



Jubilation!

Winter 2013



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Notes from Norm

Christmas... the birth of Jesus. God breaking into our regular, human existence. What does that mean? I wish I could tell you definitively.... Instead, let me tell you a story about Jeff.

Jeff lives at home with his Dad and works in an office in the city. He drives his neighbour into work every day, parks the car in his neighbour's space and walks the extra four blocks to his office (saves him paying for parking). Jeff is well-liked at work; well-groomed. Always smells good – nice clean smell of cologne (although he seems to almost have a hint of pipe tobacco about him, which is odd because he doesn't smoke). He's probably not the kind of guy you'd notice walking down the street, unless you happened to notice that he walks down the same street at exactly 8:40 in the morning and back up the street at 5:10 every evening to his waiting car and passenger. He walks a pretty even pace. Never frowns. Never smiles.

Jeff was an only child – when he was in high school he was never much of an athlete. He was on the wrestling team, but only two people ever tried out for the wrestling team and, because they were different weights, they both made it. He was in the school musical every year, usually in the chorus. In his senior year, he won the part of *Nicely Nicely Johnson* in *Guys and Dolls*. His parents were so proud - to listen to them, you'd think that he was Lawrence Olivier and Red Skelton all rolled into one: a marvellous comic actor with great stage presence. Surely he was the star of the show – they went to all six performances. And he didn't mind one bit. At this point in his life, he was pretty happy and wasn't interested in anyone or anything rocking the boat. Jeff went to university and got a degree in something; he could barely remember. It didn't really impact his life much. When he graduated, he moved back into his parents' house and began to look for a job. Eventually he found a job with a little independent advertising agency, and made enough money to finance a small apartment. In time he joined the office soft-ball team and everybody seemed to like him.

Then his mom died.

It was sudden – one of those things that happen and then you recognize all the signs that you missed. She died quietly in her sleep. Jeff cried the morning his father called to tell him. The two of them made the arrangements together, Jeff and his father, Ronald. Very business like. Very dignified. The way she would have wanted. The way that Ronald wanted. Ronald (nobody ever called him 'Ron') needed to feel some control and Jeff knew that – so they tended to the business of the funeral together,

then they settled her estate, her belongings, and tidied up the house. It was hard on them both, but they soldiered on.

In the days that followed, Jeff went to work and Dad smoked his pipe. In the evenings, they talked about baseball, hockey, and those idiots running the government. They talked on the phone; and often Jeff would visit and they would talk over dinner.

After a couple of years, Ronald began to change. He started to forget things – he talked to himself... at least he said he was talking to himself – the point was he was talking and no one else was there. Sometimes Jeff would drop by and hear his Dad talking. "Who are you talking to?"

"No one, just mumblin' to myself. What do you think about the trade the Leafs made – I tell you that kid's no *Mahovlich*."

"Yeah, I know dad."

"I'm tellin' you, no one could go end to end like that *Mahovlich* – the speed, the grace – he was the greatest hockey player our team has ever seen – the way they treated him was a crime!"

"Yeah, I know Dad - we had this conversation yesterday, remember?"

"I know – but you can't say enough about the *Big M*."

Jeff decided to move in with his father. It was only a short drive into the city; he could park his car for free if he'd drive his father's neighbour, Martin, into the city. Jeff and his Dad spent so much time on the phone; they ate together four times a week – might as well save some money and live in the old house with dad. Also, he could keep an eye on dad, because he seemed to be getting worse.

Now I don't mean he was really bad, but sometimes he would try to call old friends that weren't alive any more – he just forget. And sometimes he would just get rude and aggressive about Frank Mahovlich and the way he was treated by the *Toronto Maple Leafs*. He seemed to have mood swings: he'd get really angry; then he'd get forgetful – then he'd realize that he had been forgetful and angry and get depressed because he felt like he was losing control, and that scared him. They didn't talk about it... you just didn't talk about these things.

Jeff just kept spending more and more time at home. He remembered his Dad going to all six performances of *Guys and Dolls*; he felt that he owed him something.

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Jeff quit the office soft-ball team. Didn't have time. He didn't bother to sign up for broom-ball. His social life disappeared, not that it was much to begin with. He'd spend his evenings watching sports with his dad. He spent all of his time with his Dad – pretty soon his clothes began to smell of his father's pipe tobacco. They talked about the old days more and more – they argued about the new hockey players and Frank Mahovlich more and more. He endured his father's mood swings, more and more. By now, a regular check-up with the doctor had confirmed what they both suspected. Ronald had Alzheimer's Disease and it was getting worse.

Now maybe you're expecting me to tell you about God bursting through into Jeff's life, his Dad getting suddenly better and how they stayed together through Ronald's twilight years. But it doesn't often work that way. And as much as I believe in miracles and sudden transformations, they don't seem to happen when and where I want them to occur.

Things actually got worse for Jeff and his Dad. The anger and the confusion became frequent and noticeable. Jeff began to resent having to stay with his father all the time. Past and present became indistinguishable for Ron, and Jeff was afraid to go to work. Jeff became sick and tired of hearing about Frank Mahovlich and refused to talk about hockey... or much of anything. Don't misunderstand, Jeff loved dad, but the stress, the worry... he wasn't prepared to make decisions about his Father's life.

Everyday as he walks from parking spot to the office Jeff takes the same route, right past the same church. Roman Catholic – Our Lady of something or other. Jeff was sort of raised United Church, never went for priests, saints, angels, and statues. But lately, as he passed by, he wondered... what was going on in there?

One day, just before Christmas, Jeff noticed the statue out front: a woman. The statue is of "Our Lady"; he remembered that's Catholic for Mary. And it really was a woman – the way she held her hand, not the way a man bends his wrist. Her face is very open. There's something about her that he liked. On this particular day Jeff was at the end of his rope... decisions about Dad had to be made. They don't talk – he doesn't seem to really be part of what's going on - he wants to argue about Frank Mahovlich and Jeff won't do it

He loves his dad, but he can't do it.

He feels so out of control, so lost, so confused. He walks past the statue for the thousandth time – and the way her hand is bent, so graceful, so tender, so inviting – the face looks so.....

Jeff had never been one to pray, because God was a lot like his Dad, and he didn't know if the matter of fact approach was going to work. But, maybe, there was more to God than his father... Maybe. The face of the statue – it reminded him of something, or someone. Then suddenly he knew. It was just like his mother. The face. The hand. Inviting him in. He went in. He wasn't used to the smell - the little bowl of water by the door. He didn't kneel or cross himself, he just went in and sat down.

Now, he knew how to pray - he'd been taught, but today it was different. No "Our Father", no "Loving God"... Just, "Mama? I miss you." His eyes filled up. "Oh God, Mama, I miss you, I feel so alone." He began to weep. "I don't know what to do. I don't know what to do with Dad. I wish you were here. I miss having you hold me. I miss your Lady Baltimore Cake. I miss the way you would always check on me to see if I was asleep; the way you would send me post cards of Toronto when I was away in University. I miss the way that you always knew what was bothering Dad; the way you could

always fix things and make them better. I miss you so much. I'm so alone. I'm scared."

Jeff was crying quite openly now. He went deeper and deeper, remembering his mother, worrying about his father and then... just when self-pity began to take its grip on him, something unexpected shook it loose.

He heard a voice.

No one else heard it.

He didn't hear it with his ears, – it was somewhere in the back of his head, or maybe inside his chest, he couldn't be sure. For a second, he wanted to run outside and see if the statue was speaking to him – but he knew that it was just a statue, a symbol – a symbol that evoked a wondrous and special presence for him. The silent voice was very clear. "It's going to be all right, Jeffery. It's going to be all right!"

The tears began to dry.

His mother had spoken to him.... God had spoken to him.

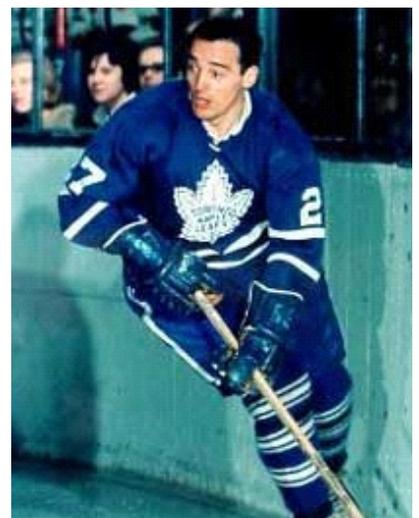
He felt different. He could hear the mass being said in the church, but he just kept going over the words. "It's going to be all right, Jeffery. It's going to be all right!"

For the first time, Jeff wondered if this is what a blessing feels like... it was a warm feeling, a calm feeling... a feeling of not being alone. The weight on his shoulder, head, heart and life... just lifted. Not gone – but not heavy any more, as if he wasn't holding it all up by himself. He felt lighter... and warmer... too warm to stay in the church. So he got up and walked quickly through the old oak doors and out into the world... a world where he could marvel at the sight of his breath... a world where he could see the stars... a world where he could hold his head high and feel blessed.. feel strong... understand what they mean when they talk about Christmas being that moment when God breaks into the world . . . it had just happened to him. This wasn't a change-the-whole-world-forever, "Jesus is Born!" kind of miracle... but in that voice, Jeff felt the past, present and future come together... he felt God break into his world and change it forever... he was not alone. He would never be alone...

When he got home, he walked up the steps with a new vitality. He opened the door, hugged his Dad and said, "So Dad, what did you think about the way *Toronto* treated Frank Mahovlich?"

Just as we may search for God – God searches for us and breaks into our lives in whatever symbol or incarnation touches us best. Sometimes we have only to prepare the way for the Lord ... open our eyes and our hearts ... sometimes we need to speak from the heart ... But Christmas, God breaking into our lives, is real ... and it is my fondest wish for you this Christmas Season.

Norm



Jubilee Christmas List

(Be sure to check it twice!)



ULTERIOR WORSHIP

Mondays, December 2nd and 16th @ 8:35 pm

Quiet, intimate worship with Word, Prayer and music (Mary Anna Higgins on the piano).
A chance to relax, breathe and let Christmas arrive gently.

Music at Midday

Thursday, December 5, @ noon

A French Baroque Christmas

Featuring Noels by Balbastre, Raison, Corrette, Dandrieu and Daquin



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, December 8th, @ 7:30 pm

Hear the full Choir with Piano and Organ present familiar, precious, new and special carols in the context of the Christmas Story, all in the intimacy of candlelight.

Admission is free, (Donations will be gladly received)

TORONTO CHORISTERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 10th @ 7:30 pm

No Admission Fee, but lots of familiar Christmas songs and yuletide joy, presented by the 100 voice Toronto Choristers

There will be ample opportunity to sing along!

(Donations will be gladly received)



JUBILEE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

For the Whole Family!

Sunday, December 15th @ 10:30 am

Shaped by the Jubilee Youth, presented by Young and Old,
A story for all ages and every time!

DEFINITELY NOT CHURCH

Sunday, December 15th @ 7:30 pm

Drew and Norm present music from the last 6 decades and tell a story that is NOT the Christmas Story.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING on the LABYRINTH

Tuesday, December 17th @ 7:00 pm

Stand Outside on the Labyrinth (or inside in the Garden Room if you're not sure that the spirit will keep you warm) and sing classic Christmas Carols and Songs with your neighbours and a trumpet or two...

Sing the songs that help to make this time of year so much fun... laugh with friends, make new ones; share hot chocolate and fun.

WINTER SOLSTICE LABYRINTH WALK

Thursday, December 20th @ 7:00 pm



Sunday Evening Organ Recital

Sunday, December 22, @ 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

A Christmas Concert

Featuring familiar carols and three movements from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24th

Family Service @ 7:30 pm

Communion Service @ 11:00 pm



Do you know what a VLOG is?

It's like a blog,
only on video.

Every Sunday, after the worship service,

Rev. Seli records a brief (3-5min) synopsis of

“What did you miss @Jubilee?”

A great way to stay connected when you're away or find out what you missed if you were distracted or having a nap. You can access these videos from the **Jubilee Facebook Page**, **Jubilee Website**, by searching **YouTube** for “What Did You Miss@Jubilee,” or at the following link:

www.youtube.com/user/NormSeli/videos

OR if you prefer to read... Rev.Seli continues his written blog, “**Things that I think about when I'm doing something else...**” where he reflects on issues before the church, the community, his backyard... Sometimes amusing, occasionally insightful, always worth a few minutes of your time. You can find the blog on-line at the Jubilee Web-Site, www.jubileeuntied.ca or directly at www.ttitawidse.blogspot.ca

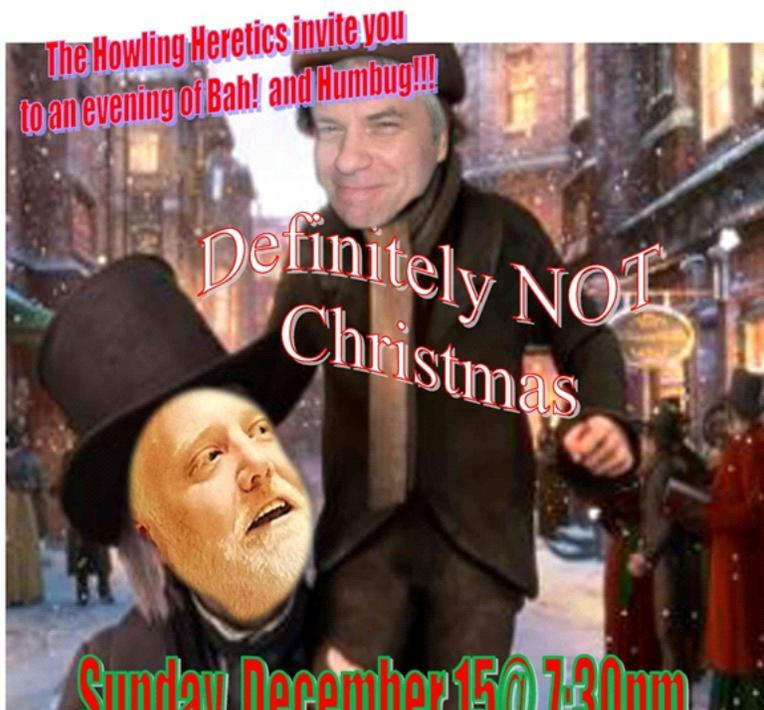
The Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund is a modest and discreet fund that I use to help folks in greatest need. There are no reports made or records kept; it is entirely at my discretion. Every year in December, I invite you to contribute to this fund as you see fit. Money can be given to me directly, through the office, or on the Collection Plate in an envelope marked “Benevolent Fund”. Although we consider this to be an “extra”, if it arrives on the plate or through the office, it can be added to your donations to Jubilee and be included on your tax receipt.

In the past year, we have helped people get into school, feed their families, and keep in housing. We were able to manage a short-term loan that allowed an important ministry to continue to support and feed hundreds of people. We have had a positive impact on literally hundreds of lives from ages 3 to 93.

I thank you for your support of the Benevolent Fund in the past and invite you to contribute again this year as you see fit.

Thank You, Norm



“There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.”

Charles Dickens, A!Christmas Carol

Tongue in Cheek, Heart in Hand,

Drew and Norm present music from the Past 6 decades and tell a story that is NOT the Christmas Story.

After all, this is Definitely NOT Church

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At the beginning of 2013, the United Church of Canada began a “Comprehensive Review” of the whole Church. This review is a response to the reality that the church is changing; the world is changing. Attendance numbers and habits are different than they were in the 1950s, although we've really not made any significant changes in the way that we “do church” since that time. All congregations across the country were invited to find 6 to 8 people to sit down and participate in a 3 hour interview about what's important in the

United Church of Canada; what do we value, what can change; what must change... how do we imagine ourselves in the next decades and to where do we hear God calling us? Over 800 congregations across the country have participated in this review and Jubilee participated in October.

The seven participants from Jubilee enjoyed the interview and spoke with great passion about what is valued at Jubilee, what connection we feel to the wider United Church of Canada and how our ministry can be supported by the current church and by changes in the future church. We look forward to a wide ranging report in 2014 and some specific responses by the United Church of Canada in 2015. Even as we recognize that many people are worried by change and that there are a lot of doomsayers who seemed convinced that the church as we know it is dying... our group found great cause for hope, an excitement about the future, and a sense that God is not done with us yet... not by a long shot.

You can read about the Comprehensive Review on the United Church of Canada Web-site at www.united-church.ca and click on the Comprehensive Review Task Force link.

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER and DESSERT AUCTION

NOVEMBER 30, 2012

Wine Bar 6:00pm

Dinner 6:30pm



Dinner Menu

(served buffet style)

Green Beans Amantine

Mashed Potatoes w/ Sour Cream and Cream Cheese

Sweetened Carrots

Macaroni and Cheese

Fresh Turkey

Stuffing

Cranberry Sauce

Turkey Gravy

Dinner Roll (white or whole wheat)

Dessert Menu

Homemade Apple Pie

Homemade Cheesecake with choice of topping

Claxton Christmas Cake

Cheese Selection (at wine bar)

Beverage Menu

Wine Bar

Apple Cider

Coffee and Tea

Cold Beverages

ENTERTAINMENT

Jubilairs Old-Time Radio Play: A Christmas Carol

Christmas Carols Sing-a-long

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER

Homemade Dessert Auction

TICKET PRICING

Adults and Young Adults Age 16+ \$20.00

Youth Age 15 and Under FREE

Tickets available from Pat in the church office

Until November 29

or after church services from November 3 to November 24

PROCEEDS FROM DINNER AND AUCTION

The Dinner supports our Outreach and Youth programs.

The Dessert Auction supports Jubilee programs and services.



The Jubil-AIR Radio Theatre Company

Presents

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

November 30, 2013

as part of the Christmas Dinner



CLAXTON FRUIT CAKES

Once again those world famous fruit cakes will be on sale at the church.

Cost is as follows:

1lb bar - \$7.00

3 1lb bars in box - \$18.00

Contact Bob Nicholls

@ 416-445-2642 if interested.

All net proceeds go to Outreach activities.



MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

SAT NOVEMBER 30, 2013

Coffee at 8:30AM

Breakfast at 9:00AM

We are pleased to present

Guest Speaker - ARELYS WALCOTT

Arellys is with PHILLIPS LIFELINE and

will present the benefits of and the

independence you will have by

having LIFELINE installed in your home.



FUTURE MEETINGS ARE JAN 25/14, FEB 22/14 & MAR 29/14

SAVE THIS DATE!

Join us on **Sunday March 2, 2014**
during the regular morning service
for the **Jubilee United Church**



Annual Meeting!

Why should you plan to attend?

Because you care about JUC and want to have a say in what happens. We will continue to refine and define our vision and goals for the year. There will be thought provoking conversation and the results of the Christian Development Assessment, underway throughout 2013, will be presented for congregational review.

Jubilee Event/Activity

Photographers:

With the Jubilee Annual General Meeting (AGM) right around the corner (okay, we need to first get through Advent, Christmas, Boxing Day, New Year, Groundhog Day, Valentine's and Family Day), we need your photographs of Jubilee activities and events for the much loved photo reel which is part of the AGM programme. Send your photos as soon as you can to Jeanne Elgie-Watson at william066@sympatico.ca



UCW Report

The UCW was delighted to have such a great turnout for our Fall Gathering on October 22nd. We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and an opportunity to catch up with our friends. We then had a very interesting presentation by Barbara Dickson, entitled "GECO: The Girls Behind the Guns". It is the story of the secret WWII munitions plant in Scarborough and the women who worked there.

Our units have resumed their meetings after the summer break and we are always interested in welcoming new members.

Mary Kalanda

Youth Group

September was a very busy month for our youth groups, as we held two fundraising events to help in our goal of attending a youth retreat at *Five Oaks Retreat Centre* in Paris Ontario. On September 22, Jack Mozas, David Que, Nicole Johnston, and Megan Williams, with a little help from the adult brigade of Lori, Gary, Brian, Iona and Donna, flipped and sizzled many pancakes and sausages for our pancake breakfast. This was just the warm up for the main event on the following Saturday when the Sanctuary was transformed into a square dance floor. Novice and expert joined together to form six squares and dance the night away. Caller, Grant Logan, patiently taught us basic moves and we also did some circle dances where you don't need a partner because you get a new one all the time. Thank you very much to the McKendry family for helping us put this event together and getting so many of the square dance community out to help support our event. We managed to raise approximately \$500 between the two events which will help greatly toward our goal.

We started our Youth Games Night again this fall with Urban Frisbee Golf in September, and on October 17, "warriors" played laser tag at Laser Quest and enjoyed pizza afterwards. We will be having another games night in the gym on November 29. We play anything from floor hockey to "blind" volleyball and lots of great cooperative style games too. We meet from 7-9 pm and there's always a snack afterwards prepared by Gary, the super snack guy, so come out and join us one night.

Nov 8th was a special youth event night called *Teens in Crisis*. Nicole Johnston and Lee-Ann lead a workshop on teen suicide prevention which started with a video created by Nicole. Then we learnt some basic strategies on how to assess risk and know our limitations with respect to helping. We also learnt how to access the resources that might be needed in a crisis situation. Lee-Ann brings five years of training and practice in Suicide Intervention and Prevention from the Canadian Mental Health Association. David Westbrook was also on hand as additional professional support for the evening. The workshop was well received and is something we hope to present again.

Jo Dullard

**Mary and Joseph had no home...
their baby had little support...
until we recognized the undeniable
Presence of God.**

Many parents and individuals, adults and infants, live in our city with little support. This year, let us recognize the undeniable Presence of God and reach out to offer our support.



This year, throughout December we are collecting diapers for the babies and young mothers at Massey Centre. They are in need diapers of all sizes as they are finding the moms and babies are staying longer in the centre in postnatal care.

This year, throughout December we are reaching out to other Marys and Josephs needing shelter, support, signs of love, and hope as we collect necessities for the folks at Eva's Initiatives – remember that Mary and Joseph were but teenagers themselves, looking for a place to stay, we recognize the teenagers in our own community who are looking for support and a place to stay.

We will gladly receive:
Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Liquid soap
Razors
Body lotion
Deodorant
Socks
Underwear
Winter wear



We will also be glad to receive donations of money that we can convert to food vouchers and TTC tokens.

**We are thinking of them, we care about them,
and God loves them.**

Life Events

Baptisms:	Owen Rishworth	October 6
Marriages:	John Gourlay and Lazzet Williams	September 25
	Mark Orantia and Keshia Arthi Sookawan	October 26
	Robert Drysdale and Ashlee Johnston	November 9
Deaths:	F. Allen MacInnis	October 7
	Catherine Paton	October 10

From Outreach

*I wait for God with longing;
I put my hope in God's word.
My soul waits for God more eagerly than
Watchers for the morning.*

I remember times when I was without a place to sleep. Nights were long. Nights were lonely. By 3 or 4 a.m. I would long for the change in the sky that heralded the sun. Each time I would hope that this would be the day that things might change.

The Psalmist must have had some inkling of this in writing Psalm 130. Think of a time when you were very excited about something that you wanted to happen. Then, wonder what it would be like if that excitement came from a deep longing for the availability of shelter or a meal, neither of which you have had for some time.

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and anticipation. It is a time of longing for fulfilment of God's promises. At Jubilee, Outreach seeks to respond to this longing in both the immediate and longer term.

This is why we ask you to join us in a variety of ways to give those who long for shelter and food, a way to realize God's promise in their lives. We are asking you to respond in a couple of ways:

Massey Centre for Women needs diapers. For several years now, we have been able to support their work by the collecting of diapers and products to support young women caring for children. Please consider this again as they require diapers of all sizes. Bring these items to the front of the church before Christmas for distribution.

Eva's Place, with whom we are also partnering with this year, operates a Family Reconnect programme. It offers individual and family counseling to at-risk and homeless youth. *Eva's* recognizes the critical importance of family support for teens and young adults and they work to connect with and engage families to support their child to gain stability and experience success. We at Jubilee can assist in supporting this programme with donations that help this work continue. We can help to provide monies for youth to visit their family homes outside of Toronto at the holiday season. *Eva's* will also be starting a social/life skills group this season that requires support. They will need supplies including baking items, personal needs products, art supplies etc.

These are ways that Jubilee can respond to the reality of long nights for some youth in our community.

We continue to support food banks that are within our local area and we are directing funds and food donations to the **Community Share Food bank** located in the Church of the Ascension in Don Mills.

Please consider all of these worthy causes as part of your seasonal giving.

Thank you,
Greg Daly, Chair

Meet the Gang

You've seen them in the sanctuary and around the halls of Jubilee, but how much do you really know about the members of the Jubilee Youth Group? Well, that's about to change. Meet three members of our group: Caeleigh, Nicole, and Kimberley and learn a little bit more about what they've been up to lately.

Grade 11 student Caeleigh Wannamaker attends Bill Crothers Secondary School, an athletic-based high school in Unionville. Aside from her studies, Caeleigh enjoys participating in the many levels and variety of sports offered at BCSS with volleyball being her favourite. She plans to try out for the slo pitch team in the spring.

One of the classes Caeleigh is taking is Outdoor Ed. Designed to give students an opportunity for learning outside of a classroom environment, it teaches teamwork, leadership and communication skills. Part of this consists of running activities with *Right to Play*, a global organization that works on the principle that all kids have the right to play – sports or just games – and uses the power of play to educate and empower children facing adversity. After school, Caeleigh is working toward her second degree black belt in Karate; so if you're ever in a dark alley, better hope you have her there for protection!

A big milestone in Caeleigh's life was her sixteenth birthday this past Halloween. Caeleigh decided she didn't really need anything. So she held a costume party and, instead of gifts, she asked her friends and family to donate money toward *Yellow Brick House*, which helps abused women and children in York Region and a yet-to-be-decided teen charity. The grand total was \$840, well done Caeleigh!



Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts is where you will find 16 year old Nicole Johnston working away in the *Special Series Visual Arts Program*. This semester, she's taking Sculpture, Illustration, and Life Drawing. Right now, her favourite medium is oil, but art in any form makes Nicole happy. Photography is another passion and, if you were at the *ArtCraft Show*, you no doubt saw Nicole at her booth selling her latest creations. This year, all the money she raised is going toward her goal of raising \$5000 to go on a trip to Kenya for three weeks with the *Me to We Foundation*. Nicole has always wanted to go to help in Africa in any way, and when the opportunity arose to go to the Maasai Mara region next June with *Me to We*, she jumped at the chance. "I'm a hands on person. I like seeing what's being done and helping in a different way than just donating money." During the three weeks, she will spend time with a community and learn about their culture, and she will also be helping to build either a school or a fresh water facility.

Nicole spent this past August building something a little different than a building, she and her Dad started making a 15 foot cedar strip canoe at their cottage in Baysville. Power tools, chisels, and hand tools have now become part of Nicole's repertoire of artist tools as she worked with her Dad cutting strips of wood and shaping them to the mold they made. Currently the canoe is half done and when she returns from Kenya, the plan is to finish the bottom and get it in the water before the end of summer. To make it truly her own Nicole has designed what I'm calling the Nicole Coat of Arms: a Medicine Wheel with a compass in it. "The Medicine Wheel shows how to examine your life everyday and look back and see what could have gone better and what to look out for, and the compass signifies me trying to find my way."

I have no doubt you are headed in the right direction, Nicole.

Kimberley Bone attends grade 8 at Our Lady of Wisdom French Immersion School, where she enjoys playing volleyball and soccer, and her role as a Peer Mediator. A Peer Mediator is a second pair of eyes and ears to assist the teachers, at recess and noon hour, with students who need help to mediate playground disputes and ensure peace and harmony on the school grounds. Although swimming and dance rank high on her list of after school pursuits, Kimberley also wields a pretty mean knife: for the past few years, she has attended cooking classes once a week where they make a variety of breakfast, lunch, or dinner recipes which she gets to take home with her. Learning how to make sushi ranks as one of the best dishes she's made.

However, all of this pales in comparison to the six week trip Kimberley and her family took to Korea, China, Thailand, England and Paris. This past May, Kimberley and crew went to Seoul where they visited the demilitarised zone, Suwon Village, and climbed a volcano in Jeju Island. In China, they climbed The Great Wall, saw the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi'an and met the farmer who first discovered them. They went to the mountains of Guilin and did a five day cruise of the Three Gorges on the Yangtze River. From there, it was on to the Chongqing Panda Zoo, Hong Kong and Macau. For Kimberley, Thailand was the best; here she visited Bangkok, Phuket and her favourite, Chaing Mai. Thailand was also where Kimberley got to ride an elephant, which is bumpy and scary but worth it, and also took cooking classes where she made seven traditional Thai dishes. From there, it was on to Paris for a week where they stayed in an apartment and were able to experience the French lifestyle to the fullest, complete with a bicycle ride around the Eiffel Tower. After that, Kimberley and family were on to England for a short visit with her sister, and then home again to enjoy the great summer weather with Tuxedo, the cat and Bone, the dog.

Given the chance, Kimberley would love to go back to Thailand again but she would also like to visit developing countries in a helping capacity, and working with *Me to We* is a future goal. Kimberley is in the process of researching charities and for Christmas, she has asked her family to make donations to that charity instead of buying gifts for her.



Kimberley, Nicole, and Caeleigh are three very civic-minded teenagers who are great role models for us all.

Jo Dullard

Jubilee Needs You!

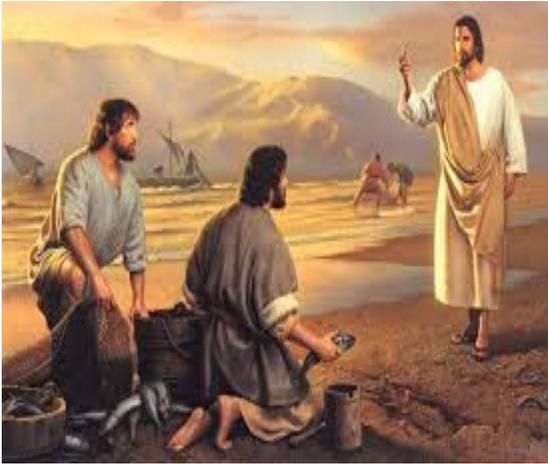
“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”
Muhammad Ali

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” **Martin Luther King Jr.**

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” **Mahatma Gandhi**

“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”. **John 13:34**

Whether it is the words of Ali, King Jr., Gandhi or Jesus that inspires you, please take some time to think about the gift that you have to offer Jubilee United Church. For more information contact Julie Ashdown, Jeanne Elgie-Watson, Norm Seli or Lee-Ann Ahlstrom.



What do Participants do at Jubilee?

Greet at Sunday Services	Light the Christ Candle	Buy an organ stop (\$100)
Be an usher – hand out the Bulletin, take up collection	Operate the sound board during Sunday AM service	Clerk of Rolls, manage membership numbers
Read scripture during the Sunday AM service	Help out or make snacks for Vacation Bible School	Help set the table at Community Dinners
Come to Book Study	Help out/attend Bridge days	Work at a Jubilee work day
Help with Discovery Zones (Sunday school) and Youth	Attend Lecture Series or Order of Good Cheer	Attend the Annual Meeting, ask questions
Join the Christmas pageant	Help with Community Table	Include Jubilee in your will
Walk the Labyrinth	Attend organ concerts	Knit so others can be warm
Work with others to make coffee and tea on Sunday AM	Write, edit or produce Jubilation!	Take food donations to food bank
Serve as Archivist	Attend Ulterior Worship	Be the Librarian
Assist with Gardening	Bake for a bake table	Pray for and love others
Organize a special event like the Garage Sale, Art Craft	Distribute flyers for Jubilee events	Work with Lee-Ann and others on youth events
Join the Flower Committee	Attend Definitely Not Church	Attend Men's Breakfast
Donate to Jubilee using envelopes or Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR)	Help cook food, set the table, sell wine or clean up after Christmas Dinner	Join a committee: Christian Development; Facilities; Fellowship; Finance; Pastoral Care; Presbytery Reps; Property; U.C.W.; Worship; Youth;
Count Offering after Church	Serve Chair or Vice Chair of Council	Trustees; Ministry and Personnel;
Look after infants in Nursery	Serve as Secretary for Council	Outreach; Pastoral Care;
Serve communion	Serve as Treasurer for Council	Nominations
Sing in the choir or with Jubilants or just really belt it out on Sunday.	Attend Bible Study or Living the Questions Discussion Groups, Lecture Series etc.	

Congratulations!

Recently in Mississauga, Marion Hunter received a Certificate Of Appreciation from Girl Guides of Canada for her 60 years involvement in the Girl Guide movement. This included her years as a girl in the Youth Units, time as a Unit Leader, District Commissioner and a number of administrative and working committees. She is presently enrolled as a member of the Trefoil Guild.



**TO BRIDGE PLAYERS
ADVANCE NOTICE
JUBILEE BRIDGE 2014**



At

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH
40 Underhill Dr.

BRIDGE INSTRUCTION BY BARBARA SEAGRAM

ONE DAY ONLY: APRIL 11, 2014

PROGRAM:

9:15 am Get name tags and meet people over coffee
10:00 – 12:00 Bridge Instruction: TBA
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (included in the fee)
1:00 – 3:00 Bridge Instruction: TBA

COST: \$50.00 Cash or current cheques payable to Jubilee United Church

REGISTRATION WILL START IN JANUARY
(before people go south!)

SINGLES, PAIRS OR GROUPS OF FOUR CAN BE ACCOMMODATED
REGISTER EARLY AS THIS EVENT NORMALLY FILLS QUICKLY

Confirmation 2013/2014

Confirmation classes for this year have begun. I'd like to officially welcome the following members of the group:

Kimberley Bone, Jessica Coats, Charlie Frise, Benjamin Gabbay,
Bill McKendry Jr., Jessica McKendry, Jack Mozas, Reid Mozas,
Jennifer Munro, Anna Noel,
Jonathan Wannamaker & Megan Williams.

What an amazing group! It is an absolute privilege to be able to journey with them all. Part of the process of confirmation will be to identify our spiritual gifts. Once each member discovers where their particular gifts meet with the needs of the church, I will match them up with some of you in the congregation who lead and serve with these similar gifts. (Let me know if you're interested in being matched). This is a chance for them to 'see how it's done' and for them to share their ideas of how we could be ministering in new and youth-friendly ways.

