



The Lowville-Nelson United Ministries CommuniPac



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From the desk of Rev. Barbara

In This Issue

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
I am this dark world's light. Look unto me.
Your morn shall rise and all your day be bright!*

(Voices United 626)

These words were written by Horatius Bonar in 1846 and they still echo in our hearts today. The light of Christ shines, and our morning rises. And all our days be bright.

As we prepare for summer months of re-creation and the sunny days of summer shine brightly around us, we also remember the wondrous light of Christ. Because that is the light which will guide our thoughts and our actions into loving ways of compassion and forgiveness, and lead us into wondrous pathways of justice and peace. Christ reveals to us the way of love and hope, not just for us, but for all the earth through all seasons.

Happily, we are called to be Christ's church in this place as Lowville-Nelson United Ministries. And we have been called to this ministry, together. This calling has been made clearer through the work of our joint ministries and especially this year with our joint confirmation class. It is also made clearer through our united calling of the mission & support work of our church. We have been called by the One who not only loves us but who also unites us!

So this summer, even if we are spending time in different places and spaces, may we all continue to remember our call and this place. Have a 'wonder-full' summer! Enjoy each and every moment! And look for the light of Christ in your heart and in your life, remembering that Christ unites us across all time and space!

Summertime blessings,
Rev. Barbara

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Planning Our Future Together: June 16th

On June 16th at 7:00 pm at Nelson United (northside of Dundas, just west of Guelph Line) **everyone** from both Lowville and Nelson are invited by our Joint Council to attend a time of gathering together.

Everyone who cares about our future is encouraged to attend. . . .

We will be seeking God's call for us in this time and place and gather as God's people to discern God's call for our ministries together.

This is an important time in our life as Christ's Church.

Special points of
interest:

- ♦ Lowville worships at Mt. Nemo Nursing Home 1st Sunday of each month at 2pm. Come join us.
- ♦ Nelson Chicken BBQ on June 20th. Mark this date!
- ♦ Don't miss the Lowville Strawberry Social on June the 25th.!

Summer News from the Chair of Nelson Council

As we look forward to summer, gardens growing, vacations, weeding, gardens growing and even more weeding may we be ever mindful of the blessings God has given all of us.

One of the highlights of the last few weeks for me has been attending the Confirmation class along with Ruth Coverdale. I can say that Rev Barbara has an exceptional way of leading our youth through this very special time in their faith journey. We have 9 young people attending weekly sessions for 6 weeks. On June 21st they will be asked if they wish to join the United Church of Canada. I trust that all of them with God's help will be ready to make this commitment. We need to be ready to not only give them our support but to listen to what they have in mind and heart for the future of our church. They are the future. Let us be open to their ideas. God be with each and every one of them.

SUMMER SERVICES

We are soon going to have summer service schedule, for details see the Worship Ministry report.

Please remember that although services for July will be in Lowville (starting June 28th) we are invited to join with our partner church. Then come Aug 2 through Sept 6 we at Nelson will hold the service and welcome our Lowville partners. All services will be at 10:30 from June 28th to Sept 6th.

Sept 13, 2009 Rally Sunday at Lowville Park at 11 AM See Worship Ministry report for details.

Come September 20th we are back to regular Church services but once again remember that Lowville will have the early service at 9:30 and Nelson will have the 11:00 service

SUPPORT

Please keep in mind that although our church is closed we still have financial obligations. If you can possibly continue to contribute over the summer, your help would be gratefully received. Several of our members have chosen to use PAR as a way of balancing their givings over the year. See Bill Vivian or Judi Riebot for further information.

CHICKEN BBQ

Don't forget the Chicken BBQ June 20th. 5 – 6:30 Speak to Shirley if you can help.

Sell tickets to your friends or neighbours. This may be a good way to introduce them to the welcoming atmosphere of our church and they will enjoy a good dinner too.

150th Anniversary Celebrations.

Oct 17 and 18th BE A PART OF HISTORY

None of us were here for the beginning of Church at Nelson but we can sure do our predecessors proud by showing how much we appreciated their hard work to get it all started. We have much to be proud of and with God's help will see the Church continue and to grow for the next 150 years. Send your RSVP to Barb McKeown ASAP.

