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Humber Valley United
the friendly community church

May 2016

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The Reverend's Reflections

"The disciples gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.'" Mark 6:30-31

It is the policy of the United Church of Canada that every pastoral charge provides a paid sabbatical of at least three consecutive months to those ministers who have completed at least five years of continuous service in a call or appointment. This coming fall, I will be taking my second sabbatical period in twelve years of service to Humber Valley.

The essence of a sabbatical is rooted in the biblical practice of the Sabbath day described in the creation story. As well, Jesus kept this practice when he took time in ministry for renewal, and insisted that his disciples do the same. He often went away to pray and reflect in silence and meditation to deserted places, mountaintops, and lakesides in order to return to his mission renewed.

The daily practice of ministry often involves the pressures of too many tasks compressed into too few hours, leaving little opportunity for reflective, prayerful discernment. This often leads to burn-out. Ministers often do not recognize that their physical and mental health is being jeopardized in the midst of a calling which requires heavy demands in terms of time, emotional energy, creativity and leadership. Indeed, many ministers report that when they enter into a sabbatical period, they often find themselves immediately sick. In the context of ministry, sabbatical time is for learning through reflection, revitalization, and recreation. It is, therefore, personal and individual in nature. It may include elements of study, spiritual retreat, travel, rest and family time, and will probably be a blend of all of these.

When ministry personnel avail themselves of sabbatical, congregations often benefit from the opportunity to reflect on their mission and ministry and experience different gifts of lay leadership. The sabbatical offers the congregation a minister who returns with new energy and clarity about the tasks at hand. Sabbaticals for ministry personnel must be related to the practice of ministry, and will not be so tightly structured that the Spirit has no room to lead and reveal.

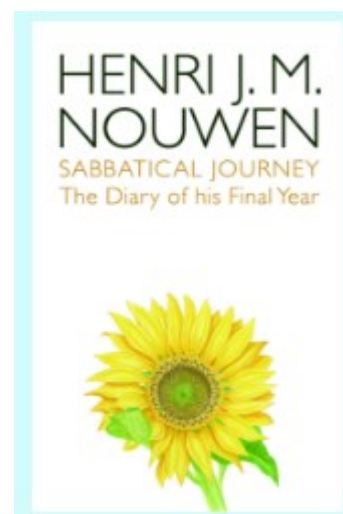
In his final book, "Sabbatical Journey", the late spiritual leader Henry Nouwen wrote about his own sabbatical year. Nouwen was suffering from great fatigue throughout the last year of his life, likely a sign that he needed medical attention, since he died only a few weeks after returning to his pastoral work at the L'Arche Daybreak Community in Toronto. The book provides a great lesson in the importance of listening to our bodies. When we are fatigued, we need rest; when we are stressed, we need relief; when we are sick we need to get well. Ministers, like everyone else, should pay attention to the signals our bodies send us. We need to realize how important it is to head off burnout before it gets hold of us.

**By taking care of ourselves,
we are taking care of the
congregations who have called us.**

When congregation members see their minister as a person with spiritual and physical needs of rest and renewal, they may begin to recognize the

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The Proms: May 27
Closing Bridge: June 1
Royal Tea: June 9
Honouring Raymond Gould:
June 26
Summer worship starts at 10
beginning June 26

Elder's Name _____

Elder's Phone # _____

From the Editor's Desk

As you can see from the accompanying articles, Reverend Mark is taking a sabbatical as a time of personal renewal this fall. During this time we, his congregation, will have the opportunity to reflect on our mission and ministry and to experience different gifts of lay leadership. We will also take this time to renew our faith and our relationship to Humber Valley United Church.

Mark's sermon on May 15 was about people who are so possessive of their church that they naturally call it *My Church*. His point was that once we let go of this very confining term, we are able to reach out more effectively to others. Mark told us about a congregation that moved from focusing on an annual fund raiser to inviting its neighbourhood to a community breakfast and a fall supper. This time of sharing helped spread the good news about what church means and can do for everyone.

I got a surprise visit this weekend from my a very dear friend (our mothers were best friends too), a long-standing member of St. John's United Church in Halifax. She is very spiritual, does healing touch, and sings in the church choir (so I know where she is every Thursday evening). The St. John's congregation is small but has remained strong even though they have lost their building and their minister to illness. For years St. John's occupied an old church building that was very expensive to maintain and in need of substantial repairs. In 2009 they moved their Sunday services to the auditorium at the Maritime Conservatory. A few months ago their minister became ill so worship has been led by lay members and guest preachers. For example, a few weeks ago a mother with a disabled child gave the "sermon" in which she told about her

faith and how she copes. She ended with taking questions from the congregation. My friend told me this has been a wonderful time of renewal, as they have experienced a variety of styles of worship. The congregation has been taking care of itself, carrying on with its work, and discovering new and different ways to reach out.

Just over a decade ago, when I was Clerk of Session, Frank Gabourel, was our interim minister. Rev. Gibson had left and Rev. Mark had not yet started with us. Gail Hamblin and I were very busy keeping things together. What made it possible for us was Frank's support and the support of the congregation. Frank helped us realize that *We are the Church* and this gave us the strength and inspiration that led to a good time of transition for HVUC.

In the past couple of years our church leadership has actively studied and discovered new approaches to worship and faith. We need only think of Eric Law's recent sermon about abundance to see that there are wonderful possibilities. I think our leadership is prepared to let the Holy Spirit guide them – and us – through this time. I hope we can all open our hearts as we support them and each other and look forward to the new year when Mark returns.

As to the title of this piece, it really is all four:
My Church, Our Church, We are the Church, and God's Church.

I love to hear from you. Please send me your comments and suggestions. Susanne@hyneslegal.ca

Susanne Hynes

Reverend's Reflection continued

need for sabbatical in their own lives and work. Thus, the greatest benefit of sabbatical to both minister and congregation might very well be the modelling of a healthy spiritual practice. Or, to borrow from the work of Eric Law, we all benefit by putting into circulation the currency of wellness.

After twenty-five years in called ministry, I am looking forward to this time of rest and rejuvenation, and am grateful to the congregation for granting me this leave. I will also look forward to rejoining you in the New Year, and sharing with you new learnings, new insights and renewed creativity and curiosity as we work together for the sake of the gospel.

Blessings,
Mark

Sabbatical Leave for Reverend Mark

Reverend Mark is eligible for his second sabbatical as of August 1, 2016. After extensive deliberation with the Ministry and Personnel Team, the Leadership Council has approved his proposal to take 17 weeks leave from September 11, 2016 to January 8, 2017, with 13 weeks being Sabbatical leave and 4 weeks being Vacation and/or Continuing Education.

The three primary objectives of Reverend Mark's sabbatical are:

- a respite from day-to-day demands of pastoral ministry
- a rejuvenation of spirit and clarity of purpose
- a creative replenishment.

