



The Lowville-Nelson United Ministries COMMUNIPAC

Nelson—9:30 am

Sunday Service

Lowville—11:00



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From the desk of Rev. Barbara . . .

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As a cool spring gives way to the strong heat of summer and the earth finds itself warmed by the intense summer sun, strong growth begins again within a creation that has always sought to give good harvests to the world.

Joint Council will be intentionally looking forward to the fall; planning those things which we believe God has called us to do as Christ's church in this place. We will be looking at our mission ventures, our worship, our fundraising, our fellowship, our hospitality, our prayers and our commitments being offered in love for others.

With summer fast approaching, many will find their attention turning towards holidays. People heading north to cottages; others planning week-end trips to special places; still others just taking the time to be outside as Mother Nature becomes her most hospitable.

Then, in the upcoming months, there will be even more to celebrate as the Joint Search Committee continues their work of discerning a person to be presented to you. They will be presenting a recommended candidate for the work of permanent ministry among you. Every member of this committee has been working hard with Presbytery to ensure faithfulness to God's call so that everyone might wind up where God wills us to be within this United Church of ours, thus enabling the whole church to move forward into our future in faith and in joy!

In the month of June, we, at the church, will be worshipping special times. On Sunday, June 10th, we will focus on our Mission & Service fund as we look at the work of the church which reaches far beyond our own doors.

So, as the warmth of this season opens the good earth to offer her fruits to the world, my prayer remains that the warmth of God's love continues to open our hearts to the joy and peace of Christ that fills us and makes us Christ's church together!

On June 24th we will be having a Joint Service at 11:00 at Lowville followed by a BBQ Lunch to mark the end of our Sunday School year. This will also allow us time to remind people that our Lowville Vacation Bible Camp will be held during the week of August 13th!

During June, there will also be times of fellowship and fundraising at both our churches with Nelson's BBQ dinner on the 16th and Lowville's Strawberry Social on the 27th.

As well, during this month, our

*Blessings and peace,
Rev. Barbara*

Special points of interest:

- ◆ Final Nelson Card Party was held on May 25th.. Final Lowville Picnic Pot Luck Card Party on Friday, June 8th at 6 pm \$3.00
- ◆ Lowville worships at Mt. Nemo 1st Sunday of each month at 2pm. Everyone welcome.
- ◆ Lowville UCW meetings on 1st Wed. of each month.

Worship Ministry News

Nelson Craft and Cookie Fair

The Annual Craft and Cookie Fair at Nelson United will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2007.

Volunteers will also be required to bring about this event. Please contact Joan Hunt 905-335-8682 or Bev Greer 905-335-8178.

More information will follow for this event.

Licensing of Music

Rev. Barbara donated a one year's License for "OneLicense.net" to Lowville and Nelson as an Easter present. We need someone to make the monthly on-line reports. The fee covers any reproduction, i.e. printed in the Sunday Bulletin or projected onto a screen, of certain hymns from the Voices United hymn book.

Summer Services Schedule

July services: at Lowville at 10:30 am

August Services: at Nelson at 10:30 am

Rally Sunday: September 9, 2007

This will be a Joint Service with a picnic following and held at Lowville Park at 11:00 am. Everyone is asked to bring a food item or refreshment to share with others.

Vacation Bible School: Week of Aug. 13-17

To be held at Lowville during the mornings. Further information will follow in the Church Sunday Bulletins.

Joint Anniversary Services:

October 14th at Nelson United at 11:00 am

October 21st at Lowville United at 9:30 am

In Great Sorrow

Once again, we write of a great loss in the congregation of Nelson United. Marilyn MacElrea was a lady of great faith that we can still see in her family. She was always a lady, a lady who loved her church, her family, her beloved Garth, her music and her friends.

She and Garth have been long time members of Nelson United and both been very active in all church activities. Marilyn played the organ and was choir director and then a long time choir member in the back row Alto section. Marilyn also formed a junior choir to add more music and participation of the children in our Sunday Services.

There wasn't an activity in the church that Marilyn didn't cheerfully participate in, and from the choir loft, encourage the rest of us to help also. A very proud Nana first with Ben, then Adam and Calvin as they grew in our church being raised in God's love as she had done with her daughters.

She is deeply missed but remember her with joy and love as she would have wanted.

Bev Greer

Chair of Nelson Council

Grief And Grace Group

Times of loss happen within every life.

They are milestones that each person will face during our days.

There is a group from both Nelson and Lowville who have been gathering for times of fellowship and reflection to face these trying times together.

Grief is a very powerful emotion but, within it, God's grace stands.

If you have reached a milestone within your life where grief has come to your heart, you are welcome to join us in this healing journey of faith.

We will gather again at 7:00 pm at Lowville United on June 14th and newcomers are always welcome.

From The Chair of Nelson Council

We are busy doing the work of the church even though our numbers are small, the Council is a dedicated group. All of our Ministries deliver their duties with love and dedication.

The Property Ministry has added beauty, initiated repairs and maintenance to keep us warm and dry, safe and proud.

Pastoral Care keeps those, unable to be with us for Sunday worship, informed and reminded that they are still thought of and loved.

The **Joint Worship Ministry** with Rev. Barbara's leadership provides the best Worship Services with much variety and enthusiasm to keep us all awake and involved weekly.

The **Sunday School**, though small, is always building or singing the praises to Jesus and their voices elevating throughout the church. Thanks to the several teachers for rotating their duties.

Mission & Outreach plugs along but you are listening to the monthly Minute for Missions and the plea for donations for Wesley Urban Ministries or any other project that we undertake. Remember all summer to save those needed items as we will have an ongoing collection.

Refreshment time would be very boring if the **Food Ministry** didn't provide the necessities such as coffee cups and stir stix. We would go home hungrier if it weren't for all of you who provide a snack each week. A grand thank you also for not using disposable cups. Our grandchildren will also thank you.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for all of your help because together we can accomplish great things.

Bev Greer, Nelson Council Chair

Joint BBQ Lunch

June 24th is the date for our Joint 11:00 am Service at Lowville. Following this service we will all enjoy a BBQ Lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream cones, coffee, tea & juice. Please bring your own lawn chairs and plan to stay for some fun. There are games for the kids and good fellowship of friends from both Lowville & Nelson churches.

Halton Presbytery Meeting

The next Halton Presbytery Meeting is scheduled for **June 12th** at the Erindale United Church in Mississauga.

Lowville Property Report

On February 7th the steeple was removed by Historia Building Restoration and taken away to be restored. An all new steeple was returned since the old steeple could not be repaired. On May 2nd it was raised to it's proper place, the speakers connected and once again Lowville United Church has a beautiful, fully paid steeple. Many thanks to members, neighbors and fundraising events that have occurred since 2001 and to the Historia Building Restoration for their expert workmanship.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the Property Committee members, Sonny Bridgman, Owen Calhoun, Keith Copeland, Ron Coverdale, Norm Gunn, Herb Hall, Geoffrey Ireland and Dennis Sinclair for their time, talent and expertise in maintaining the church, manse and it's properties. We appreciate the many hours you spend at the church on our behalf.

With Thanks,

Co-Chairs: Carole Foster
Bonnie Fay

Lowville United Church Women (UCW)

2007 Programme



A Pot Luck Luncheon & Social Time will be held at the Lowville church on Wednesday, June 6th at 12 noon. All women of both churches are welcome. Final meeting until September 5th.

Nelson Chicken BBQ

The annual Chicken BBQ will be held at Nelson United Church on Saturday, June 16th. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The meal will consist of BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, a roll & home-baked pie.

The prices are as follows:

1/2 chicken dinner - \$12.00

1/4 chicken dinner - \$ 8.00

Volunteers are required to cook potatoes, make coleslaw, and pies. To volunteer, call: Joan Hunt 905-225-8682 or Bev Greer 905-335-8178.

Tickets, which are to be ordered in advance for this event, are available from Jean Vivian 905-335-7073 or Joan Hunt 905-335-8682.

Lowville Strawberry Social

Our annual **All-You-Can-Eat Strawberry Social** is once again taking place and this year is expected to be on Wednesday, June 27th if the strawberries cooperate. If there is a change in the date, it will be announced prior to the 27th in the church Sunday Bulletin.

The dinner will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and will include ham, salads, strawberries, cake, ice cream and beverage. Adults are \$12.00, children (6-10) \$6.00, and a family of 4 is \$30.00.

This event fills the hall quickly so plan on getting there early and come hungry.

Volunteers are welcome to participate in the event and may contact Marilyn or Connie if they are available.

Lowville Craft & Bake Sale

The May 2007 Craft & Bake Sale was another success story for the fundraising efforts of Lowville volunteers. The baked goods were almost sold out, the White Elephant table was a focal point for visitors with additional items of interest & value being offered by Fran McCormack.

A Mother's Day Silent Auction in the Sanctuary was a sell-out offering interesting items for a Mother's Day Outing. There were 18 vendors present at the affair and the event was attended by a minimal amount of visitors throughout the day. However, everyone was happy with the event and looking forward to attending the next event on November 24th.

It appears that this event has brought us out of the red and into the black.

For Sale

Lowville United has an exercise Treadmill for sale. This is a **Nordic Sport** treadmill and has only been used for a short period of time. It is in new condition and all of the attachments are with the unit.

This \$750.00 unit is on sale for only **\$50.00** and is the bargain of the season. A half hour on this machine will get you in shape for the Nature Health Walk being proposed for the near future.

Dig out that New Year's Resolution, dust it off and get exercising for your health, happiness and your family.

For information, contact Marilyn or Connie at:

905-681-0864 or 905-332-9653

Nature Health Walk

A Nature Health Walk is now being proposed for congregation members and friends of the Lowville Nelson United Ministry. This is not a fundraising activity and is only meant to get you thinking of your health, exercising and enjoying the beauty of nature at the same time.

A variety of walking locations have been chosen and other suggestions would be welcome. We are looking for locations with good walking trails that are safe, not strenuous and with very few hills. Some may or may not have parking or picnic areas but there may be many that will be too inviting to not have a picnic lunch during the walk.

The preference for the walk would be on warm and sunny Sunday afternoons at approximately 1 or 2 pm. The length of the walk will vary according to everyone's ability and the pace will also be kept to everyone's liking. We have chosen sites or trails that are beautiful in nature that are sure to please everyone's taste.

A sign-up sheet will be forthcoming and volunteers will be called upon to help drive participants to the walking site.

To name a few suggested sites:

The RBG Marsh Trail at Grindstone Creek
Crook's Hollow at Spencer Creek, Dundas
Webster Falls & Park, Dundas
Hidden Valley Park, Aldershot
Princess Point, West Hamilton
Cootes Paradise, Dundas
Borer's Falls, Dundas
Tew's Falls, Dundas
Waterfront Trail, Burlington W. Beach Strip
LaSalle Park Waterfront Trail, Burlington
Tansley Woods Trail, Burlington
Devil's Punchbowl, Stoney Creek
Tiffany Falls, Ancaster
Battlefield House, Stoney Creek
Bayfront Park, Macassa Bay, Hamilton
Crawford Lake, Campbellville
Lowville Community Park

M & S Enthusiasts Sharing Stories Enthusiastically

We gathered to celebrate at the first of many “Enthusiast Parties” to be held in Maritime Conference. The room was full of people wearing the Mission and Service Fund colours. There was lots of fun, M & S resources, the M & S hat, of course, and storytelling.

