



Port Carling United Church

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Celebrating the life and work of our Church

Rev. Sue Woods, Minister



Minister's Chat

Happy 85th Anniversary/
Happy 85th Birthday to
The United Church of
Canada. Celebrating an
anniversary/birthday is
often an opportunity to make connections,
renew friendships, and sometimes even build
new relationships. How many times have we
gathered at family events where distant relatives
meet for the first time and discover a bond,
interconnectedness?

This is also true for the family we call The
United Church of Canada. Congregations and
diverse community ministries span this country
from coast to coast to coast. Our global partners
and overseas personnel extend our family ties
around the world. From urban centres to small
towns to rural and remote communities, we are
all connected!

How it all began - In the early 20th century
Canada's population was growing as waves of
immigrants expanded into the west. The "social
gospel" was a powerful movement for the
Protestants of the day, calling the church to play
a role in the building of a just society. The
Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodist
Church, and Congregational Union of Canada
all had a desire to do more effective global
mission and to be a unifying religious force in
Canada. "Union churches" were a practical
solution for prairie communities that were
growing too fast for the individual
denominations to keep up.

After much prayer and sharing, the Methodists,
the Congregationalists, the Local Union
Churches and 70 percent of the Presbyterians

decided to join together into one United Church.
In 1925 the Basis of Union was finalized,
describing the new denomination's structure and
beliefs. The Parliament of Canada made the
new denomination official through the United
Church of Canada Act. On June 10, 1925, the
United Church was inaugurated in a mass
worship service at Mutual Street Arena in
Toronto, making it one of the few religious
denominations to be born in a hockey rink!
How much more Canadian can you get?

On June 6 Port Carling and Bala United will
celebrate together the 85th Anniversary of the
United Church of Canada at an outdoor service
at Hanna Park beginning at 10: 30 a.m. We
will begin by going all the way back to 1925
and sing the first hymn of the inaugural service
of The United Church of Canada. Our service
will continue with stories of 85 years ago and
continue up until this day as we remember,
renew and rejoice! One very special moment in
our service will be when we break bread
(bannock). Every United Church in Canada will
be sharing in the same loaf.

In early May each congregation received a small
starter package of dry ingredients that was
gathered from each of the 13 Conferences of the
United Church. Our communion bannock (a
simple unleavened bread, that is very much a
part of our Canadian heritage - from First
Nations to early settlers and fur traders to
today's wilderness campers) is a fitting symbol
of our unity as The United Church of Canada, of
our unity with the Christian church, and of our
oneness with God.

Come and celebrate on June 6th
Rev. Sue

Sunday, June 6 – 10:30 a.m.

**Pastoral Charge Outdoors Service
and Pot Luck Church Picnic -**

**Please bring a dish to share plus your own
dishes, utensils and chairs to sit on.**

Hanna Park in Port Carling

Everyone Welcome!



Wednesday, June 9, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

UCW Dinner Meeting and

“Social Evening”

at the home of Patti Irving

4372 Muskoka Road 169, Port Carling

All ladies of the Church Welcome!

Let's Celebrate Port Carling United Church!

June 10, 2010 marks the 85th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. To celebrate this special day, we are asking all individuals and/or families to make up a special envelope that will be put into a “time capsule.” This envelope can include a history of your family and your church involvement, pictures or anything special that you would like to include. On Sunday, June 13th the envelopes will be blessed and put into the capsule. Keep tuned for more information and share your story with members of the future!

Time Capsule Ideas

When collecting the objects to go into your time capsule, think about who will open your time capsule, and what you would like to tell them. Objects need not be of high monetary value but can reflect the spirit of the present. What is unique about today?

If you wish, write and enclose your own description of what it is like to live right now. Tell your future audience about daily life. You could write about ordinary day-to-day activities; current fads, fashions, attitudes, and trends; how much everyday objects usually cost; and anything else that you would like to say.

