

# The Lowville-Nelson United Ministries COMMUNIPAC

Nelson—9:30 am

Sunday Service

Lowville—11:00



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## As Lent Began . . .

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### Special points of interest:

- ♦ Card Parties: Lowville 2nd Friday & Nelson 4th Friday, 7 pm \$3.00
- ♦ Lowville worships at Mt. Nemo 1st Sunday of each month 2pm. Everyone welcome.
- ♦ Lowville UCW meetings on 1st Wed. of each month
- ♦ Items needed for Lowville Fundraiser

On Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, everyone from both churches gathered at Lowville United to end the season that followed Epiphany with a pancake supper that celebrated Shrove Tuesday. This was the final day of that season and the intent was to prepare us for a new season which began the next day. Historically, this day has been called "Shrove Tuesday" and was a time of turning back to God before beginning the wilderness journey through our Lenten season. We gathered to break bread together at tables with 'all

you can eat' pancakes and sausages followed with a dessert of strawberries and ice cream.

Then the next night, Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, we gathered at Nelson United to begin our season of Lent. We gathered in sanctuary to acknowledge the fears that can arise throughout the world and to give thanks for the peace of Christ that releases us from them.

May your journey be blessed,  
Rev. Barbara

## Joint Worship Ministry

To begin our Lenten Journey, everyone was invited to participate in a spiritual practice of prayer and meditation. This would be carrying us through the 40 days and 40 nights of Lent which excludes Sundays. Each person was offered an instruction folder with a long purple Lenten prayer string. The instructions told how to gently tie 40 knots into the string before beginning to represent the many ways we get ourselves tied up in emotions that frustrate our ability to love

ourselves and others.

During Lent we have been given morning prayers and evening meditation and prayer that leads us to untying each knot daily.

Throughout these days and nights, we will be making the choice to choose God as our guide and the light to our path.



## Spring Ahead & Fall Back

Daylight Saving time takes effect on Sunday morning, March 11th at 2:00 am. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour. The time change is happening 3 weeks earlier.

# LENT ... a journey of faith where we seek God through all the knots of our lives and living.

Lent is the pilgrimage where we come to trust that God will free us from everything that restrains us from God's free and everlasting love..

Lent concludes with Holy Week which begins with Palm/Passion Sunday celebrating the time when Jesus came triumphantly into Jerusalem with people cheering and praising him yet it also marks the beginning of the last week of Jesus' life. In just these few days, Jesus was quickly abandoned even by his closest of followers.

Maundy Thursday was the night Jesus and his disciples celebrated their Passover meal together and it would be the night of Jesus' last supper. The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin "mandatum novum" which means "new commandment" which comes from Jesus' words that we are to love one another.

This night Jesus also gave us our sacrament of communion. Through the breaking of the bread and pouring of the cup, we remember Jesus. And Jesus continues to nurture us just as the disciples were nurtured.

Good Friday is the day of Jesus' death and it is the time when we gather together at the foot of the cross to remember this death - the day the light disappeared from our sight. We will be gathering at 11:00 am at Lowville United and welcoming members from Nelson United as they join us in this solemn service.

All of these services lead us to Holy Saturday - a day of great stillness and quiet before the resurrection. This is a day we come to remember that our God is forever faithful even in a deafening silence.

Then dawn rises!



Rev. Barbara Morrison

## Our Easter Sunday Celebrations

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

As the sun rises on this holiest of holy days, our hearts also rise. Christ is risen! And we will celebrate with an early morning service in Lowville Park. Gathering at 7:00 am by the creek, we will raise our voices in thanksgiving that death has been overcome. Jesus came to offer us new life in Christ - a risen life - one that lives beyond death.

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

Our early morning service is followed by Easter celebrations at both churches at regular service times (Nelson - 9:30 am & Lowville - 11:00 am). Know that you are always welcome!

Rev. Barbara Morrison

### Nelson Pastoral Care

Marilyn McElrea and Julika Winkler would welcome your help with the monthly Sunday Services at Park Avenue Retirement Place.

When you hear of any member who might like a visit or a card from our Pastoral Care Ministry, please inform either Rev. Barbara or Velma Jean Johnson.

### Nelson Thanks To . . .

Our Council Members have all been busy with their own Ministries and helping other Ministries as well.

