



# Reach Out

Glen Cairn United Church Newsletter



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***We are called by God to be a welcoming church where we respect differences and build Christian community, as we learn, grow, celebrate, and reach out in faith.***

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Submitted by Reverend Brian Copeland*

What a great joy to be at Glen Cairn. Already I have been blessed by your kindness and grace. Our welcome has been warm and generous and, very quickly, Sandra and I are feeling at home in what must be one of the friendliest congregations in the community. My first day here was wonderful with so many well-wishers coming in to say hello, and I was honored at how many of you were able to be at my first service, on a Labour Day weekend. I pray that in the years ahead I may be a channel of God's grace to you, as you have been a channel to me in our new beginning.

I have always loved Psalm 121, with its question: "I lift my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?" In particular, I have appreciated the interpretation which says that the hills were filled with the idols of the pagan gods, and that the traveler is actually making a claim that my help doesn't come from the idols in the hills, but from God's very real presence with us each new day, each kilometer covered. The psalmist response is, "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." We look to God who created and fashioned us, as the one who will provide our comfort and our aid on this journey.

In the time ahead, we look not to the hills, as beautiful as the Gatineau Hills appear in the autumn, but to God who walks with us in the journey of faith. God, who is in our daily trials and joys, goes with us in the ministry we share at Glen Cairn United. I hold my trust in the way God sets before us on this adventure wherever it may lead. So I am not looking up, but straight ahead, knowing that God's grace and love will surround us and sustain whatever the path we are called to walk.

Thanks be to God.

## MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

*Submitted by Anne McEwen, Chairperson*

Where has the summer gone? It seems like only yesterday we were at the Father's Day luncheon to honour Garth and Dorothy, then Kathy arrived and then, last Sunday, we gathered for a covenanting service with Brian. Whew . . . what an amazing and wonderful past few months!!

As mentioned, we gathered in June to say thanks, and good-bye, to Garth and Dorothy in an emotional, but fun-filled luncheon. The M & P Committee would like to thank the members of the Membership Committee who organized the food for the luncheon, and all those people who contributed to the speeches and presentations. Our time with Garth and Dorothy seemed to fly by and, as a congregation, we will forever be grateful for their guidance and leadership (and their awesome services) during those wonderful months.

In July, we were fortunate to engage the services of Rev. Kathy Petrie for the summer. Although her time with us was brief, she made an impact on our congregation. Her quiet strength and compassion guided us through some difficult times with courage and, as always, humour. We would like to take this opportunity to send along a HUGE thanks to Kathy for her leadership in the summer. Stayed tuned for details of Kathy's covenanting service with her new congregation.

Now we are launching into our new fall schedule. Rev. Brian Copeland has joined us and our programs are beginning with all the excitement and enthusiasm of last year. Brian brings with him tons of experience and energy to travel with us on our spiritual journey. The M & P committee would like to thank Susi Hardaker, Peter Bishop, and Brian Neale

who volunteered to be members of Brian's transition team. Thanks a big bunch!!

The M & P Committee not only represents the staff of our church, but also the members of the congregation. If you have any ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of our committee:

- Martha Townsend Colford
- Delma Murray
- Heather MacDonald
- Susan McMullin
- Anne McEwen



## PASTORAL CARE

*Submitted by Lynda Brooks, Team Leader*

The Pastoral Care Team continues to be very active. The July 24<sup>th</sup> flood kept everyone, especially Rev. Kathy Petrie, busy. We would like to thank Kathy for her kindness to a community she barely knew. The Teddy Bear campaign was well received.

This fall will be very active. A Healing Touch practice group has been established. Lynda, with a friend, will be attending a level two workshop on Healing Pathways. She will also be attending a first-ever Pastoral Care retreat.

The church's Team will have its own retreat this year as well. There will also be two Healing Services. The first is scheduled for 2 PM on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking for new members, especially someone as a support person.

This year shapes up to be a very exciting one for the Glen Cairn United Church Pastoral Care Team. We are especially looking forward to Rev. Brian's leadership.

