway between the kitchen and the auditorium, and,
Tom Montgomery - the kitchen and adjoining pantry/entrance.

From the Church Library

The Jubilee Unit of Woodroffe United Church kindly donated the following books to the church library last Fall. They are displayed for borrowing on the sloping shelves in the library corner in the Narthex.

- 242.2
CEL **Celtic Daily Prayer**
 by The Northumbria Community. c2005
 (A resource for personal and group devotions.)
- 264
GAL **The Pattern of Our Days**
 by Kathy Galloway c1999
 (Worship in the Celtic tradition from the Iona Community; these prayers and resources are suitable for individual or group use.)
- 225.92
MAC **Kindred Sisters: New Testament Women Speak to Us Today**
 by Dandi Mackall c1996
 (The stories of Elizabeth, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Pilate's wife and other women invite reflection and meditation on contemporary issues of life and faith.)
- 204.32
RUP **The Circle of Life**
 by Joyce Rupp c2005
 (Devotions for the seasons of the year.)
- 242.2
RUP **The Cup of our Life: a Guide for Spiritual Growth**
 by Joyce Rupp c1997
 (This creative guide for individual and group prayer uses the cup as a rich symbol of life with its emptiness and its fullness.)

Don Mutch

Wednesday Sewing Group

Yes, we are still in business. We continue to make "procedure dolls" for CHEO. There is a beautiful quilt under way. We are planning for next Fall's bazaar. There is never any problem with having enough to do. What we really need is more members to help us do it. It is not even necessary to be a good sewer. Come and join us and bring your ideas. We meet Wednesday mornings 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Rooms 23-25 upstairs. Contact 596-1221,

Fran McKean

Ask Joe

Again, lots of interesting questions were sent in, wondering where you come up with these?

Question 1

Dear Joe

Why do we have piggy banks instead of bunny banks or kitty banks? Signed, Bugs

Answer

Dear Bugs

Don't see these much anymore, but here's what I found.

In medieval England, pots and dishes were made from a clay known as "pygg". It was a common practice to save spare change in a kitchen pot. Now it gets interesting. Around 1600, an English potter who was unfamiliar with this custom of storing money in pots was asked to make a pygg bank, which he misunderstood to be a clay vessel in the shape of an animal. The end result was a clay pig with a slot in its back. The piggy bank had arrived. True piggy banks have only a slot, no hole in the bottom, so getting money out of a piggy bank is almost as hard as getting an interest free loan out of a bank.

Signed, Joe

Question 2

Dear Joe,

If most people use a fork in their right hand, why is it set on the left at the plate?

Signed, Heloise

Answer

Dear Heloise

When the fork surfaced in the eleventh century, the only eating utensil was a knife, which was used by the right hand to cut and deliver food to the mouth. The left hand was assigned the new fork, which is why it's set on the left. Now if you're left handed, everything works just right! Spoons on the other hand are a real problem so leave them on top.

Signed, Joe

Sneak preview: Stay tuned for a response to the following 'sensational' question in the spring edition of The Uniter!

Dear Joe:

It seems in the past that there has been an ongoing competition in scrabble. The winner has been determined at the annual ski trip. It also seems that when you, Joe, are the winner that somehow that news gets into The Uniter. However, things have been quiet on the scrabble front reporting. You neglected to broadcast when you no longer held the championship! And now in 2006, Joe, you didn't even show up to defend you title from '02, '03, & '04 after losing it in '05. This makes no sense for one with such a competitive spirit? What's the problem? In your absence yet a new winner in 2006 emerged, quietly dominating the game at Gray Rocks. Congrats to Wesley Dearham!! Are you going to show up next time, Joe??

Signed – '05 Champ

Literary Corner

Days may come and days may go,
But why do they have to hurry so?
Tomorrow is only a new today
Perhaps it will be one we hope will stay
If we live each day the best we can
We can be at peace with our fellow man
And be in no rush for tomorrow to come
While we can still enjoy today some.

Lloyd Rintoul

Bulletin Board

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

February 2006

17 Friday, Spaghetti Supper Games Night
 19 Sunday. Scout/Guide Service
 24-25-26 Fasting in Faith Weekend - WYG
 26 Sunday Service – 10:00a.m.
 - Sermon discussion on Scientific Crime drama, CSI,
 Following service – 11:00 a.m.
 - Marriage Policy Open Forum – 1:30 p.m.
 28 Shrove Tuesday

March 2006

3 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 5 Sunday Lent I Service 10:00 a.m.
 Anniversary Sunday
 Annual Financial/Stat. Meeting
 10 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 12 Sunday Lent II Service 10:00 a.m.
 17 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 19 Sunday Lent III Service 10:00 a.m.
 24 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.
 26 Sunday Lent IV Service 10:00 a.m.
 31 Friday Reflection Group 7:30 a.m.

