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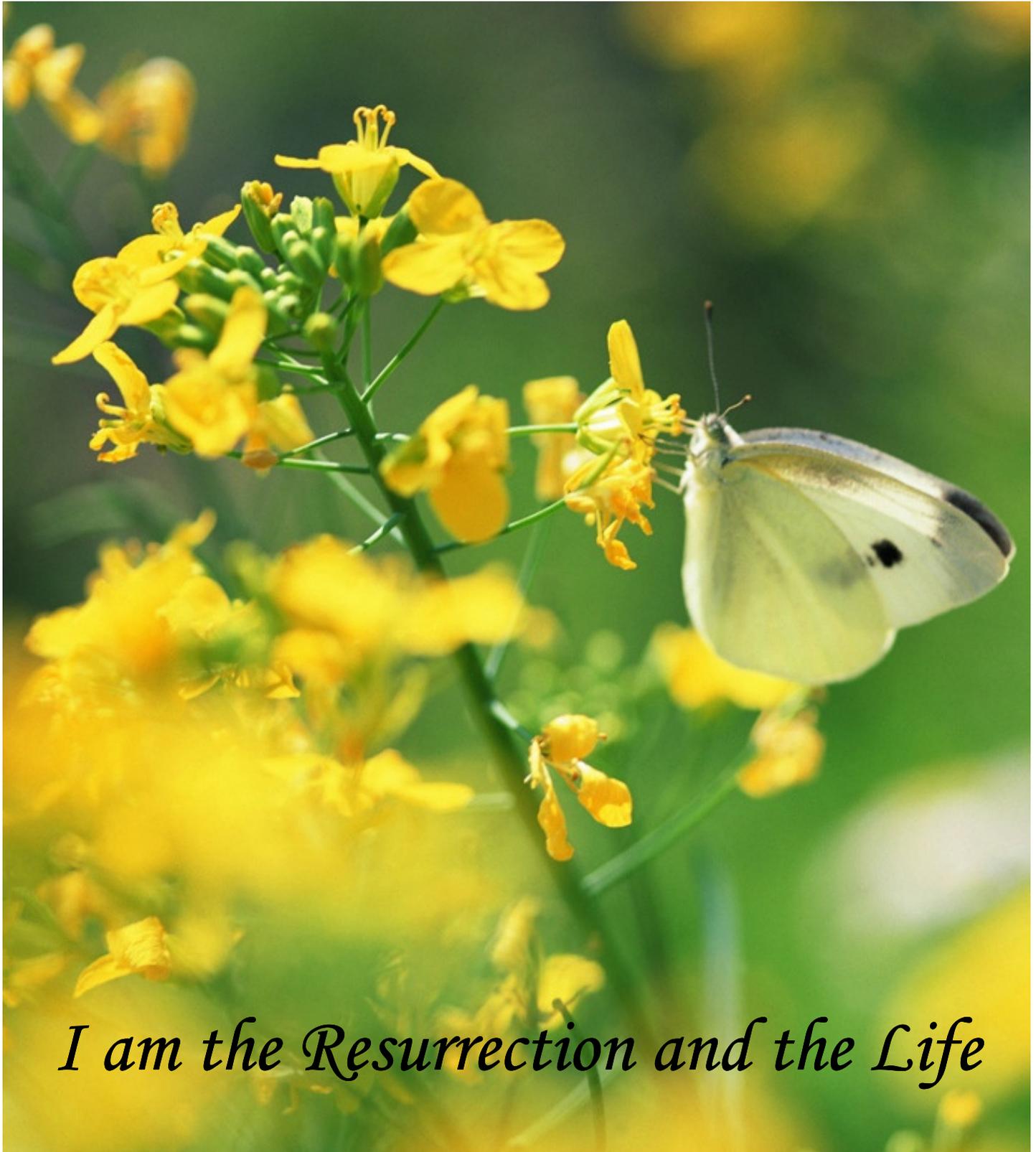
## Asbury and West United Church

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*I am the Resurrection and the Life*

## THE PASTOR'S PEN

There is one thing about Easter that is different than many holidays on secular calendars. Easter, like some other Christian feast days, are moveable feast days. Easter happens on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. So the full moon being on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March this year means that Easter comes early on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Most of the other moveable feast days, our non-church friends do not pay attention to because it does not affect them. But Easter is a statutory holiday and so most people that you would ask on the street would tell you that Easter comes early this year.

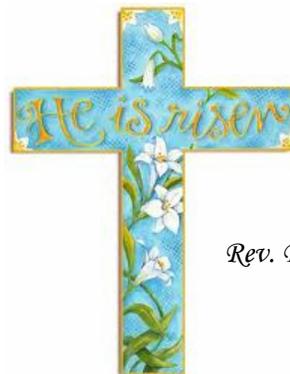
When I worked up north, people always complained about an early Easter. For it meant snow. And it certainly was the case. The one Easter that I celebrated in March when I worked in Northwestern Ontario saw the biggest blizzard in a number of years. Nobody was thinking about daffodils or lilies, only the sidewalks that needed to be cleared and roads that were impassible.

On farms, Easter was a sign of new life. Baby animals are often born in the early spring. That is why we think of chicks and bunnies at Easter. It is a sign that new life has come once more. And of course for children, Easter means that the bunny has come and has left gifts of chocolate and candies.

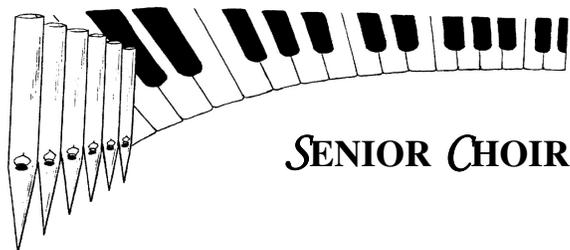
I have often wondered what Easter would feel like in the southern hemisphere. There Easter comes during the first days of fall. It would almost be considered a harvest festival rather than the promise of new life. I am sure that the

liturgies written about first buds of spring and new life don't quite fit into a Brazilian or New Zealand prayer liturgies. I hope to look at some of the Easter liturgies of the Australian church when I am down there next year and maybe I will understand their approach to Easter more.

But for all its quarks, moveable dates, different ways to mark the day, harvest or spring festival, Easter is the most celebratory day of the year. For it is on this day that all of us are made into God's children. On this day, all of our wrongs have been put aside and been made right. On this day, all of our lives are given eternal significance. It does not matter if the day is early or later in the year, it does not matter whether it is snowy or warm, it does not matter that new life is present, or is still a promise to come, or has come to full harvest. All of these things which we often associate with Easter really are minor, compared to the wonders of this day. Today we have new life. Today we have been blessed by God. Today we are special. So let us truly celebrate the wonders of Easter and this Easter. We have been truly blessed.



*Rev. Darren Liepold*



## SENIOR CHOIR



The Choir members from Asbury and West continue their hard work with the members of Northminster Choir. Most of the members were part of the 40-strong choir of past and present members who took part in the service of Commemoration of Doreen Porter's 32 years of service as Organist and Choir Director.

The Faure Requiem was presented on Palm Sunday by the choirs of Asbury and West, Northminster and Newtonbrook and Asbury and West.

The William R. Shewalter Memorial Organ Fund remains at \$39,117.78. Your continued contributions are always gratefully appreciated.

*Mel Beckles*



## COPPER COIN KETTLE

Small things can mean a lot! Your small change, placed in the Coin Kettle adds up. Last year you gave \$359.00. In less than three months this year, the Coin Kettle contributions total \$157.50. Placing your pocket change into the Coin Kettle eases your burden and helps our congregation with our financial burden. Please drop your coins, either wrapped or unwrapped into the Coin Kettle each Sunday. Folding money is also welcome. These contributions help with our local expenses.

*Alan McKenzie  
Chair, Finance*





The Young at Heart Seniors met on January 24<sup>th</sup> to arrange their schedule for the first half of 2013 as follows:

- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine Potluck
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Speaker from Unisom
- March 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Irish Stew Luncheon
- March 28<sup>th</sup> - Easter Video
- April 8<sup>th</sup> - Roy Thompson Hall Free Concert – Mendelssohn Singers
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - To Be Announced.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Roy Thompson Hall Madregal Singers, Agincourt Junior Choir
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Trip – To Be Announced
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - Pot Lunch Luncheon and entertainment
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - Picnic at Earl Bales Park

Once again we are appealing to the members of the Asbury and West congregation who have retired or have a couple of hours on Thursday to join us at our meetings or on our trips.

*Melvyn and Shirley Beckles  
Committee Contacts*

## *MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL*

### *CARE MINISTRY*

As is our custom, poinsettias plants were delivered to our Home Members at Christmas, and flowers will be delivered at Easter. The care Link Group continues to be in touch with our Home Members.

Our goal is to fill our Church with new members when we return to 3180 Bathurst Street, which is planned for sometime in the Fall. We are looking forward to our return HOME. Some members could not make it to 255 Finch Ave. West, so hopefully they will be able to return with us to Bathurst Street

Our thanks to Northminster for their generosity to us. May God continue to bless them in their new endeavours.

*Ianthe Spencer  
Chair*





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Joybreak continues to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month to enjoy a wide variety of programs and discussions. At our February meeting, for example, we discussed the environics study "Who is Our Neighbour?" that was specifically prepared for Asbury and West. This study can help us determine what programs or services we can offer to the people living around the church. It was a very interesting evening.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 22 at 7:30pm in the parlour. If you would like to join our group, please speak to any one of our members.