## CHAIR OF COUNCIL

*Submitted by Wayne Johnston*

*Go!*

I should stop with the title because that really says everything about how I feel this fall. We spent last year training, getting ready. Just look around the pages of this newsletter and you'll see there's a lot coming up this fall: choirs for all ages, faith formation events, outreach events and programs, and a new - yet familiar - face in the pulpit. There's lots to do and lots of ways to get involved.

So, I think we're ready. *Let's Go!*



## BOOK FAIR!

On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, a book fair of Christian books from the United Church Resource Centre has been arranged at GCUC by the Faith Formation Committee.

These books will be available for sale immediately prior to the service and afterwards. Books for children as well as Christmas resources will be included. You might want to plan to do some early Christmas shopping at this book fair.



## GENERAL COUNCIL

*Submitted by Barbara Reynolds*

The United Church General Council met in Kelowna, B.C., from August 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. The next General Council will convene at Carleton University in Ottawa in August 2012. David Stafford of Bells Corners UC and I have agreed to co-chair the Ottawa Local Arrangements Committee.

In Kelowna, we observed what tasks must be considered in order to accommodate the needs of the 800 participants. Local transportation, registration, hospitality, and child care are just some of the many activities undertaken by the local churches. As 2012 draws closer, we shall be asking congregations in our Presbytery to help welcome delegates. Keep posted for our sign-up sheets!

**GC41 in Ottawa in 2010!**

## OTTAWA PRESBYTERY

### Summary of the September 2009 Meeting

*Submitted by Barbara Reynolds, Presbytery Representative, from Minutes provided by Lillian Roberts, Presbytery Minister, Ottawa Presbytery*

The Presbytery convened for the first meeting of the new pastoral year on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at Emmanuel United Church. Rev. Dr. Graeme Carruth, the 2008-2009 Presiding Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed presbyters and guests. Joyce White, the Chair of Council, welcomed Presbytery and shared a little about the newest challenge for the Emmanuel congregation. They are planning a major revitalization of their Christian Education building. The congregation sees this close to two million-dollar undertaking as an opportunity in mission as they commit themselves to "being green" in both the design and construction, and understand the retrofit as a way to better serve the needs of both the congregation and community.

The September meeting provides the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of the retiring Chair. Presbytery Minister Lillian Roberts expressed words of appreciation to Graeme and his wife Winnie for their leadership and presence during the past year. Rev. Dianne Cardin, who retires from Barrhaven at the end of September, was prepared for the transition by encouraging words from Rev. Angela Bailey. The worship time concluded with an "In Memoriam" for the Rev. Dr. James Uhrich. The court was honoured to have Margaret, his widow, in attendance.

The worship time also included covenanting with Mr. John Keddy, the new Chair of Ottawa Presbytery. John is a member of First United Church and has been involved in various activities at all levels of the church. The theme he has chosen for this program year is "Celebrating the Diversity of our Church Family."

It was noted that the correspondence included the suggestion from a presbyter that the Presbytery consider holding all of its meetings in one location. Presbyters will have an opportunity to discuss this suggestion in October.

Rick Balson led the court through the report and recommendation of the Resource Centre Review and Needs Assessment Working Group. The Presbytery overwhelmingly supported the direction of the report and accepted the recommendations. A part-time (20 hours per week) Resource Centre Coordinator will be hired for a two-year trial period. A search committee was established with the hope of having the new staff in place by January 2010. The hiring for this position will not result in any additional operating budget cost to the Presbytery, as the Resource Centre has reserves from which to draw.

The major portion of the meeting was given over to the report on the 40<sup>th</sup> General Council held in Kelowna, B.C., from August 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. (For full details of the meeting you can visit <http://gc40.united-church.ca>) Ottawa Presbytery was well represented by Commissioners Rev. Matt Gallinger, Rev. Maggie Melanson, Rev. Graeme Carruth, Rev. Brian Cornelius, Isobel Eastman, John Keddy, and Jesse Root. Also in attendance were Christine Williams, Resource Person; Olivia Best and MaryAnn MacGregor, Youth Forum Participants; Derek Carlisle, Media Team; and Barbara Reynolds and David Stafford, GC41 Planning Group). All of these persons are available to visit congregations to share their experiences of General Council 40. Presbyters have a list with their contact information. Those who attended shared their experiences and the work of GC40. As you know by now, the new Moderator of the United Church of Canada is Mardi Tindal, who has been the Director of the Five Oaks Learning Centre near Paris, Ontario.

Andrew Hyde shared his excitement about the ministry that happened over the summer through Camp Awesome, the Vacation Bible School program offered through the Presbytery to congregations that also provides a vehicle for dynamic leadership development with youth and young adults. He also highlighted various activities the YAYA (Youth and Young Adult) Ministry Committee have planned for the coming year. The biggest challenge is getting the invitation out to youth and young adults in our congregations! Publicity has been posted on the church bulletin board.

Rev. Brian Cornelius, in his role as Chair of the Finance Committee, indicated that a draft budget will be presented to Presbytery in October. The preliminary congregational assessments will also be available at that time.

The meeting closed with prayer and singing. The Presbytery next meets on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Riverside United Church.

## STEWARDSHIP CONNECTION NEWS

Submitted by Susan McMullin, GCUC  
Stewardship Connection Coordinator

*"Stewardship is a relational issue between God and us. We may have a good relationship (like Zacchaeus in Luke 19) or we may have a bad relationship (like the rich ruler in Luke 18).*

*"Our stewardship is how we live in that relationship between God and us. Moreover, God invites us to consider money and possessions in the same way we are to consider everything else: as belonging to God who has entrusted them into our hands.*

*"The question is not how much of what is mine do I give to others. The question is how much of what is God's do I reserve for myself. The answer we give is a faith issue, a stewardship issue."*

By Dr. William O. Avery, "Y2K, A Report Card on Stewardship", in Faith in Action, Winter 1999, p. 13.

The goal of the GCUC Stewardship Connection Programme is to raise awareness of what a "good steward" means. This awareness, in turn, will help foster a strong sense of stewardship in the members and adherents of Glen Cairn United. A Stewardship Connection template was completed in June under the guidance of Rev. Garth Mundle, and then approved by Rev. Brian Copeland.

This template, or calendar, is designed to provide an overview of ways that the congregation can be reminded that we are stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. It is hoped that in April or May, 2010, this template will be revisited and revised to see what was attainable, popular, and possible within our church family.

Under the leadership of the **Programme Co-ordinator**, the Stewardship Connection Committee has been divided into different areas with specific tasks related to each:

- ☐ The Communicators
- ☐ The Data Collectors
- ☐ The Thankers
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ The Worship Collaborator
- ☐ Stewardship Recruiter and Finance Informant

Our **Communicators** (*Barb Loynes and Wanda McNea*) are responsible for ensuring the congregation receives regular monthly information related to Stewardship. Watch for announcements in our bulletin, articles on our bulletin board, reflections in the order of service, and inserts or handouts attached to the order of service.

Our **Data Collectors** (*Steve Hardaker and Wayne Kerr*) are responsible for collecting information regarding the life of our congregation. From time to time they will conduct surveys and collect data from group leaders, and then compile the results.

The **Thanker** is a position available who would give thanks and express appreciation to specific groups for their stewardship either verbally or in print. Please contact Susan McMullin if you are interested in this Stewardship department. (I will even supply stationary!)

**Outreach** (*Kim Power*) will guide us to where we can help facilitate her activities.

The **Worship Collaborator** (*David Rothwell*) will collaborate with the Minister on Stewardship in worship.

**Stewardship and Finance** (*Sherry Sharpe and Brian Neale*) will provide regular financial and budget information.

Finally, the **Coordinator** (*Susan McMullin*) is the liaison within all the different areas providing supplies and communicating between all the departments.

