



# 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.***

## Editor's Note

The Fall edition is just a bit late, but jammed full of interesting information. It won't be long before we're starting the Advent edition, so please think about an article to submit! We've added an Announcements section as well as a Calendar section this edition. As always, if you'd like to see some changes in terms of layout, composition, format or content, or anything else, please let me know at keithfa AT gmail.com.

Keith Allingham

## Minister's Message

*Brian Copeland*

It has been the season of asking, 'How was your summer?' as folks return to autumn routines and attendance at worship begins to grow once more. We spent time at my mother's cottage on Lake Erie right in the midst of the worst of the many heat waves of this year, and then we spent another week at Sandra's family cottage near Kenora. Being near any body of water this season was the best option. We even sweated our way through the Sundays of September, but it seems at last that fall has arrived. The maples along Abbeyhill Dr. are beginning to change to a brilliant red and the air is, at last, cool in the morning.

When the apostle Paul arrived in Rome, 'First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world' (Romans 1:8) That is how I felt this September as folks began to return to committees and to worship and to events like our golf fundraiser. Thank you God for all of these good people. You have blessed us at Glen Cairn with an abundance of talents and gifts and with a commitment to serve Christ faithfully in the world.

Paul did not always have an easy relationship with the congregations he visited so it is all the more significant that before anything else he gives God thanks for the goodness and grace of the people to whom God has sent him. To stand in the heart of this community of faith is to feel the Spirit's presence, to know that we can be a blessing to others, and to give thanks for the gift that each person brings to share. We are the body of Christ in this small suburb and our faith leads us always to serve the people around us.

Summer is over. And life rises abundantly in this place. Before all of the activities and routines of the church year are in full swing, let us take time to offer as Paul did, our thanks for these people and this place where faith is indeed proclaimed.

## **United Church Women News**

*Martha Townshend Colford*

The Fall is always a busy time for UCW and the Catering Committee. Although I am very thankful for not being as busy as last year.

By the time you read this we will have already catered for a funeral and provided a delicious supper for the people who played golf and mini-golf. We are providing the meal for our Lunch 'n Such on Oct. 5.

We will soon be selling calendars and accepting orders for frozen berries. Please check the weekly announcement sheet for updates.

We are busy organizing volunteers for our Fall Sale and Quilt Show. It's a time to purchase some goodies, books, and lovely items for your Halloween and Christmas décor. And the added bonus is browsing amongst the beautiful quilts so wonderfully handcrafted by some very talented people. Our November meeting is our time for making some crafts for the UCW table at the Cookie Walk. Please forward any great ideas to Martha.

This year is a special year for our Cookie Walk. It is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!! I know when we first started none of us presumed it would be such a magnificent event 25 years later. Thank you so much to our whole church family for continuing to support us in this wonderful fund-raiser. We couldn't do it without you.

At this time we would like to continue offering our prayers for a speedy recovery for our special friend, Marilyn Matte, our UCW treasurer.

Martha Townshend Colford

## **Update from the Membership Committee**

*Wanda McNea, Membership Committee*

On October 23rd the Membership is hosting the Fall Harvest Potluck AND welcoming several new members to the congregation. This will give current members the chance to get acquainted and for those joining to enjoy the bountiful buffet of the United Church. We are grateful to be a growing congregation. If you have been thinking of joining GCUC there is still time to complete the form (available at the Information Table) and return it to the Office.

While welcoming new members and introducing them to the resources of Glen Cairn United Church is one aspect of the Membership Committee's role, we also have other responsibilities. As always, the Information Table is where you stop to get --- INFORMATION you need about envelopes, joining Glen Cairn United, contacts, name tags, PAR, etc.

The Membership Committee also organizes the GCUC Photo Directory. While that project is in the distant future, you may want to consider the opportunity to have a professional family photo done when the time comes.

## What is the Monthly Outreach Program?

*Cathy Turner*

The Monthly Outreach program collects tangible items to support the work of organizations in our local community and around the world. Thanks to your caring and generosity we have made a difference in our community and beyond. By donating items specifically needed by various organizations, we experience a closer connection to the lives of those in need. In the upcoming months Glen Cairn United will continue to reach out through our Monthly Outreach Program. We will be used by God in our communities so that His love and hope will be experienced in the lives of others.



If you have an idea for a monthly outreach initiative, please contact either Holly Egan or Cathy Turner.

### School Supplies Outreach Thank You!

The Kanata Food Cupboard helped many families go back to school well-equipped for the school year. Our donations of backpacks, lunch bags, rulers, markers, pencils, math sets, locks, and so much more, contributed to the success of this program. Thank you!



### October Outreach

The Hope Living Residence on Castlefrank is part of the Shepherds of Good Hope Supportive Living program. This 99-bed facility is designed to enable clients to maintain their independence and privacy, and to address health and mental health concerns. To prepare for the winter season, we are collecting hats, mitts, scarves and gloves for both men and women. The items can be gently used or new. By making a donation to Shepherds of Good Hope – Hope Living you are making a positive difference in the lives of people in our community. Please leave your donations in the Outreach Bin in the foyer by Oct 30th.



### Food Cupboard item of the month

The Kanata Food Cupboard buys certain items when supplies get low. However, there are some items they will not buy and must rely on donations of those items. Over the next few months we will highlight an item that is needed. This month's item: Diapers of all sizes, but particularly size 4 and 5 as well as the "pull-up" types. Please place your food cupboard donations in the food cupboard bin which is located under the table in front of the office window.



### Name Tags

*Cathy Turner*

New in town or been around? Everyone is welcome at Glen Cairn United Church. We just would like to know who you are.

We offer our congregation two types of name tags – pins and magnetic. Each name tag has your name on it – the way you like it to be displayed – along with a logo of our Church window. Pin types are \$10.00 and magnetic types are \$15.00 and can be ordered at the information table in the foyer. Cash payment is required when ordering and the pins are usually available for pick-up at the information table the following Sunday.

## Pastoral Care Team News

Joy Judd, Pastoral Care Team Chair



The members of the Pastoral Care Team have returned from an enjoyable, relaxing summer and have resumed our quiet ministry within the congregation. For some of us, illness and loss did not take a break though, so we are mindful that there are many pastoral care needs in our church family too. And also that so many of you are supporting each other in practical and caring ways.

Our ministry is carried out through home and hospital visiting, phone calls and appropriate greeting cards (from the Team and from the congregation).

Another important point to reiterate is the “Duty of Care” principle within our pastoral care ministry, as with all committees of GCUC. All members are screened and trained before becoming pastoral care team visitors and we are committed to providing a safe environment for all participants in our ministry.

The Team continues to offer Healing Services on the last Sunday of most months after worship. We are encouraged that more people are coming to join us, as it can be a very meaningful time of healing. These are half-hour services of quiet contemplation, prayer, hymns and a time of remembrance for losses of loved ones. If you are experiencing grief, a significant loss, loneliness or suffering from emotional, physical or spiritual pain, please join us in Room C on October 30h and November 27h at 11:30 a.m.

Please contact anyone of the following team members if you wish to have a caring visit or call, or if you know someone in the congregation who would appreciate one, as well as prayers during times of need.

The Pastoral Care Team members are Rev. Brian Copeland, Brenda Carr, Joy Craigie, Holly Egan, Sue Foley (Administrator), Joy Judd (Chair), Delma Murray, Moe Wright and Bob Hough and Lynda Brooks (currently on leave).

I will leave you with this inspirational poem from **Mary Oliver** (New and Selected Poems Volume Two)

*What I Have Learned So Far*  
*Meditation is old and honorable, so why should I*  
*not sit, every morning of my life, on the hillside,*  
*looking into the shining world? Because, properly*  
*attended to, delight, as well as havoc, is suggestion.*  
*Can one be passionate about the just, the*  
*ideal, the sublime, and the holy, and yet commit*  
*to no labor in its cause? I don't think so.*

*All summations have a beginning, all effect has a*  
*story, all kindness begins with the sown seed.*  
*Thought buds toward radiance. The gospel of*  
*light is the crossroads of – indolence, or action.*

*Be ignited, or be gone.*

## **Property Management Committee News**

*Moe Wright, Chair, Property Management Committee*

There have been a number of little thingies to take care of over this past season. However, we were not able to get to as many items as I would like to as I had a wee medical interruption - which is now quite well under control. I want to say a special "Thank You" to Faye Adams & Delma Murray for having given their never-ending over-the-top attention to 'everything', as they continually do.

The lawn care this year had a few volunteers listed and we thank all who had 'good intentions'; with special kudos go to Jim Power for being extra diligent in that regard, especially when the south and west lawn strips usually get quite deep with weeds and small brush. And we certainly appreciate each of the several ladies who performed their annual magic on the gardens.

With our wonderful GCUC church building celebrating, this year, its 30th anniversary, and recognizing the overdue need for revitalizing, we contracted to have the sanctuary repainted and re-carpeted. Just after arranging the contract, Martha Townshend-Colford learned of my cardiac event and immediately jumped into action recruiting souls to help with the overall management of the sanctuary adventure. For that, Martha, I am personally most grateful. A huge medley of personalities leapt forward to volunteer help in moving furnishings, books, and accessories out of and back into the sanctuary, as well as to set up the main hall for the Sunday service between the two weeks of eviction from the sanctuary. We owe a tsunami of thanks to Wayne Johnston and Jim Power for their indescribably professional organization skills in the coordination of this massive project. And now we have a truly beautiful, fresh sanctuary in which to worship and share fellowship.

In dealing with various painting contractors while getting estimates for the sanctuary, each one individually observed the importance of taking care of the advancing rust on the metal entrance doors, adding that by not extending their life expectancy we could be looking at thousands of dollars to replace them. So, we then contracted to have all metal doors & frames and metal window frames de-rusted and treated to rust inhibitor and fresh paint. That project is happening as this is being written.

A number of folks have been noticing the advancing need to have shingles replaced soon (the main hall was done just a few years ago) as many are curled beyond acceptability. And other areas, according to a couple of roofing professionals, definitely deserve attention. We are now reviewing estimates to do the roofing work, possibly with some interim patching before a major attack next year.

During this summer's Camp Awesome and related clean-up after significant traffic, Barbara Reynolds witnessed the extreme need for a total revamping of the men's washroom, for various valid reasons. Barbara invested time in reviewing estimates for said upgrade, and at last Council meeting this project was approved. Hopefully work will start before long.

Now, having shared the above with you, you may begin to understand why our GCUC Capital Expenditure fund would be very happy to be the beneficiary of your gracious help over the next while.

We must not forget to mention a few additional names of just some who continue to be helpful with property care: Dave Baker does a great job changing furnace filters, monitoring heater thermostats and emergency lighting, Robert Tate has done emergency plumbing fixes and other tasks, and Wayne Kerr has agreed to do some more painting of interior door and window trim, as needed. For those folks, and all others who help, we really appreciate it.

## Church Library

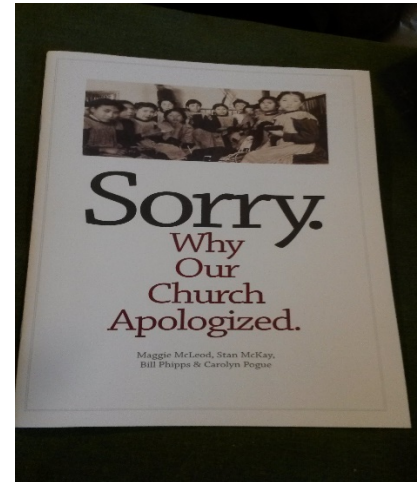
*Cathy Turner*

Our library is located in the lounge area at the rear of the sanctuary. It is open for everyone's use and has over 700 items. Some of the topics include: devotionals, music CDs, spiritual development, pastoral care issues and books for children and youth.

A catalogue is kept in the binder on the sign-out shelf, which is to the right of the doors inside the lounge.

We recently added the small 25-page booklet titled "Sorry. Why Our Church Apologized" which tells how the United Church of Canada became involved in the Indian Residential Schools and how it is that the church saw it must withdraw from the system, and become involved in learning and healing. Reverend Copeland has read the booklet and agrees it is worthwhile for all to read.

You can find this booklet in the section with other United Church of Canada publications located on the right-hand shelf as you enter the lounge. These books are identified by a small gold star on the cover.



