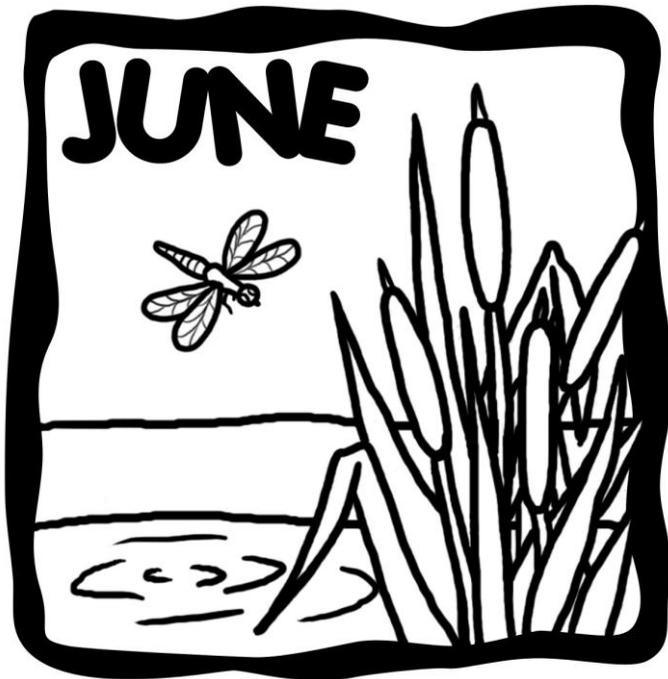

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Chairman's Message

By Karen Hilliard, Council Chair

I love food. I could eat morning, noon and night. When I am asked what my favourite food is, it might take me a while to answer because I really do enjoy many different types of food – Italian, Japanese, Greek, Indian, Thai, the list goes on. I do admit that I have a weakness for seafood and chocolate – but not necessarily in that order. Plus, depending on the season, my favourite food may change. During the winter, I love homemade soups, delicious flavourful stews, and any kind of pasta. Now that summer has arrived, fresh veggies, salads and anything grilled on the BBQ is my number 1 choice. But no matter what the season, food I think, is even better when enjoyed with family and friends. As we welcome the summer season and warmer weather, I hope you will come out and enjoy some delicious food, and great company while supporting the work of our church.

June 6 - steak BBQ and silent auction, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

June 21- trunk/yard sale and BBQ lunch, 9:00 .a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

On a bit of a different note, have you ever thought of how celebrating new beginnings with food is just the natural thing to do? On Mother's Day, our church family hosted a special after church coffee hour to say "thank you" and "best wishes" to Carol and Sandy Stewart as they start their new life in Georgetown. Carol, who was our Sunday School Superintendent when her children were young, recalled a time when there were around 60 children in our Sunday School. She was confident that, in the future, CEUC would once again have many young families in our midst.

Recently, we have welcomed more new people to our church family and have also had the pleasure of Warren and Lorie's company during coffee hour after church. On Sunday June 1st, at 10:30 a.m., we will be having an important congregational meeting to discuss increasing Warren's hours of work from a ½ time to a ¾ time ministry. We hope you will join us as we look into new beginnings for CEUC.

Words from Warren

A fluffy kitten was busy at play in a sunny courtyard – madly chasing its tail, it went round and round and round in circles. That’s when along came a rather ragged old alley cat. ‘What you doing, Sprout?’ he asked.

‘Well, I just had my first day at Cat Philosophy School and I learned that joy is in my tail. So I’m chasing my tail and, when I catch it, I’m going to hold on tight so that I’ll always have joy in my life!’

‘Funny you should say that!’ the old cat responded. ‘Course I never went to no ‘cat philosophy school’ but I learned the same thing – my Mammy and Pappy taught me that joy is in my tail, too! But they also taught me never to chase it! No, they said that I should just do all the right things, every time that I could, and then joy would simply follow along behind me, wherever I went!’

Caledon East United Church is not a Cat Philosophy School. But, together, we learn about joy and, together, we find ways to serve God’s love so that joy is not just an abstract notion, but as real as real can be. And that’s no cat’s tail!

I send you my prayers and blessings for a safe, healing and joy-filled summer,
Warren (a.k.a. Rev. Ball!)

Property Report

By Terry Nelson, Chair of Property

The ice storm damaged the eaves trough, soffits and fascia on the sanctuary. The contractor has not started the repair work, but he assures me he will be starting shortly. Estimated cost is \$3816.01.

Several people have had difficulty is getting their key to unlock and lock the door to Friendship Hall. Our resident locksmith (Bob Pillar) spent several hours doing extensive repairs and adjustments on the lockset. Bob was ably assisted by Treasurer Randy. The lockset deems to be working much better now. When closing the door remember to close it firmly.

Repair and maintenance work scheduled for this summer includes waxing and polishing the floors in Friendship Hall, cleaning all carpets, masonry repairs on the foundation, planting of flower beds and minor touch-up painting.

Greer Street Book Club

By Dorothy Mazeau

Dear Fellow Readers,

I went with the idea of Canadian authors and picked up *Under This Unbroken Sky* by Shandi Mitchell, set in Depression Era prairies. I will bring the books to church on Sunday and leave the bag at the church office.

I already know I will be away for the meeting date, as I am leaving for a week in Vermont that day, returning July 6th. I would be grateful if someone could please volunteer to round up the books and return them to the library by Friday, July 4? Please let me know!

Thanks and Happy reading!



Finance Committee

By Peter Robinson, Chair

Finance Committee would like to thank Carol Stewart very very very much for her contributions as co-Treasurer. The congregation will miss both Carol and Sandy very much, and the Finance Committee will miss Carol's contributions.

For preparation for the following discussion, Caledon East United Church Finance Committee has divided the following responsibilities and roles as such; which aids in accountability, transparency, and security by segregation of roles and responsibilities.

- a) Envelope Secretary - (was David Dexter) - dealing with 'income'
- b) Co-Treasurer - Randy Freitag - dealing with 'expenses'
- c) Co-Treasurer - (was Carol Stewart) - accountant, and cross reference between 'income' and 'expense'

David Dexter is assuming Carol's role as co-Treasurer. Carol and Dave have had hand over sessions so that Dave is up to speed on Carol's activities.

John Konert is assuming David's role as Envelope Secretary. David and John have had and are continuing to have hand over sessions.

Randy remains in the same role and is able to advise both David and John in their new roles.

The new roles and responsibilities are now:

- a) Envelope Secretary - John Konert - dealing with 'income'
- b) Co-Treasurer - Randy Freitag - dealing with 'expenses'
- c) Co-Treasurer - David Dexter - accountant, and cross reference between 'income' and 'expense'

2013 Ruth & Murray Fallis Scholarship

By Peter Robinson

Notices for the annual Fallis Scholarship program have gone to the three area secondary schools, where graduates are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Students eligible for this scholarship require living in the Caledon East area, and are presently accepted in a degree/diploma program in a post-secondary school.

Applications are available from the Guidance Offices of the three secondary schools or from the church office. The deadline for application submissions is before Labour Day. This year that is Friday, August 29, 2014 to the church office.

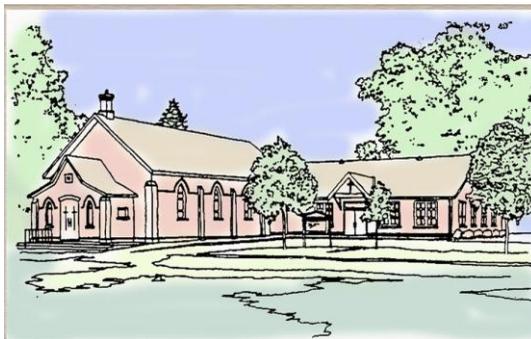
STEAK BBQ

CALEDON EAST UNITED CHURCH

Friday June 6th, 2014

5:00 – 7:00 PM

6046 OLD CHURCH ROAD



HOMEMADE PIES

\$20.00

(Children's Hotdog Meal \$5.00)

Silent Auction

By Anne Kozluk

During the annual C.E.U.C. Steak BBQ on June 6th from 5 pm to 7 pm, there will be a silent auction of items donated by some of our sponsors of the past Scott Woods Band concert. Here is a list of items which will be in our silent auction:

Item # 01 Caledon East Audio Video Gift Certificate (Value \$50.00)

Item # 02 Caledon East FOODLAND Gift Card (Value \$100.00)

Item # 03 Carusi Hair Salon Gift Certificate (Value \$45.00)

Item # 04 Glen Echo Nurseries Gift Basket including a Gift Certificate

Item #05 Gourmandissimo Gift Basket

Item # 06 The Market Hill Café Gift Certificate (Value \$50.00)

Item # 07 The Market Hill Café Gift Certificate (Value \$50.00)

Item # 08 Pizza Express Gift Certificate

Item # 09 Rock Garden Farms Gift Certificate or Patio Planter

Item # 10 The Consulate Dining Lounge On Innis Lake At The Royal Ambassador Event Centre Gift Certificate (Value \$50.00)

