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# ROXBORO REVELATIONS

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER

Greetings Friends,

Let's get back to church! Well, if you were like me this summer, you never really left it. Church has been a priority for many of us this summer; the attendance of the Cluster services were impressive, the pop-up choir attendance was joyful for those communities that had one, and Roxboro's presence was fantastic from Hudson in the west to Riverside in the east. The last service in Edgewater Park almost doubled from last year. So a big thank you to all who made these services meaningful and a joy to participate in.

We are now back to our group in our building, which is preferred by some, I'm sure. Keep in mind though, that by coming together we end up building each other up; by experiencing something different, by meeting new friends and learning new things, and by realizing that we are not alone, but are strengthened by our sharing.

As we come back to Roxboro, and head into our fall activities, ask yourself the following questions: What can I bring? What am I seeking? How can I connect to the sacred? What are my talents? What are my limitations? What are lines I cannot cross? How can I let go? What do I need to learn? What knowledge can I pass on?

Now take the time to meditate on those questions and notice that there are sometimes multiple answers to any of them. They are simple on the surface, but as you think on them more and more, the answers themselves become more profound. For me, this is what religion is all about. I hope that Roxboro continues to be a community that embraces these questions and shares them with our wider communities of faith. That we

come back in order to reach out and expand our circle of friends.

Peace and love in Christ

Rev. Darryl Macdonald



## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

I am sure that I probably say this every year, but I can't believe that the summer is already at an end and that we are getting right back into all our activities. I hope that you have had a good summer, that you were able to spend some time with friends and family and had a chance to recharge your batteries.

When you come back to the church you can't help but notice the upgrade to our parking lot. Part of our rental agreement with Ecole Charles Perreault included them repaving the parking lot. At the end of August, they did major repair work to the drainage system in the parking lot prior to having it repaved, and had the lines painted. I hope you agree that this is a great improvement. They will also be covering the cost of snow removal and salting this winter.

You will also notice in our sanctuary that the stained-glass window, from Knowlton United Church has been installed. This piece of art is eventually to make its way to the new offices of the regional council. However, this could take quite a while before the new offices are opened, so we will probably get to enjoy it for quite a long time. Thank you to Rev. Darryl and François St-Pierre for getting it installed.

We are still looking for somebody to head up our Affirming Ministry Committee. This is not a committee that involves a heavy workload. The Affirming Ministry chair along with their committee is responsible for sharing information with the congregation regarding local activities as well as encouraging our congregation to be intentionally inclusive to members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community in all aspects of our congregational lives. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to ask any of our council members.

Take care,  
Janet St-Pierre  
RUC Council Chair

### **SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT**

We could learn a lot from a box of crayons. Some are sharp, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all exist nicely in the same box.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does give you a free trip around the Sun every year.

When you focus on the good, the good gets better.

Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it.

Anonymous writers  
Submitted by Terry Wong



## **UCW NEWS**

Hello Everyone,

The Three Sisters first gathering of Fall 2025 will be held on – **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at noon**, following Rev Darryl's birthday luncheon hosted by our Filipino community. We are blessed every year by their generosity and delicious food prepared with love.

Blessings, Cindy Snow, President U.C.W



The Harvest Dinner will be held **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m. for the welcome punch and 6:30 p.m. for dinner.**

Please see Susan Beckmann for tickets after church on Sundays. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the Church office at 514-685-4956. The Harvest Dinner is a fundraiser coordinated by the UCW, prepared by our Chefs extraordinaire, Janet and Francois St. Pierre and their team. Monies raised go to the General Funds of the church and are used to support the church in their ministry. Tickets are \$25. There will be no program following the dinner. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal with family and friends and an evening of catching up and reconnecting after the summer. Should you wish, please bring your own beverages.



## Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column one day.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes in the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !

B I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Submitted by Francoise Cote  
Shared by a friend.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hello everyone,

Autumn is almost here. Are your leaves on your trees changing color yet?

As far as Revelations moving forward, please continue to submit stories, activities and information to share. Maybe you would consider interviewing someone for "Our Church family"? The sky is the limit!

Cynthia Snow – [three.ms@sympatico.ca](mailto:three.ms@sympatico.ca)





My name is Lynda Scardocchio. I will be co-ordinating the Bazaar this year.

Thank you, Diane Campbell, for organizing the Bazaar the last two years.

Our Bazaar will be held November 8, 2025, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

You can bring any items you want to sell after the Harvest dinner.

If there is anyone out there who wants to help, please see me or call me.

Let's have another successful year,  
Lynda Scardocchio, Co-ordinator

### **MORE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT**

Anything that costs you your peace is too expensive.

Just a small positive thought in the morning can change your entire day.

A smile is a facelift that's in everyone's price range.

Faith is the evidence of things unseen.

Thinking back when a new hip joint meant someplace I wanted to go on Friday night.

Writers unknown  
Submitted by Terry Wong.

Here are a few opportunities for you to help our community.

### **These are only suggestions.**

#### **MAISON SAINT COLUMBA HOUSE**

2365 Grand Trunk  
Montreal, Quebec  
H3K 1 M8

Donate online at: [saintcolumbahouse.org](http://saintcolumbahouse.org)  
514-932-6202

An official income tax receipt will be mailed to you.

#### **ROXBORO UNITED – SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR P.C.P. (PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY PROJECT)**

**School Supplies needed now.**(pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, sharpeners, markers, scissors, lined paper, glue sticks, Hilroy copy books, duo-tangs)

Watch for specials at Walmart, Bureau en Gros, etc. Please bring items to church on Sunday morning





## FOND D'AIDE, ON ROCK AND RICOCHET

Our church supports Fond d'aide, On Rock and Ricochet all year. Every third Sunday is food Sunday at RUC. Last December, we collected money for ON Rock to help purchase toys as their toys were flooded and were ruined. We also support Ricochet in the West Island. Today they continue to need our assistance. Please consider gift cards from Fundscrip through our church. It's a wonderful way to support our Outreach Program and it helps the church too. You can send your cheque payable to Roxboro United Church, 21, 9th Avenue, Roxboro, QC, H8Y 2M7. You may also e-transfer your donation to [bevbaker@sympatico.ca](mailto:bevbaker@sympatico.ca). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Claudia at (514)684-0114.

**Did you also know** that all year round, we have a group of people who make lunches for a couple of organizations. They make sandwiches (1-2 loaves), muffins/cupcakes, cookies, supply fresh fruit, celery and carrot sticks, peppers in snack bags, cheese portions (peel string), snack bags, sandwich bags, yogurt portions. All the sandwiches are on either white or brown bread and wrapped in saran and a sandwich bag. The sandwiches can be any of the following: ham & cheese, chicken, tuna, egg, cold cuts (ham, salami, mock chicken, bologna, roast beef, turkey), and juice boxes.

**If you'd like to donate school supplies or send in a monetary donation, please bring your donation to church on Sunday. Community Outreach always needs our help. If you would like to help us, please contact Claudia at 514-684-0114.**



O Divine Artist, we give you praise for the wonders of this summer that now draws to a close. We are thankful for such wonders as the sunshine, the rain, the song of birds, the garden produce, the family gatherings, and the sweet smell of flowers.

Now a new season is coming, one that causes us to move indoors for school and that changes to green to red, brown and harvest gold. But change is difficult for your people. It makes us feel awkward and anxious. Help us to learn from all of nature how life must change.

Bless this change that is occurring in the land around us. Bless the passages and the transitions that happen in our lives. And when these changes in life cause us pain and anguish, guide us to healing and deeper understanding.

May we let go with courage and allow you to lead us another step closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Writer unknown  
Submitted by Cindy Snow

## New Stained Glass Window!

This Guido Nincheri stained glass window, housed in a shadow box, hung in Trinity United Church in Shawinigan in memory of Rev. & Mrs. Robert Charleton who served the church from 1929 - 1951. Trinity United Church was sold and the window was moved to St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Grandmere.

In 2016, St. Stephen's was sold and the window (valued at \$80,000 at the time) was moved to Knowlton United Church where it was held in trust for The United Church of Canada. With the sale of Knowlton United Church in 2023, the stained glass was given to the Nakonha:ka Regional Council of The United Church of Canada.

Roxboro United Church offered to look after this beautiful work of art until our region has a suitable place to hang it.

Thank you to Darryl and Frankie for hanging it on our wall!

Guido Nincheri was knighted by the Italian government in 1972. In 1992, Nincheri was honoured for his contribution during Montreal's 350th anniversary celebrations, and in 1997 one of his 1940 stained glass windows was on a Canadian 45-cent stamp.