Reverend Mark's sabbatical (in his own words) will comprise three general activities:

Creative reflection and rest

Reading, poetry and prose writing, music writing and also the possibility of some travel time dependent on family priorities and financing.

Advent and Christmas exploration

What is going on in the wider world during this season? More importantly, what is going on in the culture? How can the worship and witness life of the congregation address the yearnings and needs of the community around it? Where might there be opportunities for deepening relationships with the wider community? Are there possibilities for ecumenical partnering that we should be building on? The intention here is to be a careful and prayerful observer during Advent time, with the hopes of discovering new ways of anticipating and experiencing the Christmas story.

Education time

Goals to be determined but specific to congregational goal setting, meant to dovetail with congregational direction, e.g. adaptive change, transformation, long term planning, etc. I am prepared to receive input from the M and P Committee and from the Leadership Council in considering the topical focus for this study.

There are numerous specific details that have not been concluded and other opportunities may arise and be included in the actual sabbatical leave that will enhance the primary goals. This sabbatical time will be very important and beneficial to both Rev. Mark as well as the Congregation.

Personal benefits to Reverend Mark include

- renewal, rejuvenation, energy needed for Missional ministry and leadership
- exposure to new ideas and customs around Advent and Christmas
- "feed the well" - an increased creativity and enthusiasm for the work at hand, particularly in the areas of liturgy, preaching and faith formation

Benefits for the Congregation include

- a "stepping up" of the lay leadership[/involvement
- opportunities to explore new ideas for worship, fellowship and evangelism, particularly in the Advent/Christmas season
- the surprise blessings that come to a congregation through exposure to different leadership
- a renewed and creatively energized minister upon re-entry

These are admirable and achievable goals. This time period will be a rejuvenating time for Rev. Mark and for our congregation.

The Ministry and Personnel Team and the Leadership Council have prepared a job description for a full-time Supply Minister for the period of Reverend Mark's absence. We have a number of very good applicants already. We have the funding for the cost of the sabbatical including the cost of a supply minister.

There will also be many opportunities for all members of the congregation to show their commitment to the values of HVUC during this period.

We pray for guidance and support for Reverend Mark during his sabbatical leave and we pray for guidance and support for our congregation. We are a strong church with a wonderful sense of family and discipleship and a future that is in our hands.

Steve McCorquodale

Chair, Leadership Council

Peter White

Chair, Ministry and Personnel Team



Jim Koziak—the Project Guy



*We are very pleased
to formally recognize
Jim Koziak's
contributions to HVUC.*

The Fred Van der Vliet Award for Innovation and Creativity was created in February 2014 to honour the legacy of my late husband.

As most of you know Fred was a man with seemingly endless new ideas and alternative solutions to issues and activities in the church. Some ideas had more practical application than others but by boldly presenting them, he was frequently able to influence the work of Humber Valley United in a positive way. Some examples of his innovative thinking have now become traditions at HVUC, including the way we measure weekly attendance, our Fall Hike and our Robbie Burns event. The Leadership Council believed that HVUC would benefit in the future from this kind of innovative and creative thinking. The purpose of the Award is to recognize members or adherents of Humber Valley United Church who have proposed innovative, creative ideas and solutions which make a significant contribution to advancing the work of the church.

I am very pleased that this year we have a most deserving recipient: Jim Koziak.

For over 20 years Jim has been passionate about HVUC's values, facilities, and appearance. Like Fred, Jim is an engineer, a visionary, extremely creative, absolutely tenacious (remember Jim in the Talent Challenge!) and, most definitely, a man of action. We know Jim as "the project guy" who does extensive research and looks at all aspects of a task before making recommendations about it.

Jim developed and designed a re-configuration of the chancel area to provide much improved sight line for the congregation

and for our renters. With his out-of-the-box thinking, he came up with three separate plans to raise the chancel floor so people at the back would have a clearer view. And he organized an excursion to Eglinton/St. George United Church so we could see and experience their new seating – helping us imagine how we could open our space to more possibilities with different seating.

Jim co-chaired the AV Committee that researched, acquired, balanced and operated our audio/visual system. I recall another excursion organized by Jim; to Streetsville Anglican, so we could see for ourselves what a state-of-the-art system could do for us. Our AV system would never have been installed without Jim's diligence and commitment to the project and his love for our church.

With both of these projects Jim's goal was for us to live up to our claim to be "the friendly community church" and really be a place and space that is welcoming and useful for individuals and groups in our community.

Jim also was the driving force behind the parking lot project. Jim supervised the upgrading and repaving and had a much-needed improved drainage system installed. He has been involved in many mechanical and electrical upgrades in the church building.

Please join me in welcoming Jim into membership in a select group as the 2016 recipient of the Fred Van der Vliet Award.

Andrea Ostvik Van der Vliet



This Old Church—We are Almost Done

I have, in the past three years, written articles under the title of "This Old Church" to inform you of the renovations and restoration of our Church Basement.

The recovery from the damage inflicted by the rain storm and the subsequent back up of the stormwater and sewage into the basement has been a long and somewhat arduous trail of will power, perseverance, good luck and the tremendous support of the Church leadership, the Humber Valley Foundation, staff, and both general and specific members of the congregation.

The remaining tasks are down to four:

1. The Insurance company has agreed to pay us the difference between the GST we pay out and the amount that we can recover from the Federal Government;
2. Our contractor has installed all of the new windows in Friendship Hall;
3. We have recommended that the floor only needs a simple fix, based on how it has stood up to the uses that it has been put to this past year;
4. We have scheduled a wire brush scrubbing of the walls and subsequently two coats of primer paint in addition to painting the ceiling.

This work will complete the basement renovations. Thanks for your trust in me to handle the project.

Peter White



Keepers

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return.

So -- While we have it..... it's best we love it.... And care for it.. And fix it when it's broken..... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true. For marriage..... And old cars..... And children with bad report cards.... And dogs with bad hips.... And aging parents..... And grandparents.

We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

Submitted by

Cheryl Drake

Humber Valley's Coats of Many Colours

As a family under GOD

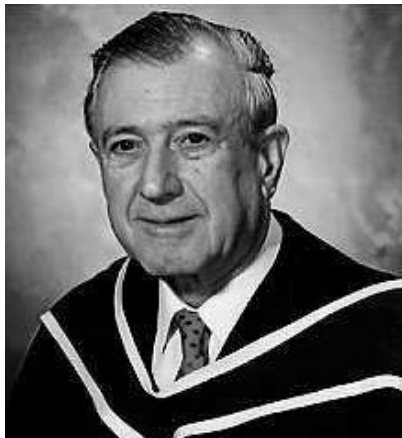
We at Humber Valley wear many coats
woven with loving care and nimble fingers
over many, many years
With cloth of silver, crimson, blue and gold.!

Joseph, son of Jacob,
wore such a lovely garment.

May we each wear our coat of many colours
and stand together
to show the world and
our community at large
that we are GOD's garden
in this world of darkness!

