



Connections

Humber Valley United
the friendly community church

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The Reverend's Reflection: We are an Easter People

"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the Word of God endures forever"
Isaiah 40:8

Two years ago I planted a Magnolia shrub in our front yard garden. It's only six feet tall now, but it is happy where it is and expresses its joy at this time in the spring as bud tips that endured the winter's cold unfold in a profuse display of fuchsia-pink and creamy blossoms. It is the first flowering plant to herald the spring, (along with the forsythia), ahead of even the tulips which are now just being coaxed to bloom.

But the spectacular display of colour won't last long... a hard rain can pummel the petals to the ground; the warming sun will soon wither them all away. There is such a short time to appreciate their beauty. And so it is with all living things.... such a short time to appreciate life in all its dazzling beauty and startling brevity.



The Easter season reminds us that the kin-dom of God unfolds, not in a linear, ever advancing, constantly progressing way; but rather, in a cyclical, dying and rising way.

Jesus taught his disciples, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24).

Because we are an Easter people; because we proclaim resurrection, we also claim death. We acknowledge death ... we accept death. People die. Ideologies die. Institutions die. Churches die. And the kin-dom of God continues to unfold. The Word of God endures forever. The love of God is unfailing. The promises of God are steadfast. The blessings of God are sure. And we claim citizenship in that kin-dom; we participate in that mystery.

The past is ours to remember. The future is in God's hands. The present is ours to live.

May we testify to our Easter faith by becoming ever more fully present to the "Eternal Now", (Paul Tillich). May we look for blossoms, and sing Hallelujahs.

Blessings,
Mark

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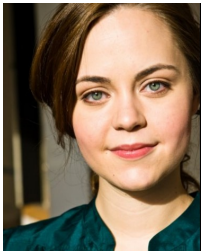
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From the Editor's Desk: Anniversaries

It all Comes Together at Easter

Humber Valley's season of Lent and Easter has been enriching with messages, music, and programs taking us through the journey of this tragic and then joyous time. For me Passion Sunday and Good Friday are essential preludes to the joy of Easter.



Nicole Percifield

The beautiful aria from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, *Erbarne Dich*, was a feature of Humber Valley's Good Friday Service. It expresses Peter's deep sting of remorse at his three denials of Christ. Sung exquisitely by our alto soloist, Nicole Percifield, the piece repeats over and over again his plea. Michael Sproule played the accompanying violin solo which Yehudi Menuhin called the most beautiful piece of music ever written for the violin.



Michael Sproule

On the Sunday after Easter, Rev. Tim Bruneau, who was doing a pulpit exchange with Rev. Mark, preached about lifting the burden of guilt. Peter's guilt expressed so poignantly in *Erbarne Dich*, was washed away when they met again.

Anniversaries

This issue of *Connections* features many more stories about anniversaries. Several HVUC couples are celebrating their 60th and 50th wedding anniversaries. The Battle of Vimy Ridge, fought on Easter Monday, is crucial in Canada's history and as you will see on page 5, it touched at least one HVUC family very closely.

The 100th anniversary of Canadian women getting the right to vote is close to my heart. The Ontario Legislature sponsored a program celebrating this earlier this month for young women from all over the province. One of the students who worked with me a few years ago was chosen to attend and told me the day was excellent. The Legislature is also producing a film about the women who have been elected as MPPs in Ontario. The first Ontario women MPPs (Agnes MacPhail and Margaret Rae Luckock) weren't elected until 1943. A former colleague of mine is doing much of the background research and participating in the interviews. All living female MPPs and former MPPs, some of them in their 90s, are being videoed.

I am writing this on Monday, April 24, one day after the Maple Leafs were eliminated, after a hard fought series, from the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Fifty years ago they won. Will we have to wait fifty more years?

The Blue Jays, twenty five years after first winning the World Series, are off to a very slow, if not pathetic, start. Thank heavens I was able to cheer for Brad Gushue's curling team. Their wins of the Brier and the Worlds sent Newfoundlanders (and me) into spasms of joy. Now we need to cheer very hard for our Toronto teams.

I'd like to thank all the people that make *Connections* possible, the contributors, the proof readers, the photographers, our sponsors, the elders who deliver it, and especially Cheryl for all of her support and hard work producing our newsletter. And I love to hear from you. Please send me your comments, stories, and suggestions.

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Susanne Hynes



Autism Awareness Day

On April 2nd Humber Valley United Church "lit it up blue" in support of Autism Awareness. The show of support demonstrated was amazing!

Many of the photos in this edition of *Connections* were taken by Bill Cahoon.

Scott Orr and Canada Day 2017

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation and the Peace Tower's 90th anniversary in 2017, the House of Commons announced a nationwide carillon composition competition in June 2016 .

Scott, son of Humber Valley's Allan and Chris Orr, was the winning composer in the Open category. His piece, *Festive Rondo*, will be premiered by the Dominion Carillonneur on the Peace Tower Carillon on July 1, 2017.