Special preparations are underway for the Church Service on Sunday at 1100. All are welcome.

I close this report wishing you and yours a safe healthy summer. God Bless all of us.

Shirley Bottaro

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Lowville Strawberry Social</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Nelson Chicken BBQ</h2>
<p>This annual dinner is an “All You Can Eat” affair and will take place on Thursday evening, June 25th from 5 to 7 pm. The cost is \$12.00 and children 6 & under are free. This is another one of those events that fill up fast so get there as early as you possibly can and be sure to bring your family and friends to this popular event.</p> <p>The coffee is hot, the juice is cold and the dessert is strawberry delicious. The ham, coleslaw and salads are always something to rave about and there is always plenty for a second or third serving so come hungry.</p> <p>We will be looking for volunteers for their appreciated efforts in making this dinner a success. We will be looking for kitchen help to prepare the food, servers, dishwashers, attendants for the dessert room, youth group for dirty dishes, beverage servers, ticket seller, and a clean-up crew for tables and chairs.</p> <p>This is one of our popular events and we are looking forward to another success so help us to spread the word to everyone that you know.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Owen & Marilyn</p>	<p>This is an ‘Eat-In’ or ‘Take-Out’ event and is taking place at the Nelson United Church at 2347 Dundas Street just west of Guelph Line. It is happening on Saturday, June 20th, 2009 from 5 pm until 6:30 pm so don’t be left out. Scoot over to the church to pick up your order and don’t forget to order your tickets in advance or you may be of luck. The chicken is pre-ordered and you must have a ticket!</p> <p>The menu includes a half or quarter Barbecued Chicken, a roll, baked potato, cole slaw & a piece of home-baked pie. It doesn’t get any better than that!</p> <p>The cost is \$13.00 for the half-chicken order or \$9.00 for the quarter-chicken order.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To Order Tickets:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">905-335-7073 - 905-335-8682</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nelson United Church 905-335-9394</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lowville United Church 905-681-0864</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Rain Forest Adventure VBS</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Nelson United 150th Anniversary</h2>
<p>All kids from JK to Grade 6 are invited to take part in this great Vacation Bible School program taking place from Monday, August 17th until Friday, August 21st, 9am to 11:30 am at the Lowville United Church. You must register by June 26th and you can call the church at 905-335-0911 or fax the registration form to 905-335-4134.</p> <p>Call your friends & neighbors to let them know about this great adventure waiting here for their children!</p>	<p>This milestone celebration is taking place at 5 pm on Saturday, October 17th, at the Kings Court on King Road just north of Plains Road. Dinner begins at 6 pm with Maitre ‘D’ catering at the helm. Following dinner, you will be graciously entertained by the ‘Fellowship 4 Quartet’ from St. Catherines.</p> <p>The Nelson United Church Service on October 18th will be graced by ‘special music’ and a pleasant and tasty lunch will follow the service. We hope to see you there!</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Lowville Annual Beef Dinner</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Lowville Art & Literature</h2>
<p>This annual event is coming into the planning stage in the very near future for a date in September. This is another ‘All You Can Eat’ event that just pleases a lot of appetites. Get in line for this FUN AFFAIR as we are about to make it a reality. Out of all events, the ‘Pork’ and ‘Beef’ Dinners are our most popular events and for good reason. “They Are Delicious”!</p> <p>For 2009, we may change one little thing! The day that we hold the dinner on. It may be a Saturday instead of a Thursday.</p> <p>We are looking forward to seeing you at this one!</p>	<p>This event is coming again with a few changes and improvements to make it bigger and better. This is a learning experience and there are great benefits from learning.</p> <p>Enthusiasm is building for the second time around and new ideas are forming in the background which will be sure to delight all visitors to the event.</p> <p>If you know of, or are associated with any writers, artists, or anyone in fields associated with the arts, please have them contact us so that we may discuss with them, their participation in our event. Marilyn 905-681-0864</p>
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Why Would I Come to Church

“We Belong” to many groups. Some we’re born into; some we acquire through circumstances; others we choose. Some, like a cycling club or a water colour painting class, we attend because they hone our skills, bodies, and minds; they help us become the person we want to be. Whatever the endeavor, we know these groups take effort and dedication.

