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The Stature of Waiting Rev. Hugh Reid



“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel...”
Luke 2:25

It's Advent and so time for a reflection on “waiting”. We associate waiting with Christmas though this may be a residue from our childhood. Adults tend to experience the holidays as a stream of obligations, rather than a long succession of sleepless “sleeps”. But the Christmas story itself is filled with people waiting.

The above quotation from Luke concerns one of its lesser known characters: Simeon. An old man, he, along with the widow and prophet Anna, is among those waiting longest. We're told they're waiting “for the consolation of Israel” or “the redemption of Jerusalem,” justice for an oppressed people, the equivalent of “peace on earth”.

We can empathize. We live in a world that can use such peace. Grief, insecure economies and employment, climate change, warfare in the mid-east, the migration of misery, and attacks in Paris, make us ache for consolation.

The longing, faithful Simeon had been promised that he would see the Messiah. This kept him enduring. Then a poor couple came to the Temple carrying a non-descript baby for the usual rituals. The full consolation of Israel hadn't arrived but his waiting changed. The sliver of light on the horizon was proof of the coming dawn. Filled with joy, his long patience became praise. How does this help us?

A friend sent me an article from the journal *Atlantic* entitled, “There's More to Life than Being Happy”. It contrasts the pursuit of happiness with the search for meaning. Ironically, our culture's pursuit of happiness leaves people feeling less happy, turning them into takers not givers.

Victor Frankl wrote: “Happiness cannot be pursued; it must ensue.” Drawing from Frankl and his classic “Man's Search for Meaning”, the article describes how *meaning* gives a person life-satisfying significance and the world life-enhancing service. In this Season of Advent, it's good to note that waiting gives meaning.

In Hebrew, the word for waiting doesn't mean to stay inactive until something happens. It means living, acting, spending in hope, with your life filled and guided by hope. Have you ever waited for a gift at Christmas? More significantly, have you ever waited for a loved one? Or have you ever been shaped by someone who is waiting for (or depending on) you?

What are you waiting for? Is it worthy of you? Christmas, the birth of Jesus, offers meaning-full waiting. Eternal love has been born into creation and shines relentlessly against our sea of troubles. Like Simeon, we can *wait* with praise. And miracle of miracles, the living God is also waiting for you.

In anticipation, Rev. Hugh

Legacy Giving: A New Era in Supporting Our Church

JOHN FRANKLIN, Chair of Gifts and Giving

Building on the work of the Gifts and Giving (G & G) Committee, an active program is taking off at our Church. This is a need that was identified a few years ago when the "Vision 20/20" study was completed.

Following the Vision 20/20 study, it was determined that total capital needs would be \$3,000,000 to cover projects such as maintenance, roofs, heating systems, organ repairs, as well as topping up the Manse Fund to adequately meet the Ministers' housing allowance.

From where will this money come?

Legacy gifts are an important way to raise these much needed funds. These are gifts to the church which members leave in their wills. In 2013, Mark Coutts and Jim Gallagher, Co-Chairs of G & G, got the ball rolling by arranging to host a presentation by Keith Thomson, a noted authority on charitable giving. This was a great introduction to some of the tax efficient ways to set up gifts in your will.

Building on this program, the G & G Committee recently developed a brochure which was sent, with a letter, to the entire congregation. Several people have responded indicating their intention to include Kingsway-Lambton in their will. With their permission, we are publishing their names in the bulletin and in the Annual Report as a way of saying "thank you" and hopefully encouraging others to join them.

- The Legacy Program at Kingsway-Lambton is striving to launch a new era in remembering and supporting this Church. -



Photo credit: Brittany Nguyen, Ryerson University Student

Many gifts have been gratefully received in the past. It is our hope that this is an opportunity for our Christian family to shine even brighter in the years to come.

American pastor and scholar William Ward once said, "Each of us will one day be judged by the standard of our life - not by the standard of our living; by our measure of giving - not by our measure of wealth; by our simple goodness - not by our seeming greatness." It is in this spirit of giving that we hope to support our Church needs through the generosity of its members.