## Ride For Refuge

*John Toft, KSRSG Team Captain*

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, a team of 24 cyclists rode in this year's Ride for Refuge to raise funds for the Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group (KSRSG). Ten of the riders were from Glen Cairn United Church. GCUC is one of the eight churches that are members of KSRSG. Riders represented most, if not all of these churches. There were even an additional two riders from the Orleans United Church. Ottawa was one of 27 locations in Canada where the event took place. Other rides took place in the USA too. In Ottawa the KSRSG riders were one of 46 teams raising funds for a variety of causes. Our team was one of the largest as they joined 250 or so other cyclists that day.

**The KSRSG riders raised over \$6000. Fantastic!**



*The assembled riders from the Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group readied for their team photograph.*



## **The Oasis in Kanata**

*Emmett Will*

Monday, October 24, 7 - 9 pm, The Oasis in Kanata, a place for caregivers of people with mental illness, presents "Lived Experiences and the Caregiver." Two speakers will share their experiences with recovery and coping with mental illness, and the important roles played by their family members and caregivers. Glen Cairn United Church. Free. All welcome. Visit [TheOasisKanata.ca](http://TheOasisKanata.ca) for details.

## **More on Oasis**

*Lisa Petch, Oasis Chair*

The Oasis in Kanata has begun its fall programming after a summer break. We continue to offer information sessions, workshops and Caregivers Matter, a support group for caregivers of those with mental illness.

We kicked off the Fall by taking time to thank all the many volunteers who help to make the program a success. The Oasis in Kanata is lucky to have volunteers from our church family and from the community at large. A special thanks to the Steering Committee – Cathy Turner, Emmett Will, Holly Egan and Holly Egan – without their hard work and dedication, the program would not exist. Thank you to all our many volunteers.

On September 19, Dr. Suntharalingam, an Inpatient Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), discussed common psychiatric illnesses in youth, the importance of the emotional and mental wellbeing of their caregivers, and strategies and resources to help minimize caregiver burnout. The session met a need identified by participants to focus on youth mental health.

Caregivers Matter, the Oasis in Kanata support group meets the first Monday of each month. The group has had great participation. Caregivers Matter offers a safe, confidential, professionally-facilitated environment where caregivers can gather to share experiences, provide mutual support, and learn how they can better care for themselves as they care for their loved ones suffering from a mental illness.

We are looking forward to more fun activities over the fall and are already planning for the New Year.

If you would like more information about the Oasis in Kanata, please speak to any member of the Steering Committee or email [info@TheOasisKanata.ca](mailto:info@TheOasisKanata.ca).

## **Lunch 'N Such – Wednesday October 5th at Noon.**

*Pat Will*

Everyone is welcome to join us for a hearty Fall lunch of homemade soups, sandwiches and dessert. This month we will have a visit from Const. Daniels of the Ottawa Police who will bring us up to date on some of the newest traffic legislations and answer some of your questions around rules of the road, home security, fraud, etc. Cost for lunch is \$8. **Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer by Sunday, Oct. 2nd.**

## **Sunday School Report**

*Jason Winter, Sunday School/Youth Coordinator*

### **Youth Choir:**

This year marks the rebirth of the Youth Choir! While GCUC continues to enjoy the fantastic music of the cherub and junior choir, this year we have started a choir for those in grade 6 and up. We are looking forward to performing in services and for the Christmas Pageant, and we are planning to explore both more traditional and more contemporary musical selections of Christian music.

### **Sunday School:**

This year we kicked off Sunday School registration with what has now become the traditional bouncy castle! We are happy to welcome new teachers as well as returning teachers to our family of Sunday School teachers. This year (as in previous years), we have three classes, a JK-Grade 1, Grade 2 – Grade 5, and the Seekers class of Grade 6+. We will continue our tradition of doing songs, crafts, and drama to enhance our learning of the lesson of the day. We are looking forward to a great year of Sunday School!

### **Youth Group:**

This year, the youth group is looking forward to a variety of activities. We will be doing some of our old classics such as pumpkin carving, laser quest, and hopefully some new additions as well! Keep an eye on the bulletin for more updates!

## **An ageing parent to a beloved child**

*Story submitted by Patricia Taylor*

"My dear child, the day you see I'm getting old, I ask you to please be patient, but most of all, try to understand what I'm going through. If when we talk, I repeat the same thing a thousand times, don't interrupt to say: "You said the same thing a minute ago"... Just listen, please. Try to remember the times when you were little and I would read the same story night after night until you would fall asleep.

When I don't want to take a bath, don't be mad and don't embarrass me. Remember when I had to run after you making excuses and trying to get you to take a shower when you were just a child? When you see how ignorant I am when it comes to new technology, give me the time to learn and don't look at me that way ... remember, honey, I patiently taught you how to do many things like eating appropriately, getting dressed, combing your hair and dealing with life's issues every day... the day you see I'm getting old, I ask you to please be patient, but most of all, try to understand what I'm going through.

If I occasionally lose track of what we're talking about, give me the time to remember, and if I can't, don't be nervous, impatient or arrogant. Just know in your heart that the most important thing for me is to be with you.

And when my old, tired legs don't let me move as quickly as before, give me your hand the same way that I offered mine to you when you first walked. When those days come, don't feel sad... just be with me, and understand me while I get to the end of my life with love. I'll cherish and thank you for the gift of time and joy we shared. With a big smile and the huge love I've always had for you, I just want to say, I love you ... my darling child."

Author unknown.



## The Stewardship Connection

*By the Stewardship Committee*



We have so much to be thankful for and so much to contribute. Welcome to the season of thanksgiving. As we move from a beautiful Summer into a spectacular Fall, we need to stop and count our blessings. We have so much to be thankful for – a beautiful and free country, family, friends, strong faith, generous people, and the list goes on. We are truly blessed!

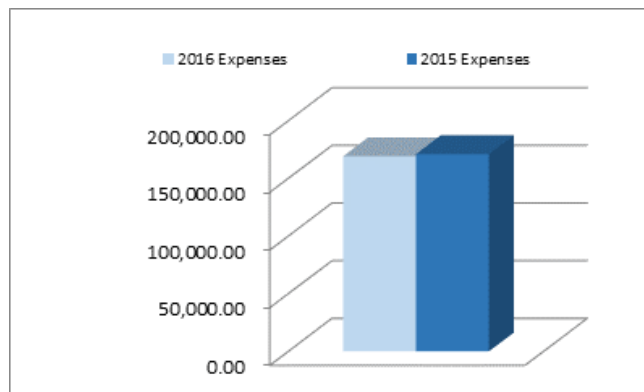
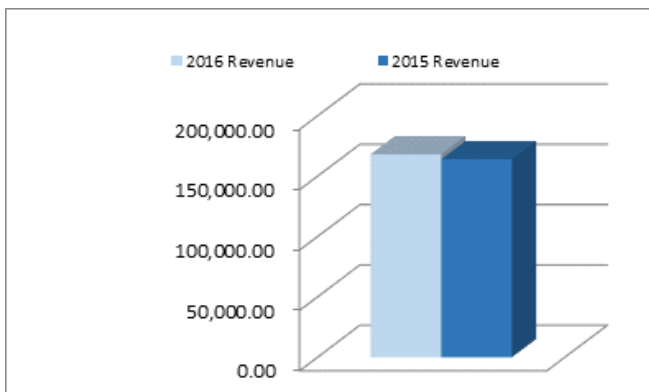
The Stewardship committee would like to thank all the volunteers, participants, donors, supporters, and many talented people in our congregation and community that make this Church as strong and amazing as it is! We have so much to be thankful for!

What is Stewardship and why is it important to me? It can mean many things to many people – effective and efficient resource management, taking care of the environment, taking care of each other, or taking care of the buildings that support our programs.

Here at Glen Cairn, we have many activities as well as worship services happening in our facilities – for which we are responsible for maintaining. We have programs such as Oasis and the Judo program and many other community-based programs. We take care about whom we allow to rent our facilities and ensure they respect our values. We have over 25,000 people using our facilities over the course of a year. We are the stewards for our community!

Every Sunday, after the Church Council meeting on the last Tuesday of every month, we will post the financials in the bulletin and have a guest speaker to talk about why Glen Cairn United Church is important to them and how they support GCUC. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, please contact Sherry Sharpe for further details.

**Minute for Stewardship** - Our August year to date financial situation is **Revenue: \$168,090** compared to \$163,997 for 2015 and **Expenses: \$169,091** compared to \$170,972 or 2015. We currently have a **Net Loss of \$1,002**.



**Consultations:** This spring, we consulted with a number of you and here are our findings to date:

### **Young Family Discussion April 9, 2016**

Sherry, Peter, Brian and Barbara met with 10 young members of our congregation (between 30 & 40 years) representing 8 of our young families. The purpose of this gathering was to discuss how our church needs to change so more young people in their teens, 20's, 30's & 40's will come on a regular basis. (Cont'd)

## Young Family Discussion April 9, 2016 (Cont'd)

We started by setting the context that a lot has changed over the past couple of decades with respect to church and going to church. Most families are very busy with many activities and Sunday has become just as busy as the remainder of the week. Many see Sunday as a day to relax and spend time with family, but just not at church. In the 80's Sunday School was booming with 60-70 kids every Sunday. As we all know, that is not the case now. Young families who come to church are in the minority.

After introductions and initial context setting, we asked people why they come to church. Here are some of the responses:

1. It's fun and rejuvenating.
2. There is lots of energy here; it is "alive".
3. It was where I first came to church; the activities are fun and the programs are good.
4. There is a sense of inclusion; you are always welcome here.
5. Before, we went downtown to a French United Church. We tried to set up a Sunday School, but it wasn't easy and they didn't have the resources we needed. We learned about Camp Awesome and we (and our kids) liked this.
6. We like that the Sunday service finishes on time. We really enjoy the coffee, food and social time after the service.
7. Brian has a good sense of humour.
8. GCUC is very welcoming.
9. We like the music, like to sing.
10. We were at another church and decided to go church shopping. GCUC welcomed us quickly, people spoke to us early, and our kids love coming here. Our kids have really enjoyed the cherub choir – Dianne is excellent with the kids at choir.
11. My kids love coming here. Brian's sermons are great.
12. My kids and I really like the cherub choir. I very much appreciate the work that Dianne does with the kids.
13. I find GCUC like my childhood church in Newfoundland.
14. We moved to Bridlewood and GCUC was close. I like that the church service is over in one hour and appreciate Brian's short, relevant sermons. I love the community of this church; I get energized and revived coming here.
15. I was raised in a United Church family.

We then asked what they would like to see at GCUC 10 years from now. Here are some of the responses:

1. More young families, youth groups
2. Activities for youth – bowling, movies, laser tag, pumpkins – all great. Jason is excellent. Dianne is fabulous with the kids. They really like the activity packs for kids during the service, as well.
3. Kids cleaning up the church, working in the garden, etc. Incorporate mentorship, role modelling of youth by adults.
4. Music program for teens – drums and guitars, with help from some of our GCUC musicians
5. Pageants – our kids love taking part in the pageants
6. Craft classes – e.g. woodworking
7. Youth groups on Saturday evenings
  - Fellowship, singing, meaningful discussion

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(Responses, cont'd)

8. We would like to have mid-week evening activities for kids, youth at GCUC. Our kids love coming to cherub choir (Thursday at 6:30). We would love to see something like that for older kids (6 – 12 years).
9. Broader group, with teens, mid and younger kids. Incorporate mentorship, role modelling with teens helping out with the younger ones, etc.
10. Sunday morning child care for infants and toddlers
11. Interaction of youth groups across the community – Stittsville and Kanata

We asked what changes, if any, they would you want in the worship service. Here are some of the responses:

1. I value ritual in the worship service.
2. I love the service as it is. I love the music at GCUC.
3. I love the band.
4. I like the traditional church service, structured, as we now know it.
5. I want a service that inspires me to be a better person in the world.

Here are some of the other comments:

1. People need and are looking for a sense of community. What can we do to appeal to people's need for community – to create community and make GCUC a "community centre" for people?
  - Movie nights
  - Car wash
  - Music events
  - Stewardship events: Rummage sale, Fall Harvest, Robbie Burns, etc.
2. How about "church at the campground"? Families go camping for a weekend and close with a worship service on Sunday morning.
3. What technology do we want to introduce?
  - Most do not want overhead video screens in the sanctuary. These would be distracting – would undermine the peace and meditative environment of the sanctuary.
  - Sunday School teachers want internet and computers for Sunday School. There is lots of internet material they could use.
  - We probably could do more with Facebook and other social media to connect with our community

## Gift Cards

**Do you know about our gift card fundraising program?** The gift card program can help both you and the Church. The gift card fundraising program **raises approximately \$4,000 each year**. To date, this year we have raised **\$2,284**. This is an easy fundraising program. You simply purchase the gift cards and the Church gets a **3-8% return**. We have a large selection of gift cards to choose from and a new service provider - **Fundscrip** - for example, clothing such as **Roots, Moore's, Mark's Work Wearhouse**, and **La Senza** that give back **6%** or entertainment cards such as **Cineplex** which provide an **8%** return. We also have the following gift cards in inventory for your regular household needs such as **Superstore, Loblaws, Farm Boy, Sobeys, Metro, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, Lee Valley, Home Hardware, Petro Canada, Esso**, and **Ultramar**. For special orders, such as **Roots, La Senza** or **Tommy Hilfiger** just place the order on Sunday and they will be available the following week. Please visit the fundraising table in the **Main Hall after the Service** or speak to **Sherry Sharpe** about your order.

## Supporting our Church's activities

Each week, the ministry of Glen Cairn United touches hundreds of lives through worship, Bible Study, Sunday School, fellowship groups, Youth Group, pastoral care, counselling, outreach into the community, and in many other ways. Your continuing support is vitally important, and your pledge is a great help to us as we plan in a faithful and responsible way. We are a welcoming and growing Church. Please review your givings commitment and give prayerful thought to making an additional investment in a strong and vibrant Church community. Your Church Council has done a great job keeping expenses under control. However, keep in mind that after a point, we cannot keep reducing costs. Hydro, water, wages keep going up... An increase of 5-10% makes a significant difference.

**Consider giving through PAR.** PAR helps support your Church Council significantly in its stewardship functions. If you are already a PAR supporter, please consider revisiting your PAR profile. **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, and 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 the pamphlet rack), attach a void cheque, submit it to the attendant or the Church office before the 10th of the month, and you can be on PAR for that month. The withdrawal is made from your account on 15th of each month.

When deciding your allocation to Local, Mission and Service, or Capital, please consider **givings to Local Operations**. Local operations are essential to the ongoing sustainability of the Church and less restrictive than the Capital or In Trust funds.

On **October 15**, we are planning our annual **Fall Harvest Festival and Quilt Show**. This festival includes an Oktoberfest BBQ, Quilt Show, book sales, and bake sales, Hallowe'en and Christmas crafts and much, much more! Musical entertainment is planned throughout the event as well as lots of family fun including a bouncy castle and facepainting! **Come one and all and celebrate the Fall!**



Join us on **December 17 at 7:00 pm** for live entertainment by the [Scott Woods Band](#). This promises to be an excellent evening of entertainment with some good old down east music! Tickets are available from Sherry Sharpe or Faye Adams. Fundraising proceeds go to the operations of the Church.



## Come to the Ceilidh!

On January 21, 2017, we will celebrate Robbie Burns Day with our annual fun-filled ceilidh. Doors will open at 6:00 pm starting with a traditional Burns Supper prepared by our own UCW and followed by entertainment and dancing to a live ceilidh band. We thoroughly enjoyed these ceilidhs in past years and this is an excellent fundraiser for the Church! Instruction for Scottish Country Dancing will be led by Charlie Inglis of the Scottish Country Dancing Society and friends! **Tickets will be \$35 for adults and \$12 for children under 12.** Please see Sherry for ticket sales.

**Bring your friends and family – Come to the Ceilidh!**



## Fundraising summary

Here is a snapshot of the fundraising activities year over year for the past five years:

<b>Fundraising Activities - 2011 - 16</b>							
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Scott Woods				\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500		
Spring Rummage Sale	1,996	2,054	2,819	3,025	3,180	4,731	
Fall Harvest Festival	2,797	2,296	995	1,304	1,442		
Robbie Burns		500	500	1,000	1,000	600	
Christmas Appeal	-	-	-		1,775		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,793</b>	<b>\$4,850</b>	<b>\$4,314</b>	<b>\$7,829</b>	<b>\$8,897</b>	<b>\$5,331</b>	

As we move into Fall, the Stewardship Committee wants to thank everyone for their past and continued support. Enjoy this season of thanksgiving with friends and family. We are truly blessed!

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

***Through stewardship, we offer back to God a portion of the Time, Talent, and Treasure that God has given to us.***

## **Away on holiday**

Regular contributor Wayne Johnston was unable to contribute to the Fall Newsletter because he was away on holiday in Europe. He did, however, send us a pic from Tuscany!

