

FLOCK TALK

Asbury and West United Church

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"The Friendly Church"

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*Peace
On Earth*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace. —LUKE 2:14*



THE PASTOR'S PEN

I have a list of people I know, written in a book. And every year when Christmas comes, I get out my book and read the names. I realize that the names are a part of my heart.

For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path. In meeting these different people they've become part of the rhythm and rhyme of my life. And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim, I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link between you and I; just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you know. For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase the memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards or letters are just a mere routine of names on list. When I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you. It is because you are on the list that I'm indebted to.

I am a total of the many people I've met. And each of you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget. Whether I have known you for many years or a few. In some ways, you have a part in shaping the decision I make.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize all over again that the best gifts life can offer is meeting people like you. May the Spirit of Christmas that forever endures leave its richest blessings in the hearts of each and everyone of you.

Merry Christmas,

Rev. Carol McKinley



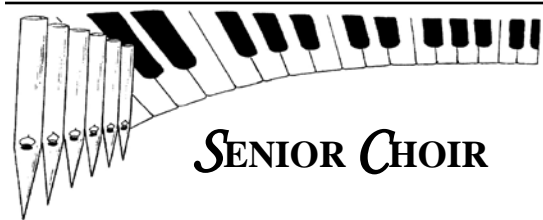
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL (M&P)

Hello and God's Blessings of Love, Peace, Hope, Joy and Faith during this most precious season of celebration and thanksgiving with the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To this I look forward to commencing my role in the New Year as Chair of the M&P Ministry. The Merriest of Christmas and a most wonderful of the New Years.

At Asbury and West, we Praise You and lift You up, Lord Jesus! The Merriest of Christmas and a Blessed and wonderful New Years to each and everyone of you and your loved ones too.

*Your sister in Christ,
Lola Pinnock, Chair*



SENIOR CHOIR



The Choir is looking forward to the Christmas services.

We are grateful for your support of the Christmas concert, Comfort and Joy held on Saturday, December 10 at 8pm. The choirs of Columbus Belle Voci, Korean Immanuel and Asbury and West provided a beautiful seasonal music which was enjoyed by all. The sale of refreshments and cookies helped to make the concert a successful fundraiser.

Thank you to all who took part in the concert, made the delicious cookies and to those who provided and sold refreshments during intermission.

Our choir is always happy to welcome new members.

Submitted by Glenda McBroom



FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

The Christmas issue of Flock Talk always reflects the busy time of year for our congregation and the special events and activities taking place.

It has been our pleasure to bring you the quarterly issues of Flock Talk we have published this year. THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed.

We wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, Happy New Year.

Jocelyn L. Sylvia



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ASBURY AND WEST WHO PASSED THIS YEAR

forever remembered, forever missed.

Margaret Anne Taylor (March 16, 2016)

Audrey Kruger (April 19, 2016)

Irene Tuck (September 24, 2016)

Anna Lena Olson Hunter (October 3, 2016)

Joyce Valerie Bullock (October 9, 2016)

Reverend Bob Lossing Raymont (November 11, 2016)



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

REMEMBERING JOYCE BULLOCK



Our friend, Joyce, left us in October, after a long illness that prevented her coming to church for the last two years. Although she is gone, many of us have strong memories of Joyce: her talent, her kindness and above all, her sense of humour.

Joyce Valerie Bullock loved to sing, both with groups and alone. Her beautiful alto voice was heard in choirs, both at Asbury and West, and in community choirs. She was also in demand to sing solos. Joyce was a skilled teacher of music at Baycrest and Ledbury schools. She brought her skills to developing an excellent Junior Choir at the church and many youngsters grew up learning to sing in Joyce's choir. Joyce had developed her love of singing at an early age, when her father encouraged her to take part in talent shows to win prizes. In later days, Joyce brought the idea of talent shows to our church with the "Rank Amateur Nights," which featured performances by members of the congregation and friends, and did not include prizes - for good reason! But the talent shows produced much laughter from the audience. If Joyce was around, there was sure to be laughter.

An energetic and willing volunteer, Joyce took part in many activities around the church. She was for a period of time an elder and gave that up to assist with the church financial management. Besides bringing her common sense to oversight of the budget, she would make up funny songs to encourage us to increase our giving. Some of her other regular activities including working at Yard Sales and making beautiful crafts for the choir's Holly Tea and Sale. If help was needed, Joyce was always there.