Deficit Increases as Attendance Declines

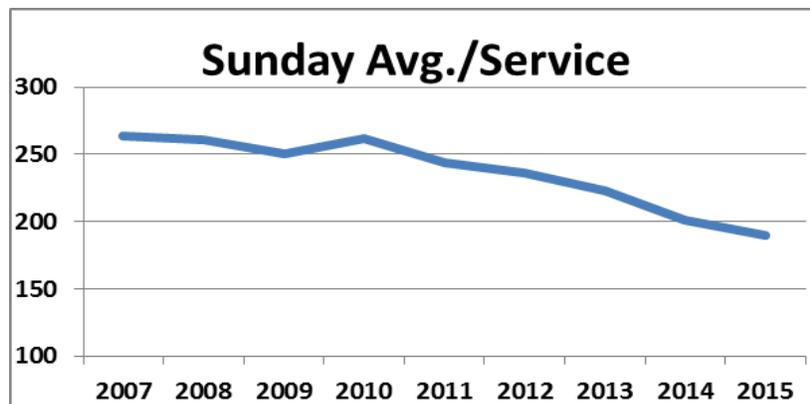
BILL WINTERBURN, Treasurer

At this time of the year, we normally turn our attention to the annual operating budget for this year and next. The operating budget is a forecast of what revenues we expect to receive from various sources, balanced off against the expenses that it takes to run the Church each year.

We currently have a significant financial challenge facing us. Our revenues are simply not keeping up with our expenses. To the end of September, we have recorded a deficit of \$80,000. A deficit this large is not sustainable as we will quickly run out of the cash needed to operate the Church on an ongoing basis.

- As has been stated many times, our revenue must continue to grow if we want to continue to invest in those areas that will keep our Church strong and growing. -

One only needs to observe the average attendance at our Sunday services to see where the problem lies. Many congregants do not attend Church on a regular basis and therefore, do not put any money on the collection plate and are not on Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR). **Did you know that it takes about \$1,900 per church member household to cover the operating costs of our programs and ministries?**



Above: Declining attendance at Sunday service means fewer contributions on the collection plate and an increase to our already alarming deficit.

Planning for next year's budget has commenced but unfortunately, the preliminary numbers are calling for another significant deficit. Our projections for total revenues, including givings by the congregation, are falling short of where they need to be to support the important work being done by the various committees.

Discussions are currently taking place to determine the correct course of action. Once the final numbers are in for 2015, a final budget for 2016 will be agreed upon, and it will be presented to the Official Board and the congregation for approval in February of next year.

It should be stressed that the monies pledged during the current Stewardship Campaign are a key component of the budgeting process. The results of the Stewardship Campaign will go a long way in determining the level of activity and programming that we can afford next year.

Check back next issue, when I will report on the final 2015 operating results and the approved budget. In the meantime, please contact me at w.winterburn@gmail.com should you have any ideas for promoting the financial health of Kingsway-Lambton.

In Conversation with Priscilla Knight: New Chair of the Official Board

What motivated you to take on the position of Chair of the Official Board?

When asked if I would take on the role of Chair of the Official Board, I thought of the example my parents set for me. They were both very involved in the church; my father serving as the equivalent to the Chair of the Official Board for many years. Remembering that example, I felt that it was my responsibility to serve in this capacity.

Kingsway-Lambton has a group of lay people that truly love the Church, and are dedicated to ensuring that it continues to serve the congregants and the community. I knew it would be an honour and a privilege to work with these people.



What does the role entail?

The key responsibilities include providing leadership to the congregation, Ministers and staff in the implementation of Kingsway-Lambton's strategic vision. I also chair the Official Board and Congregation meetings, and connect with the congregation to ensure that you are kept abreast of issues. My role also requires that I provide leadership on governance matters to ensure that Kingsway-Lambton is consistent with the United Church Manual, our policies and best practices.

What priorities and challenges lie ahead for Kingsway-Lambton?

The major challenges that our Church faces at this point are concerns with decreasing revenues and attendance. These are challenges faced by many churches today. I feel that my role is to work with the congregation, ministers and staff to face these issues with optimism. It may be God's way of challenging us to work harder.