### Gifts and Abilities Survey

You will recall that under Rev. Garth Mundle and Dorothy Naylor's leadership we established a comprehensive Stewardship Strategy for GCUC. For that purpose, we carried out a *Gifts and Abilities Survey* on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Everyone was asked to indicate on the cards provided two each of:

- a) Things You Enjoy,
- b) Your Gifts or Abilities, and
- c) Your Skills and Work Experience.

A total of 91 responses were received. We have collected and grouped the results, and have prepared a summary report of the survey results for the Stewardship Committee and Council.

When someone mentions the word "Stewardship," the first thing that many people think of is money. Well, the details in the survey report are a clear indication that Stewardship means far more than the dollars we all give to our church.

The report showed that, in our congregation, there are a variety and abundance of things we individually like to do. It is evident that our skills and talent at GCUC can continue to go a long way to ensure that we will be good stewards over the upcoming years to assist our congregation to thrive and grow.

Good Stewardship means to be selflessly giving of our time, effort, care, talent, skills, and resources. The *GCUC Gifts and Abilities Summary Report* put together by Wayne Kerr and Steven Hardaker, Data Collectors, follows, for your reading pleasure.

The Stewardship Committee is also quite excited with the direction of our finances. Our various fundraisers, along with an increase in the number of congregational members registered with P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance), and a generous donation to the church through a will, have all helped the church remain in the black this year. As we move forward, we are confident that, as a congregation, we can keep this momentum going. Already we have improved the Youth and Sunday School Program, and now look forward to providing additional programs.



### How's Your P.A.R.?

If you are not on PAR, please consider it.

Remember to purchase your Farm Boy, Sobey's, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, and Loblaws gift cards (to name just a few).

To date, we have earned **\$2,074.90** through this programme!

Please bring forward any ideas you have for future fundraisers to Brian Neale and Sherry Sharpe, Finance and Stewardship.

Stewardship connects all aspects of church life . . .

*The Stewardship Connection*



## And a quick note from Kathy . . .

Dear Friends,

*I rejoice that you have been able to put away your umbrellas for many days now! I also want to thank you sincerely for your amazing expressions of gratitude on my last Sunday with you and throughout the summer.*

*Your creativity and generosity will remain a lasting and treasured memory. Thank you for each gift and word.*

*Above all, thank you for the gift of yourselves. It has been a true privilege and blessing to have served together with you. I feel honoured to count you among my friends and look forward to the times when our paths continue to intersect.*

*Yes, I'm still in transition, but I know that your encouragement and care are with me.*

*May you have many "dry" days and years in your new pastoral relationship! God's richest and deepest blessings to you and Brian.*

*With heartfelt gratitude,  
Kathy Petrie*

*Kathy's contact information is available at the office.*

## CHOIR NOTES

*Submitted by Bev Armbruster and Vida Johnston*

A very special thank you to everyone who shared their musical gifts over the summer months. Your contributions to the worship services were greatly appreciated.

The **Senior Choir** began rehearsals in early September. We're always delighted to welcome new members. Studies have shown that singing helps you feel more alert, calm, and spiritually uplifted! It's also a wonderful way to develop new friendships.

**Gabriel's Chorus**, directed by Peter Bishop, meets on Thursday evenings. Gentlemen of the congregation are welcome to join this enthusiastic group of singers.

The women's **Cecilia Chorus** will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and begin rehearsals on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Any women interested in joining the Chorus, or meeting for a little friendship and fellowship, are welcome to come.

Vida Johnston will lead the **Junior choir** on Thursdays, starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. New this year will be a **Youth Choir**, also under Vida's leadership, for students in grades 7 to 12. Practices will be held on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:00 PM starting October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our congregation is fortunate to have many talented musicians including members of the **Stained Glass Band**. You'll often hear them rehearse on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. We're delighted that the band will enhance our worship at the Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, morning service.

**Revelation**, our resident gospel quartet, continues to rehearse on a regular basis. You'll be able to enjoy their harmonious sounds on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to check out the music table on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be plenty of sharpened pencils available for you and your family to sign up for your musical journey!

*"Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always Hallelujah!"* (Fred Pratt Green, from the Voices United hymn book)

### Practice times:

Senior Choir ( <i>Bev</i> )	Thursdays 8:00-9:30 PM
Cecilia Chorus ( <i>Bev</i> )	Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 AM beginning October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Gabriel's Chorus ( <i>Peter</i> )	Thursdays 7:00-8:00 PM
Junior Choir ( <i>Vida</i> )	Thursdays 7:00-7:30 PM beginning October 1 <sup>st</sup> (children 7 to 12 years of age)
Youth Choir ( <i>Vida</i> )	Thursdays 7:30-8:00 PM beginning October 8 <sup>th</sup> (youths in grades 7 to 12)
Cherub Choir ( <i>Bev</i> )	Thursdays 6:30-7:00 PM beginning October 15 <sup>th</sup> (children three to six years of age who want to have fun!)

Here are advance notice about some of the music to be featured at upcoming Sunday morning services this fall:

### **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> - Stained Glass Band**

Hymns: Come Let Us Sing (VU 222), Seek Ye First (VU 356), Lord Speak to Me (589),  
Lead On, O Cloud of Presence (VU 421)  
Prayer Lord Listen to Your Children Praying (VU 400)

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** (Communion Sunday) - **Revelation** "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
Anthem Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** (Thanksgiving Sunday)  
Anthem Kuimba Asante (Song of Thanks)

Bev and Vida's contact information is available at the office

***To live is to sing. To sing is to live!!***

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

*Submitted by Martha Townshend Colford, President*

Welcome back to the busy life of Glen Cairn United Church. All our committees and groups are up and running and UCW is no exception. Have your calendar handy so you can mark the important dates.

On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we had our first meeting of the season. We thoroughly enjoyed the slide presentation of Kathryn Young Davies' trip to Mount Kilimanjaro and other parts of northern Tanzania. The pictures were breathtaking and there was lots of laughter during the storytelling.

This was followed by a presentation from Jo Marchant and Marion Roks, two Ottawa women who are trying to better the lives of girls and women in northern Tanzania by sponsoring their education and micro-financing small businesses. For more information, go to: [www.projectembo.org](http://www.projectembo.org). Thank you to the 40+ people who attended.

Usually our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, but, in October, due to Thanksgiving falling on a Monday, our meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Winter, our Office Administrator and a member of Kanata United Church, will be coming to speak to us about her experiences with Habitat for Humanity. We are inviting both men and women to this event.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Susan McMullin and Sandra Copeland are coming to demonstrate how to make Christmas centrepieces.

We will wind up 2009 with a Christmas potluck on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead to 2010, Lynda Brooks will be speaking about Food and Nutrition tips. Watch for further details.

In October (probably the 24<sup>th</sup>, but watch the bulletin for details), we will be selling frozen blueberries and cranberries. This is one of our major fundraisers, so tell your friends and neighbours. It is always wonderful to have some berries on hand for making muffins, loaves, desserts, and, of course, cranberry sauce with your Christmas turkey.

We will also be selling 2010 United Church calendars. Watch for those coming out in October or November. Those popular and so useful United Church cookbooks may be purchased at any time. They have lots of tried and true recipes with easy-to-find ingredients.

The main event will be coming on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. That is our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cookie Walk, Craft Fair, and Silent Auction. You can start now to bake your cookies and put them in the freezer, make crafts, and save your unused or gently-used items for the Silent Auction. For example, you can donate tickets to a show or hockey game; donate your time for baby-sitting, cooking a meal, or putting up Christmas lights; or you can use store points to buy an item that can be auctioned.

While you have your calendars open, on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Lunch and Such group will be enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by the UCW Catering Committee.

If you have any questions or suggestions for programs, or would like to receive information about our United Church Women's group, please contact Martha Townshend Colford at 613-591-3694, or by E-mail at [mtcolford@yahoo.ca](mailto:mtcolford@yahoo.ca).



## FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

*Submitted by Tom Dickson, Chairperson*

If September is any indication, this is going to be a fall to remember. So far, the GC3 Youth Ministry has held its first get-together: a bicycle rally and BBQ. As well, as Sunday School is starting soon, our teachers gathered for a special workshop to learn the latest in teaching techniques and to share thoughts and ideas. Great idea Barb and Jesse!

Plans for the future are also well underway. On the Adult Education front, Peter Bishop and I will be conducting another small group study on Sunday evenings. "Living the Questions" was such a success last winter that we thought that we would use this DVD study again. We plan to meet at participants' homes, no doubt eating desserts and drinking coffee while we discuss the stimulating questions contained in the study.

Rev. Brian is planning to hold a number of after-church discussions this fall as well, so watch for those. Shelley and Vida have a lot of great activities planned for our youth, so keep an eye on the bulletin. I would say more, but I don't want to ruin the surprise.

Sunday School starts this year with a "Garnish Rally" BBQ after September 20<sup>th</sup> church service, organized by Barbara Reynolds. There are several intergenerational worship services in the planning stages for the coming year. Barbara Reynolds is also spearheading a Christian Book Fair after Church later in October.

Lastly, the Faith Formation Team, with the help of other groups within the church, is planning a very special event for Advent. I can't say more, but keep your ears to the ground for news on this one.

The Faith Formation Team includes Vida Johnston, Shelley McLaughlin (*Youth*), Jesse Boehmer (*Sunday School*), Barbara Reynolds (*Children*), Rev. Brian Copeland, and Tom Dickson (*Adult Education*). The group meets once a month to brainstorm ideas, share what we are planning for our respective areas, and discuss activities already underway. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, feel free to speak to any of us, drop by the office and let Patricia or Ruth know.



## MEN'S GROUP

*Submitted by Emmett Will, Convenor*

The budding Men's Group held its first activity in August. Twenty men, which included men from our congregation plus a few of their friends and neighbours, played nine holes of golf at the Amberwood course, or played mini-putt at Karter's Korner.

The BBQ afterwards at the home of Peter and Shirley Bishop was fabulous. Many thanks to Shirley and Patricia Will for supplying some of the delicious treats, and to Shirley and Peter for opening their home to us.

Plans are currently being developed for the next event, likely in late October or early November. Details to follow.

## GC3 YOUTH MINISTRY

*Submitted by Shelley McLaughlin*

*“Leading youth to **Grow in Christ** as they live out the **Great Commandment** and apply the **Great Commission** in their daily lives. The goal is to love God and love people as we go and teach others to do the same.”*  
(Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:18-20)

GC3 kicked off the fall season with an amazing bike rally and potluck BBQ. Students, parents, and siblings came equipped with a bike, a helmet, and some tasty treats to share. Teams composed of students and adults raced to compute mathematical puzzles (to figure out the address), solved word riddles (to discern the street name), and then biked to the various locations where they had to answer a question specific to that address. Speed and accuracy were essential as teams travelled throughout the neighbourhoods of Glen Cairn and Bridlewood. Members of the winning team were: Erin Johnston, Laura Miller, Tara Nabi, and Bill Fuller. Congratulations team!! Hmm, perhaps it was a case of “beginner’s luck”, with Bill & Tara taking part in their first GC3 event as volunteer youth leaders. Nah, they earned it! A big thank-you to Wayne and Vida Johnston for coming up with such creative clues!

The youth also welcomed Rev. Brian to his new role as Minister of Glen Cairn United Church, unofficially and officially, Sunday morning when he invited the children to the front of the church. The entire row of youth stood, proceeded to the front, and sat down, eagerly awaiting the children’s message. This, of course, was no surprise - well, for no one except Brian, that is! On a more official note, during his covenanting service, Brian was presented with a Friendship bracelet from the children and youth of GCUC to “*be among us a friend who walks with us and shares with us in Christ’s love.*”

GC3 generally meets every 2nd Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 at the church. As plans for the fall are quickly taking shape, please check the announcements in the bulletin on a regular basis for upcoming activities. Any youth (grade 7 to grade 12) who are not currently receiving E-mails regarding GC3 activities are quite welcome to contact our youth leader, Shelley McLaughlin, via email at [youth@gcuc.ca](mailto:youth@gcuc.ca). We’d love to have you join us!



## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

*Submitted by Moe Wright, Chairperson*

Apart from ongoing maintenance, the Property Management Committee is pleased to report the following exceptional accomplishments, with acknowledgements of grateful appreciation, where applicable. Thanks to our wonderful UCW, and many volunteers, a complete shampooing of all carpets was done in the late spring. A group of hard-working souls spent a couple of Tuesday evenings assassinating the cornucopia of dandelions in the front lawn. A few gardeners in our congregation, including, most frequently, Faye Adams and Lynda Brooks, did a miraculous job of weeding and mulching the gardens. As well, a great big thanks to Susan McMullin for her horticultural efforts to beautify our property.

Contracts were let to remove a large willow tree at the rear of the parking lot, and to straighten two tilted parking lot lamp standards. Our back yard (non-GCUC) neighbours donated a new tree that was planted in the rear boulevard lawn area. Donations of furniture for use in the Minister’s office and the “Blue Room” were gratefully accepted from Mike and Holly Egan and Dorothy Skentelbery. And, most recently, Greg Reynolds and Martha Townshend Colford, under the expert organizational and decision-making skills of Barbara Reynolds, performed the astounding tasks of sorting, purging, cleaning, and re-organizing the three off-hall and mezzanine storage areas.

Many other individuals have donated time and effort in a variety of other ways, and for all that everyone has done, the Property Committee is truly thankful.

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

*Submitted by David Rothwell, Chairperson*

### Embarking on a New Journey

It has been a busy year for the Worship Committee. In the last 10 months, we have worked with five different Ministers at Glen Cairn. Rev. David Sherwin departed last November to take up a calling at Kitchissippi United. Without a break in programming, Rev. Garth Mundle and Dorothy Naylor jumped into the challenge of leading us through Advent, and then teaching us “how to dance.” It was a period of frenetic activity and self-reflection as the dynamic duo brought many new ideas to our congregation.

Summer was a time of quiet caring and support as Rev. Kathy Petrie guided many members of the congregation through difficult personal transitions and sustained us during the Glen Cairn flood of 2009. As we begin the autumn season, we welcome an old friend, Rev. Brian Copeland, to a new journey and another stage in the life of GCUC.

In February, the Joint Search Committee recommended that Rev. Brian Copeland be accepted as our full-time Minister. Having been our Interim Minister for three years (1995-1998), many in the congregation already know Brian very well. However, checking an old Church directory shows that Brian will be a new Minister for about half of our congregation.

For those who may not know the details of Brian’s faith journey, he graduated from Queen’s Theological College in 1979 with a Masters of Divinity and accepted his first calling in La Ronge, Saskatchewan, where he stayed for four years before moving to Brandon, Manitoba. While serving in Brandon for four years, he earned a Master of Sacred Theology from the University of Winnipeg. His introduction to the Ottawa area came in 1988 when he accepted a calling at Bell’s Corners United Church. After serving there for seven years, Brian embarked on the challenge of providing interim Ministry in the Ottawa Presbytery. In recent years, he has provided ministerial leadership to congregations at Glen Cairn, Trinity, Barrhaven, Knox, and Woodroffe.

Brian was born in Hamilton, Ontario, and grew up in the small town of Smithville, Ontario, in the heart of the Niagara Peninsula, where his parents ran a feed and grain mill nearby. He was raised in the United Church, and participated in many activities from Sunday School to youth group. For his undergraduate degree, Brian attended Queen’s University, specializing in political studies which, he claims, have been of considerable benefit in church work. During his student ministry, Brian served in downtown Toronto, in northern British Columbia, and spent an internship year in Burnaby, B.C., where he met his wife Sandra. Brian and Sandra have two children, Erin and Lesley, who were both born in La Ronge.

Brian is an avid reader, moviegoer, and sportsman, particularly enjoying tennis, golf, squash, and cross-country skiing. He is especially fond of anything chocolate! We welcome Brian and Sandra back into our Glen Cairn family as we embark on a new faith journey together.