At Joyce's memorial Service her niece, Chris, spoke of kindness as Joyce's legacy. All who met Joyce experienced this legacy. We were blessed to have her as our friend.

Submitted by Pauline McKenzie



REMEMBERING ANNA HUNTER

Following is an excerpt from a letter from the United Christian Ashrams signed by Bill Hutchinson and Tom Albin. The full letter is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

"To the Family and Friends of Anna Hunter,

We mourn the passing of Sister Anna Hunter, spouse of the late Gordon Hunter, his life partner and faithful witness to Jesus Christ in her own right.

Many within the Christian Ashram family regarded her as a keeper of the flame and spiritual mother extraordinaire. She was more at home in expressing her faith on canvas than from a speaker's platform. She was indeed a gifted artist and she would often express her deepest faith convictions on her artist's canvas.

Anna was a deeply devoted believer in Jesus Christ; and, she was always ready to say a word about her Lord and to encourage others to discover for themselves the blessing she found through Jesus Christ—the Word become flesh. Anna was also an active member of the Christian Ashram movement; and, a strong advocate for the significance and ministry of E. Stanley Jones. The Central Ontario Christian Ashram recognized her many contributions with an honorary life-membership.

Anna Hunter lived and died a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, sowing seeds of the kingdom in the hearts and lives of many people over the many years she was given.

On behalf of the entire Christian Ashram community, we give thanks to God for our sister, a good and faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who has now entered into the everlasting joy of her Lord."

Submitted by Ianthe Spencer

Editors' Note - Rev. Gordon Hunter was our minister from 1953-1967. Anna's paintings grace our church today; mural of our church buildings through the years, an Easter lily bouquet and the original south-facing front doors.

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to “*Thank*” the people who supported my second Fundraiser Movie Matinee on October 29th in person or by a cash donation - it was a great success because of **YOU**!

There were approximately 20 people who enjoyed “The Haunted Mansion” starring Eddie Murphy, and some even came in Halloween costumes and stayed in character throughout the afternoon. We had some fun with several guessing games. Sheila Mascoll took home the “great pumpkin”, the candy winners were Kay Roffey-Dampier and Margaret Stark, and Glenda McBroom took the door prize. There were some great costumes too but the winner was tied between our very own Trinity Campbell and Samantha, a visitor to Asbury.

I’d like to *Recognize* and *Thank* three sponsors of this event. Kernels in the Promenade Mall who helped with the popcorn and to SilverCity of Richmond Hill and Imagine Theatre in the Promenade Mall, both who provided gift cards that were given as some of the prizes.



A *special thank you* to the following people who supported the event Phoebe, Dorothy, Connie, Glenda, Cheryl, Myra, Yvonne, Trinity, Raneem, Ariadne, Samantha, Joe, Rachel, Sharon, Sheila, Carol, Kay, Margaret, Melvyn, Lysia, Joyce, Lou, Harel, Risa, Lucille, Jocelyn, Lisa, Sylvia, Pauline and Alan.

With everyone’s support, I am thrilled to announce we raised \$491 towards our deficit. Stay tuned for my next event.

Submitted by Melissa Nielsen

FUN FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

- ✧ The word Christmas originates from the words Christ's Mass. In old English (first recorded in 1038) it was referred to as Cristesmasse, which literally means 'Christian Mass'.
- ✧ The Christmas wreath is symbolic of Jesus. The red berries symbolize his blood and the holly represents the crown of thorns.
- ✧ The poinsettia, a traditional Christmas flower, originally grew in Mexico, where it is also known as the 'Flower of the Holy Night'. Joel Poinsett first brought it to America in 1829.
- ✧ The popular Christmas song “Jingle Bells” was actually written for Thanksgiving. The song was composed in 1857 by James Pierpont, and was originally called “One Horse Open Sleigh”.
- ✧ There are 364 gifts mentioned in “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. (Remember to count each time the verses are sung.)
- ✧ J.S. Bach inscribed most of his musical scores with the note ‘In dem Namen Jesus’, or in English ‘In the name of Jesus’.





*"Sharing the Gifts We
Have Been Given"*

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

A big thank you goes out to all who worked on the Stewardship campaign this year. Sadly the results were less than expected but we remain faithful and hopeful as we move into 2017.

We would also like to thank the many people and groups who organized fundraisers. We are happy to say that in 2016 approximately \$10,000 was raised through committed efforts and generous givers.

The 2017 proposed budget is in the final stages. It will be presented at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 19, 2017. We hope to see all of you at this important church meeting.