Photo: E. Keats Webb

Scott Allan Orr, LLCM, ARCT, AMus, was born and raised in Toronto where he began his carillon studies with Roy Lee at the University of Toronto. In 2014, he received a Carillonneur Diploma summa cum laude from the Royal Carillon School 'Jef Denyn' in Mechelen, Belgium, where he studied performance with Eddy Mariën and composition with Erik Vandevoort. He currently sits on the committee of the British Carillon Society and has performed invited recitals in Belgium, Canada, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and Poland. In addition to his carillon activities, he has worked as a pianist and music teacher, primarily as a vocal coach and musical director for theatre productions. Scott is currently a doctoral student in heritage science at the University of Oxford, working on conservation techniques for historic buildings.

Source: [Parliament of Canada](#)

Scott first played the carillon at Humber Valley United as a boy of seven. We were thrilled to see him perform in *Godspell* and occasionally sing with our chancel choir. Scott, at

the age of 16, also accompanied, with great equanimity, a group of Unit 7 ladies when they sang in the Talent Show. Scott attended Etobicoke School for the Arts and was one of their star performers. He sang with the ESA choir under David Ramsay at Roy Thompson Hall.

Congratulations Scott, Chris and Allan.

Margaret and Roger Wallis Athletes of the Month and 50 Years Married!

Congratulations to Margaret and Roger Wallis who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and, in February, were named Athletes of the Month by the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame.



Margaret and Roger met playing badminton in Cambridge, United Kingdom. In 1983, they began the Etobicoke Junior Badminton club, a not-for-profit club which they successfully ran for 27 years. 900 juniors went through the program with 500 of the participants playing for their high schools, 90 making it to the OFSAA finals, 60 playing for their university/college teams, and 35 of them going on to get their coaching credentials. For their efforts, the Wallises have been recognized by the OBA, and Roger by the Government of Ontario, with the Syl Apps Award for development of Sport in Ontario. Both Margaret and Roger have successfully participated in the Canadian Over-55 Games, winning gold in the mixed doubles in Sydney, Nova Scotia in 2012 in the over-65 categories. They have also won silver in the Canada Over-65 Games in men's and ladies' doubles.

Source: [Inside Toronto](#)



Of all the seminal events in Canadian history, the Battle of Vimy Ridge during World War I ranks highly.

In 1914, after failing to take Paris, German troops captured Vimy Ridge, a strategic high ridge stretching across the Western Front for seven miles. The French and British tried for two years, without success, to drive the Germans from the Ridge, which, according to Pierre Berton, in his book, *Vimy*, "...was the greatest German fortress of all."

By the spring of 1917, the Western Front had become a stalemate of trench fighting, with neither side making significant gains. In an attempt to divert German forces away from the French offensive at Chemin Des Dames, Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig, the British Supreme Commander, ordered an attack by the British Third Army on an eight-mile front near Arras. As part of the offensive, the Canadian Corps was tasked with capturing Vimy Ridge. The Battle of Vimy Ridge is regarded by historians as one of The British Battles of Arras.

The Canadian Corps was an army of volunteers commanded by a British officer, Lieutenant-General Sir Julian Byng, a future Governor-General of Canada. The Corps had four divisions. The planning and preparation for The Battle of Vimy Ridge was assigned to Lieutenant-General Arthur Currie, a Canadian, who also commanded Canada's First Division.

The Corps took up its position along the Front directly across from Vimy Ridge late in the fall of 1916, and, for the next several months, trained vigorously. Lieutenant-General Currie was a strong believer in rehearsing attacks so that each soldier knew his job. By April 2, it is said that every infantryman knew every detail of the attack except the date and time.

It is quite remarkable what was accomplished during the preparatory period. Roads, elaborate tunnel systems, and long subways were constructed, with train tracks and storage bunkers. Chambers for treating the wounded were a necessity.

The artillery played a crucial role in the assault. A "creeping barrage" proved to be most effective. Described as a "moving wall of artillery shells", shells would fall just ahead of the advancing infantrymen, shielding them somewhat from the enemy. Another innovation was a new instantaneous fuse for cutting barbed wire. The infantrymen were not delayed by barbed wire, as the artillery's seemingly endless barrages had cut it.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was the first and only time in the

war when all four divisions of the Canadian Corps worked together as one formation. In the week leading up to the attack, the heaviest shelling in history occurred; Canadian and British guns unleashed 50,000 tons of high explosives on the Germans.

At 5:30 a.m., on Easter Monday, April 9, 1917, in sleet and snow, the first wave of 20,000 Canadians, each carrying 36 kilograms of equipment, moved forward. Advancing behind the "creeping barrage" and supported by intense machine gun fire, they were able, in many instances, to overrun German positions even before the enemy emerged from the safety of their tunnels and trenches. About 30,000 Canadians fought in the Battle.

Most of Vimy Ridge was captured on April 9; Hill 145, the highest section of the Ridge, was taken on April 10; and "The Pimple", another high area, on April 12. The Allies were now in full control of the Ridge overlooking the Douai Plain, an occupied part of France still held by the Germans. Vimy Ridge remained in Allied hands for the rest of the war.

The price of victory was high: 3,598 men were killed and 7,004, wounded. One Canadian in ten was wounded or killed in the four-day battle.