April 2006

2 Sunday Lent V Service 10:00 a.m.
 9 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 New Members Breakfast 8:45 a.m.
 Sunday Lent VI Service 10:00 a.m.
 Palm Sunday
 Reception of New Members

April 2006 (continued)

13 Maundy Thursday
 14 Good Friday Service 10:00 a.m.
 Office Closed
 16 Sunday Easter Service 10:00 a.m.
 Communion
 Sunrise Service (at sun rise)
 17 Easter Monday – Office Closed
 22 Saturday – Scouts Pancake Breakfast
 23 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 – Honorary Elders Luncheon 11:45 a.m.
 30 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

May 2006

6 Saturday – GST Auction & BBQ
 7 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 14 Sunday Christian Family Service 10:00 a.m.
 21 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 26 Friday - Strings of St. John's Concert – 8:00
 28 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

June 2006

4 Sunday Service 10:a.m.
 - Communion, Pentecost, Confirmation
 6 – Tuesday – Cubs, Beavers & Scouts windup BBQ
 11 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 followed by BBQ & Baseball
 18 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 Followed by Annual Congregational Program Meeting

Honorary Elders Luncheon

The Annual Spring Luncheon for Honorary Elders will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 11:45 a.m. in the Banquet Hall.

As usual it promises to be an interesting social gathering, followed by a short Business Meeting.

Details will follow in the Sunday green sheet at a later date.

Percy Hillier & Cathy Liai

Mission & Service Matters

Woodroffe United Church and the Face to Face Program

What is the Face to Face Program? It is a program for people in congregations of the United Church of Canada who wish to host a visitor from an overseas partner church for one to two weeks in order for the host and visitor to get to know each other, develop a greater appreciation of another culture and for the congregation to gain an appreciation of the visitor's partner church.

Your Mission and Service Committee and Council have been working with the United Church's Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit over the past few months to arrange for a visitor from another country for the first two weeks of May 2006. This is, as the saying goes a work in progress as it takes time for the appropriate individual to be identified and for that person to obtain the necessary leave from work and make family arrangements.

We hope to hear in the course of the next month who our visitor will be and receive background information on her/his interests. At that time we will work closely with members of the congregation to develop a program that will enable all, our visitor and the congregation, to benefit to the greatest degree possible from our first participation in the Face to Face Program.

Water: A Sacred Gift, Sacred Trust

In his October 2005 letter to United Churches in Canada, The Right Reverend Dr. Peter Short, Moderator, states "... water, as a sacred gift, must be accessible to all and not be turned into a commodity for private profit.."

The upcoming World Water Forum, which will be held in Mexico City, March 16-22, 2006, is entitled "Controlling the World's Water." The Forum receives funding from the Canadian government and is organized by the World Water Council, which brings together major international financial institutions, a number of multinational corporations and different governments. Forum sponsors believe that privatizing water systems is still the best solution to the world's water dilemma.

KAIROS and Development and Peace will participate in the 2006 Forum and press for community control of water services – not privatization which benefits multinational corporations. Stay in touch via their websites to see how you can be involved.

KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (Web site: www.kairoscanada.org)
Development and Peace (Web site: www.devp.org)

Muriel McQuinty



96th Ottawa Scouts & Venturers

In late October, as the leaves were falling, we held a bike camp along the K&P rail recreational trail from Snow Road Station to Calabogie. Fantastic weather, along with rivers, lakes, and waterfalls greeted us around every bend in the trail. For Hallowe'en, we set up a haunted house in the Banquet Hall to the delight of our guests – the Beavers & Cubs. Remembrance Day at the Westboro Cenotaph saw 71 youth, leaders, and parents from our Scouting family gather to remember and give thanks. That was followed by a cookout and games day in the western Greenbelt. We brought out our annual Christmas carol voices and went out caroling with the Beavers & Cubs, and we've had a few regular meeting night outings to glow-in-the-dark golf, tobogganing, and a cookout in the Pinhey forest. This month, the Venturer-aged youth are forming their own Company, separate from the Troop, and their first activity together, was a winter camp, held in early February at Rock Dunder between Gananoque and Westport. It was a little warm for a winter camp, but we got lots of activities in, including a hike to a spectacular cliff top lookout. Also on tap in February is the annual Klondike sled derby. Our Scouts have entered two sled teams, while the Venturers are helping to run stations at the derby. Upcoming activities include participating in the annual Scout-Guide service, a pancake breakfast, outdoor rock climbing, and spring camp.

M.

PAR – Pre-Authorized Remittance Program Is A 'Go'

PAR stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance and is a "direct debit" program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account.

