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Chairman's Message

By Roger Crathern, Council Chair

Dear congregants, the past couple of months have just "Flown- By" with all that is going on within our church community these days.

Since Warren's departure, the Search Committee has had to undertake the immediate requirement for a weekly Pulpit Supply, (as we have seen over the past few Sundays), along with also initiating the search for both an Interim Minister and a Replacement Minister for the long term.

In both cases, I am happy to report that your Search Committee is working diligently, and will hopefully be reviewing perspective candidates for the interim Minister over the next few weeks. We are in-fact going to listen to one of our candidates minister in Brampton this coming Sunday.

We will obviously keep both the Council and our Congregation up-to date as both our short-term and long term searches continue.

The other major issue that the Council is presently dealing with is the request by our Montessori School tenant to expand their present-day use of the CEUC facilities. To this end, the Council has already requested, and listened to, a detailed presentation by the Montessori School principals as to exactly what is being asked for, and obviously how and what effect if any, this requested expansion will have on the overall daily operations at the CEUC?

We are again moving forward with a further meeting set for this week, after which proper drawings will be produced so that the Council can review what is being proposed in clearer detail. As the old saying goes, "A picture is Worth a Thousand Words". We are still some distance away from any firm decisions being made, but please be assured we are working with our Montessori partners in a framework of cooperation, with all of our collective interests in-mind.

As Congregants please also be assured that we as your Council, will ultimately review any proposed changes or recommendations with the full Church Community, before any final decisions are made on this very important issue.

Again, we will keep you posted as developments occur.
God Bless.

Property Report

By Terry Nelson, Chair of Property

After 20 years of cutting the grass at CEUC, I have decided to contract the job out. My lawnmower isn't getting any younger, and neither is the operator (that's me).

I have sought 3 quotes for looking after our grass cutting needs, the best of which was from Green Day Landscaping. The added advantage is that we have an existing relationship with Green Day since they do our snow removal.

The cost is \$960 plus \$124.80 HST for a total of \$1,084. Green Day will be cutting the grass (and trimming) every other week.

As a comparison, I charged \$60 per cut which worked out to about \$720 per year. This is the same price I charged 20 years ago.

I am very pleased that I have been able to find a contractor to cut the grass for slightly more than I charged. I had expected that we would have to pay much more.



Three Things You Do Not Have to Be...

Do not be troubled.

JOHN 14:1

Do not be anxious.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Do not be afraid

JOHN 14:27

2016 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, September 2nd, 2016 to the church office.

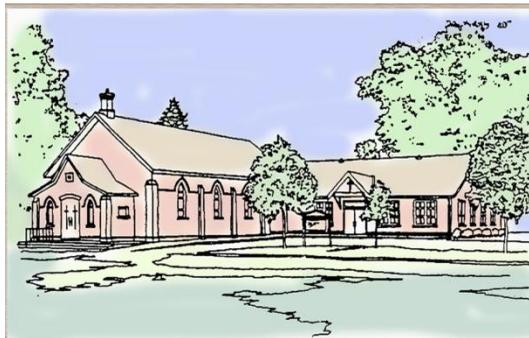
STEAK BBQ

CALEDON EAST UNITED CHURCH

Friday June 3th, 2016

5:00 – 7:00 PM

6046 OLD CHURCH ROAD



HOMEMADE PIES

\$20.00

(Children's Hotdog Meal \$5.00)

Godly Play

By Anne Kozluk, On behalf of the Godly Play team

We welcomed three children to our Godly Play March Break Events to introduce our programme to children and their parents/grandparents. On March 14, we shared the sacred story of creation and on March 17, we presented the Parable of the Sower.

During the season of Easter, we presented parables in order to discover God, ourselves, one another and the world around us, to several children. The material (two-dimensional materials) of each parable is found inside a gold box (parable box). We introduce each parable lesson in a similar way by observing the appearance of the box (e.g. gold, old) and saying that there may be a parable inside since parables are as valuable, or even more valuable than gold. We also share that parables are old and say that maybe there really is one inside.

