



Port Carling United Church

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Celebrating the life and work of our Church

Rev. Sue Woods, Minister



Minister's Chat

The Wooden Bowl

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father', said the son. So they set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were scoldings when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four year old watched in silence.

One evening after supper, the father noticed the son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child 'what are you making?' The son responded, "oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mom to eat your food in when I grow up." The four year old went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. The tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently let him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither the husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Two Sunday's ago, I received a gift from the Port Carling Sunday school. It was a decorated mason jar and in it were notes of appreciation from the class. I was touched, blessed and humbled by what the children and youth wrote. We can learn a great deal from children, their openness to explore, their innocence and always willing to share a smile. How about this month let each of us find that childlike spirit and reach out and touch someone with a smile, card, a hug or a pat on the back.

Enjoy the fall colours with a childlike wonder.
Rev. Sue

Wednesday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m.



Port Carling United Church
UCW Meeting
and Pot Luck Dinner

Guest Speaker: Sheila Durand,
new CEO/Chief Librarian, Township of
Muskoka Lakes. "Everyone Welcome"

- **Sunday, October 3 – 9:30 a.m.**
Port Carling United Church
World Communion Sunday
- **Wednesday, October 6 – 7:00 p.m.**
Port Carling United Church
Council Meets in Hanna Hall
- **Sunday, October 10 – 9:30 a.m.**
Port Carling United Church
A Service of Thanksgiving
- **Tuesday, October 26 – 7:30 p.m.**
Port Carling United Church
Official Board Meets in Hanna Hall



Tuesday, October 5th
Port Carling
United Church Women
presents
A Bridge & Euchre
Fundraiser

Make up a table of Bridge or Euchre and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun including lunch.

☀️ **Registration/Payment 11:30 am – 12 noon**
Lunch 12 noon – Cards 1:00 p.m.
Port Carling Community Centre
\$12 per person

☀️ Please pre-register by Friday, October 1st with one of the following

Pat Barty.....764-1755
 Louise Kirbyson764-1920
 Hylda Coker.....765-5807

Each table must provide their own cards and score pads

☀️ ☀️ **Door Prizes** ☀️ ☀️

Thanksgiving Day in Canada
Monday, October 11, 2010

Thanksgiving Day is a holiday to give thanks for the blessings in one's life, particularly the harvest.

The "Golfless" Golf Tournament

The Golfless Golf Tournament. was a popular activity for about twenty-five of the congregation. Each 'golfer' played an imaginary round and filled out their scorecard, hoping to match what would prove to be the winning score. Many interesting entries were received, especially from Rev Sue, who claimed two holes-in-one on the two par-5 holes! Some form of Divine intervention, perhaps.

After church on September 5, the Patons drew numbers from a hat to be the score for each of the nine holes, and the total was 36. Inglis MacDonald's virtual round of 35 was closest, so he received a first prize gift. Dawn Stephen won the 'most honest' prize for being the furthest away from 36. In all, \$1,134 was raised for the Over and Above Fund. Thanks to all the participants, and thanks to Ron Brown for one of his inspirational poems on the subject!

Perry Bowker



Saturday, October 9

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Port Carling Lion's Club
Annual "Turkey Dinner"

Port Carling Memorial Community Centre

3 Bailey Street, Port Carling

Adults \$18 Children under 10 \$8

Tickets available at the door.

Cash Bar

For further information call Ted at
765-0330.



Bala Cranberry Festival

October 15, 16, and 17th, 2010

(always the weekend after Thanksgiving)

Oct. 15 – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 16 – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 17 – Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission Rates Adults \$6.00

Children 7 – 12 \$3.00 6 and under FREE

The OPP Golden Helmets Precision

Motorcycle Team will perform on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th at 1:00 p.m.

in front of the BALA BAY INN!!

Remember to visit Bala United Church
and enjoy their "Chili Lunch."

Volunteers for October

Greeters: TBA

Kitchen Helpers:

October 3rd Gayle Mitchell

10th Lynne Schroth 17th Dawn Stephen

24th Erika Harris 31st Karen Bowker

The Last Word

Halloween Saturday, October 30

Flutter, flutter little bat,

How I wonder where you're at.

Swooping through the darkest night -

You Flutter, flutter little bat,

How I wonder where you're at!