During this year's pledge campaign, we asked you whether you'd like to get more information on PAR. Over 30 pledge forms indicated "Yes". In the next month, we'll be holding an information session to go over the procedures of getting you enrolled in PAR, and issuing enrollment forms (a voided cheque will also be required). More definite dates of when and where this session will be held will be published in the Sunday bulletin. All are welcomed to attend even if you didn't check the box on the pledge form.

The national United Church administers the program following the giver's wishes ("x" amount for local church expenses and "x" amount for M&S, "x" amount for Outreach). Once a month, PAR givings are debited from the givers accounts and then the total, less a small service fee, is electronically transferred to their local church account.

The benefits of PAR to you are that it's a convenient way to take care of your regular commitments to the church, you'll have fewer cheques to write, you'll not have to worry about 'catching up' with your givings when you've been away and you'll be helping the church out in a number of ways. First, it will help regulate a steady monthly flow of monies to handle church expenses, it will be less processing and counting of monies following service, and will allow us to plan better for future expenditures.

We will still be issuing church envelopes so that you'll still be able to drop your envelope into the offering plate but you'll identify that your contribution is handled by PAR. This will also allow you to continue to contribute during the year to special events (e.g., Roof Fund, Memorial Window, Memorial Landscaping Project, etc.).

Thank you for all your interest in this new program for Woodroffe United. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Treasurer (Joe Smarkala – 820-4360), or contact the church secretary.

Joe Smarkala

“Take Time To Be Wholey!” – Past and Future

Now that winter is upon us, as the snow flies and the wind blows around the house, we spend our evenings in front of the fire, with a hot chocolate in our hand, cheering the Senators on to another win! With the exception of the second Tuesday of each month when “Take Time To Be Wholey” meets.

In January, Debra-Lynn Menard, walked us through “**Allowing Yourself to "Just Be"!**”. After the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, she helped us to give ourselves permission to "just be". To take time to notice, to appreciate, and to be conscious of what is happening in the moment – all of which will lead us to some very powerful conclusions if we only let it.

In February, Dana Richardson and Vickie Townson, Life and Career Transition Coaches and co-founders of *Partners in Transition*, helped us discover a structure for managing change and honouring the self, through “**Transitions – Clarity at the Crossroads**”. Through an exercise on creating our vision for our next life stage, we gained a better understanding of how to work our way through life transitions – expected and unexpected as we agonize over which direction to take.

On April 11th, Miranda Dayvis will present a session on improving our “**Health and Vitality**” by learning how Rolfing (developed by Dr. Ida Rolf) helps to improve posture and functioning of organs, increase energy and flexibility, and relieve pain. Rolfing is the name given to Dr. Rolf's method of massage, which transcends chiropractic in that it is based on the notion that *emotional* as well as *physical* health depends upon being properly aligned. Miranda has been a Rolfing practitioner for 19 years. She trained at the Rolfing Institute in Bolder, Colorado, and has worked with the foremost Rolfers in North America.

Our last session for this year will take place on May 9th. Rosa Murnaghan will lead us through three levels of specially designed classes that are safe, fun to do, easy to learn and effective “**Bones for Life™**”. This session will help us develop and maintain strong bones and a sense of well-being. Join us to bring that bounce back into your step! Rosa is a qualified Bones for Life™ teacher as well as a Guild Certified FELDENKRAIS Practitioner. She has taught movement awareness classes to adults and maintained a private practice in Ottawa and the surrounding area for over ten years.

Don't miss these exciting sessions! Join us for evenings of relaxation, fellowship and fun.

“Take Time to Be Wholey”!

W - Wellness
H - Health
O - Openness
L - Love
E - Energy
Y - Yourself

Deborah Poole & Dana Richardson



THE OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

In December 2005, we supported 41 families at the Carling Family Shelter: 8 babies were each given a blanket, along with a suitable gift. 38 boys and 42 girls from 1 to 16 were each given a gift, and a hat, gloves, mitts or socks; 9 teenage boys and 3 men received socks, and 5 teenage girls and 38 women received a bag of toiletries, donated by the United Church Women and others in the congregation. In all, 88 angel gifts were donated to these children.

Our telephone committee members and chair of the Outreach Committee received calls from families in need of assistance. The names were checked at Christmas Exchange for duplicate requests, and then placed on our list, while it was determined how much each family would receive. Vouchers were readied and someone from each family came to pick up the voucher on December 10th, 17th, and 21st.

In all we supplied 65 families each with a voucher for The Independent Grocer, a bag of toiletries, and suitable gifts for the children. The total cost to Woodroffe for this programme was \$5 788.00.

The remaining knitting was delivered to Pinecrest - Queensway Social Services, to be distributed at their discretion.

Our grateful thanks go out to the members of the congregation who support the Outreach Committee during the year, and donated money, knitting, toiletries and White Gifts in December.

With your donations we were able to give a little cheer to a total of 106 families in our community.

