

A photograph of a family in a park. A woman is kneeling on the grass, playing a large wooden harp. A man in a blue baseball cap and a red and white plaid shirt is kneeling next to her, holding a young child who is also touching the harp. In the background, there is a red stroller and lush green trees.

The Harcourt Herald

The life and work of Harcourt Memorial United Church, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

**And his mother treasured up all these things
in her heart – Luke 2:51**

May, 2019

Harcourt Memorial United Church

An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

We are a people of God called together and sent forth by Christ to

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Our Mission:

Inspired by the Spirit, we participate in Christian practices that strengthen us in the building of just, compassionate, and non-violent relationships

Our Vision Statement:

To be an authentic community of spiritual growth and service

Our Core Values:

Risk...Respect...Responsibility...Vulnerability...Trust

Our Purpose:

To welcome and strengthen in community all who wish to serve God and follow the way of Jesus

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Worship Schedule

Harcourt is a vibrant community of many different people, which is what makes the church so alive. Each Sunday (except for the summer months), we have three religious services to choose from. Each offers a slightly different experience and approach to worship.

At 9 a.m. in the upstairs Chapel

The Chapel service features prayers, readings, singing, and a message. It is quiet and meditative. There is no choir or special children's program. Tea and coffee are served following the service, and some participants gather for additional guided reflection.

At 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

This service closely follows the Chapel service, but also includes the Harcourt choir with piano and guitar accompaniment, and occasionally the handbell choir and flutes. **Nursery support is provided in the nursery from 10am until 12 noon.** Tea and coffee are served in the gym after the service.

Also at 10:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room - MANNA

MANNA is a friendly, all-ages, interactive, alternative worship experience that involves hands-on activities and sharing. It takes place in the Friendship Room, also at 10:30am. Please visit our website at: www.harcourtuc.ca for more information





The Ministers' Lens
by *Miriam Flynn*







by Lorraine Holding, Council Chair

Our community of faith is an active one. Continuing and new projects provide many opportunities to carry out God's work in a meaningful way. Individually and collectively, we share and receive many gifts of time, energy, talent and money. Since writing my update for the April Herald, twelve Harcourt people participated in the March 30th GUM Conversations for Change gathering. Almost fifty people from the four Guelph United Churches attended. Facilitators, Rebecca Sutherns and Rev. Paul Miller, led us through mixed and home-church group discussions about aspects of ministry that we envision in 2, 5 and 10 years. At the end of the morning, we were invited to join working groups that will prepare some recommendations for discussion at the next gathering on May 11. Some of the topics are: communication; governance; community partnerships; collective discernment; staffing; property/buildings. As this process continues, Council will provide opportunity for updates and input at Harcourt as best we can. The future of United Church presence in Guelph will be guided by decisions made by each community of faith. What is God calling Guelph United Ministries to be and do? Council's April 17th meeting focused on these items:

- **A report** from the Trustees summarized the current status of the Property Pillar, with a request to raise an additional \$33,000 to replace emergency funds that were used in the construction of the new washrooms. We decided that a broader fundraising campaign might need consideration. In the meantime, we commit to contributing 50% of this summer's Food Truck revenues to the Property Pillar.
- **We are proceeding** with two contract opportunities included in the 2019 budget. We approved the job description for a MANNA Support Coordinator (five hours/week as described at the Annual Meeting). Ministry & Personnel Committee will coordinate the hiring process. We approved a short-term contract with Sonya Wu-Winter to continue our experimental community engagement work (15 hours/week for 24 weeks from May to December). Her focus will be on exploring and deepening our Affirming journey with the LGBTQ+ community in Guelph, exploring our connection to Guelph's multifaith and multicultural circles, and exploring MANNA's connection with our community engagement work.
- **Council will host** a social and information-sharing evening for all committees and teams, tentatively set for our regular June 19th meeting time. Save the date! Watch for more details.
- **The 'Ad Hoc Leadership Team – Pews to Flexible Seating Proposal'** will soon have their report completed. Council will plan a Congregational Meeting at an appropriate time to address their findings and recommendations.

I end as I started. Our community of faith is an active one. Our many decisions are part of creating our future based on our core values of Risk – Respect – Responsibility – Vulnerability – Trust. With faith and hope.



**What do
YOU like
about
Harcourt
Church?**

Check it out at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBF55CS32UM>

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The Neighbourhood Lens



- **Six members of Guelph Wellington Seniors Association board abruptly resign – offering hope for continuing Community Support Services**

After protest over actions to cut GWSA Community Support Service programs, a surprise move came in midst of heated debate over whether the seniors' association should keep running these services which include an exercise program that is run at Harcourt Church. <https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/six-members-of-guelph-wellington-seniors-association-board-abruptly-resign-1390337>

- **Harcourt's Jill Gill honoured as one of Guelph's Women of Distinction**

On May 2nd volunteer extraordinaire Jill Gill will be recognized with 19 other local women as one of Guelph's Women of Distinction.

