

This Week in the Life and Work of our Church

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

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The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Choir - Thursdays 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 K.U.C.I.E. – Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

COMMITTEE/GROUP	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Property	TBA	TBA
Administration	May 30 th , 10 am – noon	Res. room
Dory Lunch	May 30 th , 10 am – 2 pm	F. Hall/Kitchen
Council	June 6 th , 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
UCW North	June 13 th , 1-3 p.m.	Bonnie Cole's
<i>*Roll Call Article for Auction, Name a flower</i>		
Program	June 13 th , 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
UCW Sunshine	June 14 th , 12-3 p.m.	F. Hall/Kitchen
<i>*Lunch with Community Living</i>		

CELEBRATION OF LIFE HYMN SING MAY 28th



This service is conducted by the Administration Committee and consists of hymns, readings and prayers dedicated to the the memories of those we have lost and to celebrate their lives. If you wish to sponsor a hymn, **please complete the insert in the Bulletin and along with your cheque**, either drop it off at the church office during regular office hours or give to an Administration Committee member **by Tuesday May 23rd at 1:30 p.m., or put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection plate today.** The name(s) of your loved one(s) will be read out during the service, along with the names of the sponsors. This donation will be included in your 2017 income tax statement.

SCOTTISH TEAROOM CHAIRPERSON OPPORTUNITY ... The Scottish Tearoom



team is looking for a new chairperson this year. Marian Smith has family visiting and won't be able to chair the committee but would mentor a new chairperson. The team has discussed simplifying the menu and there are many volunteers to bake and help out the day of

the event, we just need someone to keep us on track and organized. If you can help out in this role, please contact Fran Gannett.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Sunday May 28 Easter 7 – Celebration of Life Hymn Sing

Sunday June 4 - Pentecost

Preaching – Ridley Gillmore

Sunday June 11 – 166th Anniversary, Communion & Father's Day

Preaching – Judy Zarubick

JUNE POTLUCK



Monday, June 12.

Social time will begin at 5:30 and supper will start at 6:00.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a time of great food and fellowship.

Please bring a guest or guests.

If you aren't able to cook that day, come anyway, there will be lots of food to share. Drinks, dishes and silverware will be provided.

Future dates to mark on your calendar:

Monday, July 10, 2017

Monday, August 14, 2017

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mystery Dinner ... May 27th at Knox Church. (not a murder mystery; you will order food and cutlery from a coded menu and may end up with an interesting combination depending on how you guess the code)

RESERVATIONS ESSENTIAL email knoxkincardineevents@gmail.com or

call 396-2311. Freewill offering, Proceeds to United Way of Bruce Grey. 5:30

pm – Mystery Dinner. 7 pm – “A Challenge for Change” Presentation by

United Way of Bruce Grey Executive Director, Francesca Dobbyn.



You are never alone when you are alone with God.
-Woodrow Kroll



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO FORM A FUNDRAISING MINISTRY TEAM

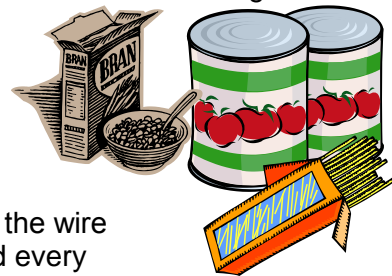
These members would accept suggestions, discuss the feasibility of them, then bring them to Administration and then on to Council. If a project is chosen then we would ask for co-ordinators and volunteers to complete the project. The Fundraising Team would not be responsible for co-ordinating all the projects. Anyone wishing to volunteer may give his/her name to any member of the Administration Committee – Donna Mowry, Liz Dillman, Dotty McClelland, Gregg McClelland, Jack Nancekivell, Ralph Knowles, Rod Coates, Gerry Stephens or Ron Smith.

FOOD BANK

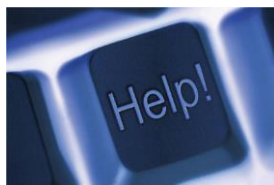


Our church is a regular supporter of the Kincardine Food Bank. To help boost donations, the Membership & Mission committee has deemed the last Sunday of each month as a special time to remember to bring a non-perishable item.

Some suggestions are: cans of ham, fruit, stew, vegetables, toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.), peanut butter, pasta, cookies, school snacks, jam, cereal, and feminine products. Let's overflow the wire shopping cart in the narthex next Sunday and every month! Thank you for your contributions.



ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH MUSIC LICENCE MINISTRY



As we are now projecting the words of our songs and hymns on the screens, we also have a copyright licence that permits us to do this. The licence requires that we report the songs and hymns that we used. And we are seeking people to help with this task. It can be done on line, from any computer. It can be done a week or two at a time or several weeks at one time. It must be done not more than 12 weeks past the present date and can be done up to 6 weeks ahead. It requires having a copy of Voices United and More Voices handy. A list of the hymns that we have selected will be available. If we could get 5-6 people to help with this task, it would only take each person a couple of hours once or twice a year. Anyone wishing to help with this should contact David Hamilton. David can guide you through your first time, so that you have the password and understanding of how to make the report.