Item # 11 The Consulate Dining Lounge On Innis Lake At The Royal Ambassador Event Centre Gift Certificate (Value \$50.00)

Item # 12 Villa Caledon Inn Gift Certificate (Value \$75.00)

Item # 13 Wishbone Restaurant Steakhouse Gift Certificate (Value \$25.00)

Item # 14 Framed Print “La Collectionneuse” by Fernand Toussaint, Belgian Post-Impressionist painter (Donated by Jim & Ginnie Galloway) (Value \$400.00)

Item # 15 Framed Print of Lilies Triple Mat (Donated by Inspirations) (Value \$200.00)

Cash or cheques will be accepted. All funds raised will go towards the C.E.U.C. Building Together Fund and the Mission & Service Fund. For more information, please speak to Joanne Davis, Anne Kozluk, Fay McCrea or Betty Ward. Also, if you are interested in volunteering during the silent auction please contact Anne Kozluk at 905-584-4197 or email: akozluk@sympatico.ca.

Worship and Music

By Anne Kozluk

Pianos: The piano in the sanctuary and the piano in the Paisley Room were tuned by Ted Gerber in April.

Special Music: On May 11, Lori Ball played the keyboards and directed the choir anthem, 'Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us' which featured a flute solo by Catherine Robinson. On May 25, Catherine will play the flute part in our anthem, 'Take Root In My Heart'. On June 8 and July 20, Lori Ball will play the keyboards.

Sunday June 8: Pentecost (Communion)

Choir: The choir will take a summer break June 8 to August 31. Choir practices will resume on Sunday September 7. New members are welcome.

No Services: We are closed on June 29 (for the Canada Day holiday) and on August 3 (for the Civic Weekend holiday).

Sun. Aug.10: Guest worship leader: to be announced (Warren is on holiday this Sunday).

Change in Service Time in September: On June 1 at our congregational meeting, the Council would like to discuss the possibility of changing our service time from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. or possibly 10:30 a.m. A later service time would, perhaps, better enable young families to participate. What are your hopes and dreams for C.E.U.C.?

United Church Women's Report

By Betty Ward



Mary Maw, Director of Programming for the Caledon Public Library spoke to the UCW in April and enlightened us on all of their programs offered by the Library.

In May we were fortunate to have Vilia Fera, President of the Toronto Conference UCW speak to us about its annual meeting which was held in Huntsville May 5th and 6th. The theme was Believe, Belong and Behave.

In June, Ruth Watson has made arrangements for us along with our spouses to have lunch at the Belfountain Inn. Following our lunch we have been invited to go to Ruth's home in Erin.

A donation was made to Camp Simpresca, a Toronto Conference United Church camp near Midland within the Northern Waters Presbytery.

At our Northern Waters Presbyterial annual meeting held at the Dundalk United Church Patricia Williams-Burton, from the Women's Inter Church Council (WICC) spoke about "Slavery in Canada". The least coin which we collect each month at our meetings goes to the Women's Inter Church Council to assist those in need.

The Toronto Conference UCW Togetherness Day will be held on Wednesday, October 1st at the Caledon Community Complex. The speaker will be Terry Fallis, a renowned author. Coffee will be ready at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from Betty Ward which includes lunch catered by Bruce Cunnington.

We will begin our September UCW meeting with a pot luck luncheon. All women are welcome.

Membership

By Betty Ward

A pleasant social time was held following the service on May 11th when the congregation wished Sandy and Carol Stewart all the best as they move to their new home in Georgetown to begin a new phase in their life. Karen Hilliard, chair of Council, thanked them for all their volunteer work that they had done while members of Caledon East United Church and presented them with a gift card from “Home Sense”. Congratulations to Bob Cannon who received a Distinguished Citizen of the year award from the Town of Caledon. Bob received the award at the Volunteer Recognition evening at the Caledon Community Complex on April 7th. Several of his family members were present for the occasion.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Doug Johnston, Bob Cannon, Michelle Chessell and Lynda (Bracken, a sister to Allan Bracken) Speers. Our sympathy is extended to Ross Thompson and family in the loss of his wife Muriel. Muriel was a member of Caledon East United Church and an active member of the Caledon East United Church Women.

Our sympathy is also extended to John and Joanne Davis and family; David and Debbie Watson and family in the loss of their father, grandfather and great grandfather. Harry died on May 14th. A public memorial visitation will be held at a later date.

John and Margaret Konert’s new address and telephone number are: 9 Fallis Cres., Caledon East, ON L7C 3R5 905-860-0340

Bertha Robinson’s new address is: Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Home, Room 243 Queen St. E., Fergus ON N1M 2Y7.

A warm welcome to the folk from Trinity United in Malton, namely Lori Ball, Keith Wylie, Jim Wyatt and Ernie and Avis Chapman.

Finally, a great big thank you to all who have once again put the Link together and to all who have distributed the news to keep our parishioners informed of the goings on at Caledon East United Church. You are all appreciated.

HAVE A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER.

Outreach Report

By the Outreach Team

Happiness comes when your work and words are of benefit to others.

The Mission and Service Fund

Our congregation continues to support the Mission and Service Fund as we endeavor to reach our financial commitment for this year. According to the April issue of the Observer, as the United Church congregations are facing dwindling numbers, the M&S Fund is one of the first departments to receive fewer donations.* The need is still there and we are so blessed our church family continues to acknowledge M&S as an important aspect of our church life.

Thank you so much to the Scott Woods Concert attendees as half of the proceeds were donated to M&S. Also we are grateful to those who continue to support M&S at the coffee hour the first Sunday of each month and through the use of the Church Envelopes.

Minute for Mission readings are well received, if you would like to read please let us know and we would be happy to provide you with reading selections.

* Interestingly enough, in the April issue of The Observer, an article talked about the drop in M&S donations while there was an increase in targeted givings in the way of bequests, emergency funds and donations given to Gifts With Vision. Some of the most popular programs are for homeless Canadians and orphans round the world. CEUC has Gifts With Vision catalogues available in the church narthex and in The Paisley Room.

Food Drives and Vegetable Garden

In April and May, the church family made donations of much needed items for The Food Support Program at The Exchange in Bolton. Many thanks for all donations and also to Dorothy Mazeau for delivering the items.

At the end of April, we planted seeds for radishes and spinach in part of our vegetable garden. Depending on the weather, they should be ready between June 15 – 30th. At the end of May, we will be planting the rest of the vegetable garden with beans and tomatoes. As the spinach and radishes are harvested, we will then plant beans in this section of the garden.

Green Activities

Earthday Nature Walk Inspires Us

To celebrate Earthday 2014 Caledon East United Church Outreach Team organized an Earthday Nature Walk on Saturday, April 26th. The Walk was led by Wayne Noble, a lifelong Caledon resident and trail advocate. Wayne has been a recipient of both a Queens Diamond Jubilee and Distinguished Citizen Award from the Town of Caledon (Thanks Wayne!!).

The walk began at Caledon East United. We then headed down Airport Road to the Caledon Trailway adjacent to the Trailside Restaurant. At this point, a native spiritual prayer composed by Josie Palma-Law was read. This allowed us to stop for a moment and reflect on the gift of The Caledon Trailway for all present and for future generations. From there Wayne led us in a very informative and enjoyable walk west on the trail. We learned about how the trail came into being and about its many natural features.

Here are some of the things Wayne told us:

- The Town of Caledon purchased a section of the abandoned railway in 1989. In 1994, work began to create a multi-use trailway that promotes the enjoyment and understanding of Caledon's unique cultural and natural features.
- Caledon's Trans Canada Trail pavilion was the first of its kind in Canada, built in 1996.
- The park also features a pond and Caledon's Walk of Fame

- Home of the first Trans Canada Trail Pavilion (in Caledon East) the Trailway follows the path of an abandoned rail line.
- The Hamilton & Northwestern Railway built the line in the 1870's, and was later amalgamated into the Canadian National Railway, to be decommissioned in the 1980's. The Town purchased the line in 1989.
- This was the first officially designated portion of the Trans Canada Trail. At the pavilion in Caledon East you will also find a developing arboretum, extensive gardens, and Caledon's Walk of Fame. Visit the Town of Caledon website, www.town.caledon.on.ca.
- Town of Caledon has an on-going project to re-surface the entire trail; to date approximately 15 kms have been done.

This first Earthday Nature Walk was a great success! We had 16 people participate and to connect with nature. From kids to adults to dogs, everyone was inspired as they connected with nature, relaxed and gained a little exercise. Afterwards, we shared some refreshments at the church.

The Earthday Nature Walk was a good opportunity to remember the importance of our environment. Caledon has such a beautiful landscape that we all need to sustain in any way we can –getting out on the trail is just one of the most enjoyable ways to do that!!

Jokes

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "(1) they don't like me, and (2) I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church:

(1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"

The Picnic

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."

Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish, and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

The Best Way To Pray

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said.

"No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!

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