*Cheryl Holliday*  
Contact

*Don't forget Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.*



## OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

We are been hearing a lot about writing a mission statement for our church. Oxford dictionary defines a mission statement as a formal summary of the aims and values of an organization. Wikipedia advises that a mission statement should guide the actions of the organization, spell out its overall goal, provide a path, and guide decision-making. To that end, Rev. Darren enlisted our help by asking the questions Who are We? What are we all about? We do this because? and How do we do it? The colourful filing cards were filled with many common threads that weave our congregation together and showed a deep commitment to our church and the work we do.

The next steps included such things as brainstorming ideas, thinking of what Asbury and West really stands for, understanding why we exist, being inspired by the ideas of others, thinking of the church from the neighborhood's perspective, thinking outside the box. The result was an emerging framework of mission statements encompassing many ideas. Here is what we have so far:

1. We are diverse, called, and welcoming. As a diverse community that has been called by God, we welcome others to come join with us, to journey with us, to change us, and to grow with us.
2. We are called to be an inclusive and welcoming community of faith; to serve God and the church by sharing our time, resources, and gifts; to act as an inspiration to those seeking to grow in their faith journey.
3. As followers of Christ Jesus, we are called to offer service to our neighbours in the community and the world.
4. Blessed by God, rich in our diversity, we are called to offer words of hope and challenge to our community.
5. As followers of Jesus Christ, we believe it is our mission to welcome all people from all nations and backgrounds to join in community.
6. We are called to empower the poor, strengthen the weak, and embrace the outcast. We believe that small things done with great love will change the world.

All the statements are still in rough draft, still growing and developing, still waiting to be refined. Recently Rev. Darren said that it is not too late for anyone to participate; add a word, change a phrase, use a line from one statement and combine it with a sentence from another or create something altogether different.

Now back to the Oxford dictionary for a moment. It went on to indicate the importance of having a mission statement to which all members can subscribe. So here is your chance to help write a new chapter in the history of our church as we prepare to move back to 3180 Bathurst Street. Don't miss out on an opportunity to define your church.

Blessings,  
*Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson, Chair, Council*

## THE WORK OF OUR COUNCIL MINISTRY GROUPS

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Keep the congregation informed through: Website, Flock Talk, Bulletin Boards, Sunday Bulletins and Announcements
- Reach out to the community through: Website, Advertising

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Ensure that children and adults have Christian Education
- Evaluate and choose study materials for all ages
- Work with the minister to involve children & youth in worship services

### FINANCE

- Develop and administer the overall budget for the congregation
- Keep the congregation informed about financial matters

### HOSPITALITY

- Organize greeters before services
- Invite visitors to sign the Visitors' Book
- Facilitate companions for new persons during service
- Ensure that secretary has names and addresses of newcomers in order to send a letter
- Organize refreshments after service
- Sparkplug social events

### HUMAN RESOURCES

- Maintains confidential oversight of our staff
- Salary, working conditions, concerns

### MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE

- Help individuals to become members
- Keep the church membership roll up to date
- Help Carelink to keep contact with sick and shut-ins

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

- Ensure that the Benevolent Fund is collected, counted and used
- Make decisions annually about grants to community organizations
- Co-ordinate the Food Bank
- Inform the congregation about peace and justice issues



## OUR CHURCH COUNCIL (continued)

### **PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES**

Our presbytery brings together over 100 churches. Our representatives attend six meetings a year on our behalf. They speak for us to the larger group, and also bring us news of what is going on at other churches. There are also opportunities to become involved in work for peace and justice and mission at a wider level in our community for those who wish it.

### **WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**

- United Church Women
- Joybreak
- Assist other women to form fellowship groups

### **Communications**

**Chair:** Lisa Crawford  
 Pauline McKenzie  
 Ken Oleksiuk  
 Sylvia Shewalter- Nielsen  
 Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson

### **Christian Education**

**Chair:** Cheryl Holliday  
 Karen Barnes   Melissa Masih  
 Lydia Cariaga   Joseph Massih  
 Dorina Datt    Trissa Massih  
 Michelle Datt   Dorothy Ostrom  
 Kim Davidson   Jocelyn Villamayor

### **Finance**

**Chair:** Alan McKenzie  
 Lou Rhoden  
 Yvonne Wright

### **Hospitality**

**Chair:** Lou Rhoden  
 Veronica Ennis Joyce Rhoden  
 Yvonne Lampkin  
 Myra Seyfried  
 Carole Rhambarat  
 Harel Smith  
 Janiss Johnson

### **Human Resources**

Sheila Mascoll  
 Sandra McKenzie  
*Needs one more person*

### **Membership and Pastoral Care**

**Chair:** Ianthe Spencer  
 Mel Beckles  
 Shirley Beckles  
 Phoebe Cleverley  
 Janiss Johnson  
 Yvonne Lampkin  
 Lysnia Panthaki

### **Memorial Committee**

Cheryl Holliday  
 Darren Liepold  
 David Tuck

### **Mission and Outreach:**

\*\*\*3 Vacancies\*\*\*

### **Presbytery Representatives**

Linda Cobon  
 Sheila Mascoll

### **Worship, Sacraments & Music**

**Chair:** Pauline McKenzie  
 Lisa Crawford  
 Judy Gillingham  
 Clayton Johnson  
 Glenda McBroom  
 Jose Polo  
 Connie Shewalter  
 Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen  
 David Tuck

### **WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND MUSIC**

- Ensure that worship takes place
- Help the minister in planning services
- Make sure that the sanctuary is decorated and prepared.
- Prepare and assist at Baptism and Communion
- Take attendance at services, usher and collect offering

### **Women’s Ministries**

**Chair:** Lucille Hunte  
 Cheryl Holliday  
 Marina Mackin  
 Dorothy Ostrom  
 Kay Roffey-Dampier  
 Ianthe Spencer  
 Yvonne Wilson

### **Renovation Committee** *(will exist until end of renewal project)*

**Chair:** Alan McKenzie  
 Lou Rhoden  
 Yvonne Wright  
 Joyce Bullock  
 Judy Gillingham  
 Cheryl Holliday  
 Sheila Mascoll  
 Pauline McKenzie  
 Dorothy Ostrom  
 Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen  
 Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson



The value of the volunteer work done by members of our congregation in 2012, is estimated to be \$68,000.

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE



Kevin, the Kembic Site Superintendant, feels that we must be disappointed because there has not been a lot of visible change to the interior of the building since renovations started in June. He says they are about to start installing drywall and lighting and promise that this stage of renovations will be more dramatic. Pauline and I can see that Kembic is working very hard each time we visit the building for our bi-monthly site visits. We know the work already performed is extremely important and difficult. It involved strengthening the foundations, the installation of the utilities, erecting the core for the elevator tower which will eventually be connected to the existing building with a grand entrance facing north. New windows were installed in the basement to comply with current regulations for daycare space. The connection to the underground parking area is now in place. Kevin, we are far from disappointed in the progress!

We are also pleased to see the great progress that is being made on Cranbrooke Village. I attend the condo owners' meetings and the new owners are excited about moving in. If all goes well, the first floor occupants may be here as early as December 2013. They ask me what programs Asbury and West will have to offer them when they arrive. I know that we will have a lot of exciting things to offer to them.

More good news! We are delighted to have Forest Hill Montessori School as tenants in our basement. Isabelle Kunicki-Carter and Sandra

Bosnar-Dale are the founders and hope to move in at the beginning of August so they can open their doors September 1<sup>st</sup>. Kembic Construction and Asbury and West will do everything we can to make that happen. We wish good luck to Mrs. Meras and Arpi Nursery School, our prior daycare tenant, as they remain at the Downsview Park location.

Your Building Renovation Committee has a lot of work ahead and move-in date will be upon us before long. I can't give you an exact date now but it is my hope that our Congregation will return to our newly renovated church home early in the fall of 2013. Plans for our return are progressing but if we ask for your help, don't say no! Each of us should do our part to make our return to 3180 a success.

We have about 95% of the funds we will need to complete renovations and are doing everything we can to keep costs under control. However, it may be necessary to take out a mortgage to complete the work. Can you help by making a donation for the purchase of items we will need? We already received one generous donation to help with the cost of assisted hearing devices. You can make a tax deductible contribution by making a cheque payable to Asbury and West United Church. Your donation could go toward the purchase of our new sound system or the new Sanctuary chairs or the new projection screen. Thank you for your generosity.

*Alan McKenzie, Chair*

### Remodeling Project ...

Inscribed in stone over the great front doors of an old church being restored was: "This is the Gate of Heaven." Just below it someone had placed a small cardboard sign that read: "Use Other Entrance."



*Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future. Faith is having the courage to dance to it today.*



# REJOICE!

He has been raised.  
—Mark 16:6



## FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

May the Risen Lord strengthen your faith, renew your hope and fill your heart with love at Easter and always.

*Jocelyn & Sylvia*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

We are moving down the home stretch now. The children are excited to return home and so are the teachers. To prepare for our return, we have had one session where we discussed what the new building will look like and what to expect on our return. At our next session, we will continue with talks about what will happen in the Church School in terms of programming and activities. But in the meantime, we continue to learn and grow through our Bible lessons and other activities, such as crafts, watching movies, outreach and play, along with the Northminster children.



Youth - Returning home means the loss of a wonderful youth leader, Wendy Jang. Our young people have enjoyed this group and the friendships made with the Northminster youth. We want to continue to offer our teens a program where they can feel their presence and contributions are making a difference in their lives and in the life of the church. We have discussed youth leadership with the Christian Education Committee and at the last meeting, three of our younger committee members volunteered to help. If there is anyone else who is interested in working with our youth, either on Sunday mornings or as a Youth Leader, please speak to Cheryl.

Advance Notice (especially for parents) – Usually we end our season on the second Sunday in June with our Celebration Sunday (recognitions and thanks) and our picnic. This year we will be joining in with the special June 23 farewell service when the two congregations will say goodbye to each other. There will be a pot luck lunch after the service. Please keep this date in mind.

Are there any children interested in attending Sparrow Lake Camp this summer? Please let Cheryl know as soon as possible. We have a budget to subsidize the cost.

*Cheryl Holliday*  
*Chair, Christian Education*

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Melissa Masih** on being accepted at the Saint James School of Medicine located on the small Caribbean island of Anguilla. Anguilla is near St. Kitts and St. Marten.



Melissa’s journey begins during the last week of August when she will be leaving Canada to begin her studies in September.

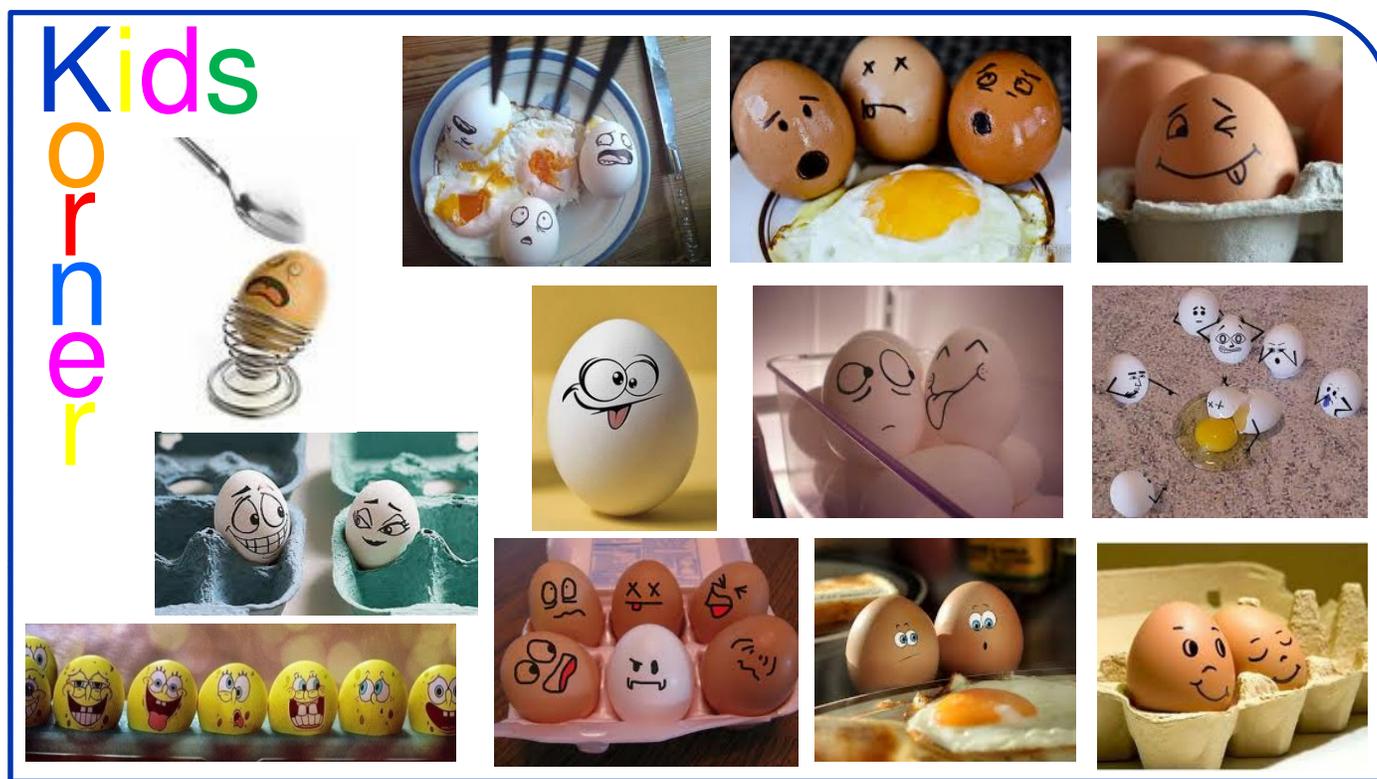
The program is split into two parts. For the first 16 months, she will study basic sciences. After that, she heads to Chicago where she will work at various hospitals to complete the clinical sciences phase of her studies. This will take two years.

She will then receive her medical degree. For the next two years she hopes to complete her residency training in Canada.

Melissa tells me she is super scared but thanks God every day for this wonderful opportunity.

Melissa, we are sad to see you go from our midst for such a long period of time. But at the same time we are all excited for you and wish you well in your studies and in this new adventure in your life. Our prayers go with you. Please keep in touch.

*Submitted by Cheryl Holliday*



## THE RE-LAUNCH COMMITTEE

A new exciting committee has been formed at the church. We call ourselves the re-launch committee and we are assigned the task of planning for our re-entry into the Bathurst and Lawrence community. We have about eight members on our team and we have had two meetings so far.

