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MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER



Dear friends,
I hope this newsletter finds you well and hopeful for the return to gatherings in person. We still have a way to go before the restrictions are completely gone, but there is light at the end

of the tunnel. I am humbled by the dedication and community spirit of our Faith Community despite the restrictions we have all been under over the past year and a bit. You have attended our online worship when you can and have joined in the Zoom Community Time to see familiar faces. Although we are now in the Yellow, in person meetings would still require physical distancing and mask wearing. Since we have only a couple of weeks till the end of June (as of the writing of this message) and since we will be joining our West Island United Church Faith Communities for summer worship July through Labour Day, we will continue with our Facebook Live worship through June. This will include a virtual Communion on June 27th, so do not forget to bring your bread and wine.

Our Summer worship series will focus on the gifts of the United Church of Canada to the world. Each Sunday will focus on a different gift that identifies us as the United Church. The schedule is included in this Newsletter. I will also continue to offer the weekday Celtic meditations throughout much of the summer, taking some time off to relax and recharge. The Council will let us all know when it is time to get together in person again, so keep an eye on your emails from us. Those of you

without email will be contacted by phone. I also want to encourage you all to get your vaccine. Chris and I have had both doses of our AstraZeneca vaccines, so we are fully vaccinated as of the end of this month. It was easy to get, free and no complications at all. We have peace of mind and can now begin to gather in a much safer way. I am aware that getting vaccinated is a personal choice and I respect that. I also value all of you and want you to be as healthy as possible so we can enjoy each other's company again, so, please get your vaccine.

I will close with a Celtic Blessing for you to hold close to your heart over the summer:

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Have a blessed summer.

Rev. Darryl Macdonald

Summer Worship Series

The Gifts of the United Church of Canada to the World
4 July to 5 September 2021 10am

Please note that links to the Faith Community hosting the Worship Services will be available in an email that will be sent to you. If you do not have access to the internet or own a computer or smart device, you will not be able to attend worship.

Date	Gift
July 4	Social Justice (International)
July 11	Inclusion/Women
July 18	Anti-Racism
July 25	Indigenous Reconciliation
August 1	Scripture/Progressive Theology
August 8	Social Justice (Local)
August 15	Affirming Ministry
August 22	Interfaith Relations
August 29	Green Church
September 5	Sabbath

Faith in Action

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Time certainly does fly; it is already June and summer is quickly approaching. With so many of us having had their first and now even their second vaccinations we can realistically start to look forward to being able to start up some of our activities again in September, following a very long COVID induced hiatus.

A few highlights of what your council members have been working on recently: If you drive by the church, you will see three raised flower beds on the General Brock side. It is a Solidarity Garden, created in partnership with Pierrefonds Community Project (PCP) , West Island Community Shares and Roxboro United Church. The goal is to generate produce that will be used to increase local food baskets. This year the project starts off small with the hope that it can be increased in size in subsequent years. We provide the green space, and the materials are provided by the West Island Assistance Fund, PCP children will be encouraged to learn about gardening and see the benefits of growing their own food.

This summer, repair work will be done on the portion of roof located over the Leggatt Room. In addition, repairs will be done to fix the leaks from the cross on the roof over the sanctuary. Thank you to François St-Pierre for collecting the tenders for that project.

Congratulations to the UCW for organizing the virtual Auction. I think we can easily say that it was a big success. A special thank you to Heather Herridge, Sean Herridge-Berry and Bev Baker for taking on this project and to all who contributed with donations and/or purchases. I am sure Lynda will have more details about this in her portion of the newsletter.

I would be remiss not to highlight a very serious omission on my part in the last newsletter. In listing the council committee members Norma Kolotelo was not listed as a member-at-large. This is Norma's second year on council, and she has been a very valuable contributor to our council meetings as well as our telephone correspondent for members that do not receive email notices.