Anything that captures the spirit of the present is a candidate, but you might want to consider things like these:

- Photos
- Legal Documents
- Internet Information
- Recipes
- Phone Book
- TV Guide
- Newspapers
- Movie Reviews
- Music
- Automobile Sales Brochures
- Advertisements - Current & Antiques
- Sports Statistics & Box Scores
- Bible & Prayer Book
- Golf Ball & Tee
- List of Corporate

- Menus
- Blueprints
- Favorite Hat
- Stamps & Coins
- Ticket Stubs
- Executives
- Members, Parishioners, Students
- Mayor's State of Port Carling Address
- Invitations to Past & Current Events
- Newspaper Articles
- Letterhead & Business Cards
- Magazines & Catalogues

Sunday, June 13 – 9:30 a.m.

Port Carling United Church

Sunday Service

**Time capsule envelopes will be blessed,
and then placed in the time capsule.**

Congratulations to Perry Bowker and Inglis MacDonald on receiving the distinguished Ontario Volunteer Service Award. This award recognizes their extraordinary contribution to their community through volunteerism.

Vacation Bible School

Port Carling United Church

July 5 – July 9



Saddle up for VBS 2010 where kids will be ridin' the range and roundin' up questions like, “What is God's plan for me?” and “How can I be like Jesus?” Come to the Port Carling United (Saddle Ridge Ranch) July 5 to 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12: 00 noon for a great hoe down and check out the snacks at “Big Sky Grill, music at “Campfire Creek”, stories at the “Bunkhouse,” crafts at Blazing Star Stables and games at Mustang Mountain.

It's bound to be loads of fun so bring a friend! YE HAW!

Hurry and sign up – deadline is fast approaching.



The UCW's very successful
annual fundraising project
"MacMillans Frozen Food Products"
are now available to order.

Pick up your pamphlet in Hanna Hall and see the wonderful selection they have to offer. Orders can be placed by referring to the telephone number on the pamphlet or call
Carol Dion 765-6369, Hilda Brown 765-6064
or Bette Clark 765-5049.

Orders must be in by Thursday, June 24th
Pick-up on Friday, July 9th
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
at the Port Carling Community Centre
First Floor.

Acknowledging Our Volunteers:

Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting and to all the Council members who fulfill their duties so diligently.

We recognize the valuable contribution of our volunteers to the work and life of our church. Everyone in the church is so willing to help when needed.

Special thanks are extended to those who volunteer their time in the Sunday school each month i.e. Leann and Brad Wallace, Michael Anne MacDonald Laura and Emily Buddo, Annette MacLeod.

Thank you to Eva Jackson for faithfully making and serving coffee every Sunday, to Mike Brown for plowing; Jessie McLeod for putting out the recycling and to our volunteer organists.

The two Ians, (Ian Wallace and Ian Douglas) Gary Irving, and Ted Daglish for re-wiring the lighting in the church; and yet another thank you to Ian Wallace for taking the lights down, removing the old paint, and buffing the brass to shiny perfection.

To those who do the ushering and greeting every Sunday, to our kitchen helpers, and to Judy and Ron Sarjeant, and Gayle Mitchell Shantz for taking such wonderful care of our gardens.

A very special thank you to the members of our UCW who are the backbone of just about every event we stage.

Without the commitment of our volunteers, our Church would not be the warm and inviting church that it is.
Dawn Stephen

BALA UNITED CHURCH is having a Fundraising to benefit **Habitat for Humanity**



Muskoka (who are building two houses in Bala), and for the building maintenance fund for Bala United Church. It is on **July 24th from 8:00 pm to 11 pm**. The event will feature food, a bar, entertainment and a live

and silent auction.

Tickets are available at:

The Glen Orchard General Store
The Bala General Store and
The Muskoka Lakes Chamber of
Commerce in Bala

To make a donation to either the live or silent auction, please contact
Mary Patterson at 762-5270 or email to
Marykp99@yahoo.com

Assisting this month

Greeter: Susan Daglish and Friends

Kitchen Helpers:

June 6th Helen Brown **13th** Marg Buddo
20th Liz Curran **27th** Karen Bowker

The Last Word:

Fire and Grace

Originally composed for General Council
*(Rewritten for the 85th Anniversary of
The United Church of Canada.)*

Eighty five years of love and service, eighty five
years of hearing God's word,
Eighty five years of walking together through the
changes and the fears.

Eighty five years of holding a vision, eighty
five years of working it through, eighty five
years of God's love to guide us, fire and grace
to see us through.