



# Port Carling United Church

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## Celebrating the life and work of our Church

Rev. Sue Woods, Minister

### Minister's Chat

It's the morning of the last Tuesday of the month and it begins like most mornings answering emails and returning calls. But today at 2:00 p.m. unlike other Tuesday's I am off to a Retirement Home to lead in a worship service. These are individuals who for many years have gathered in their own churches to worship and now come together from various denominations to sing their favourite hymns and pray together. We sit in a circle sharing stories of past experiences, we laugh and we grieve together as one has just lost her husband. They are a family and like any family there are moments of joy and moments for time outs! I am honoured each month to be part of this family and part of this sacred space.

How do we honour those who can't attend worship? Earlier in my ministry I will never forget a dear woman who was one of the first settlers in Nokomis Saskatchewan. She sat in a wheelchair and for the most part did not know what was happening around her. When she was wheeled in for the service and the first hymn was sung her lips would move and when the Lord's Prayer was recited her voice could be heard above the rest. Gladys sang because she was free to sing. It wasn't about the words; it was about the worship of God. It wasn't about everyone singing the same; it was about being free to move outside of what constricts us and connect with something much greater than ourselves.

I will always remember Gladys beautiful voice and the smile on her face as she soared with the music and worshipped – free for a few minutes from the chains of the stroke.

I have learned over the years to never take these moments of grace for granted!

*Faces and words and glimpses of souls.....  
One by one we come.  
We are many, and then one.  
Precious faces, tender words, sweet glimpses  
into souls....  
Just being here among you is a joy!  
Unending thank-you rise within me  
for these beloved ones  
within your Church, O God.  
Blessed be their lives!  
Blessed be your Church*

Rev. Sue

### Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> four new members of Church Council were approved as follows: Karen Finlay, Lyn & Mike Ingram and Ron Sarjeant. Dawn Stephen was approved as chair and Karen Finlay as the new Treasurer.

Retiring members include Ron Brown, Bill Clark and Bill Dedrick.

*It is with deep appreciation we thank both Ron Brown and Bill Clark for their many years they spent on council and of their strong convictions and dedication in dealing with the affairs of our Church, along with their insight into all financial matters.*

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**  
In Hanna Park (at the foot of Bailey Street)  
**Port Carling**  
**Bala-Port Carling Pastoral Charge**  
**"Outdoor Worship Service"**  
**and Church Picnic**

Following our service - a pot luck lunch!  
Please bring a dish to share plus your own dishes  
and utensils and a chair to sit.  
Everyone welcome!



### Baby Boys!

Congratulations to Gary and Patti Irving on the birth of their second grandson, Andrew David on April 23, 2009. Andrew is the son of Todd and Susan Irving and new baby brother for Alexander James.



Lane and Kathryn are grandparents and thrilled to tell you that Pam and Tyler had a son on May 28<sup>th</sup>. His name is Benjamin Robert Law, weighing in at a hefty 9 lb 6 oz. Mom and baby are doing fine.

**Convalescing....** Our best wishes go to Bette Clark who is recovering from her knee replacement and to Ed Ranft on his new hip. Both had their surgery on the same day in the same hospital (Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie) although it was reported that they did have separate rooms!

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Port Carling Church Council**  
**meets in Hanna Hall.**



**Thursday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Port Carling United Church Women (UCW)**  
**Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner**

Please mark this date on your calendar.

Come and learn about

**“Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers.”**

Everyone welcome! Hope to see you there!

It's time for .....



One of the UCW' S SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS and we need you to participate for our continued success.

The MacMillan's family team are continually expanding their mouthwatering array of exceptionally fine foods: ready-to-bake fruit pies, cookie dough, muffin batter, lasagna, pizza, and so much more.....

Order forms are available in Hanna Hall or call Hilda Brown 765-6064 or Carol Dion 765-6369

Deadline date for orders along with payment must be in by Wednesday, June 24. Delivery date July 9.

## PORT CARLING UNITED CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 6 TO 10, 2009**

*“Going on Safari”*

*Going on Safari*

*What do I hear?*

*I hear a lion's roar*

*Very, very near.*

*Going on Safari*

*What do I eat?*

*Lots and lots of peanuts,*

*An elephant's treat*

*Going to VBS*

*What do I see?*

*Lots and lots of children*

*Learning, playing and being free!*



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CHURCH OR OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.bpcunitedchurch.com](http://www.bpcunitedchurch.com)**

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Help Wanted:** Habitat has a new site in Bala and hopes to build this fall or early next year. They are anxious to find a Construction Manager and a Project Manager for this endeavour. If you have knowledge of anyone who could fill either of these positions, please call Paul Dempsey at 645 1320.

### Assisting this month:

**Usher for June:** Gayle Mitchell

### Kitchen Helpers:

June 7<sup>th</sup> Liz Curran 14<sup>th</sup> Marg Buddo

21<sup>st</sup> Erika Harris 28<sup>th</sup> Louise Kirbyson

### Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

### Father's Day & Summer Solstice

Father's Day will fall on June 21, the same day as the [summer solstice](#) – the first official day of summer. Remember, that Sunday will be the longest day and the shortest night of 2009.

### The Last Word

... On The Summer Solstice ...

"Whatever is dreamed on this night,  
will come to pass."

William Shakespeare - Acknowledging the Magic of This  
Time - *A Mid-Summernight's Dream*