Inner Life — The church is a place to discover that your inner life deserves as much effort and dedication as your outer life. Our world is a busy place with little opportunity for quiet reflection, yet there are so many unfathomable things: We lose people we love, relationships break up, and good people suffer. We need spiritual resources to live life well.

Support — There’s no reason why you can’t practice a spiritual discipline on your own, but like many other things, it’s much easier when we have people encouraging us who understand our search. So often when we share our experience of love, hope, healing, and God we become aware of others on the same road.

People meet each Sunday in United Churches:

- To remember the ancient stories that have guided generations in times of need
- To share gifts to help build a better world
- To be with people who care without judgment
- To maintain a form of spiritual discipline
- To learn about God, Jesus, prayer, and the Bible
- To encounter and explore the mysteries of human life
- To fight against the unhealthy voices of society and learn to live well and justly
- To discover themselves as cherished children of God

Time Together — on Sunday morning won’t give you all the answers you’re looking for—but there’s great comfort and acceptance in being among others similarly in search of significance.

The United Church of Canada

Welcomes You

[The above was taken from one of the brochures in the box at the entrance to the Zimmerman Room at the Lowville United Church and also at the front entrance of the Nelson United Church.

This brochure is called ‘Attending’. There are many more to choose from. Please help yourself to any that you would like to have for your own information, needs or enjoyment.]

Lowville Property Committee

A BIG Thank you to the members of the Property Ministry: Sonny Bridgman, Owen Calhoun Keith Copeland, Ron Coverdale, Norm Gunn, Herb Hall, Geoffrey Ireland, John Readhead, and Dennis Sinclair for faithfully giving their time on the second Tuesday of each month to keep our Church property and Manse in good repair as the money is available. Have you noticed the railing and door at the front of the church?

Thanks to George McNaught for rebuilding our sign at the front of the church, and to Don Dixon for repairing the steps that lead to the Zimmerman Room Door.

The kitchen will be renovated during the summer months because of a water problem. If you have any dishes, containers, cookie tins, etc. in the kitchen, please pick them up. They may not be there following the renovations. The next Work Bee is scheduled for June 30th.

Thanks to all.

Bonnie Fay

Chair of Property Ministry

Nelson Property & Maintenance

This spring has been a very busy time at Nelson. We decided to have the sanctuary painted and after getting two quotes, we had G. Bourke paint the church. After the church was prepared for the painters, someone suggested we have the blinds cleaned so we tried to have them cleaned. The people who tried to clean them said they were too old and they could not clean them properly. So after getting two quotes for new blinds, we went with Burloak Blinds for the purchase of them. At the same time, as we already had the pews out, the committee asked about having the floor of the sanctuary cleaned and polished by ServiceMaster. The floors came up beautiful.

At the beginning of May, I thought it would be a good idea to get a sign made up for advertising the **Chicken BBQ** in June and the **Cookie Fare** in November, which we did.

Dale McKeown and myself purchased 4 equipment movers for the chairs in the SS room.

As soon as the weather warms up a bit more, we will have to restrain the front door as it is becoming a little weathered.

I would like to thank all the help we received from both Nelson and Lowville during our removal of pews and the replacement of the same.

Don Hunt

Chair of P & M of Nelson United

From Your Joint Worship Ministry

Joint Confirmation & Sunday School Service - Come & Celebrate!

On **Sunday, June 21, 2009 at 11:00 am at Lowville** we will celebrate together with the young adults who are joining the church and giving thanks for our Sunday School providers and participants. During the service, the Sunday School children will have their time outside with the teachers to celebrate God's creation and have games. Afterward, there is a picnic for everyone to enjoy. Bring a lawn chair, plates, cutlery & cup.

