



Port Carling United Church

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Celebrating the life and work of our Church Rev. Sue Woods, Minister

Minister's Chat

This summer as we celebrate the 140^h birthday of Port Carling United Church, have you ever wondered what makes a church? Out of a small beginning this church grew and developed. It was a centre for the teaching of the faith. But there was another important side to the work of the church in those early years. The church, and particularly churchwomen, responded to the needs of the community. They fed the hungry, cared for the sick, comforted the mourning, and taught those eager to learn. In many places if there have been no women there would have been no church. They raised a lot of the money. They fed the construction crews that built the church and helped clean the finished buildings. Women helped pay the bills, fill the pews, and uplift the work in prayers. They taught the children, furnished the manses, and supported the great overseas endeavours of the church.

But their partners were there too, working side by side with them. In the early years men generally staffed the pulpits, and they created structures and rules to help the growing institution function. Laymen hammered and sawed, painted and plastered; they kept the fires burning in winter and the grass cut in summer. Men also helped pay the bills, attended the services, and went to countless meetings. Dedicated men worked in towns and cities and hamlets all over the country.

And the children were there as well in the Sunday schools and midweek groups. They filled the buildings with laughter and hope. Their innocence was a source of inspiration to those who were older and perhaps a little jaded, and their development was one reason for all the work that as done.

How our church has changed over the years, once again chimes and music can be heard coming from our cupola, laughter of little ones from a newly renovated basement where the floor takes on a life of its own. The number of functions held in Hanna

Hall for the church and community has been so important over the last 8 years...more room for all!

On July 26 at our morning service we are going to celebrate Port Carling United Church with music, special presentations and Rev. Johanne Hills as our guest speaker. Come and be part of this extraordinary morning!

Blessings, Rev. Sue.



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Both pictures are the same vintage, perhaps 1900-1910. (note: three windows, the wooden fence and a stable in the background.)



Wednesday, July 1st
Celebrate Canada's 141st Birthday

"I particularly recall another July 1st in Canada's Centennial Year, here on Parliament Hill. I said then, and I repeat it today, that 'Canada is a country that has been blessed beyond most countries in the world.' It is a country worth working for....I am not just a fair weather friend, and I am glad to be here at this sensitive time. I hope my presence may call to mind those many years of shared experience, and raise new hopes for the future. The unity of the Canadian people was the paramount issue in 1867, as it is today. There is no force except the force of will to keep Canadians together..."

*Queen Elizabeth II
 Canada Day 1990*



There is still space in Port Carling United Church's Vacation Bible School 2009.

Registration forms are at the church or on our website bpcunitedchurch.com

DATES ARE JULY 6TH TO 10TH.

SO HURRY AND JOIN THE SAFARI!

We need lots of help! If you could volunteer and be part of this experience please contact Rev. Sue. You will be glad that you did! Volunteers are needed for story telling, crafts, sports, singing and many other activities.

So come and you too can be part of the Safari"

Thursday, July 9 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.



A reminder to pick up your MacMillan frozen food order at The Port Carling Memorial Community Centre on the Lower Level.

Sunday, July 26 – 9:30 a.m.
Port Carling United Church
140th Anniversary Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Johanne Hills
Join with us as we celebrate our heritage
followed by

"Summertime Tea" in Hanna Hall



Everyone Welcome!

Sunday, August 9 – 9:30 a.m.
Port Carling United Church
Communion Service.



Saturday, August 22, 2009
Dinner and Dance
Bala United Church

hosts a roast beef dinner at Bala Community Centre. **MOONGLOW** will play the music of the Golden Age of popular song. Dinner from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 – available from members of Bala United Church



Sunday, August 23 – 10:30 a.m.
Combined Bala-Port Carling
Outdoor Church Service

Jaspens Park in Bala (off Muskoka Road 38)
with Special Guests "Old Tyme Gospel Band"
 Pot Luck Lunch to follow (bring a luncheon dish and your own chair, plate, cups and utensils.)
 All are invited!

Coming in August.....