We have the material for the following parable lessons in our Godly Play Worship Centre:

Parable of the Good Shepherd (April 3, 2016), Parable of the Good Samaritan, Parable of the Great Pearl (April 10, 2016), Parable of the Sower, Parable of the Leaven, Parable of the Mustard Seed (April 24, May 1).

Parables are important since they encourage us to play with the language and allow us to hear a near likeness of the voice of Jesus. They also allow us to examine life in existential terms.

We would like to thank Warren and Lori Ball for their hard work and dedication in bringing Godly Play to Caledon East United Church. We wish them the very best at their new church.

We are delighted to welcome Michele Chessel to our Godly Play team.

Please continue to promote our programme to your neighbours and friends .Godly play will be offered till the end of June. During the summer months, we will not be offering the programme. We will welcome children back in the fall on Sunday September 11, 2016. If you have any ideas of how we can market this

imaginative method for presenting scripture stories to children please speak to any member of the Godly Play team (Michele Chessel, Deborah Judge, Anne Kozluk, Cathy Pley). We are looking forward to offering this Christian Education programme in the fall!

“At Caledon East United Church, we welcome all as we grow together in Christian community and serve the work of God’s love at home and abroad”.

Worship and Music

By Nell Crathern

Since my last report we have had a very busy time in our church. Easter brought out a lot of our members and also some visitors. I counted 55 in the congregation that day but might have missed some from where I was sitting in the choir pews. The choir was also present on Good Friday to sing to a smaller congregation but a service that was a very moving experience for those present. Thank you to Anne Kozluk and the members of the choir for giving us your gift of music for Easter.

Then came the time to say our farewells to Warren and Lori and a large contingent attended church on the 24th of April to say our goodbyes to them. I know we will miss them both. After the service we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared and served by Leone Beck, Karen Hilliard and their helpers.

We have managed to carry on without Warren though. Dave Forbes was there for our first week, followed by Rev. Kerry Perry and then Dave Forbes again. The 2 weeks following will be ministered by Rev Lorne O’Neill. We thank them all for helping us in transition and Dorothy Mazeau for finding our supply ministers. We are all waiting to hear what our search committee discovers for our future.

Rev. Kerry Perry joined for our service on Mother’s Day and I know I always enjoy Kerry’s storytelling. We thank Sean Davis from Davis Feed & Supply for providing us with the beautiful flowers we were able to hand out to all the women that were at the service.

To all those who helped with the readings, greetings and service preparations, thank you. It’s the little tasks that you all do what makes our church run smoothly and make us all feel welcome and a part of our church family.

United Church Women's Report

By Nell Crathern



We had 18 members and guests in March to listen to Tamara Shubert and Christine Sanghera, two OPP officers talk about common scams and frauds that we should all be aware of. It was very informative and appreciated. In April a group went to Camilla United Church for a power point presentation by Patricia Mirikami. She and Julie Holman and one other friend went to Iceland and shared their experiences with us. In June Mariel Camelleri showed us some Yoga moves that we can do even when seated and explained how beneficial it can be to our minds and our body. We then shared remembrances of advice given to us by friends and family and how that advice helped us. We all enjoyed time singing, sharing in worship and of course we shared in food together throughout these meetings.

Next month, June will be our last meeting before taking a break in the summer. Our June gathering will be at the Wishbone and we invite you to join us for that. Please let Betty know and she will reserve a spot for you.

Since my last report we have made donations to Mission and Service and to Camp Simpresca



On Tuesday May 10th 2016 several UCW members from Caledon East United Church and surrounding Palgrave United UCW as they welcomed John Jenkins, a descendant of a British Home Child who shared his journey of discovery and stories of meeting new family members. According to the British Home Child Association of Canada's website:

"From the late 1860s right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only two percent truly were. These children were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-

known and still working charities: Barnardo's, The Salvation Army and Quarrier's, to name a few. CEO and founder of the British Home Child Advocacy and Research Association (BHCARA) Lori Oschefski says, "Barnardo's sent over thirty thousand children here and was by far the largest organization sending children to Canada. Many BHC became known as "Barnardo Home Boys" despite the fact many came from other organizations. For the most part, these children were not picked up from the streets but came from intact families, who, through sickness or even death of one of their parents, had fallen on hard times. Because there was no social system in place to help them get through these difficult circumstances, the family had no other way than to surrender their offspring to the organizations. Sometimes this was meant to be a temporary solution until the family got back on their feet and there are cases on record where some parents went back to pick their children up, only to find that they had already been sent away. Sometimes the parents received an 'after sailing' notification, informing that their children had been emigrated a week before. Once in Canada, the children were sent to receiving homes right across the country until farmers picked them up or they were sent on to their destinations with a cardboard sign around their necks. There were at least seven applicants for every child shipped to this country. The British Home Children were sent away to work, some never to see their families again."