We have much good news to share – as congregants at Kingsway-Lambton we are able to experience the love of Jesus and the community and camaraderie that is so special at our Church. I know that if we all work together we will be able to develop a strategic plan to ensure we continue to be a vibrant church.

What are some of your personal interests?

Horace and I love to travel, especially to Europe. If you ask Horace, he will tell you that I love to plan our trips in great detail, including the restaurants we will visit and even the specific food we will eat. I also love to cook and entertain, always wanting to push the boundaries with trying more complicated and elaborate dishes.

The new love of my life is my grandson, Miles, the son of Bradley and Suzanne. As everyone says, being a grandmother is definitely a special experience.

Should someone need to connect with you, how best are you contacted?

Please don't hesitate to contact me if needed. I can be reached at priscilla.knight@sympatico.ca.

Check out pages 6 and 7 for other newly appointed Kingsway-Lambton leaders.

Elders Emeritus and Stewards of Distinction

On the last Sunday of September, Kingsway-Lambton celebrated the service and commitment of four special people pictured below (l-r): Libby Adams, Donna Siddall, Don MacInnes and Gordon Robb.

This award of distinction recognizes those who have served faithfully for the long term and in an exemplary way. On this special occasion, such individuals are presented with the office and title either “Elder Emeritus” or “Steward of Distinction.”

“It is always a wonderful time in our families when we take time to recognize and thank those who serve us and care for us...who make our lives better and our burdens lighter,” said Rev. Reid. “For indeed by their service, we can do nothing but celebrate them and what they have accomplished for us this day.”

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“They are a gift and it is a joy to mark this day with them,” reflected Rev. Reid of this year’s Elder Emeritus and Stewards of Distinction recipients.

Tech Fans @ Church: We Need You.

Are you (somewhat) tech savvy and looking for a way to support Kingsway-Lambton? Consider joining the team that manages our audio-visual equipment for Sunday Service.

This technology helps facilitate our worship services by projecting hymns and other visual imagery supportive of the sermons.

We’re not looking for an A/V ninja (although you may become one). Training will be provided, the hours are minimal, and job satisfaction is guaranteed.

If you are able to help or would like more information on what the role entails, please contact Geoff Butler at 416-710-5067.



Elders Emeritus and Stewards of Distinction

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Elders Emeritus Honourees

Presented by Mary Prime

Libby Adams

Libby joined Kingsway-Lambton in 1961, a few years after marrying her husband Earl. After joining Session in April 2000, her warm and friendly personality made her a natural for the Special Events Hospitality group. She has always approached her elder duties with enthusiasm. Over the years, she has worked tirelessly to support many church activities including the Flea Market, The Art Show, Alpha, her UCW unit and the church volunteer desk.



Donna Siddall



A member of Kingsway-Lambton since childhood, Donna attended Session meetings with her father as a young girl. She has been active in many areas at Kingsway-Lambton including the Out of the Cold program, Christmas Pageant, Flea Market, UCW, and the Alpha program. She has also been a Sunday school teacher, a member of Session's Outreach Committee, assists with funeral receptions, and formed a bible study group at her condo.

Donna has been an Elder for as many years as church administrator Gail can remember. "Our records don't go back that far," affectionately joked Mary Prime. Donna also met her husband, Dave, at Kingsway-Lambton's Young People's Group and they married at the Church 57 years ago. Donna was also a member of the angel choir in the inaugural Christmas Pageant (now in its 79th year).

Welcome Moira Grant Chair of the Accessibility Committee

Moira joined Kingsway-Lambton in 2004 and became an Elder in 2009. She was part of the El Hogar team in 2004 and continues to support the organization. Moira was actively involved in Kingsway-Lambton's Bible study programs for several years, leading Alpha and Red Letter Christianity discussion groups. She also served on the Joint Search Committee for an Associate Minister in 2010, and as Secretary to the Kingsway-Lambton Official Board from 2011 to 2014.

A proud mother of four children, Moira pursues her interests in health professional education and health services research at Public Health Ontario.



Stewards of Distinction Honourees

Don MacInnes

Presented by Michael Spence

Don and his wife, Mary-Margaret, have been members of Kingsway-Lambton since 1983. Don has been Chair of the Property Committee since 2007 and is highly regarded for his unwavering commitment to maintaining the beauty and integrity of our Church. He also held the position of Vice Chair from 2001-2007. Don has led numerous projects throughout the years but is particularly proud of supervising the construction of the open access entrance (2003-2006) and the installation of the new boilers (2013-2014).



