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# Chairman's Message

By Roger Crathern, Council Chair

Dear congregants and friends,

It is with very mixed emotions that I am writing this greeting to you all as it will almost certainly be my last as chair of the CEUC Council.

As most of you have already heard, we will be moving north to Penetanguishene within the next month or so to be closer to our son and his family.

The last few weeks have been very a very emotional for both Nelleke and I as we are leaving a home and community that we have been a part of for 44 years. Our leaving the CEUC family so soon is one of the hardest things we have had to do.

Both Nelleke and I will be formally submitting our resignation at the upcoming September 13, Council meeting at which time we also be reviewing the very positive developments that have occurred at the CEUC over the past couple of months i.e.:

- The hiring of our  $\frac{3}{4}$  time permanent minister, Rev. Ross Leckie;
- the Montessori School additions with the increase in rental revenue, and;
- the sale of the church manse enabling the CEUC to be able to access the funds for both capital projects where necessary, and the interest earned being applied towards our ministerial costs.

In short, the CEUC has a more solid financial picture moving forward.

In closing, I know that I speak for the both of us in saying a very big "Thank You" to everyone at the CEUC for making us feel so welcome as part of your church family. We have enjoyed every minute!

God bless you all.



## **Our New Minister: Ross Leckie**

By Dorothy Mazeau

By now some of you have met Ross Leckie, our new minister, but you may not have had the opportunity to get to know him yet. For you, and for those who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting him, I am pleased to offer this introduction!

Ross Leckie hails from Sarnia, Ontario, the only child of Cliff and Maureen Leckie. His dad worked in a chemical plant that manufactured synthetic rubber, but

Ross spent a lot of time helping relatives on their farm, where he grew to love animals and gave some thought to becoming a veterinarian. He was a quiet child who loved reading and science. His family was active in Central United Church in Sarnia, where Ross attended Sunday School, sang in the children's choir, and actively participated in the Scouting programs and youth group that met at the church.

Following his graduation from high school, Ross headed off to the University of Guelph, the first of his family to attend higher education. With his love of science he was drawn to the Biology program, specializing in fish and wildlife, but soon realized that there were just too many other students headed in the same direction and too few jobs waiting at the other end – mostly in the government. So as a practical young man, Ross looked around and redirected his scientific bent to Food Sciences, a field with a lot more elbow room for his ambitions.

On a trip home from Guelph to attend a party honoring his parent's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Ross noted that many of his parents' friends had brought their "very eligible" daughters with them to this community celebration. One of these young ladies in particular caught his eye and thus began a long distance relationship between Ross and Jean Cleave, who was just beginning her studies at Queens University in Kingston. Ross says he burned a lot of rubber on the 401 between Guelph and Kingston over the next few years.

In 1976 Ross graduated from the University of Guelph and accepted a position with Lucerne Foods, Canada Safeway Stores, as a Dairy Processing Supervisor at their regional office in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His long distance relationship with Jean got even longer! But after two months he drove for 20 hours straight back to Ontario to marry Jean at Grace United Church in Sarnia. (He did make it home a couple of days before the wedding to rest up.)

The newlyweds returned to Winnipeg, but Safeway soon transferred Ross to Vancouver. While in BC, Jean returned to school to complete her Masters of Divinity degree. Following her ordination she served at Langley United Church. About a year later, Jean successfully sought a position with the national church office in Youth, Young Adult, and Recreational Ministries. After close to five years in Vancouver, Safeway transferred Ross again, this time to Oakville, Ontario.

Throughout these years, Ross was involved in youth work as a volunteer at each of the churches the couple joined. Over time he began to sense a call to ministry himself and in 1983 he left Safeway to attend Emmanuel College. While Ross was attending seminary, Jean accepted a call to Thornhill United Church. Then in 1984, the couple's first child, Laura, was born, at nearby North York Hospital.

Ross received his Masters of Divinity, in 1986, and the Leckies moved with their two-year-old daughter to share a team ministry at the Nickel District Pastoral Charge in Sudbury, Ontario. Nickel District was a four-point charge, with each of them conducting two worship services every Sunday. Their second child, Karen, was born in 1987, in Sudbury.

After three years in Sudbury, the family moved to North Bay, where Ross and Jean again shared a ministry, this time at Omond Memorial United Church. They arrived at a time of conflict within the church community and were grateful to be able to guide the congregation to a healthier reality. The Leckies' third child, John, was born shortly after their arrival in North Bay in 1989, and Jean chose to reduce her ministry to part-time in order to devote more time to their growing family. The Leckies served this congregation together for a period of seven years before returning to Southern Ontario in 1996.

Their return to Southern Ontario found them at the St. Andrews-Ballinafad Pastoral Charge from 1996-2003, where Ross led the congregation through a period of growth, including laying the groundwork for a 50-unit Seniors Housing initiative, which

subsequently came to fruition. While serving this Charge, the couple purchased the home in Georgetown, where they still live today.

In 2003, Ross accepted the position of Coordinating Minister at Grace United Church in Brampton, another congregation facing some challenges. This turned into a call that lasted for the next 13 years. Again, he successfully encouraged the congregation to evolve, meeting the challenges of being part of an urban, culturally and socio-economically diverse community. By the time of Ross's departure this past summer, the church had become a hub of neighbourhood outreach, known as Grace Place, incorporating meals and public health services to those in need, as well as providing adult Christian education programs.

In the midst of all this creative professional activity, Ross and Jean still found time to enjoy a rich family life. During the summers they enjoyed camping and hiking together with their children, exploring our beautiful country of Canada, towing a tent trailer from coast to coast. In the last year they have 'broken in' a new lighter version tent trailer which they hope to share with their grandchildren, too – four of them now, ranging in age from 10 months to five years old.

In the last 10 years Ross and Jean have had the privilege of traveling abroad, often with connections through family and friends. They have explored parts of Great Britain, Scotland, Wales, and the Cotswolds. They visited former parishioners in Switzerland with a side trip to north and central Italy, including walking the Cinque Terra trail. Friends invited them to Prague a few years ago and they were able to visit Budapest and Vienna on the same trip. The Leckies' son, John, taught for a year in Stockholm, Sweden, so they took an opportunity to visit him there.

Three years ago Ross enjoyed a two month sabbatical which exposed him to various Canadian outreach projects and an opportunity to be introduced to Celtic Christianity. The latter was largely through a two week tour of Ireland with the Rev. Dr. Gerald Hobbs, a former professor of history and music from Vancouver School of Theology (also editor of Songs for a Gospel People). The Leckies hope to travel to Germany in 2017 to celebrate Luther's 500 years since nailing that momentous thesis on the door of the Wittenburg church, 'sparking' the Protestant Reformation.

There is something about a drive in the country that 'calms' Ross' soul. The route from Georgetown to Caledon East has the advantage of having beautiful rural landscape to enjoy, and he is looking forward to connecting and learning about farm families and the

townspeople of Caledon East and the surrounding area. And we are looking forward with great optimism to this new phase in the life of Caledon East United Church under his ministry.

## **New Beginnings**

By Rev. Ross Leckie

I've always found new opportunities in my adult life to be exciting, though I must admit that after serving almost 13 years in my last pastorate, I'm a little out of practice. Certainly there were different chapters and projects in my time serving Grace UC, Brampton and as I look back some of them took a few years of 'plodding', while other chapters had a distinct 'freshness' and excitement about them. At this time we witness the first days of the new school year. We see the excitement on the faces of young people, their teachers, perhaps through our grandchildren.

One of the public elementary schools that I pass on the journey from Georgetown had this sign posted, "At Creditview we inspire hope." What a good goal for a school or for a church in these times.

We have been given a new beginning here at Caledon East United Church. I am still learning and 'taking it all in' as I hear and read more about your present ministry. What a good location you have. You have a presence on a main thoroughfare that is a point of access 'in' and for those going 'out' of town. The property here has extra space and even a 'garden plot' utilized for outreach purposes. The building is used for the benefit of children and young families of the community weekdays, five days a week. You have many different people engaged in the various elements of ministry of this congregation. I'm told people come together to look at some contemporary literature and that from time to time recently groups addressed big questions like, "why do bad things happen to good people"?

Over the last couple of months my wife (Jean) and I have been going through our joint library and doing some sifting and sorting. I came across a book which I thought I would reference here, There's Hope for Your Church. This book refers to the hope there is for all churches. Clare Luce is quoted as saying, "There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them." The author of the book, Gary McIntosh goes on to say, "if you want your church to have fresh vitality, you must believe it too!"

