

THE CARILLON

MAY 2013



Confirmation Class



From left to right: Rev. Hugh Reid, Kennedy Cassidy, Chelsea Overstrom, Lauren Yates, Tara Leithead, Carly Turner, Brock Watling, Rev. Maryann Skinner

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Personal Decision - Confirmation 2013

Rev. Maryann Skinner

It is truly something to celebrate when young people choose to join the communion of Jesus Christ as members of Kingsway Lambton United Church.

The opportunity to become involved with worship, leadership and hands-on outreach activities throughout the year is an integral part of the programme.

Following is an outline of the programme developed for the Confirmation Class by Reverends Hugh and Maryann.

The main question for the class: Are you ready to commit to Jesus?

Curriculum

What is Christian faith and who is our God?

- Jesus: Who was he? What did he do? How is he related to God? Why do we call him Saviour?
- The Holy Spirit: Who is this? How is the Holy Spirit related to Jesus? How can it be a strength in my life?
- The Trinity: The unique way Christians understand who God is and how much God loves creation.

What is spirituality: What is faith? Do I have to have one?

- What do we mean when we say *spiritual*?

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



The Persistent Gardener

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. John 15:1

I finally got my bulbs in the ground last fall. Not that I've never done it before but there have been a few years where I bought bulbs and they were firmly planted in my closet. Last year I made time and they got into the ground.

So you can imagine my anticipation this spring. I had it planned, successive waves of blooms beginning with daffodils, then early and late flowering tulips. My garden would be a riot of colour for the length and breadth of spring. In Tennessee, in March, my expectancy was heightened by hosts of golden daffodils dancing in the cold Smoky Mountains breezes.

So you can imagine my joy when the first green fronds forced their way through the ground. And that's all there was for a long time, green fronds. I watched them every day. No sign of a bloom. No dancing. Nothing. Then, to my horror, the banks of tulips began to rise. Coming fast they shot up soaring leaves and unmistakable buds. This wasn't the order! Finally a bud appeared in one of the narcissi. I thought it might beat the tulips. It did but fell over - a bloom too heavy for the stalk. I propped it up, leaning it on a neighbour frond. I wanted a dancer. I got a

drunken sailor. The tulips burst forth (all out of order) along with some hyacinth (I don't remember planting). The narcissi eventually came along and are now making a reasonable show of themselves in the shadow of the tulips but my plan is gone.

I wonder if that's how God feels. There is such an investment of grace in us. God literally made time for us and, in the fullness of time, put divine hands deep into the earth, becoming flesh in Jesus. God has dirt under divine fingernails that came from inside a tomb. By patient love the Holy Spirit continues to work the soil: worship, baptism, confirmation, study, prayer, untamed love coaxing reluctant buds.

We come out in the wrong order, we bloom but fall to the ground, we leaf with no flower, we stay in the ground, but God the gardener isn't working for spring. Our Lord, who *made* time for us, is working for eternity that we may grow into life. ■

In the garden,
Rev. Hugh Reid

The Glory of God's Creation



Canada Blooms - March, 2013



Jeff's Call to the Ministry

Jeff Bacon

At the last Presbytery meeting, I was asked to spend a few minutes reflecting theologically on my call within the United Church and the process of discerning that call with South West Presbytery. As members of Kingsway-Lambton United Church may know, I've undergone a fascinating transformation over the last few years, years that have been filled with both great joy and great frustration. Interestingly, both the joys and the frustrations have reinforced in me my sense of God's call to be a minister in the United Church and I'm grateful to my Kingsway Lambton family who have faithfully supported me on this incredible journey.

There isn't a typical background for students at Emmanuel College. In my case, I didn't go to church as a child, started my career as an engineer in the oil and gas industry, and then went on to more than 20 years of investment banking. Along the way, I gradually developed a curiosity about God and a desire to learn more about our Christian faith.

Initially, my curiosity led to a variety of positive experiences, including amazing Honduras mission trips, wonderful Christian Education sessions, fascinating courses at Emmanuel College, and incredible support from my church family and friends. All of this positive reinforcement led me to believe that God was surely encouraging me to

continue along this path. I identified with stories of the Disciples eager to learn and to follow Jesus.

