



# Waves, Ripples & Hellos

St. Andrew's United Church

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## Welcome

**Earth Day, Earth Weekend. Earth Week ... April 22 to April 29!** If only we could make all the reminders for good stewardship of this orb called earth workable every day! Suddenly we don't even hear Rick Mercer and the ten – ton – challenge anymore. The needs of the planet must surely be more than political.

Less seriously, have you encountered the directions to make a grocery-carry-all from an intentionally shrunken wool sweater?

So much for welcoming you and inviting you to become Engaged, and Embraced by the church of St. Andrew in Williamstown. For those who missed the workshop and worship conducted by Dr. Bruce Wheatcroft, those two words; Engage and Embrace are the first two stages of the cycle of worship and music. A sense of majesty and flight of spirit develop the cycle to its completion with fulfillment. Come and worship and join in our attempts to achieve all stages!!!

*Editor: Carol*

## Important Dates:

**April 30: Combined Worship Service: at 10:30**

Linda-Jean Coffin, who for many years provided music leadership at Montreal-Ottawa Conference, will be with us to lead in worship with special emphasis on our participation in song. Come early at 10:15 for a wonderful

opportunity called "Hymn Sing" (No, not quite the same as the TV show of 25 years ago known by that name).

**May 6: Saturday: Plant and Bake Sale at Irvine Hall, 09:00 to 13:00**

Support our latest fund raising event in two ways. Come and visit with neighbours as you buy some perennials or cookies on Saturday and donate some of your extra plants or baking.

All plants and baked goods will be gladly accepted on Friday afternoon (May 5<sup>th</sup>) between the hours of 3 and 6pm at the Hall. Now is a good time to dig up and divide those perennials that are beginning to appear in your garden. If you have single plants they can be placed in small 3 or 4" pots. Clumps of iris or calla lily roots for example could be placed in plastic grocery bags with the handles tied around the soil mass. If you need help to get your plants to the Hall please call 525-4765 and Tina or Edwina would be happy to lend a hand.

Baked goodies of any description will also be accepted and if you need more information on the bake sale please contact Shelley MacNaughton at 347-1693.



**May 20: Workshop in Irvine Hall at 9:00 to 13:00**

The Anglican Parish of Glengarry (St. Michael and All Angels and St John's the Evangelist, Lancaster) is hosting a workshop. Greeting and Welcoming Visitors is the theme of the morning presentation. The afternoon theme is Visitor to Disciple. This workshop is open to congregations in the area. If you would like more information, call Carma Williams, Maxville (527-1438).

**May 23: Meeting of Session, St. Andrew's, Williamstown; At 7:30 in Irvine Hall**

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact a member of session or the chairperson – Bev Craig at 347-3191.

**May 27 Ordination Service for Montreal-Ottawa Conference**

Lois Gaudet, of our pastoral charge, will be ordained to Ministry in the United Church of Canada. What a cause for celebration!

Get your name to Nancy Woollven for a seat on the comfortable, affordable coach. You will not have a late night, as the bus will be leaving immediately following the service. There will be a time before the service for people of Lois' church family (that's us!) to meet and wish her well.

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## A day in the life....

Margaret Mead once said: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”

This is so true not only in the time of the 12 apostles, but as well in our small congregation in Williamstown, at St. Andrews.

What a pleasant sound – a couple of Sundays ago to hear the laughter and see the smiles of our small, but mighty congregation when they considered the “Art of Possibility!” One small group can make a big difference in the lives of those who live and work in a vibrant community such as Williamstown.

We do this through the leaders we find in each of us, from our pastor, to our Sunday School volunteers, the pancake and turkey supper teams, the choir, the organist, and all those too numerous to mention here. We are all able to radiate our own possibilities to be a leader from “where we stand.” Sometimes, it is the small family who lights (or puts out) the Easter Candles—or that special someone who reads the “Minute for Mission.” In any event we take on; we “radiate” from within and show our best side out to move forward our little community church and to indeed “make a difference!”

