



# Port Carling United Church

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## Celebrating the life and work of our Church

Rev. Sue Woods, Minister

### Minister's Chat

It is a brand new year and again I think, what promises can I make myself that will benefit me and all those I come in contact with. I just happen to find my 2010 resolutions (in the sock drawer) and sadly out of five I did not have a very good grade. So I happen to find this reading Life's Little Instruction and for 2011. I hope that I can make the grade how about you?

Sing in the shower •Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated • Watch a sunrise at least once this year •Leave the toilet seat in the down position •Never refuse homemade brownies •Strive for excellence, not perfection •Plant a tree on your birthday •Learn three clean jokes •Return borrowed vehicles with the gas tank full •Compliment three people every day •Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them •Leave everything a little better than you found it •Keep it simple •Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures •Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know •Floss your teeth •Ask for a raise when you feel you've earned it • Be forgiving of yourself and others •Over tip breakfast waitresses • Say "thank you" a lot •Say "please" a lot •Avoid negative people •Buy whatever kids are selling on card tables in their front yards •Wear polished shoes •Remember other people's birthdays • Commit yourself to constant improvement • Carry jumper cables in your trunk •Have a firm handshake •Send lots of Valentine cards. Sign them. "Someone will think you're terrific." •Look people in the eye •Be the first to say hello • Use the good silver •Return all things you borrow •Make new friends but cherish the old ones •Keep secrets •Sing in a choir •Plant flowers every spring •Have an animal •Always accept an outstretched hand •Stop blaming others •Take responsibility for every area of your life •Wave at kids on school buses •Be there when people need you • Feed a stranger's expired parking meter

•Don't expect life to be fair •Never underestimate the power of love •Drink champagne for no reason at all •Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation •Don't be afraid to say, "I made a mistake" •Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know" •Compliment every small improvements •Keep your promises (no matter what) •Marry for love •Rekindle old friendships •Count your blessings.

Lou and I want to thank you for your overwhelming kindness in gifts and cards this past Christmas season, may 2011 be all that you want it to be!

Rev. Sue



### The United Church Women

Another snowy day greeted the ladies as they arrived at the church to pack their annual Christmas Cookie tins for shut-ins and for special people in our community. Their efforts were rewarded with a lovely Christmas lunch provided by Hylda Coker and Susan Daghish. For dessert, Cheryl Ferguson sent over her "famous" scrumptious Pumpkin Trifle. Not only was it mouth-watering it was a sight to behold.

Following the luncheon a meeting was held to elect the new officers for 2011. Ruth Veitch was welcomed as the new President of the UCW and Kathy Haller as Treasurer. The duties of the secretary will be the responsibility of each group in charge of each meeting.

### 2010 Honduras Medical Mission Report from Lynda Appleby

Once again, it was a very successful medical mission in Honduras. Lynda worked as a pharmacy helper in the packaging and distribution of drugs. The Medications were given out by the doctors and nurses seeing the patients and the prescriptions by a

Honduran Nurse. Altogether they saw 1,275 adults and 529 children and in total there were 3,226 medications.

Lynda spent the grant from the UCW wisely and stretched it to its maximum. Here is a sampling how it was spent:

- purchased prescription medications plus over the counter drugs e.g. Tylenol, Prenatal vitamins, Polysporin ointment, Ibupeophen, etc.
- some dollars to a small orthopedic hospital for a little girl with two very bad club feet (Lynda hopes to see this little girl when she returns next year walking with feet forward.)
- purchased five hens and a rooster enabling a single Mother to feed her four boys and to be able to sell a few eggs for income.
- funds for a dentist to purchase specialized equipment. (Two female dentists did 56 fillings and cleaned the teeth of 127 patients and pulled 281 teeth.)
- and much, much more.

Included with the supplies, were fifty-four precious, hand knit dolls from Carol Dion. They were given to some very happy little children and for most of them they would be their only toy.

Lynda says if you can count to 30 you would be welcomed by the team next year. She advises that you always get more than you give in any such mission and it is an eye opening to see how those with so little live day to day. She tells the people of Honduras that the money and dollars are given by the women in her church at home in Canada. They loved to hear that.

(If you would like the complete report from Lynda, it is available upon request.)

### **Christmas:**

Christmas Eve, our Church looked beautiful both inside and out. The inside decorations were amazing with oversized potted red poinsettias along with our decorated gigantic Christmas tree. Thank you to Joan Wallace for her creativity and her artistic talent: and to members of our Church who assisted with the decorations. Our gratitude to Patti Irving who made the forty glowing ice candles that lined the walkway to the church on Christmas Eve. It was a beautiful evening with the candles glowing in the snow. Our appreciation also to the members of the church and people in the community, that purchased candles in memory of love ones or to honour a friend or family members in a caring and significant way.



### **The United Church of Canada's 40th Moderator, Mardi Tindal of Brantford, Ontario. Profile**

Mardi Tindal believes God is calling the church to engage in “a covenant for healing to reconcile soul, community and creation” during her three-year term as Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

“We are in a church and world of many broken relationships” she says. “Healing begins with deep listening.”

Tindal, a layperson from Brantford, ON, was elected Moderator at the 40th General Council in Kelowna, BC, on August 14, 2009. She has served in staff and volunteer leadership roles at all levels of the United Church.

Tindal says attending to right relations with the land and its peoples will be a key priority during her term as Moderator. She also hears God’s call to empower young leaders and “exercise enabling leadership with discipline and courage.”

“We are a church that honours a diversity of loving responses to the world’s challenging realities,” says Tindal. “So how is it that *you* are to respond to God’s call to live with integrity today?”

Born on September 17, 1952, Tindal grew up in the rural community of Victoria Square, ON, now part of Markham. She holds an M.A. in educational psychology from the University of Toronto and a B.A. in psychology from York University.

Tindal’s spouse is Douglas Tindal, a communications professional. They are the proud parents of two grown sons..

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**Sunday, January 23**

**at 3:00 p.m.**

**Port Carling United Church**

**invites you to an**

**“Afternoon of Curling  
and Board Games”**

**followed by a**

**“Pot Luck Supper”**

**at the Port Carling Curling Club**

**for Beginners and Experienced Curlers**

**Must have clean shoes (limited supply of curling  
shoes available at the club)**

**Guests Welcome!**

**Information call Hylda Coker at 765-5807**



**" Do you know who this is?  
(see the column on the right for the answer ).**

### **Volunteers for January 2011**

**Greeters:** Karen and Perry Bowker

**Kitchen Helpers:**

January 2<sup>nd</sup> Bette Clark

9<sup>th</sup> Marg Buddo

16<sup>th</sup> Susan Daghish

23<sup>rd</sup> Hylda Coker

30<sup>th</sup> Kathy Haller

### ***Answer to photo quiz:***

Why it's none other than our very own Peggy Clark/Guiry dancing in the Bracebridge School of Ballet's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala "Christmas Mistletoe" at the Rene Cassie Theatre in December.

Peggy dances for her body, mind and spirit---her mother says she keeps so busy dancing there's no time for housework so Mike does it all plus the cooking.

Peggy started dancing when she was four years old although took time out to become a nurse and have a family. About ten years ago, while living in Calgary, she returned to the world of ballet and says it's a wonderful way to exercise and keep in shape while doing something you love.

### **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

Again we look to the year just past and ahead to the New Year that comes to us tomorrow. We can change nothing of that which is now past but we have a marvelous chance to use this coming year in the best ways possible.

This is the time of endings,  
but of new beginnings, too.  
God sends me another year  
and maketh all things new  
another hope, another chance,  
Another road to take.  
Another star to follow  
And another start to make.

*Source: The Heritage Book by Edna McCann*

### **Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Auld Lang Syne**

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and auld lang syne!

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
We'll tak a cup of'kindness yet,  
For auld land syne.

**Best wishes to you all for "A Happy and  
Healthy New Year"**