But then, at the end of second year, I was offered internship sites that would have required me to move away for the third year and I decided to pursue an Alternative Internship in Toronto. It was a lonely process and difficult from the very start. I successfully arranged a church and a hospital site, and loved the ministry that I was doing in both settings, but not everyone seemed to see the same me as I see. Midway through, a unit of CPE was added to my requirements, which effectively delayed my ordination by a year. Then, six months of counselling was added. At times I felt like Job, a righteous sufferer whose faith was being tested.

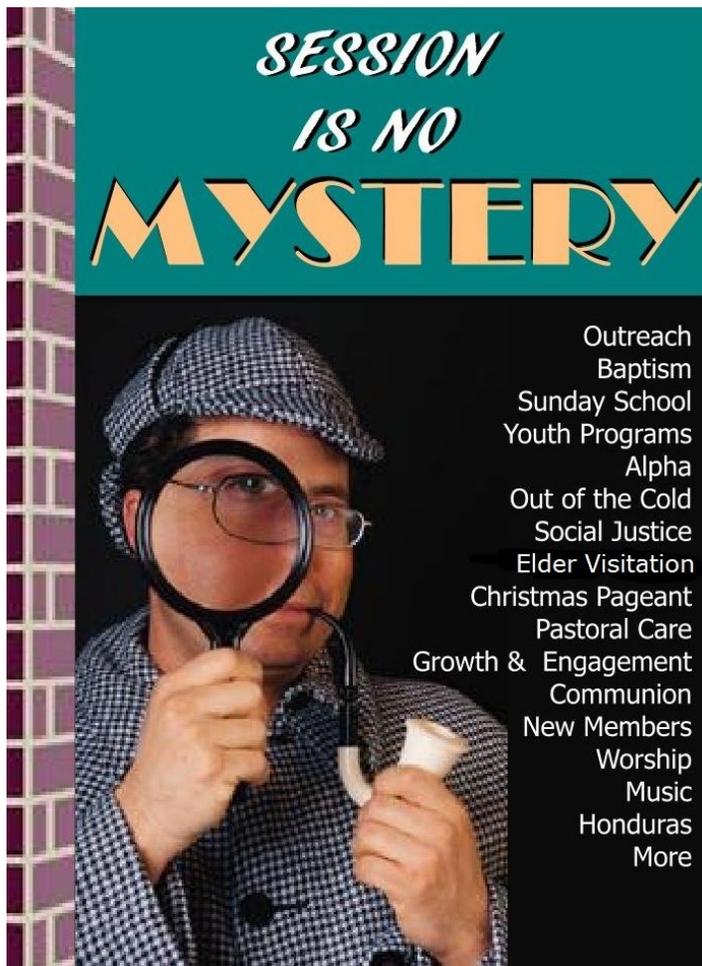
After much reflection and prayer, however, I came to understand that my journey didn't have a finish line, or a time deadline, or anything but growing closer to God. I persevered and tried to learn from each experience, which reinforced in me my unique call to ministry.

So, in the midst of our human joys and frustrations as individuals, as committees, and as the church, I've discerned that our call truly is from God and all we can do is to humbly and prayerfully try to discern it, in joy and in frustration, confidently embraced in God's amazing love for us. I'm thankful for the challenges along the way and I'm filled with joy at the prospect of serving as an ordained minister in the United Church. ■

Honouring Ruth

Susan Culver

You may have heard that our esteemed Music Director, Ruth Watson Henderson, has announced her retirement from her position at the end of June, 2013. For over 16 years, Ruth has shared her many musical gifts with us: as an accompanist, conductor, and composer. As a member of the Senior Choir, I can attest that, under Ruth's direction, our choir has grown musically, and our Sunday services have been enriched by Ruth's ability to attract some of the best musical talent in the city. Ruth will be honoured in September with a special presentation. ■



SESSION IS NO MYSTERY

- Outreach
- Baptism
- Sunday School
- Youth Programs
- Alpha
- Out of the Cold
- Social Justice
- Elder Visitation
- Christmas Pageant
- Pastoral Care
- Growth & Engagement
- Communion
- New Members
- Worship
- Music
- Honduras
- More

Peter Restivo

“What is Session? It’s a mystery to me!” That’s what one member told me recently. A bit of asking around and I discovered many people had similar questions. Okay. Here it is. Session is the governing faith arm of the Official Board. Session members are called Elders – not so much because they are older but because they have special gifts of faith, talent, passion and energy devoted to Kingsway-Lambton’s worship, outreach, social justice, Christian education, Sunday School, youth programs and much more. This may sound like a pretty exclusive group but the fact is that while only Elders are members of Session, anyone can be a part of the many Session activities.