Summer Service Schedule - All services at 10:30 am

At Lowville

June 28, 2009

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

Preaching

Rev. Barbara Morrison

Rev. Barbara Morrison

Ruth Coverdale

Rev. Jessie Jansen

Rev. Jessie Jansen

At Nelson

Aug. 2

Aug. 9

Aug. 16

Aug. 23

Aug. 30

Sept. 6

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Rally Sunday

**Joint Service September 13th
at Lowville Park at 11:00 am**

After the service we will gather for a potluck picnic. Everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair along with your favourite potluck dish for sharing. Also, please bring cups, dishes and cutlery. Water and juice will be supplied.

Important:

As of September 20, 2009

New Times For Sunday

Lowville at 9:30 am

Nelson at 11:00 am

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH, TOGETHER!

Throughout May and June, nine youth from Lowville and Nelson have been gathering together to explore their faith. We meet weekly to learn and explore, laugh and pray, eat and share.

All of this culminates in our service on June 21st when those who choose, will join our United Church. During the service, we will witness their vows of commitment to the work of our church and then, each of us will be asked to make vows of commitment to support them throughout their life-long journey of faith.

All this will be followed with a Sunday School picnic lunch celebration!

(see notes from the Joint Worship Ministry)

Lowville - Nelson Notes

Food Banks are in urgent need of your help. Gifts of non-perishable food items or cheque donations will help get them through this lean period.

Pop Can Tabs are being collected at both Lowville & Nelson Churches for a worthwhile charity. Look for the large jar with the 'Tabs' label. For further information, contact Norma Copeland at Lowville or Joan Hunt at Nelson.

Save your Campbell Soup Labels. The front of the label & the bar code must remain intact. Deposit them in the CE room of Nelson or the Zimmerman Room of Lowville.

Save used stamps for Leprosy. There is a container in the CE room of Nelson or the Zimmerman Room of Lowville. These stamps are sold to stamp collectors and the funds turned over to the Leprosy organization as an outreach mission.

Mission & Outreach is calling those with a heart for outreach to contact Bev at bbalch@cogeco.ca at Lowville or Bev at bevrlygreer@yahoo.ca at Nelson.

Scripture Readers are required each week at Lowville and Nelson, There is a sign-up sheet at Nelson. Those at Lowville, please speak with Linda J.

Refreshments are required each week for fellowship after service on Sunday. Sign-up sheets are available in both churches if you would like to provide your favorite tidbits or creations for the congregation. Bring milk & cream for the coffee and juice for the children or others not wanting hot beverage. Don't forget to prepare and turn on the coffee urn. We'll see you at fellowship!

Ushers are required each week at the Sunday Service. Contact the Worship Ministry to find out how you can help in this way. Get to greet your friends and neighbors on their way in to service and assist in taking up the collection during the service.

Milk Bags (4L) are being crocheted into sleeping mats to be sent to Africa and volunteers are required for cutting the bags into strips. If you are interested in cutting or crocheting the mats, contact Bev Balch of Lowville United or Bev Greer of Nelson United.

Lowville

United Church Women (UCW)

2009/10 Programme



All women from both churches are welcome. Bring a sandwich to share. Join us at 12 noon, on the 1st Wednesday of each month for an interesting and enjoyable program,

September 2nd
November 4th

October 7th
December 2nd

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January 6th
March 3rd
May 5th

February 3rd
April 7th
June 2nd

Lowville Street Sale & BBQ

Well, we did it! The **Lowville Street Sale & BBQ** has come and gone and on a high note, it was a success. We had 25 spaces marked out in the church parking lot and we had unsecured commitments for about 20 of them. However, there were some who did not show up. There were several yard sales along Britannia Road but only a few who offered their help with the cost of advertising.

The bright side of it all was that the weather made it a perfect day with warm sunshine and a moderating cloud cover. There was a heavy traffic period between 8:30 am and 10 am that filled the church parking lot with customers and browsers. The BBQ was off to a slow start until just before lunchtime and then it got up to speed.

There was a steady flow of traffic along Britannia Road checking out the treasures offered at the many yard sales. It was a perfect day for a yard sale or a street sale and they were happening everywhere. Much of the traffic that we had planned on, never made it this far and this will happen when it is a good day for a yard sale.