“We’ve long admired what Don has done for this Church, both with respect to the physical structure and operation of the building, and more importantly, his support of our Ministers, staff and others, that make this wonderful church what it is today,” said Michael Spence.

Gordon Robb

Presented by Bill Winterburn

Gord joined Kingsway-Lambton in 1962, making him a member of the Church for more than 53 years. In addition to his work as Treasurer – a role he held for more than 10 years – Gord has also been an active member of the Committee of Stewards, and has volunteered his time to support community initiatives like Stonegate Ministry.

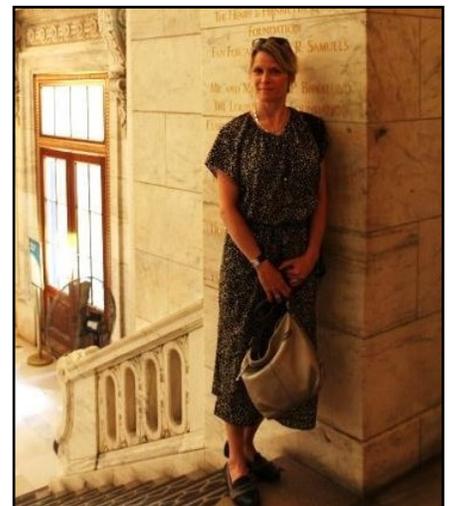


“When I think of Gord, I think of the word ‘mentor’,” said Bill, Gord’s successor in the Treasury Department. Bill also described Gord as a good friend and supportive person. “A mentor is someone who teaches or gives help to a less experienced and often younger person (that’s me),” he added with a smile.

Welcome Anouchka Freybe Sunday School Superintendent

Anouchka and her family (Scott, Julian and Maia) have been attending Kingsway-Lambton for eight years and joined the congregation in 2010. Anouchka attributes her association with the Church to UCW Unit 8, who encouraged and engaged her with an active group of families.

Anouchka has taught Sunday School for five years and, in the past year, has also supported curriculum development and scheduling. Anouchka also participates in the Week of Guided Prayer, assists with the Flea Market, the Christmas bake sale, and coffee hour. She is an independent researcher/writer on the visual arts and is an active volunteer in her field.



 **Building Our
Social Media
Muscles** 

We're almost 100 years old at Kingsway-Lambton, but that doesn't preclude us from being social media users! We're young at heart, we're hip(ish), and we're trying to build our social media content as another means of staying connected as a church community.

New ideas for postings are always welcome. Please contact Stephen Prime at primestephen@gmail.com.



Join us on Facebook.

Stay connected to the latest events in our church community. Look us up under "Kingsway-Lambton United Church".



Check us out on YouTube.

We have our very own channel at: "Kingsway-Lambton United Church."

Art Show and Sale

Save the Date: Saturday, April 9th 2016

Freezing temperatures may be upon us, but the **19th Annual Art Show and Sale** is right around the corner.

Peruse a variety of paintings, photography, textiles, and jewelry.
You'll be supporting local charities in the process too.

There are many tasks that make this event a success.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Ona Humphreys at 416-232-0484 or a member of Unit 1.

Check out our website for more details:

www.kingswaylambton.ca/art-show-sale



*Volunteers make all the difference.
Pictured: Two wonderful supporters of last year's show.*



*Get unique access to artists of all kinds at
The Art Show & Sale.*

Christmas Social Visit: Sunday, December 13

Our Ministers, Pastoral Care Team members, and other volunteers make regular visits to hospitals, retirement homes and private homes throughout the year. These visits maintain a connection to our church community for those who are unable to attend church because of illness, bereavement, or because they are facing a challenging or difficult situation.



Traditionally, poinsettias have been delivered during the Christmas visit by Dr. David Winsor, his Pastoral Care Team and a gracious group of volunteers. Due to a variety of factors, the United Church Women (UCW) will now provide festive boxes of shortbread cookies in place of poinsettias. This change will make the handling and distribution more efficient for our volunteers.

“I would like to thank everyone who so quickly volunteered their time for this initiative,” says Rita MacDonald, UCW President. “Our senior members are in need of friendship, just like the rest of us. It’s important that we all feel valued and remembered...especially at this time of year.”

Left: Peter Restivo recently visited Norah Hughes at her home. Small acts go a long way in making others feel special.

A Cherished Tradition Turns 79

Practice makes perfect for the 79th installment of Kingsway-Lambton’s Christmas Pageant on Dec. 3 and 4. The annual event is one of the Church’s oldest and most beloved holiday events.

This year’s production features 85 performers, many of whom are just four to eight years old. A production this large is made possible thanks to a well-coordinated team of seasoned volunteers, supportive parents, and most importantly, talented young actors who bring the story of Christ’s birth to life.

Matthew and Andrew get fitted for costumes during rehearsals.



*All hands on deck:
Young actors rehearse the King Herod scene.*

A Tribute to My Friend, Edith Reid

JOHN CAPES



My friend Edith Reid passed away on September 6, 2015.

She was an active member of Humber Heights Village where a number of our church members also reside, and where we met often through the variety of social events.

She was a member of our Wednesday Fireside Philosophy Group, a contributor to our Saturday "Current Events" discussions, and a member of our Residents' Council Food Committee. We greeted each other almost daily as I passed her dining area.

Each Tuesday, I would return from my regular morning shift at the church volunteer desk. Edith was always eager to know what was "going on" at the church. No detail was too trivial for Edith.

-- She was immensely proud of her son, Hugh, and spoke often of his many talents. She had no doubt that he would have succeeded in any career path and thought he had great potential as a lawyer. --

Edith's remarks made me think of a poem my brother, a teacher, wrote about career choices. I took his theme and, with a few revisions, read it to Edith. Thinking others may get a kick out of it, this is what I read to her:

*My son could have been a lawyer
And handled deeds and wills
He could have resolved lawsuits
About environmental spills*

*He could have been a doctor
And cure each stress and strain
He could have been a surgeon
And alleviate the pain*

BUT:

*He chose to be a minister
What joy and hope it brought
To friends he spoke of Jesus
And love, for all, he taught*

*Future lawyers learned integrity
Through sermons each Sunday
The doctors learned compassion
Helping those in disarray ...*

*... He sees them on the golf course
And in the City Hall
He meets them in our hospitals
And in the local mall*

*He's proud of their achievements
Reads about them in the press
He knows God was the guiding light
For reaching their success.*

Edith seemed to enjoy it, gave a chuckle, closed her eyes and fell asleep.

It was shortly after that Edith passed away, so I added the following:

*She left us a short time ago
Her work on earth was done
He helped us say goodbye to her
With tears from a loving son*

Rest in peace Edith. You were one of God's many gifts to us.

You're Never Alone: Finding Support in Pastoral Care

At times, the world can be an emotionally demanding and stressful place. You don't have to face it alone.

Kingsway-Lambton provides sensitive and private pastoral care to families and individuals of all ages. Whether you are faced with difficult decisions, experiencing an emotional crisis, or struggling with overwhelming problems, you don't have to go through it alone.

The fact is, we all need some help sometimes – regardless of what stage of life we're in. If you need a listening ear or some spiritual guidance, Rev. Dr. David Winsor and his Pastoral Care Team members are here to serve. David is a specialist in Pastoral Care, having a Masters and a doctoral degree in pastoral counselling.



If this sounds like something you might benefit from, please contact the church office at 416-234-8224. We'll connect you confidentially to the appropriate resources.

Take a Peek! New Videos Showcase Value of Learning & Outreach

Videos are one way we tell our story. Visit our website or YouTube channel, "Kingsway-Lambton United Church", and check out our latest clips.

Enriching Young Lives

"There's nothing more redeeming than spending time witnessing the accomplishments of kids."

Sunday school teacher Graham Leah describes the rich learning experience children enjoy in the Kingsway-Lambton Sunday School program:

www.kingswaylambton.ca/gathering-serving/kids



Community Outreach

"It's incredible what can be accomplished when people aren't concerned about who is going to get the credit."