No church is complete without committees and Session has its share. But committee listings never tell the entire story. There is a score of regular activities from skating parties to shinny hockey to E-waste recycling to teaching to serving a meal to Christmas pageant work to more than twenty others. We can sure use your help and your

special talents. And you can do it without committee meetings.

Have a question? Have a complaint? Want to help? Session is likely the first place you should inquire. ■

Session Committees and Contacts:

Baptism:

Karen Czaniecki. 416.622.7364

Christian Education:

Stan Locke. 905.238.6202

Christian Fellowship:

Rick Johnston. 416.418.6157

Communion:

Dianne Mundy. 905.891.3369

Elder Visitation:

Mary Asquini. 416.231.6826

Growth and Engagement:

Steve Prime. 416.233.7331

New Members:

Donna-Lee Waymann. 416.236.0566

Susan Franklin. 416.231.8113

Announcement - New Minister of Music

At the Official Board meeting on May 7th, the Chair of the Search Committee, Greg Hughes reported that Anne Marie Page has been hired as Minister of Music. Her duties will commence on July 1st.

She brings a broad range of musical experience to our congregation. We welcome Anne Marie and her husband to Kingsway-Lambton. A feature article on our new Minister of Music will appear in the next edition of *The Carillon*. ■



Stonegate E-Waste Project

Barbara Sheffield

Members of the Men's Group and the Social Justice Group got together on a cold, wet and windy April 13 to help Stonegate Ministry build community and protect the environment through an E-Waste Collection -- a fundraising idea from Sharon Jorgens, adding \$850 to the Stonegate community kitchen project. Gord Robb, Peter Restivo, Clarke Mills, Greg Hughes, Horace Knight and Roger Dawson helped to make the project a success along with volunteers from other churches in central Etobicoke and members of the Stonegate Ministry Boards.

It was a great partnership involving those who support community and care about the environment -- a win/win solution to pressing justice issues of marginalization and recycling.

Did you know E-waste is growing approximately four times faster than other waste streams. Experts estimate that 35 to 40 million tons of e-waste was generated worldwide in 2010? And, less than 10% of that waste is being properly recycled.

And, did you know, that Stonegate Ministry addresses the needs of those who are marginalized in an area that is only about 10 minutes from our church? The Ministry is establishing a community kitchen, where seniors, youth and moms can get together to share life experiences, learn about improved nutrition as well as affordable and appealing meal preparation, and learn how to create healthy meals from foods available at the food bank -- all in a safe environment. It will be a welcoming, facility where shared "food-related" activities will act as a catalyst to build

community, healthy relationships, strong families and a place where neighbours can meet, learn and grow in faith.

The kitchen advisory committee, chaired by Priscilla Knight with participation by Barbara Sheffield, has been hard at work and so far around \$24,000 of the \$40,000 needed to launch the project is in hand. Gifts have been received from individuals, church parishes and congregations, women's groups, service clubs, and 736 corporations in addition to funds from special events like the E-Waste project. The next fundraising approach is to community, corporate and church foundations.

Stonegate Ministry has been working in the community for 21 years, offering a variety of programs and services to strengthen families, individuals and the community. It operates The Outreach Store, a second-hand store to clothe those in need. It partners with a local food bank to feed the hungry, it offers workshops in subjects of interest to residents and programs such as Time Together and Toddler Time programs. Historically, Stonegate Ministry has partnered in projects with others in the community including: playground revitalization, Farmer's Markets, improving street lighting, promoting market gardens and creating play facilities for youth.

Poverty statistics for the Stonegate community are double that of the rest of Toronto. It is a high density area, where low income, single parent families make their homes, where highly educated newcomers to Canada find their first place to live, and one quarter of the senior population lives in isolation.

You, too, can be part of the solution. Learn more about how you can build community and protect the environment. ■

Treasurer's Report

William Winterburn

The Treasurer's Responsibilities

1. Develop the Annual Operating Budget.
2. Monitor the results and present regular updates to the Stewards for their review and action as required.
3. Communicate the financial highlights to the Official Board, the Annual Report, and *The Carillon*.
4. Ensure that any new control procedures as required by our outside auditor are implemented.
5. Meet with the Church Administrator weekly to sign the cheques.
6. Liaise with other groups within the Church on financial matters as required (for example, UCW, Trustees, Men's Group, Gifts and Givings, Christian Education, Music, etc.).

1st Quarter 2013 Results

By way of background, the annual 2013 budget was approved at the Official Board meeting on Feb 5th. At this point in time, I am able to report on our performance through to the end of the 1st quarter, ending March 31st. The first quarter is always an important period of time, as it usually sets the tone, in terms of how the year is likely to shape up for us financially.

I am pleased to report that the numbers so far are encouraging. 1st quarter revenue is 5% ahead of budget and 12% ahead of last year. Expenses are 3% below budget and 2% below last year. So we have the perfect scenario - revenue is up, expenses are down. The net result is a small surplus of \$6,600, putting us slightly ahead of budget and last year.

On Line Givings

At the Official Board meeting in February, a motion was approved to implement a program of on line giving on a 1 year trial basis. While progress on this important initiative has been slower than we would like, we hope to have it up and running as soon as possible. By way of reminder, this move is being implemented as a way to

broaden our sources of giving, increasing the ease by which members of the congregation can make donations to the Church, even if they're not in Church on a regular basis.

If you log onto our website now, you will see the following message: "A *Donate* button is available which processes credit and debit card transactions through a secure web site". It's coming soon. ■

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Curriculum

- Is this relevant: So few care, why should I?
- What does faith have to do with me? Do I have to have a faith?
- Faith and science: Is faith something that belongs to a pre-scientific world?

Where does this faith come from? How do we know about it?

- History: The story
- The Bible: The witness of collected testimonies for the story
- The church: the community in which the story is told and continues to unfold

How can this faith make a difference in our lives and world? What does it mean to be a disciple?

- Entering the story: Baptism, Confirmation, Communion
- Growing in the story: Sunday worship and prayer, personal devotions and study
- Owning and living the story: Christian service
- Evangelism: sharing the story.

At the final session the young people are asked the following questions:

- Are you ready to publicly declare that you accept and trust the love of God for you and all creation revealed and given in Jesus Christ?
- Are you ready to commit to membership in the family of Kingsway-Lambton United Church in the United Church of Canada.

Confirmants are reminded that these decisions must be personal decisions for themselves and their future. ■

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Art Show & Sale - Another Hit! Sharon Colbert

Warm sunny weather and exciting art awaited the patrons of the 16th Annual Art Show and Sale. Artists, volunteers and many helping hands contributed to a successful day.

The focus this year was to increase our advertising efforts throughout the city. As a result, we enjoyed a significant increase in ticket sales, both prior to the show and on the day of show. A special thank you to our hard working Art Show Committee!

Approximately 175 pieces of art found a new home and \$27,000.00 was raised. All the charities supported by the UCW appreciate our continued support.

The committee is already planning next year's event:

Saturday, April 5

It is never too early to save the date.

Photos. Sharon Colbert, Sue Franklin (upper left); Chris Goodhand (centre); Mary Lou Richardson, Mary Valle, Bev Judson (lower right)

Property Committee

Don MacInnes

The Committee is pleased to report that the problems associated with the latching mechanisms on the glass doors have been corrected.

A new service provider has been selected for our fire monitoring and maintenance services, giving us an upgrade in the protection we are providing to our members and rental customers. We have also increased the frequency with which our system is serviced.

The Committee continues to be successful in attracting film crew lunch rental opportunities. Our central location in the community is an important consideration to them.

John Larsen has been assisting us with the improvement of our exterior grounds.

Routine maintenance and repairs program continues. In addition, an upgrade plan for the choir ladies washroom will be implemented during the summer.

Work continues this summer on the exterior waterproofing program, focusing on the east entranceway.

A special thanks to Santiago Duque, Ali Salazar and Fanny Macia -our new half time sexton - for the excellent work they do to keep our property clean and ready to use for the many church and community programs we support here.

Brainy Kids - a science oriented children's organization has signed a lease to hold a five week summer camp in our gym for children ages 8-13 from July 15th - August 16th.

For further information please visit www.brainykids.ca

South West Presbytery - Future Directions

Charles Donley

The determination of the United Church mission in South West Presbytery is being examined from the perspective of ethnic ministries, closings, amalgamations and the establishment and support of non-traditional ministries.

Of 54 churches in South West Presbytery, 9 are designated as ethnic ministries. A report on ethnic ministries classified 6 of the 9 as "struggling" and identified challenges in ministerial recruitment, financial resources, buildings, theology and governance within the UCC structure. The situation is complicated by language and cultural differences; for example, the relative weight to be accorded for English language capacity when approving a call or appointment for an ethnic minister, or, transfer of property for use by ethnic ministries. Given the GTA's demographic make-up, successful ethnic ministries offer both challenge and opportunity for growth.

A report to its February meeting proposed a Presbytery mission statement and policy framework regarding existing and new congregational properties, the sale of Church property, and use of funds arising from sales of existing congregational properties. Additional suggested policies for community ministries, both stand-alone (e.g. Jane Finch) and Pastoral Charge-based community ministries (e.g. Central -Weston) included a proposal to establish a new South West Presbytery Outreach Corporation to facilitate the work of community ministries and hold property for Presbytery's needs. The report states that "...the mission of the Presbytery includes: maintaining vital pastoral Charges, revitalizing pastoral Charges, developing new pastoral Charge[s] (both historical and immigrant) and maintaining and developing stand-alone and Pastoral Charge-based community ministries". It further suggests a formula for allocation of property proceeds to provide funding to support such initiatives and ongoing activities.

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Effective Leadership to Affect Pastoral Charges

Presbytery received the announcement that Toronto Conference Executive decided to pilot implementation of General Council's decision to move pastoral relations work from Presbytery to Conference. The Pastoral Charge and Presbytery would continue to discern and articulate a congregation's mission and leadership needs, and the support/nurture of pastoral relations and personnel. Conference would assume (from the Presbytery) the pastoral relations processes of placement, oversight and discipline along with relevant staff for both functions. While Presbytery would continue oversight of Pastoral charges, ministerial discipline would be a Conference matter! Joint Needs Assessment

Committees are eliminated. Each pastoral charge, with Presbytery help, will be required to identify and articulate its mission, in a living document posted on line.

The report outlined that suggested Common Mission Criteria categories will likely include:

- Reaching beyond our doors/outreach
- Worship
- Pastoral care
- Discipleship – faith formation, spirituality
- Stewardship – property, human gifts, finances
- Outreach in justice and love –responding to local community and global need
- Leadership – of volunteers, empowering leadership, situational leadership
- Ministry partnerships – with whom, within and outside the church
- Spirituality and self-care

The role of Personnel Minister, located at Conference, would include "oversight of the performance review process of Ministry Personnel" and with regard to oversight and discipline "will work with M and P Committees to provide the first line of response to issues of concern" A new process with Conference involvement to match applicants with congregations seeking ministers will be implemented. The ramifications of these changes arising from the pilot implementation and the subsequent phase will need to be addressed by the Kingsway Lambton Official Board. ■

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UCW Flea Market - \$71,900 for Local Charities!

Priscilla Knight



"By many hands the work of God is done."

Photos. Santiago Duque, Julio Echeberry, Ali Salazar (upper left); Elayne Horner, Helen Paul, Susie Rudy, Barb McIntyre, Gertrud von Veh (left); Graeme Drinkwalter, Jim Paradine, Bill Fraser, Bob Mundy, Greg Service, Graham Marshall, Baby Sydney Marshall (left); Erin Martin (upper centre); Patty Szach and Rev. Hugh Reid (upper right)

Flea Market Co-ordinators: Priscilla Knight, Marion Lush and Janice Robson

Runnymede Robotics - St. Louis Sensation!

