



Connections

Humber Valley United

a caring, creative, and connected church

September 2019

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POINTS OF INTEREST

We're starting a new
Men's Group. See p. 2

Be sure to attend the
Congregational meeting on
Sunday, Sept. 29.
To prepare for the meeting:
read our [Strategic Plan](#)

Plan to attend
The Magic of the Melody
on November 2. Details, p.18.

Reverend's Reflection

"People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'" Luke 18: 15-17

Welcome to all!

Welcome to our church family!

Welcome to a new September
full of love, grace and possibility.

Humber Valley United, the friendly community church, is blossoming with care, creativity, and connection. Over the past year, Humber Valley has worked diligently on the formation of a strategic plan. We have developed a new Board model of governance. New committees and ministry teams have been created to further the work of our church. We look with great anticipation to the beginning of an exciting time for our church – a time when tradition is valued and sustained, a time when innovation is welcomed and explored.

Our mandate, based on our strategic plan, is to develop and enhance programs for children and young families and programs for our seniors. Encouraged by the words of Jesus, "Let the little children come to me," we have expanded our Sunday morning JAM (Jesus and Me) children's program to include nursery care during our worship services. We have plans to expand our Confirmation/Youth group and under the leadership of our music director, Jill Filion, we seek to grow our children's choir, Angel Voices.

For the first time, we have partnered with one of our renters, Mindwerx, to put together an exciting Hoedown BBQ event on Sunday, September 15 following our wor-

ship service. There will be line dancing, games and activities for children, a featured performance by Radio Rebels, a youth singing and dancing group, and a square-dancing demonstration. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!

Our Communications team is working hard at enhancing our website, sending out timely E-Blasts of weekly information, and promoting our church on Facebook and Twitter. We welcome our new church administrator, Kelly Wells, who began here at the church in August and has worked hard at preparing for an exciting and productive September.

Now we are called to continue to build our faith – a faith that will inspire our congregation in the weeks and months ahead; a faith that is filled with wonder, enthusiasm and determination, a faith that is filled with grace, hope and love. For as Jesus reminds us, "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." May the child of God within us continue to blossom and grow that we may become the church that God requires us to be.

See you in September!

Blessings, in Christ,

Rev. Rick

Elder _____ Phone _____



Where do we come from and where are we going? Two big questions and two very important things to consider. This issue of *Connections* addresses both questions.

I encourage you all to attend the Congregational meeting on September 29 to consider, and we hope, approve, a Strategic Plan for our church. While we remain a friendly community church, we have over the past year discerned that we are also very caring and creative. And all this is possible because we are connected by our community of faith. We hope that our efforts will help this community continue and thrive for many years.

This issue is full of stories about coming to Etobicoke to live. Most HVUC folk come from northern Europe and we share a Christian heritage. All are fortunate to have found such a supportive community in which to live.

But asking a person where they are from can be very fraught, it is a question about belonging and inclusion. In Newfoundland, where I grew up, *where are you from* is often the first thing you ask a person. The answer allows you to place them in their community and, usually, to find common family and friends. And before you know it you are invited in for a cup of tea. But in a big place like Toronto, where people come from all over the world and from a myriad of backgrounds, the answer to this question may lead to exclusion and misunderstanding. Don't be

afraid to dig a little deeper into the answer you get to this question.

As I write this, a monster storm, Hurricane Dorian, has been pounding the Bahamas with winds of more than 300 km. per hour, heavy rain and huge storm surges. Very little can withstand such an onslaught especially if it persists for many hours, even days. The lives of so many Bahamians are being changed most profoundly.

Jennifer Brown, in her story on page 12, mentioned that her family, in Burin, Newfoundland, had survived a tsunami. The disaster struck the south coast of the island on November 18, 1929, the result of an underwater earthquake (7.2 on the Richter scale) on the Grand Banks — 90 years ago. Families lost loved ones, their homes and possessions, and their livelihoods. Their lives were profoundly changed. Read more in [Maclean's](#).

The fall season at HVUC is always jam packed with great worship, opportunities to participate and volunteer, and lots of community events. Read about it all in this edition of *Connections*!

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

Susanne Hynes

BAPTISM

*In Baptism, we celebrate the grace and love
of God as we recognize and welcome
individuals into God's family of faith.*

Come join us on

Sunday, October 13

*as we gather with family and friends
to celebrate this special sacrament.*

*Queries about baptism,
for all ages,
are welcome for the fall season.*

HVUC Men's Group

I would like to propose/announce the creation of a Men's Group at HVUC. We hope to foster dialogue, friendship, and a sense of brotherhood.

The preliminary and exploratory meeting will be held on

**Wednesday Sept. 11, 2019, 7:00 pm
Hearth Room**

We envisage having interesting speakers and presentations followed by open discussion – in different locales.

You can challenge the subjects and the ideas,
but not the speakers!

The Group is open to all interested men
in the wider community.

So, please come with your ideas and questions
and check us out

Murray Smith 416 233-9108

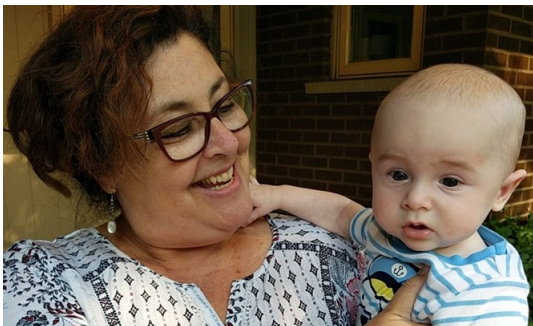
Kelly Wells: Cheery Voice, Bright Smile

Have you called the church lately? Try it. You'll be greeted by a cheery voice: "Good morning. Humber Valley United. Kelly speaking."

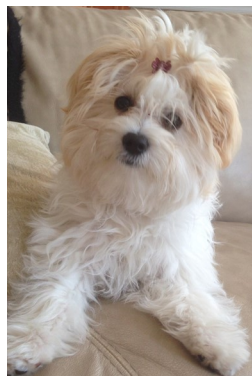
Three things about Kelly strike you right away: that bright smile, the beautiful voice, and the gorgeous hair. Later on you'll find out many more things about her – unflappability, organization, caring personality, design skills, friendliness, knowledge of the United Church of Canada, understanding of church committees and teams, warmth ...

Kelly Wells, the eldest of three children, was raised in Mississauga in a United Church family. Her home church was Christ Church on Mazo Crescent. She attended Sunday School, was an Explorer and a CGIT girl and she loved Youth Group. Today she is an active member of St. John's United in Oakville and her connection to us runs through knowing Rev. Don Gibson and Rev. Sheila Murray, both former ministers at HVUC. Kelly sings alto in her church choir, is Team Leader for the Congregational Life Team, secretary of Church Council, and a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Kelly lives in a house on a big lot and has a lot of gardening to do. Her favourite activity in the garden: weeding out those pesky thistles! Kelly has three grown children and a (Maltese-Papillon cross) dog named Taffy. But the apple of her eye is her first grandchild, five-month old Oliver, who is learning to smile just like his grandma.



What does Kelly do in her spare time (if she can find any). Praise music, 70's rock and roll, and jazz are Kelly's favourite music, especially jazz since her sister sings jazz. She loves traveling and told me about her favourites: a river cruise on the Danube through Austria, Hungary and Germany; and a cruise through the spectacular fiords in Norway. Kelly



trained as a graphic artist and I'm sure you'll see some great Humber Valley posters soon. Her previous job was at All Saints Anglican Church at Prince Edward and Bloor and she has also sold real estate on a part-time basis for about 15 years. But when I asked her what she most liked to do in her spare time her answer was -- volunteerism. She brings her smile to the many groups she works with and to her visits with the sick and shut-ins.

