



Connections

Humber Valley United
the friendly community church

September 2016

Welcome Rev. Irene Ty

During Rev. Mark Winger's sabbatical leave in the fall, we are very fortunate to have found an ideal Supply Minister in Rev. Irene Ty who will be with us from September 1st until the end of the year. A hiring committee comprising David Dallimore, Deborah Turnbull, Joanne Stenerson, Peter White and Steve McCorquodale selected Rev. Ty from several potential candidates. Some may remember her preaching at Humber Valley one Sunday in November last year during Rev. Mark's absence.

Born in Manila, Philippines, of Chinese ancestry, Irene Ty studied at the University of Toronto receiving Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees, a Masters of Divinity degree from Trinity College and a Masters of Theological Studies from Emmanuel College. Irene has also received Pastoral Counselling Training from the Toronto School of Theology.

Since her ordination on 2003, Irene has served at Davenport-Perth Community Church and Community Ministry, Northminster United Church, Cummer Avenue United Church and Asbury and West United Church.

She initiated and helped build the Filipino Christian Fellowship, a new mission of South West Presbytery. Irene has served for five years as the Chair of the Intercultural Committee of South West Presbytery. She also serves on the York University SCM Advisory Board.

Irene, her spouse Lee Holland, and two young adult children live in Etobicoke. She enjoys swimming, Zumba classes and cross-country skiing.

We welcome Rev. Irene to our church and look forward to a great ministry during her time with us.



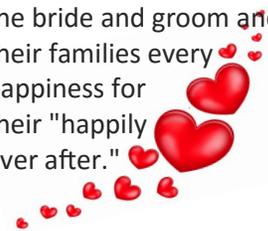
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Congratulations to Zoran and His Family

Andrea, Zoran's daughter, was married to Kristijan Ivasecko on Saturday, August 27th,

The congregation and staff of HVUC are thrilled at this wonderful news and wish the bride and groom and their families every happiness for their "happily ever after."



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

HVUC will soon launch its new website.

Alpha starts Sept. 21

Ladies Night Out
October 26

The Rev. Irene Ty will be presiding at most Humber Valley worship services until the end of the year. On September 25, **Mardi Tyndall**, former Moderator of the United Church, will lead worship and on October 16, **Rev. Sheila Murray** will preach on the HVUC Anniversary Sunday.

An angler is a man who spends rainy days sitting around on the muddy banks of rivers doing nothing because his wife won't let him do it at home.

The fisherman's golden rule: the one that got away is always bigger than the one you gotta weigh.



Is fishing being cruel to living creatures when you throw them back? Most anglers will tell you **no**, especially if you use a barbless hook.

I don't know. I think if I were a fish I would be a bit traumatized if someone hauled me out of the lake into a boat with a hook in my mouth. It would certainly hurt! And it might take me back quite a bit if I stayed out of the water too long.

This summer I was told this story. A couple from our church loves to go fishing – it's all about being together in glorious nature on a beautiful lake. They use barbless hooks, throw most of the fish back and eat the rest cooked over a campfire in the evening. Well one day they caught a very large fish and had to work quite hard at pulling it into the boat. And just as it was ever so close, the line broke and the fish swam away with the hook in its mouth. Ah well, that's the big one that got away.

That evening, as they were about to return to shore, a big fish approached the boat, rubbing its mouth on the rudder. The guide looked down and saw a big fish with a hook in its mouth looking up at him. He got the net and the fish allowed itself to be pulled out of the water. Very carefully and tenderly he pulled the hook out of the fish's mouth and tossed it back into the lake.

Now tell me that fish aren't smart and know what they are doing. Just another of God's creatures!

This is a brief issue of Connections with messages and lots of pictures of events from early summer. As always, HVUC is a busy place. See you Sundays and at lots of the up-coming events. I love to hear from you. Please send me your comments and suggestions. Susanne@hyneslegal.ca

Susanne Hynes

Looking Forward to the New Church Year

Summer is over and we look forward to the activities of the fall. As Chair of the Leadership Council, I look forward to all the exciting and meaningful activities at Humber Valley.

Rev. Mark begins his sabbatical. We all wish Mark the very best on this adventure. Mark will have a very important time of relaxation and rejuvenation. He will return rested, spiritually renewed and ready to continue his spiritual leadership at Humber Valley.

We will be well taken care of during Mark's absence. Rev. Irene Ty assumes our spiritual leadership and will provide excellent spiritual leadership for us. Please welcome Rev. Irene and offer her all the support that the family that is Humber Valley United Church has to offer.

Rev. Irene will be bringing us excellent services, sermons and spiritual leadership. One of the main programs will be the Christmas season and celebration. Please lend you support and talent to this very important part of our Christian year.

All the programs of Humber Valley start anew in September, including our Choir and wonderful music program. We look forward to Paul's leadership in this area of our spiritual journey.

Our other programs begin again as well. Daytimers, Bible study, small group meetings and two exciting new programs.

A small group of our congregation attended a learning experience for the Stephen Ministry and return ready to train other members of our congregation in how to support our congregants through the Stephen Ministry. Many of you will have the opportunity to be introduced to the Stephen Ministry and trained to be practitioners. If you are able, please volunteer for this important initiative for our church.

We will also be introducing the Alpha program this fall. This will be a very positive initiative for the life of our church. Please learn about the Alpha program and attend if you are able.

Our renters, the schools and the community events and clubs also start up again in September. The people who use our church are a very important part of our mission.

Please join me in committing your support to this new church year at Humber Valley.

Steve McCorquodale

Chair, Leadership Council.



Daytimers

Daytimers resumes on September 26th at 11.30 am. **Deborah Turnbull** will have you sitting on the edge of your seats, as she shares her **storm chasing** adventures in Colorado. She, George and Audrey had some scary moments.

On October 31st, we will learn about **what happens to our garbage** after it leaves the curbside, and **Michelle Carruthers**, who is a project leader with the City of Toronto's Waste Management Division, will give us some tips on our recycling efforts. This is **Halloween Day so think orange**, and if you are brave enough to come in costume, we will have a prize for you! For more details or a ride call me at 416 239 5319. Judith

“I’m Still Here”

a 50 minute play, acted entirely by seniors,
illuminating the realities
of living with and supporting persons with
Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

November 26th at 3 pm
at Humber Valley United Church.

Daytimers, Pastoral Care and Issues and Us, are jointly sponsoring the presentation **I'm Still Here**, put on by **Act 2 Studio**, a touring arm of Ryerson University's Drama Program. It is a sensitive, non threatening way to understand dementia and Alzheimer's Disease through accurate portrayal of scenes encountered by victims and their caregivers.

Most of us are, or will be touched by dementia sufferers and everyone can benefit from a better understanding of the disease. It is so much more real to see and hear it acted out than to simply read literature or listen to speakers.



At the end of the presentation there will be a short talk back time and a chance to mingle with the actors over a wine and cheese reception.

Please mark November 26th at 3 pm. on your calendars today, and tell all your friends and neighbours.

There will be a free will offering to defray the cost
with a recommended minimum donation of \$10 per person.

Stewardship Update

The report in the column at right shows the financial results to the end of July 2016. Results for the same year-to-date period in 2015 are also included for comparison purposes.

As shown, as of the end of the July programming and operating expenditures were more than revenue amounts from various sources, resulting in an operating deficit of \$14,525; and a deficit of \$17,442 after recording an amount to account for depreciation on solar equipment. This is a slightly better position compared to last year at this time, but not a preferred financial position.

We projected a year-to-date deficit of \$13,008 and our actual deficit is slightly greater than this amount, primarily due to expected HST rebates not being accrued for as of the end of July. 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.

Please continue to share your generosity in support of good stewardship. God gives it all and then calls us to share. If you've been away from church over the summer and haven't been in attendance to maintain your envelope givings, please consider topping up your givings to assist with our deficit position. 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

Saturday, November 5th at 6pm
Dinner & Show
Tickets 10 Adults | \$5 Children (under 12)
Watch for sign-up sheet



HUMBER VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

January – July

	2016	2015
Revenues		
PAR Givings	\$114,838	\$117,433
Envelopes and Stock Donations	69,123	75,539
Use of Church	82,381	86,281
Trustees (includes Accrual)	13,300	13,300
Other (Loose Givings, Solar, etc.)	18,453	11,085
Total Revenue	\$298,095	\$303,638
Expenditures		
Payroll	\$205,043	\$203,270
Building Expenses	41,224	\$60,896
Office	13,883	\$16,918
Mission and Service	4,145	\$3,143
Presbytery Assessment	8,465	\$8,407
Music	14,051	\$14,845
Stewardship and Finance	16,404	\$16,479
Other Committees	9,405	\$3,310
Total Expenditures	\$312,620	\$327,268
Operating Deficit	\$14,525	\$23,630
Solar Depreciation	2,917	2,916
Deficit	\$17,442	\$26,546

Fun Food! Games! Bubble Soccer! Prizes!
Community Carnival and BBQ
Sunday, September 18, 11:30-1:30pm

Invite your family and friends. All Welcome! Free admission.





Tea Fit for a Queen

A record, sold-out crowd of monarchists and tea lovers celebrated Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday with a traditional British afternoon Tea Party on June 9th.



Steed Hall was transformed into a festive Tea Room with red, white and blue flags, ribbons, balloons and pictures of Her Majesty.

Guests caught the spirit and came in their finery complete with hats, both elegant and creative. Handsome men in tuxedos served tea and judged the hat contest. Guests nibbled fancy sandwiches made by Vivian Dick, scones from Cobs bakery, Queen Elizabeth birthday cake and home made sweets.

A profit of almost \$4,000 will be shared with the Fort McMurray relief endeavours and UCW charitable outreach.

Photos:
James Chubb
Etobicoke Camera Club



Ladies' Night Out

Wednesday, October 26th starting at 6:00 pm.

Calling all women! Come out and bring your friends for an evening just for the ladies.

Enjoy a wine reception and light supper while shopping the Bake Sale, Silent Auction and Vendors' tables.

A highlight will be the sale of 'pre-loved' purses.

Guest Speaker

Joanne Goodwin

"Inspiring Possibilities"

\$25 tickets include a glass of wine or punch.

Call 416-236-0350 or 416-236-2282.

Proceeds support UCW charitable initiatives



Are you cleaning out your closets? Please donate your gently used purses to the sale. Call Diane Locke at 416-236-2282 or drop off at the church office.

Can you bake goodies or make preserves for the Bake sale? Call Sally Jo Martin at 416-231-3477 or Wilma Crago at 416-231-7585

Do you have donations for the Silent Auction? Call Wendy Oliver at 416-233-3551.

Do you have a suggestion for a vendor who might like to sell items at the event?

Any other ideas, offers or questions ? Call Diane Locke at 416-236-2282.

Honouring Raymond Sunday

Raymond Gould, Humber Valley's Director of Music for 38 years, played a major role with Rev. Arthur Steed in the development and growth of our church community in the 1960s and early 70s. Following Raymond's retirement in 1998, and in recognition of his significant musical contribution to Humber Valley's growth, he was awarded the honorary title of Organist Emeritus. Sadly on April 18th Raymond died in his 94th year.

In memory of Raymond, the Sunday worship service on June 26th included a tribute to him. Raymond was respected and admired by friends, former choir members and students many of whom attended the service. Raymond's wife Marion and daughter Mavis came down from their home in Penetang to share this "Honouring Raymond Sunday" with us.

As well as being a great performer, teacher and accompanist, Raymond was a composer of over 100 songs. The service on June 26th included one of Raymond's compositions called "My Canada" with words by former congregation member Fred Sheffield. For the singing of this piece, our choir was joined by many former choir members including Fred Sheffield's two daughters, Barbara and Peggy. It was a wonderful performance conducted and accompanied by our present Minister of Music Paul Chant. Before the anthem was sung, Judith Dallimore, on behalf of Humber Valley, presented Raymond's wife with a floral bou-

quet. As Judith remarked in her presentation, many have thought that Raymond's success was 50% Marion, because she worked so tirelessly in support of all that he did.

The rendition of "My Canada" was absolutely wonderful with so many voices singing so strongly and passionately. Being sung close to Canada Day made it even more poignant. Incidentally "My Canada" had the distinction of being played on the Peace Tower carillon in Ottawa on July 1st 1967.

It was truly great to see so many former Humber Valley choir members attend and participate in this service and the opportunity to renew friendships and acquaintances at the reception in the Arthur Steed Fellowship Hall after the service made this a fitting tribute to Raymond Gould and also served as a wonderful reminder of our church's history and heritage.

David Dallimore

Photos: Jim Koziak



Alpha is Coming to HVUC

Have you been thinking about the following questions?

Why am I here? Where am I heading?

Is there more to life than this?

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

We can help you find the answers! The Alpha Course is coming to Humber Valley United Church.!

Wednesdays, September 21 – November 23, 6:30 – 9:00

Includes dinner, video presentation and group discussions

To sign up or for inquiries, call Carla Sandrin at 416.458.4129 or email her at carla@hvuc.ca



HVUC's Exceptional Volunteer



*Deborah Turnbull receiving
the Exceptional Volunteer Award June 2016.*

In the photo:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj, MPP, Deb, Ivan Baker, MPP

Photo: Bill Cahoon



Patrice Lavagnon, Country Manager from Benin, will talk about the transformational impact our water strategy is having, both physically and spiritually, in communities and lives throughout Africa.

Weston Golf & Country Club 50 St. Phillips Road

RSVP by Friday, September 16, 2016

by calling 604.514.2026 or emailing events@globalaid.net.

September : New Beginnings

Over the Labour Day weekend, Lee (my spouse) and I drove our son Robert to Pearson airport, as he returns to third year at Mount Allison University, New Brunswick. Then on Saturday, we drove our daughter Julia to the apartment in downtown Toronto, which she is sharing with two other students, as she begins her Masters degree in Education at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education). I do have mixed feelings. On the one hand, I now have the “empty nest” feeling again and will miss them. On the other hand, I remind myself that they are on their way to independence and to the future that awaits them. For this I am grateful.

September is a time of new beginning. I am excited to be starting this four month supply position at Humber Valley. Already, I have met the staff, some lay leaders and congregational members. They have provided orientation as to how things work: worship, pastoral care, Christian education, and administration. I look forward to meeting you and to do ministry with you. Everyone I have met has been so friendly and welcoming. But there are still a lot of unknowns. How will we work

together? How will people respond to my work and my sermons? What worship traditions should I maintain and what things should I do differently? Where should I put the bulk of my energy?

These are questions I have, and no doubt they will be answered in the weeks and months ahead.

One thing that I’m assured of as I go into this position: I’m not alone. This is a team effort. There are dedicated volunteers and staff to work with. I am relying on the wisdom and gifts of others in the faith community. As in the United Church Creed:

*“We are not alone,
We live in God’s world.”*

This September, as you embark on a new project and/or continue in your current activities, know that you are not alone.

Thanks be to God.
Rev. Irene Ty



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