Carol Zachar

May 2016



Raymond Gould
ARCM; LRCT; FRCCO
1922–2016

**Organist Emeritus
Humber Valley
United Church**

*It was with sadness that we
learned of the death of*

*Raymond Gould on
April 18th, in his 94th year.*

*He died peacefully
surrounded by his family
at the Georgian Bay Hospital
in Midland.*

Raymond Gould

Raymond Gould was the Organist and Director of Music at Humber Valley for 38 years from 1960-1998.

During that time, Raymond built Humber Valley's strong musical reputation and his legacy continues. In recognition of Raymond's contribution to Humber Valley, the honorary title of Organist Emeritus was conferred upon him on April 28th, 2002. On that occasion many former choir alumni joined the Senior Choir in singing one movement of Raymond's "Requiem" which he accompanied from the piano as Debbie Bradley conducted.

Raymond was a member of the Humber Valley staff during much of Rev. Arthur Steed's term as Senior Minister and the two formed a very strong team during the great church growth years of the sixties and early seventies. When the new church sanctuary had been completed in 1957, the role of Organist and Choir master was held by George Metcalf but with the advent of two morning services, Mr. Metcalf felt he was not up to the challenge of running the music program.

The Music Committee found and hired Raymond Gould in 1960. Raymond didn't waste much time in his new role and he oversaw the installation of the church's original three manual Keats pipe organ, built in Acton, Ontario. He developed and led four strong choirs, the 40 plus Junior Choir, the teenage Chapel Tones, the Bell (handbell) Tones and the 40 strong Senior Choir. In addition, Raymond started the annual "Encore", later renamed "Festival of Song", a very popular fall season variety show, which featured all four choirs in a wide range of song, dance, drama and skits and which ran for more than 30 years.

Outside of his Humber Valley choirs, Raymond played for over 10,000 weddings at the Old Mill where Arthur Steed and other local ministers would officiate. He played the organ at Maple Leaf Gardens for home Leaf games for two years and was Music Director of the Boy Scout Gang Show, which later became the Flying High Show. Raymond also taught hundreds of piano students over the years.

Prior to joining the staff at Humber Valley, and following his musical education at the University of Toronto, Raymond was the organist at Islington United Church and organist and choir master at Mimico United Church from 1950-1960. Carol Zachar, a member of our current Humber Valley Chancel Choir, was a member of the Mimico UC choir and recalls that Marion VanZant and her parents were members of the Mimico choir. Apparently, Raymond and Marion "hit it off" and in February 1953 they eloped to Niagara Falls. This occurred on Monday and on Thursday of the same week they came to choir practice and shared the news with the choir. Carol says that was a fun practice! Marion and Raymond had three children, Mavis (1953), David (1955) and Kevin (1963).

Raymond was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England. One of five children, he was about 5 years old when his mother died. He was sent to foster parents and later to a Doctor Bernardo's home. During the Second World War, Raymond served in the Royal Air Force. During this time, he put his musical talents to use. Raymond's RAF days included planning and playing for many variety shows for the forces. Raymond's Squadron was told that Raymond was

anxious to find a posting where there would be a piano but he was due to be sent to the Far East. At the last minute, Raymond's squadron was sent to Canada and that was the beginning of his love for Canada. Back in Britain after the war, Raymond obtained a British Government scholarship to study music at the University of Toronto (Royal Conservatory of Music). He studied the organ as his second instrument, eventually becoming organist of Islington United Church, organist and choir director at Wesley United Church in Mimico for 10 years and HVUC for 38 years. Marion said she is so thankful that the British Government sent Raymond to Canada!

Raymond would often make quick decisions, like getting married! Peggy Walker, an ex Humber Valley senior choir member, tells of the time when she went to the church the first Sunday after she moved to Toronto. She went in early to see if she could get a phone number for the choir director and Rev. Arthur Steed took her into the Hearth Room and introduced her to Raymond. The choir had just rehearsed the anthem and Raymond asked her if she heard it. Peggy said 'yes. 'He said "did it sound hard?" She said "no". Raymond immediately turned to someone in the choir and he said "put a gown on her" and from that moment on Peggy was in his choir until he retired.

Raymond was a composer of over 100 songs including "In Flanders Fields" based on John MacRae's famous poem, "Sleeping Children Around the World" composed for Murray and Margaret Dryden's charity of the same name, "My Canada", numerous children's Christmas carols and music, choir pieces, and his Cantata for Holy Week "The Seven Words from the Cross" which was first performed at the Good Friday service in 1991. He also collaborated with Fred Sheffield, a long time Humber Valley member, whose prose and poetry Raymond set to music, "My Canada" being an example.

Raymond also arranged and adapted pieces of handbell music for the Bell Tones. When tragedy struck in 1974

and Raymond and Marion lost their second eldest child, David, in a motor cycle accident, the Humber Valley Official Board donated the third octave of handbells in his memory and which are still used today. His love of handbells was also evident when Raymond came back from retirement to conduct the Bell Tones as part of the entertainment for the HVUC 50th Anniversary celebration at the Weston Golf and Country Club in 2003.

Raymond inspired the people he worked with. At the formal good-bye party for Raymond and Marion in 1998, Valerie Smith described how Raymond had inspired and encouraged her in her singing career.

A tribute to Raymond could not be concluded without a word about his wife of 63 years, Marion. Marion and Raymond were a perfectly matched couple in that, while Raymond exuded so much musical talent and sometimes exhibited a musician's temperament, Marion played an invaluable role in keeping Raymond on track, doing the necessary administrative tasks involved in running four choirs, assigned handbells and also was the diplomatic peace-maker when things did not always run smoothly. However, Raymond's love of tea, especially in the middle of choir practices, helped to keep him on an even keel.

We have so much to be thankful for at Humber Valley because of Raymond's invaluable role in helping to build our church in its formative years. He left a truly great legacy which is one that can inspire all of us as we continue to move forward and face the challenges of developing and sharing our faith in our community in an ever changing and uncertain world.

David Dallimore

Dwight Throop



I was deeply moved a number of months ago when Dwight asked me to speak at his funeral – I had hoped it would not be so soon.

Dwight asked me to relate my brief comments to the following passage - James 2: verse 17 – In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead – Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

Dwight was clearly a man who lived his faith through his actions. To help me prepare my remarks, I contacted a number of other people from our church family who sent me their memories including: Andrea Ostvik Van der Vliet; Susanne Hynes; David and Judith Dallimore;; Gail Hamblin; and Wilma Crago. I have combined their memories with mine.