Kelly feels she has come to Humber Valley at a turning point for our church. She says she is "dazzled by the enthusiasm" as people work to keep this church vital and prominent in people's lives. She said it is exciting to be a part of, and a support for, that spirit of positivity and hopefulness in our church community. One of her goals in her new job is to help us update and harmonize our computer systems.

Kelly Wells started working as HVUC's Church Administrator on August 12 and has enjoyed some very hectic days meeting everyone, getting trained, finding everything, and living through a week-long film shoot. We feel very fortunate to have found such an experienced person to be our new Church Administrator and we wish her all the best in her new job.

Susanne Hynes

J. A. M.

HOWDY PARTNERS!

*Are you ready
for another exciting year
in J.A.M.?*

*We are so excited to start the year off
with a Dosey Do!*

*Sunday School and nursery programs
begin on September 15th,
the day of our Kick Off BBQ and Hoedown.*

**We can't wait
to see you there!**

Jesus and Me at Humber Valley United

HVUC Renewal Strategy

A Congregation Meeting will be held on

September 29th, 2019 — after worship

**to consider and if thought fit,
to approve the strategic plan described below.**

On July 9, 2019 HVUC board of directors approved a new strategic plan as put forward by Rev. Ian Manson and the Transition Team. The renewal strategy calls for growth through new ministries initiatives that will attract, nurture and connect with those needing community, focusing on youth, families and seniors. The full document also speaks to how the plan will be resourced, and assessed.

The document [can be seen at this link](#), and is posted outside the church office. Copies are also available from the church office.

The following are extracts from the strategy document. Please read the document in its full form. We look forward to your support and hope for your approval.

Blessings,

Constance Crosby
For the Transition Team

Part One: New Ministry Initiatives

Beginning in the fall of 2019, HVUC will launch **three new innovative ministry initiatives** that will attract, nurture and connect with those needing community. These new ministries will target three demographic groups: youth, families, and seniors. They will build on existing strengths, address identified community needs such as loneliness and social isolation among youth and seniors, and make HVUC the supportive, creative and spirit-filled place that newcomers of all ages will want to join.

Modern Worship Opportunities.

In addition to maintaining the high quality of the longstanding 10:30 am Sunday service, HVUC is committed to offering a spirited, band-driven worship service on a regular weekly basis that will focus on families, children, and youth.

New Ministry Initiatives For Children, Youth and Families. Renewing this area of ministry is vital, and new efforts will build on the energy that's recently arisen in HVUC's ministry with Children, Youth and Families. An energetic new committee chairperson has been recruited, a series of family-oriented evening events has been launched, a small but lively "Angel Voices" children's choir has been established, and a new program is being organized to help

working parents connect on a regular basis with God and one another.

Expansion of HVUC's Seniors Ministry Program.

HVUC will develop new opportunities for neighbourhood seniors to become part of the HVUC community, and will establish a seniors ministry program that will feature weekly gatherings. The current monthly "Daytimers" program will continue, and additional programming elements could include

- Other lunches and speakers following the current "Daytimers" format.
- Music for seniors, including a music therapy program.
- Dance/exercise classes focusing on wellness of body, mind, and spirit.
- Life skills – including jam-making, knitting, and internet usage.

Seniors will also be encouraged to participate in the after-school homework club for children that HVUC will initiate this fall, with a focus on helping children with their homework as well as teaching them life skills (e.g. cooking, knitting, etc.) In addition, a technology support group, led by one of our congregants with support from local high school students, will be formed to provide support to seniors needing help with their cell phones, computers and other electronics.

Part Two: Other Key Initiatives

Several other key initiatives also will be undertaken to support these efforts at revitalization:

1. Publicizing church initiatives, programs and events in focused, creative and engaging ways using websites, social media platforms, and other appropriate vehicles.
2. Offering training to HVUC members about the "dos and don'ts" of inviting, welcoming and incorporating people into the church.
3. Continuing the process towards becoming an "Affirming Church."
4. Giving encouragement to those wishing to establish new small groups, such as "God on the Go," a new men's group focused on speakers and discussion, and a group for young adults.
5. Planning for the establishment of an inter-generational drama/music/dance program.
6. Helping participants of new projects transition into congregational supporters/members.

New Board and Officers at HVUC

HVUC Board

(as of July 1, 2019)

Director	Office Agreed to Hold*
Deborah Turnbull	Chair
Alanna Goodman	Secretary
Ted Loewen	Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee
Andrea Ostvik Van der Vliet	Chair, Worship and Faith Formation Ministry
Sylvia Cohen	Chair, Congregational and Community Life Ministry
Gary Halpenny	Chair, Stewardship and Finance Ministry
Ron Crago	Member-at-Large
Mary Moffat-Johannson	Member-at-Large
Constance Crosby	Member-at-Large
Joan Belford	Member-at-Large

Ministry Committees and Operational Committees Reporting to Them

(Chairs and Co-Chairs)

Worship and Faith Formation Ministry – Chair – Andrea Ostvik Van der Vliet

Worship and Music – Co-Chairs – Joanne Stenerson and Catharine Clemens

Faith Formation – Adults – Carla Sandrin

Faith Formation – Children and Youth – Licia-Naomi Bryden

Congregational and Community Life Ministry – Co-Chairs – Sylvia Cohen, Barbara Clarke

Hospitality/Fellowship – Cheryl Drake

Pastoral Care – Kathy Kitchen

Stephen Ministry – Joanne Stenerson

Outreach – Co-Chairs - Sally Jo Martin and Barbara Clarke

Elders – Brian Goodman

Communications – Susanne Hynes

UCW – Sharon Dowdall

UCF – Andrea Ostvik Van der Vliet

Stewardship and Finance Ministry – Chair – Gary Halpenny

Treasurer – Joanne Moilliett

Property – Peter White

Liaises with Trustees – Allan Orr

Liaises with HVUC Foundation – Dennis Schettler

Ministry and Personnel Committee – Ted Loewen



Destination Etobicoke

Deb Turnbull suggested that the theme of this Connections be

“Where are you from?” or “How I got to Etobicoke.”

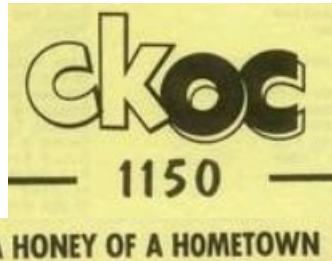
We got a great response; stories going back a couple of hundred years or just 50 years; people coming to Canada from Europe; people moving from other parts of Ontario — all drawn to our wonderful Etobicoke community. Some came for work, some came for love; all found a peaceful place to build their lives.

Friends Made all the Difference

The Sheppard Hillery Story

My life took a circuitous route to Etobicoke. First stop, the St. Clair and Christie St. area in Toronto.

Then, when I was 3, we moved to Hamilton (slogan: “A honey of a hometown” according to the local rock ‘n’ roll station CKOC).



At 11 we moved back to Leaside and then when I got married I moved to Etobicoke. The first 2 moves were courtesy of General Electric the company my Dad worked for (I also remember their slogan: “Progress is our most important product” written at the bottom of the company calendars that were hung prominently on the wall next to our kitchen table every year).

The move from Hamilton to Leaside was the most traumatic for me. We moved on Sept. 30 one month into my Gr. 8 school year. Not the best timing for fitting into a new class that had all been together since Kindergarten!

And to add insult to injury I’m sure I developed dandruff AND acne the day I moved in. Fortunately, that very day, my new best friend-to-be, Wendy, who lived right across the street, came over and intro-



Editor’s Note: Sue is a great rock and roll aficionado and I have to tell you that she was there when the Beatles came to Maple Leaf Gardens!

duced herself. We were like peas in a pod and we hit it off immediately. She was in Gr. 7 but we walked to school together every day and it ended up being a very good year mostly because of her (and CHUM the rock ‘n’ roll station I discovered in Toronto).