<https://www.eastwellingtonchamber.ca/events/details/women-of-distinction-my-journey-83>

- **Guelph high school students plan sit-down outside Guelph City Hall in support of declaring a state of climate emergency**

The Youth Climate Sit-Down takes place Friday, May 3, in Market Square starting at around 1:45 p.m. "Youth around the world are demanding that climate action is taken on a global scale, and change starts at the local level," says a news release from the organizers. "The IPCC report has announced that we have only 12 short years to act now before we enter irreversible environmental damage. In light of our current state, the youth of Guelph are demanding change from our municipal government. The youth of Guelph are demanding that this action starts at the local level."

<https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/student-walk-out-and-sit-down-planned-in-support-of-declaring-a-climate-emergency-1389418>

- **The City of Guelph officially recognizes five Guelph athletes that won medals at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games**

Returning from the games in Abu Dhabi that ran from March 14 to 21, winners honoured include: Jennifer Allen - gold in 10 pin bowling; Eva Bell - silver in 200 metre run and bronze in the shot put and three athletes who won bronze in basketball: MacKenzie de Jonge, Nathan Riley and Sheldon Riley. <https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-sports/city-recognizes-guelphs-special-olympic-medalists-1388739>

OUR BEAUTIFUL HARCOURT GARDEN TAKES A BIT OF WORK



PUT YOURSELF IN THIS PICTURE!!

COME OUT FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

**SATURDAY MAY 4
or (rain day) Saturday May 11**

Come around 9 AM....and you'll be home for lunch!



An Opportunity for Caregivers to Receive Care

An Event Sponsored by Guelph United Ministry (GUM)
Pastoral Care Committee

- Come for an Coffee, Tea and Light Refreshments
- Share your journey with those who know what it is like
- Enjoy Harpist Sharlene Wallace share her music with us



When & Where :

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Three Willows United Church – 577 Willow Road, Guelph
(for more info – Phone 519-822-7690)

ommittee & Group News

Harcourt's Men's Club Speaker Strikes a Chord

by Bill Lord



The speaker for the Men's Club meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:45 a.m. will be Sandy Middleton, a retired professor from the University of Guelph. He is a long-time member of Harcourt and of its choir. He is also currently the Chair of the Worship Committee. The topic he will speak

about will be "HYMNS IN MY LIFE." Hymns are very much a part of our Christian tradition. Second to scripture, they are probably the next most important means through which we engage with the truths of our heritage and to help us on our faith journeys. Over time, hymns have served us in many ways; as teaching tools for the young, at times of joy and sadness, to provide comfort and solace, to provide inspiration and hope, and even at times of national importance. In this brief presentation.

Sandy will tell, with examples, the importance of hymns to his faith. Time permitting, he will open the meeting to those who might want to offer their thoughts on a favourite hymn. Coffee and tea will be ready at 7:45 a.m., the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Please record the date of June 12 for the next meeting.

If You See A Young Face At The Window...

by Dave Hume, Chair Property Committee

Spring Activities: There will be an outdoor Spring Cleanup on May 4th, with May 11th as the rain date. **The Building Committee thanks Jon Welsh** for arranging to again have the Harcourt Scouts help with window washing! We will also have raking to do, lawns to repair, dead limbs to remove and bushes to trim. Please bring gloves and appropriate tools or we can supply some tools. A trailer to cart the winter's accumulation of limbs to the city recycling centre would also be helpful.



A whole lot of things got repaired in April. **Harcourt is blessed to have a handyman named Allan Weekes who helps Darko with minor repairs.** So, twice now, he has repaired the window into the Sanctuary from the west side of the Greeting Place (to my surprise, the Plexiglas window didn't break but the lower window and frame got pushed out of the door). There is also a new doorstop on the east-side new washroom door after the door handle got pushed through

the drywall. The doors on the west side of the gym, that lead to stacked chairs, tables, scout supplies, etc., got pushed into the openings, apparently because Stanley Cup activities bring harsher body checks. Anyway, inside the doors there are now hockey-stick sized reinforcements that should keep the doors in place. There also are new metal floor plates into Rooms 202 and 203 to avoid trips and falls.

We have other helpers too. There is a new switch that turns on and off the electronic back doors (next to the Play Yard). That is one neat installation job on the left as you exit. After Easter there are plans to install a centre railing up the steps from the parking lot to the main entrance. There will be bright yellow posts inserted first to make sure that a railing down the centre of the steps will not become a hazard for people exiting from the main entrance and that the railing does not hinder egress. The intent is to make it easier for people with infirmities to get to the main entrance doors while still having a grip on a railing. One other project yet to come is to use a router on the rectangular railings up and down the inside stairs so people can get a better grip when climbing or descending the stairs.

Sometime during the summer it appears we will need to stop the leaks in the flat roof areas. We have decent quotes (\$8,000 for rubber membranes, including 20-year warranties) but I am worried about using most of the funds that have accumulated to date in the Property Pillar.

We Too Know How to Party in the Garden!

by Jill Gill

Joining the Harcourt Garden group for clean-up day, the first garden work 'party' for the **Harcourt Communal Garden** is also scheduled for **Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m.-noon**. Rain date will be May 11, same time and place. We'll do spring clean-up on the beds, get hoses in

place and set up the sprinklers. All are welcome, even if you can't commit to the entire season of garden maintenance, you are welcome to join in on our infrequent all-member work 'parties'. No expertise in vegetable gardening required, just willingness to learn and get your hands dirty! At break time we will be making 'seed bombs' for volunteers to take home for their own gardens. **Please let me know that you will be attending so I can prepare enough snacks.** Jill Gill – 519.767.1244 or at peter.gill@sympatico.ca

The Harcourt Communal Garden is entirely maintained by volunteers who plant, water, weed and harvest from June until late October. **This will be our ninth season** of harvesting edibles on Harcourt land. The organically-grown produce is donated, in its entirety, to Chalmers Community Services Centre (CCSC) food pantry in downtown Guelph, and distributed to some of our community's most food-insecure folks. CCSC is a Harcourt supported charity.

Tidbits and Updates from Finance

by Kent Hoeg, Chair Finance

After our Annual Meeting, we, with faith, accepted a very ambitious budget in order to experiment. Our hope was to raise 10% more in givings than last year. So far, that has not been the case. At the end of March 2018 our total congregational givings were \$114,254. At the end of March 2019 we have only given **\$95,052**.



But we can do it! We have welcomed many people who increased their PAR givings in the last couple of weeks. Envelope givers, we are also counting on you.

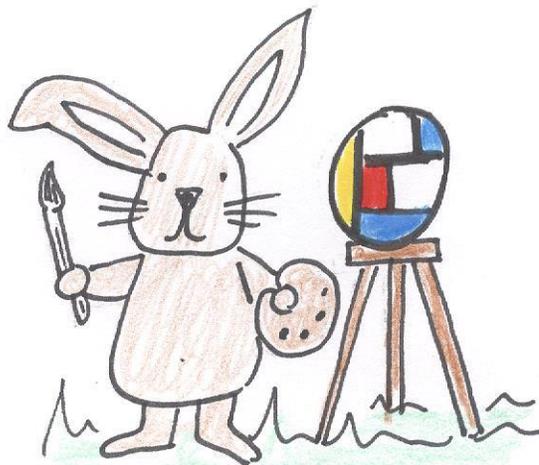
Want to make our weekly Sunday counting easier? If you miss a week or two of our Sunday services, there's no need to catch up by giving a separate envelope for each week missed. You can add it all to the current week's envelope! Nice and easy. However, if it makes your accounting easier, continue as you always have.

Want to make our co-treasurer's work easier? If you submit an Expense Reimbursement request, please ensure that you enter both the Committee and budget line item where the expense should be charged to. Sometimes budget lines get missed, leaving us to guess. Also, remember we (appreciatively) have two treasurers. When communicating directly with them, please email both Marilyn Troup-Parr (marilyn.troup.parr@gmail.com) and Jane Peaire

(rpeaire@bell.net). That way they can back one another up.

Know the difference that Harcourt makes! Some of your contributions go directly to the support of Chalmers, Welcome In and the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. Other donations help to subsidize rentals for important groups like our Scouting organizations. Even other donations go to retrofitting LED lights within our building - good for our electricity bill but even better for the environment. Go Harcourt!

Your contributions at work!



When the eggs are all painted
_____ and the chocolate bunnies eaten... _____

"PROOF THAT GOD RAISED JESUS FROM
THE DEAD IS NOT THE EMPTY TOMB,
BUT THE FULL HEARTS OF HIS TRANSFORMED
DISCIPLES. THE CROWNING EVIDENCE THAT
HE LIVES IS NOT A VACANT GRAVE BUT A
SPIRIT-FILLED FELLOWSHIP.
NOT A ROLLED-AWAY STONE,
BUT A CARRIED-AWAY CHURCH.

- Clarence Jordan -

Cartoon by Roz Stevenson. Reference: Lee, Dallas (1971). *The Cotton Patch Evidence: The Story of Clarence Jordan and the Koinonia Farm Experiment (1942-1970)* (Americus, Ga.: Koinonia Partners, Inc., pg. 8.

Guelph Wellington Seniors Association Feeling Better Move Well Program



What: A gentle group fitness class

Where: ***Harcourt United Church***

When: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Who: Adults age 55+, any fitness level, join anytime!

A donation of \$2.00 a class is gratefully appreciated

The trained volunteer leader will adapt the class program to accommodate any fitness level, seated or standing versions.

Classes have aerobic, strength, balance and stretching components.



Caroline Harcourt Women's Fellowship Learns About Missions to Peru

by Jean Hume



The Caroline Harcourt May 13th meeting will feature Wendy Garrett and her "February 2019 Mission Trip to Peru". Wendy's husband, Alan Garrett, established a charity out of Kitchener several years ago called the *Isaiah Projects* (<https://www.isaiahprojects.com/>). It supports sustainable projects in Peru to rebuild hope where it has been damaged or lost. Through construction projects, child sponsorship and educational support, they are helping to lay the foundation that will empower a community to transform itself. Please come and hear Wendy tell her story of their very recent mission to Peru. Bring your bag lunch for 12 noon. Tea and treats will be served and there is good fellowship to shared.

Community News

Harcourt Eco-practices Initiative for Season of Creation

by Jill Gill

In the early fall our worship series on Creation we will have a particular focus on the protection of our common home and the eco-practices that all of us can adopt. Planning is underway now. If you would like to participate, join our planning meeting on June 13 from 1-2:30 p.m. Location to be announced shortly.

The following **Zero Waste Festival** might be an opportunity to find suggestions to help lower our carbon-footprint:

Sustainability Skills Workshop Series to Culminate at Zero Waste Festival This Summer

WHAT?

On **Saturday, August 10th**, community members are invited to gather to celebrate sustainable living at Guelph's first Zero Waste Festival at **Victoria Road Recreation Centre**.

The Guelph Tool Library will present the festival as part of their Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant. The organization was awarded the grant in the fall of 2018, and will continue to offer their Sustainability Series workshops throughout the year. So far, their workshops have included clothing repair, furniture refinishing, basic carpentry, and more - all with a focus on reducing personal waste and consumption.

The Zero Waste Festival will offer a vendor fair with products for creating a low-waste home and lifestyle. There will be a mini Repair Cafe event, with the opportunity to have bikes, clothing, and small appliances or electronic fixed by a team of volunteers. This portion of the event will be free to attend, but pre-registration is recommended, and donations are welcome.

The event will feature a series of workshops and speakers, ticketed at \$5-\$10 per event. Alternatively, a Festival Pass is available for \$35-\$50, and includes access to all events at workshops. Some of the workshops on offer include weaving, beeswax wrap making, and upcycled building.

For those looking to continue the sustainability discussion after the event, the official After party is being hosted at Royal City Brewery from 6 pm to 9 pm.

WHO - Presented by the Guelph Tool Library. Full lineup of vendors, workshop presenters, panelists, and keynote speakers to be announced June 2019.

WHEN - Saturday, August 10th, 10 am to 5 pm. Closing keynote presentation at 4 pm.

WHERE - Victoria Road Recreation Centre

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

For more information, please contact:

Stephanie Clarke

The Guelph Tool Library

519 829 9037

info@guelphtoolibrary.org

Peter's Fragments: Bits and Pieces of Wisdom

by Peter Jackson

*Look well to this day, for it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the realities and verities of your existence.*

*The bliss of growth,
The glory of action,
The splendour of achievement
Are but experiences of time.
For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow only a vision.*

*But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day;
Such is the salutation to the ever-new dawn!*

This Hindu poem is attributed to the 5th century Sanskrit writer Kalidasa. Like others we have looked at over the past few months, it urges us to pay attention to the time that is now. Living well today is what we can do to redeem the past, relish the present and look hopefully to the future.

Pope Francis addresses one aspect of living well when he says that “The biblical texts ... tell us to “till and keep” the garden of the world (cf. Gen 2:15). “Tilling” refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while “keeping” means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations.”

There are many other aspects to living well: Gratitude, caring for others, contributing in whatever ways you can to the Christification of the world, for example. What does living well look like for you?

References:

Look well to this day. Hindu Salutation to the Dawn.

https://sanskritdocuments.org/doc_deities_misc/salutedawn.pdf

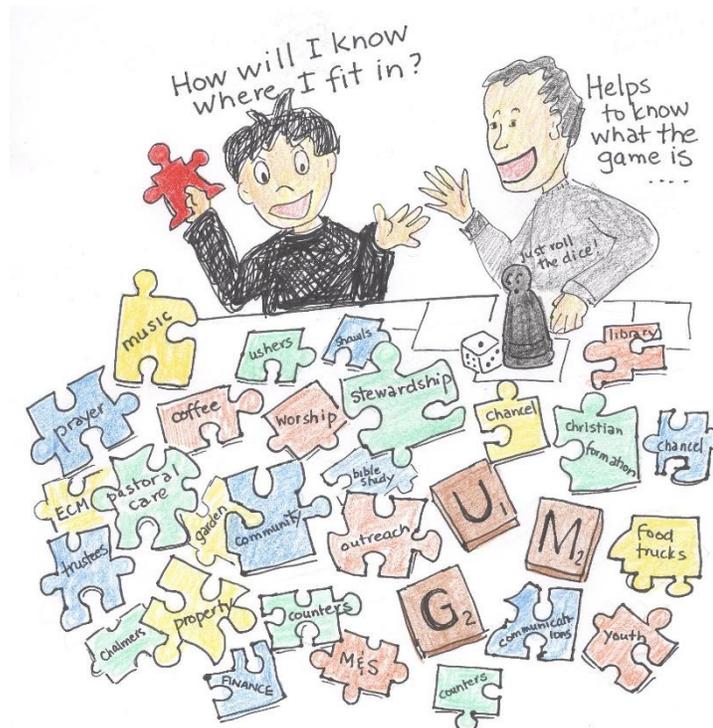
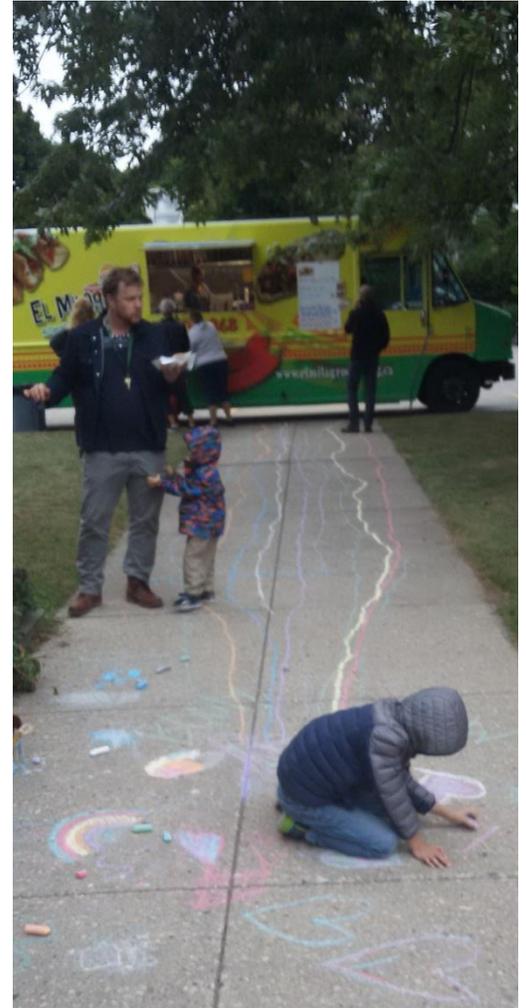
This is the last, for now, of Peter's Fragments. This series was drawn from a presentation to the Men's Group in September 2018. It has been fun putting them together, and I hope someone has enjoyed some of them.

We Keep on Truckin...

by Shaina Ensing



IT'S OFFICIAL! You can now plan for Food Truck Mondays at Harcourt. After consultation, and with the approval of Council, the decision was made to begin hosting on **Monday, May 6 and end the season on Monday, September 30 this year.** Canada Day, July 1, is the only Monday not on the schedule. The schedule includes three trucks offering savoury food and one truck preparing sweet treats. We'll need help setting up, hosting and cleaning up. Stay tuned.



Cartoon by Roz Stephenson

FOOD TRUCK MONDAYS



May 6 to
September 30,
2019

4:30 to 8:00pm

All are welcome to join us for evenings of community and sweet and savoury foods. There will be children's activities, bubbling and more.



In the parking lot of
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Thumbprint Bio

Until recently, **Ann Middleton** was the Chair of the Harcourt Chancel Guild. Traditionally undertaken by women in the church, historical records show

that members of this guild are usually responsible, well educated women who are determined to make sure that all in God's house is in order. Among many important activities, Ann was responsible for purchasing and placing the flowers at the front of the Church on occasions such as Christmas and Easter. Ann and her family came to Harcourt Church because they didn't have a car when they first arrived in Guelph in 1966 and Harcourt was only a 15-minute walk from their house. Two of their three children were christened at Harcourt. Ann says that she has made great friends at the Church and over her many years +these friendships have been nurtured by participating in groups like Bible Study, Mindstretch and the Women's Spirituality Group. Her work with the fellowship of the Chancel Guild and All Things Christmas has also been very important to Ann. Among her favourite things (other than her grandchildren of course!) are reading contemporary fiction, memoirs and thrillers which brings her much joy. Ann LOVES to be in the water, particularly in Lake Huron in Sarnia where she spent her childhood - and where she still hangs out all summer long. During the colder months though, Ann can be found at the University of Guelph pool. In fact, if you ask her what she'd like to be in another life Ann will say "a dolphin"!!



Living with Respect in Creation

You are invited to Harcourt's retreat 2019 at Loyola House
Fri., Sept. 27 4:30 p.m. - Sun., Sept. 29 1:30 p.m.



Another year, another Harcourt Retreat!

This is an early announcement: The annual Harcourt Congregational Retreat will BE HELD again THIS YEAR, at Loyola House on the last weekend in September. It looks far away but calendars have a habit of filling up quickly. So, note September 27 to 29, 2019 in your calendar. The theme will be *Living with Respect in Creation*. As in the past, there will be a nice balance of personal time, small group conversation and large group presentations. If you are able to register by August 18t, you will be entitled to an early bird special rate.

Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee

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A Long and Winding Tale

filled with

Music and Laughter

Directed by Andrea LeBlanc

Written by Tom Watson

Trinity United Church

400 Stevenson Street North, Guelph

2 Great Performances!

Saturday, May 4 - 7:30pm

Sunday, May 5 - 3pm Matinee

TICKETS \$20 / GENERAL SEATING

Tickets available through the church office: 519-824-4800

Sunday mornings after church

OR contact Dianne Butzke 519-836-5047/email: diannebutzke@gmail.com

The Challenge of Jesus

by Peter Jackson

In this video series, renowned historical Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan presents his life's work exploring the matrix of Jesus' unique time and place. Drawing on scholarly text, excavation and history, Dr. Crossan introduces us to the world into which Jesus was born. He describes the Roman Imperial program of conquest and the struggles of occupied Israel in the times when Jesus acted and taught.

Mindstretch is viewing these DVD presentations, episode by episode, every Thursday from 8:45 AM to 10 AM, in room 201. And we'll be sharing our responses to the questions it triggers for us. Please come and join in each week or some weeks, if you can.

You can get a flavour of the series by watching the preview on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56cojvbaP5Y>.

Come for Camp at Trinity



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GUELPH UNITED PERFORMERS THEATRE CAMPS

July 8 - 12 OR July 22 - 26
6 -10 year olds: 9 -12 noon, 11-16 year olds: 1- 4 pm
Registration \$60/week | moldenhauer.b@sympatico.ca
or (519) 824-6172

TRINITY SUMMER CAMPS

July 15 - 19 OR August 12 - 16
Ages 6- 12 years, 8 am - 5 pm
Registration: \$125/child/week, plus \$100/child for each
child for 2nd or more child | info@trinityunitedguelph.ca

Together we will teach kids how to be socially competent, how to solve problems, how to be independent, how to discover and maintain a sense of purpose and hope and how to make a positive difference.



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of Guelph ministries

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Working together to build a better future



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing:



RYDER, Frederick Harvey (Fred) of Guelph passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Health Centre on Friday, March 29, 2019, in his 83rd year with his family by his side. Beloved husband of more than 60 years to Sylvia (nee Carter). Loved father and grandfather. Memorial contributions to the Parkinson Society would be appreciated.



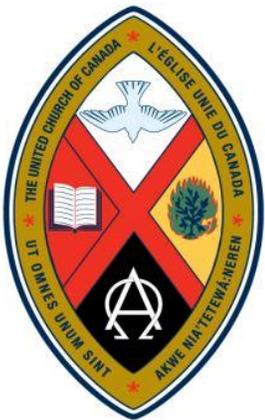
Rose, Marilyn (née Black) of Guelph, Ontario, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2019, at the age of 89 with Hugh, her best friend and devoted husband of more than 63 years at her side. Born in 1929, Marilyn graduated from the University of Toronto and the Ontario College of Education. She taught English and physical education in Toronto at Parkdale Collegiate Institute. Marilyn was a fiercely independent woman who was also devoted to service to others. It was the creative tension between those two aspects of her spirit that shaped her life and the lives of the people she loved.

In the early years, her work centered on the United Church of Canada.

Both she and Hugh were designated as missionaries in the late 1950s, first in the small isolated village of Bella Coola on the northwest coast of British Columbia where Hugh served as a physician in the local United Church hospital, then later as medical missionaries in South Korea where weeks after arriving a revolution led by students toppled the government. Upon returning to Canada, and several moves later, they moved one final time to Guelph in 1999. Marilyn's sense of humour, keen interest in other people, and joy in learning gave her an uncommon resilience in her remarkable life. Loving wife, mother and grandmother, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mission and Service, United Church Canada at www.united-church.ca/donate or a charity of your choice. Cards are available at Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home (519-821-5077) or donations and condolences can be made on line at www.gilbertmacintyreandson.com

Other Announcements:

- APR 28, 11:30AM: COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR Guelph United Performers Community Children's Choir starts Sunday, April 28 at Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St N. All boys and girls in our community, ages 6 to 12, are invited to sing with us! Our choir will be singing at Trinity's Family Picnic. Please tell all your friends and neighbours about us. Contact Barbara 519.824.6172.
- COMMUNITY THEATRE CAMPS The Guelph United Performers Community Theatre Camps are accepting registrations now. July 8 to 12, and July 22 to 26 at Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St N. Morning Camp, ages 6 to 10; 9am to noon. Afternoon Camp, ages 11 to 17; 1 to 4pm. Contact Barbara at 519.824.6172 or see www.guelphunitedperformers.com [6].



Minute for Mission

Community Bridge

Millie lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Today she is thankful to have a home, health, and one year of sobriety. Two years ago, Millie was facing eviction and homelessness. Without Bissell Centre's hot meals, Millie would have gone hungry, and without help from their caring staff, she would have ended up back on the streets.

Millie has battled addiction, violence, and poverty all her life. She grew up in a turbulent, sometimes violent household. After watching and experiencing the cycle of substance abuse in her family, she vowed to never drink, but things didn't go the way she planned.

At 24, Millie fell in love, got married, and had two children. After a few years together, her husband's behaviour became all too familiar. He had an alcohol addiction and was becoming increasingly violent. Millie started coping by drinking as well. Soon, she was forced to pack up her kids and move into her car until she could get into a shelter. Life as a single parent was never easy, but Millie was determined to give her kids a good life. Millie and her kids have had many successes together, but sadly, the pain of Millie's childhood and married years was always there in the background. Two years ago her rent was raised unexpectedly. Needless to say, she was struggling to put food on the table. Bissell Centre's Community Bridge program helped Millie with rent and utilities in time of emergency. "I was so incredibly relieved to get help and not be struggling by myself anymore.

Now I have a safe home to go to every night, and for that I'm so grateful," says Millie. Bissell Centre is one of the many community ministries across Canada that is supported by Mission & Service.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

Let us celebrate all mothers and the people who mother us regardless of their race, culture, age, gender or sexuality!!

DID YOU KNOW...In Hindu tradition, Mother's Day is called "Mata Tirtha Aunshi" or "Mother Pilgrimage fortnight", and is celebrated in countries with a Hindu population, especially in Nepal. The holiday is observed on the new moon day in the month of Baisakh, i.e., April/May. This celebration is based on Hindu religion and it pre-dates the creation of the US-inspired celebration by at least a few centuries. For more information about the different dates and customs of celebrating Mother's Day around the world visit:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother%27s_Day

Behind The Scenes

The Founder of Mother's Day, Anna Marie Jarvis

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Anna Marie Jarvis (May 1, 1864 – November 24, 1948) was the founder of the Mother's day holiday in the United States. Her mother had frequently expressed a desire for the establishment of such a holiday and after her mother's death Jarvis led the movement for the commemoration. However, as the years passed, Jarvis grew disenchanted with the growing commercialization of the observation (she herself did not profit from the day) and even attempted to have Mother's Day rescinded. She died in a sanitarium, her medical bills paid by some of the people in the floral and greeting card industries.



Family and Early Life

Anna Marie Jarvis was born to Granville E. and Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis on May 1, 1864, in West Virginia, the ninth of eleven children. Seven of her siblings died in infancy or early childhood. Her birthplace has been listed on the National register of Historic Places since 1979.

Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a social activist and founder of Mothers' Day Work Clubs during the American Civil War era. As a woman defined by her faith, Ann Reeves Jarvis was very active within the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church community. It was during one of her Sunday school lessons in 1876 that her daughter, Anna Jarvis, allegedly found her inspiration for Mother's Day, as Ann closed her lesson with a prayer, stating:

I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it.

At the encouragement of her mother, Anna Jarvis attended college and was awarded a diploma for the completion of two years of course work at the Augusta Female Seminary in Staunton, Virginia, today known as Mary Baldwin University. Jarvis returned to Grafton to

work in the public school system, additionally joining her mother as an active church member and maintaining a close link.

After her uncle, Dr. James Edmund Reeves, persuaded her to move to Tennessee, Jarvis worked there as a bank teller for a year. The following year, Jarvis again moved, this time to live with her brother in Pennsylvania in spite of her mother's urging to return to closer to home. Jarvis was successful in Philadelphia, taking a position at Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, where she became the agency's first female literary and advertising editor. Another accomplishment was becoming a shareholder in the Quaker City Cab Company, her brother's business.

Even while she was away from her mother, Anna Jarvis maintained a close correspondence with her. Ann Reeves Jarvis was proud of her daughter's achievements and the letters themselves served to keep mother and daughter closely linked. After the death of Jarvis' father, Granville, in 1902, Anna urged her mother to move to Philadelphia to stay with her and her brother. Both brother and sister worried about their mother's health and Ann Reeves Jarvis ultimately agreed to move to Philadelphia in 1904 when her heart problems necessitated it. Jarvis spent the majority of her time taking care of her mother as Ann Reeves Jarvis' health declined until her death on May 9, 1905.

Movement Towards Mother's Day

On May 10, 1908, three years after her mother's death, Jarvis held a memorial ceremony to honor her mother and all mothers at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church, today the International Mother's Day in Grafton, West Virginia, marking the first official observance of Mother's Day. The International Mother's Day Shrine has been designated as a National Historic Landmark in the U.S. since October 5, 1992.

Although Jarvis did not attend this service, she sent a telegram that described the significance of the day, as well as sending five hundred white carnations for all who attended the service. As she spoke in Philadelphia at the Wanamaker's Store Auditorium, it was reported that she moved her audience with the power of her speech.

Commercialization, Conflict, and Later Life

Although the national proclamation represented a public validation of her efforts, Jarvis always believed herself to be the leader of the commemorative day and therefore maintained her established belief in the sentimental significance of the day to honor all mothers and motherhood. Jarvis valued the symbolism of such tangible items as the white carnation emblem, which she described as:

Its whiteness is to symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their

mother love never dying. When I selected this flower, I was remembering my mother's bed of white pinks.

Jarvis frequently referred to her mother's memory during her efforts to maintain the sentimental heart of the day while also maintaining her own role as the founder of the holiday. In addition to her efforts to maintain her position and recognition as the holiday's founder, Jarvis struggled against forces of commercialization that overwhelmed her original message. Among some of these forces were the confection, floral and greeting card industry. The symbols that she had valued for their sentimentality, such as the white carnation, easily became commodified and commercialized.

By the 1920s, as the floral industry continued increasing prices of white carnations and then introduced red carnations to meet the demand for the flower, Anna Jarvis' original symbols began to become re-appropriated, such as the red carnation representing living mothers and the white carnation honoring deceased mothers. She attempted to counter these commercial forces by creating a badge with a Mother's Day emblem on it as a less ephemeral alternative to the white carnation. Her negative opinion of these commercial forces was evident in her contemporary commentary, saying:

A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world. And candy! You take a box to Mother—and then eat most of it yourself. A pretty sentiment.

However, her efforts to hold on to the original meaning of the day led to her own economic hardship. While others profited from the day, Jarvis did not and she spent the later years of her life with her sister Lillie. In 1943, she began organizing a petition to rescind Mother's Day. However, these efforts were halted when she was placed in the Marshall Square Sanitarium in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Some people connected with the floral and greeting card industries paid the bills to keep her in the sanitarium.

Anna Jarvis died on November 24, 1948 and was buried next to her mother, sister and brother at West Laurel Hill Cemetery near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Although the Anna M. Jarvis Committee supported her and helped to continue her movement during her declining health, it ultimately disbanded with the assurance that the Jarvis family gravesite would remain under the care of her grandniece who was the only heir to the estate and her oldest brother's granddaughter, as she herself never married or had any children.

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Food Truck Mondays at Harcourt



Harcourt Calendar – May 2019

Updated April 16, 2019 – www.harcourtuc.ca for most up-to-date information

Wednesday May 1

1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
6:30pm Guides [F]
6:45pm Beavers [G]
7:30pm Rainbow Rehearsal [S]

Thursday May 2

8:45am MindStretch [C]
1:00pm Park 'n Dance [G,K,F]
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Friday May 3

8:00pm KW Symphony [S]

Saturday May 4

9:00am Gardening at Harcourt
10:00am Progressive Christianity [202]

Sunday May 5

Communion

9:00am Worship Service [C]
10:30am Worship Service [S]
10:30am MANNA Service [F]
11:00am Lunch and Learn [F,K,G]
3:00pm SWESH [G]

Monday May 6

Office Closed

1:30pm Prayer Shawl [202]
4:30pm Food Trucks [P,G]
7:00pm Scouts [Off-site]

Tuesday May 7

10:00am GWSA Exercise Program [G]
6:45pm Cubs [G]
7:00pm Bell Choir [M]

Wednesday May 8

7:45am Men's Group [F]
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
6:30pm Guides [F]
6:45pm Beavers [G]
7:00pm M&P Meeting [L]
7:30pm Rainbow Rehearsal [S]

Thursday May 9

8:45am MindStretch [C]
1:00pm Park 'n Dance [G,K,F]
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Friday May 10

7:00pm Junior Youth Group [G]

Saturday May 11

9:00am Gardening at Harcourt
10:00am Progressive Christianity [202]
1:00pm Rainbow Rehearsal [S]

Sunday May 12

9:00am Worship Service [C]
10:30am Worship Service [S]
10:30am MANNA Service [F]
3:00pm SWESH [G]
7:00pm High School Youth Group [202]

Monday May 13

Office Closed

11:45am Caroline Harcourt Women's Group [F]
4:30pm Food Trucks [P,G]
7:00pm Scouts [Off-site]
7:00pm Women's Spirituality [C]

Tuesday May 14

10:00am GWSA Exercise Program [G]
6:45pm Cubs [G]
7:00pm Property Committee Meeting [L]
7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting [C]
7:00pm Bell Choir [M]

Wednesday May 15

1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
6:30pm Preschool Housekeeping [K]
6:30pm Guides [G]
6:45pm Beavers [F]
7:00pm Council Meeting [C]
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting [202]
7:30pm Rainbow Rehearsal [S]

Thursday May 16

8:45am MindStretch [C]
1:00pm Park 'n Dance [G,K,F]
7:00pm Sharing Evening [F]
7:00pm OUNRA Meeting [G]
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Saturday May 18

10:00am Progressive Christianity [202]

Sunday May 19

9:00am Worship Service [C]
10:30am Worship Service [S]
10:30am MANNA Service [F]
3:00pm SWESH [G]

Monday May 20**Church Closed**

4:30pm Food Trucks [P,G]

Tuesday May 21**Office Closed**

10:00am GWSA Exercise Program [G]
11:00am Stroke Recovery Lunch [F/K]
6:45pm Cubs [G]
7:00pm Bell Choir [M]

Wednesday May 22

1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
6:30pm Guides [F]
6:45pm Beavers [G]
7:30pm Rainbow Rehearsal [S]

Thursday May 23

8:45am MindStretch [C]
1:00pm Park 'n Dance [G,K,F]
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Saturday May 25

10:00am Progressive Christianity [202]
7:30pm Rainbow Chorus Concert [S]

Sunday May 26

9:00am Worship Service [C]
10:30am Worship Service [S]
10:30am MANNA Service [F]
3:00pm SWESH [G]

Monday May 27**Office Closed**

1:30pm Prayer Shawl [202]
4:30pm Food Trucks [P,G]
7:00pm Scouts [F]

Tuesday May 28

10:00am GWSA Exercise Program [G]
6:45pm Cubs [G]
7:00pm Bell Choir [M]

Wednesday May 29

1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
6:30pm Guides [F]

Thursday May 30

8:45am MindStretch [C]
1:00pm Park 'n Dance [G,K,F]
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]