I will continue to encourage our young people to speak up and invite us all to hear what the youth are saying to the church in these tremendously chaotic times.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing the growth of our younger members.

Lee-Ann

There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings! -- Hodding Carter



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**The Jubil-AIR
Radio Theatre Company**

4th Annual

Pies for FOODSHARE Food Bank

NOVEMBER 3 TO DECEMBER 18, 2013

Looking for a delicious dessert to add to your Christmas Dinner this holiday season, why not purchase one from us and support a great cause! Our goal this year is 260 pies.

Pies graciously prepared and baked by Jason Amell and several volunteers will be available during this Christmas Season. All proceeds from the sale of these pies will be donated to the local FoodShare Community Food Bank program.

Pricing

\$10.00 Apple or Raisin or Pumpkin Pie
\$15.00 Mincemeat Pie

Pies are placed in plain white pie boxes

Ordering

Prepaid orders may be placed with the office until December 18 or after church services until December 15. There is no limit on the number of pies that you may order.

Order Pickup

1. Pies will be available through the church office from 9am-1pm on December 23.
 2. Pies will also be available for pickup during Christmas Eve Services, December 24, between the end of the 7:30pm service and the beginning of the 11:00pm service.
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Special Requests

1. Pies can be prepared using Splenda sweetener for those on sugar reduced meal plans.
 2. Special delivery arrangements can be made for those unable to pick up during the times designated above.
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PIES FOR CHARITY – ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Apple _____ @ \$10 each _____

Raisin _____ @ \$10 each _____

Pumpkin _____ @ \$10 each _____

Mincemeat _____ @ \$15 each _____

Special Arrangements (splenda, delivery)

Jubilee Advent + Calendar 2013

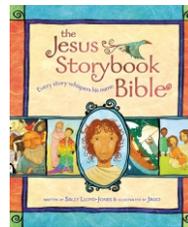
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Begin Advent at Jubilee with Worship and Communion	2. Attend Ulterior Worship at 835pm for a gentle, reflective time	3. Join in the Evening Discussion Group "Paint the Stars" at 730pm	4. Read the first chapter of Luke in the Bible. Wonder...	5. Come to a spectacular Organ Recital at Jubilee, 12noon	6. Call a friend that you haven't spoken with in over a year	7. Sing two Christmas Carols out loud.
8. Come to Carols by Candlelight at 730pm.	9. Consider picking up a few items for the youth at Eva's Initiatives	10. Toronto Choristers Christmas Concert at Jubilee 730pm.	11. Tell two people that you love them.	12. Wrap a gift for someone who would never expect a gift from you.	13. Read Matthew 1: 8 – 2:11 and wonder...	14. Join in the Book Group Discussion 10-1130am.
15. Christmas Pageant at 1030 and Definitely NOT Church at 730pm.	16. Another opportunity to experience Ulterior Worship 835pm	17. Bundle up and join us on the Labyrinth to sing Christmas Carols at 7pm.	18. Pick up some Diapers for the children of the Massey Centre	19. Wonder about Jesus – why did he come to us as a child?	20. Join is a Winter Solstice Labyrinth walk at 730pm at Jubilee	21. Read Luke chapter 2: 1-20 and Wonder some more.
22. Bring a friend to Worship at 1030am	23. Talk to another person about where you have seen God in your life.	24. Inclusive Worship Service at 730pm or Christmas Communion at 11pm	25. Take some time to be in awe. You are not alone.	26. Take some time by yourself and be grateful for all that you have. Make a list.	27. Write some thank you notes for the kindness and gift you have received.	28. Read Luke chapter 2: 21-40 and wonder again...
29. Come out and hear the rest of the Christmas Story 1030am	30. Walk around the neighbourhood, notice how you can see your breath	31. Consider all the people who have made a difference in your life this past year	Every night - take a few minutes to look at the stars.			

DISCOVERY ZONES

This Fall we have begun using a video series called *the Jesus Storybook Bible* – Every story whispers his name, written by Sally Lloyd-Jones and illustrated by Jago. The approach to the bible as a story, read by actor David Suchet in his soothing British accent allows us to encounter it with wonder and curiosity. Every story is told in a child friendly way and ends with the expectation of more to come. Each Sunday our discussions open with a check-in, how are you doing, and an introduction to the story. After viewing the story we share what we've seen and heard and then we're invited to respond to the story with some activity; creating our own story, retelling the story with images on our bulletin board or conveying a message that we think is important for us today, such as our 'Saving the Animals' posters. The process is not unlike the worship service where we are invited into community with each other to hear the story of the people of God and then respond in a way that makes sense to us in our lives (in this case . . . the children's lives).

The DZ community is small but mighty and we're hopeful that we will grow again. Amanda MacKenzie and Donna Rutz having been a great support as we re-align our program to meet the needs of our youngest members.

Lee-Ann



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*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Joyous New Year*