As the robins return and find their worms, the geese feed on the leftover corn in the farmer’s field and the snow geese fly overhead, let us take a minute to reflect on a day in the life of our small group of “thoughtful committed citizens”

and radiate from within and truly enjoy the spring and all it has to offer this rainy, cozy Sunday afternoon.

Take time to smell all the smells spring has to offer and lend a hand to those who might need a kind word or a short visit. The possibilities are endless if you sit in the front row of your life!

*Submitted by Deb Jenkins*

## Update from Lesotho

Linda Kubelka met with Penney Place who has just returned from her three-month stint in Lesotho and submitted this report.

Penney was very grateful for all of the supplies we sent along with her and tells the story of her family sorting and rearranging the items in her bags at the airport so that each bag would meet the weight requirements. Quite a task; but they did it!

Once over there, she arrived to find that her assigned hut, or rondevel, was not completed because the rains just kept coming. The work was still not done by the time she left in early April. She ended up staying in a ‘guest house’ which was a one-room building with an outdoor pit latrine (or a chamber pot for the night times.).

Penney didn’t put on any weight while there, but many of the other volunteers did, as the diet consisted of rice and other starches. Not too inspiring at all!!

To take a taxi, or ‘public’, she would have to plan to leave early as the cabs sat and would only leave once they were full.

She said that she had approached a full taxi and another woman (not white) was made to leave and give her the space. It happened so quickly that Penney didn’t react in time before the car moved away!!

Generally the people don’t wear shoes and all sports are played barefoot. Penney was able to order shoes for each of the children in the mountain school, as they have to walk in the cold winter to get to class.

Most of the teachers had finished high school. Penney taught more than she thought she would. The teachers learned from her example and started to show quite an interest in her methods.

Once Penney can get her photos organized, she will be able to join us one evening (or Sunday) to tell us more of her African experience.

As a footnote, I recommend books written by Alexander McCall Smith detailing stories of *The Number One Ladies Detective Agency* set in Botswana. The main character is a woman of ‘traditional build,’ which is highly desirable in Africa.



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## Thought for the Day:

*Submitted by a helpful reader and from Benjamin Franklin:*

*"If time be of all things most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality,*

*Since lost time is never found again; and what we call time enough, always proves little enough"*

That from the busy man who invented the Franklin stove. Do you remember the picture of little Benjamin with the kite in the electrical storm? We at St. Andrew's should know about Ben who is also credited with the invention of the lightning rod. Many of us can thank him for his curiosity, since bifocals are another product of that active mind.

## Cordelia's Cryptic Comments:

After severe arm twisting by the editor, I have agreed to write another 'piece' for Waves ...

I thought we had an amazing collection of snow at the back of the vestry (must have been caused by a 'whoosh' off the roof) Now with the snow melted, its true nature is revealed – a pile of dirt and broken brick. We must have a Wallace and Grommet version of the Were-Rabbit or Ground Hog living nearby.

Malcolm looks his old self with his long legs no longer up around his ears as was their wont when he was seated at the 'rental'. Hallelujah! The trustees must have

worked magic somewhere; we have a new organ –music machine (what is the term for the organ that isn't an organ?)

Wouldn't you have wished to be present at Sunday School for the re-enactment of the time when Jesus washed his disciples' feet? The girls of the group were happy to experience the aroma of the pretend precious perfume but reluctant to take part in the foot-washing.

The boys, already showing readiness for risk and adventure, willingly did wash feet. I don't think this was the same Sunday that the children invited us to share the cookies they had made.

We did have coffee after church on the day of the foot washing but I'm pretty sure they heated **two** pots of water on the stove. Thelma Dupuis was looking after the coffee and we can trust her!

After sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I thought suddenly of those among us who cannot tolerate the gluten found in bread made from wheat. We must change our observance so that this sacred remembrance is not harmful to someone.

Mother's Day or Christian Family Sunday is approaching – May14. I found that Mother's Day originated to honour "the inherent pacifism of mothers." I include this Mother's Day Proclamation of 1870 written by Julia Ward Howe.

*From the voice of a devastated Earth a voice goes up with*

*Our own. It says:"Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is*

*not the balance of justice"*

*Blood does not wipe our dishonour, Nor violence indicate possession.*

*As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war,*

*Let women now leave all that may be left of home*

*For a great and earnest day of counsel.*

*Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.*

*Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means*

*Whereby the great human family can live in peace ...*

What can you say after that!  
Happy Mother's Day!

Submitted by: Cordelia Hoffenboff

## Moose Meet

*A funny story from my friend, Tina.*

This time of year brings to mind a memorable spring walk I (Tina) had in the woods a few years ago.

The forest floor was beginning to green-up with patches of bloodroot, wild ginger and leek, while the trees were bursting their buds in early leaf-out. The mosquitoes too had come to life, making a bug net a compulsory part of my hiking attire. I was completely covered up, wearing gloves, hiking boots and a mosquito hood, which I had pulled on over my Tilley hat and the elastics of which I had cinched under my armpits.

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With walking stick in hand, I headed west with my dog Casey for our daily sojourn into the bush. As I walked down the ridge towards some wetter terrain, I had to carefully traverse stepping-stones, which took me across a small spring run-off stream, which fed into my pond.

As was expected on most of our walks, Casey would usually run off yipping after something she had sleuthed out, sometimes a rabbit, sometimes a deer. Her yips would grow fainter the farther she got away from me but inevitably she would give up the chase and would show up within a few minutes, tongue hanging out, and a very happy look upon her face.

This hike started out no different. She headed south this time yip yipping after something that had moved and caught her eye. I kept walking until those familiar yips quickly turned into yelps and got progressively louder as she headed back in my direction. The yelps were accompanied by the snorting sounds of something rather large, plus the plodding of feet through the streambed.

**Splotch!**

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I thought “**moose**” right away, and wanted desperately to see if it was indeed a moose.

I yanked the mosquito netting up over my face so I could get a better look, as a baseball catcher would tear off her mask to better eye a pop-up. The snorting and the splotching got closer, however,

and I quickly thought better of hanging around in an attempt to study the species first hand.

**I started to run.**

Soon my heart thumped as loudly as my boots pounded the ground. The dog was way ahead of me at this time; she knew where home was, and I imagined that the moose was breathing down my neck. I thought to myself, “This is no time to fall into the stream and sprain an ankle!”

I successfully re-navigated the stream and broke into a “sprint” up the gravel ridge. It couldn’t possibly have been a sprint as I am built more for comfort than for speed as I’ve always said, but it certainly felt like a sprint to me then!

When I thought it safe to stop, I turned and looked back. The trail was quiet and empty. The only sound besides my laboured breathing was the buzz of mosquitoes. As I stood catching my breath, I wondered if there might be a moose close by having a darn good chuckle. I looked down at Casey, who was still expecting a walk and said, “Better take the meadow trail today eh girl?” And so we did.

Report from Shrove  
Tuesday’s Pancake  
Supper:

The proceeds went for community activities planned by **The Friends of Williamstown Park**. The proceeds were \$845.00 and an additional \$150.00 came to the group from donations made by

people at the supper. The organizers wish to thank all who were involved.

Along with many “older” folks, the young people who made their volunteer contribution were: Brenna MacNaughton-Sequin, Daniel Bougie, Anna Kinloch, Danny Hinks, Will and Maggie Lang, Dana McKay, Becky MacLeod Shelby Munroe, Tara Pelley, John Lang and Thomas Lang.

Late Breaking News:

**Play Group - Time change!** Play Group will take place on Friday mornings rather than Monday mornings, as has been the custom. Same hours – 9:30-noon at Irvine Hall

**Workshops In the Area:**

- Ron Klusmeier workshop & concert at Knox-St. Paul’s June 04.
- Weekend workshops with Jonathan Creaghan – author of *Leap*: July 28 & 29. Irvine Hall. More info to follow.
  - Friday night with young adults \$20
  - Saturday morning: open session
  - Jonathan Creaghan will lead regular worship service on Sunday, July 30

**Proposed Workshops:** Self-defense for teen girls – anyone interested, please contact Andrea.

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## Congratulations SD&G Highlanders!

Our congratulations go to our Minister, Andrea, who is now officially the Chaplain of the famous Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highland Regiment.

Her duties represent a high honour but will not be over-taxing; some Thursday evenings and a few weekends.

We know that those men and women of this reserve regiment will have a special person to turn to in times of personal need.

After saying that the regiment is a reserve, I have been reminded by someone in my family that eight members of the regiment are now serving in Afghanistan.

Following the above announcement, I thought of this book and recommend it to you.

### *Up the Glens*

*Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders*  
1783-1994

Many, many of our readers have personal connections to this regiment and its history:

A few notes from this book:

1800 The Glengarry Militia had a chaplain.

The Glengarry Light Infantry Fencibles raised in 1811-1812.

1899 *Highland Laddie* was approved as the regimental march of the 59<sup>th</sup> Stormont & Glengarry Battalion.

1900 Infantry Units to be known as regiments rather than battalions.

First Chaplain: Rt. Rev. Alex Macdonell, known as the "Warrior Bishop". One of the accolades paid to Bishop Macdonell was: "He had a never failing tolerance toward those of other religions."

## Worship Leadership:

Our plans for worship leadership for the next three months are as follows

**May 28** – is Annual Meeting of Ottawa-Montreal Conference when a service is supplied by Presbytery and members of the congregation provide leadership.

**June 25** - Dr. Bruce Wheatcroft

**July 30** – Jonathan Creaghan: This service provides the finale to the weekend workshops with Jonathan.

## Turkey Supper?

Andrea wishes to remind us that letters regarding the Eastern Ontario Health Unit directives concerning food prepared away from inspected food preparation sites will be available at the church, and on the church web-site should we wish to make use of this form of community protest.

## Report from the Committee of Stewards:

The Stewards of St. Andrew's United Church Williamstown are charged with raising and spending

the general fund of our congregation. St. Andrew's has Trustees who administer money and property bequeathed to the local church.

The next meeting of Committee of Stewards will be in late May or early June. At that time, tasks will be assigned for projects within the budget of the general fund. One of the more visible projects will be the replacement of the steps into Irvine Hall.

A Fund Raising Committee was established by the Annual Meeting of the congregation. The Chair of Stewards was appointed to this committee to maintain liaison to the Committee of Stewards. This is part of efforts to match our revenues to our disbursements.

To help defray costs, the telephone in Irvine Hall has been removed.

In order to reduce costs (again approaching \$1,000 per year), the large hot water heater is not used full time. Means of providing hot water without full time use of the heater will be on the next agenda.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit has started to enforce an old dormant regulation that would stop church suppers. From what I can learn, very few Health Units in Ontario enforce this regulation. As our dinner raises \$4,000, their action will have a big affect. (Interestingly, some within the EOHU seem to be encouraging churches to be somewhat dishonest in how they host dinners. An interesting course of action!?)

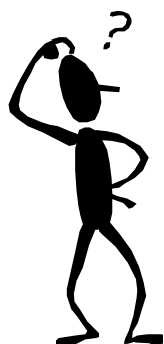
*Submitted by: D.J McDonald*  
Chair of Stewards

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## Waves, Ripples, & Hellos Hidden Word Puzzle

The first person to send me the hidden message will receive a prize! Email or call Carol Edwards ([mac.carol@sympatico.ca](mailto:mac.carol@sympatico.ca) or 347-3675).



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## Paper or Email?

On Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, some of you may have received an email from Jay Woollven asking about receiving this newsletter via email. If you sent a return email to the editor requesting the newsletter be sent via email by end of day Wednesday, we should have been able to comply with your request.