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MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER



Dear friends,

This Lent begins in the garden of Eden and ends in the garden outside the tomb of the resurrected Jesus. And, so, we ask: "How does your garden grow?" What seeds

have been planted in you or have you planted in others? How do you nurture your garden and promote growth? When do you take time to enjoy what you've planted? How do you listen to your garden, and do you let it nurture you? These questions we are exploring throughout Lent and into the season of Easter. We are also reading and discussing *The Serviceberry*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, to help us round out our theme for Lent.

I encourage you to participate in our various Lenten activities.

I hope you continue to have a good journey through Lent and a Happy Easter everyone. Darryl Macdonald



Event Schedule

Monday to Thursday 9am
Celtic Meditation on Facebook Live.

Wednesdays in March 10 - 11:30am
Study Group on Zoom, reading *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Sunday, March 1 - 22 10:30am Lent 2 - 5
worship in person and on Facebook Live.
Come and hear members tell their story.
Fellowship time in the gym following
worship.

Sunday, March 29 10:30am
Palm Sunday worship in person and on
Facebook Live
A 'Fifth Sunday' lunch will be served in the
gym.
Sandy and the Band lead us in music.

Thursday, April 2 6:30pm
Maunday Thursday Service and potluck in
the Parlour.

Friday, April 3 10:30am
Good Friday Service at St. Genny's United
Church.

Sunday, April 5 8am
Easter Sunrise Service in the sanctuary.
8:30am
Breakfast in the gym.
10:30am
Easter Worship with Communion in person
and on Facebook Live.
Dr. Wayne Johnson will lead us in music.
We will also receive new members.

All links will be sent out via email and
available on our website:
www.roxborounitedchurch.org.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 15th, 2026, we reviewed the committee reports that covered the various activities and business of Roxboro United over the past year.

I would like to thank our outgoing committee Members-at-large Kim Hensen, Charles Paradis and Lori-Ann Snow for their contributions over the last year.

Our council members 2026 are:

Chair: Janet St-Pierre

Vice-chair:

Council Secretary: Vivien Lapa

Trustees: Rev Darryl Macdonald

UCW: Cindy Snow/ Susan Beckmann

Ministry and Personnel: Francoise Coté and Heather Herridge

Regional Representative: Diane Campbell

Community Action: Claudia Rourke-Frew

Special Events: Janet St-Pierre

Membership/Nominating: Carol Paradis

Finance: Bev Baker

Keeping in Touch: Lynda Scardocchio

Members-at-large : Ann Beaupré, Caroline

Golphin and Sandra Thomson

Affirming congregation :

Please do not hesitate to speak with any of the council members if you have any questions or any issues that you think need to be addressed.

Blessings,

Janet St-Pierre, RUC Council Chair



MESSAGE FROM SPECIAL EVENTS

We have two Special events coming up:

1- Easter Breakfast \$10/person 8:30am Sunday April 5th , following the early morning service. Tickets are not available at the door must be purchased by April 1st .

2- Kirkland Concert Band Mother's Day Concert May 8th. The band always puts on a great show. Proceeds for the concert are shared equally between RUC and the Concert Band and they always bring yummy goodies for the reception after the show.

Stay tuned for more details to come.

Hope to see you there,

Janet St-Pierre

Special events committee chair



God's Unstoppable Love

A minister in the early church, Paul, said it well for me, "No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation can ever separate us from the love of God, revealed in Christ Jesus..."

Two-thousand years ago or today, this is world-changing. Even in moments when humankind's worst impulses are enormous, there is a real, vital, overwhelming impulse that draws us towards healing and wholeness—God's love—and there is nothing that can stop it. It may be hard to believe, it takes a lot of work,

but we live in that hope.

—The Very Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Grace United Church, Burlington, ON

Submitted by Diane Campbell

UCW NEWS

Hello Everyone,



Well, it's almost Spring and I think we are all so excited to sit outside and watch the renewal of all God's beautiful creations.

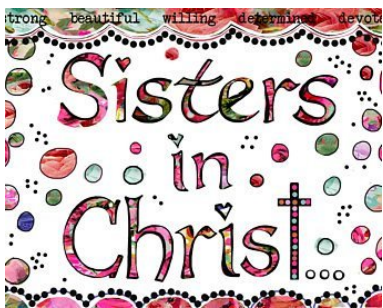
We have a few Three Sister's Potluck luncheons coming up and we are ready for some fellowship time! We begin on March 22nd, 2026, to explore Resurrection and Spring. April 19th, 2026, we will gather again. On May 3rd, 2026, we will host our Appreciation Luncheon and finally, we will lead into Summer with a gathering at the home of Bev Baker for a potluck luncheon on June 14th, 2026. All meetings follow the worship service.

The UCW also will host a 5th Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, March 29th, 2026, and May 31st, 2026.

I want to thank Diane Campbell for all her contributions to the UCW Executive. Your presence on the committee will be missed.

Finally, many thanks to all our ladies for continuing to support our ministry and share in our fellowship gatherings. You all make a difference.

Blessings, Cindy Snow, President, UCW



Spring means many things to many persons. By the time you'll have received this newsletter, our clocks will have sprung forward, allowing us to enjoy more sunlight and longer evenings. It's always amazing how nature helps us to re-energize, once the first buds of flowers, on the ground and on shrubs, appear along with their nemesis, those vibrant green weeds below. The need to wear fewer clothes comes to mind as well. In the 60's and 70' when Easter bonnets with their colorful colours and wispy flowers were often seen, or today's selling of daffodils makes us smile even more. Even the sky's blue colour, a robin blue, makes the heart flutter faster.