The UCW will be back in August with our **"Bakeless Bake Sale"** and to finish a job we started last year. If you remember, the Bakeless Bake Sale proceeds went to replace the mildew, damp floor in our Sunday School. You will be pleased to see the bright, attractive, waterproof flooring the committee chose, and installed by our property committee. What a difference a floor makes!



Now to complete the project, the rug on the stairs needs to be replaced. It is in the era of the 70's, worn out, and certainly does not enhance the new floor. So we are moving forward again with another fundraiser to replace the rug on the stairs. (Not only is this room used for our Sunday School but the choir room is downstairs too.)

"BAKELESS BAKE SALE"

To participate, please put the price Of a pie or cake or something nice in an envelope and return to Bette or Joan
Envelopes will be available in Hanna Hall following worship service first week in August or call Joan Wallace at 765-6268 or Bette Clark 765-5049

VACANCIES ON THE OFFICIAL BOARD

In my role as acting chairperson of the Official Board of our Pastoral Charge, and with advice from the Ministry and Personnel Committee, I want to give you some important information:

First: Over the past few years, there have only been two Official Board meetings per year – May & November. The United Church Manual says that there should be four per year. I would like to consider increasing to either 3 or 4 meetings in 2010. To facilitate this, I am announcing that our fall meeting will be somewhat sooner than last year, on Tuesday October 27, 2009 at 7.15 p.m. at Port Carling United. At this time we will decide on the 2010 meeting schedule.

As well, there are three vacancies on the Official Board, which need to be filled at our October 27 meeting.

1. I have acted as Chairperson this year, in the absence of George Woodward. The position of Chair should be filled by election each year at an annual meeting.
2. Bill Clark has been Official Board Treasurer for many years. He has submitted his resignation effective at the end of 2009.
3. According to the Manual, the Mission and Service fund is supposed to have a separate treasurer. George Woodward and Jan Douglas are currently the co-signers for M & S. Hence we need to officially elect a Treasurer for M & S.

I have asked Karen Finlay and Perry Bowker in Port Carling and Marg Couture and Marion McDonald in Bala to act as a nominations committee. I am asking you to consider your talents and offer to fill one of these vacancies. Please let one of above know that you will let your name stand. If you need any information regarding job responsibilities, please contact me at 765-0330 or daglish@muskoka.com.

Ted Daglish

Volunteer Helpers for July and August:

Ushers: July: Susan Daglish and Friends

August: TBA

Kitchen: July 5th Jan Douglas 12th Hilda Brown
19th Helen Foreman 26th Ruth Veitch

August 2nd Patti Irving, 9th Pat Barty 16th Joanne
Wilson 23rd Marge Brown 30th Judy Sarjeant

In Memory of Dr. George Woodward Chairman of the Official Board

Peacefully, in his 79th year, at St Peter's Hospital in Hamilton, Dr. George Woodward passed away Saturday, June 6, 2009 following his very brave battle with cancer.

To celebrate George's life and to honour his memory friends will gather on Saturday, June 27, at Bala United Church at 11 am for a "Memory Tea." Please plan to join us and share special thoughts and memories of George.

George was a medical doctor and ended up as Chief Administrator of the Hamilton General Hospital. Nobody remembers when he retired to Muskoka but suffice it to say it was quite a while ago. He became Chairman of the Official Board of Bala/Port Carling and also became very involved with Muskoka Presbytery. In everything he did, he was concerned that it was done properly and everyone was treated fairly. He was Chair of the Ministry and Personnel committee at Presbytery again concerned that Ministers, both ordained and lay, were properly looked after.

George was also involved with Fenbrook and Beaver Creek penitentiaries. He was a former chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, which makes sure that all inmates are treated fairly. He also did counseling of the inmates and was always present at a time of lock-down - again concerned with the well being of people.

He may well have given up on his medical healing but he was always there when someone was in trouble, when someone needed a shoulder to lean on, when someone needed a champion, when someone needed a friend. Never out in front but always there to back you up.

We will all miss George, or that part of him that was closest to us, but we wish him rest and peace with his God

by Ted Daglish

The Last Word

Then followed that beautiful season... Summer....
Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light;
and the landscape lay as if new, created in all the
freshness of childhood.

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow