



# Waves, Ripples & Hellos

St. Andrew's United Church

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## Editor's Note:

In true Canadian custom we pass comment on the weather!

Today, May 21 is cold – cold enough to call for a toque for your morning walk.

For United Church folk the end of May marks the weekend of the Annual General Meetings of our ten Conferences across Canada. We belong to Montreal-Ottawa Conference, which this year is breaking with tradition! There will be no business meetings, instead inspiring, exciting presentations are planned. If it takes us as long as usual to publish *Waves, Ripples & Hellos*, you, dear readers may be able to read reports of this innovative event called *Inspiration 08, God is on the Loose*.

Fast forward to June 10: Your editor did not appear to respond to action after giving you the title of this year's meeting of Conference.

With some key events in our church coming up, we will get the newsletter moving to ensure you have a chance to hear about these events.

Here is a message received from one of our readers!

*"We live in an awesome world.  
Make it an awesome day.  
Live simply.  
Love generously.  
Care deeply.  
Speak kindly.  
Leave the rest to God."*

With the hot weather finally

upon us, we can see summer is here. The children will be finished school in a few short weeks. Enjoy our awesome world!

Carol Edwards  
*Editor*

## Membership Sunday

On **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Session would like to provide an opportunity for folks to officially become members of St. Andrew's through profession of faith and/or transfer of membership.

At St. Andrew's, we are all considered "part of the family" even though the United Church of Canada sees a difference between members and adherents.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> – individuals who want to become *official* members of St. Andrew's will be asked to stand up (from where they are sitting), Andrea will ask a number of questions related to belief in God, belief in the workings of the United Church and desire to be part of the St. Andrew's.

Anyone who wants to re-affirm their faith will also be invited to participate in the profession of faith.

If you or a member of your family is interested in participating in this service, please contact Andrea or Susan Edwards by Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Andrea can be reached at (613) 347-2063 and Susan at (613) 347-3406. You can also contact any member of Session.

Plan to enjoy coffee after church with friends and family on Sunday.

## Brides of Yesteryear Spring Tea

Join us on **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** from 2- 4 pm at Irvine Hall for tea and a bridal gown fashion show. This is not all the current styles of bridal gowns – far more interesting than that. The more than 20 gowns that will be modeled or displayed are owned by members of the community. There are dresses from the early 1900's through the 50s-60s to dresses worn just last summer. A real history in fashion!

Some models will be modeling their own dresses – those who can fit into their wedding dress after 1, 5, or 50 years? Some models have yet to have their own weddings. A few flower girls may also take the walk up the aisles.

A bake sale will also be part of the Tea. If you want to bring a donation – contact Shelly MacNaughton-Seguin or Sandra French.



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## Goodbye or So Long

Sergeant Pat Power (congrats again on the promotion!), Francine, Nicole, and Hazel Ann have been busy packing in preparation for the move to Canadian Forces Base Borden. The Power family will be leaving Williamstown on June 24<sup>th</sup>. We wish them well and will miss them very much.

Here is another great reason to come to our Membership Sunday – a chance to talk with Pat about his new role as Sergeant or talk with Francine about her new home.

We hope to see them often when they return to Williamstown for a visit. Maybe even a move back in the future.

Jon Oxley has also moved out of our area. Jon has moved to Toronto to work with his daughter in Real Estate. We hope to also see him back in the future.

## Worship Services:

**15 June** – Worship led by Rev. Andrea Harrison.

Father's Day – Sunday School – play-in-the-park day

**22 June** – Membership Sunday.

All those wishing to join St. Andrew's by profession of faith, transfer of membership, or just to claim this as your 'home church, please speak to Andrea or any of the members of Session.

**June 29** – Lorna McKendry

Note: Except for Williamstown Fair weekend, church will continue to be at 9:30 all summer.

**10 August** – Williamstown Fair  
Rev. Andrea Harrison

Come to the fair for church – 10 am.

**24 August** – Lorna McKendry

**31 August** – Rev. Doug MacKay will be the minister on this Labour Day weekend. Rev. MacKay celebrated the Pastoral Charge anniversary at our Re-covenanting service last summer.

Doug and his wife Minnie have since moved to Morrisburg. We will welcome them "Home."

## Inspiration 08

I attended one session of the "Inspiration 08 – God is on the Loose." Rev. Brian Cornelius of First United Church in Ottawa was one of the leaders of this session which was titled "Is There a Just God on the Loose?". Each participant was invited to categorize their or their churches activities that contribute to Social Justice. The categories were broadly identified: global, country and local community. Thus I was reminded that we at St. Andrew's have had direct and indirect involvement with the world-recognized organization, Children Can Save Children.

Lynn Larkin's memo to *Ripples, Waves, and Hellos* is as follows:

**Char-Lan Free the Children** would like to thank the congregation for the support offered to our Chapter. Many thanks are given to the congregation for donations of desserts and help working at the spaghetti dinner on May 1st. The use of Irvine Hall as the location of our 2<sup>nd</sup> spaghetti dinner was appreciated. A total of \$1300.00 in profits was cleared at this fund raiser.

Our Chapter also wants to extend thanks for the donation from the McGregor Investment Fund. This donation has helped our Chapter raise over \$8000.00 during this school year.

This year, our Chapter's fund raising has focused on the following two areas:

- 1) providing medical supplies in developing countries, and
- 2) "Adopting a Village" in Sierra Leone.

Through a special Free the Children matching program, for every dollar raised, ten dollars of medical supplies are sent. Our Chapter has donated \$3000.00 for this special matching program. The development in Sierra Leone has focused on providing alternative income for families in a community in the Kono District, the region most affected by the eleven year civil war.

A total of \$5000.00 has been donated for the purchase of livestock and sewing machines for a village. The goal of the alternative income program for families is so their children do not have to work, and therefore not be one of the victims of child labor.

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**Lorna McKendry** may tell you about the workshop which she attended at Inspiration 08. I hope she does, and hope that we may be able to follow up on her enthusiasm for the drama/musical written and performed by a group from Summerlea United Church. Lorna spoke to the thespians about visiting us to perform *“The Invitation”*. Watch for results as Lorna endeavors to make all of this happen.

Our friends, Doug and Minnie MacKay ( Doug was the first minister at the formation of the Williamstown-Martintown Pastoral Charge) now live in Morrisburg where Minnie is the Presbytery Representative. They were at Inspiration 08 also and we had many fine moments sharing in singing and worship. Doug reported on the workshop, “Singing Faithfully in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, led by Michael Hawn, Professor of Music and Director of the Sacred Music Program, Southern Methodist University. After Doug’s praise we wished we had joined this group for spirited music from other countries. We would have been happy to have members of our choir at this event!!

Mac took on the big workshop, “Creative Leadership, a way forward for the 21<sup>st</sup> century”. From his notes, after listening to Christopher White, the leader and keynote speaker, I will pick out a few comments that resonated second hand to me.

“Our structure is from another age and cannot work effectively in our world.” “We hear and worry about

Problems, Problems, Problems.” We have to view from a different perspective – not problems, rather puzzles. Puzzles are wonderful and challenge our creativity and excitement.

Be assured to tell the community why our church is here and what we are about.

Use communication devices that allow time for reflection – letters are examples of tools that give time for reflection, unfortunately e-mails are not reflective.

Keys to leadership for a new age:

- relationship – we are not alone!
- courage, not bravery
- patience
- passion and compassion
- integrity
- play – have fun
- faith, believe
- self-knowledge –know your story

Lorna, Mac and I enjoyed our afternoon and evening at Inspiration 08. Consider taking time to go to the Montreal-Ottawa Conference another year – there is always much to learn and enjoy.

## Rotation Sunday School

The blue, puffy-paper bag fish spouting fronds of coloured paper, while resting on the shelf in Irvine Hall must surely represent the Bible story of Jonah and the Whale.

The children have dramatized the story through puppet action: they have cooked whale-shaped pizza (Jonah was the pepperoni) and if your hearing was acute you would have heard the story retold for the minister on a Sunday morning.

Can’t help but think of Noah now, after Lorna’s rendition of the old camp song.

The end-of-season party will be at the home of Jennifer and Ellery Lafave on Sunday, June 22. Any songs about Jonah, Lorna?



## Justice, Global and Ecumenical Committee Report

The acronym, **JGER** stands for the long title above. Many long-time United Church people (notably women of UCW) will know the work of this committee better as the **Outreach Committee**. In mid April this committee of Conference met for a retreat at Shalom House in St. Raphael’s where meetings were led by the former moderator, Bill Phipps. Our “ministers” Andrea and Lorna attended.

The following contains excerpts from the report as sent by Faye Wakeling, JGER Chairperson.

*To begin with a word of hope – people from our Conference, engaged in seeking justice, have*

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been challenged and energized by this workshop, "Seeking Justice in Changing Times". Rev. Bill Phipps led us in reflection on what it means to be faithful within our global society at a time when we are facing major changes in our communities, our church and the world.

The following are some of the major areas of work in which our Presbyteries and our Conference are engaged.

**United for Peace** – workshops on Palestine-Israel relations

**Truth in Reconciliation** – process was supported at its inauguration in Ottawa.

**Green Church project** - to encourage congregations to improve environmental practices.

**Canadian Foodgrains Bank Projects** – a major area of justice activity throughout the Seaway Valley.

I just checked with Robert McDonell who tells us that we, of South Glengarry have planted around 70 acres of corn and soy beans for the Foodgrains initiative.

At a special service when Keith Smith reported his work and travels for the Foodgrains, we donated \$1735.00. That sounds like a witness for social justice!!

**House of Lazarus** – offers an education program (low cost cooking, food preservation, appliance repair).

**Aids in Africa – Grandmother Campaign**

## Sudan Chronicles

It has been approximately two months since Bill Chambre has been in Sudan on UN Peacekeeping mission. Many of you have been intrigued by Bill's regular emails on his experiences.

**Here is an excerpt from the Week 6 email:**

"On one occasion while we were immobilized at the side of the road, we decided to break into a ration pack for lunch. We thought we were in the middle of nowhere with nobody around, but as soon as we opened the food a couple of guys on bicycles came by to help us (eat the food that is, not help with the vehicles). People here take a lot of pride in the appearance of their bicycles and many will decorate the stem and/or handlebars with plastic flowers. One of the gentlemen who joined us for lunch had such decoration on his bicycle, but also had an AK-47 strapped to his handlebars. Nothing quite says "I appreciate the beauty of plastic flowers but don't question my masculinity" like a bouquet of plastic flowers with an AK-47 on top. I call this "Guns and Roses", Sudanese style."

**An excerpt from Week 7:**

"Still following my routine of walking home when I get the chance and I still regularly get offers for lifts home. Often it is UN vehicles, a couple of times local people have offered me lifts on the back of their motorbikes, and this past week I was offered a lift on a cart being pulled by a donkey. It would appear that something is just not right about a

khawaja who wants to walk. In the case of the donkey cart offer, I was actually overtaking them at the time when the offer was made, so it wouldn't have got me home any faster. On one occasion last week the 3 Canadians went out for a mid-afternoon run. We were only out for about 30 minutes but received a lot of attention, including one woman who burst into hysterical laughter at the sight of us. I could still hear her when we were over a block away. Perhaps she is still laughing. One young man on a bicycle explained that it is unusual to see people running, but particularly during the hottest part of the day."

If you would like to be added to Bill's list – please let Andrea know. It is very interesting and Bill's pictures tell a lot about what he is seeing and experiencing.



## Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care courses were completed in April with 25 participants from our church and the wider community. The group hopes to finish the program in the Fall in order to obtain certification in Pastoral Care.

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A Pastoral Care Team has been formed within our church. The team has been meeting monthly to establish goals related to individual's time, abilities and special interests. Stay tuned for more information.

Karen Paavila

## Vocal Music Camp

Do you know any children who would like participate in some music, crafts, snacks, and fun? Martintown will once again be hosting a Summer Vocal Music Camp.

The camp will take place from July 21-25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm. It will be geared to children ages 6 – 12. The cost of the week will be \$20, to cover the expenses. A snack will be provided.

Come all week or a few days. The children will be part of the Williamstown Fair church service.

For more information, contact Andrea.



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in South Lancaster will be held on July 7 – 9 from 9 – 11:30 am.

The theme this year is "A Thrilling Ride with Jesus." This is a community program supported by all the churches in the area. VBS is open to all children aged 4 – 12 at no cost.

Here is another great opportunity for music, games, crafts, snacks, and a bible story. For more information, contact Rev. Ian MacMillan at (613) 931-2545.

## Brides

Penny Cavell and Donald McDonald attended the marriage of their daughter Sarah McDonald to Jeff Washer on May 3, 2008. Rev. Andrea Harrison performed the ceremony. Music included Don Blackadder on the bagpipes and Malcolm Cumming on the organ. The service was wonderful, with readings by Sarah's brother Scott and Jeff's sister Cheryl.

Sarah walked down the aisle in a dress that she made herself, with a little last minute help from Jeff's mom (Bonnie Washer of Scarborough). As everyone who knows the family would expect, Donald, Lachlan, and Scott all wore kilts.

The happy couple now lives in Kanata and visits Williamstown often.

## Babes

May 4<sup>th</sup> will be a Sunday we will not soon forget. It was Baptism Sunday in Williamstown.

**Tanessa Dupuis**, the most cherished granddaughter of Thelma Dupuis was baptized along with 4 of our grandchildren. **Elizabeth, Jack, and Leah Edwards** (John and Jodi Edwards' children) and **Sadie McRae** (daughter of Bruce McRae and Susan Edwards).

Thelma also provided a spread of snacks for everyone after church.

## HELP! COOK NEEDED!

Rideau Hill Camp is desperately seeking a cook for this summer. The camp is looking for people to work for the summer or on a week by week basis. If a UCW group or individuals from a specific area or church would be willing to take on an individual camp, the camp will work to have the menu set up and food ordered. If an individual is interested in doing this and they have a child, the child can come to camp with them. There is information about the job and the salary on the website [www.rideauhillcamp.com](http://www.rideauhillcamp.com) or call Marsha Gutierrez at home at 613-826-3278. RIDEAU HILL CAMP NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

**The Last Word:** it is yours! [newsletter@standrewunited.org](mailto:newsletter@standrewunited.org) or P.O Box 114, Williamstown

I received some great observations that can help in distribution. Thanks.

**See the back for a summer puzzle.**

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## Summer Waves Puzzle

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BIBLE	BRIDE	BROTHERS
CAMP	CARE	COMMUNICATION
COMPASSION	COURAGE	CREAM
FAIR	FAITH	FELLOWSHIP
HOLIDAY	ICE	INSPIRATION
INTEGRITY	INVITATION	JONAH
JUSTICE	LOVE	MEMBER
MUSIC	PATIENCE	PIZZA
PLAY	POOL	RELATIONSHIP
SING	SISTER	SQUARES
SUDAN	SUMMER	SUNSHINE
SWIM	TEA	WHALE

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