



Port Carling United Church

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Celebrating the life and work of our Church

Rev. Sue Woods, Minister

Minister's Chat

A recent fall magazine cover pictured a common experience here in Muskoka. It featured a summer cottage scene. The dock is empty; the clothesline is empty save for a few clothespins. The last flowers are drooping in the garden. The stillness is almost audible. The summer is over. Many have felt the poignancy of the scene watching it through the rear view mirror this month. Every beginning begins with an ending. A new year in the life of our church begins this month, but only because summer has ended. Part of that ending is saying good-byes to our summer visitors, and our summer cottagers.

God obviously has a strong sense of beginnings.

The first words in the Bible are, "*In the beginning....*" The first words from the book of John are the same. The Bible attaches great importance to beginnings, but they do not always come easily. As a teacher prepares for her or his new class at the beginning of a school year, especially for the children who enter junior kindergarten, they are learning a new way.....all beginnings are hard.

So we begin a new season of activity together. The air is mellow, and the morning misty. There is a warm feeling in the beginning stages of the orange and reds of the fall. Department stores are advertising for part-time help for Christmas and at our next church Council meetings we will be looking at the year ahead. Beginnings give us strangely mixed feelings of anticipation and uneasiness.

Each asks, "what will my role be this year? *"Am I ready to commit to new responsibilities?"* Remember the story of the mustard seed. From small beginnings God has worked God's will. One thing that makes us different is the way we deal with beginnings. The difference lies in the fact that we never embark on a project alone. We are confident that when we respond to the inner urgings of the spirit that we are made one with God's own love of beginnings.

In the ancient cultures, when a member of the community was ill the shaman would read over him or her the story of the tribe's beginnings, the ancient myths of creation. This act indicated faith that God's own strength still lay in new starts. What was looked for in healing was not a repair so much as a rebirth, a new life. So we too, trust that our beginnings are the start of a new life.

We listen for the inner voice bidding us to act, and then we put aside our hesitation and respond to God's nudging.

In response the energy comes. Our part is simply to begin. A Greek sage declared, "He/She has half the deed done who has made a beginning. "New beginnings make new life."

Blessings for all the new beginnings this fall

Rev. Sue



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2011

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

at PORT CARLING UNITED

TOPIC: RUTH: Loss, Love and Legacy

If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a sister in Ruth. Together through music, conversation and quiet time share in Ruth's journey. Homework before the retreat is to read the book of Ruth found in the Bible.....don't get too excited it is only 4 chapters.....just one cup of coffee is all you will need to read this very interesting book!

Remembering Lane.....

Lane Hazelwood, Organist and Choir Leader

Lane was not a stranger to Muskoka. His parents began cottaging to this area in 1944 and bought an acre of land on Lake Muskoka in 1945, building a cottage in '46 where he has spent every summer since.

Lane began music lessons in piano with the Royal Conservatory of Music at the age of seven, encouraged by his mother, the quintessential Minister's wife, and supported by his father, a United Church Minister. They recognized his talent and tolerated his practicing up to three hours a day by the time he reached the age of 16. He also learned to play the cornet with a marching band sponsored by the Brussels, Ontario Lions Club. Lane's father, being a Minister, moved from place to place. The Legion in Mount Forest, where Lane lived next, even pulled this talented young man out of school from time to time to play taps with his cornet over the graves of the dearly departed.

Next, after moving to Hamilton, Lane became an elementary school teacher and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from McMaster University. During those years of teaching, he subsequently obtained music supervisors papers from the Ontario Ministry of Education. After several years of teaching elementary students, Lane began to teach music in secondary school, inspiring hundreds of young people to enjoy and practice music. In the evenings, during the week, he taught keyboarding to aspiring night school students. He was popular on all the teaching staffs and churches he attended because of his quick wit and dry sense of humour.

In his private life, Lane became the lead bass singer in the Binkley United Church Choir for over 35 years, and accompanied the Hamilton Men Teachers' Choir for 30 years. On weekends, Lane was part of a dance band and played many gigs for prominent Hamiltonians—at parties, golf clubs, hotels, and other popular venues. There he honed his skill in jazz and popular music, bringing the talent he had for playing the classics into play. After retiring from teaching about 10 years ago, Lane and his wife Kathy moved to their new home on Lake Muskoka and joined Port Carling United Church. Lane was asked to become organist and choir leader, and later became the first chair of the Church Council. He will be missed.

This article, written by Kathryn Hazlewood was originally published in our November 2006 edition of our newsletter

A service to celebrate Lane's life will be held at Port Carling United Church, Wednesday, August 31st at 11:00 a.m.

Amazing Grace

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.



T'was Grace that taught...
my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear...
the hour I first believed.



Through many dangers, toils and snares...
we have already come.
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far...
and Grace will lead us home.



The Lord has promised good to me...
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be...
as long as life endures.



Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.



When we've been here ten thousand years...
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise...
then when we've first begun.



"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.

Report from Council

With September just around the corner, it is an opportunity to introduce you to the Church Council for 2011-2012.

Our new secretary for council is Perry Bowker, replacing Hilda Brown who filled this position so very capably for many years. Judy Sarjeant is our treasurer and her husband Ron is the spokesperson for finance as well as being on the property committee.

Ron and Judy stepped in to fill this position after the passing of our good friend, Jan Douglas.

Byron Coker and Ted Daghish are on the property committee and with Ron work hard to look after the church building and grounds to keep them in excellent repair and aesthetically pleasing. Ted Daghish is also our presbytery representative.

Joan Wallace and Patti Irving make beautiful flower arrangements for Sunday services and special celebrations.

Lyn Ingram is our Christian Education Liaison and Mike is on the communications committee.

Our monthly bulletin is composed and sent out by Catherine Dedrick and her committee. They do a wonderful job of keeping us in touch with the happenings in our church and we look forward to Rev, Sue's inspirational message in each newsletter.

Ruth Veitch's position on council is two fold. Ruth is on the Worship Committee and is the new President of the UCW. Ruth is always active Sunday mornings making sure that everything is ready for the service.

Neena Evans is active when she is here, helping with Outreach and Service. Neena is always available to help when there is a need in the community.

Our past chairman Lane Hazlewood made sure that we stayed on the right track and we are saddened by its passing on August 24th. He will be greatly missed.

Ian Wallace is the new chair of the Trustees. The role of the trustees has become more involved than previous years and Ian and his committee are involved to see that this is carried out.

This year Hilda Brown and Hylda Coker stepped down from Council and we thank them both for the many years of service that they gave to the welfare of our church. Both Hilda and Hylda are remaining on the Worship Committee.

Rev. Sue is on council and gives us guidance and listens as we try to make our church welcoming and alive. And with God's help, a place of spiritual inspiration and renewal.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all council members for their dedication to our church.

Dawn Stephen, Chair

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th – 7:00 p.m.
Port Carling United Church
Council Meeting in Hanna Hall

News from Young Teens

Well, some of you might have thought we were a little crazy suggesting and following through with a summer sleepover in the basement of the Church with 8 youths from Young Teens (not to mention on one of the hottest days of July!), but we survived and we all had a blast!! Yes, we even got some sleep (not much, but we did get some!) Our sleepover on July 19th, began with a water fight on the lawn while trying to keep cool on the hot evening, then we ventured over to the Island Park for some games and fun, then back to the Church for Ice Cream Sundaes, then we watched a movie on a big screen in the basement with popcorn and drinks and lots of laughs. We were very blessed that Patti Irving came early in the morning to prepare us pancakes and bacon for breakfast! They were delicious! Thank you Patti! Even though some of the youths arrived with several bags in which we thought they were staying for a week, we had a great time!!!



We were also lucky enough to participate in the Church Yard Sale in July, under the direction and organization of Brad and Leann Wallace. Some of the youths helped to set up, sold the goods and helped with cleaning up. The money raised from the Young Teens table, will be put towards helping to pay for various aspects of our youth group.

Thank you everyone who helped and supported Young Teens! We greatly appreciate the support! ☺

Young Teens are going to be meeting on **Tuesday's** starting **September 13th at 3:30pm to 4:45pm bi-monthly**. We always have lots of fun doing various activities and games. If you are interested in joining Young Teens, or know any youths in Grade 4-8, who would like to join, please talk to Sue or Amy. We are always looking for more children who have lots of energy.

Sue & Amy ☺

Vacation Bible School 2011

"A HUGE SUCCESS!"

"Welcome to our island home -Just feel the ocean breeze." Fifty children and youth were welcomed to our island home at Port Carling United.

Twelve leaders were very glad they came to laugh and play - play-o.

There is more than meets the eye beneath the golden sea, games, crafts, stories and snacks they discovered when they stay-o stay-o"

Come on a island adventure
We'll search for the world's greatest treasure.
It can't be bought or sold
It's worth more then purest gold
God's love is treasure forever treasure
forever!



Thank you to everyone for being part of VBS 2011



The "Love Your Body" Workout with Paula McIsacc

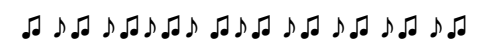
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Friday, September 9th, 2011
at 9:00 a.m. \$8 per session
PORT CARLING UNITED CHURCH
Information call Patti Irving at 705-765-6666
Everyone Welcome!

Friday, September 9th, 2011
Port Carling United "Church Social"
at the home of Jim & Kathy Haller
4717 Muskoka Road #169
Games etc. at 3:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a salad or vegetables or dessert to share. Main course provided by The Hallers (no it won't be chicken!)

RSVP 705-375-0914



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011
Bala United Church

presents

"The Valley Men's Choir"

Singing a repertoire of traditional songs, hymns anthems, and novelty numbers.

7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 per person and available through Marilyn Niess at 705-762-2870

"YARD SALE" Report from Lynda Appleby

Saturday, July 23rd turned out to be a very warm day (just like all the other days in July) but the heat did not interfere with the success of our "Yard Sale" "Treasurers, Treats."

Set-up began on Wednesday, July 20th where good, used sellable items were donated and brought to the church. The work continued on the Thursday and Friday before the sale.

From experience, I know that friends are made working together, as we did, and this was certainly true as we unpacked, cleaned, arranged, priced and with several items wondered what the heck they were, and what they were for!!!!

The work really began on Friday where the pricing began and working in pairs to decide what we could ask for each individual item. There were a team of women that love garage sales and go to many so they had a pretty good idea what the asking price should be. They were very helpful. Books were arranged in boxes ready to be put out on tables in the driveway on Saturday morning and they were priced at 50 cents for soft cover and \$1 for hard cover.

Thank you to Bala United Church who sent over items that were left over from their sale early in the month and to a lady who dropped off items from her church in Toronto. She was very nice and we had a friendly chat with her while we thanked her for her donation. This is Outreach!!!

Rev. Sue got chatting with a man driving by and it turned out he was heading to the landfill site with some kids toys. He did not know what else to do with them. Sue said "we would be happy to have them for our sale" and he was delighted to know we had arranged with "Habitat Restore" to come and get what was left at the end of the sale. More Outreach!

One of the highlights of the sale was "The Bake Table" organized by the United Church Women (UCW). The cookies, cakes, pies, squares, bread, scones, butter tarts were a sight to behold and their efforts raised \$465.

The children and youth of our church had their own separate sale tables and raised \$150 towards programs for young people of the congregation.

Muskoka Quilters staged a wonderful quilt show in the sanctuary. It was exceptionally well attended and the quilters were pleased to report that they had sold one of their quilts.

Tea, coffee and tea along with buttered tea breads were served to the shoppers and visitors, thanks to Eva Jackson. More outreach!

My analysis of the day is as follows:

- it was very hot which may have kept some people at the lake that day
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- we could have used a few more helpers throughout the set-up and sale.
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- It was a very successful sale raising a total of \$2,533.73 on behalf of the church.

Having Habitat Restore pick-up our unsold items; taking the left over books to the library and the remaining clothing to the Salvation Army, we were not only helping our own congregation raise funds we also helped other agencies raise funds benefiting our neighbours and community.

It gave you a feeling not only for our benefits but it benefitted our neighbours and community along with our own church.

Lynda Appleby, Convener

Thank you to Lynda Appleby

We must not let this opportunity go by without thanking Lynda Appleby, Convener for our "Yard Sale." Lynda accepted the responsibility realizing the enormous task she was undertaking after working on several at her church in Mississauga. As a result, the sale proceeded like clockwork and we are so grateful to Lynda.

Lynda also lucked in with our willing and hardworking volunteers we have in our church that so ably assisted her. In the fear of missing someone we will not list them here but they know who they are. Many, many thanks.

Volunteers for September

**Greeters: Sandi & Chuck Allbon
Lois & Ed Ranft**

Kitchen Helpers:

**September 4th Erika Harris 11th Joanne
Wilson 18th Lyn Ingram 25th Marge Brown**

Reflections

Good-night, good-night - as we so oft have said.
Beneath this roof at midnight, in the days that are
no more, and shall no more return. Thou hast but
taken up thy lamp and gone to bed; stay a little
longer, as one stays to cover up the embers that
still burn.

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow