

Norfolk News

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Join us for our special 150th Anniversary celebrations...

**Concert featuring
ARAGAIN, SINGERS and RINGERS
Saturday, October 15th, 2005
7 p.m.**

**150th Anniversary Service
Sunday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.**

Buffet Luncheon provided by the Worship Committee to follow.

The Canadian Methodist Historical Society will be holding their Annual Meeting at Norfolk & joining in these special celebrations

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

...by Rev. Tim Graham

St. Augustine said that hope has two beautiful daughters: anger at the way things are and courage to see to it they do not remain the way they are. It is out of hope that our critique of the present order arises. It is healthy to be outraged - and then to get busy working for something just because it is good and needed.

There can be no human action for good that is not rooted in hope. Hope is the engine that drives our faith and social concerns, that demands we take responsibility for them, and for each other.

Hope also seems to be the parent of patience. Hope gives us that persistence and determination to keep working on the world. As Reinhold Niebuhr said: "Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime."

This newsletter speaks in many ways to the hopes of this congregation as we not only enter this season of thanksgiving and seek how to share God's bounty, but also upon the birth of new directions and energies for our church family in ways we are only just beginning to fathom.

In the months to come we are going to stretch ourselves in worship and in frank dialogue as we seek the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is time to focus, to separate the wheat from

the chaff and to look forward instead of inward.

We who have been blessed in so many ways embrace the anger, grab hold of the courage and accept the patience that will direct us in our faith journey now and in the years to come as we share in mutual ministry.

Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home.

***Welcome Back Sunday....
Sunday, September 11th***

- the youth are invited to come out for Gymfest at 9:15 a.m. in the gym
- Congregational Meeting to approve the membership of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee in the sanctuary immediately following the service
- Congregational Welcome Back Luncheon in the Auditorium following the Congregational Meeting. Those members with surnames starting with A-M are asked to bring dessert and those with surnames starting with letters N-Z are asked to bring sandwiches.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

...by Rev. Mary Savage

***“The Power of Asset Mapping:
How your Congregation can act on its Gifts”***

Early this summer I participated in an exciting four day workshop lead by Luther Snow who has 25 years experience developing and adapting techniques for community asset building in church congregations.

To apply Asset Mapping, Luther Snow has developed a simple, fast, three-step process, called ‘The Quick and Simple Experience,’ which members of any group can use to identify their gifts, connect them with the gifts of others and get things done.

The old blues lyric goes, “You can’t use what you ain’t got.” We may be very good at identifying our needs and deficits, but we can’t do anything with them. However, we can do something with our combined gifts or assets, and we each bring unique and valuable gifts to our faith community.

If we think in terms of the half-empty cup, this ‘fixed-sum’ dynamic produces a mindset of scarcity, mistrust and need for control, which tends to close us down. However, with

the half-full cup thinking used in Asset Mapping, the 'open-sum' dynamic reminds us of God's abundance and strengthens our faith that we are all God's children with something to contribute.

Asset Mapping is not an exercise or a technique; it is a way of life. It is ultimately how we live our lives in community - a way of thinking and a way of being that allows us to open our hearts and minds to God in all things. We can only get where we want to go by strengthening each other.

As Luther Snow says in his book, "To me, Asset Mapping feels like the Spirit moving within the room. In the newness of abundance, affinity and release, we discover a presence in our midst. There is something in the space between us that we witness when we make a faithful, loving community together. It feels like grace moving between our gifts."

We, at Norfolk, already know how to act in faith and community. This fall, we hope to provide opportunities to try out Asset Mapping within our congregation to give us a reminder, encouragement, and permission to celebrate, and do it some more.

*Copies are available of Luther Snow's, "The Power of Asset Mapping"
in the Church Library for those wishing to sign it out.*

Christian Education Report

(Submitted by Sylvia Grant, Sunday School Superintendent)

Once again summer draws to a close and the activities of fall get underway. On Sunday, September 11 the staff of Norfolk Street United Church look forward to welcoming new and returning students. We offer classes for students from preschool to Grade 12. Our aim is to provide Christian Education in a safe and caring environment. Our curriculum, Bible Quest, is a bible-based curriculum which sets out to teach the stories of the bible with applications for today. Teaching is done using a variety of methods including story telling, art, crafts, music, discussions and drama. We take part in at least 2 church services during the year and organize other activities such as Family Fun nights and excursions to such places as the River Run Centre, the Synagogue, and the Butterfly emporium.

In June we held our Annual Promotion and Recognition Sunday when we continued a previous custom of presenting cross and crown attendance pins to our students.

We will continue this school year with our small but committed teachers and leaders in our Sunday School. Each year brings changes and this year is no exception. Ann Friendship has retired as a Beginners teacher and Tim Crouch will be leaving Guelph for Kingston where he plans to continue on his journey to become a United Church minister by attending Queen's Theological School. We will greatly miss the contributions of both Ann Friendship and Tim Crouch however we wish them well in their future endeavours.

Five caring women acted as Norfolk Nannies during the past Church School year: Joyce Graham, Janet Mollison, Sylvia Mollison, and Joan Gray, along with two spares Pat Gillan and Ruth Friendship-Keller. These dedicated ladies staff Norfolk's nursery on a rotational basis each Sunday.

On our Sunday School staff this year we have the following teachers:

Dorothy Small Beginner/Primary Class

Nicole DeCeour Junior Class

Sylvia Grant Intermediate Class

Despite a slightly diminished staff, we have an exciting program set up for the fall.

For the Senior Class (Grade 9 – 12 students), we have lined up a series of speakers under the heading "Christians in Society". These speakers will cover a range of topics from Spiritual Needs in a Materialistic Society to Social, ethical and moral responsibilities in our community, country and world.

Seniors, we hope these speakers will have something worthwhile to offer you and in turn, we hope you will support the speakers by regular committed attendance. You will, no doubt, miss Tim Crouch, but with past leadership, he hopefully gave you a foundation on which you will be able to build in the years to come.

In addition, Tim Graham and Ivor Wright have booked September 18, October 23 and November 13 for music Sundays. On these Sundays, Tim and Ivor, with their guitars, will provide a lively music component to our program. This will also provide the opportunity for our teachers to have some time in church.

See you on Sunday, September 11th when we get together and celebrate the beginning of another exciting Sunday School year. Enclosed with this newsletter is a registration form which we would ask that you complete and bring with you on the 11th. If you do not have children yourself, pass the registration form on to a friend, family member, and neighbour.

Volunteers
Make the church
The focus of a child's life

Some of our volunteers are able to assist on a weekly basis, others come once monthly while some just give the regulars a day off. But most importantly, our volunteers derive a great sense of satisfaction by being able to add to the quality of a child's life. If you are interested in becoming a part of this team, and want to find out how you can make a difference, contact Hermina Wright, Chair, Christian Education at 824-8036 or call the Church Office at 822-6165.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Submitted by Wynne Wright)

At a meeting in June with the finance committee and interested members, we came up with a list of more than 20 potential fund raising projects that we will work on over the next year or so. If you remember the annual meeting, you will remember that the treasurer suggested at that time that these projects would be necessary. Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will see the details of the first fundraiser, and it looks like a lot of fun. We intend to keep all of them in that tone, and we will give further details as each one is "unwrapped". Don't be surprised if you get a telephone call to help out with the projects as they arise. Also, if you have any comments or suggestions about any of them, please pass those on to any member of the finance committee.

Friendship Guild
(Submitted by Lynn Hunter)

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and managed to stay cool.

On June 2nd, we met at the Adonia Restaurant for lunch and had our meeting at a picnic table in Riverside Park.

We will commence our fall season with a Potluck Lunch on Thursday, September 1st at the church at 12:30 p.m.

Plans are already underway for Christmasfest to be held on November 20th. We need your help in selling tickets and donations to the Bake Table, Attic Treasures, etc.

We hold our meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. For further information, please call Audrey Robinson at 822-1393.