The hope which is identified is that of the church doing God's work in the community. This is also referenced in terms of what God is leading the church to do in this time. I believe that in a rather mysterious way we are given insight and energy and enthusiasm if we can just figure out the direction God would have our church go in this time. How do we discern this? I think we do so through our fellowship, prayer, study, reflection, and questioning together. I hope that there

will be an appetite for joint study and discussion groups to be formulated in the next few months. Please seek me out and share your ideas.

We need to be communicating well to discern God's direction. That might even mean disagreeing well from time to time, too. Perhaps a church is best measured by how it lives through difficult times of challenge and change. As I reviewed some of the history of Caledon East United Church this week, I found that this congregation stretches back over 150 years, well before a permanent building was built. Many of us can only imagine the struggles and challenges of former times. I am imagining those who continued to bring hope to the fore even in the face of great obstacles.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve with you for a time. Thank you to those who have given me a warm welcome and to those who are gradually sharing knowledge about this community of faith so that we can serve together faithfully. I look forward to getting to know you better as we worship and work together to shape this portion of God's 'kindom'<sup>1</sup> on earth in our time.

## **Worship & Music**

By Anne Kozluk on behalf of Worship & Music Committee

Our services in June, July and August were led by the following guest worship leaders: David Forbes, Rev. Lorne O'Neill, Paul Boughton, Ed Elliotson and Penny Squirrel.

During the month of July we welcomed the members of St. James Anglican Church to our services. The following guest musicians shared their musical gifts in worship: Lucza Svab (vocalist), Ed Elliotson (violin), Ann Wood (organist), Dorothy Mazeau (vocalist). Our newly appointed minister, the Rev. Ross Leckie led our welcome service on Sept. 11.

The Worship & Music Committee and Ross will be meeting to discuss plans for fall services and Advent/ Christmas services in the near future.

### **Upcoming Services:**

- Oct. 2: World Wide Communion Sunday
- Oct. 9: Thanksgiving Sunday

### **Upcoming Concert:**

C.E.U.C. Choir Presents A Christmas Concert & Carol Sing on  
Sunday December 18 at 2 P.M. at C.E.U.C.

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<sup>1</sup> The traditional word is 'kingdom.' The word 'kindom' has been used as it is thought to be more inclusive of men and women and less triumphant language.

## ***This is just in.***

***For the last few years I have worked together with a group of United Church clergy in west Brampton, Caledon, and area for joint support, some joint projects, etc.. Here is news of a joint effort which I would like to encourage the Caledon East congregation to be a part of.***

Greetings:

I write to you to share a special event that is upcoming.

A group of United Churches in the Peel, Caledon, Wellington and Dufferin area are offering our 4th Annual Spiritual Practices Retreat at the beautiful Scott Mission Retreat Center, 3852 The Grange Sideroad in Caledon.

This Retreat will take place on Saturday, October 1st, 2016 from 9am to 4pm.

Choose 4 workshops from the following:

Yoga, Praying With Scripture, Meditation, Drumming, Sacred Circle Dance, Walking Prayer and Photography.

Led by skilled and passionate leaders.

For more info and to register:

[secretary@mayfieldunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@mayfieldunitedchurch.org) 905 843-1035.

Cost \$50. Bring bag lunch.

Child care and refreshments provided.

SACRED PLACE SACRED TIME

I have attached our brochure giving more details of the workshops; a flyer for advertising and an information page for church announcements, websites, etc.

We would appreciate you sharing this news with others.

Treat yourself to a day away.

Regards

Lloyd Paul, Mayfield United Church  
(on behalf of the planning team)



# Property Report

By Terry Nelson, Chair of Property

The waxing and polishing the floors in Friendship Hall was completed on July 16th. This year we decided to defer cleaning the carpets until after the construction and renovations.

Additional shelving was constructed in the shed to give us more space for storage.

Thanks to Marlene Nelson and Nell Crathern for planting the flower beds. Sean Davis supplied the plants. Thanks to Tony Beck for watering the flower beds on a regular basis during this very dry summer.

Thanks to Pat Oliver for looking after the planter at the entrance way



## MANSE PROPERTY SALE

In January 2014 a discussion was held at the CEUC Annual General Meeting regarding the proposal to sell the Manse property. A motion was passed at the January 2014 CEUC Annual General Meeting to move forward with the sale of the Manse property subsequent to the tenant moving out and obtaining approval from Presbytery.

On June 30, 2016 the Trustees of the CEUC sent a request to Presbytery to list the manse property upon the conditions that the proceeds from the sale are kept as capital by CEUC and that interest gained from the capital is used to supplement the needs of the minister's remuneration. The Trustees received approval from Presbytery on July 5, 2016 to list the manse property. On July 5, 2016 the Trustees of the Caledon East United Church (CEUC) listed the manse property with Ms. Dorothy Mazeau from Royal LePage. The property was listed at \$549,000. The property was listed to be sold "as is" for immediate occupancy.

On July 8, 2016 the Trustees of CEUC received an offer of \$520,000 for the manse property. The offer was for a closing date of July 29, 2016 on the condition that Presbytery approves the offer. The offer was sent on July 11, 2016 to Presbytery for

approval. Presbytery approved the offer of \$520,000 on July 15, 2016. The purchaser subsequently requested to extend the closing date to August 5, 2016. The Trustees of the CEUC advised the purchaser and received confirmation from the purchaser that additional fees related to the closing date extension (taxes and interest on the mortgage) would be covered by the purchaser.

The following is a ledger statement of income and expenses on the sale:

Purchase price:	\$520,000.00
Additional fees (taxes & mortgage interest):	<u>\$534.76</u>
Total:	\$520,534.76
Discharge of the existing mortgage:	\$129,975.44
Real Estate Fee (5% on \$520,000 plus HST):	\$29,380.00
Legal Fees:	<u>\$1130.00</u>
<b>Balance to CEUC upon closing:</b>	<b>\$360,049.32</b>

The Trustees of the CEUC have opened an investment account at the Caledon East CIBC for the proceeds (the capital) from the sale of the manse. As approved by Presbytery on July 5, 2016, the capital can be used by the CEUC for potential building or property related projects on the CEUC property upon approval from Presbytery. In addition, the interest gained from the capital can be directed to supplement the needs of the minister's remuneration.

Sincerely,  
CEUC Trustees  
Barry Kozluk, John Davis, John Konert

# Community Women's Circle Report

By Sheila Freitag

Our annual Spring Breakfast took place on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Community Women's Circle hosted a traditional buffet breakfast in Friendship Hall for 47 local residents of our community. Organization and preparation as well as serving the full breakfast or egg casseroles, fruit, breads and beverages was carried out by our team of volunteer women. Following breakfast an entertaining live auction of a numerous variety of donated items enabled us to raise funds to make donations to several community charities and to CEUC.

During the summer CWC set up a barbecue at the Caledon East park baseball diamonds to cater to a community baseball tournament. Players and spectators were able to purchase barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs as well cold drinks and homemade cookies and squares. The Caledon Community Services program **Send a Kid to Camp** was the recipient of proceeds from this event.

The Fall season is coming up quickly and the Community Women's Circle is planning their Craft Shoppe and Bake Sale. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Friendship Hall and Paisley Room. There will be refreshments served in café style available in Paisley Room. Interested vendors should contact Pat Oliver at 905-584-2815 or Helga at the church office 905-584-9974 to rent table space for \$25. Homemade baked goods, preserves and crafts will be on display for sale. CWC will allot some of the proceeds to Caledon Community Services as well as to CEUC

## Ruth and Murray Fallis Scholarship

By Peter Robinson

The Finance Committee has not yet had a meeting regarding the Ruth and Murray Fallis Scholarship. This information will be reported in the next Link.



# Scripture Stories for Children

By Anne Kozluk

On Sunday September 11, 2016 we celebrated the beginning of the Godly Play Church School Year with special frozen treats with toppings after the first presentation. Our first lesson focused on how the church tells time. The Circle of the Church Year presentation set includes a circle one foot in diameter made from wood and coloured blocks (purple, white, green and red) made from wood that fit in a ring to represent each week of the liturgical year, as well as Christmas day. There are three arrow-shaped hands included on this “clock” that point to the three great times of the Church year. There is also a gold cord to show us time in a line. During the response time, children may make their own Circle of the Church Year to take home.

This programme for children ages 3 years and up will run during the Sunday church service from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Here is our story schedule:

Sept. 11: ‘The Circle of the Church Year’

Sept. 18: ‘Creation’

Sept. 25: ‘The Holy Family’

Oct. 2: ‘The Flood and the Ark’

Oct. 9: ‘The Great Family’

Oct. 16: ‘The Exodus’

Oct. 23: ‘The Ten Best Ways’

Oct. 30: ‘The Exile and Return’

Nov. 6: ‘The Prophets’

Nov. 13: Storyteller’s Choice

Nov. 20: Storyteller’s Choice

Nov. 27: ‘Advent I’

Dec. 4 ‘Advent II’

Dec. 11 ‘Advent III’

Dec. 18 ‘Advent IV’

Pictures from our Godly play



**1 Weston Davis with Grandmother Joanne**



**2 Nora Davis and Mother Amy**

# United Church Women's Report

By Nell Crathern



After a long hot summer the CEUC is looking forward another promising year. The first meeting on September 13 will be a potluck, and I am sure it will be well attended and that the food will be wonderful. Our new minister will be attending for this first meeting and we look forward to introducing Rev. Ross Leckie to our UCW members.

Two upcoming events that will be happening during the next two months are the Northern Waters Presbyterial meeting on September 21 at Annan United Church our speaker will be Dwight Biggs, Manager of Spiritual Care for the Grey Bruce Health Care Chaplaincy Council and in the afternoon we will go to Leith Church for a tour and presentation. The next event is Togetherness Day on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Caledon Community Complex. If you haven't got tickets yet please contact Betty Ward.

All are welcome to these events and it's a great chance to meet your fellow UCW members.

## Finance Committee

By Peter Robinson Chair

Please be aware that the Church deficit as of the end of July is \$5,101.00. Although substantially better than prior years, this is solely due to not having to pay Minister's wages for a few months. The actual amount of donations has decreased about 16%. The Finance Committee asks that you please remember your donations.

The Church BBQ made \$3,101.30 for the Building Together Fund.



# Membership

By Betty Ward

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Doug Johnston as he continues with his cancer treatments.

Our sincere sympathy to Liz Sutherland whose daughter Diane Dowling passed away on June 6<sup>th</sup> from complications from Diabetes.

Also our sincere sympathy to Bill and Anne Wood whose daughter Mary Lou Bacci passed away at Bethell House on August 17<sup>th</sup> due to a brain tumour.

Bob Eastman, Barb Cannon's father, has been moved to the Avalon nursing home in Orangeville.

I'm pleased to report that Sarah Mashinter is doing well following a hernia operation. In June, Marilynne Kolking fell and broke her leg and ankle while gardening. I'm pleased to report she is doing well and hopes to be back to church soon.

A thank you and a farewell reception for Barb and Jim Pipher was held in Friendship Hall on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> following the church service. We all enjoyed cake and coffee as we wished them all the best before they move to their new home near Kinmount.

## **Congratulations to the Following:**

**To Jordan Davis and Katy Hawkins who** were married on July 1<sup>st</sup> in Vermont. Jordan is the son of Joanne and John Davis. Jordan and Katy are teaching in Hong Kong.

**To Kerri Neelands and Geoffrey Westgarth** who were married on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hidden valley Resort in Huntsville. Kerri is the daughter of Dianne and the late Tom Neelands.

**To Ryan and Ashley Bailey** as they became parents of a baby girl, Gwyneth Lillian Eleanor on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Ryan is the son of Bob and Fay Bailey.

**To Michael and Lex Villa** as they became parents of a baby girl Elle Brenda on July 26. She was welcomed by her two cousins Haleh and Teah, daughters of Allison and Arjan. Michael and Allison are the son and daughter of Gaye and Enzo Villa

**Jaime Cannon** left on Thursday, September 1st to begin her next phase of Education at the University in Edmonton. Her program is “Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, Department of Occupational Therapy” and her degree will be in “Masters of Science (MSc) in Occupational Therapy”. Jaime is the daughter of Rob and Barbara Cannon.

**Andrew Yorke:** 15 years in the making, it was a dream fulfilled. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Andrew Yorke got his chance to compete at the Rio Olympic Games, in Triathlon. While he faced some challenges that day, Andrew showed the spirit of a true Olympian by his determination to finish what he started; with true grace, under pressure. As his mother said, “We couldn’t be prouder of him. He is now for all time...an Olympian” Andrew is the son of Tracey and Ward Yorke.

**Marilynne Kolking’s** granddaughter Jessie Fleming from London, Ontario, who was on the Woman’s Canadian soccer team at the Olympics in Rio de Janiero, won the bronze medal.

**William Robinson** had a wonderful experience this summer. He attended MEI Academy summer school and took the Adventure Down Under Program, which is grade 12 English and Physical Education. William spent 35 days away in Sydney, Australia, Cairns Australia and Fiji. While away, besides school work he walked on top of the Sydney Bridge, hiked the Blue Mountains north of Sydney, He learned to surf, scuba dive in the Great Barrier reef and learned healthy living in Fiji. William is the son of Peter and Maureen Robinson. He has one more year at Humberview S.S.

**William Kozluk** graduated from Mayfield secondary school on June 30<sup>th</sup>. During his second semester, he completed a co-op program with the Canadian Armed Forces. William received an award of Excellence from Mayfield secondary school in recognition of outstanding performance in Co-op career Studies. He will be studying Construction Carpentry-Sustainable at Durham College in Whitby this fall. William is the son of Anne and Barry Kozluk.

**We are all so very proud of our young people.**



# **Outreach Report**

**Submitted by the Outreach Team, September 2016**

## **The M&S Special Gift Envelopes for Thanksgiving**

Once again, the church family will have the opportunity to generously support Mission and Service programs through their Thanksgiving gift envelopes. Watch for the announcements in the church bulletins and the e-mail reminders. Thanksgiving Sunday is October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Just as a reminder, the donation basket for M&S will be available during coffee hour on those Sundays that have Minute for Mission readings. For volunteers who would like to read, please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board in The Paisley Room or talk to Cheryl Pillar.

## **November Food Drive for Caledon Community Services (CCS)**

Please mark your calendar to bring in food donations during the month of November. Check your church bulletins or e-mails for the most needed items.

## **Vegetable Garden for The Exchange**

The Outreach Team is very appreciative of Tony Beck for watering and maintaining the vegetable garden during this unusually hot and dry summer. We harvested and delivered an abundance of beets and there are more to come. The onions did not do well so spinach will be planted in late August or early September. The kale and cabbage are doing well and will be harvested in September.

Recently, Tony and Cathy pulled 3 grocery bags full of beets and one large bag of cabbage. The Exchange weighed them at a total of 25 lbs.

The hot summer was a challenge and we thank those who helped care for the garden.

**Quote of the Week:** Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. (Albert Camus)

**Bible Trivia:** How did Elisha feed 100 men? (2 Kings 4:42-44)

**How Big is One?** by Stephen on October 4, 2012

As a man walked a desolate beach one cold, gray morning he began to see another figure, far in the distance. Slowly the two approached each other, and he could make out a local native who kept leaning down, picking something up and throwing it out into the water. Time and again he hurled things into the ocean. As the distance between them continued to narrow, the man could see that the native was picking up starfish that had been washed upon the beach and, one at a time, was throwing them back into the water. Puzzled, the man approached the native and asked what he was doing. "I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide right now and all of these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the sea, they'll die up here from lack of oxygen." "But there must be thousands of starfish on this beach," the man replied. "You can't possibly get to all of them. There are just too many. And this same thing is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast. Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?" The local native smiled, bent down and picked up another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea he replied, "Made a difference to that one!" Author Unknown Each of us is but one person: limited, burdened with our own cares and responsibilities. We may feel there is so much to be done, and we have so little to give. We're usually short of everything, especially time and money. When we leave this shore, there will still be millions of starfish stranded on the beach. Maybe we can't change the whole world, but there isn't one of us who can't help change one person's whole world. One at a time. We can make a difference.

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## ***FRIENDS***

A best friend is like a four leaf clover, hard to find, lucky to have. – Anonymous

“Friends are like stars . . . you don't always see them but you know they're always there.”  
— Anonymous

“Forever friends are a treasure chest of understanding and compassion. Cherish them.” —  
Amy Leigh Mercree

“Some people in our life are like a lighthouse, They guide us to safety as we navigate the coast”

— Mohammed Sekouty [goodreads.com/quotes/tag/friendship-quotes](http://goodreads.com/quotes/tag/friendship-quotes)

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