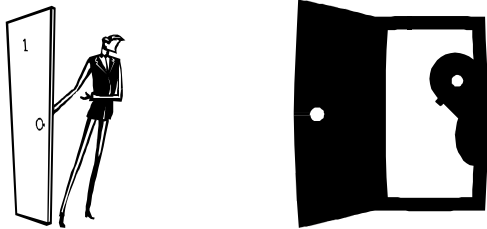


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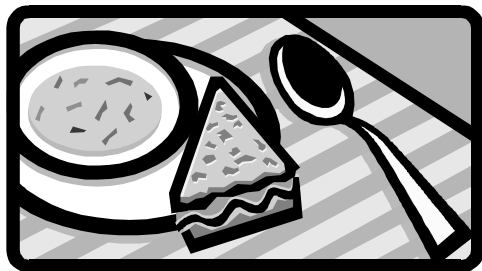
Visioning Day Theme: "Opening Doors"



Saturday, May 26, 2012

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

(Coffee from 8:30 am, Lunch provided)



Child Care Available

Sign up sheet today in Hilliard Hall



Help us look to the future with hope and vision

Sunday, May 20

10:30 Worship Sanctuary
St. John UC Hamilton

Monday, May 21

Victoria Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 22

10:00 Staff Meeting Office
7:00 Mtg. re Treasurer Parlour
7:30 Narcotics Anonymous Toddler Nursery

Wednesday, May 23

6:00 CCB Dinner Chapel/Kitchen

Thursday, May 24

4:15 Jr. Choir Chapel
4:45 Bus Trip Mtg. Parlour
6:00 Health & Wellness Board Rm or Parlour
7:30 Choir Chapel

Friday, May 25

9:30 Pastoral Care Toddler Nursery
9-12 UCW Kitchen

Saturday, May 26

10 – 3 Visioning Day Main Floor
1-5 Rental Parlour/Kitchen
5:00 UCW HH/Kitchen

Sunday, May 27

9:00 Lectionary Study Parlour
10:30 Worship w/Communion Sanctuary
12:00 UCW Luncheon HH/Kitchen

Do you have spiders...jumping off your tables, baby tears flowing from the kitchen window, overflowing pots of jade, or other special house plants? Please divide your plants that you wish to share for the plant booth at the Fall Fair. They will be a nice size if they have the summer to grow. Questions ask Alice Bieman.

Of happenings, events and concerns of our
First United Church Family

WEEKLY UPDATE

May 20, 2012

Minister The Rev. Dr. Bill Steadman
Minister The Rev. Kellie McComb
Music Director Kathleen King Martin
Parish Nurse Judy Johnson
Organist Emeritus Jan Overduin
Church Administrator Janet McDougall
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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters: Janice & Bob Kilimnik

And Paula Roberts

Reader: Jeff Learmonth

Bibles are available...at the back of the sanctuary for reading or reflection during the service.

Welcome Table... If you are new to the church and would like information and/or a name tag, please stop in at the Welcome Table in the lobby either before or after the service. If you already have a name tag we encourage you to wear it. If you have lost yours or need a new one, we will be happy to order another for you.

Please silence all cellphones during the worship service.

Prayer Calendar...Scotland (Erie Presbytery)

UCW invites you to a luncheon after the service on Sunday, May 27th. Salads, veggie and regular hot dogs, cupcakes and fruit are on the menu. A good will offering will be accepted, to go towards the support of the MoroGoro Women's Training Centre in Tanzania. This the UCW's 50th anniversary initiative and this training centre is also supported by M & S. More details about the training centre and what will be happening there as a result of our support will be provided on May 27th.

The UCW June Potluck...will take place on Wednesday, June 6th in the evening from 5:45 pm. Our speakers will be Muriel Omand-Naylor and Joan Westcott who will present us with an overview of the Zonta Club's advocacy of women's issues locally and worldwide, including information about birthing kits which are packed locally and shipped to developing countries to assist in providing cleaner, safer births. We look forward to having everyone in the Church, both men and women, who would enjoy good food, good company and the best of information, on a fine June evening.

Fundraising Committee: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

After the annual meeting this year, the Church Board created a fundraising committee, consisting of Rev Bill, Rev Kellie, Nancy Lennox, Deb Jones, Lynne Blake-Dickson, Greg Case, and Heather Galt. The committee was formed to take specific action to help to address the deficit. All funds raised through the efforts of this committee will go to the general fund of the church.

We've started work on two different major fundraising initiatives and we need your help!

1. The Waterloo Region Plowing Match is a huge annual event that attracts thousands of people from around the world. It takes place from September 18 to 22 this year in Ayr. We're planning to have a tent at the plowing match, and sell sandwiches, muffins, cookies, and hot and cold drinks. To make this a success, we're going to need a lot of help from the congregation. We're looking for volunteers to help with food preparation, driving, serving and selling at the event, and coordinators for food prep and onsite volunteers.

2. The Fall Fair on October 12 and 13 will be a whole-church event, using every available inch of space on the main floor of our church! We have lots of creative ideas for the Fall Fair, including a spaghetti dinner, a café, a plants sale, a silent auction and treasures sale, a crafts area, jars of preserves and our second annual "Jingle Jars", a kids' area, and much more. The Fall Fair offers all sorts of opportunities for you to contribute. We are currently looking for coordinators for each activity area, and donations of high quality items and services for the silent auction. We also desperately need storage space.

If you are able to help at the Fall Fair or the Plowing Match, or can donate to the Fall Fair, please contact Heather Galt (headinoz@gmail.com or 519-590-6443) or speak with one of the other members of the committee. **Help us look to the future with hope and vision**

Highlights of the May Board Meeting:

- ▲ Part six of the leadership video workshop we have been working on looked at conflict. An interesting discussion ensued.
- ▲ Received the news that members who will attend the More Franchises event in the spring have agreed to form a Learning Circle and have been given a grant of \$1,200.00.
- ▲ Directed the Nominating Committee to find members for the AODA Committee. (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act)
- ▲ Heard about the plans for fund-raising that you will see in other announcements.
- ▲ Passed a motion to support our ministers and reps attending Hamilton Conference Annual Meeting with the cost of accommodation.
- ▲ Celebrated the fact that we now have a defibrillator. (It is mounted in the cloak room area.)
- ▲ Received a letter thanking us for the offering taken at the Covenanting Service for Rev. Bill Steadman, First United and Waterloo

Presbytery. This money goes to the Candidates Assistance fund which is used to assist candidates for ministry from Waterloo Presbytery.

- ▲ Passed a motion to create and maintain a minute book which will help us to keep track of motions around policy.
- ▲ Accepted the generous donation of \$1,500 from the Choir Auxiliary to go into the general fund.

The members of the board are very committed to our congregation. They put in countless hours working in their respective committees. It is an honour and a privilege to work with them. The decisions that are made on behalf of the congregation are not always easy. We ask you to keep these dedicated people in your prayers. Catherine Stewart Savage

From Health and Wellness:

Care and Rehabilitation After Serious Illness... a presentation by Gloria Cardosa of CCAC on Tuesday, May 22nd at 1 pm at W-K United Mennonite Church, 15 George Street, Waterloo. Everyone welcome!

Strategies to Remain Independent...on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Queen and Weber, Kitchener. Guest Speaker: Chloe Hamilton from Warm Embrace Elder Care.

From the Community:

Project Ploughshares...is hosting a keynote address by Dr. Yousaf Butt entitled "Indefensible Missile Defence", on the topic of securing the peaceful use of space for future generations. This event, co-sponsored by Canadian Pugwash, Science for Peace and CIGI is open to the public and will take place on Wednesday, May 23 at 7 pm – 9 pm, in the CIGI campus Auditorium at 67 Erb St. W., Waterloo. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Debbie Hughes at dhughes@ploughshares.ca or phone 519-888-6541 ext. 7702.

Cabaret – Men of Song...on Saturday, June 2nd, dessert at 7 pm, concert at 8 pm. Cost \$20. At W-K Mennonite Church, 15 George Street, Waterloo. Cambridge Male Chorus, Cambridge Kiwanis Boys Choir, Enns Brothers Plus Quartet. A Silent Auction with proceeds to MCC.