Four Canadians won Victoria Crosses for their acts of bravery: Private William Johnstone Milne, Lance-Sergeant Ellis Wellwood Sifton, Captain Thain Wendell MacDowell, and Private John George Pattison. Only Captain MacDowell survived the war.

Shortly after The Battle of Vimy Ridge, Lieutenant-General Currie became the commander of the Canadian Corps, the first Canadian to receive such an honour. In June of 1917, he was knighted by King George V, and, in 1919, he became Canada's first full General. General Sir Arthur Currie is regarded as Canada's greatest military figure.

The Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge marked the beginning of nationhood for Canada. The troops no longer thought of themselves as British first, Canadian second. The victory injected a strong dose of Canadian pride into the Canadian military, and solidified their well-earned reputation as the finest of fighting men. Indeed, so respected were the Canadians that they were used as assault troops in all of the major battles.

Although, for the rest of the war, the Canadian Corps was part of the British First Army, Lieutenant-General Currie kept the Corps intact, leading it to several victories. These military achievements were instrumental in elevating Can-

Canada's international stature. For example, Canada was a signatory on the Treaty of Versailles which ended the war. As well, by 1919, Canada had earned a seat on The League of Nations, the forerunner of the United Nations. In short, Canada was finally being recognized as more than just a British colony.

Canada's most imposing and inspiring war memorial is The Canadian National Vimy Memorial, which stands on Hill 145 of Vimy Ridge. Its limestone pylons were designed by Toronto-born sculptor Walter Seymour Allward. Etched on the Memorial are the names of 11,285 Canadians dead and lost in France.

On July 26, 1936, King Edward VIII unveiled the Memorial. In attendance were thousands of Canadians. On the Memorial is the following:

*"The Canadian Corps on 9th, April, 1917,
with four divisions on a front of four miles,
attacked and captured this ridge."*

Jack H. Berryman

March 2017

Henry Cottrell at Vimy

Doris Maynard's uncle, Henry Cottrell, died during World War I, at the age of 21. His name is inscribed on the Vimy Ridge Memorial.

Some years ago, Doris was in Europe on a river cruise, and had the opportunity to do a bus tour that would have let her see his grave, but she opted against the trip since it would have been too upsetting for her.

Some years later, she was on a bus tour in Europe when the bus driver said "we're ahead of schedule, so if you would like, we could do a side trip to see the Vimy Ridge Memorial." Doris saw her uncle's inscription on the monument, but didn't take a photo.

In 2010, I went to the Vimy Ridge Memorial during a trip with the Girl Guides. Doris told me the story of her uncle, and showed me photos of Henry in his uniform and his sister laying a wreath on his grave. She also showed me the newspaper clipping reporting Henry's death, and the Silver Cross that his mother received after his death, plus a uniform button that he had made into a locket and sent home to his Mom.

I was so touched to hear the story and happy to get the photo for Doris. At the memorial, I walked up and down the face of the memorial trying to find the name. I finally found it very high up on the wall, above a staircase, and I

wondered how I could possibly get a photo. Fortunately, there was a railing on the next level of the statue and I was able to balance the camera there and zoom in to capture the inscription.

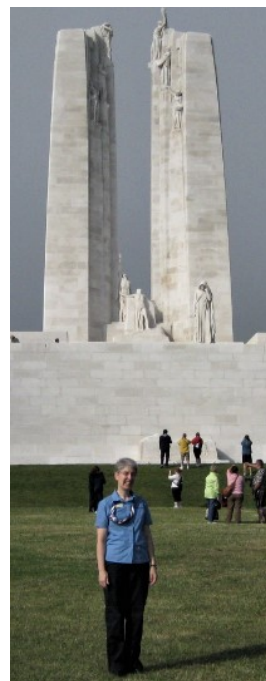


Doris now has all the photos gathered together in a frame in her living room. Sadly, she could not bring herself to watch the Vimy Ridge 100th Anniversary on CTV last week - it made her too sad to think of Henry dying as such a young man, similar in age to her grandchildren.

Nancy Roper



Henry Cottrell in uniform. His sister laying a wreath on his grave in France.



Driver Henry Cottrell Dies of Wounds

On Tuesday morning, a cable was received by Mrs Cottrell, 17 Geoffrey Street, Toronto, that her oldest son, Driver Henry Cottrell, No 380041, a former Picton boy, reported in The Times last week as wounded and dangerously ill, has died of wounds. Driver Cottrell was 21 years of age.



Palliative Care at the Dorothy Ley Hospice

For the past twenty six years Humber Valley United Church and The Dorothy Ley Hospice have been supporting each other in our community. "Together We Are Stronger".

The palliative care teams at The Dorothy Ley Hospice support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals (and their families and friends) who are living with -limiting illness. The palliative care is provided either in the community in the individual's home or in the ten bed free standing Residence. In either setting, The Dorothy Ley Hospice ensures those served may live fully, on their terms in the time that remains, with comfort, grace and dignity.

There is growing awareness by society, individuals and government of the growing need for high quality and specialized palliative care. In response, at Humber Valley United Church, we organized an "Issues and Us" event for Sunday April 30th with our guest speaker Kelly Collins, Spiritual Care Coordinator at The Dorothy Ley Hospice. Kelly's upbeat and positive approach provided us with information and discussion which culminated in the realization that palliative care is indeed a sacred journey of care and support for the individual and their loved ones.