Keith Watling



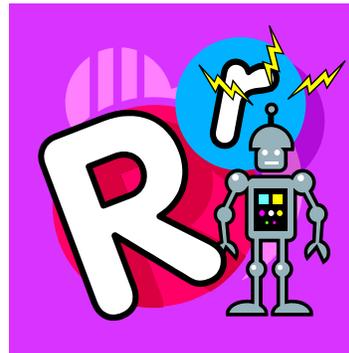
The drive team: (Left to right) Michael Nucci (Captain), Braden Watling (Driver), Jack Poldon (Frisbee Shooting), Kyle Laughton (Frisbee Loading).

Team 1310 Runnymede Robotics competed in the FIRST Robotics championships in St Louis Missouri on April 24 - 27, 2013. After all teams played 8 qualification matches, we ranked 5th on our field of 100 robots with a win/loss record of 7 & 1 and we became the captain of the 5th alliance in the Curie division. We won our first quarterfinal match by 2 points, but lost the next two to a very strong opponent alliance which included the top ranked team in the world.

In one qualification match, our alliance tied the top qualification match score from all 4 divisions at 231 points. We also had the 2nd and 4th highest scores overall at 225 and 221, and had the second highest overall total qualification point score at 1406 out of any of the 400 teams at the event. The overall highest score was only two points more than us at 1408 and third was way down at 1336, so we are extremely happy with our team's performance. Of course our alliance partners contributed a lot to these really high scores, but they change in every match so it shows that we were consistently scoring really well. We are proud to be one of the top teams in all of FIRST with a final overall rank of 17 out of over 2500 teams for the season!

The competition is set up so that it is not only the top robots that make it to finals. There are many extremely good robots from around the world, and luck also plays a part. The winning alliance from each of the four divisions goes on to play another round of matches on the Einstein field, and the ultimate champions were an alliance of two Canadian teams plus a Texas team. One of the teams are good friends, so it was really cool to see them win! We are all thrilled with our performance and are already thinking about next year. It was the most amazing and inspiring event we have ever been to and an experience of a lifetime for the students. We are so proud of all of the students. They worked so hard as a team and accomplished so much. We had teams seeking us out trying to chat us up and pick them to be on our alliance. It was extremely cool!!!

After such a successful 10th season, our



team's goal is to build upon this year's success to help set the stage for continued future success. We plan to attend one or two off-season events to increase our profile within the FIRST Robotics community, plus

participate in more local community events to raise awareness of the FIRST programs and to promote the importance of STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Math). We also hope to mentor another Rookie team next year as well as to continue to mentor a FIRST Lego League team from a local Middle school, plus host another Lego League competition at our school.

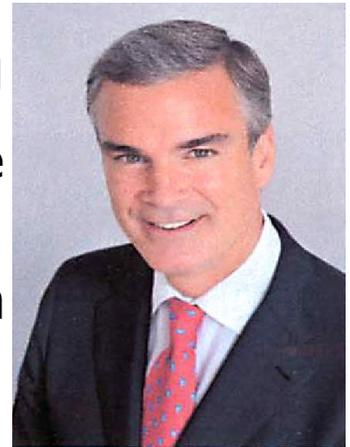
We are grateful to all our generous sponsors, including the Kingsway-Lambton Men's Club who have helped our team grow year after year and have contributed towards such a rewarding educational program for the students at Runnymede Collegiate. ■

Estate and Charitable Tax Planning

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Financial Educator, Author, and Consultant



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- To bypass paying upfront capital gains taxes when selling your investments.
- To convert assets into an income you can't outlive.
- To leave a lasting legacy.

Wednesday June 5th, 2013

Kingsway-Lambton United Church
The Auditorium

Registration from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Presentation at 7:00 PM

Refreshments will be served

Email Gail Teal at [**gail@kingswaylambton.ca**](mailto:gail@kingswaylambton.ca)

Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of our nation's most knowledgeable, entertaining and engaging speakers on the topic of how you can save income and minimize estate taxes.

Keith Thomson's numerous articles have appeared in publications such as The Globe and Mail and CA magazine. Hundreds of lawyers, accountants, financial advisors and philanthropic professionals have all benefited from his instruction. By utilizing the strategies revealed in Thomson's presentations, entrepreneurs, professionals and retirees have been able to save and redirect to philanthropic organizations over \$10 million of their "social capital"... also known as taxes.