We deeply appreciate your faithful support over the past year. Moving into 2017, we are faced with some significant challenges. Let us move forward with continued high spirits, with determination to grow and prosper, always trusting in God who is our hope and our strength.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas season.

Cheryl Holliday, Secretary



ARE YOU ON P.A.R.?

Have you thought about making your church donation by P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance)? Through PAR, automatic monthly withdrawals are made from your bank account. PAR is easy to set up and can be adjusted at any time should your circumstances change. If you are already on PAR, don't forget that you can increase your donation anytime. Simply speak to Cheryl Holliday, in confidence, about the process.

Thank you for your support!

LOONIE BIN = COPPER KETTLE



Please drop your change in the big Copper Kettle. Folding money gratefully accepted.

We have collected \$290.62 in the Copper Kettle since the beginning of 2016.

Walk-up Sunday brought in \$737.17 YTD.

Thank you for your generous support!

We are also collecting Canadian Tire money to assist with future purchases.
Please consider this form of donation to your church.





MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

We continue to reach out to all Members of Asbury and West.

We are working to have some new members in the coming year. Anyone wanting to become a member please speak to Rev. Carol.

Our Membership has lessened in the past year, due to the passing of four of our loved ones.

The members of this Ministry are Melvyn and Shirley Beckles, Phoebe Cleverley, Lucille Hunte, Janiss Johnson, Yvonne Lampkin, Lynsis Panthaki (Secretary) and Ianthe Spencer (Chair) and Rev. Carol McKinley.

Please speak to anyone of us if you know of anyone that is ill.

At present we are in the process of mailing Christmas to all Members.

A blessed Christmas to all.

Ianthe Spencer, Chair

CHURCH POLICIES - REMITS

GENERAL COUNCIL is a denomination wide gathering which meets every three years to elect a new moderator and to approve new church policies.

The 42nd General Council of the United Church of Canada took place August 8-15, 2015 at Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Among other business, the General Council received a report from the Steering Committee, set up at the previous General Council meeting to find a way forward for our church.

Plagued by falling memberships, closing churches, and decreased revenues, a comprehensive review of all aspects of the church was undertaken and a full report was submitted to the 42nd General Council last August.

The outcome of this review was passed at the 42nd General Council. Because we are a democratic church, decisions of vast proportions which are passed by General Council, must also be passed by other governments in the church. At present, we have four governing bodies: General Council, Conference, Presbytery, and our local churches. Altogether, there are eight remits.:

Category 3 Remits: Pastoral Charges and Presbyteries vote on remits 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

Category 2 Remits: Presbyteries only vote on remits 5, 7, 8.

Remits 1, 2, 3, 4 - must be in by June 30, 2017.

Remits 5, 7, 8 - must be in by February 17, 2017.

Remit 6 - must be in by February 28, 2018.

There are workshops available through Presbytery to explain each remit and help council to make an informed and intelligent decision.

Rev. Carol has informed Council of these workshops.



Submitted by Rick McKinley



Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus My Lord,
that's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for Me!

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would remind people of the true meaning of Christmas; so he made the candy cane to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and the firmness of the promises of God.

The candy maker then shaped his cane into the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to the earth as Savior. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down to reclaim the fallen lambs who, like sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.



The Young at Heart Seniors made a bus trip to St. Jacob's Market, had a pot luck lunch with the Rev. Carol McKinley as guest speaker.

We saw a Remembrance Day movie “In Flanders Field”, The storey of Dr. Major John McRae. We also had Rick McKinley (Rev. Carol’s husband) as our speaker.

By the time you read this article we will have had our Christmas pot luck lunch, with George Heldt at the piano.

Shirley and I would like to wish you
all a very Christ like Christmas and a
healthy and happy new year in 2017.

*Melvyn and Shirley Beckles,
Group Contacts*



CHURCH COUNCIL

There is always much talk about getting ready for Christmas. The list usually includes such things as decorating your house, finding the perfect gifts for family and friends, planning the menus and grocery shopping, making sure special events and activities are clearly marked on the calendar so nothing is missed. And there is always talk about too much to do, finding time, other things getting in the way, needing help, prioritizing activities and committing to doing what really needs to be done.

As I look at our church I see a similar pattern. There is a long list of what needs to be done along with the dreams of what we would like to do. There is often a feeling of not enough time to get everything done along with the sense that we cannot do it alone.

Like the presents under the Christmas tree, our church has received many gifts this year. The gift of dedicated Council members leading the members of each Ministry, faithful members of the congregation who support through participation and the work that is quietly done by many members without fanfare or recognition. I believe one of the greatest gift was from our Search Committee who brought to us Rev. Carol.

Another gift is that the past is behind us. So, now is the time to join our hands and hearts and minds to look forward and plan the future of our church. It is the time to prioritize and focus on what really needs to be done. We are not alone if we all help to shoulder the work and responsibility. Everyone has an important job to do to make our church a strong and successful presence in our community. And together we will receive the blessings from all that God has planned for Asbury and West.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blessings,
Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson, Chair



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Sunday School

Our Sunday School is one of the best places to be on a Sunday morning. We have been learning the story of Creation and at one lesson made Cain and Abel foam figures! On Thanksgiving Sunday we added to the refreshments with our version of cornucopias made from ice cream cones and fruit. In November we heard the angel stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah and Mary and Joseph.

Now we are in December and it is always a fun time as we prepare for Christmas and enjoy the many activities that highlight the Advent season for us.

The Christmas stockings we stuffed with toys and goodies were presented at the Christmas Dinner, along with the other gifts to the North York Women's Shelter.

Our handmade snowmen decorated the tree upstairs.

We are counting down the days of Advent using our Advent Calendar.

We added our Nativity to the display in the narthex. Do you know which one it is?

We watched "The Little Drummer Boy" on December 4.

We collected food items for the Food Bank on White Gift Sunday.



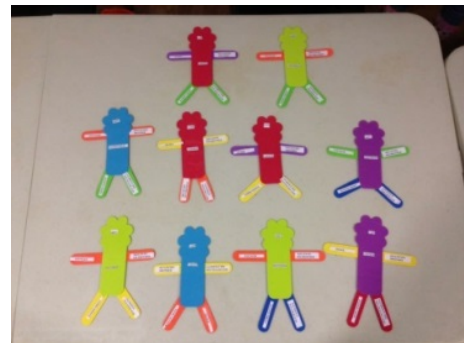
Our Christmas Party is always a highlight. The Christian Education Ministry, staff and parents provided the lunch. Gifts and candy were given to the children and teachers. A big thank you goes out to the UCW for their donation towards the cost.

And finally on December 24, we will present our Christmas Pageant during the Christmas Eve Service.

The New Year is fast approaching and we look forward to what it will bring. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8. There are no classes on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

The staff and children join me in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

Cheryl Holliday, Chair



Cain and Abel foam figures. A sample is on our board upstairs.



Angels announce the coming births of John and Jesus.

Word Search

GAMES PLUS MORE



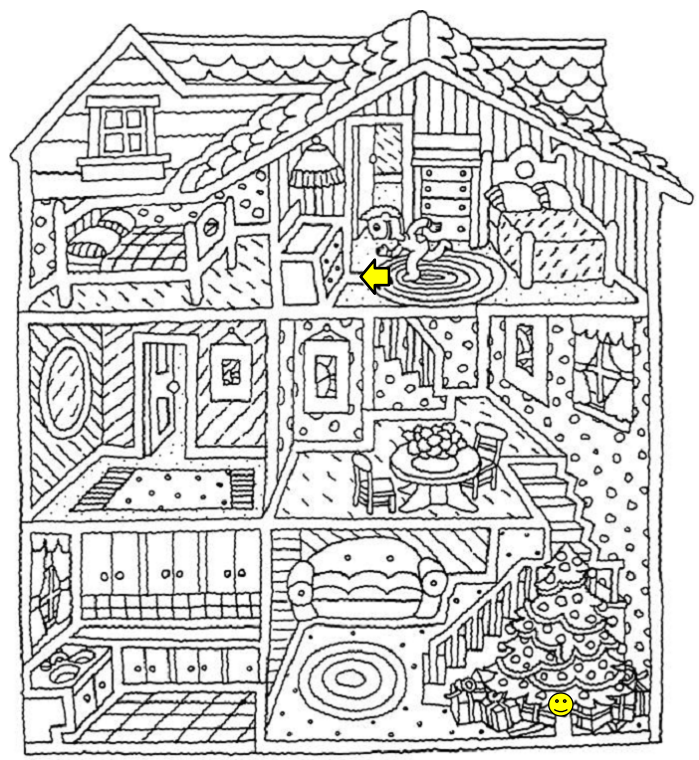
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Words

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| Advent | Joseph |
| Angels | Joy |
| Baby | Maji |
| Believe | Manger |
| Bethlehem | Mary |
| Birth | Miracle |
| Camel | Myrrh |
| December | Noel |
| Donkey | Peace |
| Frankincense | Shepherds |
| Gloria | Snow |
| Gold | Stable |
| Holly | Star |
| Jesus | Wisemen |



A Maze for the Brave (get to the bottom of the tree)



Word Scramble



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| mrhassict | _____ |
| daiohly | _____ |
| htisrc | _____ |
| sjues | _____ |
| neamgr | _____ |
| eablst | _____ |
| hepse | _____ |
| satog | _____ |
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| desherph | _____ |

Answers: Christmas, Holiday, Christ, Jesus, Manger, Stable, Sheep, Goats, Wisemen, Shepherd



PROPERTY MINISTRY

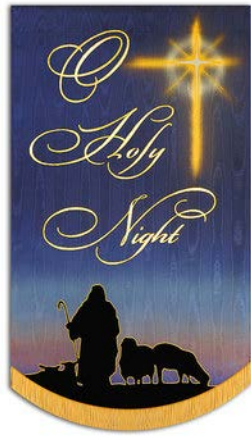
Regular upkeep of our beautiful building and ground places constant demands on us financially. We are challenged in our budget to reduce expenses and find ways to increase revenue as we go forward. The broken glass window, on the North Western side near the Upper Room, has now been replaced. We still had no idea how it was damaged.

Our various maintenance companies continues their regular servicing to keep things working. Upon their regular inspection recently, Cool-Aid found much needed repairs to be done to ventor motors and collector boxes.

Relationship with our two tenants, Forest Hill Montessori School and Korean Immanuel Methodist Church continues to be going well. There is increased interest in the use of casual rental of our Upper Room. We continue to request volunteers to help with the supervision.

Our custodian Alvaro continue to do a superb job to keep our building clean and safe. He has now taken on some tenant responsibility in the Day Care.

Yvonne Wright, Co-chair



THANK YOU !!

On a personal note, I want to thank two faithful and dedicated members of our committees. Pauline McKenzie who resigned as chair of Property last June, Alan McKenzie who has resigned as chair of Finance, member of Trustee and Property respectively at the end of December. How do we honor these two members? 'Thank You' is not enough! These two members were instrumental in over-seeing the renovation of our building. I am sure Pauline had no idea a new job was awaiting her after her retirement from her regular Principal position.

However, God moves in mysterious ways and here both she and Alan tirelessly worked with the City, the Province and other organizations in order that we have this beautiful place of worship. This saved us thousands in dollars from recruiting a professional. We were privileged to have them in our midst for their invaluable service and contribution.

Alan and I have worked on several committees together over the years. Like most committees there were difference of opinions, but we always come to an agreement for the betterment of the congregation, Yes, he may have 'tickled some feathers' along the way, but knowing Alan, he is a thorough and detailed person with a pronwes to stay on top of things. I say this as a compliment as I personally will miss his knowledgeable presence at our meetings.

I know I cannot entice them to stay as both deserve a worthy rest, but this quote came to me as I write this (author is unknown), **"It is a great art, possibly the greatest art, to know when to move, when to break roots. Often in pain and tears, when to shake hands and say good bye. When to shake old soil off growing feet and strike out not looking back, for the new"**. So as you journey into the sunrise, on behalf of the committees, "Thank You" again for your dedication and service to this congregation.

I wish you both God's blessing and many years of good health to enjoy, and that you may find joy and comfort wherever you go. Peace and Love

Yvonne Wright, Chair Trustee/Co-chair Property

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Although we are small, we still enjoy meeting together for good programs, interesting conversation, yummy food and doing what we can to serve the church. All women are welcome to join us on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm.

At our October meeting we saw a most interesting film – "Butterbox Babies" – a true story based on a tough midwife and her more complacent husband's attempt to run a Christian home for unwed mothers in Nova Scotia. Unfortunately they don't always follow government regulated rules, resulting in lies, sold babies, and dangerous medical procedures leading to the deaths of both babies and mothers. It starred award winning actress Karen Black. We highly recommend the movie.

In November, we prepared for the Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner which was held on Saturday, December 3. We were amazed that around 70 people attended this year, including family, friends and condo residents. After dinner we made "Christingles", a Christmas decoration that symbols the Light of Christ. Thank you for the Christmas gifts that were brought for the North York Women's Shelter.

On December 12 we had our Christmas Party with invited guests. Christmas goodies, games, prizes and a gift exchange made for a fun and festive evening.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with many blessings.

Cheryl Holliday, Chair



SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS



We need volunteers to look after serving the Sunday refreshments. If you have never done this and are unsure as to the procedure, just ask and I would be happy to assist you on your first time through. There is a sign-up set on the bulletin board in the narthex. The occasional donations of cookies to help with the expenses of serving on Sunday would be appreciated by the UCW.

Submitted by Dorothy Ostrom

THE DISHWASHER (Keeping each other safe)

Flu season is here! We come to church for worship and meetings, and we bring our germs with us. We can be contagious even if we have no symptoms yet. At this time of year especially, there are many unpleasant viruses around. There has been recent outbreaks of Novo-virus in Richmond Hill and Scarborough and it causes serious digestive upset and can be very serious for young children and older adults. The really bad news about Novo-virus is that it is a strong virus that can live on surfaces for a long time and infect others.

One danger spot for spreading illness is our church dishes. It becomes essential to wash cups, plates and cutlery using the dishwasher. This machine washes the dishes at temperatures of 140 degrees and higher, and kills all germs and viruses. It takes about three minutes for one load. The dishwasher is easy to use, simple instructions are posted and lessons are available.

A note about the dishwasher: some people believe that the dishwasher uses a lot of electricity and that handwashing saves money. This is not actually, true. The washer uses about one litre of water and heats it with electricity. Then it uses the *same super-hot water* for all the loads.

Washing in the sink, on the other hand, uses a lot of water, and that water costs money. The water comes from a water heater in the church basement, which also costs money. Better to use an efficient dishwasher that helps to keep us healthy.

Submitted by Pauline McKenzie

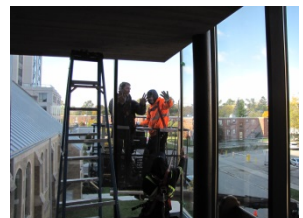
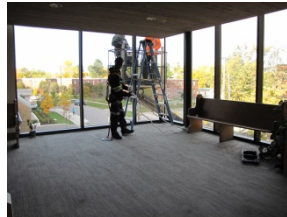
AMAZING

One of the windows in the hallway on the upper level was broken in August. The window is made of two layers of glass with a special insulating argon gas between the panes. The outer layer of glass was intact so we know that the window received a blow from the inside. The experts could tell exactly where the window was hit because a spider's web of cracks radiated from the impact point. What we do not know is what caused the impact. The cost of the repair was in excess of \$7,000.00. Fortunately the church has insurance but our deductible and other charges cost our Congregation over \$1,600.00.

The replacement glass had to be custom made to match the other glass panels so it took several weeks for the manufacturing process. The replacement glass weighs over 300 lbs and could only be installed from the outside. The insurance company hired Winmar to perform the work. We chose a day when the Forest Hill Montessori daycare was closed for the installation because the window had to be installed directly above the Saranac Street entrance. The installers were professionals and did an excellent job. They arrived at 7:15 in the morning of November 4th and were finished by about 2:30 in the afternoon.

Let's hope that there are no more accidents.

Submitted by Alan McKenzie



Calendar of Events



December

- December 18 - Sunday School Christmas Party & Lunch following the worship service, Upper Room
- December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service with Communion and the Nativity Pageant, 7:30pm
- December 25 - Christmas Worship Service, 10:30am

January 2017

- January 1 - Happy New Year !!
- January 6 - Epiphany Sunday

February

- February 2 - Groundhog Day
- February 14 - Valentine's Day
- February 19 - Annual Meeting, light lunch provided
- February 20 - Family Day

March

- March 1 - Ash Wednesday
- March 5 - First Sunday in Lent
- March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent
- March 12 - Daylight Savings Time, put clocks ahead 1hour
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 - Third Sunday in Lent
- March 26 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

April

- April 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
- April 2 - Deadline for Easter Edition of Flock Talk
- April 9 - Palm Sunday
- April 14 - Good Friday
- April 16 - Easter Sunday...HALLELUJAH!
- April 16 - Flock Talk available

May

- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 22 - Victoria Day

MINISTRY GROUPS and COMMITTEES

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Chair: Ianthe Spencer

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Chair: Lola Pinnock

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Co-Chairs: Phoebe Cleverley
& Alan McKenzie

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Chair: Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Chair: Cheryl Holliday

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Cheryl Holliday, David Tuck

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