There are many opportunities for supporting The Dorothy Ley Hospice including volunteering and financial support. This year, remembering our dear friend Margo Watt, we have organized a team "Margo's HVUC Marchers" to par-

ticipate in the annual Hike for Hospice fund raiser on May 7. Each year the Hospice must raise over one million dollars, beyond its Ministry of Health funding. Your support of Margo's team, either as a team member or as a sponsor of one of Margo's Marchers, would be a valuable contribution to Humber Valley's ongoing support of palliative care at The Dorothy Ley Hospice.

Ron Crago



Wendy and Ron in their Margo's HVUC Marchers outfits ready to raise funds for the Dorothy Ley Hospice. You too can contribute. Refer to the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

United Church Women - Annual General Meeting

Invitation to all Women of Humber Valley United Church

The United Church Women's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 28, after the service.

Sally Jo Martin (seen here on the Sea of Galilee) will present a slide show of her recent trip to Israel and Jordan led by Rev. Don Gibson.

Visiting the Holy City of Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Nazareth and many more familiar sites that we know from the Bible, brought those stories to life.

Join us on Sunday May 28 to share those experiences. Lunch will be served.

All are welcome.



Judith Dallimore — Creative Innovator

The Fred Van der Vliet Award for Innovation and Creativity was created in 2014 to honour the legacy of my late husband, Fred, who was a man with seemingly endless new ideas and alternative solutions to issues and activities in the church. About three years ago, the Leadership Council believing that HVUC would benefit in the future from this kind of innovative and creative thinking, created the Fred Van der Vliet award for Innovation and Creativity. Its purpose is to recognise 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.

Previous recipients are Bill Cahoon, Joanne Stenerson and Jim Koziak.

This year's very deserving recipient is Judith Dallimore.

Judith has been a passionate and highly involved member of Humber Valley from the time she and David joined in 1975. She has been involved in many aspects of the church's operations and the list of things that she hasn't done would be shorter than the list of things she has.

However, Judith's impressive resume of church volunteering is not the primary reason she was selected as this year's recipient.

Judith's nomination was for her truly innovative idea and work in the creation and nurturing of Daytimers, our highly successful ministry for seniors. Judith conceived this program 31 years ago (this September), based on a similar model she had seen at her mother's Anglican church in England. That program consisted of serving tea and cakes while guests chatted and occasionally they would have a speaker.

Judith returned to Toronto and, being a Staff Associate at HV at the time, she spoke to Bruce Roberts about starting a similar program here. Rev. Roberts was totally supportive, and the CAMEO Club was born. CAMEO is an acronym for "come and meet each other." When Judith retired from running the HV nursery school, she changed the name of the CAMEO Club, to Day-

timers. Daytimers has run consistently, on a monthly basis (except July/August), for all these years. Up to 100 seniors come on Mondays for fellowship and a home-made, two-course hot lunch. Judith starts with a devotional, and after the meal there is an inspirational speaker, selected by Judith, for their ability to inform and entertain.

This ministry has grown significantly over the years, beyond the membership of HV, through word of mouth. There are often new guests from the community including a significant group from St Giles Presbyterian.

The success of the program can be attributed to Judith's considerable abilities as a coordinator, and in recruiting the many volunteers needed to assist her. She is an excellent communicator and demonstrates gratitude for her entire team. Judith's leadership is driven by both her strong sense of commitment, and her genuine love for the community of which she is a part. All of this has greatly benefitted the congregation.

I would also like to say that today is Judith and David's 51st wedding anniversary!

Please join me in welcoming Judith into membership of a select club as the 2017 recipient of the Fred Van der Vliet award.

Andrea Van der Vliet

April 2, 2017





Letter to Marion Brown from her Daughter

To my very best friend and Mom,

As you were interred on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, everyone who was close to you will remember your beautiful smile, wisdom, love and very caring ways in which you touched all our lives.

Your husband, fantastic children, and your 5 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren, all your bountiful friendships with dear friends past and present, and innumerable charities and mission donations will be forever honoured.

Your memory will live forever and ever in all our hearts, mind, and soul. You are finally free of your Alzheimer's and any physical pain you were enduring. Thanks be to God and Jesus that they saw you suffering and decided that it was your time to be in their loving, caring hands in the Kingdom of Heaven. You and Dad were very religious in the Protestant faith in the United Church of Canada.



I will greatly miss our weekend visitations at Runnymede and I'm feeling that void now. Some of my precious friends also took the time to visit you as well and I will be forever indebted to them (Jean & Sue H.).

Many, many thanks to Frank Gabourel who presided over Dad's death and to Mark who presided over Mother's funeral and interment. Your words were very eloquent and meant so much to me. I am grateful, Mark, that you came back from your sabbatical in time. Also a special thank you to Cheryl and Zoran for all your assistance during my difficult time of grieving and requests.

Goodbye my best friend, Mom, until we meet again many, many years down the road. We will have a wonderful party and reunion once we're together again.

With love and forever precious memories.

Your loving daughter,

Jennifer

60th Anniversary—Carol and Steve Zachar

A few points of Interest on Carol and Steve's life's journey (as submitted by Carol):

We got married at Wesley United, Mimico on a sunny, summer-like day, April 20, 1957. It was Easter week-end.

Two daughters were born to us: Laurie-Ann, in 1961. She went on to be awarded her M.Div. Laurie-Ann married Tony Copple in 1999 and they live in Ottawa, This coming summer they will be leaving for South Africa to be missionaries for a few years. We will certainly miss them.

We moved from Mimico to our present address 28 Alanmeade Crescent, Etobicoke on Laurie-Ann's tenth birthday, July 17, 1971.

Tara was born in 1975. Tara is employed as a communications officer for the University of Toronto police. When you call their 911 number, Tara may be the one who answers. She has some funny stories and also some sad ones that of course she is not allowed to speak about. Tara married John Sinclair in August of 1995. Tara is the mother of an adorable little girl whose name is Kennedy. She is now 2 1/2. She calls us Nana and Poppa.

The Zachars celebrated their anniversary at a local restaurant on Sunday afternoon, April 23.

Congratulations Carol and Steve



Carol and Steve on their wedding day, April 20, 1957
From a newspaper clipping

Annual General Meeting

The HVUC Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday April 2, 2017. April 2 was Judith and David Dallimore's 51st wedding anniversary and within a day of Paul Chant's Bea Abbe's and Anita Wakeman's birthdays. Congratulations all.

The following are excerpts from our Chair, Stephen McCorquodale's remarks:

I offer my simple prayer of 'How can I repay you GOD for all the goodness you show to me. In Jesus' name, Amen'

Thanks

There are many people to thank for their commitment and contribution to the Christian life of our Church:

- Mark and Paul our Coordinating Minister and our Minister of Music;
- Lay Leaders who organize and participate in many of our Sunday worship services;
- Chancel Choir, the soloists, the Children's Choir and their leader and the Handbell Ensemble for their music leadership;
- Our dedicated staff – Cheryl (the lady who keeps everything together with a gracious smile and calmness), Zoran, Dragon and Serdjo – the people who make this an operational church 7 days a week; Claire and Michelle our Sunday school leaders; Anita who keeps the books; George Turnbull, our AV coordinator and; Carla Sandrin our Communications Coordinator;
- Members of the Leadership Council and to the many Committee members and workers;
- Pastoral Care, Daytimers;
- Members of the congregation and adherents who make this the friendly community church and church family; and the
- Organizers and participants of the many events that have taken place at our church over the past year. The reports and pictures in the Annual Report reflect these many activities.

Deborah Turnbull

I want to recognize a particular lay leader volunteer. Deborah Turnbull is one of our most effective and dedicated volunteer lay leaders. Deborah currently holds 3 important positions on the Leadership Council and the Committees – Chair of Worship and Music, Chair of Congregational Development/Gracious Invitation and a member of

the Ministry and Personnel Committee (liaison for a number of staff members). Deborah has been Chair of the Board in the past as well. Deborah has again agreed to be Chair of the Board and therefore Chair of the Leadership Council.

MMP and Minister's Job Description

In 2014 the Toronto Conference initiated a new method of planning for church operations and initiating change: the preparation of a Ministry and Mission Profile (MMP). This year we modified our priority goals to be leadership, pastoral care and communication. We will review these goals again for 2017/2018 church year.

Part of the MMP process was to develop a ministry job description that reflected the goals of the Profile. The Leadership Council appointed a team, representing a cross section of the congregation, to prepare a ministry job description that would move us forward with the goals of our MMP. We received review and input from the Pastoral Relations Committee and from Conference staff. We reviewed the description with Rev. Irene Ty last fall to seek her advice as to whether it was a job that one minister could fulfill. We reviewed the job description with Rev. Mark upon his return from the sabbatical and have incorporated his recommendations and comments.

The leadership Council has approved the job description at its meeting on March 27th. [The job description was discussed at the Annual Meeting. Presbytery and Conference have supported the job description and it is now in place.]

Strategic Planning and Direction

We now have an excellent method of identifying our annual goals and supporting them. We also intend, as a Leadership Council that we focus more strategically (ultimately let the committees do their work and report to the Leadership Council). We added 3 new Members-at-large to the Leadership Council to assist in developing this more strategic focus: Gail Cook-Bennett, Constance Crosby and Ron Crago.

We also agreed that the Leadership Council would consider its structure and meetings annually to determine how we are doing. We will be doing this under the new Leadership.

Steve McCorquodale



Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday morning started off with a light rain and then a rainbow. I didn't see the rainbow, but Rev. Mark did.

My family arrived at Humber Valley School to see several adults and children already gathered. The service was led by Humber Valley's Rev. Mark and St. Giles's Rev. Tim. They retold the familiar Easter story in dramatic fashion. We gathered at the base of the hill and proceeded to the empty tomb (by the swing sets). Everyone followed Mark and Tim up the hill where we reached an empty wooden cross and recited an interactive Easter Litany celebrating Christ's resurrection. Rev. Mark and Rev. Tim played their guitars and we sang a Hallelujah chorus. And, of course, there was a basket of Easter eggs containing "Hallelujah. He has risen" messages. The hollow eggs represent the empty tomb.

Kathy Kitchen



Liberating Hallelujahs on Easter Sunday

On the first Sunday of Lent we celebrated Baden Powell Sunday with the 509th Girl Guides. As people came into the church they were handed handmade Hallelujahs made by children from the Sunday School and the Guides.

During the service the Girl Guides collected the Hallelujahs and packed them into a box where they were stored throughout Lent. Not a single Hallelujah was heard during Lent.



Packing up the Hallelujahs

On Easter Sunday we had a big surprise in store for the congregation. We attached the Hallelujahs to 55 balloons and released them into the Sanctuary. What a great way to celebrate Easter! Hallelujah!

Claire Hatje



Releasing the Hallelujahs



After the Sunrise Service there was a breakfast reception at St. Giles church with about 40 people in attendance. The delicious breakfast was prepared by St. Giles's men.

Celebrating Canada's 100th Birthday



Trip to Expo 67

My brother John was at Expo 67 for 6 months. He worked at *Habitat 67* and *Man in the Community*. He lived with a French family. He spoke both French and English so was able to help visitors to Expo in both of Canada's official languages.

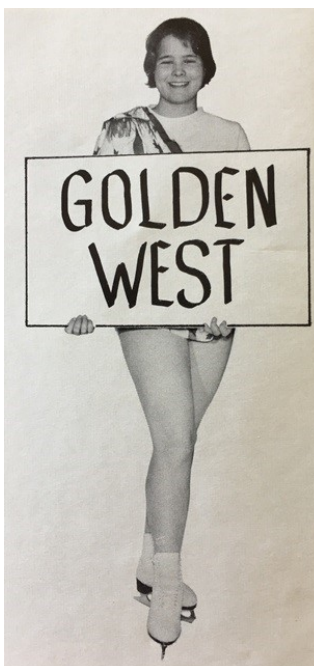
In July Mom, Dad, Nancy, my aunt, Grandmother MacBeth, and I went to see my brother at Expo 67 for 10 days. On the way we stopped at Upper Canada Village for the day. At Expo we visited many pavilions: Habitat 67, Man in the Community, Great Britain, Canada, Ontario, USA, Kodak, Jamaica, etc.

Silver Blades Skating Club

I participated in two numbers at a skating carnival called *Canadian Centennial Capers* at Silver Blades on March 17 and 18, 1967. We skated programs representing Canada's provinces. I was the Flag Bearer and an Indian maiden representing British Columbia. My coach was Andra Kelly (hockey player Red Kelly's wife).

Wendy MacBeth

Photos: Left, Wendy representing the Golden West. Middle, Wendy is third from left in the Salute to Canada group. Right, the Program cover.





New Choir Robes for the Chancel Choir

The choir and I were delighted to wear our new royal blue choir robes on Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9th. These robes were purchased with donations from the Memorial Fund.

According to choir members who have been in the choir for decades, the old cream-coloured robes were purchased about 25 or 30 years ago, coinciding with the installation of the red carpet. The old robes were in bad shape: the material was "pilling"; some of the snaps (fasteners) were missing or not working; and the hems were ragged ... many held together with tape.

Catherine Clemens and I did our due diligence to get price quotes and colour samples, making trips to Crownex in Etobicoke and Harcourts in downtown Toronto. The choir members voted unanimously for royal blue robes with

reversible blue and white stoles. Crownex offered us a more favourable quote. Catharine and I returned to Crownex on March 7th and placed the order for the new robes. Wesley Ding (from Crownex) came to HVUC on March 9th and took detailed measurements of the choir members. He promised us that they would be ready before Holy Week. He kept his promise. Each robe was numbered and labelled with the choir member's name. David Dallimore and I delivered them to the Church. Catharine Clemens, Peter Clemens and I organized them on the Saturday to be ready for the Sunday Service. I am very grateful that we are now wearing our beautiful new robes. A happy choir and congregation.

Blessings,

Paul



Daytimers

In March Tanya Elkhairi, a paramedic, thoroughly engaged her audience, taught us things we did not know and gave us great confidence in the ambulance service.

In April, Bob and Laureen Kinnear took us on an expedition around Newfoundland.

We look forward to welcoming Betty Cameron, from Toronto Public Libraries on May 29th. The last event for this year will be on June 19th and will be a surprise and, I promise, a delight.

While the core group of guests comes from our own church, we are so pleased to welcome about fifteen members from St. Giles Presbyterian Church every month and another eight or so from the community.

We are thriving and I can never thank our wonderful team of cooks, servers, decorators and drivers enough, for their great commitment. You must come and try us if you have not already done so.

Judith Dallimore
Coordinator

Bids 'n' Bites Prizes

Prizes are a big part of the UCW's annual spring fundraiser. They are donated by many community businesses and by people from the church.

A lot of time and effort is put into soliciting the prizes, picking them up, and wrapping them.

Sue Hillery and Evelyn Fischer are very happy with their wrapping efforts.

We are also beholden to the fine items donated for the Silent Auction. All proceeds of the event go to the work of the church and to worthy charities.



Let the Bells Ring Out

There are eleven members of our Handbell Ensemble: Bill Cahoon, Judith and David Dallimore, Alanna and Susanne Goodman, Lori Harper, Allan Jones, Kathy Kitchen, Sandra Lawrason, Lucy Maitland and Margaret Wallis. On occasion, if someone is away, Kathleen Goodman, Matthew Morris or Pippa Van der Vliet will substitute. The 'big' bells, which play the lowest notes are very heavy and will usually be handled by the men. We have a range of four octaves.

We are a multi-generational group and have welcomed players between the ages of 10 years old and 80. New-comers start with one or two bells and progress according to ability. Some of our more seasoned veterans can handle as many as six or seven bells if need be. We try to be eclectic in our choice of music and we will be playing in the musical theatre concert on June 4th, to prove that we can play secular as well as sacred music! Sometimes our music is arranged specifically for handbells but sometimes we adapt regular music. Recently we have branched out into

accompanying the soloists or choir. Judith does the assignment of bells and music adaptations, always overseen and vetted by our leader, Minister of Music, Paul Chant.

We always welcome new participants. The criteria is that you are able to follow music and count the time signature. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm and play in church six or seven times a year. If you wonder what it feels like to play bells, come and visit us any Sunday morning after we have played and try handling a bell.

Judith



HVUC is a Sought-after Concert Venue in Etobicoke

Taking the choir stalls out of the chancel area of the HVUC sanctuary has had the result we were hoping for. The chancel area is a flexible space for worship and also for choirs and orchestras to perform. Several musical groups rehearse in our chancel and over the past few years there have been many excellent concerts, put on by our own HVUC musicians and dancers, and by outside groups.

We are very fortunate to have expanded the use of our sanctuary to include the wider community in celebrating our world through music. And the parking is free!

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The Leprosy Mission Canada

Our Donations are Helping

Around the world, people are living in poverty & isolation with disabilities because of leprosy. By donating to our church Outreach & Action Leprosy Campaign this year, we bring hope and healing to those people needing a cure and expert care. Every cent the Outreach Committee receives goes to effect:hope (formerly The Leprosy Mission Canada), for which they are extremely grateful! Caring for and sharing with the needy is one of the pillars of Lent and expresses the combination of love of God with love of neighbour.

THANK YOU HUMBER VALLEY FOR DONATING TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE

"We can bring the problem of leprosy transmission and detection under control. It's a tough fight; it'll take a number of years, but we're fighting that battle and I cannot thank your Humber Valley Church donors enough for standing by us as that battle continues to be waged".

-Peter Derrick, Executive Director





Stewardship Update

The following report shows the financial results to the end of March 2017.

Results for the same year-to-date period in 2016 are also included below for comparison purposes

January – March			January—March		
	2017	2016		2017	2016
Sources of Funds			Expenditures		
PAR and Envelope Givings	\$68,125	\$77,403	Payroll	\$106,011	\$88,559
Use of Church	\$39,541	\$26,970	Building Expenses	\$20,334	\$26,747
Trustees	\$5,000	\$5,700	Office	\$4,652	\$7,894
Other (Loose Givings, Solar, etc)	\$5,428	\$3,944	Presbytery Assessment	\$4,208	\$4,233
Outreach, Capital Givings	\$11,251		Music	\$6,710	\$7,084
Total Sources of Funds	\$129,345	\$114,017	Insurance and Bank Charges	\$2,426	\$2,380
			Other Committees	\$4,567	\$5,076
			Total Expenditures	\$148,908	\$141,973
			Transfers to Outreach and Capital HF's	\$11,251	
			Operating Deficit	\$30,814	\$27,956

As shown above, as of the end of the March programming and operating expenditures were more than revenue amounts from various sources, resulting in an operating deficit of \$30,814.

As shown above, the 2017 statement of sources of funds, includes givings received for Outreach and Capital and transferred to the Holding Fund accounts that are used to administer these funds. Such amounts weren't previously reported in the income statement, and as a result there aren't corresponding balances in the 2016 results shown above.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of Humber Valley United Church that includes your support to current year programming and church operations, to capital funds and special outreach projects. In addition to the

PAR and envelope givings shown above, approximately \$2.3K of capital contributions were received and donations of \$8.8K for a variety of outreach projects.

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 over the summer months if you're not attending church. 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

On the Lighter Side . . .

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Dear Members of Humber Valley United Church:

Our congregation is now in the midst of exciting happenings in the area of lay caring ministry. After attending a week-long training course in Pittsburgh last August, we learned how to implement the Stephen Series, a programme of lay caring ministry for the congregation. Our instructions included both how to train and supervise lay people in caring ministry.

The first group of four Stephen Ministers were commissioned in March 2017 and have commenced their work. Now we need to find a new intake of men and women of our congregation who are willing to answer Jesus' call to serve as Stephen Ministers, beginning with 50 hours of stimulating and useful training in Christian caring skills. This training will be led by trained Stephen Leaders and will include a variety of topics such as listening, Christian assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, and grief. The training is distinctively Christian and focuses on God as the one who cures as we care.

When the Stephen Ministers have completed their training, they will be commissioned and ready to begin their ministry. Working under supervision, these Stephen Ministers will be available to meet weekly with people experiencing such problems as these, and many more.

Bereavement, Terminal illness
Single parenting
Long-term hospitalization
Job loss, Natural disasters

Stephen Ministers commit to at least two years for training, service, and regular supervision. Many Stephen Ministers enjoy their ministry so much that they choose to serve beyond the two years. While being a Stephen Minister requires commitment of time and effort, it also brings joy and fulfillment. It may be one of the most rewarding

challenges you will ever embrace. In addition, you will use the skills you learn not only in your caring ministry, but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbours, and coworkers.

Think and pray about this opportunity. If you decide you would like to be a Stephen Minister, please contact one of us right away and we can talk about how you can get started. If we agree that you would be well-suited to be a Stephen Minister, you will then begin training for this exciting ministry in the fall.

We are excited to see what God is going to do to the lives of those who undertake this ministry and in the lives of those who will receive care from our Stephen Ministers.

Yours in Christ,

Joanne Stenerson
Juanita Macpherson
Lynn Manning
Mary Moffat Johannson
Your Stephen Leader Team

P.S. You will also grow spiritually when you serve as a Stephen Minister. When God calls you to service, he also gives you the faith and the gifts you need to do his will.





Game-Changing Canadian Women

Humber Valley's women celebrated Canada's 150th anniversary early, on March 14, by honouring game-changing Canadian Women. While we are all liberated, and certainly many of us at HVUC are game changers, we are also good hostesses, so the evening was catered with all Canadian foods: ice wine, Canadian cheeses and fruit and a Happy 150th Birthday cake.

Colleen Isherwood, Susanne Hynes, Joan Belford, Linda Grass and Catharine Clemens featured stories of women like Susannah Moodie, Elsie McGill, the nursing sisters, Roberta Bondar, Emily Stowe, Clara Hughes and Agnes McPhail. The presentations were augmented by photographs and videos. Next came a challenging Canada trivia quiz and the evening ended with an all-Canadian singsong. Unit 7 loves to sing!

People loved the evening and for those who would like to see it again, and for those who missed it, we will be doing it again for the Daytimers' October meeting.



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Our Story begins in 1966

In September of 1966 my workmate asked if I would like to go to the Canadian National Exhibition with a group of young people including her brother, Stan. Well, the rest is history. We hit it off immediately and started dating regularly. Going bowling was one of our fun activities, as was taking the ferry to Centre Island and walking for miles. Stan was an avid goalie and played for a few teams. The guys started calling me their mascot as I was at every game cheering them on. When February came and we were celebrating my parents' anniversary with a dinner out Stan decided to get down on one knee in front of "The Archer" statue at the Toronto City Hall and ask me to marry him. We did not have much so there was no engagement ring. We decided if we started saving hard we could afford to get married by that fall and November 4th, 1967 was the chosen date. This would be our "Centennial Project".

On our one year meeting anniversary, just two months before the wedding, Stan surprised me with an engagement ring, which I wear to this date. He had been working overtime just to buy it for me. Our wedding was at Grace-Carman United Church on College St. near Dufferin, with a reception following, where the United Church Women supplied a roast beef dinner in the church basement at \$2.00 a person.

Stan had saved enough money for a honeymoon and so we left the next day flying to Florida for two weeks. We did not own a car at home but rented a brand new Camaro for touring around Florida. This was a highlight for us. We had to pick and choose where we could eat as I was not old enough to go into any licensed facility. We went to all the tourist attractions, walked the beaches and enjoyed

every minute of it.

We came back from our honeymoon with \$8.50 in the bank. We had not thought ahead about needing food to eat when we returned but my wonderful mother-in-law had stocked our kitchen while we were gone. We will never forget that show of love for us that she demonstrated with that act of kindness.



Happy 50th Anniversary!

Our home, where we still reside, was purchased five years later after being very frugal and managing to save \$13,000 for a down payment. We have had forty five very happy years in our little bungalow on Burwood Road.

Along the way our family was made complete with the addition of children, Melissa Cheryl and Claire Suzanne. We are very proud of our daughters and their accomplishments.

Stan and I joke about who is going to be making dinner after our 50th Anniversary this coming November 4th. I had made dinner for the first twenty-five years and then he took over for the last twenty-five. Maybe we will have to share that chore for the future.

It is hard to believe that we have come this far so fast but we look forward to sharing whatever life brings and being there for each other as we always have been.

Cheryl Drake

Tri-City Gospel Chorus

The church was full for a wonderful worshipful evening of gospel singing and gentle humour on Sunday evening, March 26. Over 100 men are on the rolls of the Tri-City Gospel Chorus which has been singing gospel music in four-part harmony since 1995. They get together because they love to sing and they enjoy the fellowship and laughter and praising the Lord in song. We loved it too. The chorus is booking dates into 2020!

Half of the proceeds of the free-will offering went to Sleeping Children around the World and half to Humber Valley United Church.

The top picture at left shows the barbershop quartet and the lower picture shows the full chorus being conducted by Duncan Macgregor.





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