One task that our committee has is planning our grand opening service for our renovated building. The first challenge that we had was trying to come up with a date for this event. We wanted a few weeks back in our building by ourselves to work out where everything is in the new church and to make sure that everything is working properly. But we don't know exactly when we will be back into our building other than it will be sometime late summer early fall. So we took a leap of faith and decided that the weekend of October 19-20<sup>th</sup> will be our grand opening weekend.

On the Saturday, the nineteenth, we are going to be having an open house. This will be a chance to show our neighbours what we are all about. Each committee head will be asked to develop a display to show off their work to the community. There will be an activity area for the children so that they can make a contribution. Tours will be given of the main and second floor of our building so our neighbours can see what we have to offer. Information packages will be handed out so people can know more about our church. These are just some of the ideas that we have bounced around for the Saturday. On Sunday, we will be having our official opening worship service. As of the time of writing this, we can't confirm who are speaker will be for the day, but announcements have gone out to the presbytery and a list of specially invited guests is being prepared to make this a very special service.

Our second task is more of an on going task. We need to decide who we wish to be when we get back home. What are going to be are important ministries? What kind of connections will we need to make with other community groups in order that our ministry might have value for our community? This is a very big task. We are seeking to do this in a number of ways. We are looking at the information from the Environics survey that describes who are our neighbours. Through this survey, the United Church has described who is in our community and what are some key things our neighbours are looking for. This information is invaluable to our future as a church. We are also developing a neighbourhood directory for the folks at Cranbrooke Village which will list community businesses that are available in our neighbourhood. We are also developing a mission statement for our congregation. These are just some of the tasks that we have identified that we need to do in the next few months.

The re-launch committee is not alone in its work. Several of the committees of council have agreed to help us. And we will be approaching other groups in the church to assist us in our work. We want to thank you for this support.

But we need more help. Our church will only be successful if all of us get together and raise the banner of our work together. So here is how you help. If you can, join us for our meetings. Our re-launch committee is meeting monthly. Look for our notices in the bulletin. Two put your ideas into our re-launch folder. Just look for the brown folder with the picture of the rocket on the cover. Or give your ideas to Darren, our re-launch chair. So join us. This is our one chance to show our community who we are and what we can do.

*Rev. Darren Liepold*



[www.asburyandwest.org](http://www.asburyandwest.org)

This article is for those who don't frequent the internet. (You have better things to do with your time, right?) Well just relax, digest the words on this fibre. (You need fibre, right?)

Asbury and West has been on the web for a number of years now at [www.asburyandwest.org](http://www.asburyandwest.org), first with a basic information site, then with a more developed site that contains valuable info such as, the Church Mission Statement, a brief chronological history, Minister's biography, contact information, service times, etc.

As the time approaches for us to return to our Bathurst Street location, we will be posting more updates.

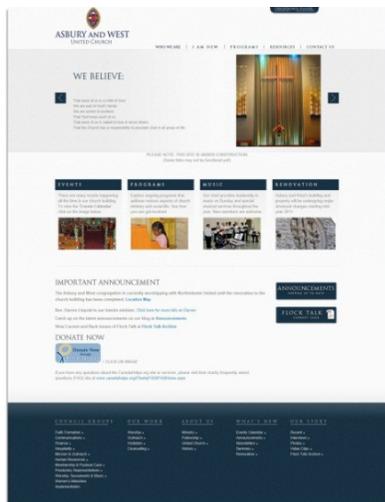
In addition to our website, we also have a BLOG at [asburyandwest.blogspot.ca](http://asburyandwest.blogspot.ca) that sees updates on a weekly basis with Darren's Weekly Musings, an event calendar and a bulletin posting. There is even a Canada Helps donation link for those who wish to donate to various projects of Asbury and West, such as, the organ fund, Stained Glass Windows, etc. Please tell your friends about this.

On the first page of our Blog we have in chronological order short snippets of recent events with accompanying photos. Some of the latest entries are Guest Speakers Bryan and Shannon Prince during Black History month, Alan McKenzie being honoured for many years of service in the nursery, and so forth.

Statistics indicate that we are getting a fair amount of viewers on the blog. The importance of the blog can't be understated during this time of renovation and renewal. Our web site and blog continue to experience a steady growth in viewers. In time, as we re-locate, we will post more current and relevant info including Events and Programs , that will result in an even higher viewership which we hope translates into church attendance.

The Asbury and West Blog can always use relevant event snippets. If you would like to contribute a short paragraph of a church event to be posted on the blog, please submit it to the church secretary. An attached photo would be nice also.

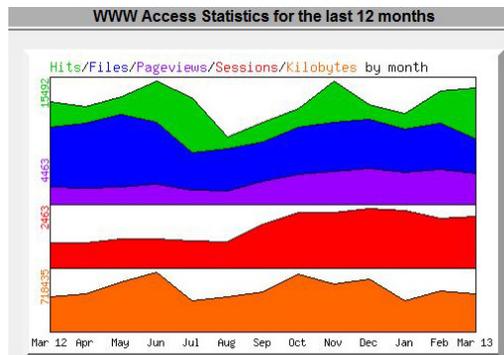
*Ken Oleksiuk  
Communications Ministry*



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Short statistics for March 2013 (updated more frequently)

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## FINANCE MINISTRY

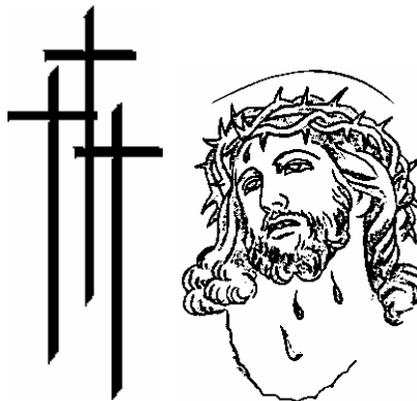
Before our Annual General Meeting, Rev. Liepold preached an excellent sermon on courage and hope. It could be that he was thinking about our 2013 budget. There is no denying that these are difficult times for our Congregation's finances. We have been out of our church home for a long time. Fund raising is challenging while we are away and instead of collecting rent from our tenants, we have rent to pay to Northminster. Finance Ministry had to project a deficit budget for 2013. But there is hope for the future.

Renovations should be completed by autumn 2013 and we will be able to return to our own neighbourhood. We have a lease agreement with Forest Hill Montessori School and we plan to have a second congregation as tenant and that will help with future expenses. Plans are underway to make our new neighbours feel very welcome. We hope many of them will want to become members of our church family.

The spring and summer months will be financially challenging for our Congregation. Many of you have chosen to donate through the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program which is a great help meeting those monthly bills. It is very important for envelope users to keep your donations up-to-date especially if you plan to be away during the summer. If you would like to sign up for PAR, please see the information pamphlet in the narthex or talk to Cheryl Holliday or myself. If your circumstances change, you can adjust or cancel your PAR donation.

With courage, hope and a spirit of generosity you can help our church family through the lean summer months. Can you make a special summer time donation or better yet, can you organize a fund raising event to help with our expenses?

Blessings,  
Alan McKenzie, Chair



*"It was love, not the nails,  
that held Jesus to the cross."*

## FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OF MUSIC

On Sunday, March 3, Northminster celebrated their music ministry of the last 57 years. They were honoured to have Doreen Porter, music director and organist for 32 years and several former choir members attend the morning service. During the morning service hymns had been selected from four different United Church hymn books:

Hymnary: published in 1930

The Hymn Book: published in 1971 by The Joint (Anglican-United) Committee

Voice United: published in 1996, is the Hymn and Worship Book of the United Church of Canada

More Voices: Supplement to Voices United, published in 2007. More Voices contains more global and contemporary Christian music along-side a large Canadian and Euro-American repertoire.

Keith Wright spoke of his childhood memories of time spent in Youth Choir and later years in the Senior Choir under the direction of Doreen. The service was filled with beautiful music and a special anthem "Upon Your Heart" by Eleanor Daily that was commissioned in honour of Doreen by her late husband. The text was taken for the Song of Solomon and John 15:9-12.



*There is nothing in the world so much like prayer as music is.* ~William P. Merrill

*A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence.* ~Leopold Stokowski

*Music's the medicine of the mind.* ~John A. Logan

*Music is an outburst of the soul.* ~Frederick Delius

*Its language is a language which the soul alone understands, but which the soul can never translate.* ~Arnold Bennett

*Silence is the fabric upon which the notes are woven.* ~Lawrence Duncan

*Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.* ~ Berthold Auerbach



***Carrying the Cross***

On Palm Sunday, April 8, “Carrying the Cross” stained glass window was dedicated by members of the congregation in loving memory of former members of Asbury and West United Church.



***The Empty Tomb***

“The Empty Tomb” stained glass window was given by the Choir at the evening Christmas Candlelight service in 1994. This window was dedicated to God’s glory in music and in honour of choir members past, present and future. This window completed the last in the series of eighteen windows in our sanctuary.



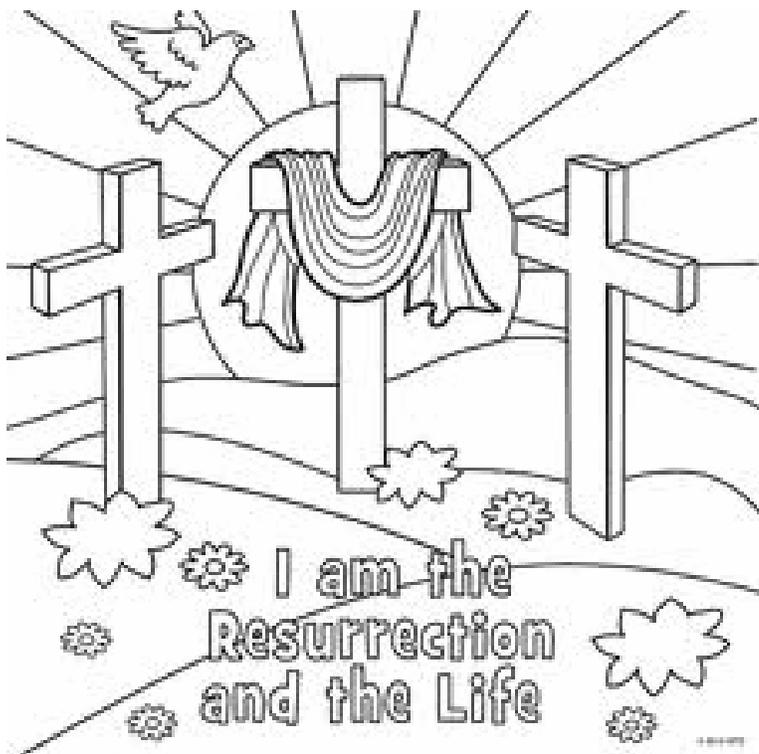
***The Resurrection***

“The Resurrection” stained glass window is another beautiful congregational window from gifts and memorial donations to loved ones and former members of Asbury and West United Church. This window was dedicated on Sunday, October 6, 1985.

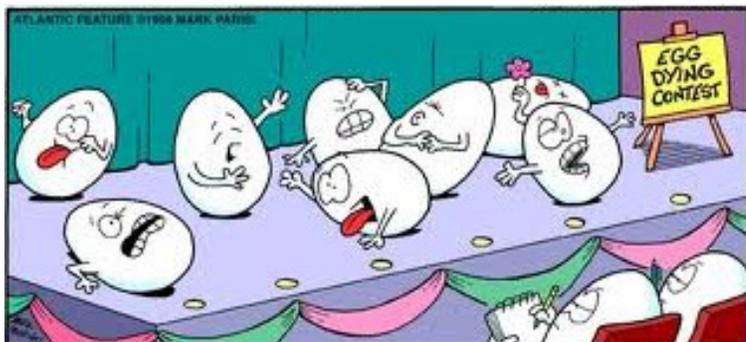
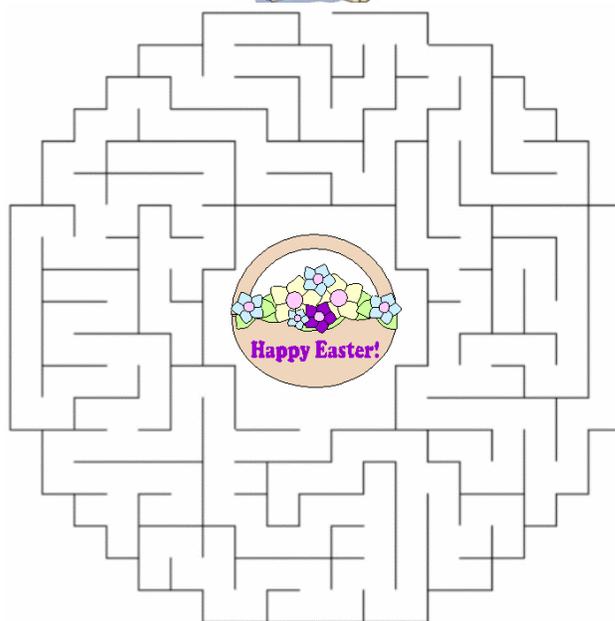


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PLUS  
MORE

COLOUR ME



HELP THE EASTER BUNNY  
FIND ITS BASKET



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- malb \_\_\_\_\_
- yunbn \_\_\_\_\_
- naysdu \_\_\_\_\_
- taskbe \_\_\_\_\_
- iyll \_\_\_\_\_



*Have you taken a few minutes in the past week to pray for members of our congregation who are in poor health, who are shut-ins, who cannot get out to church? Take a minute to phone one or two, or call to make some personal visits, or send out a couple of cards just to let them know we care about them. They'll appreciate your thoughtfulness. If we have forgotten any persons -- please let the Editors or the church office know.*

*Due to the Privacy Act in Canada, we are no longer able to publish any personal information such as home phone numbers and addresses. If you wish to contact one of our "Home Members", please contact the church office.*



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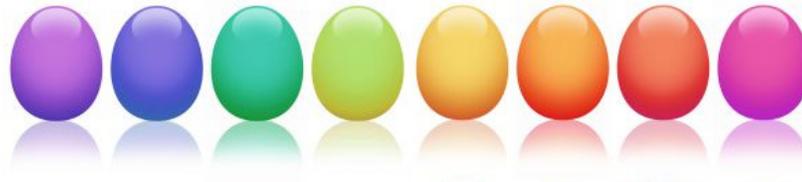
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