We are pondering on whether to try it again next year. Thank you to all who took part in the event and to those who contributed to the cost.

From Lowville: A Ministry of Pastoral Care at Mt.Nemo Nursing Home

The 1st Sunday of each month from September to June, a faith-filled group of people gather to offer the gift of worship with the residents of Mt. Nemo Nursing Home. It has become an important time both for the residents and us as we feel as blessed by them as they have felt by our presence.

Our gratitude goes out to all the youth who have volunteered their gifts of music, to the people who have helped the residents during the service and to those who have offered leadership through these services.

We will be continuing again September 6th and if you would like to join us, know that you are always welcome. We will be gathering at 1:45 for a 2:00 p.m. service at Mt. Nemo Nursing Home .

Nelson Trustees Ministry

Our meeting for June 17th was cancelled as there was no immediate business to conduct.

We will have a meeting with the financial advisor in early fall to re-evaluate our financial portfolio.

Bill Vivian

www.lowville-nelson.ca

Have you been a visitor to the above website ???

Take a few minutes and see what information is there. Our site is being updated on a regular basis. If you have any old pictures, newspaper articles, historical information, or any other items which can be included on the website, contact Owen C. or Dale McKeown.

Carpenter Hospice

Fundraising Walk

On May 3, George McNaught and Dale McKeown walked for the Carpenter Hospice in their first Annual Fundraising campaign.

Members of Lowville-Nelson United Ministries supported George and Dale and more than \$1,000.00 was raised for the cause.

Total proceeds to the Carpenter Hospice for this event was approximately \$98,000.00.

Thanks to everyone who supported this cause.

Nelson Finance and Stewardship

The last six months have been better than we expected. Even with the economy on the downside, we have managed to almost stay even. Our financial report will be more explanatory. Seeing some new faces in the pews on Sunday is encouraging. With Rev. Barbara's enthusiasm and our welcoming tradition, we surely expect to see more new faces in the future.

The Nelson financial update is as follows:

Receipts: \$ 27,670.00

Expenses: \$ 29,257.00

Net Gain/Loss \$ 1,586.00

Respectfully, Bill Vivian, Chair

Judi Riebot, Treasurer

Card Nights Together

The Lowville United 'Card Night' was on Friday, June 12th and was a Pot Luck Supper at 6 pm. This was the last card night for the summer and cards will begin again in September with Lowville on the 2nd Friday evening of each month and the Nelson United 'Card Night' will be on the 4th Friday evening of each month. Both will begin at 7 pm with the usual shared snack and a \$3.00 gratuity.

All are welcome to take part in this evening of friendship.

Nelson Pastoral Care

The ministry has been extremely busy sending cards and attending to visitations and personal communications.

Our line of knowledge comes from the members of the congregation making us aware of any person or persons in need of our support.

Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

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Praise God from
 whom all blessings
 flow.

Give your Communipac to a friend
 or neighbor when you're finished
 with it. It's good recycling!

The Lowville-Nelson United Ministries
 COMMUNIPAC
 Newsletter

TO:

**God is already active in our world.
 Let's take notice!
 Let's respond with grateful living!**

UC Seconds

Give Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
 because church is one of your priorities!
 Lowville - Linda 905-875-3735
 Nelson - Bill 905-332-8885

Business Card Advertising

If anyone is interested in having their business card
 placed into the COMMUNIPAC as per the previous
 issues, please contact Bonnie Fay at 905-335-0911.
 The cost is \$10.00 per issue.

(Business Card from last newsletter)

Newsletter Publishing - 2009

Article Deadlines	Delivery Dates	Covering:	Topics
Dec. 1st	Sunday, Dec. 14th	January to March	(Annual Meetings to Lent)
Mar. 1st	Sunday, Mar. 15th	April to June	(Holy Week to end of June)
June 1st	Sunday, June 14th	July to September	(Summer Events & Sept. Start-up)
Sept. 1st	Sunday, Sept. 13th	October to December	(Fall season to Christmas)