An informative film can be found here: <https://youtu.be/gNsdzjIPukc?t=22>

Through John Jefkins, Lori Oschefski asked participants assist in her quest to ask Prime Minister Trudeau to provide a formal apology from the Canadian Government.

The British Home Children Association of Canada's Website is <http://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/> The petition can be found there.

Distinguished Citizen Betty Ward

Each year, The Town of Caledon recognizes their volunteers for their various involvements.

Joanne Davis, Anne Allengame and Fay McCrea decided it was time that **Betty Ward** was recognized for her achievements through the years so we nominated her under the category of Distinguished Citizen.

When we were notified that our nomination had been successful, we were delighted to learn that the selection committee had chosen Betty for the prestigious Community Champion for 2016 to recognize her many, many years of dedication to her community on so many different committees.

Betty was overwhelmed and humbled and we were all delighted and were invited to attend the ceremony at Caledon Community Complex along with her family.



Joanne

Anne

Betty

Fay

Joanne, Anne and Fay nominated Betty for a volunteer award for the 2016 Community Recognition night held on April 11, 2016.

Some of the activities Betty has been involved with during her almost 60 years in Caledon East.

Betty has been a very active resident of Caledon East since she was married almost **61** years ago. Nothing phases Betty and nothing is ever too much work for her. She tackles any and every task that needs attention. She is a wonderful human being and a very caring person. When she lost her beloved husband, Ginger, last year, she only took a couple of weeks from her activities and continues to stay involved with her community.

Betty has always believed in honouring other people and now it is her turn to be honoured for her commitment to her community. Betty works tirelessly in and for her community and she is a wonderful friend and neighbour and most deserving of this award.

CALEDON EAST UNITED CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Explorers on Wednesday nights – group of 30 children held in CEUC
- Cubs and Brownies when her own children were young
- Clerk of Session for a few years as well as a member of various committees within the church structure
- Superintendent of the Sunday school for 13 years
- Founding member of the United Church Women's group. She was their first president and has remained in that capacity for 54 years.
- Charter member of U.C.W founded in 1962
- First President of the U.C.W
- President of Dufferin-Peel Presbyterial, (now called Northern Waters) for 2 years
- Active in the Toronto Conference UCW, President for two years
- Instrumental in starting the Toronto Conference UCW 40th Anniversary Award in conjunction with Emmanuel college that assists a student within the Toronto Conference studying at Emmanuel college to be ordained as a United Church minister. The college continues to raise money through the UCW. In the beginning we assisted two students with the interest and

now are assisting four students. In 2015 the market value of the award was \$170,000.

- Active member of the church for almost 61 years.
- Betty is called “the ticketmaster” as she sells way more tickets for church functions than anybody else.

CALEDON EAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Served as President for 2 years and is still a director
- Conducted interviews and did research for the chapter “Schools of Our Past” for the history book entitled Settling the Hills”

CALEDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Betty taught public school from 1955-1970 and after retiring Betty was involved with organizing the reunions held since.
- Researched history to help with the book “School on the Hill” and helped to raise the funds to print the book
- Tutored many students privately
- Worked with tutoring programme that Husky provided for its employees

HERITAGE CALEDON

Conducted many interviews for long time residents for their oral histories project.

MEALS ON WHEELS

- Betty was one of the original “eight” who organized and began serving meals to seniors in Caledon East. She retired in 2011 after 27 years of loyal service.