Ladies Badminton

The Ladies Badminton group meets every Tuesday and Thursday for fellowship, fun and exercise with the emphasis on fun. We resume in the fall on September 6th. All ladies are welcome to come out and join us!

Beef Connexions

(Submitted by Ivor Wright)

Beef Connections...an advance notice! There will be another beef sale, the beef coming in Wed. Oct 26. This date is better for delivery than Nov. You may wonder why it is important to continue since the US border has been opened. Things are not as they were. The regulations have increased slowing things down with all the new paper work required. Only cattle under 30 months can go across. As an example, before the closure 4000 head a day were going across. From July 7-Aug 5, 22,000 head went over which amounts to 1,000 a day. As you see, the need is still apparent to support our farmers and continue with Beef Connections.

Men's Breakfast

At Angel's Diner, 23 Wellington Rd. East

Saturday, September 17 @ 9 a.m.

Come out and join "the boys" for food and fellowship!

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Women's Dinner Out

At Adonio's Restaurant 737 Woolwich Street North

Monday, September 26th at 6 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to the Church Office at 822-6165 by noon on the 26th if you will be attending

\$150 for 150 years

.... by Phil Greenway

In the early 1990s, Norfolk Street United Church embarked on an aggressive Five-stage capital campaign program to provide a much-needed facelift and structural repairs to our church. During this period the total exterior of the building was re-pointed, a 50-year steel roof was installed, upgrades and modernization was completed on the kitchen, the basement of the sanctuary was renovated, the organ refurbished, and in the final phase our elevator was installed.

All of the foregoing represented a tremendous outpouring of support from the congregation and is reflected in the wonderful state that our facilities are in today. This coming October the Canadian Methodist Historical Society will be holding their Annual Meeting at our church and reflective of this is the fact that it also represents 150 years since the laying of the cornerstone for Norfolk Street United Church. In commemoration and celebration of this historic event, we have commissioned 100 authentic numbered reprints of the original artist's rendering by our beloved Alf Thompson.

The funds derived from the sale of the limited edition prints will go totally to ongoing funding requirements of Norfolk. The eloquently framed reprint has been executed on extremely high quality stock and is suitably finished in a beautiful frame with double matting. In honour of the occasion a brief biography of Alf Thompson and history of Norfolk will be suitably affixed to the rear of the print. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated, and a cheque payable to Norfolk Street United Church for \$150 or 3 monthly postdated cheques of \$50 each, will secure your reservation for these limited edition prints. Delivery will be available for the Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 16th

9 HOLE GOLF SCRAMBLE FUN DAY

The golf day held June 27th at 9 a.m. at the Victoria PARK GOLF CLUB was enjoyed by the 24 golfers that attended. Although the day was hot everyone enjoyed the outing. We would like to thank all that participated, and hope you will join us next year. The prizes were exceptional, donated by Bob Bothwell, John Burrows, Doug Gilchrist, Phil Greenway, Allan Knapp, Bill Rose, & Wynne Wright. Looking forward to another fun day in June 2006.

Golf Committee
John Burrows, Chuck Henderson,
Rev. Tim Graham, Ken Russell.

Worship Committee

(Submitted by Alta Greenway)

Ushers: Thank you to all who helped out this summer whether at Paisley or Norfolk. We appreciate your gift of time.

Ushers for September are Alice and John Wink.

October ushers are Doug and Marlene Neal and Bill and Wilma Rose. Counters are Doug and Marlene Neal.

Thank You:

We would like to thank our musical guests who visited in August, and gave of their wonderful talents. They were indeed an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to hear them. A special thank you to John, for arranging to have such special folks at our church and enriching our ministry of music.

To all our friends at Paisley United Church, we enjoyed having you with us and spending time together once again this summer.

Passings:

Suddenly, on Friday evening, June 3rd, 2005, while on stage in a performance of Beauty and the Beast, well-known actor and a longtime member of Norfolk Street United Church, **Terry Doyle**, passed away. A Memorial Service was held at Norfolk Street United Church on Sunday June 12th at 2 p.m. Despite the incredible heat, the church was filled with relatives and friends who came to show their love and respect for Terry. Terry's warm smile and quick wit will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce and her sons, David and Michael and their families.

We also extend to Dave Picard, our thoughts and prayers on the passing of his Dad, **Irving Ralph Picard** on July 31st.

Edna Wagner, a well known member of our congregation, passed away on August 11th, 2005. Please remember Edna's daughter, Julia Louch and family and friends in your prayers at this time.

*“Death is not extinguishing of the light,
but putting out the Lamp because the Dawn has come.”*

Chime Time

(Submitted by Mary Carter)

Have you always wanted to learn to play a musical instrument, but never had the opportunity or the time. Here's your opportunity... Any persons, young, old or in-between, who would like to join the Chimers, for occasional participation in the Service of Worship, are invited to call Mary Carter at 824-1197. No experience required. You will learn to play one chime in a very familiar tune.

RECYCLE MAGAZINE EXCHANGE – Do you have any magazines which you have read and would like to make available to other members of the congregation? A box has been provided in the Auditorium. You are welcome to take any magazines which you would like and bring in magazines which you would like to pass on for other members to read. The contents will be culled from time-to-time. Recycle, Reuse, Renew

SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS...

- Zehrs tapes are collected and converted into cash by the Friendship Guild to purchase items for the church. For every \$450 in tapes, \$1 is received.
- Your Ultra Food & Drug Mart tapes are converted into cash to assist with the Change Now Food Program. For every \$450 in tapes, we receive \$1.

Christmasfest

Saturday, November 26th, 2005

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at Norfolk Street United Church

The ladies need your help:

- **Attic Treasures** - when you are doing your fall housecleaning, save us your new and used unwanted items - they may be just what someone else is looking for!
- **Bake Table** - pies, tarts, cookies, square, jams, preserves, etc. - these are always good sellers
- **Crafts** - we hope you've been busy knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing and preparing craft items - there are always some unique Christmas gift ideas at the craft table - share yours!
- **Luncheon** - The women will be asking for help in the kitchen, to wait on tables, to act as hostesses, and in other areas
- **Silent Auction** - Back by popular demand! Items for the auction would be appreciated.

If you are unable to help and would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your donation "*Christmasfest*" and place on the offering plate any Sunday morning prior to the event. Please include your name so we can thank you.

LUNCHEON - \$5/person, \$2/Child 10 & under, Preschoolers free

Tickets available from Friendship Guild, Chatty Crafters Guild members or through the Church Office at 822-6165 weekday mornings between 9 a.m. and noon, or at the door the day of the event.

Calendar of Events

- Sept 1 Friendship Guild Luncheon & Mtg
- Sept 4 Jill Lovelock, Guest Soloist @ Service
- Sept 6 Badminton resumes
- Sept 7 Choir Practise
- Sept 9 Church Council meeting
- Sept. 11 Sunday School Classes Resume
 - Gymfest
 - Congregational Meeting
 - Welcome Back Luncheon
- Sept 17 Men's Breakfast @ Angel's
- Sept 18 Sacrament of Baptism
- Sept 19 Chatty Crafters Potluck Lunch
- Sept 25 Hymnspiration
 - Alzheimer Coffee Break
- Sept 26 Ladies Dinner @ Adonio's
- Oct 2 Gymfest
 - Worldwide Communion
- Oct 6 Friendship Guild Meeting
- Oct 13 Church Council
- Oct 15 Aragain Concert
- Oct 16 Anniversary Service & Buffet Luncheon
- Oct 26 Beef Connection Pickup
- Oct 30 Hymnspiration
- Nov 6 Gymfest
 - Remembrance Day Service
- Nov 13 Congregational Lunch following Service
- Nov 26 Christmasfest
- Nov 27 Hymnspiration
- Dec 4 White Gift Service
- Dec 11 Pageant of the Nativity

*Please be sure to submit your upcoming events in writing if
you wish to have them included in the Calendar of Events.*

Thank you...