JANELLE TAYLOR (May 7th Sharing Time speaker)

If you want to donate towards Janelle's work please visit

http://www.navigators.ca/staff_sites.php?ID=297 and click on Donate or you can write a cheque out to The Navigators with Janelle's name in the memo and send it to the Navigators, P.O. Box 27070 London, ON N5X 3X5. To contact Janelle you can email janellet@navigators.ca

COLLECTION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING – Reta Morin is collecting pool towels, brushes & combs, shampoo and conditioners, creams and soaps, and bags for carrying towels and other items to the pool. Please put them in the Choir room closet and mark the bag with a sticky note marked “Reta”. Thank you.



WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



If you have a concern, request or suggestion, please direct it to an appropriate volunteer. Thank you.

Chair of Council – Marion Boyd

Chair of Administration - Donna Mowry

Chair of Program - Jackie Clements

UCW Secretary – Dianne Henkenhaf

Membership & Mission committee members (no chairperson)

Liz Dillman

Jean Johnson

Charles Ludlow

Bernd Portz

Ursula Portz

Krista Ritchie

Melinda Smegal

Property Ministry Team

Ron Elliott

Bev Jennings

Ralph Knowles

Bill MacTavish

Dotty McClelland

Jack Nancekivell

Ron Smith

Gerry Stephens

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH STAFF

Supply Minister – Pastor Judy Zarubick (judy.kuc@bmts.com)

Minister of Music – David Hamilton

Envelope Steward – Rod Coates (kucesteward@bmts.com)

Treasurer – Liz Dillman

Office Coordinator – Sarah MacKenzie (kuchurch@bmts.com)

Custodian – David Walker

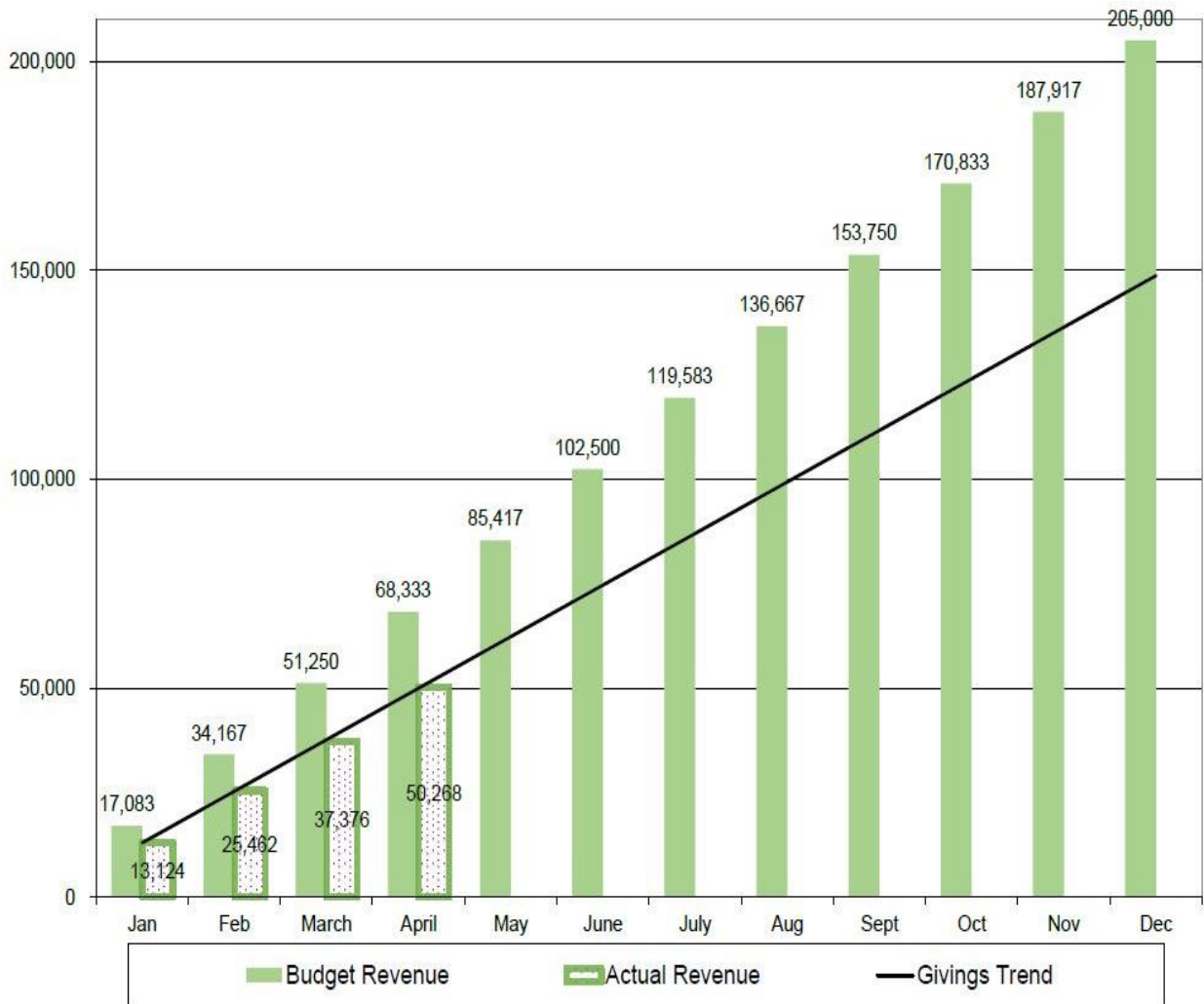


HEADSETS AND RECEIVERS... There are headsets and receivers available at the back at the church for anyone wishing to be better able to hear and enjoy the service.



FISH FRY FUNDRAISER at Kincardine Legion Friday June 16, 4-7 pm \$15/person. Includes fish and chips, coleslaw, roll, dessert, coffee or tea.) Advance tickets available at Legion Bar or Jerome Flowers, and at the door. Call 519-396-3837 after 3pm for more info.

2017 General Fund Givings (Budget vs Actual)



PINE RIVER CHURCH CHICKEN BARBECUE



Wednesday June 14, 2017 Ripley Community Centre 4:30-7:00 PM. Take out available. Adults \$20, Children (5-10 yrs) \$10. Under 5 Free. Contact Joan Ritchie for tickets.

THIS WORKED

What wonderful Christian thinking!

A closing church's spirit lives on

When Ellesmere United shuttered it opened the way for new ministries to thrive

By Deb Hinksman



Rev. Stuart Lyster, centre, (wearing a plaid shirt) and Beth Dollaga from Ellesmere United.

Ruth Francis Lyster

Mandate.” Members of Ellesmere United Church in Burnaby, B.C. focused on this word as they came to grips with the reality that they needed to close. Unlike many churches, Ellesmere was financially comfortable, thanks to money from the sale of the church building. The small congregation could have kept going for years.

But considering its future “was never about leaving a legacy for Ellesmere,” says Verna Adamson, the chair of Ellesmere United’s board. “It was about putting ministry first. We had an opportunity to model a faithful response to what is always emotional, deciding that it was time for a congregation to close.” That approach made all the difference in terms of how members fared, and now other people and churches are benefiting from Ellesmere’s generosity.

Ellesmere held several meetings between fall 2013 and spring 2014 for the congregation to discuss all its options, including an amalgamation with another congregation. Members talked about local needs and asked other congregations and ministries to think about how they could help. The main goal was making sure their money would support local, national, and international ministries.

One of the new ministries that Ellesmere created is having a profound impact on people in the Philippines. The Rev. Stuart Lyster of White Rock, B.C., told Ellesmere members

about individuals being thrown in jail for peacefully protesting. “They [often] cannot afford bail and are held in jail until they can be seen by a judge. This is often months or years later, and by that time the person has lost their income and been separated from their family,” Lyster told me. After hearing about this plight, the congregation created a \$40,000 legal defence fund to keep wrongfully accused Filipinos out of jail until their cases can be heard. The money is held in trust with the United Church Foundation.

Beth Dollaga, a long-time member of the congregation, went to the Philippines with the Rev. Lyster to meet an individual supporter by the legal fund. She has always been proud of how Ellesmere’s supported **Mission & Service** projects and social justice issues. “Our closing is a new beginning for many who could find themselves without hope,” says Dollaga.

Ellesmere members also wanted to help sister churches, such as Eagle Ridge United Church in Westminster Presbytery. It gave that growing congregation \$100,000 to hire staff. Other gifts have gone to a homeless taskforce, camps, and an interfaith centre. The congregation also created P.L.A.Y—Professional Live Arts for Youth—which provides high-quality theatre camps and programs in Langley, Maple Ridge, and Port Coquitlam, B.C. This program has almost tripled in size in the past 18 months.

Ellesmere members chose to remember their true mandate—to serve others in Jesus’ name. They hope other congregations will choose to find ways to be faithful in closing, rather than becoming desperate to remain open at all costs. Out of death can come true resurrection.

The Rev. Debra Hinksman lives in Tillsonburg, Ontario, and was Ellesmere’s minister.

ELLESMERE UNITED, BURNABY, B.C.

- Location: About 18 families in suburban Burnaby B.C.
- The church was built in 1930 and the congregation closed in 2014. Members now attend other congregations.