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards recognize individual volunteers for continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to an organization.

This year a number of Kingsway-Lambton volunteers were recognized for their years of service by the Province:



Youth: Heather Collett
Arielle D'Ippolito
10 Years: Stephen Prime
25 Years: Mary Prime
30 Years: Susan Franklin
Stan and Linda Locke
50 Years: Donald MacInnes

These awards were presented recently at a ceremony held at The Old Mill. Over two hundred recipients and their friends were present.

Kingsway-Lambton is grateful to have such faithful volunteers as those mentioned here, as well as the hundreds of others who volunteer regularly at Kingsway-Lambton and are yet to be recognized in this manner.

Congratulations! ■

A new novel, *Twists of Fate*, by William Bain is a fast paced page tuner. A number of friends in the congregation have already purchased and enjoyed it. Full details are available on his website www.williambain.net.

Announcement

The UCW June dinner will be held on June 4th, in the Auditorium, 5:30 for punch, 6:00 for dinner. The special entertainment this year will be a repeat of the famous "Flea Market Fashion Show". Come for a delicious dinner and some 'fun' entertainment.

Tickets are \$15 each and will be available at Coffee Hour, the Church Office or a member of the UCW.

Everyone is welcome! ■

Kingsway-Lambton Youth at Scooters

Rev. Maryann Skinner

A happy group of our Kingsway-Lambton Youth had a fabulous time at Scooter's Roller Palace in Mississauga. In fact - some might say it was a very "hipster" event.

The excursion to Scooters Roller Palace is an example of the type of event that our leaders hope to develop as Christian family fun nights for all ages. Watch next year's calendar and plan to join in on a rollin' good time.

The next youth event is a Sports and Silent Library Night scheduled for 6:30 -8:30 Friday, May 31st. ■



Kingsway-Lambton Homes For Seniors - 20th ANNIVERSARY!

David Macdonald

This year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the opening, in 1993, of Kingsway-Lambton Homes for Seniors.

This outreach project of your church consists of two rental buildings of 129 units with residents on four floors in each building housing a total of about 150 senior citizens. The residents are self supporting, most having one bedroom units with full kitchens and laundry on each floor. About three quarters of the residents receive some amount of government subsidy depending on the individual's income level.

The project has on site a professional manager and custodial staff. This staff is directed by a board of eight directors, all volunteers drawn from members of this congregation and having an accumulation of skills necessary to govern a well run seniors building. The residents have expressed to the board members, individually and collectively, on many occasions their appreciation and thanks for their home and surroundings.

However, we are facing the challenge of major capital repairs, replacements and upgrades that any residence that is over twenty years old requires.

We are currently working on a five year plan which will prioritize the needs and maintain the standards to which the residents have become accustomed.

Our church interacts with the residents throughout the year. The UCW hosts a luncheon at Christmas and a tea during the Flea Market. Rev. Hugh Reid, our Senior Minister, brings congregational greetings.

Our anniversary celebrations will feature an outdoor BBQ in Gorham Gardens with best wishes from local politicians and civic leaders. This event, like the opening celebrations 20 years ago, will be a joyous occasion indeed. ■



From Your Church Library

Pat Strizic

At the top of the East Door Stairs is a beautiful, tranquil room. Refurbished several years ago, it houses the Church Library. Inside you will find books and DVD's to inspire, educate and entertain you.

Each book has a card in the back. Borrowing a book is as simple as filling out the card with your name and phone number and leaving it on the desk.

You can look up the book collection on line at the Church web site under the library page or use the binder on the lectern inside the Library.

I have a book I would like to highlight for you.

Amazing Grace, A vocabulary of Faith, by Kathleen Norris. 230.03Nor

The author of this book discusses her childhood faith, her early adult life with no faith and her return to the Church. Upon her return she found many words that were unfamiliar and had complex meanings.

This book is her attempt to explain, through scriptures and stories the meanings of our words of faith. Because each chapter is a discussion of one term or phrase, the book becomes an easy one to use as a daily reading.

