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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.***

## MINISTERS' MUSINGS

*Submitted by Dorothy Naylor*

Last week we attended a memorial service for Jim Urich at Southminster United Church where Jim had been serving as an Interim Minister. He was also the keyboard player in a musical group called "Common Cup." Group member Gordon Light was the author and composer of well-loved hymns like "Joy Comes Like the Dawn," "She Comes Sailing on the Wind," and "Draw the Circle Wide." The service was a feast of their music. One piece was called "No Farewells."

The gist of the hymn is that there are no final farewells - there is no end to what was begun. I had to wonder about that because I know that basic to handling disappointment, sorrow, and death of a loved one is to say farewell, to let go, to move on as we can. In time, this moving on may involve new relationships, or the beginning of a new era in the life of a survivor.

Still, I concluded, the song holds a truth. One piece of the truth. It is true that all relationships, and all that we experience, becomes part of what we are. Our lives are forever influenced by the past. Much of this, we are thankful for; some of it, we are not. What we hope and pray is that negative experiences in the past, while they will not be forgotten, can be transformed, and can contribute to making us more than what we were.

Compare this with the relationships between ministers and congregations. No farewells.

As with personal relationships, when a minister leaves, it is absolutely necessary that there be a "letting go," an ability to move on, while not forgetting the past.

As with personal relationships, there is the hope and the prayer that negative experiences of a pastoral relationship will assume a place in history but not be given the power to intrude into the present and future.

As with personal relationships, one hopes that a good pastoral relationship can reside in the past, with appreciation, being a contributing factor to the present, while the congregation moves on to a new relationship in a new day.

Going back to the song, there is a sense in which a congregation never says a final farewell to a minister, and vice versa. As Ulysses said "I am a part of all that we have met" - or "All that we have met is a part of us."

Memories or learnings from a past relationship - the quirks, wisdom, new initiatives, new thought that was stimulated, the moments of personal growth - become part of individuals and the congregation as a whole.

Every minister who leaves a congregation hopes that significant learnings, personal commitments, and important transitions that may have occurred will continue, and might contribute to the future in a healthy way. They also hope that the congregation will not get stuck in the past, that they will face the future saying "That was then; this is now." On that score, we commend this congregation for its seeming ability to live through changes well.

So, in one sense, no farewells. As the hymn says:

*"No farewells - no letting go forever.*

*In God's good hands, love offers no farewells.*

*Nothing's lost when all is done - no end to what's begun."*

We give thanks to the God who has been in the midst of us on this short journey, the God who calls a community of faith to new beginnings and new risks as it lives out the Gospel and its reason for being.

*Dorothy and Garth*

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

*Submitted by David Rothwell, Chairperson*

Between bidding Garth and Dorothy a fond farewell at the end of June, and welcoming Rev. Brian Copeland aboard at the beginning of September, we find ourselves without Ministerial support for the Summer months. Our prayers have been answered with the arrival of Rev. Kathy Petrie who has accepted a half-time position for the months of July and August. Kathy will be leading all but one of the Summer services and will be spending her time ministering pastoral care to our congregation, as well as handling any unforeseen emergencies. Kathy has not been asked to be involved in church committee work or support Christian education, as the Summer is generally a low activity period.

Kathy is currently finishing up her call at Osgood Baptist and Vernon United Church where she has been the Minister for six years. This calling is one church with two different denominations, the United Church of Canada and the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. Ministering to both congregations has provided Kathy with a unique opportunity to experience ecumenism in real time.

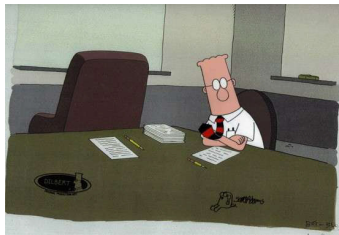
Her ministry experience has been within a variety of places and denominations. She served for 14 years at Queens Street Baptist Church in St. Catherines, and four years at Blythwood Road Baptist Church in Toronto. Kathy has also served at Knox Presbyterian Church in Kincardine and for two years at Eglinton St. Georges United Church in Toronto. She has also been privileged to minister with an Anglican church on Baffin Island and at a Catholic hospital in Buffalo, New York.

Kathy's undergraduate training was at Brock University in religious education and communication. She received her Master of Divinity from McMaster Divinity College in 1997 and was ordained in 1998. She is an active member of several committees in the Ottawa Presbytery.

Kathy is known for her caring and sensitive pastoral care. I would like the congregation to join me in welcoming Rev. Kathy Petrie to Glen Cairn.