Dwight was a pillar of our church who led by example with his gentle, kind manner. He and Jean taught Sunday School when Grades 6 and 7 filled Friendship Hall. He even taught my sister Ruth, Lorraine Winger and Andrea. He and Jean worked with the youth group. Dwight helped with the every-person visitation, our church financial campaign which has helped to contribute to our church's financial sustainability over a number of decades. He was a long serving member of the Pastoral Care Committee and was a comfort to the ill and the shut ins. He visited people in their homes and in the hospital taking little gifts to help cheer them. He and Jean led the team, with patience and grace, who put together one of our first church photo directories. He served on the Roll Committee and was a very active member of many bridge groups in the church as well as being an Elder for many years.

I was blessed to be on the Issues and Us Committee with Dwight which he founded right after 9/11 as he felt that the congregation did not know enough about other faiths and religious traditions. For the past 16 years, we have had two to four speakers a year on topics of interest to the congregation. Dwight would identify and confirm the

speakers and then call the committee together made up of myself, Catharine Clemens, Anne Marriott, Gail Hamblin, Wilma Crago and Susanne Hynes. We had speakers and scholars speak on many of the world's religions and also on other social justice issues. He even invited his urinary oncologist, Dr. Mary Gozpidiavich to speak – she was also my dad's doctor as he, like Dwight, had prostate cancer.

After one of our speakers came from Habitat for Humanity, Dwight became a leader in our church on many of the local Habitat builds. We had the shortest meetings in the history of this church because Dwight was always so organized. Our meetings lasted usually less than 10 minutes as Dwight laid out who was to do what in his beautiful penmanship on a flipchart. For many years we had an annual final dinner of the committee members and their spouses. From the beginning, Dwight did not want this to be just a social event but he wanted there to be a lead speaker – someone from our committee or their spouse – to speak about their life and their successes and perspectives. This made for lively evenings of fellowship.

For all of us at church, Dwight must have also been the top salesperson of Christmas goodies for Kiwanis as most of us in this sanctuary can attest with fond memories of going to the trunk of his car after church to collect our purchases of pink grapefruit, chocolates, Christmas cake and nuts. If there are branches of Kiwanis in heaven, I am sure they are fighting to have Dwight as a member.

Dwight was the first to lead the clapping in appreciation of the efforts of individuals during church services and was also the first to jump to his feet to share information of celebration or sorrow in other's lives.

He had great passion for social justice and was always trying to rally the troops from church in his battles against casinos and for proportional representation.

¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:17-19 New International Version (NIV)

Dwight, continued

For all his accomplishments and his commitment and service to our faith community, he was made an Honourary Elder a number of years ago.

To David and to Dwight's whole family – We at Humber Valley loved your Mom and Dad. We felt like we were part of your family. We celebrated the joys and sorrows of your accomplishments and losses through your dad and mom. After Bruce's death followed by your mom's, we tried to watch out for your dad just like he watched out for many of us.

Dwight, till we meet again – we will miss a friendship shared, your genuine interest in and incredible empathy and sensitivity towards oth-

ers, your anonymous generosity to the needs of the church, your questioning mind, your passion for social justice, your gentle smile, your kind heart, your courage in the face of sorrow, your joyous laugh, your big hugs and your look of understanding. Till we meet again, you will always be in my heart and the hearts of everyone you touched in your Humber Valley Family.

Dwight, you truly were a man of faith who showed your faith through your deeds – a true Church Elder.

Deborah Turnbull

Mark Your Calendars



HVUC Community Fall Barbeque

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Please plan to bring your friends and neighbours to our annual Community Fall BBQ to be held on our front lawn and in Arthur Steed Hall. We will also honour and celebrate our renters and groups that partner with us in our community ministry.

We will have hot dogs, corn, salad, dessert as well as feature bubble soccer and games on the lawn. Free for all with an opportunity for donations to offset our costs.

Blessings from The Congregational Development Committee



DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Tentative Date – Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Come and enjoy dinner together and watch or take part in a Talent Show.

Tickets: - Adults: \$10 Children: \$5 (12 and Under).



Please start thinking about and preparing your act during the summer.

The sign-up sheet will be available in the Fall.

'LADIES NIGHT OUT'

Wednesday, October 26th

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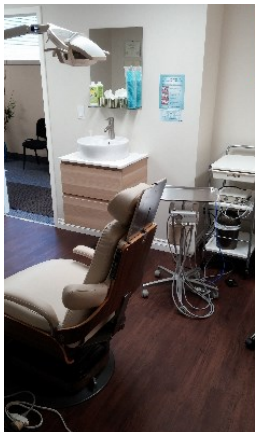
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People asked questions such as:

- *How do you get people to wear name tags to identify themselves for guests?"*
- *How can you help people who claim a seat as their own and ask guests to move?"*
- *How can you address the comment of guests that they would like a different kind of music?"*

The answers to the last question included trying a variety of music through the month and avoid moving too fast in developing a mix of music.

Welcoming Church

An Inspiring Ministries Event, March 6, 2016

Fifty seven people (64 if you count the planning team and guest speakers) from 20 different congregations attended "Welcoming Church" sponsored by the South West Presbyterian Mission Articulation Team. They listened to Lee-Ann Ahlstrom of Fairlawn United, Rev. Vivian Yarwood, retired minister from Cummer Ave, and Richard Choe of St. Paul's United Church, Brampton, talk about how to grow their welcome of guests to their churches.

Lee-Ann works with the people of Fairlawn "to get more people engaged and to get people more engaged." She encourages her people to make new friends by being intentional and open, to listen deeply, to reflect and to share. She quoted Maria Scileppi's Ted Talk, "In a world that is becoming more virtual everyday, it's more important than ever to experience authentic connections." Fairlawn uses strategies of a welcoming team, connections conversations and small group ministries among others.

Rev. Vivian Yarwood reminded us of hospitality in the Bible tells, beginning with Abraham and Sarah's welcome of angels and flowing into Paul's call to be hospitable. She talked about preparing the congregation to grow in that hospitality, to be transformed into hospitable people, to make the building welcoming, to prepare people to receive "guests" rather than "visitors", and to follow up after the first

visit to learn from their experience and how it can be improved. Along with a warm welcome she reminded us to avoid recruiting new guests to committees too soon!

Richard Choe brought an intercultural perspective to the welcome. He told us how, when he was young, he was welcomed by a destitute Korean family who gave him a hard-boiled egg, the best food they had. That experience continues to move him to attempt to extend generous hospitality to diverse people. He reminded us that Jesus encouraged the young church to reach across all kinds of diversity to welcome people and that our worship music and sermon illustrations need to reflect this same diversity. He also spoke of spending four to five hours visiting a family who had left the church, so that they truly felt heard. When they asked for his commitment to address certain issues, he also asked if they would renew their commitment to help the congregation live out God's vision and mission.

Those who attended overwhelmingly marked the event as 5, "excellent." As one person noted, "You really had to be there - it was an inspiring experience."

Gail Hamblin



NEW!!! Prayer/Pastoral Care Request Cards are now in the pews and can be completed and dropped in the Pastoral Care box on the wall across from the mailboxes. Alternately, you can still email your requests to Sue Hillery at witsend162@rogers.com or call 289-997-1492.