CALEDON COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Served as Chair of the board
- Instrumental in starting a programme dubbed “Caledon East Cleanup” that arranged to hire a student to clean up the streets in Caledon East in the earlier days of village life.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Instrumental in organizing events to honour Dr. Twiddy on his retirement
- Successfully nominated Dr. Murray Fallis for the Walk of Fame
- Showcased The Elmer Iseler Singers as she helped to organize concerts in the local hall
- Advocate for local youth and showcases their talents by submitting their names for scholarships and awards.

Compiled by Anne Allengame, Joanne Davis and Fay McCrea

Betty Ward's new

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Membership

By Betty Ward

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mary Lou Bacci, Peter Kozluk and Doug Johnston as they continue with their treatments. We wish for them all the best.

Our sympathy is extended to Bill, John and David Appleby whose mother Zelma Appleby passed away on April 9, 2016 at the Shelburne Residence. Zelma and family were members of Caledon East United Church for many years.

Our sympathy also is extended to Dave, Joti, Shawna and Andrew Dexter on the passing of Dave's mother, Joy Dexter (Marriott) on May 8th at the Wellington Terrace in Fergus.

Thank you to all those who help with the preparation of the Link: To those who write articles, the editor Maureen Robinson, to our secretary Helga who runs them off, to Fay Bailey and Sandra Craven who collate them and prepares them for distribution and to all who distribute them around Caledon East and the surrounding area. Thank you it is enjoyable to read.

Thank you to those who have assisted with the coffee hour following the Sunday Church services. We are always looking for more women and men to sign up. Lemonade will begin on Sunday June 26th until August 28th. Coffee hour will begin again on September 4th. Please check the sign up sheet that is on the bulletin board in the Paisley room as there are a few dates in the summer to sign up for the lemonade. It is important to carry on this tradition if we want the social time following the services.

Thank you to Leone Beck who purchases the cups and lemonade.

Also many thanks to Maryann Johnston who assists me every other month to prepare the early morning coffee. It is usually ready shortly after 8:30 a.m. The early morning coffee hour will stop at the end of June and resume on Sept. 4th.

Last but certainly not least a big thank you to Marlene Nelson who for many years has arranged for people to sign up for coffee time following the services. Marlene has decided to retire in this position at the end of June. For me it has always been a pleasure working with Marlene in many projects that we have both been involved in. We all know what Marlene has done, gardening, painting, kitchen renovations, arranging coffee hours and many, many more jobs. She spends many hours at the church inside and out. Thank you from all of us.



CEUC UCW member Cheryl van Daalen-Smith has a secret. She LOVES Anne of Green Gables and studies the literary style of Canada's beloved author Lucy Maud Montgomery. She even named their farm Avonlea Acres. Cheryl is a member of any and all LMM societies and organizations and is presenting this June in PEI at the LMM Institute Conference.

The LM Montgomery Heritage Society is an organization near and dear to Cheryl's heart. This grass roots organization is currently working to raise \$2,000,000 for "The Norval Presbyterian Manse Project" where from 1926-1935 Maud and her Presbyterian husband lived for several years and where Maud wrote five of her novels, many short

stories and over three volumes of personal journals.

The Norval LM Montgomery Heritage Society, a committee of the Heritage Foundation of Halton hills, has signed an option to purchase the manse to turn the site into a museum and literary centre dedicated to the author – and open to the public. The project is supported by the Prince's Charities Canada office for HRH The Prince of Wales, The University of Guelph (which houses the largest collection of LMM materials), Heritage Canada and the Heirs of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

This project will be entirely financed by charitable gifts and Cheryl invites us to send this info to any and all Kindred Sprits near and afar. For more info and to see a short lovely video visit www.heritagefoundationhalton.com and www.lmmontgomerynorval.com or speak to Cheryl about it anytime.

Outreach Report

Submitted by the Outreach Team

May Food Drive for Caledon Community Services (CCS)

Many thanks to the church family for their generosity in supporting the annual May Food Drive. Kim D'Eri of CCS greatly appreciates your support in providing the requested needed items as well as other food donations for the Food Support Program at The Exchange. When she was contacted, Outreach learned that the food supply on the shelves were down about 40%. Local food drives such as ours will help The Exchange make it through the summer. CCS has about 110 families that utilize their Food Support Program.