Thank you to Joan Hunt for planning many fundraising events thru the whole year, and to Nancy for having your camera on a past Sunday for a picture of our small cross.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

**Have you formally joined your church? Have you ever considered it as your commitment to God? Have you wondered what the difference might be in your life? Does it matter?**

**If these questions pique your interest or you are thinking it might be time to think about joining in full membership with Lowville-Nelson United Ministries, I'd like to speak with you. Just leave your name and phone number on the answering machine at the church (905) 335-0911.**

**This decision will become even more important in the months to come in the history of our pastoral charge, as Lowville and Nelson together seek to permanently fill the position of minister. Know that only those who are full members will be allowed to vote. If this is something that matters to you, then membership matters!**

**Come! Explore! See the many ways in which membership matters!**

**Rev. Barbara Morrison**

## Joint Visibility Ministry

The Visibility Ministry is getting things together to better serve your churches. We are pleased to advise that a redesigned website is now up and running. Visit the site to see the changes and new information. You can access the sites at [www.lowvilleunited.ca](http://www.lowvilleunited.ca) or [www.nelsonunited.ca](http://www.nelsonunited.ca).

If you have stories, pictures, historical information, etc. which could be used on the website, please advise Dale McKeown or Owen Calhoun. A big hand of gratitude goes to Bob McKeown for his time and effort in redesigning the website.

The Ministry is looking for input to where we can advertise the various events that are a part of our Church activities. We are working with the Burlington Post & Hamilton Spectator but let us know if there are other papers that we should be working with.

We are also looking at sending information to interested people by e-mail such as Church Bulletins to shut-ins, info on social or fundraising events, special church services, etc. If you are agreeable to receiving information in this manner, please provide your e-mail address to Owen at [ocalhoun@cogeco.ca](mailto:ocalhoun@cogeco.ca) for Lowville or to Dale at [dmckeown2@cogeco.ca](mailto:dmckeown2@cogeco.ca) for Nelson.

## Lowville Church Steeple

Some of you may have noticed something missing from the top of the Lowville United Church. We have no steeple!

The time has come for the long-awaited repairs to the church steeple and it was removed on February 7th. It will be undergoing some extensive repairs and will be at least a month before they will be completed.

During the removal of the steeple. It was noted that there will also be repairs required to the base upon which the steeple is seated. This could delay the completion date for a little longer than planned.

To help with the additional unforeseen cost, there is a container in the Zimmerman room for donations to help offset the cost of repairs. These donations may be made in person or by mail.

A series of photos taken during the lowering of the steeple have been placed on the Lowville United Church website. Be sure to check the website every so often for updates and to see these photos. [www.lowvilleunited.ca](http://www.lowvilleunited.ca)

## Lowville United Church Women (UCW) 2007 Programme



All meetings are held at the church at 12 noon with a shared lunch. All women of both churches are welcome.

- Wed. March 7: World Day of Prayer Service**  
Fran Gunn
- Wed. April 4: Devotional - Jeanette Paquette**  
Programme - Dianne Segsworth
- Wed. May 2: Devotional & Programme**  
Joan Fox
- Wed. June 6: Pot Luck Luncheon**  
& Social Time
- Wed. Sept. 5: Devotional & Programme**  
Bev Balch
- Wed. Oct. 3: Devotional & Programme**  
Rosemary Jackson
- Wed. Nov. 7: Devotional & Programme**  
Dianne Segsworth
- Wed. Dec. 6: Potluck Luncheon**  
Devotional - Dianne Segsworth

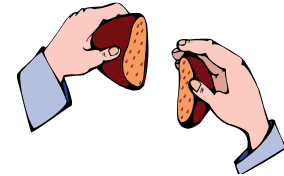
# Calendar Of Lent And Easter

## From The Joint Worship Ministry

Nelson Services 9:30 am

Lowville Services 11:00 am

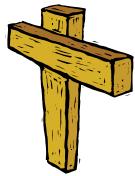
March 4th           Lent 2  
 March 11th        Lent 3  
 March 18th        Lent 4  
 March 25th        Lent 5  
 April 1st           Lent 6 - Palm/Passion Sunday



April 5th           Maundy Thursday at Nelson  
                           6:00 pm gathering, 6:30 pm supper, 7:00 pm service

April 6th           Good Friday at Lowville - 11:00 am

April 8th           Easter Sunrise Service at Lowville Park - 7:00 am



Easter Services - 9:30 am - Nelson  
 - 11:00 am - Lowville

### Lowville Bazaar & Bake Sale

The December 2006 Bazaar surfaced as a complete success for the fundraising efforts of a very large group of volunteers. A table of delicious baked goods was continuously restocked, a White Elephant table was kept busy throughout the day, and the Tea Room was a highlight with 'High Tea' being served by two very distinguished Ladies of the day.