Nora Cutcliffe describes Kingsway-Lambton's rich heritage in community outreach, and the value of giving back to others:

<http://www.kingswaylambton.ca/gathering-serving/>



#TryAlpha and Explore Your Faith Among Friends

SARAH KEATING AND PAULA ROBERTS

Our church community was blessed this fall by the return of “Alpha”: A 14-week program to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment.

“The program is a primer on Christianity,” says Sarah Keating, program organizer and a member of Kingsway-Lambton. “It’s not necessary to be a member of our church or even to be a Christian. Alpha is about exploring the difficult questions relating to belief in God and Jesus.”

Many small miracles occurred in the planning process of this program: Esther Reid and her team offered to lead the all-important kitchen ministry; eight experienced and passionate leaders stepped forward to host the discussion groups; and the recruitment of 43 participants was overwhelmingly positive (21 who were new to the program and many of whom were from outside our church).

Right: Service with a smile. The kitchen ministry plays a vital role in supporting Alpha each week.



What can you expect from your once weekly Alpha sessions? Nothing but great things:

- a delicious home-cooked dinner enjoyed in small groups with table-mates;
- a funny joke from Hugh which leads into the weekly discussion topic;
- an entertaining and informative video presentation by Nicky Gumbel, vicar of Trinity Brompton Church in London, England; and
- breakout groups (consisting of 8 to 10 people) to discuss thoughts and perspectives.



“Sometimes the more questions people have, the more the discussion flows,” says program organizer Paula Roberts. “It’s heartwarming to see how group members develop trust and friendship. Sometimes this is most striking with those who join reluctantly,” she adds.

Left: Rev. Reid enjoys a meal with some tablemates. There is no cost except a free will donation for dinner which is always delicious.

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Moving Forward on Refugee Sponsorship

JOY CRYSDALE

A Call to Serve — Kingsway-Lambton's newly formed Refugee Committee has been hard at work to determine ways our church community can help alleviate the suffering of Syrian refugees fleeing war, and experiencing drastic cuts in food aid in refugee camps.

On November 10, Session approved a motion for the Committee to pursue a sponsorship of a refugee family.

So – we have work to do and would love your help!

The Committee – comprised of Chair Joy Crysdale, Jennifer Visser and Barbara Sheffield – must identify requirements for funds and volunteers. Sponsorship requires money, and many hands on deck once refugees arrive. It's an exciting and rich opportunity to serve. We would ask, do you feel God is calling you to this important work? We hope you will help our Church do its part, through a contribution of funding or work.

We don't need anything now, just an indication of how you would like to serve, and your contact information so we can keep in touch. Currently, we are working on logistics for an application. Please e-mail Joy at jcrysdale@sympatico.ca if you would like to help, or require further details.

For information on sponsorship costs and responsibilities, please read this fact sheet from the Anglican United Refugee Alliance: www.aurarefugees.org/docs/infosheet02.pdf.

*A view inside Zaatari camp in northern Jordan, home to about 120,000 refugees from the conflict in Syria.
Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons*



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Alpha will return in September 2016 at which time participants – new and old – are encouraged to join.

For program details visit www.alpha.org or use your favourite social media vehicle:



Alpha Canada



AlphaCanada



@alphacanada

You can also contact Paula Roberts at paular@halo.to or Sarah Keating at skeating@mtsinai.on.ca.

Music and Community – Blest be the Tie

ANNE MARIE PAGE, Minister of Music

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
~John Fawcett*

We continue to explore ways of becoming an always more vibrant and welcoming community at Kingsway-Lambton. The range of possibilities within the Kingsway-Lambton music program upholds our endeavours to be engaging and innovative, and supportive of the traditions upon which our church has been built.

The continuum of music ensembles inviting the very young through to the most experienced and long-term choristers encourages a sense of camaraderie and support for many. Inclusive music programmes allow for people to interact as family, engaging in a variety of styles ranging from great classics to the most contemporary hymnody. When a congregation assimilates a range of musical styles, the music reflects our acceptance of a range of people and ideas within our faith community. When we seek an outlet to express the strength of our faith, music is one of the fundamental tools used to communicate our belief.