Dorothy Mazeau delivered the donated items to The Exchange. Her consistent and enthusiastic volunteering for this task is greatly appreciated by The Outreach Team.

Vegetable Garden for The Exchange

Work on the vegetable garden has begun in earnest. Tony Beck did a wonderful job mending the fence surrounding the raised beds. Margaret Konert and Tony cleaned the garden area. Tony, Margaret and Cathy Pley then planted spinach and beet seeds in the first raised bed. Onion bulbs will be planted after the spinach and beets are harvested and delivered to The Exchange. Cabbage and kale seedlings will be planted in the second raised bed and harvested in late summer.

Margaret and John Konert's experience in vegetable gardening is a great asset to this gardening activity.

Many hands make light work. The Outreach Team welcomes your help with the various gardening tasks. A [sign-up sheet](#) will be posted in the Paisley room. Do join us as we provide our local community with fresh, organic produce.

Plant a Row Project by CCS

The Outreach Team encourages gardeners and farmers of the church family to support The Plant a Row Project by Caledon Community Services. Kim D'Eri, Manger of Poverty Reduction Partnerships of CCS wants people to know that they accept excess produce from their gardens. The Exchange is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They accept donated produce any time during their business hours. The Exchange's address is 55 Healey Road in Bolton and phone number is 289-966-1715.

For the gardeners and farmers who want to dedicate some of their produce to this community project, please inform Cathy Pley (cpley@rogers.com) or Karen Hilliard (karen.hilliard@rogers.com).

Special Canadian Outreach Project

We are planning to select a special Canadian Outreach Kid's Project to sponsor through church members (e.g., Send Kids To Camp or helping fund a recreation program in a First Nation community or partner with an inner city church to help less fortunate). Outreach (John MacRae and Cheryl Pillar) will collect some options in May.

Then in June during a Sunday coffee hour, we will do a survey to see what church members are most interested in supporting. We will also ask for some volunteers to help organize/raise for the sponsorship with a launch/kick-off in September.



Stained-Glass Windows-

from Coffee Time Prayers by Lynn Salee

The soft glow of violet and amber and turquoise. The more vivid accents of ruby and orange. Stained glass windows enchant me. Sometimes, I confess, I study them so deeply during Sunday service that the sermon flies over my head unnoticed. But there's a fascination to old stained glass windows with their Tiffany bull's-eyes and well-aged lead coming that can block out the rest of my surroundings. Inscriptions from long ago reveal a window's age, it's true, but more telling story can be found in the cracks and repairs an not-quite-matching glass section replacements. These relics of the past have been loved and cared for by generations of past church members whose efforts preserved them for me to enjoy every Sunday morning.

FATHER, several years ago I read a message about stained-glass windows that I've often remembered since. I can't recall the exact words but it read something like this: "People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and glow when the sun is bright; but when the sun goes down, their beauty is revealed only if there is a light within." It's the light of Your spirit shining in us that gives us beauty even when everything around us is dark and forbidding. Help me to serve as Your stained-glass window- reflecting Your light clearly for all the world to see.

Dear God
As the luminous sky
Holds a million scattered stars
Please hold my scattered thoughts
And illumine them with you.

By Ruth Harms Calkin

**Life isn't
promised
to us. We
are blessed
everyday
by simply
being able
to rise in the
morning.**

AUTHOR
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LORD, KEEP ME CALM
IN THE STORMS OF LIFE
AND PEACEFUL IN
THE BUSYNESS OF LIFE
FOR YOU HAVE ASSURED ME
THAT IN QUIETNESS AND TRUST
I SHALL FIND YOUR STRENGTH

Got That?

A big challenge of running a small business is dealing with employees' requests for time off. One morning an employee said, "I need to leave early tomorrow" Later that same day, he followed up with "Looks like i'll be coming in late tomorrow, but if my coming in late runs into my leaving early, then i won't be in at all.

Be Gentle with me

One day at the animal hospital where I worked, an owner brought an African Grey parrot in to have a beak and wings trimmed. The owner warned that the bird disliked these procedures and was apt to bite. I donned thick gloves and cautiously opened the cage. The parrot stepped out and looking up at me , said, "Don't worry, I won't hurt you."

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