



Port Carling United Church

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

Minister's Chat

you are with me.....

Psalm 23:4

This morning I caught myself putting sour cream on my cereal instead of yoghurt. Yes the containers are similar and side by side in the fridge but once again I ask myself "is this Alzheimer's disease that has taken complete control of my mother's body slowly creeping into mine?" My mom was a nurse and worked in various hospitals and nursing homes. She followed my father in his ministry and each place they moved to she embraced her work and loved being with the elderly. I can remember her saying "Susan I hope that I never end of having to living in a nursing home with Alzheimer's. Life can be so ironic; Mom is living in a nursing home in Charlottetown P.E.I. and lives in her own world knowing no one.

Life can be so difficult when a love one is fighting for their life and it seems lately at Bala Port Carling there are individuals who are fighting for their lives. We ask ourselves "why would God allow this to happen?" We are fearful and afraid. Fear, when it is our master, is our enemy. When we master fear, it is our friend. Then we can give our fears a seat at our inner table without putting them in charge of our lives.

The opposite of fear is faith, not courage. Faith is trusting our relationship with God - not that God will fix things for us but that wherever life takes us, whatever happen, God is with us. We are not alone, thanks be to God!

Courage is important too, though - it is about going ahead when our faith is fragile. The word "courage" shares its root with the French word *Coeur*, which means heart. So, to find your courage is to find your heart - to find the centre of your life and passion. When we en-courage one another we en-hearten one another.

Be in the moment as much as you can. Fears are always about what lies ahead. Make your walking mantra "be still and know that I am God." It helps settle your anxious heart and lets you savour a little of the beauty of the present. Stay connected - with God, community, and self.

Here are some things that can be healing and encouraging: pet your dog if you have one. Go to church, and stay for potluck if they have one. Let people bring you Jell-o and custard and soup. Pray. Visit with your neighbours. Ask them how their lives are going, and listen. Call the church and say you need a pastoral visit. Go for walks with friends. Nap if you are tired. Read the Bible. In the evening, sit on opposite ends of the couch from your beloved so you can hold each other's feet while you talk. At the table, hold hands and read a prayer from your favourite pray book. Phone people who make you cry or laugh.

We need to find our courage, to hear the heart of God beating among us. We need to fashion our lives together and our gifts to the world not with anxious fear but with courageous love. REMEMBER: Faith is trusting our relationship with God - not that God will fix things for us but that wherever life takes us, whatever happen, God is with us. We are not alone, thanks be to God!

Peace

Rev. Sue

Announcements

Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Port Carling United Church
Council Meeting in Hanna Hall

Sunday, November 7th - 9:30 a.m.

Port Carling United Church
Remembrance Day Service

REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Day shall remain and be reverently observed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of each year by us and our successors.

“Lest We Forget”

Thursday, November 11, 2010 – 10:55 a.m.

Royal Canadian Legion, Port Carling

The community is invited to participate and gather at the Royal Canadian Legion on Bailey Street at 10.55 a.m. We will then walk together to The Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Service led by Rev. Sue Woods. Following the service, you are invited to join the legion members for lunch at the legion.



Poppies and Remembrance

Each November, Poppies blossom on the lapels and collars of over half of Canada's entire population. Since 1921, the Poppy has stood as a symbol of Remembrance, our visual pledge to never forget all those Canadians who have fallen in war and military operations. The Poppy also stands internationally as a “symbol of collective reminiscence,” as other countries have adopted its image to honour those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Rev Sue on Holidays

Rev. Sue will be on holidays from November 12 to November 26. Rev. Paul Dempsey will be pulpit supply for November 14th and Tina Bax will be the worship leader for November 21st. Anyone needing assistance when Rev Sue is away, Port Carling United call Dawn Stephen 765-3969, and for Bala United call Brian McDonald 762-5178

New Treasurer for Port Carling United Church

As of January 1, 2011 Jan Douglas will officially step down as Treasurer of Port Carling United Church. Judy Sargeant has volunteered to take over the position with her husband Ron assisting her. Until the change takes place, Jan will work closely with Judy and Ron for a smooth transition. The contribution Jan as made to our Church has been invaluable and we are extremely thankful to her for her efforts.

We would also, like to acknowledge Karen Finlay's contribution in assisting Jan in her duties as treasurer this past year. It is also very much appreciated.

Welcome New Members

On October 2nd Elaine Swadzba and Gloria Dyer were received into membership of Port Carling United Church. Elaine has transferred her membership from Ingersoll and Gloria Dyer from Oakville. We extend a warm welcome to Elaine and Gloria into our community of faith

Sunday, November 7th

Daylight Saving Time Ends - Clocks back

UPDATE ON THE OVER AND ABOVE CAMPAIGN.

Over ten thousand dollars was raised in the "Over and Above" Campaign - \$10,085.55 to be exact. "Rainbow Glass," the company hired to restore the stained glass windows, will be removing the windows shortly and the restoration begins. If all goes well, they should be back in place the middle of November. Ian Wallace is working hand in hand with sign maker Pat Doran. Pat has put together a mock sign which was approved by council. The landscaping outside the Sunday School will be postponed until the Spring. We are indeed grateful for the generosity of the members who donated to the above projects.



Our UCW has had a busy fall with two activities to report on. The "Bridge & Euchre" Fund raiser and Luncheon was their first attempt on holding such an event. Under the leadership of Pat Barty, Louise Kirbyson and Hylda Coker, the event attracted 64 participants and raised \$680.03 for the good works of the UCW. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the making of sandwiches, baking, door prizes, ticket sales, etc.

On September 29 the UCW hosted a "Pot Luck Dinner:" with guest speaker Sheila Durand, the new CEO and Chief Librarian for Muskoka Lakes Public Library. As always, with such wonderful cooks in our group, the pot luck dinner was delicious and a most enjoyable evening was had by all that attended.



Izzie Dolls on Their Way to Honduras.

The Izzie Dolls shown here are part of a collection of 74 dolls knitted by Carol Dion for the children of Honduras. The Izzie Dolls are the creation of an organization

called "I Cross," which started with two people and has grown to 28 knitters. This parcel of dolls brings the total up to 10,700 dolls distributed all over the world to poor countries, orphanages in China, and to our soldiers in Afghanistan who carry with them at all times to give to children in need. This is just a small sampling of where the dolls end up. Carol is always looking for wool so if you have any wool that is no longer needed Carol and her group have good use for it.

As reported, Lynda Appleby will be on her way shortly with a medical mission to Honduras and will distribute the dolls on behalf of Carol and her group.

Friday, November 26, 2010
6:00 p.m.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

and

"Decorate the Church for Christmas"

A casual and informal dinner will be served.

Everyone Welcome!!!!



"Light an Ice Candle" on Christmas Eve

On Christmas year last year the front lawn of our church was alight with glowing candles made possible by donations in memory of loved ones.

Patti Irving started making the candles early and Morley Stephen generously loaned her his freezer to store them until Christmas Eve. Patti is prepared to make them again and would like the candles preordered by December 7th although a limited supply will be available for purchase at the Christmas Eve service.

The candles are made of ice with a lighted candle glowing inside.

If you would like to order a candle, in memory of a loved one, call Patti at 765-6666. The cost of each candle is \$10 each.

Volunteers

Greeters for November:

Herwig and Lynn Schroth

Kitchen Helpers:

November 7th Dawn Stephen 14th Joan Wallace
21st Kathy Hazlewood 28th Bette Clark

The Last Word:



They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow
old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the
sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

From Laurence Binyon's
poem *For the Fallen*,
written in September 1914

(The full poem, *For the Fallen*, is printed in both *Minds at War* and *Out of the Dark*. Binyon's poem *Now in thy Splendour* is also printed in *Minds at War*.)