Prayer/Pastoral Care requests may be made for yourself or others that you know who wish prayers for healing, strength in adversity and other concerns.

Stewardship Update

The following report shows the financial results to the end of April 2016. Results for the same year-to-date period in 2015 are also included below for comparison purposes.

January – April		
	2016	2015
REVENUES		
PAR Givings	\$65,959	\$67,011
Envelopes	\$42,296	\$37,928
Use of Church	\$56,788	\$50,018
Trustees (includes Accrual)	\$7,600	\$7,600
Other (Loose Givings, Solar, etc)	\$10,338	\$2,929
Total Revenue	\$182,981	\$165,486
EXPENDITURES		
Payroll	\$114,031	\$119,104
Building Expenses	\$29,605	\$36,773
Office	\$10,828	\$12,941
Mission and Service	\$3,183	\$1,374
Presbytery Assessment	\$4,233	\$4,203
Music	\$9,817	\$9,724
Stewardship and Finance	\$9,324	\$8,883
Other Committees	\$4,629	\$1,255
Total Expenditures	\$185,650	\$194,257
Operating Deficit	\$2,669	\$28,771
Solar Depreciation	\$1,667	\$1,667
Deficit	\$4,336	\$30,438

*God gives it all and then
calls us to share.*

*Please remember to keep
your envelope giving up over
the summer months.*

*Thank you for your ongoing
financial support of
Humber Valley United
Church.*

*It includes your support to
current year programming
and church operations, to
capital funds and special
outreach projects.*

As shown above, as of the end of the April programming and operating expenditures were slightly more than revenue amounts from various sources, resulting in an operating deficit of \$2,669; and a deficit of \$4,336 after recording an amount to account for depreciation on solar equipment. This is a much better position compared to last year at this time.

Increased revenues from envelopes and use of church and overall lower expenses compared to last year at this time, have contributed to the lower operating deficit.

In addition to the PAR and envelope givings shown above, approximately \$4K of capital contributions were received and donations of \$6K for a variety of outreach projects.

Please continue to share your generosity in support of good stewardship. Stewardship for the Church is managing its resources and Stewardship individually for congregants is fulfilling our responsibilities to the Church to the best of our abilities.

Steve McCorquodale

Chair, Leadership Team



Have you been thinking about the following questions?

Why am I here? Where am I heading?

Is there more to life than this?

What is the Christian faith really about and how does it relate to me?

We can help you find the answers!

The Alpha Course

is coming to Humber Valley United Church in the fall of 2016.

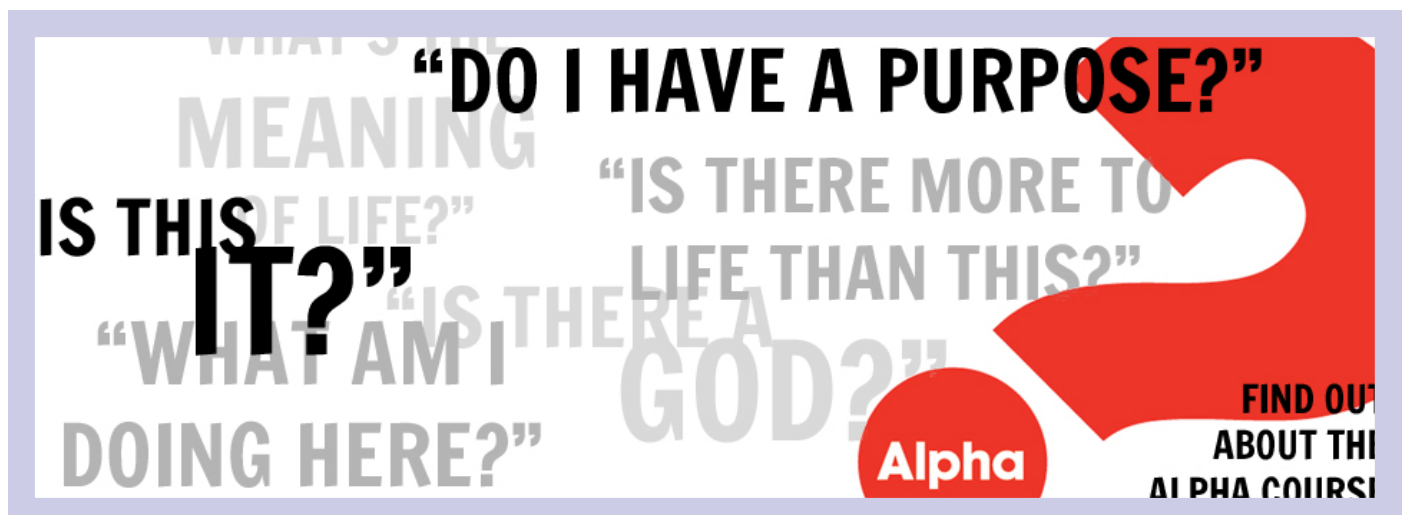
Save the dates! Wednesdays, September 14 – November 23

We'll start with dinner at 6:30, followed by a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question, and is designed to create conversation.

There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

The first evening will be a no-obligation trial. Spread the word and come and see what this exciting program is all about!

*Please contact Andrea Ostvik Van der Vliet,
Carla Sandrin or Deb Turnbull if you have any questions.*



Will the Church Survive?

The Holy Currencies Seminar, April 24, 2016

All things change ... or maybe just some things change. Some things come and go and even come back again. The changes that have happened in the Church over the past thirty years have caused many to despair for its future. However, some leaders with energy, vision and amazing Christian faith are offering great new hope for the life of the Church. Such a visionary is the Rev. Dr. Eric Law.

In his years at an Episcopal seminary in the United States Eric studied a large number of churches that were growing and/or thriving. He found the common factors that seemed to be at the root of their success. Most importantly he discovered that success was not just based on money, not just on charismatic leadership, not just on tv programming, and not just on the size of the congregation. He found that all of these churches possessed a sense of mission that, taken into consideration in all things, helped to create sustainability. That is, a balance that ensures survival. The six assets that Eric discovered were vital to a vibrant church are: gracious leadership, relationship, truth, wellness, money and

time/place. We are encouraged to be good stewards of all these assets.

Over the past year, the Holy Currencies team from Humber Valley has made it their goal to expand our relationships with others beyond our walls. We have had regular get-togethers with the other United Churches in Etobicoke and we have worked seriously to develop our relationships right here in this community. Hundreds of people come to this place for many valuable reasons every week. It is time to get to know them and to acknowledge that they are important to us, not just as a source of revenue but as friends who are an invaluable source of information and support for our sustainability and mission.

The Holy Currencies Seminar helped us explore the areas where our assets need to be strengthened and how to ensure that we continue to thrive. Thank you to all who attended and participated in this new old journey.

Donna McCorquodale



Dr. Eric Law

On Sunday, April 24, of this year Humber Valley was privileged to have Eric Law speak to us in the worship service and conduct a Lunch 'n Learn seminar in the afternoon. Over 50 people attended, some from Humber Valley United, some from our sister and neighbouring churches, and one group of four from Three Willows in Guelph. This group knew us from being part of the original study group at Emmanuel College in 2014.

Daytimers

Daytimers, don't miss the last two events of the season!

On May 30th Joan Belford and Peter White will share with us their Cruise Along the Danube.

On June 20th, Andrew Jinkinson, manager of Sheridan Nurseries, Etobicoke, will bring the outdoors inside, with plant tips and suggestions. Also in June, Tapestry Residence will be making our dessert. The Pedalheads will have arrived in the parking lot by then, so parking will be in half of the Hartfield Road lot, in the semi circular driveway at the front and on the red bricks on Anglesey Blvd.

Those who came to Daytimers in March and April

were well entertained. In mid April, we organized a group outing to Cambridge for lunch and to see a performance of 'Mamma Mia' at the Duffield Theatre. Pauline Capell shared her memories in 'a Tale of Two Sisters' and we enjoyed the articulate MPP for Etobicoke Centre, Yvan Baker, in April, when many questions were asked and answers supplied.

Already the program calendar is filling up for the 2016/17 year, and we promise you great events going forward. Meantime, warm wishes for a happy spring and summer season.

Judith Dallimore

If you would like further information about YWS, or to donate a food item for one of the monthly meals, please contact Barbara Clarke at bcskc@sympatico.ca 416.622.6422 or Lynn Manning at lynn_j_manning@hotmail.com 416.233.8130

The Outreach and Action Committee was pleased that Vivian Dick was able to speak to the congregation on April 10th about the important contributions Humber Valley make to Youth Without Shelter (YWS) that help them as they strive to end youth homelessness. Please check out the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information and read a copy of Vivian's speech below if you were unable to attend April 10th.

Envelopes are also available for those who would like to make a donation to assist in buying food for the monthly meals. Home-made salads or desserts are also very much appreciated (the 3rd Sunday of each month).

YOUTH WITH OUT SHELTER

A NOTE OF THANKS

"My name is Vivian Dick and I'm here to talk to you about Youth Without Shelter. I have been on the fundraising committee for six years and just chaired one of our two major annual fundraisers where we raised about \$100,000. I also help with volunteer fairs and information booths for them. The goal there is to teach as much as we can about not only the shelter, but about youth homelessness.

The difference between Youth Without Shelter and most other youth shelters is that our goal is to get the resident back on their feet and to become good productive citizens, not just to provide a bed and a meal.

I first became involved with the shelter when I catered an event here in the church. I had a lot of leftovers that day so when I saw the list of shelters on the kitchen bulletin board, I chose YWS. I was hooked the very first time I went there. The residents were so polite and thankful for the food I had brought.

I continued to bring any leftovers and slowly found out more about the shelter. What impressed me most was the focus on school there. Of the 53 beds, nearly half of them are in the stay-in-school section. We have students not only completing their high school diploma, but some are in college- many of whom are there on scholarships, as keeping up their grades is required in order to stay in the pro-

gram. We even had a resident graduate from York University last year.

For those where continuing their education is not an option, the social workers focus on building back up their self-esteem as it is almost always completely lacking. When they are ready, the employment workers will help them find employment, learn life skills, and hopefully eventually find a place of their own. On average, we move 75 youth to independent living each year and provide them with everything they need to start out – from linens to furniture to a stocked pantry.

After they move out, they are invited to come back once a month for supper club and to help restock their pantries, if necessary. It also gives them the opportunity to see the friends who have now become their family. So often, the reason they ended up in the shelter is because their homes are not safe and there is no support or guidance. Some of the stories I have heard would just break your heart.

Humber Valley has been incredibly generous to YWS. Each month, usually the third Sunday, you provide a meal for the 53 residents. You have collected food for the aftercare pantry such as macaroni & cheese, chunky soup, tuna, salmon, and other non-perishables. As was in my case, any leftovers from functions here are taken up there; such as the annual meeting, special dinners, sandwiches from funerals, and cookies from Sunday school. Through the help of donations such as this, we are able to have a small food budget of about \$130 daily. That works out to just \$2.45 per person (and these are hungry teenagers!) for three meals and snacks throughout the day.

And on top of that, Humber Valley donated \$1000 and the UCW \$400 last year!

As a representative of Youth Without Shelter, I would like to thank all of you for the many years you have been helping us in such a big way and for all that you do for us. It is organizations like this that make all the wonderful things at the shelter possible."

Submitted by

Barbara Clarke

Four Hundred Years Ago

On April 23, 1616, four hundred years ago, William Shakespeare, a giant in the world of English Literature, died. He was about 52 years old.

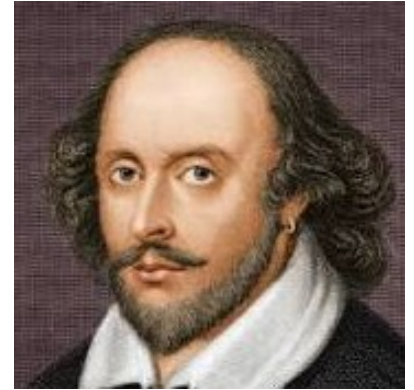
Shakespeare's date of birth is unknown, although he was baptized in the parish church of Stratford-on-Avon in Warwickshire, England, on April 26, 1564. Raised in Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare attended the local free grammar school. At age 18 years, he married Anne Hathaway; they had three children. Around 1584, Shakespeare left Stratford-on-Avon. Little is known about him until 1592 when he surfaced in London as an actor, poet, and playwright. At that time, Shakespeare was a leading member of the Chamberlain's Company of Actors. It was, however, as a playwright that he made his greatest contribution. Shakespeare apparently wrote, on average, two plays a year for the Company to perform.

Shakespeare remained in London until 1610, when he returned to Stratford-on-Avon to live the rest of his life as a retired gentleman. The body of work Shakespeare produced is impressive: 38 plays, 154 sonnets, and sever-

al poems. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the American poet, once summed up Shakespeare's work as "the rarest essence of human thought". His plays have remained universally popular and relevant. Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, et al. have been, and continue to be, performed, studied, and interpreted worldwide in schools, universities, and other venues.

Why have these plays, set in the distant past and written in the archaic language of Elizabethan England, remained popular and relevant? One explanation is that Shakespeare's plays are concerned with human nature, and, although times change, human nature doesn't. Human nature, as reflected in humanity's joys and sorrows, virtues and vices, and elemental emotions, is on full display in Shakespeare's plays; it is said that he "...plumbs the depths of each character's soul". By so doing, Shakespeare has masterfully connected with audiences across four centuries.

Jack Berryman



William Shakespeare died 400 years ago on April 23, 1616.

During this anniversary year, the Stratford Festival in nearby Stratford, Ontario, is featuring six of Shakespeare's plays, including MacBeth and As You Like It. In the latter, Jaques reminds us that:

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women
merely players;
They have their exits
and entrances,
And one man in his time
plays many parts."

Service Honouring Raymond Gould

On **Sunday June 26** the service will be 10 o'clock in the Sanctuary.
Marion Gould and members of the Gould family will be in attendance.
The Chancel Choir will sing Raymond's composition, 'My Canada'.
A reception will follow the service. Former choir members are being invited.

Communications Director Position Open

HVUC is looking to contract a Communications Director

This position will involve approx. 8 hours per week and will report to the Chair, Gracious Hospitality Ministry (formerly the Congregational Development Committee). The Communications Director will work closely with all ministers, staff and appropriate volunteers.

Responsibilities:

- Prepare all AV materials for use in Sunday services and enhance the use of the church's technology to compliment each Sunday service
- Review the HVUC website and determine how to strengthen it
- Draft materials to strengthen the website
- Manage and provide daily input and updates to the HVUC website
- Responsible for public relations and advertising for all appropriate church events to maximize exposure internally and in the community and beyond
- Provide communication support to all appropriate committees
- Be a key resource for advice and support with regard to strategic communication, ensuring engagement, participation and awareness of HVUC's mission and strategy
- Produce creative, customized communication programs and vehicles such as print and digital publications, campaigns and other tools to engage, inform and inspire the HVUC congregation and the community
- Prepare a weekly blog relevant to HVUC's ministry to stimulate discussion through a commentary message board to inspire interest in our church
- Strengthen and post to HVUC's Facebook and other new social media accounts to widen the church's reach both geographically and demographically
- Work with the Chair of the Leadership Council to prepare the Annual Report

Skills and experience:

- Post-secondary level qualifications in relevant subject areas such as: communications, public relations, advertising and marketing
- Audio-visual and website development and management experience and skills
- Ability to produce and post appropriate materials on social media
- Experience writing blogs
- Production of reports and other written materials
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills
- Computer programs including Word, Publisher, Excel, Power Point, etc.
- Creativity, tact, discretion
- Knowledge of Humber Valley United Church would be an asset

Hourly Fee: Negotiable.

If you wish to apply, please send your resume to Deborah Turnbull, Chair, Gracious Hospitality, HVUC at dtgbc@yahoo.ca by Friday, May 27th.

The budget for this position was approved in the 2016 budget.

The new HVUC Photo Directory has arrived!

Our new and updated photo directory has finally arrived. If you had your photograph taken last year for the new directory, you are entitled to receive a copy of the book. Copies will be available for pick-up in the Arthur Steed Fellowship Hall following the morning service and also from the church office.

UCW Annual Meeting

The UCW Annual Meeting was held after the worship service on May 14. More than thirty women were in attendance to approve next years' executive and budget. The meeting was chaired by Marjorie Clarke. Unit 6 arranged the speaker and Unit 7 provided the lunch.

Life Memberships Awarded

Life Memberships, in recognition of many years of service, were awarded to Linda Grass of Unit 7 and Jean Koziak of Unit 6 by last years' Life Members, Evelyn Fischer and Diane Imber.

Guest Speaker

We were privileged to have Gail Cook Bennett who serves on the Salvation Army National Advisory Board as our guest speaker. The Salvation Army believes in the dignity of each individual and serves everyone in need irrespective of race, religion, sexual persuasion, etc.



Sally Jo Martin introducing Gail Cook Bennett

Impact of the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in Canada. It operates in 400 communities and served 1.85 million people in most recently reported

year. In Canada it provides 5,650 shelter, addiction, detox, and mental health beds each night as well as 1,040 long term and supportive housing beds. It provides day care centres, children's camps, hospice beds, and served almost 10,000 people in emergency disaster situations. It also operates in other countries.

Alberta Fire Relief and Thrift Stores

Gail spoke in some detail and engaged in discussion with UCW women on the implications of the funding of agencies for the Fort McMurray fire. She also explained the role of the Thrift Stores in recycling, noting specifically that use is made of lightly used clothing and also clothing that is not up to the standard required for sale in the Thrift Stores. Unsaleable clothing is sold by the pound for uses such as stuffing for furniture and brings in some revenue to the Salvation Army. Also both functioning and non- functioning electronics are used along with copper etc. You are encouraged to donate used items in local drop bins and at Thrift Store locations.



Diane Imber and Jean Koziak

HVUC — and the UCW — are contributing to Fort McMurray relief both through the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Susanne Hynes



Linda Grass, Jean Koziak, and Evelyn Fischer

The Proms—Friday May 27th, 8 pm

You are invited to come and enjoy a gala evening of musical entertainment.

The Ontario Pops Orchestra and the Humber Valley United Church Chancel Choir will be performing in concert at 8 pm in the church on Friday May 27th.

Preceding the concert, there will be a Silent Auction at 7 pm.

This new community orchestra, which rehearses weekly in the Humber Valley Sanctuary, is in its first season and will be performing a wide selection of music including Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, operatic music by Verdi and Puccini and the Finale of Dvorak's *New World Symphony*. The orchestra and our Chancel Choir will be performing *Lean on Me* and an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical theatre medley.

The climax of the evening will be a performance of a Last Night of the Proms favourite, Elgar's *Land of Hope and Glory*, sung by the soloists and choir and accompanied by the orchestra and Paul Chant on the organ.

Ontario Pops Orchestra

Conductor

Carlos Bastidas

Soloists

Jessica Scarlato, soprano

Daevyd Pepper, tenor

Humber Valley United Church Chancel Choir

Minister of Music

Paul Chant

Soloist

Joni Henson, soprano

Tickets: \$20 available

online at

www.ontariopopsorchestra.com,

at the door, or from the church
office.



Humber Valley Bridge Closing Party



Please join us for a few hands of bridge with dessert and coffee

June 1, 2016 – 6:30–9:00 p.m. in the Hearth Room

R.S.V.P: Gord & Linda Grass 416-233-8604 or email lgrass@rogers.com

Cost \$5.00



TEA FIT FOR A QUEEN

*Celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday with a
Royal Afternoon Tea Party*

Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 2 pm

Humber Valley United Church
76 Anglesey Blvd.

Call 416-231-3100 or 416-233-1909
or e-mail royalteahvuc@gmail.com

Tickets \$25

*Fancy sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, sweets and
lots of tea!*

Festive attire encouraged Hat contest

Proceeds benefit UCW supported charities



HELP WANTED - CHECK IN YOUR CUPBOARDS!

Can you help us make this a true Royal Tea by loaning your silver tea services for June 9th? We need tea pots, coffee pots, cream and sugar sets and trays for both decoration and serving. Please bring to the office with your name clearly labelled on the bottom of all pieces and we will make sure all is returned to you after the Tea Party.

Do you own small round cake baking tins (approx. 6 inches) that probably came from your mother's set of Christmas Cake pans, either with removable bottoms or not. We would love to borrow them for a baking blitz. We are also collecting British themed memorabilia for a display at the Royal Tea Party.

Leave in the office clearly labeled.

Contact Carolyn Whiteside at 416-231-1771 or
cwhiteside35@rogers.com if you
have questions

Fort McMurray and Alberta Wildfires



Fort McMurray First United Church
<http://fortmcmurrayfirstunitedchurch.webs.com/>

Humber Valley United Church Response

The Outreach and Action committee of HVUC has sent a cheque for \$2,500 from Capital Funds to the Salvation Army in Fort McMurray. They have been “on the ground” providing meals for first responders and now are assisting displaced families with clothing, home furnishings and other items needed as the community begins rebuilding. At its annual meeting on Sunday, May 15, the UCW donated \$200 to the Fort McMurray Salvation Army.

Churches in Fort McMurray

There are about 20 churches in the Fort McMurray area. On May 16 most of the church’s websites have not been updated since before the fire. The congregations have been scattered; many people are staying with others in Alberta and others have returned to their “old” homes in the Maritimes and Newfoundland and Labrador.

But someone is still updating the website of *Fort McMurray First United Church*.

The following is posted on their home page:

“We are a community of faith seeking to live out our calling to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and be open to where God's Spirit is leading us - we are this now, more than ever, even though we are scattered because of the evacuation. We wait with hope and anticipate the joy when we are back together.

To all who are worried and praying for us because of the wildfires:

Thanks to all who are holding us in prayer. Wildfires and evacuations are very real and so is God's love and care. We have left our homes for safety and refuge in so many scattered places and have been received so generously. Right now many of us do not know the state of our homes; some may know their home is gone; and we do not know the state of our church building. So many have offered help. In time to come, the ways that help can be offered and received will become clear.

But as Christ's scattered body we continue to be one in Spirit and deeply grateful for the grace being poured on us.

May God strengthen all who are fighting the fires and for all coming to Fort McMurray to lend their help.

We do not know when we will return and when we will once again worship on Sunday morning or gather for our Messy Church which was to be this week. But we know we will gather again in Jesus' name. Amen.

Two ways we can stand in faith with the Fort McMurray people

1. Continued prayers for the residents of Fort McMurray and the fire fighters and emergency workers in Alberta.
2. Donations towards the future. Alberta and Northwest Conference is receiving donations to assist.

Donations can be made online at: <http://albertanorthwestconference.ca/donate> or by cheque to: Alberta and Northwest Conference and mailed to the Conference office at 9911-48 Avenue NW, EDMONTON, AB T6E 5V6. Please note that donation is for Fort McMurray.”

As of May 13, 2016, the United Church appeal for Fort McMurray has received over \$50,000 for emergency relief, rebuilding, and rehabilitation.

To donate visit this web page:

<http://www.united-church.ca/fort-mcmurray>

Stained Glass Tour of Toronto May 26

The Royal Ontario Museum's "Stained Glass Tour of Toronto", led by Sarah Hall, RCA renowned stained glass artist, will include the windows of Humber Valley United Church.

A group will be visiting our church on Thursday, May 26th from 9 – 10 a.m.

Sarah Hall met Eric Wesselow, the artist who designed and created our windows and will provide details on the techniques and glass Eric used. I will provide the group

with a brief history of the HVUC windows related to the selection of Eric and the installation of the windows.

Sarah has indicated that people from our church are welcome to join the tour at this stop if they wish.

Also, if you wish to be placed on the waiting list for the entire tour, call the ROM at 416-586-5797.

Deborah Turnbull



Salvation Army Heritage Brass

On Saturday May 7th we were treated to a wonderful afternoon of music and song performed by the famed Salvation Army Heritage Band conducted by Bandmaster Bob Gray. This band of over 40 talented instrumentalists, drawn from Toronto and surrounding areas of southern Ontario, played a wide selection of brass band music including "Music for the Royal Fireworks" "How Great Thou Art", "Summertime", "When the Saints Go Marching In" and well as some choral and solo instrumental music.

Members of the Brass must be at least 55 years old and have played in brass bands in their home churches (corps). The sheer enthusiasm of the band members was very evident and infectious. It was an absolute joy to hear our sanctuary filled with their music and to feel their strong faith coming through. There was also plenty of opportunity to chat with individual band members, both at intermission time and at a reception after the concert, and to learn more about their faith in action. In a short devotional, we learned that the Salvation Army was on the front lines of the Fort McMurray fire disaster through the work of their canteen trucks providing sustenance to fire fighters and other front line emergency people. Indeed, part of the freewill

offering, which was taken, is being sent to the Salvation Army Fort McMurray cause.

A special thanks to Jean Koziak and Deborah Turnbull for organizing this event, planning for which started two years ago.

David Dallimore



Worship Schedule

June 5 to September 4

June 5, 12, 19 - Rev. Mark preaching
June 26 – Service start time - 10 am in the Sanctuary
– Rev. Mark and the Gould family
July 3 – Rev Walter Ridley – guest preacher
July 10 – Sacrament of Communion – Rev. Mark
July 17 – Rev. Roy Lee Hood – guest preacher
July 24 - Rev. Frank Gabourel – guest preacher
July 31 – Dr. Kevin Willison – guest preacher
Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 Summer Sermon Series – Rev. Mark
Sept 4 – Lay Led Service – Judith and David Dallimore

July 3

Rev Walter Ridley came to work at Humber Valley as minister of Pastoral Care, in September of 1996, having retired from 43 years of ministry in the United Church. He was on a one year contract and during that year made a strong connection with congregation members and was greatly appreciated by those who attended Daytimers. We welcome him back on June 3rd with pleasure.

July 17

Rev. Roy Lee Hood. Rev. Hood, a member of our HVUC congregation, served as pastor of a Baptist center and social ministries in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where he worked towards racial and ecumenical integration and social justice. Later he was Director of Social Ministry and Church Development for the Raleigh Baptist Association. He has also been a teacher, university professor, psychotherapist and pastor of United Methodist and Baptist Churches in North Carolina and Tennessee.

July 24

Dr. Frank Gabourel was our interim Minister after Rev. Don Gibson left us. He has been a minister at many churches in Toronto and Montreal and was originally ordained at Stoke-on-Trent by the British Conference of the Methodist Church. He officially retired in 2001 but has been retreaded many times. He and his wife, Pauline, love traveling.

July 31

Dr. Kevin Willison has presented God's word on a number of occasions for Westway United Church where he and his wife regularly attend. He is a Christian and former short-term missionary with Teen Missions International (serving in Merida, Mexico) and, later, with Overseas Missionary Fellowship (where he served in northern Japan). Dr. Willison has served as an adjunct Assistant Professor at Queen's University (School of Rehabilitation Therapy) and, is currently a full-time Lecturer with the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Lakehead University (Orillia campus).

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