



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 the eve before holidays; I am looking over my book shelves to see what I would love to read by the pool for the next two weeks (I know, I know, tough life!). My fingers seem to dance up to a book written by DeePak Chopra entitled *Why is God Laughing?* It is a story about a successful L.A. comedian, just a regular guy who comes in contact with a mysterious stranger who changes his life forever. The two begin an ongoing discussion about the true nature of being. The author then spells out the lessons that the story imparts to us: ten reasons to be optimistic even in these challenging times. The author believes that the healthiest response to life is laughter from the heart. From the jacket of the book *"Why is God laughing?"* shows us *without a doubt that there is always a reason to be grateful, that every possibility holds the promise of abundance, and the obstacles are simply opportunities in disguise. In the end, we really don't need a reason to be happy. The power of happiness lies within each of us, just waiting to be unleashed.* I love to laugh and the book mark tells me that I have never finished reading it so I slipped it in next to a couple of mystery novels.

Can you believe it is finally May and what a long winter it has been. I love this new month with all the excitement it brings of new activities and green grass! I enjoy reacquainting myself with all the folks who have just returned from being down south (that is why I am away for the first 14 days of May :) LOL) it seems that fun has returned to a dormant land especially with spring so late this year.

Having Easter the last weekend in April, the Hallelujah hymns are still ringing in my ears and the beauty of the flowers and their aroma are still lingering in the church. What a wonderful message of new life. These are the words I closed the sermon on Easter Sunday I would like to share again as we see new life in our world, where have you seen the Risen Christ?

I have seen the Risen Christ
He is in his people, in the church.
I have seen the Lord in each of you.
I have seen the Lord in those who come to see me seeking help for their difficulties.
I have seen the Lord in weak knees struggling to climb our church steps.
I have seen the Lord in young faces discovering the message of love
I have seen the Lord in the faces of parents, and in the wisdom of grandparents.
I have seen the Lord in those whom age has weakened, who long for God to take them to God's very self so that they can be present with the Risen Lord in a new and complete way.
I have seen the Lord in those whom I agree and in those with whom I find myself in disagreement.

Jesus lives in us and we know him, not in an empty tomb but in relationship with him, in hearing his voice, and in those who are his own todays in which he lives and moves and has his being.

Rev. Sue

Port Carling Sunday Services and Meetings planned for the month of May

Sunday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m.
Port Carling United Church
Rev. Joanne Hill, Guest Minister

Sunday, May 8th – 9:30 a.m.
Port Carling United Church
Rev. Bill Boyd, Guest Minister

Wednesday, May 18th – 7:00 p.m.
Port Carling United Church
Church Council Meeting followed by
THE ANNUAL MEETING at 7:30 p.m.
Dessert and Coffee will be served

Tuesday, May 24th – 7:30 p.m.
OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING
at Bala United Church

Sunday, May 29th – 9:30 a.m.
Port Carling United Church
Baptism Service



Young Teens (ages 9 and up)
MEET AT PORT CARLING UNITED

May 11th & 25th
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
3:30 to 4:45 pm
BRING A FRIEND!

Young Teen leaders are
Amy Fraser and Rev. Sue

Registration Forms are now available
for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011



Set Sail for SonTreasure Island!
Join the Treasure-Hunting Adventure at
Port Carling United Church
July 4 to 8 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Registration forms are in the yellow pail by the
much decorated bulletin board in Hanna Hall
or online.

Hurry and set sail for SonTreasure Island



Requests for Rev. Sue

An attractive wooden box handcrafted by Ian Wallace is in place in the narthex for anyone wishing to make a special request for the minister. You will find specially marked cards in the pews for this purpose.

Solar Panels for our Church

On a suggestion from Stan Hunter, the property committee is looking into the feasibility of a solar panel on the roof of our church. We will keep you informed when more news becomes available. An exciting project!

Hasty Notes:

Dawn Stephens, using a photo of our church by Mike Guiry, has designed an attractive hasty note for sale as a fundraising effort. The hasty notes will be available at the annual meeting and I am sure you will agree a lovely memento for our church.



Wednesday, June 15,
2011 5:30 p.m.
Port Carling United
Church Women
Meeting and
Pot Luck Dinner
12 Silver Lake Lane,
Port Carling

Program - Bring your favourite treasure and be prepared to tell something about it.

Anyone needing a ride or information contact Dawn Stephen. If you are willing to drive let Dawn know and people could car pool from the Community Center.

Volunteers for the Month of May

Family Greeters:

May 1st Elaine Swadzba, Kyra & Jenna
May 8th Kelly Coker & Jamie Nairn, Tanner and Riley
May 15th Marg & Jeff Buddo, Emily & Laura
May 24th TBA
May 29th Charlie & Leslie Hall, Haley and MacKenzie

Kitchen Helpers:

May 1st Ruth Veitch **8th Joanne Wilson**
15th Gayle Mitchell **22nd Patti Irving**
29th Lyn Ingram

Treasures, Treats & Tea!

Saturday, July 23, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presented by



PORT CARLING UNITED CHURCH

Corner Armstrong Point Road and Medora Street in Port Carling

“Treasures”

Whoever said money can't buy happiness didn't know where to shop. Vintage, gently used clothes, trinkets, furniture, flea market finds galore! All proceeds will go to the upkeep and community outreach programs of our church and at the same time make our little church happy too!

“Treats” in Hanna Hall

An array of mouth watering home baking made by the ladies of our church that will certainly make you happy!

Visit the “Tea” Room in our Sunday School

(Side entrance of the church on Medora Street)

Be happy and enjoy a refreshing cup of tea along with a selection of tasty tea breads.

Bring a friend and enjoy good times together!