Then I met John who was born and bred in Etobicoke. When we got married in 1974 he transported me from the far reaches of Leaside to 1294 Islington Ave. which now stands beside Barclay Terrace. He worked downtown at Commerce Court so it was a perfect location right near the subway. I was a Public Health Nurse in what was then the Borough of York so I got the car. Two years later we moved to Hartfield Rd. and lived there for 32 years. Again we were blessed with wonderful neighbours. Donna and Steve McCorquodale were right next door and they introduced us to Humber Valley Church. And our daughter, Shannon, had 3 friends, all the same age and all living on the same side of the street so we didn’t have to worry about them running back and forth across the road.

It’s funny how things work out. And friends made all the difference.

Sue Hillery

Kitchener, Brantford to Etobicoke

The Tamas Story

My parents moved my sister and me from Kitchener back in 1960 to a home on West Deane Park Drive as my father had received a promotion at work. I vaguely remember West Deane Public School being built across the street from our home. As our family grew to three girls and one boy, we moved to the north West Deane Park subdivision, right beside that great big estate with the pillars you could see from the East Mall, south of Eglinton. I went to middle school at John G. Althouse and then Martingrove Collegiate.



I attended Humber College for a diploma in Early Childhood Education and have stayed within a radius of central Etobicoke ever since, working as Head Teacher at Islington Nursery School, Supervisor at Humber Bay Child Care



The new chairpersons, leadership teams
and board members invite you to discover
what they have planned for our church, as
we move ahead in 2019/2020, at the

Humber Valley United Church

Volunteer Fair

Come to Arthur Steed Hall for "Lunch and Learn", with
representatives from all ministry teams. Ask questions,
make suggestions and have your voice heard while
enjoying a delicious

FREE LUNCH

Sept. 22, 2019

After the 10:30 a.m. service

Your leadership teams need you to offer your
hearts and hands for the continued success of
our new and old programs that enrich so
many lives. They need your Caring, Creativity,
and Connection. Won't you please show your
support for the vital work they are doing.

79 Anglesey Blvd. hvuc.ca 416-231-2263

Centre and now, since 1986, at Terry Tan Child Centre where I now hold the position of Executive Director.

When Rick and I married, we started off in a basement apartment on Anglesey Blvd, just down the street from Humber Valley, rented a home just off Dundas and East Mall for a few years before purchasing our current home at Bloor and East Mall area.

Nancy Tamas

I was born in Brantford, Ontario and I'm the eldest of five children. With the help of family and fiends, my dad planned and built our first family home. It was a ranch-style bungalow and I can recall great moments in that home playing hockey on the backyard rink in the winter and playing with neighborhood friends throughout the year.

When I was about 10 years old, my dad had a work-opportunity in Toronto and we made the big move to Etobicoke. We moved into the newly constructed area of Markland Woods where we continued to build some wonderful family memories. I met my wife, Nancy, when she was singing in the choir at Islington United and I would often come to the church after work and listen to the beautiful anthems sung by the choir.

After marrying, Nancy and I lived in an apartment just down the street from Humber Valley United on Anglesey Blvd. We then rented a house for a few years before finding our current home on Tremont Road.

As an example of how God works in our lives in wonderful and mysterious ways, when God called me to minister at Humber Valley United, I was so reconnected to a time in my life filled with hope, love and great expectations on Anglesey Blvd!

Rick Tamas

Turnbull Trek to Etobicoke

My Turnbull relatives arrived in Canada in 1815 travelling from Lilliesleaf, Roxburghshire, Scotland settling in Montreal.



They then moved to Brantford in the mid-1800s and on to

St. Thomas where my grandfather – George Turnbull – was born in 1884. My grandparents moved to Windsor in 1917 where my grandfather, an engineer, began working for the then fledgling car industry. My father was born in 1927 and moved to Toronto after he married my mother to work with the Ford Motor Company.

My mother's family came to Canada from Germany in the mid-1700s to settle in Johnstown in New York State and then on to Williamsburg in Lower Canada in 1783 as my family were United Empire Loyalists who remained loyal to Britain. Future relatives fought for the British in the war of 1812 and a number of my relatives' graves were moved to Upper Canada Village because of the flooding caused during the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

By 1887, my mother's family lived in Hanesville (named after my relatives), located near current day Brockville. My great grandfather got into the lumber business settling in Windsor with an active mill near Blind River in northern Ontario. My mother grew up in Walkerville in Windsor (where my grandfather owned and ran a foundry servicing the car industry) where she met my dad at Sunday School when they were very young. They were married in 1950.



My parents moved to Port Credit in 1952, after I was born, and then moved to Etobicoke in 1959 to larger home, as by then, they had four young children.

My family contracted a friend of mine, Janet Uren, to research and write up the details of our family history. If any of you are interested in having your family history formally recorded, let me know and I will put you in contact with Janet.

Deb Turnbull

Twice, I moved to Etobicoke

Judy Smith's story

It was November 1967. Murray Smith married me. He had a job at Sunoco Head Office in Toronto. I gave up a job at the Rotary Club Head Office. We packed all my possessions in a convertible, (top down), and took up residence in Toronto for the first time. A few years later Murray was transferred back to Montreal, I left a job at the CNE.

Daytimers

Another exciting Daytimers year is ahead. As usual we will have an \$8 lunch and a program. The first event is on September 30th beginning at 11.30. Please come and enjoy a couple of hours of fun, food and fellowship.

Contact person Judith 416 803 8204.

September 30 — Erin Billowits

Keeping as fit and healthy as you can.

October 28 - Rob Kempson

The allure of Copenhagen
and of some music of course!

November 25 - Judy and Carmen Griffin

Photographic Art Show and Tell. Judy and Carm are members of the Camera Club.

December 16 - Santa Claus and Dan Buss

Christmas Postage Stamps.

Cheryl Drake

Retirement Party and Celebration

Saturday, September 14, 2019

5:30

Steed Hall.

We're having a party for Cheryl to thank her for all she has done for HVUC, and for St. Luke's before that.

Please RSVP to Barbara Clarke at bcskc@sympatico.ca so we will have an idea of the numbers.



Please bring a potluck dish (appetizer, salad, main course or dessert) to share with others.

Hope you will come and bring any of your friends who know or have worked with Cheryl.

Etobicoke Curling League **Looking for more Curlers**

Fun curling for curlers at all levels of play
and also competitive.

Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at
St. George's Golf and Country Club.

Join as a team or as a single curler.
You can be placed on a team or be a spare.

Contact Kathy Kitchen at
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Humber Glen Trefoil Guild



Presents its Twenty-first annual

Bridge Luncheon & Silent Auction

Humber Valley United Church
79 Anglesey Blvd., Etobicoke



THURSDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2019

11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tickets - \$25.00 per person
Door Prizes!

**To reserve tickets
call Margaret Leet
at 905-849-0944**

Proceeds to provide
a Girl Guide Scholarship



Destination Etobicoke

The second time, 1974, Murray was transferred back to Toronto, I asked to be taken to the nearest subway station to begin our search for a home from there. Halloween night, Murray leaves on business trip- I am with child, and a 4 year old in a house in Etobicoke with boxes just left by the moving company and trick or treaters ringing the doorbell – an unfamiliar town, a dark October night. That is how I came to settle with Murray, Ray and soon to be born Valerie in Etobicoke. (in a nutshell).

Judy Smith

A Portuguese New Brunswicker?

My family originally came to Canada in several ways; however, I think two of the more interesting “journeys” each had a Portuguese connection as follows:

In the 1830s, my father’s side of the family (Smiths, Browns, Weldons) left Ireland for Nova Scotia, but got shipwrecked off the coast of Portugal. The Irish are noted for many things, but not for sailing. It took them 2 years to return to Ireland and then successfully arrive in Nova Scotia.

In the early 1700’s, my great, great, great, great, great, great (7) grandfather was captain of a “slaver” (a slave ship) that operated out of Dover, England and delivered/sold African slaves to the Caribbean and to what is now the southern United States.

On one voyage south to Senegal to pick up slaves, the ship stopped in Lisbon, Portugal for supplies. Not having a cabin boy on that voyage the crew grabbed/kidnapped a young boy about 10 or 11 years old who had been on the wharf.

The boy’s first name was Manuel. The crew being English, re-named him John.

John was kept aboard the ship for about 5 years, until the Captain retired and moved to Boston, Massachusetts with John as his “adopted son”. John grew up in Boston and was known as John Manuel. He married and had a son also known as John Manuel.

The latter John Manuel joined the British Militia in Boston and became an officer. Most people at that time knew the British navy and military were dominant in the 1770’s, but many did not know that Napoleon was rising on the

European continent, the Indian sub-continent was rebelling, and the British forces were stretched.

In 1776/77 the American forces were victorious, and local British supporters were in trouble. Many became United Empire Loyalists. John Manuel lost his farm and possessions, but the British government was offering 100 acres of free land in New Brunswick for any former officers.

John accepted and started a farm not far from Fredericton, New Brunswick. The farm is still there, and Judy and I have visited it.

The Manuel family name continued until in 1912 my mother – Florence Manuel was born in New Brunswick --- and that is how I am 1/64th or about 2% Portuguese.

Murray Smith

Happy Happenstance

Wilma and Ron Crago’s path to Etobicoke

I guess you would say our path to Etobicoke began in Scotland and England – we are fifth generation descendants of farming immigrants. Wilma grew up in various southern Ontario communities, pastoral charges of her Baptist Minister parents, eventually moving to Dundas. I grew up in Bullock’s Corners, a hamlet just up the escarpment hill from Dundas.

We both went to Dundas District High School and then on to close-at-hand McMaster University in Hamilton. We started dating during our first year at Mac, thanks to some scheming by a high school friend.

Wilma graduated from Mac with a BA in French and German; for me it was a BSc in Pre-Meds. Wilma had decided on a dramatic career shift and was accepted in Nursing in Toronto. Separation threatened, but then I was accepted in Medicine in Toronto.

We were off to the big city, Toronto, fifty miles down the road from Hamilton – it felt like a whole world away for two Dundas kids. By 1968 Wilma was nursing at Mt. Sinai Hospital, had just accepted a Nursing teaching posi-





Ladies' Night Out

Wednesday
October 23, 2019 — 6:00pm

Wine Reception * Light dinner * Home Baking
Silent Auction * Vendors
Sale of "Pre-Loved" Fashions & Accessories

Tickets: \$30
Call 416-231-2263 x39

FALL

FASHION

Fashions by Zacks of
Cloverdale Mall

SHOW



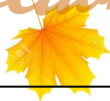
The organizers are seeking gently used scarves, purses, belts, costume jewelry and other accessories to sell as Pre-Loved Fashions and Accessories.

As you declutter your closets, please consider some gently-used items to donate and drop them off at the church office.



Humber Valley United Church

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Destination Etobicoke

tion and I was finishing third Meds.

We were married that summer and had an apartment near the AGO, close to all the teaching hospitals. A good "crisis" occurred in 1970 when I returned home from a 24 hour shift as an intern and Wilma announced "we're getting out of this apartment" – an all nighter by a bunch of rowdy medical interns had kept her awake all night. Within a day we had bought a bargain new house in Bramalea – we were young and not yet familiar with the horrors of commuting. By 1975 I was the new partner in the Anesthesia Department at Toronto Western Hospital and aware that many of my senior partners lived in tree-filled Etobicoke where we found our next home. By way of a Nursing colleague of Wilma's, she was introduced to another nurse, Judy Watt. Before we knew it, we were paid a visit by Reverend Robert Watt, Judy's father, and that's how we came to Humber Valley United Church in Etobicoke. A lot of happy happenstance.

Ron Crago

Quiet Suburb, Friendly Community

My mother Marion Hylda Brown was born to Alice Marion (nee Bailie) and Dr. Arthur John Moseley. Marion's mother was born in Montreal and died in Montreal. Marion's father was born in Sydney, NS in 1879 where he did his medical internship in Sydney for 5 years then practiced for 25 years in Burin, Newfoundland (death at 57 in 1936). My Mother and her twin brother were born in Burin, delivered by their father.

Mother lived through the 1929 tsunami that devastated Burin. Their home was on high ground so didn't suffer personal loss of life nor damage to their home. Her father treated great numbers of patients from the tsunami.



The restored house in Burin

When their father died, Mother and her twin were only 11. After the death, Mother's mother moved back to Montreal until she was married to Dad in 1949. My mother and father, Alan Hugh Brown married in Montreal at Christ Church Cathedral in 1949. They had three children

and lived in suburban Dorval. In 1969, our family moved to Etobicoke in response to the FLQ crisis.

The whole family loved Etobicoke and the quiet suburbs and friendly community. Humber Valley United Church, Humber Valley Village JMS and Etobicoke Collegiate were highly recommended to us. At church, we began with Rev. Steed, Rev. Watt, Rev. Roberts, etc.

We had a beautiful house on Bridgewater Street until 1981 when my parents moved to Bermuda.

I stayed and lived on 4 Anglesey Blvd and then 1276 Islington Avenue. This is very much a friendly, respectful and mature area where I wish to live for the rest of my life. My parents have a family plot at the St. Philip's Anglican Church cemetery. Both my parents were interred there and I will be interred there as well under the same headstone.

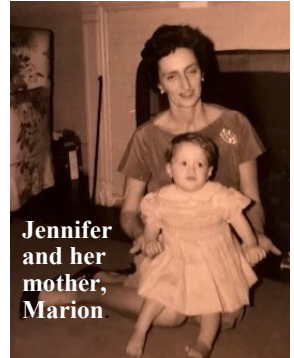
Jennifer Brown

Humber River to Humber Valley

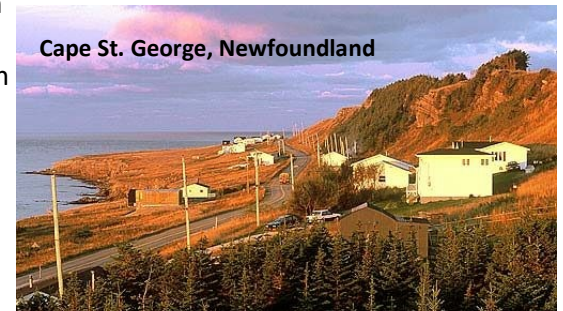
Dave's and my trip to Etobicoke is quite circuitous but I think Etobicoke was our Karma from the start.

Dave is a true Newfoundlander, born in that country before it became a part of Canada. His mother was French, from Cape St. George which had been settled by Acadians expelled from Nova Scotia, and fishermen from France, who jumped ship and stayed, even though the rules said no one could

settle on the west coast of Newfoundland at the time. His Irish grandfather had a schooner on the Boston trade, shipping fish south and goods north to the Bay of Islands. His father started working at the Bowaters paper mill when he was a teenager.



Jennifer and her mother, Marion



Cape St. George, Newfoundland

Destination Etobicoke

My parents were from northern Europe. Baltic Germans (with some Polish and Swedish mixed in) who had settled in Riga, Latvia in the 1700s.

Because of the Stalin-Ribbentrop Accord they were forced to resettle from Riga to East Prussia, now Poland, and after World War II ended up in Lower

Saxony. Joey Smallwood came to postwar Germany looking for "experts" to start up industries to diversify the Newfoundland economy. Dad was accepted and we arrived in Corner Brook, Newfoundland in January 1951. Corner Brook is situated on the Humber Arm of the Bay of Islands and we had a cottage on the Humber River.

Ten years later my Dad and I noticed Dave in an army cadets church parade. The rest is our history together. Seven years later Dave was studying law in Toronto and I was at McGill in Montreal. We had had enough of hitchhiking back and forth so we married in 1969 in Corner Brook at First United Church, took the ferry and the train to Toronto, and moved into the U of T married student's residence at the corner of Charles and Yonge Streets. On one of our exploratory drives around Toronto we drove west on Dundas Street and were charmed by the sight of the steeple on St. George's on the Hill Church. "This looks like just the sort of neighbourhood we would love to live in!"

We moved into our house on Pinehurst Crescent the day before Hallowe'en in 1975. We were greeted by our neighbours the Afflecks and the Lockharts – both very fine United Church families. And within a year or two we became members of Humber Valley United Church – right in the middle of Etobicoke.

As I write this I am looking out on a sunny panorama with the St. George's steeple on the left, Etobicoke Collegiate straight ahead, the CN Tower and the Toronto skyline in the distance, and Mimico Creek below me leading to Lake Ontario on the right. I know the Humber River is flowing south just about a mile east of me and flowing west 1500 miles east of me and I am so happy to be a Newfoundland expat living in Etobicoke.

Susanne Hynes



My Zwenger great grandparents at their farm house near Riga, Latvia

Good Friends and Kind Neighbours

We emigrated from Cambridge, England in March, 1968 (leaving thousands of daffodils) to Regina (snow and mud). We were living happily in Regina when, in the spring of 1970, Roger was offered a job in Toronto. Their offices were located near Pearson Airport. In July we came to Toronto and for four days we looked for accommodation - initially planning to rent - but the Real Estate Agent convinced us to buy a house in Rexdale, which we did. On the morning of July 22nd we signed the relevant papers and paid the cheques and then Roger went to the Office. There he was told - "Well that's unfortunate because you won't be working out of Toronto instead we want you to be the Managing Director of our Mineral Exploration Joint Venture in the Fiji Isles!"

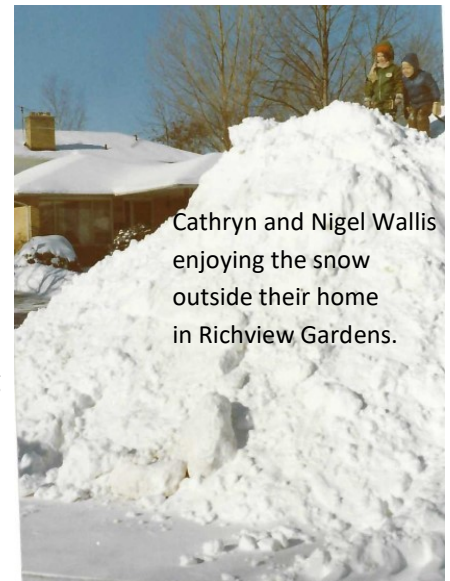
Luckily renting the first house we actually owned was very easy. Two years later we returned to Toronto to live in our 925 sq.ft. bungalow in Rexdale - which eventually we shared with our three children and an endless traffic of relatives from the UK.

However, in 1978 all four of our neighbours who were close friends and their children decided to move and this was the impetus for us to move to a larger home with the following criteria - close to a Library and a Park and a Public Swimming Pool, with conveniently located Schools, on a quiet street with easy access to both Downtown and the Airport (there aren't any Mines in Toronto!).

We have remained at our cul-de-sac in Richview Gardens ever since - surrounded by good friends and kind neighbours and an ever changing cast of young children playing on the street - a very peaceful location.

How come Margaret landed at HVUC? Because Joan Kitamura suggested she join her at a summer UCW Unit 6 Pot Luck!

Margaret and Roger Wallis



Cathryn and Nigel Wallis enjoying the snow outside their home in Richview Gardens.

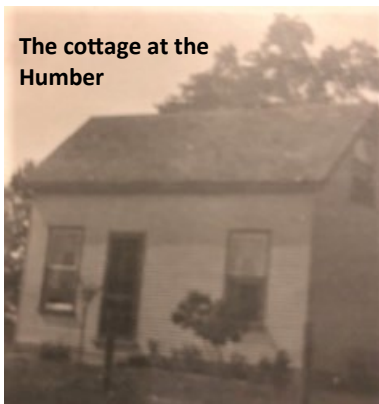
Cottage on the Humber

In the early 1900's my husband's maternal grandparents, Gertrude (Shain) and Stephen Wilson, built a cottage on the Humber. From the time their three children, Roland, Grace (Steve's mother) and Hilda, were very small, they spent their summers there. Steve worked at Eaton's so it was not a much longer commute to the cottage at Humber Bay than it was to their new home on Prince Rupert Avenue in the Junction.



Imagine how short a trip to the cottage that would have been, even by horse and wagon!

In those early days of the 20th century the land that is now taken up by the Sanitation Plant on the Queensway was divided into small market gardens a number of summer cottages, and a golf course. Humber Bay was a thriving area for summer fun back in those days and remained so right through the '20's.



Gertrude, originally from Streetsville, had moved with her family to downtown Toronto (Lisgar Ave.) when she was quite young. She found a job at Eaton's in the notions department and, as the story goes, declined a date with one of the young Eatons! Instead, she chose Stephen Wilson, a Toronto boy from Markham Street, not too far from her home. These two young people were, in spite of their urban upbringing, real back-to-the land people. They loved to garden and grow their own vegetables and fruit. They were able to indulge in that lifestyle at their cottage on the banks of the Humber River.

In the 30's Steve and Gertrude left the Junction and Humber Bay. They moved to a small market garden farm near Oakville and the Lakeshore. Their son, Roland, though,



The Humber Valley School Girls Softball Team played in the early 1920s and was coached by Lawrence McDermott. They practiced in the school grounds on High Street and competed against local schools such as Mimico and Swansea. They had the distinction of never having lost a game and are shown in 1923 with their trophy and silver medals. Steve's mother Grace Wilson is second from the right in the back

had met and married a young lady from Humber Bay. They moved to a little house in Swansea and, many years later, helped us find our first house close by.

As our family grew, we expanded westward to Humber Valley. We loved our Etobicoke homes, all five of them, including the last one, down by Humber Bay. Today that area is called "Queensway Village". We would often walk down Waniska Ave., off Park Lawn, and imagine the days, long before the Sewage Treatment Plant took over, when Steve's grandmother and grandfather took his mother, Grace, Aunt Hilda and Uncle Rol to spend their childhood summers there.

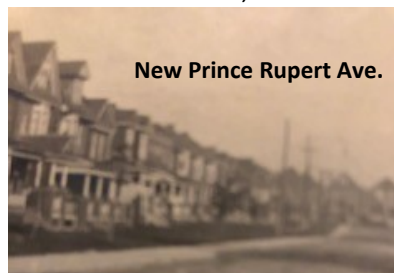
Donna McCorquodale

Neighbourhood Church

The Cook-Bennett story

With intent, a clever person seated a young woman then living in Montréal and a gentleman living in Toronto next to one another at a formal dinner held on the top floor of the State Department in Washington. Within a few months, Roy F. Bennett and Gail Cook were married and living in Clarkson with the objective of finding a home closer to downtown Toronto.

They later found their home on North Drive and attended various churches in the neighbourhood before coming to the obvious but inspired conclusion to attend their neigh-



bourhood church (with their son Topher) and become part of the Humber Valley United Church community.

Gail Cook-Bennett

I've Just Been Offered a Job in Canada!

I was on nursing night duty at Guy's Hospital in London, England, when a totally unexpected phone call came in from my fiancée David. "I have just been offered a job in Canada" he said. "How would you like to go and live there after we are married?" What a way to have my concentration blown for the rest of the night!

We were married in April and sailed for Canada on the Cunard liner 'Carmania' in July 1966. Soon after we entered the St Lawrence River, after a rough Atlantic crossing, the ship managed to impale a whale across its bow. This made it too wide to make the trip all the way to Montreal, as planned, so we docked in Quebec City and continued our journey by train. We were not prepared for the intense heat and humidity, and with our thick English blood and inappropriate clothing, our initiation into Canadian summertime was swift and brutal.

We found an apartment in the annex area of Toronto. While I was out at a child-birth education class, there was a knock on our door. It was Rev Dr Bob Watt from Trinity United Church (now Trinity St. Paul's), welcoming us to the neighbourhood and inviting us to his church. The welcome was so friendly and appreciated that we joined the church and Bob baptized our first child, Simon.

Several years later, after we had bought a home in Etobicoke, we heard that Rev Bob had been called to be the



minister at Humber Valley United Church. We followed him there, soon having our membership transferred. We have never looked back!

Three cheers for HVUC!

Judith Dallimore

Montreal to Etobicoke

The Orr story

Allan and I were the youngest of 5 siblings born between 1952-60 in Park Extension, a working class immigrant area in north central Montreal. Our parents of Scottish Presbyterian roots spoke very limited French but possibly in response to the changes occurring during Quebec's Quiet Revolution in the 1960's did take steps to help us learn French. These efforts however had limited success. We attended English Protestant schools (which did provide 45 minutes of French per day), worked part time jobs in English and all our friends spoke English. With the exception of one brother, none of us became fluent in French.

The picture at right is of my mothers family in front of their house in Town of Mount Royal taken around 1932. My grandparents, Archibald and Christina, were married in Scotland and came to Canada in 1920. The tall girl to the right is my mother (Isabel), with her younger sister and brother. The lower photo, taken in Saskatchewan around 1932, is of my father (the tall boy) with his younger brother, sister, and mother.



Our Scottish born maternal grandfather worked in Montreal at Sun Life (1921-60) and our Saskatchewan born father worked in Quebec at Canadair and National Trust (1946-84). Neither were fluent in French but both had long

successful careers. However, by the late 1970's (Rene Lévesque was elected premier in 1976) this was becoming less of an option for younger unilingual Anglophones.

After graduating from Concordia University in Montreal in 1977, our eldest brother Bill moved to Toronto. He moved to the City of Etobicoke in 1982 and started the Orr Family migration.

I arrived in 1983 after graduating from McGill University and moved in with Bill. After a two year stint in England, Allan and Chris (who was born in Lachine, Quebec) arrived in Etobicoke in 1985 (Allan wanted to be near his favourite brother; me). Our sister Heather came next in 1989 and in 1997, due to health issues, our parents moved to Etobicoke. Our brother Randy, the only one who spoke French, worked at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and after serving in a number of different countries settled down in Ottawa in 2007.

Shortly after arriving in Etobicoke, my Mother learned that Reverend Gibson, who she knew from his time as minister at the Mount Royal United Church in Montreal, was the minister at Humber Valley United. In January 1997, I took my Mum to her first Sunday service at Humber Valley. Allan, Chris, Kelly and Scott soon followed. The rest as they say, is history.

Michael Orr

Where did I come from?

When people hear my name, Sally Jo, they often assume that I was born in the southern states of the USA. But no, I am Toronto born and raised all these many years.

But my name is indeed from the USA. My mother was born in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and met my Canadian father when he was working in Virginia in the early 1930's. After a number of years of long distance courtship they married on December 23rd, 1935 and settled in Toronto. Mom never got used to cold winters here and longed for the return of Spring weather. She was a brave woman to leave her large family and come to Canada where so much was different. Going "home" was expensive in those days so letters and the very occasional phone call were her only connections to the South.



"Sally" was Mom's favourite aunt and "Joseph" my father's name. So that's how I came to be Sally Jo. As a teen, I didn't like that double name so tried to go by "Sally" only. Mom made sure that I added "Jo" in honour of my southern heritage and now I really like my rather unique name and use it always.

Sally Jo (Evans) Martin

Etobicoke Pioneers

When asked how my family came to central Etobicoke, I can easily say that I was born here - and lived on Glenroy, Strath, The Kingsway, Herne Hill and now Elstree Road. But the bigger story goes back over two centuries and is much more interesting.

In 1802, Andrew Bigham was granted 64 acres of a 100 acre farm lot on the north side of today's Rathburn Road, east of Martingrove Road. After first living in a log cabin on the property, he and his wife Mary built a one and a half storey house of river stone on a hill overlooking the



Mimico Creek. That house stands today and was owned by my family until the 1970's; 1843-1917 under the Bigham name (Andrew and his son Samuel) and then under the Agar name (Great-grandmother Mary Ann Bigham and Great-grandfather George Agar).

In the 1850's the 36 acres to the east (to Kipling Ave.) were purchased as were 14 acres of the lot to the south-west where a large barn was built at what is now the intersection of Martingrove and Rathburn. I remember the barn very well and loved to run down the hill with my pockets full of sugar cubes pilfered from the kitchen to treat Rosie and Sue, the horses retired from pulling wagons for Simpsons during the war.

My grandfather, Norman Elmer Agar, grew up on the farm and in 1929, he and my grandmother Lillian, had a 3-storey house built at 29 Strath Avenue. This was then a double lot on the south-west corner of Prince Edward Dr. And Strath

Ave. right behind Kingsway Lambton United Church.



In 1949 Grandpa moved back to the farm (which his older brother Geo. Wm. John had inherited) and he lived there until his death in 1971. My parents, Harold and Margaret Agar and I, moved from Glenroy to the Strath house and my brother Glen was born. Grandpa farmed mixed crops and raised Shorthorn cattle ("Is this your own beef, Dad?" my father would tease at Sunday noon dinner).

In 1954, Grandpa sold a corner lot to the Catholic Church for St. Gregory's and subdivided most of the farm - naming it after his 3 year old (and only) grandson, GLEN AGAR. The plaza and school are gone now, but Glen Agar Park and Glen Agar Drive remain - as do the original and new housing developments.

In the 1960's, the barn, big toboggan hill behind it, and the field in front of the house were carved away and Rathburn Road was built crossing Mimico Creek. There have been many changes to the house and surrounding buildings since 1971 - even the family burial plot was moved to Riverside Cemetery at Royal York and Lawrence.

The remaining land surrounding the house, vegetable gardens, red and black currant and raspberry bushes, lilacs, rose gardens, and rhubarb patch were sold as housing lots. Several families have owned the stone farmhouse (including Dr. Tom and Leslie Todd) and I'm sure each have made personal changes - however the front veranda has been restored and the 2 chimneys and main stone structure remain.

My eyes still travel up the hill every time I drive by and I have wonderful memories.

So I have lived in 5 houses in central Etobicoke; 3 with my

Hospitality

WE NEED YOU!

The Hospitality Committee is looking for new members and you would be perfect!

So Come Join Us!

There is always fun to be had while preparing, serving and cleaning up for most of the events happening at HVUC.



Wouldn't it be great if we got enough volunteers so that the people preparing the food are not also doing the clean-up?

To be included in all the fun please contact Cheryl Drake.

cheryldrake@sympatico.ca

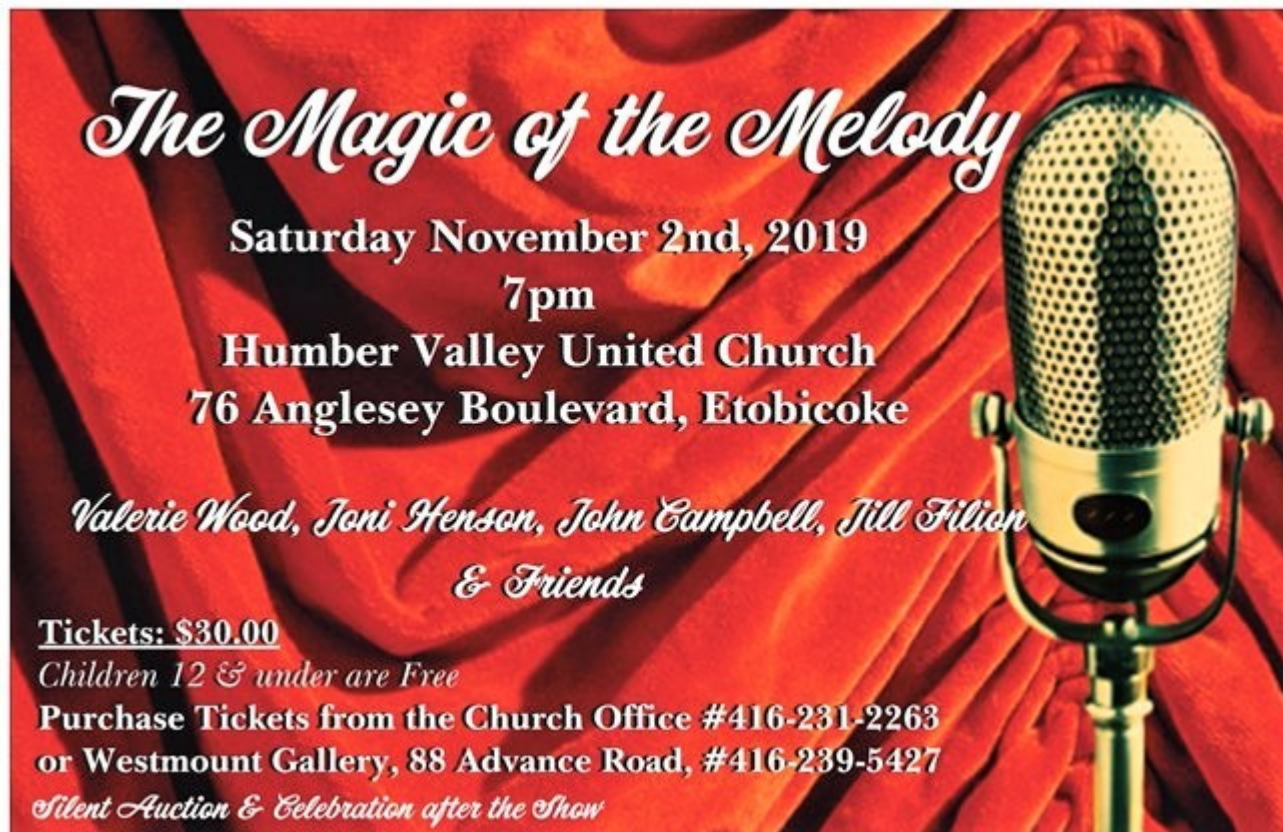
Committee



parents, and 2 with Bill and Jennifer and Stephen) and now Stephen and his wife, Manali, have a house on Princess Margaret - so the connection to this area continues.

Catherine Agar Ireland

With material from Agar Family Record 1786-1960
Etobicoke Historical Society. Toronto.com



The Magic of the Melody

**Saturday November 2nd, 2019
7pm**

**Humber Valley United Church
76 Anglesey Boulevard, Etobicoke**

*Valerie Wood, Joni Henson, John Campbell, Jill Fillion
& Friends*

Tickets: \$30.00
Children 12 & under are Free

**Purchase Tickets from the Church Office #416-231-2263
or Westmount Gallery, 88 Advance Road, #416-239-5427**

Silent Auction & Celebration after the Show

FEDERAL ELECTION

ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS

Ecumenical Links Etobicoke is sponsoring two all candidates meetings
to hear candidate opinion, party platforms,
and to ask those burning social justice questions that dominate our thinking.

ETOBICOKE CENTRE
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Humber Valley United Church
76 Anglesey Blvd

ETOBICOKE LAKESHORE
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Royal York Road United Church
851 Royal York Road

Doors open at 7:00 pm Discussion from 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

Participate in this election in a meaningful way as people of faith
who are called to love our neighbours by keeping in mind the common good.
Advocate public policies that support social justice and community engagement.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Sponsored by *Ecumenical Links Etobicoke*
Promoting Faith-Based Social Justice and Outreach Initiatives
Join us to explore the issues and learn how, as people of faith communities, we can make a difference.
For more information, contact eculinksetobicoke@gmail.com.

Farewell Rev. Ian

Rev. Ian's Last Sunday

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Rev. Dr. Ian Manson on Sunday August 11th. Rev. Ian, who was our Intentional Interim Minister, has moved to St. John, New Brunswick.

In working closely with the Transition Team, Ian contributed in a major way to the restructuring of our church governance and to the development of a new HVUC vision and priorities. He was also able to demonstrate his excellent preaching skills and his involvement of the congregation in many of his sermons. Ian's final sermon on August 11th entitled "What Has God's Spirit Been up to Lately?" skilfully reminded us about our spirit filled journey at Humber Valley over the last year and a half. Undoubtedly, Rev. Ian has been a blessing as he helped us to find our way forward. He will be missed.



On behalf of the congregation, Rev. Rick presented Ian with the book of the church stained glass windows and, on behalf of Daytimers, presented him with a sun catcher ornament of a cardinal, found only in Ontario, and a ceramic mug featuring a black capped chickadee, the official bird of New Brunswick. We all enjoyed a specially made farewell cake decorated with miniature New Brunswick flags.

David Dallimore

Humber Valley Foundation supports Humber Valley United Church

Did you know that in 2018, the Humber Valley Foundation donated \$16,500 to assist the work of Humber Valley United Church and that in 2019, the Foundation has already given HVUC \$10,000? Over the 24 year life of the Foundation, it has contributed a total \$277,500 to our church. No mean achievement! If you would like to know more about the work of the Humber Valley Foundation, please contact the Chair, Dennis Schettler.

David Dallimore

A Message of Thanks From Ian

I'd like to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone at Humber Valley for your many good wishes, and especially for the lovely cake and reception that you provided after worship on August 11.

My time with you was very rewarding and satisfying, and I especially appreciate the dedication and commitment of the Transition Team and Board in developing a bold and creative plan for the future.

The opportunity to share ministry with Rev. Rick, work with a group of skilled and dedicated staff colleagues, and experience the warmth and fellowship of the congregation were also real gifts. As I settle into my lovely new home in Saint John, I wish you every blessing as you begin this new and exciting chapter of life and work at HVUC.

Faithfully Yours

(Rev. Dr.) Ian Manson

Issues and Us

Wells, Wells, Wells *The Church that Build Wells*

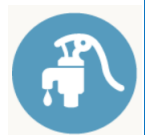
Two speakers from GAIN, the Christian organization we have supported for many years, will be our guests:

Patrice, GAIN's Country Manager from Benin

Kevin McKay, GAIN Canada

- *the situation of water shortages in villages in Africa,
- *what we have achieved over the past sixteen years
- *what there is still to do.

Hearth Room
Humber Valley United Church
September 22, 2019
Refreshments 8:30AM
Speakers: 9:00am to 10:00am



A Few Thoughts

Inspired by Rev. Rick's Sunday Aug. 18 Service
Jeremiah 18: "The Potter and the Clay"

Does the world need more pots?
Does the secular world see church goers as merely clay?

When an artist, a potter, with caring hands, touches the clay, the clay is more than just muck. There is a process of focusing and interaction, an evolving awareness, a developing of sensitivities & insight, while never knowing the future outcome. Vessels — creations will change midway as awareness and insight heightens. The clay of the moment, the touch of the moment all unique, unable to speak only gesture at a future unknown potential.

Does the world need more pots — no. But the world will never have enough creations that gesture at insight and beauty, a beauty that lives on — far beyond the life of just 1 pot.

When God touches us, his caring hands are a metaphor for his teachings of his creative Christian love. We are more than clay, we are vessels of this love; both giving and receiving. Our caring actions of the moment require focusing and refocusing. Evolving awareness, sensitivity and insight will heighten towards an unknown potential.

The unspoken gesture of our caring actions is what lives on — far beyond the life of the efforts and words of the moment.

William Cahoon

Homework Club

Grades 1—8

Thursdays after school. 3:30—5:00 pm

Starting October 17, 2019

Need help getting that homework done?
Having trouble with those math problems?



Can't figure out how to get that story started?

Supervised by two retired teachers.
Contact: Kathy Kitchen 416-236-3139

Rev. Dr. Frank Gabourel on Facebook

You are missing something special if you do not follow Rev. Frank on Facebook. He is well into retirement and spends a lot of time contemplating the world. Here are some of his recent Facebook posts.

"Where do our years go.

There was a time when I wished to be eighteen.

What should I wish to be now in my 9th decade?

My one wish: to be a better person each day."

THE RABBIT EFFECT: Is Kindness the Answer?

It makes a huge difference to our Health, says Dr. Kelly Harding, MD., DPH. In her research Dr. Harding established the relationship of kindness and heart in rabbits. She discovered that kindness — in the form of a post doctoral researcher who petted and spoke to the rabbits as she fed them — made a difference between a heart attack and a healthy heart. A comparison was made between those who just had things put out for them and those who had a stroke from a person, and words spoken to them. The rabbits became the beginning of a much larger story.

Groundbreaking new research shows love, friendship, and community, life's purpose and environment can have a greater impact on our health than anything that can happen in a doctor's office.

See your doctor, but be a good person (RX)

See Dr. Kelly Harding: [The Rabbit Effect: Live Longer, Happier and Healthier with Groundbreaking Science Kindness.](#)



PS. I have tried this with my friend "Jerry The Squirrel."

Humber Valley Fall Events

Details about many of these events are found in advertisements throughout this issue of *Connections*.

We look forward to worship services this fall. On most Sundays Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas will preach but Rev. Mark Aitchison and Joanne Stenerson will also provide the message on some Sundays. Our music program will include traditional and contemporary selections featuring our choirs, soloists and, on some Sundays, organist John Dirkson.

- September 8 **Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30** am resumes
- September 9 First Monday **of Angel Voices** (4:00 to 5:00)
- September 14 **Celebrate Cheryl Drake**, 5:30, Steed Hall
- September 15 **Community Hoedown** following the service
- September 16 **Youth Group** starts their fall schedule of meetings. **Handbell Practice** (6:00 to 7:00)
- September 17 **Board Meeting** (every third Tuesday of the month) 7:00 pm -. All welcome to attend.
- September 20 **God on the Go** resumes (weekly on Fridays at 10:30am)
- September 22 **Issues and Us**—Wells, Wells, Wells, Hearth Room, 9:00 am
Volunteer Fair after the service
- September 25 **All Candidates Meeting**, Federal Election. Sanctuary, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- September 29 **Congregational Meeting and Lunch**: Topic: Strategic Plan. After the worship service
- September 30 **Daytimers** resumes. Erin Billowitts speaking on keeping healthy. 11:30 am -
- October 6 **World Wide Communion**
- October 13 **Thanksgiving. Baptism**
- October 16 **Board Meeting**. 7:00 pm -
- October 17 **Homework Club** begins. 3:30 to 5:00 pm
- October 23 **Ladies' Night Out and Fabulous Fall Fashion Show** 6:00pm-
- October 28 **Day Timers**. Rob Kempson on "The Allure of Copenhagen" 11:30 am -
- November 2 **The Magic of the Melody** concert and live auction. Sanctuary and Steed Hall, 7:00 pm
- November 10 **Remembrance Day** Service
- November 24 **Reign of Christ Sunday**, Communion
- November 29 Next edition of **Connections** published, due date for articles is November 22
- December 1 First Advent
- December 3 **An Evening of Comfort and Joy**
- December 8 **White Gift** Sunday. **HVUC Choir Concert**, 2:00 pm
- December 15 **Light the outdoor Christmas Tree and Carols**. 6:30 pm

More about the Advent/Christmas season in the next edition of *Connections*!

Stewardship Update

The following report shows our financial position to the end of July 2019. Results for the same year-to-date period in 2018 are also included below for comparison purposes.

Humber Valley United Church		
	2018	2019
Sources of Funds		
PAR, Envelope, Stock Givings	\$164,622	\$170,053
Use of Church	\$99,710	\$105,799
Trustees	\$11,518	\$9,498
Other (Loose Givings, Solar, etc)	\$19,155	\$18,254
Subtotal Operating Funds	\$295,005	\$303,604
Outreach, Capital Givings	\$31,607	\$14,512
Total Sources of Funds	\$326,612	\$318,116
Expenditures		
Payroll	\$292,726	\$241,618
Building Expenses	\$39,323	\$40,618
Office	\$20,517	\$12,032
Presbytery Assessment	\$7,965	\$8,761
Music	\$17,827	\$17,399
Other Committees	\$15,239	\$20,275
Total Expenditures	\$393,597	\$340,703
Transfers to Outreach and Capital HF's	\$31,607	14,512
Operating Deficit	\$98,592	\$37,099

*Please continue to share
your generosity in support of
good stewardship.*

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

*Please also remember to continue
your envelope givings if you're
not attending church.*

*Stewardship for the Church
is managing its resources.*

*Stewardship individually
for congregants is fulfilling our
responsibilities to the Church
to the best of our abilities.*

As of July 31, HVUC has incurred an operating deficit of \$37,099. While not ideal, this represents a considerable improvement over the same period last year. Total operating income is up vis-a-vis 2018 and expenses are down considerably, mainly due to decreased payroll costs.

Positive financial factors going forward include payroll savings due to Rev. Manson's earlier than planned departure. However, much of that will be reallocated to new programs being planned by the Transition Team. Coincidentally, Rev. Rick has transitioned from ¾ time to full time.

Our church was used as the set for a movie shoot for several days in August. The revenue from that will make a significant income contribution in that use of church income will significantly exceed budget..

Overall, I am cautiously optimistic about the balance of this year. As always, thank you for your ongoing financial support of Humber Valley United Church. This includes your support of current year programming and church operations, capital funds and of special outreach projects.

Gary Halpenny

Chair,
Stewardship and Finance Committee

Sing, Sing, Sing!

Calling all would be choristers!
If you have ever wanted
to experience choral singing,
now is your chance.

It was suggested that some people
might want to try the choir
but not necessarily on a full time basis.

Please contact me at jill@hvuc.ca if you are
interested in joining us as we prepare for our
Christmas concert which will take place on
Sunday December 8th, 2pm.

We welcome everyone, but would be especially
grateful for a few tenors and basses.

The Chancel Choir starts rehearsals the week of
September 9th and the Handbell Ensemble starts
rehearsal on September 16th in preparation
for the fall season.

I'm hoping that we will have a few Angel Voices
as well. Please encourage any children that you
think would be interested.

Jill Diane Filion,
Director of Music

Angel Voices

Looking for More Voices



The Humber Valley United Church Children's choir
is looking for children ages 7 to 12 who like to sing.

Angel Voices sings at selected church services
and musical events sponsored by HVUC.

Rehearsals are on
Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00.
Starting September 9.

Contact jill@hvuc.ca



The Humber Valley Carillon on Canada Day

Allan Jones, one of our team of carillon players treated us
to a forty five minute carillon concert on July 1st.

Fifteen of us sat on lawn chairs outside the front of the
church in the beautiful morning sunshine and enjoyed the
concert which commenced with Allan playing "O Canada"
and "God Save the Queen." Allan's playlist of 23 pieces
also included "My Canada" by Raymond Gould, "This is
our World," by Paul Chant, "CA-NA-DA" by Bobby Gimby,
the "Ode to Newfoundland," "The Maple Leaf Forever"
and "The Hockey Song" by Stompin' Tom Connors.

What a wonderful way to celebrate our country's birth-
day.

Thank you Allan for your initiative in proposing and
planning this event and for your playing.

David Dallimore



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- ★ Square Dance Demo
- ★ Petting Zoo and Ponies!
- ★ Entertainment
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- ★ Line Dancing



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