A Silent Auction in the Sanctuary was a 98% sell-out and a visit by Mr. & Mrs. St. Nicholas delighted many of the younger visitors. Over 40 vendors were present at the affair and the event was bustling with crowds of visitors throughout the entire day.

The success of this event has paved the way for another this coming year on November 24th. It will be a Christmas Craft & Bake Sale with over 30 vendors of very unique wares for your Christmas gift buying.

### Lowville Winter Carnival

The Lowville Winter Carnival has come and gone. The snow was late coming but at last it came, along with the severely cold weather. The Lowville United Church once again took charge of serving refreshments, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage on a bun and good hot soup.

The park attractions included a log sawing contest, a donut eating contest, a horse-drawn sleigh ride, ice skating, a one-man minstrel providing music, inflatable playhouse for the children, and of course, a toboggan and snow-boarding hill. Once again, the cold took it's toll on the attendance and the four city buses running from the Lowville Church and the Halton Conservation building to the park were reduced to two.

Present renovations to the building used for the food concessions may make it very difficult in cold weather for the 2008 Carnival. We shall wait and see.

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| <p align="center"><b>Lowville Fundraising Events - 2007</b></p> <p><b>Beginning April 1st - Pre-Order Bake Sale</b></p> <p><b>May 12th - Spring Bake, Rummage &amp; White Elephant Sale</b></p> <p><b>June 27th - Country Strawberry Social</b></p> <p><b>July - A proposed Summer Saturday BBQ &amp; Car Wash</b><br/> <b>Details still being worked out &amp; to take place in the Lowville Church Parking Lot on 1 or 2 Saturdays.</b></p> <p><b>Sept. 20th - All-You-Can-Eat Beef Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Month of October - 'Cheaper By The Dozen' Apples</b></p> <p><b>Nov. 24th - Christmas Craft &amp; Bake Sale</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>Church Group Suggestions</b></p> <p>Interested in starting a new ministry group in the Church? Here are a few suggestions to add to those which you may already have. Create a sign-up sheet for your group in the Sunday Bulletin.</p> <p align="center"><b>Therapeutic Touch Sessions</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Meditation Group</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Men's Breakfast Club</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Question Study Group</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Healing Service</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Morning Mindstretch</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Library or Reading Group</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Foot Bathing</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Prayer Groups</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Women's Spirituality</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Celebration Teas, Birthday, Anniversary</b></p>  <p>The church has rooms available to house your functions. Just clear your function with Rev. Barbara and clear the room availability with Linda Jolly. Get together with your friends, neighbors and get creative. The results and fun will amaze you.</p> |                        |                 |           |               |                |          |                   |               |              |  |
| <p align="center"><b>Joint Needs Assessment</b></p> <p>Our biggest news is the completion of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee Report. This team which is made up of members of both congregations has worked long and hard to prepare this report. It is an informative and well documented showcase of where we are, who we are, what we have done and what we hope to do in the future. Any ministry personnel reading this report would certainly know and want to be at Lowville-Nelson United Ministries. Our deepest thanks go to all those members. The report was presented and accepted by both congregations on February 25th.</p> <p>Our next step was to elect members for the <b>Joint Search Committee</b> to complete our search for a permanent minister. The elected members are as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u><b>Nelson</b></u></td> <td><u><b>Lowville</b></u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbara McKeown</td> <td>Bev Balch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maureen McKee</td> <td>Tara Segsworth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Don Hunt</td> <td>Katherine Ireland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nancy McElrea</td> <td>Connie Salmi</td> </tr> </table> | <u><b>Nelson</b></u>   | <u><b>Lowville</b></u> | Barbara McKeown | Bev Balch | Maureen McKee | Tara Segsworth | Don Hunt | Katherine Ireland | Nancy McElrea | Connie Salmi | <p align="center"><b>Nelson Worship Committee</b></p> <p>Refreshments and Scripture Readers are filling up our list. Keep up the good work, many hands mean less work for everyone.</p> <p align="center"><b>Lowville BBQ &amp; Car Wash</b></p> <p>A summer Saturday BBQ and Car Wash is being planned for sometime in the month of July. A preliminary menu consists of bacon &amp; egg on a bun, hamburgers, hotdogs with soft drinks, coffee, tea &amp; water.</p> <p>At the same time, a car wash will be taking place where passer-by's can pull in to get rid of the roadway dust and bring back that shine.</p> <p>All of this will take place in the United Church parking lot from 9 am until mid afternoon on one or two Saturdays.</p> <p>We are hoping that some of our youths equipped with hand-held signs, will volunteer to invite those passing by to pull in for a drive-thru breakfast or lunch while their car gets a clean and shine.</p> <p>The exact dates are yet to be determined!</p> |
| <u><b>Nelson</b></u>  | <u><b>Lowville</b></u>   |                        |                 |           |               |                |          |                   |               |              |  |
| Barbara McKeown   | Bev Balch  |                        |                 |           |               |                |          |                   |               |              |  |
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| <p align="center"><b>Lowville Budget Musings</b></p> <p>Revenues required to meet projected expenditures of \$107,569.00 for 2007 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$9,000.00 generated by fundraisers</li> <li>• \$11,569.00 withdrawn from our GIC's</li> <li>• \$71,000.00 in givings</li> </ul> <p>An indication of our resolve to meet our fundraising goal was the enthusiastic support by our volunteers for a very successful Pancake Supper on February 20th.</p> <p>As of January 1st, our GIC's totalled \$127,200.00 guaranteeing that we can withdraw \$11,569.00 from our reserves. (Our present healthy GIC balance, however, cannot sustain long term annual withdrawals like this.)</p> <p>Unlike fundraising and cashing of GIC's, givings require the individual resolve and commitment of each of us. Givings of \$71,000.00 for 2007 are the equivalent of \$2.90 per household per day, \$20.80 per week, \$87.00 per month or \$1,060.00 per year.</p> <p>Our ability to meet our 2007 Budget obligations rests upon each one of us. Take time and make an effort to review your commitment. <span style="float: right;">D. Haley</span></p> | <p align="center"><b>Lowville Pre-Order Bake Sale</b></p> <p>A year-long Bake Sale has been proposed for the Lowville United Church as a continuous fundraising event. We have planned for the event to begin on April 1st and before it begins, we need volunteers.</p> <p>We need volunteers to come forward to let us know what they enjoy baking so that we can prepare an order &amp; price list. We need someone for baking pies, cakes, fruit &amp; nut loaves, tarts, brownies, squares, cookies, shortbread, bars, muffins, meat pies, preserves, Hor d' Oeuvres, sandwich platters, or anything that you enjoy making.</p> <p>We have already been advised by someone that they would be interested in ordering platters for an office luncheon. We would be making up lists of party favors after we arrange a list of volunteers. Ingredients would be provided or reimbursed for the items that you provide to reduce any out-of-pocket expense for the volunteers.</p> <p>A telephone order would be taken from a customer, a delivery date selected, and an arrangement for picking up the order at the Lowville United Church.</p> <p>For further information on how you can help make this event a real success, please contact: Marilyn at 905-681-0864 or Connie at 905-332-9653.</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>Upcoming Nelson Events</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>Nelson United Donations</b></p> <p>It appears that Wesley Urban Ministries in Hamilton know we are great collectors of mugs, towels and toiletries, and we will always have a collection box downstairs for our ongoing collection of these items.</p> <p>Your friends are moving and don't want to have a garage sale - they could donate some of the above items for our collection.</p> <p>You paint your kitchen or bathroom and have a new color scheme - donate again.</p> <p>You receive a coupon in the mail for a 'Buy one and get one free' toiletry - buy both and have two gifts for someone less fortunate.</p> <p>Remember when you travel to bring home the small toiletries from your motel room. Mention this at your club or workplace - people are always willing to help.</p> <p>Partnership West Food Bank is always so grateful for your donations of non-perishable foods and I always appreciate that you never forget.</p> <p>Our quarterly donations to the Mission &amp; Service Fund of the United Church of Canada will be printed in the Sunday Bulletin to keep us informed of reaching our goal or better yet, surpassing it.</p> <p align="right">Nelson Council Chair, Bev Greer</p>  |
| <p><b>Chicken B-B-Q</b></p> <p>The date is Saturday, June 16, 2007</p> <p>The location is at Nelson United Church</p> <p>The main course is BBQ Chicken</p> <p>The weather—TBD</p> <p>The cost—TBD</p> <p>All other details—To be determined as the date approaches.</p> <p><b>Cookie Fair</b></p> <p>The date is Saturday, November 17th, 2007</p> <p>The location is at Nelson United Church</p> <p>All other details—To be determined as the date approaches</p>  |  |
| <p align="center"><b>The Lowville Board of Trustees</b></p> <p>Dennis Sinclair volunteered to become a member on the Lowville Board of Trustees.</p> <p>A motion was made, seconded and accepted at the recent Lowville Congregational meeting to accept Dennis into the Board of Trustees. Welcome aboard Dennis!</p>   |  |

## The Lowville-Nelson Joint Worship Ministry

A Lenten Book can be ordered from Linda Jolly for \$15.00. It is entitled "Sing a Song of Faith".

On Ash Wednesday and Feb. 25th, the 1st Lenten Sunday Service, each person will be given a piece of wool to knot into 40 knots. One knot is to be untied each day of Lent with a prayer.

On Good Friday the wool will be laid before the cross and on Easter Sunday, each member will be given a cross as a symbol of the Easter celebration.

Rev. Barbara will be on a continuing education week from March 5th until the 12th. Rev. Jessie Jansen will be preaching on March 11th at both churches.

There will also be a week's holidays to be taken in April. The exact week is yet to be determined. During the week of May 19th to the 25th, Rev. Barbara will be taking a continuing education week in Tennessee.

Ruth Coverdale requested that she do the two services on Sunday, May 20th. Both ministries gave Ruth their blessing on the request. Regarding requests for baptism confirmation from Lowville and Nelson Churches - if someone requests a letter of confirmation of baptism performed at either church, we will request a letter in writing with the mother's maiden name and the location (city) of the baby's baptism.

### Joint Presbytery

Our scheduled visit by the Presbytery Oversight Committee was postponed to a later date because of the snowstorm of Feb. 13-14.

### Nelson Parking Lot

We can all be very proud of the improvement that our new parking lot gives the neighborhood. Many of us have received comments from passers by, maybe some will be called to visit the small church with the nice parking lot. Our thanks to the Property Ministry.

### Why Do They . . . .

Why do the members of the church keep volunteering for the functions that keep coming up at the church? When I look around, they seem so happy to see each other and I can see so many friendships blossoming from their working together. Some are neighbors or related while others only see each other when they are at church.

They laugh and talk while they work and everything gets done so quickly. There is always someone looking for something else that needs doing and usually they find it. With the love and input from so many with their different ideas, everything always looks so beautiful and well organized.

The bustling of volunteers going every which way always makes the function look so busy and makes it seem like so much fun. Everyone seems to always ensure that no one is doing more than their share by trading duties on a continuing basis.

When the event begins, the volunteers gather in the

kitchen for a prayer by Rev. Barbara and then off they go. The visitors to the event are always greeted with a smile and always appear to be a familiar face to at least one of the volunteers.

Everything appears to run like clockwork and all the bases are covered by many hands.

There is a rattling of dishes, a clattering of cutlery and clanging of pots . Everywhere you look, someone is doing something, someone coming, someone going. How does it all come together like this?

Then sadly to some, happily to others, the event comes to a close. The bustling continues with the clean-up, the dismantling, the putting away, and the washing-up. The chatter is on-going along with the laughter and the enrichment of friendship.

For the love of God, it came, it happened, and it ended. They are tired and spent but they happily look forward to the next event. Why do they \_ \_ \_ \_ ?

### Lowville - Donations for White Elephant Sale


Do you have any items lying around your home that you would like to get out of your way? We are looking for those items for our White Elephant Sale coming up on May 12th. If it is a useful item, tools, household items, clothing, linen, something in your garage or basement and in good working order or in good condition, we are interested in having it for the sale if you would like to donate to our cause. Just give us a call.

Please contact Marilyn at 905-681-0864 or Connie at 905-332-9653

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**The Lowville-Nelson United Ministries  
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**TO:**

**Time is too slow for those who wait.  
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!**



**Can't Sleep?  
Try counting your  
blessings!**

**Give Pre-Authorized Remittance because your  
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.**

**Our Newsletter Needs A Name**

Our last newsletter asked you for your thoughts about the name of your newsletter. We did get one suggestion verbally, and now George has forgotten what it was.

Please put your suggestions on paper so we can choose a new name for our newsletter. If we get some good thoughts, the winner will get a Gift Certificate to a local restaurant for \$50.00. Get Thinking!