Diana Baird

Lenten Reflection Group

This year our "early bird reflection group" will be using the United Church's Lenten devotional booklet, *Living Waters*.

"Ian Macdonald has produced a Lenten book that is a well overflowing. Always grounded in scripture, these daily reflections draw wonderfully on experiences ranging from an encounter of a policeman with a duck in Vancouver to well-digging in Ghana to a baptism at L'Arche to the Inter-Church Task Force on Northern Flooding. I laughed, I cried and I found both a desire to grow deeper in Christ and in my connection to others and the whole creation." – Gordon Light, Bishop for the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, British Columbia

This review and more information can be found on the United Church's web site: www.united-church.ca

Our group will meet on Fridays during Lent, beginning on March 3rd at 7:30 a.m. We gather and over coffee and muffins share and learn together as we look at one of the readings for each week throughout Lent.

If you would like to order a book (\$15), please contact Jan Lougheed. If you have not been part of this reflection group before, you will find a warm welcome. Please fee free to join us in the Friendship Room

Did you know?

Did you know that, in the early years of Woodroffe United Church, married women did not have first names? It's true (we're not allowed to make things up).

At least, that's what appears from the records. All references to married women were recorded as, for example, "Mrs. A.B. Smith." Even unmarried women often were recorded without a first name; simply listed as "Miss Jones." Except for baptismal, burial and marriage registers, which were official legal documents, it is almost impossible to find female first names in the records of the church-- even in the minutes of the Women's Association!

Except for the President of the Women's Association, no woman was elected to the Official Board—the equivalent of our present Council—for a full decade after the founding of the congregation. That person was (Miss) Evelyn Rintoul who was elected an Elder in February 1959. Perhaps to make up for lost time, she was also immediately elected Assistant Clerk of Session.

The Woodroffe Family History Project (John Patton)

Members of the Woodroffe family will be saddened to learn of the death, in Carleton Place on February 5th, of Alex Ingram, also known as "Mr. Woodroffe". A tribute to Alex will appear in the spring newsletter.

Could you afford to give \$10,000 or more to charity tomorrow?

Perhaps not tomorrow but one day you might. The average Canadian leaves an estate of about \$250,000.

By making or modifying your will to direct some of your estate to charity, you have the power to make a major difference in the lives of others after you are gone.

An information session on giving to charity through your will is being planned for the Spring. More information will be posted in the Bulletin.

Elizabeth Harvey

Worms eat our garbage (but only in the summer)

My compost is frozen and full. Is anyone else available to take composting home from the church during the winter? Please contact Mary Lynne Harvey at 825-3668.

Mary Lynne Harvey

*Calling all Singers!!!!

Woodroffe Choir would like to invite you to join us in the choir loft on Easter Sunday (April 16th at 10:00 a.m.) and

Good Friday (April 14th at 10:00 a.m.).

If you love to sing and can carry a tune, please join us. No previous choir experience is necessary. Pamela and Vija, the Directors of Music, will teach all of the music for the two services in eight short Thursday evening rehearsals. The rehearsals will be 30 to 45 minutes in length and as we get closer to Easter, the rehearsal time will be extended. In order to learn the music, participants should attend at least 6 of the 8 rehearsals which will be held at 7:30 on the following evenings:

Thursdays: February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

If you can join us (or if you have any questions), please call Pamela Hoswitschka at 722-9250 so that a packet of music can be ready for you at the first rehearsal in February.

*Although ALL singers are welcome, we have a special need for tenors.

Concerts at Woodroffe

Friday, May 19, 2006 *The Stairwell Carolers* (Time TBD)

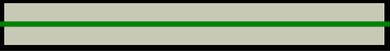
Don't miss this exciting concert! Mark your calendars now.

The Stairwell Carolers is an amateur 22 to 24 voice a cappella chamber choir of professional standards, well known in the National Capital Region. Director, Pierre Massie, founded the choir in 1977. The group's repertoire encompasses sacred and secular songs from the Renaissance period. The Stairwell Carolers have been featured in CBC Christmas broadcasts both recorded and live. They perform throughout the year, not just at Christmas time. The release of their first CD, *Qui creavit celum*, commemorated the Stairwell Caroler's twentieth anniversary. Four more CD's have been produced since this time. The Stairwell Carolers is a non-profit organization. They assist in raising funds for local charities through concerts and CD sales.

Friday, May 26, 2006 **8:00 p.m.** *The Strings of St. Johns*

This concert will feature Don Renshaw on trombone. The programme will include: Summer from The Four Seasons by Vivaldi, and the Suite Mignone by Sibelius.

Pamela Hoswitschka



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A church in action
A church for youth*

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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, an active outreach program, a dedicated pastoral care team and a broad variety of opportunities for worship and spiritual growth. 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.