The Kingsway-Lambton Chancel Choir embraces singers who have been involved for more than half a century, and welcomes young people who are developing their skills as amateurs or professional musicians. The Chancel Choir engages an intergenerational faith family who support each other in a remarkable way. Members uphold each other in prayer at each rehearsal, and look out for each other throughout the week. We sing together and we support each other. NewSong and Kingsway Lambkins programmes allow our youngest singers and young families to engage in music in a way that supports growing faith and musical skills development. Mosaic provides an opportunity for singers and instrumentalists to plan and present music in different venues and formats. The Kingsway-Lambton Pageant is one such venue which supports young musicians and actors, embracing congregation and community.

“When a congregation assimilates a range of musical styles, the music reflects our acceptance of a range of people and ideas within our faith community.”

Looking back over the concerts this fall, I am pleased to note that our three concert initiatives raised \$2,500 in support of the Kingsway-Lambton Special Music Fund, which in turn supports the Student Scholarship Section Leads and special music events at our church. In addition to leading sections in Chancel Choir, our Student Scholarship Section Leads work with KL Kids to learn music for presentation in worship. The Special Music Fund allows for a variety of events which extend beyond our regular church budget and allow for greater exploration and diversity in our programs.

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Members of Chancel Choir (l-r): Alison Muir, Stephanie Ryan, Amanda Ryan, Dan Ryan, Shirley Edes-Smith.



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This fall, concerts began with Shoestring Opera in September. It was a pleasure to observe so many youngsters arriving at the church for two Saturday concerts, many seeing Opera (restated to be child-friendly) for the first time. (Thank you to Anne and Spencer for many hours' work on this project). This concert was followed by an evening at the movies featuring the Chancel Choir and its exceptional soloists. Most recently, Page Two presented A Celebration of Light, music and readings for Remembrance Sunday. Each of these events has provided opportunities to welcome the broader community, to introduce a variety of musical experiences, and to encourage social gatherings within the church, which are needed today more than ever.

“...we are entirely blessed here at Kingsway-Lambton to utilize music as a demonstration of faith, of community, of acceptance and commonality of purpose.”

I was reminded recently in a conversation with a choir member that church is all about people. Often, church is about those people who work quietly behind the scenes. To mention but a few, thank you to Linda for Chancel Choir record-keeping, to Bill and Nancy for tickets, to Beth and Barry and Kathleen and Joyce, thank you for the cakes and coffee after concerts, providing people an opportunity to spend a Sunday afternoon together. To Stella for her many hours, offered graciously and with good humour, to keep the Chancel Choir library in excellent working order. And to Nora for nutritious snacks which keep the Lambkins and NewSong choirs energized throughout rehearsals.



Gillian Grossman (Shoestring Opera), with Jean and Don Bartle.



Music provides a vehicle for expression of faith, and acknowledgement of community. To my friend on the phone, yes, church is about people, and within any programme in the church, church is about how we interact on a daily basis and how we help each other and uplift each other and work together and socialize together. There's nothing new in this concept; however, we are entirely blessed here at Kingsway-Lambton to utilize music as a demonstration of faith, of community, of acceptance and commonality of purpose.

*Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts, and our cares.*

*Orange-ya glad for music?
Members of NewSong celebrate Chinese New Year.*

Soccer Superstar Raises Awareness for El Hogar Projects

SUSAN FRANKLIN, Honduras Service Team Co-ordinator

Success and happiness can grow out of extreme difficulty. International soccer star Eduardo Bennett knows this firsthand. Now retired, Eduardo was an international soccer star, representing his native country of Honduras in more than 11 FIFA World Cup qualifying matches.

But his reality as a young boy was far removed from bright lights and opportunity. That is until he came under the care of “El Hogar Projects” – an organization that empowers impoverished children by providing education and a loving home.

Right: El Hogar Projects paved a successful future for soccer phenom Eduardo Bennett.

Photo credit: diez.ht



Eduardo recently visited Toronto to participate in the 2015 Rally for Hope, helping raise awareness for this life-changing organization.

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, more than 130 people participated in a four wheel scavenger hunt around Toronto. This was followed by a dinner reception, live music, and a silent auction. Eduardo shared his story of growing up poor in Honduras, his years at El Hogar, and how that experience, and the people he encountered, changed the direction of his life forever.

-- This year's Rally of Hope was a great success. We raised over \$23,000 to support the kids at El Hogar, and the programs devoted to enriching their lives. --

On Sunday morning, Eduardo took part in a special Honduras service at Kingsway-Lambton. Susan Culver, Avalon Neale, Mary Prime and David Winsor also participated as Eduardo shared his reflections about El Hogar.



Back on the pitch by Sunday afternoon, Eduardo conducted a soccer clinic at Bennington Heights Elementary School with a Leaside area league. He was also introduced to some of the GTA's most ardent El Hogar supporters at a gathering held at Westmount Gallery.

All of this activity followed similar events held in Cincinnati and Boston honouring Eduardo's visits. Thank you, Eduardo, for your visit to Toronto, sharing your story, and helping us support the children of El Hogar Projects.

Recent Baptisms

Kingsway-Lambton recently welcomed the following children and their families into the community of God's love.



Eleanor Katherine Rose Bishop

Baptized: Nov. 22, 2015
Date of Birth: Aug. 30, 2015

Daughter of Jennifer Bishop
Granddaughter of Nigel and Brenda Bishop
Goddaughter of Edward Bishop and Mabel Pang-Bishop



Avery Isabella Ewing

Baptized: Sept. 20, 2015
Date of Birth: Jan. 13, 2015

Daughter of Sarah Thomson and Alexander Ewing



Audrey Kennedy Fluelling

Baptized: Sept. 20, 2015
Date of Birth: Dec. 17, 2014

Daughter of Thomas and Julie Fluelling
Sister of William Fluelling



Hudson Lawrence Howe

Baptized: Nov. 22, 2015
Date of Birth: Jan. 24, 2015

Son of Kevin and Christine Howe
Grandson of Gary and Debbie, Ray and Lisa
Nephew of Chris, Alex and Garrett

Recent Baptisms (cont.)

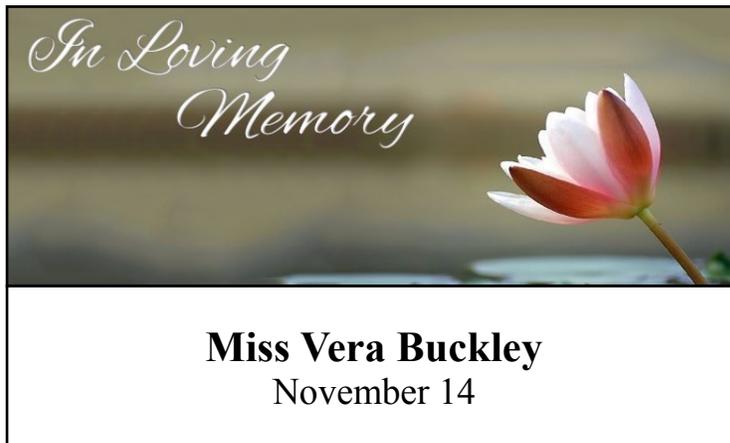
Kingsway-Lambton recently welcomed the following child and his family into the community of God's love.



Chase Harrison Marc Scovenna

Baptized: Nov. 22, 2015
Date of Birth: Feb. 13, 2015

Son of Christian Scovenna and Krista Harrison
Brother of Celeste Scovenna
Godson of Audrey Scovenna and Adam Shaw



Christmas Events and Special Services



Reid Family Open House 119 Kingsway Crescent Sunday, December 6 from 1:30 - 4 p.m.	Community Carol Sing Kingsway-Lambton Sanctuary Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Nicholas' Soiree - Congregational Dinner Monday, December 7 Dinner at 7 p.m.	Christmas Sunday Sunday, December 20 Worship Services at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Grief Service Kingsway-Lambton Chapel Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 pm	Skating Party & Youth Event Lambton-Kingsway Skating Rink Tuesday, December 22 at 5 p.m.
Carols by Candlelight Service Kingsway-Lambton Sanctuary Sunday, December 13 at 7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Services Thursday, December 24 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.