Frank felt a little uncomfortable at being called an “Enthusiast.” He was kind of a quiet guy. He went on to say that we could not be a church without the M & S Fund. “The Mission and Service Fund is the sustaining fund for our church here at home and around the world,” he said. “That money may help a minister on their educational journey, develop United Church resources, or fund special ministries in Canada and other countries.” When he finished, everyone agreed that that quiet enthusiasm works just fine!

Next, Doug told the story of bringing to church a puzzle in the shape of the map of Canada. The

Sunday school students collected money, and when they raised a certain amount they added a piece to the puzzle. When the puzzle was finished, they had raised hundreds of dollars for M & S.

Others told of how they used the Minute for Mission every Sunday. Some told stories from the information in the mandate M & S Special Edition. Lori had worked in Korea for seven years and had been supported by the Mission and Service Fund. She had worked with Korean partners in an area of the world where many of us will never go. Through our gifts to the M & S Fund we are there in spirit—partners far away.

The Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada does amazing things with every dollar received. Can you share your M & S stories enthusiastically to inspire others?

M & S Enthusiasts are partners in celebrating and educating about the Mission and Service Fund.

Stewardship Notes

Making a Gift of Listed Securities

Everyone with appreciated securities must dispose of them at one time or another and, if they keep the money for themselves, pay Capital Gains taxes on 50% of the appreciated amount. Giving the securities to charities eliminates the Capital Gains taxes and the donor receives a Charitable Donation tax receipt for the full market value of the securities.

Some donors may wish to use gifts of securities to fulfill a pledge or other cash commitment to the church, (for example: a pledge to a local capital campaign), saving them from depleting their cash on hand.

In some instances, the tax receipt for a dividend-paying stock which is not performing well could be worth more to the donor than the shares themselves.

Example:

In 2005 John and Mary Jones, who live in Ontario, pledged \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year over two years) to their local church building campaign. In the second year of this commitment they find that they want some money for a vacation but are mindful of their pledge.

They have 200 shares that cost \$40 and in June 2006 were worth \$100 per share.

The value of the stock in June, 2006 is \$20,000. **If they sell 100 shares at \$100 for \$10,000** to pay for their vacation, the Capital Gain on the stock is \$60 per share, or \$6,000, of which 50% or **\$3,000 is taxable.**

If they give the 100 shares of the stock to the church, none of it is taxable and they receive a Charitable Donation tax receipt of \$10,000.

Their solution: Give the stock to the church to fulfill their pledge and save the cash in the bank for their vacation.

Red Canna Lillies

The Canna Lillies were stored over the winter after the Craft Sale in December 2006. There are now sprouting and very anxious to get planted and start growing. However, they must first be adopted and provided with a good home.

They like lots of sun and will grow to 6 ft high with a bright red flower at the top. They are \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. Contact Owen at 905-681-0864.

Lowville Nelson Bus Trip

On Tuesday, May 29th there were 46 church members and friends including Rev. Barbara on a bus heading into Toronto to a Blue Jays ball game at the Rogers Stadium. The hot dogs and sausage were memorable.

We were on the second level beside first base and the dome was open. It was a great night, the Blue Jays were in top form and they won 3-2 over the Yankees. Our bus driver was a real pro and got us there and back safely.

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Too swift for those who fear.
Too long for those who grieve.
Too short for those who rejoice.
For those who love—Time is eternity!**

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Nelson - Bill 905-332-8885**

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placed into the COMMUNIPAC as per the previous
issues, please contact Bonnie Fay at 905-335-0911.
The cost is \$10.00 per issue.**

Our Newsletter Needs A Name

We are still looking for a new name for the Lowville Nelson United Ministry Newsletter. The name chosen will be a faith-based newsletter name that will enlighten and inspire.

Place your suggestions on paper and submit them to Owen Calhoun or Dale McKeown. The winning entry will be announced in the September Newsletter and the winner will receive a Gift Certificate to a local restaurant for \$50.00.