## CHAIR OF COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

*Submitted by Wayne Johnston, Chairperson*



As Spring slides away, we look at our labours sprouting forth in gardens and yards. We know there is no end to the work, even as the lazy days of Summer come upon us. We must tend the growth.

As goes the garden, so goes our church's life. We laboured hard this Winter and Spring to prepare. Many helped and the results of their work are seen in the pages of this newsletter and elsewhere. The seeds planted this Spring have sprouted into vigorous growth.

None have done more in the planting than Dorothy and Garth. They've been here only 7 months, yet they have changed how we look at ourselves and our work. They looked at us and saw hope, but tempered it with caution. We are on a cusp; a place where we can choose to change and grow, or change and wither.

Change we will. Just like the plants in our gardens there is no stasis for us.

We can thank Dorothy and Garth for many things. I thank them most for seeing potential in us, for planting seeds in us, for tending new growth, for teaching us to encourage and tend it ourselves. Now it's our turn. Look at the new growth. Look to the labours to sustain it. Change is upon us again. Greet it with a smile, engage it with hope, and tend it with care.

## A TRIBUTE TO GARTH AND DOROTHY

*Prepared and delivered by Barbara Reynolds, Presbytery Representative, at the May 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning service*

The year 2009 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Garth's ordination and Dorothy's commissioning and today we rejoice and give thanks for these fifty years of service to our God.

Dorothy Anne Naylor, who hailed from St. Paul's United Church in Brampton, graduated in 1959 from the United Church Training School, now known as the Centre for Christian Studies. This school was also known at the time as the "Angel School" and rumour has it that the young ladies also received training in how to wear white gloves and pour tea.

The Beaconsess yearbook of 1959 contains a poem entitled "Siblings Unlimited" and it includes these verses:

Lo the management rejoices  
For the day has finally come  
When Miss Naylor's last assignment  
Is done!

What the reason for this gladness?  
Here the answer simply comes -  
Dort's lone vigils will be over,  
And fantastic light bill sums. . . .

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## A TRIBUTE TO GARTH AND DOROTHY (cont'd)

But all who know Miss Naylor  
On one matter are agreed,  
That her heart is warm and friendly,  
And her neighbours never need.



The Record of Proceedings of Toronto Conference for Thursday, June 4, 1959, states that “It was moved by Rev. Wesley Morris, seconded by Rev. Robert Passmore that . . . Miss Dorothy Naylor be designated by this Conference, Deaconess. Carried.” Later that evening, Dorothy and two other women were commissioned as deaconesses at a worship service in Westside United Church in Owen Sound.

Ten days later, on a rainy Sunday morning in Sackville United Church, twenty young men, including Garth Irving Mundle, B.A., B.D., were ordained. The hymns sung were: “Ye Gates, Lift Up Your Heads on High”, “Pour Out Thy Spirit from on High,” and “Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord.” The choir sang “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire.”

The Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Angus J. MacQueen, preached the sermon, taking as his subject, “No Substitute Gospel.” The publication entitled The United Churchman highlighted the salient points of the Moderator’s message, noting “. . . the uniqueness of the Christian gospel, as compared with communism, humanitarianism, and modern unitarianism.”

But this article also observed: “Here was preaching and oratory of a high order, and without a note required to bolster a superlative memory.”

Watching Garth preach over the past few months, we know that he learned this lesson well.

In preparing these remarks, I was impressed by a comment from Rev. Bob Lockhart. He said that Garth and Dorothy are innovators who blazed the pathways for other clergy. At the time that Garth went to Andover Newton for his doctorate, it was not common to go to the U.S. for further study and some felt it was inappropriate. But Garth persisted and through his courageous leadership, it has been more acceptable for others to pursue studies outside of Canada. So too, Dorothy was an innovator with respect to the work of deaconesses, as they were known then, and diaconal ministers. She moved into unconventional areas of work and helped to transform the UCC’s understanding of diaconal ministry.

And so today, we pay tribute to two persons on their golden anniversary of ordination and commissioning and give thanks to God for these special ministers.

## GC3 YOUTH MINISTRY

*Submitted by Elaine Sandness*

*“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; 28:18-20)*

GC3 still meets every 2nd Friday, but the dates have not been very regular due to various fiascos. These nights normally include talking about anything from couches and rocks to money and school, plus a Scripture reading followed by a discussion (then food!!!). Some nights, we join other youth groups elsewhere and do service projects (or LaserQuest or partying).

The highlight of this Spring and early Summer has been the 30-hour Famine, which was done in conjunction with the St. Paul’s youth group. Though it took place during the first weekend of April, we had been accepting donations throughout the rest of that month and into May (possibly even June!!). The final total was over \$4300, well beyond our goal of \$4000. This gave us the right to all our milestone prizes, which were carried out at the Holy Humor Sunday a few weeks ago. Our youth-led service had been postponed until late May, but still was a blast.

We did a little yard clean-up here and there around the church, and a couple of RAKs (Random Acts of Kindness). We hope to do a few more over the Summer. If you could use some help with yard maintenance or indoor cleaning, let the Youth Group know and we’ll give you a hand!

It’s not definite, but we might hold a car wash this Summer. GC3 will come back strong in September, ready for another year of learning through Christ.

Any youth not currently receiving notices of our regular meeting nights or our special events is welcome to contact Shelley McLaughlin, our GC3 Youth Leader, via email at [youth@gcuc.ca](mailto:youth@gcuc.ca). We’d love to have you with us!

## 2009 CAMP AWESOME

*Submitted by Amy Walker, Coordinator*

Camp Awesome is running at GCUC this August 10th to 14th. It is a daily Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Ottawa Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.



The theme this year is "The Amazing Grace", a play on "The Amazing Race" television show, as the children will be traveling to a different continent each day of the week. If you wish your child (ages 4 to 12) to attend, please E-mail Amy Walker (contact information at the office) for a downloadable registration form, or stop by the church to pick one up.

To aid the camp in craft supplies, the congregation is asked to collect water bottles (any size), egg cartons (cardboard or plastic), yogurt containers with lids (each for separate uses), stamps (the ink kind) with or without ink pads (please label with your name if you want it back, and if precious, indicate it is for "counsellor use only "(contact information at the office)), and newspaper to keep tables clean when crafting.

This year we are also asking members of the congregation to help make and donate snacks for Camp Awesome. There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer, with suggestions for snacks. Please speak with Amy or Susan Lucas (contact information at the office),.

## FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

*Submitted by Tom Dickson, Chairperson*

Over the past several years GCUC has been without a Christian Development Committee. Over this past Church year, though, we have seen a bit of a renaissance throughout our church, in areas of Christian Development, in particular. Jessie Boehmer has taken on the coordination of the Sunday School. If you ask a Sunday School teacher, I'm sure that they will tell you what a significant help she has been. Garth and Dorothy have been supplying Adult study groups, all of which have been well attended and well received. Shelley McLaughlin finished her first year as our new GC3 Youth Group leader. As a parent of a Youth Group member, I can tell that this has also gone very well. Add this to the good things that were already happening within the Church and I think we can all agree it's been a good year.

Despite all of this excellent work, many of us working in our own areas of interest, whether that be Adult Education, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Youth Group, or Seekers, were finding that our efforts were not necessarily coordinated. Coordination within this vital group of activities is important. It is equally important to be coordinated with the many committees within the Church. With Dorothy's help and guidance, a new Group has been formed, called Faith Formation and Education - the Christian Education Committee in a slightly different format. Its main purpose is to provide a forum for the many areas of Education and Faith Formation, to share their individual plans and concerns, to search for solutions, and to fit this into a coordinated strategy for Christian Development and Growth within GCUC. Staff and volunteers are part of this group.

For now, the FF&E group is split into 3 major focus areas: Youth, Children, and Adult development. Vida Johnston will be working in the Youth area, which includes the GC3 Youth Group, Sunday morning youth class, and, generally, youth in all areas in the congregation. Barbara Reynolds will oversee the Sunday School (Jessie and the SS Teachers), Camp Awesome, and all the other ways in which children are involved in our church. Finally, Peter Bishop and I (joined soon by others, we trust) will continue to look after Adult FF&E. I will represent this "group" at FF&E meetings. I have also agreed to Chair the FF&E Team and sit on Council. Of course, Rev. Brian Copeland will be an integral part of all this in the Fall as Dorothy has been these past seven months.

The FF&E Team met twice late this Spring to plan next year's programme. Have a great Summer and stay tuned for exciting new activities this Fall!

## BABYSITTER LIST

Rachel Davies	age 13, babysitting course
Laura Miller	age 13, babysitting course, Standard First Aid and CPR-C
Elaine Sandness	age 13, babysitting course

Contact the church Office for contact information or if you would like to add your name to this list.

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

*Submitted by Martha Townshend Colford, President*



I am writing this to all the women of Glen Cairn United Church because you are all members of Glen Cairn UCW whether you think so or not. We are a small but mighty group that meets on the second Monday of each month. We have a great team of women that I can always count on, but are there others out there who are not sure about coming to our meetings? If you are one of the latter group, I would like to hear from you.

I have had some people express to me that they would come to meetings during the day if that was offered. But I also know that there are some people who go out to work at that time and need to have our meetings during the evenings. So, should we have a compromise and change it around each month?

I am watching to determine the success of the new Lunch 'n Such group and how that might affect UCW because some of the speakers or programs that we think of may be better-suited to that group. So, I need your feedback: in person, by telephone, or by E-mail. There is no way we can please everyone, but we can certainly try. What I don't want to have happen is to plan a program and then only have three people turn up.

The Catering Committee is a branch of UCW and we do appreciate that many of you have offered to cook, bake, set-up, or clean up at various events that happen during the week or on weekends. Even if you feel you cannot commit to come to meetings, your willingness to make a loaf of sandwiches or prepare a veggie tray is greatly appreciated. We have just catered Glen Emery's funeral and we appreciate everyone who came out to help and made food. If you would like to be added to this list, again, please let me know.

Our May meeting was very interesting. Leah Timmerman presented a slide show on her trip to Pond Inlet last Summer. It was great to hear her description of the life and culture of our northern neighbours.

This week, twelve of us enjoyed a lovely dinner and the terrific service at Zola's. There was no loss of conversation and laughter. We spoke about ideas for meetings in the coming year, which include: inviting Ruth Winter, one of our two Church Office Administrators, to speak about her experiences with Habitat for Humanity; asking Lynda Brooks to give us tips on nutrition, cooking for special dietary needs, and other food trivia; calling upon Sandra Copeland and Susan McMullin to show us how to make Christmas centerpieces; asking a landscape designer to come in the early Spring; and, of course, our Christmas potluck.

I do want to remind you that our 18th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk, Craft Fair, and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. It is never too early to save your items for the Silent Auction, start making crafts, and at least start thinking of what Christmas cookies you will want to bake this year. This event is very popular in our community, but we always need more cookies: each year we sell out too soon! So please save 3 to 4 hours of your time in the Fall to donate to your church by baking Christmas cookies. There are lots of recipes online and in magazines, or ask a UCW member for a recipe. Ask your children and husbands to help. Many men like to use their creative talents.

We wish all of you a wonderful Summer whether you are here or on vacation.

(Contact the office for Martha's contact information)

## **MEN'S GOLF DAY AND BBQ: SATURDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**

*Submitted by Emmett Will and Peter Bishop, Mens' Group*

Here's your invitation to join the men of the Congregation for a leisurely 9 holes of golf at the Amberwood Village Golf and Country Club, organized by Peter Bishop (contact information at the office). If you'd prefer your golfing of the mini-putt variety, meet Emmett Will at Karters' Korner for some miniature golfing fun. Even if you can't make the golf, join us all for a fabulous Barbecue at 5:30 PM at the Bishops' residence, 60 Amberlakes Drive.

Cost: \$30 for golf and meal OR \$14 for mini-putt and meal OR \$7 for meal alone

Delicious, thirst-quenching liquid refreshments appropriate to the occasion will be available for a small fee, with all profits going towards setting up a small kitty for future Mens' Group events. Start times and other details to be announced shortly. Register with Peter Bishop or Emmett Will (contact information at the office) before August 16<sup>th</sup> so we can reserve tee-off times and order sufficient food.

Meet some great guys and have some Summer Fun. Invite a relative, friend, or neighbour, or two, three, or even FORE!





## CHOIR NOTES

*Submitted by Beverly Armbruster, Co-Director of Music*

"Make a joyful noise all the earth!" Fitting words by a well-known Canadian composer, Linnea Good, which describe the sounds and excitement that was generated during our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring show "People in Your Neighbourhood." Thanks to the tremendous efforts made by many members of our congregation, including the choirs, over \$1800 was raised to help support our church's youth initiatives. The show was dedicated to the many fine musicians who have enhanced the worship experience and have been an integral part of the Christian community over the past 40 years.

Looking forward to the Fall, plans are in the works to present a Christmas musical that would involve all of our choirs. We are also hoping to have a group of young people from Nunavut visit to share some of their cultural gifts with us either in the Fall or in the new year.