Stay safe,
Janet St-Pierre
Roxboro United Church Council chair

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITORS

“In time of COVID”

I got your hugs today
Not with your arms about my shoulders
But with your thoughts
around my heart.
they raised my spirits and hopes high
They crushed the loneliness
and sadness of being shut down
a note to tell me that I am
loved and thought of
a moment of your time to make my day
I thank you friend for care and love
that broke through that barrier of loneliness
that caused my heart to remember that
with friends, loved ones and God in my life
that I can go on and that I am never alone.
Hugs - Author unknown

I put this poem in the newsletter because I thought everyone would like it and it is what we have all been feeling lately. COVID-19 has lasted a long time but now we can see the end.

Hope you all have a good and restful summer,
Your Editors, Lynda Scardocchio – lscardocchio@hotmail.com
Cynthia Snow – three.ms@sympatico.ca

MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Happy summer everyone! Hope you are all well and enjoying the fine weather.

Our General Funds are still holding strong and thanks to you all for continuing to send in your contributions during the past year (or so!!!). The finances continue to be low because members of the congregation are taking turns doing the various office tasks – a great thanks to them. I would also like to thank our wonderful group of Trustees for keeping an eye on our church property and taking care of it when necessary.

We were still plagued with leaks over the Peter and Ann Leggatt room over the winter and it was determined that this was becoming a safety issue – to our renters and the integrity of the building itself.

With this in mind, we have undertaken to do the repairs to the roof and to the leak from the church cross. The amount of this repair is \$36,182 and while we have the available funds for some of it, (including some help from our UCW ladies) we will also need your help to meet the final cost. When you receive your letter, please give what you can – every little bit counts!

Our Roof Fund



Our loan balance after our June payment of \$7,000 will be approximately \$30,000, and there will be \$17,940 in our account which will cover our 2021 payments. The annual Roof Campaign will take place, as usual, in October and I am counting on all of us to continue the annual pledge made when we first started this journey. Considering we started the loan in 2016 at \$204,000 I think we have come a long way – please let us continue our good work. And again, a HUGE thank-you to all of you.

The Legacy Fund

Over the last year we received a loan amount of \$60,000 from the Federal Government - one for \$40,000 in September and one for \$20,000 in December. Council decided to put it into the Legacy Fund and reap the benefits of the interest credit. This has brought our balance in the account as of April 30th to a whopping \$64,401. Unhappily, all good things must come to an end. Sadly, of this \$60,000, \$40,000 must be paid back by the end of 2021. Happily, \$20,000 is ours to keep, no strings attached. While my first thought for this money was to put it on the Roof Loan and get rid of this albatross around our necks, the Peter and Ann Leggatt room became another problem and for this work, we require the money on an immediate basis. Therefore, it was the decision of Council to apply the \$20,000 to partially cover this work. Once we apply this amount, and with the help of the UCW, we will still be short approximately \$10,000. We are counting on the congregation to help us raise this amount. A tentative date of the end of June is scheduled for this work to begin.

Once all this government 'stuff' is out of the way, our Legacy Fund balance will be approximately \$4,401.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your donations and understanding of our latest dilemma. It is just like owning your own home, isn't it? One never knows what is coming up around the corner!

Stay well, stay safe and have a great summer. Hugs to everyone!

Submitted by,
Bev Baker, Chair of Finance/Treasurer



UCW NEWS

I would sincerely like to thank everyone who participated in the Auction by donating items, services, and baking. You also made it fun to watch the bidding. It was a great success. We came up with a solution in this time of COVID. Thank you to Heather Herridge, Bev Baker and Sean Herridge-Berry for all the time they spent in getting the Auction set up.

We recently had an afternoon Bingo on Zoom. It was so nice to see everyone. We had good laughs and prizes for all the winners.

The Unit Eve is back. These ladies have many ideas which include outreach programs and community projects. Their first meeting will take place in September where they will discuss these topics. Please call Cindy Snow at 514-266-3693 or email her at three.ms@sympatico.ca to sign up or for further information.

Please call Lynda Scardocchio at 514-683-4373 if you would like to join the UCW. We are always happy to see new ladies join the Roxboro United Church Women.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

Submitted by:
Lynda Scardocchio
President, Roxboro United Church Women

MESSAGE FROM SPECIAL EVENTS

Nothing for the newsletter this month

Janet St-Pierre, Special Events Chair



Rose Quartz is often called the “Love Stone.” Rose quartz is a stone for every type of love: self-love, family, platonic, romantic and unconditional. As a variety of quartz, rose quartz has high energy and this strong energy can enhance love in virtually any situation. This is the stone that you should have in your possession if you want love energy to help you and all those who are closest to you.

Rose quartz has a calming and soothing effect. It strengthens you to deal with personal trauma and stress. This crystal can help with depression, insomnia and other mental problems. It helps prevent thrombosis and heart attacks, as well as makes the heart muscle stronger.

It can be used to remove scars, clear up skin, reduce wrinkles and give you that soft, glowing complexion. It's a success stone as well and attracts a lot of good luck.

Submitted by Norma Kolotelo

DID YOU KNOW



Janet and Brian Herridge celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 29th, 2021.

On Christmas Eve 2020, Amanda Moore and Guillaume De Chantal Thivierge became engaged! They plan to marry in 2023 when Amanda finishes her studies. They will have been together 10 years.

Francois and Janet St-Pierre are going to be first time Grandparents. Stephanie is expecting a little girl at the end of October and they are all excited!!

Carol and Charles Paradis youngest granddaughter, Emma, is two years old already!!!!

We have new tenants over the summer at RUC. A new dog training school will be using the front lawn for outdoor doggie training a couple of evenings each week starting in June.

Bev Baker has a new tenant living at her home. He/she suns herself/himself on the garden wall and then strolls around examining the grounds...You guessed it - a ground hog, named Terry (yes, she has named he/she) has taken residence under the front gallery.

Claudia is still collecting tin can tabs for Shriner's Hospital, new and old stamps for Leprosy and plastic ties from bread products for Presbytery. Also, used bras are collected for an organization who will then donate \$1 to the Cancer Society. Please remember to continue to support these outreach projects.

Ann Beaupree, Paula White, Yvonne van Herwaarden, Carol Paradis, Claudia Rourke-Frew and Lynda Scardocchio are making food for the homeless in the West end Island. If you would like to help, please call Lynda Scardocchio or Yvonne van Herwaarden.

Pierrefonds community project (PCP) operating from our church will distribute over 50 bikes to children who would not have any otherwise?'

There are three University Chaplains that are supported by our Regional Council:

Rev. Jesse Dymond, Bishops University, Lennoxville, Quebec (Anglican)

Rev. Jean-Daniel Williams, McGill University, Montreal, QC

Rev. Ellie Hummel, Concordia University, Montreal, QC



A few of us wanted to start a book club because we wanted to explore and learn from current social issues and how we in turn have a positive impact in our world. Lori-ann and I had the opportunity to study the book "So you want to Talk about race" by Ijeoma Oulo. We found it to be an excellent learning tool and a step towards understanding these social issues better. The book club will officially start in the Fall, but we are encouraging those who are interested to join, to please read it over the summer. More information to follow on dates and time of zoom gatherings.

Please call Cindy Snow at 514-266-3693 if you are interested in joining.



Taken from The Reader's Digest Bedside Book of Laughter, 1966.

A maid asked for an advance on her week's salary "Our preacher is leaving the church this Sunday" she told us, "And the congregation wants to give him a little momentum".

Two English schoolboys took a dislike to each other, and the hatred grew more intense as the years passed. One entered the Royal Navy and finally became an admiral; the other went into the Church and eventually was made a bishop.

Years later they met on a London railway station platform. They had changed, of course, and the bishop had grown very plump, but they recognized each other. The bishop swept up to the admiral, who was standing there, resplendent in his uniform with medals and gold braid glittering all over him, and said "Stationmaster, from which platform does the ten-five train leave for Oxford".

The admiral promptly retaliated "Platform 5, madam. But in your condition, should you be traveling?"

Limerick:

An indolent Vicar of Bray,
His roses allowed to decay,
His wife, more alert,
Bought a powerful squirt,
And said to her spouse "Let us spray".

Submitted by Vivien Lapa

A 65-year-old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience.

Seeing God she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck.

She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 33 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the Ambulance?"

(You'll love this)

God replied: " I didn't recognize you!"

Submitted by Bev Baker

I speak my mind,
because it hurts to bite my tongue.

Submitted by Norma Kolotelo