But to my mind, Spring brings a renewed hope of a good year. Winter can make us stay at home due to the incumbent weather, whereas now, an invitation out seems more plausible. Plans for an Easter Break means that we can visit with family or friends more easily. The joy of seeing smiling faces. Or for some, it's the hunt for those elusive hidden chocolate Easter eggs which made you feel childlike. Pastel colours on clothing, good food on the BBQ, or the smell of the earth, all the senses are awakened with joy of being.

Yes there is the aspect of Spring as being eternal, for actually it is. That's the mystery of it all. Who, What, When are the questions often asked but for many of you, you know the answer. That is enough and I rejoice in your knowledge and in your strong faith, May it continue to be so.

Happy Easter, Vivien Lapa

Who was Jesus ?

Some say that Jesus was Mexican because his first name was Jesus. Spoke several languages but seem to have had difficulty making himself understood and he was continually hounded by authorities.

Some say he was black because he called everyone “my brother” and he couldn’t get a just and fair trial.

Some indications lead us to believe he was Italian because he drank wine at every meal and worked in construction.

But Jesus could have been a hippie because he never cut his hair, walked around barefoot and started a new religion.

He could have been a Quebecer because he never got married, he continually told unbelievable stories and St. John the Baptist was one of his best buddies.

But most of the evidence proves that Jesus was a woman because in a few moments, without any provisions, he fed a crowd. He tried to explain his message to men who, even with good intentions and although they appeared to be listening, never understood anything. Also even once he died, he had to get up because he still had work to do.

Submitted by Vivien Lapa



Community Outreach

Part of our mission here at Roxboro United Church is to actively support our community. With more families in need of food right here in the West Island, we collect food on the 3rd Sunday each month to donate to Fonds d’aide. Claudia and her helpers provide sandwiches and goodies for On Rock weekly. We also support Ricochet with food when we can. For example, the leftover pancake mix and maple syrup from Shrove Tuesday was given to them and their residents really enjoyed the food. Claudia could always welcome more volunteers to help. The need for the community is getting larger. If you can help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Claudia at (514)684-0114.

You can send money to support our outreach by sending a cheque to Roxboro United Church, 21, 9th Avenue, Roxboro, QC, H8Y 2M7. You may also etransfer your donation to bevbaker@sympatico.ca. Please consider purchasing gift cards through our Fundscrip, which in turn helps our church too.

Our work in the Community helps fulfill our outreach ministry with love and compassion.



Congratulations to the St-Pierres on becoming grandparents again! Their son, James St-Pierre and his wife Stephanie Iacovelli St-Pierre welcomed a beautiful little girl, Ines St-Pierre on January 29th, 2026.

On February 15th, 2026, Lynda Scardocchio celebrated the birth of her grandson, Emery Sail, parents to Mike and Ashley Scardocchio. Sail is the letters of Lisa's name in honor of her.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hello everyone,

Like every Spring before this one officially starts, our family awaits to see who will spot the first robin. It really is a family tradition, which I generally lose. Nonetheless, it's really about the resurrection, the transformation and creation of new life waiting for all of us.

Being that it is the first Spring Revelations this year, please continue to send in articles, tell your stories, share your personal blessings with us, or submit a community post. Pictures are welcome. Please contact Cindy Snow -three.ms@sympatico.ca or 514-266-3693



- One thing everybody in the world wants and needs is friendliness. – William E. Holler
- Laughter is a tranquilize with no side effects. – Arnold H. Glasow
- A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. – St Francis of Assisi
- There is no excersice better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. – John Andrew Holmes
- It is not who is right, but what is right, that is of importance. – Thomas H. Huxley

Submitted by Marg Madsen

1. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.
2. Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving someone deeply gives you courage.
3. Eggs are fantastic for fitness diets if you don't like the taste, just add cocoa, flour, sugar, butter, baking powder and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.
4. To succeed in life you need 3 things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funnybone.
5. Don't wait. The time will never be just right. Treat each day like a gift.
6. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
7. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Submitted by Terry Wong

WHEN THE WHISPER COMES

Copilot generated – music by Francois St-Pierre

I WAS DRIVIN' DOWN A BACKROAD, DUST ROLLIN' OFF MY WHEELS,
FEELIN' LIKE THE GOOD LORD'S VOICE WAS SOMEWHERE IN THE FIELDS.
LIFE GETS LOUD AND BUSY, AND I MISS THE QUIET SIGNS,
BUT TODAY THE WIND WAS GENTLE, AND IT SETTLED ON MY MIND.

CHORUS

**WHEN THE WHISPER COMES, I'LL BE LISTENING,
WHEN THE LIGHT BREAKS THROUGH, I WON'T TURN AWAY.
I'VE BEEN RUNNIN' HARD, BUT NOW I AM READY
FOR THE TRUTH HE'S TRYIN' TO SAY.
I'LL OPEN UP MY HEART, NO MORE DENYING
STANDIN' STILL SO I CAN HEAR IT ALL.
I'M FINALLY WIDE AWAKE AND WILLING LORD,
I AM HERE, I'M READY FOR YOUR CALL.**

THERE WERE NIGHTS I FELT SO EMPTY, LIKE A SONG WITHOUT A TUNE,
TRYIN' TO FIND MY PURPOSE UNDERNEATH A HARVEST MOON.
BUT GRACE KEEPS ON RETURNIN', LIKE A RIVER TO THE SEA,
AND I KNOW HE'S BEEN WAITIN' FOR THE DAY I'D FINALLY SEE.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

MAYBE IT'S A SUNRISE, MAYBE IT'S A FRIEND,
MAYBE IT'S A MOMENT WHEN I BREAK AND START AGAIN.
HOWEVER YOU REACH FOR ME, I'LL ANSWER WHEN YOU DO
I'M DONE WITH ALL MY WANDERIN', I'M WALKIN' BACK TO YOU.

CHORUS

repeat last 4 lines of chorus