Take a moment to consider the many choral possibilities available for you to share your gifts in the coming season:

Cherub Choir (ages 3 - 6) Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM from October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Contact: Bev Armbruster

Junior Choir (ages 7 - 12) Thursdays, 7:00 PM  
Contact: Vida Johnston

Cecilia Chorus (women) Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Contact: Bev Armbruster

Gabriel's Chorus (men) Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Contact: Peter Bishop

Senior Choir Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:30 PM, beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Contact: Bev Armbruster



## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

*Submitted by Lynda Brooks, Chairperson*

The Pastoral Care Team consists of: Dr. Garth Mundle, Dr. Joan McComas, Lynda Brooks, Pauline Baker, Joy Craigie, Moe Wright, Cindy Samulack, Joy Judd, and Marion Milnes.

The Team has been very busy visiting parishioners, supplying rides and meals, sending cards, taking courses, and providing Healing Services. Activities so far this year have included:

\* On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Team hosted the Healing Service called "Hope and Healing."

\* In March, Joan, Cindy, and Lynda attended several advanced continuing education courses: Resources in the Community, Pastoral Care and Multiculturalism, Pastoral Care and Mental Illness, Pastoral Care and Teams. Kathy Downer spoke to the Team about "Hospice Care and Services." This was very well received, as well as being extremely useful and informative.

\* In April, several Team members attended an update course entitled "Long-Term Disabilities and Pastoral Care."

\* Lynda attended the Coordinator's meeting. Here they look at what is working for Pastoral Care Teams in the different churches in the Ottawa area, and what is not working. It is good to see the challenges that every team has in common. It is also good to get a different perspective on the things a team can integrate.

\* May brought a Healing Service. This service deviated from the normal format, but was enjoyed by all who attended. We went back to what a healing service is all about.

\* The Team also sponsored Adult Education classes after church.



The Pastoral Care Team is also expanding its parameters: we are hoping to start a branch of the Team which will practice Healing Touch and, eventually, Pathways to Health. Pathways to Health is practiced in many United churches in the West, as well as Glebe United and First United here in Ottawa. It is getting back to grass roots and caring for one another. The first training course in Healing Touch was held at our church on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Team ended the season with a potluck dinner, but rest assured that Team members will still be available to help during the Summer months. For more information about the Pastoral Care Team, contact Lynda Brooks. (contact information at the office)

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

*Submitted by Sherry Sharpe, Treasurer*

“Christians are called to participate in God's mission - the mission reflected in Jesus' life and ministry. We do that as stewards in every decision about how we (as individuals and in faith communities) use all that God gives us - time, abilities, material resources, relationships - in a lifestyle of discipleship.” United Church of Canada, Stewardship.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution to the stewardship of the Church. For all of you who gave your time, talent, and resources over the past year: THANK YOU!! Your active participation in the Church life and its events makes all the difference in the success of this congregation.



We are looking forward to Rev. Brian Copeland starting in the Fall and continuing with the next steps in the stewardship education and awareness program. We know he will bring plenty of enthusiasm and energy to the program. We are very blessed to have received the guidance and enthusiasm that Garth has provided us with to date and we are seeing the positive effects of this already.

As a congregation, you have made significant progress in raising awareness and increasing participation in good stewardship practices. A huge THANKS! to those who have actively participated in the initial steps of the program and to all of you who are committed to the next steps in increasing our awareness of what it means to be good stewards.

Why not start the year off on "P.A.R." ?

Pre-authorized Remittance is an easy way to contribute to the life and work of our church on a regular basis. You pay your mortgage, hydro, telephone, *etc.*, by direct withdrawal from your bank account. Doesn't that beat writing all those cheques each month? You may do exactly the same with your givings. Simply fill out an application form (available at the Newcomers' Table and in the pamphlet rack), attach a void cheque, submit it to our Church Administrator Patricia Will before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, and you can be on P.A.R for that month. The withdrawal is made from your account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## **ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

*Submitted by Lynda Brooks*

After a long hiatus, the Adult Fellowship Group met for a car rally on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Shelley McLeod outdid herself once again with her challenging clues. All had a wonderful time. Everyone talked about how important and how much fun it is to get together in a relaxed fun atmosphere. This helps us all to get to know one another better in a relaxed, social setting. This group is open to any adult within the church.

Shelley McLeod and Emmett Will coordinated this group for many years. When they stepped down two years ago, no one opted to take on the job. We are hoping this will change very soon.

In previous years, some of the activities the Group participated in were potluck and progressive suppers, games nights, car rallies, bowling, dinner and a movie, square dancing, scavenger hunts, *etc.* I personally am looking forward to the Fall and getting together again. If you would like to organize an activity in the months ahead, please speak with Shelley McLeod as soon as possible.

***Fellowship***

***Friendship***

***Fun!***