I also found the book reminded me that many of the terms we so easily use, are not common to everyone. Those words can be a barrier to others as they approach the Church.

I hope you will visit the Library and take out a book to read. ■



Sunday School Program - Rotation-Based Approach

Rev. Maryann Skinner

When we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we make a promise to foster the faith growth of the young people in our Christian community. At Kingsway-Lambton United Church we are thankful for your continued support and prayers for the varied Children's and Youth Ministry Programs.

It is important to share an understanding of the changes that have been implemented over the past few years in the Sunday School Children's Program at Kingsway-Lambton. These changes mostly pertain to young people aged 4- 11. The new approach is suggested and recommended by expert program leaders in the field of Children's Ministry.

One significant shift is that children have been learning one story really well over a three week period. The children will learn the story by experiencing one special activity per week.

For instance Jane, in the youngest age group, called the Christian Cookies, will participate in the Craft Corner activity on Week 1 of the Unit. She will move to the Kid's Kitchen on Week 2.

Each activity over a three week basis is hosted by a different adult who has prepared to share the same Bible story in his/her own words. Volunteers are attracted to this because the preparation time for leading is easily managed. It's also exciting to note that an adult leader such as Andrew signs up to host the drama station because that's where his gifts and passions lie, whereas Graham loves science and prefers to lead a kitchen activity.

In the Kid's Kitchen on the topic of the Prodigal Son, the young people celebrated a banquet together. In the Craft Corner, they

depicted the story using play dough. In the Master Peace Theatre, they chose special costumes and acted out the story.

This has proven to be an effective way for the participants to learn and to retain various stories, and is adaptable to the various learning needs of young people. Our goal is to guide learning of ten biblically based stories and/or characters over the course of a year. Ideally at the end of each unit an element of what's been learned is shared in the sanctuary with the entire congregation. You may recall seeing a skit about the camel and a needle for instance, and or the Puppet Show about the transfiguration.

Finally, the rotation approach allows for adult and youth leaders to help with a program on a short term basis and therefore not miss months of the adult worship service over the course of the year. In cases where a block of three weeks in a row is not a best fit for a leader, there are always sub-options. There is always room for the work of the Holy Spirit in the way things fall into place :)

Thank you for reading to the end of this article. If you have any questions about the content or the approach of this program please feel free to approach Rev. Maryann, or a member of the Christian Education Committee. ■

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The Story of the Prodigal Son

	Christian Cookies (age 4-6)	Animals (age 7-9)	Dove Warriors (age 10-11)
Week 1	Craft Corner	Master Peace Theatre	Kid's Kitchen
Week 2	Kid's Kitchen	Craft Corner	Master Peace Theatre
Week 3	Master Peace Theatre	Kid's Kitchen	Craft Corner

Baptism
Mothers' Day
May 12, 2013



William Odell Lindsay
Carly Lindsay, Michael Lindsay

Ava Emily Portiansky
Emily MacGregor*, Katie and
Luciano Portiansky, Juan
Portiansky*



Connor James Lynch
Cheryl Lynch*, Cheryl Lynch,
Michael Lynch, Dan Lynch*,
Sarah Lynch (sister)

**godparent*

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Baptisms

March 17, 2013

REESE DANIEL RANDELL
daughter of Keith and Courtney Randell
great-granddaughter of Marion MacDonald

May 12, 2013

WILLIAM ODELL LINDSAY
son of Michael and Carly Lindsay

CONNOR JAMES LYNCH
son of Michael and Cheryl Lynch
grandson of Ernie and Susan Card

AVA EMILY PORTIANSKY
daughter of Luciano and Katie Portiansky

New Members

May 5, 2013

Anne Adams
Janet Greenwood
James Murray
Rein Petersen

Confirmation

May 12, 2013

Kennedy Cassidy
Tara Leithead
Chelsea Overstrom
Carly Turner
Brock Watling
Lauren Yates

Message from the Editor

I hope that you have enjoyed this transitional issue of *The Carillon*. Your Communications Committee plans to have a revised version in 2014. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Special thanks to Peter Restivo, Roger Dawson, and Coco Zhang without whose expertise the changes to this issue would not have been possible. *Mary-Margaret MacInnes, mmm@macinnes.com*