

JUBILATION!

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NOTES from Norm

Back to School

And so we are back to school... well, some of us anyway.

My son, Michael, is now a teacher. A for real, getting paid and part of the union, teacher! Wow.

It's a lot for me to grasp.

Pardon me for reminiscing for a few paragraphs

When I was in Kindergarten, it is reported that I came home one afternoon, threw myself upon the couch and announced "I don't care what they say about getting a better education for a better job - I quit!"

My kindergarten teacher, Miss McMurchy, had told us that she was getting married, and I saw no reason to continue to woo her with my learning, my winning smile, my expertise with Play-do or astounding ability to lie quietly during nap time. Miss McMurchy was a patient woman.

In Grade Two, now in a new school, Mrs. Schwartz sat me right in front of her desk on the very first day... and kept me there for the whole year! While the class was learning to make papier mache swans, I insisted on making a frog. She not only encouraged me, but she praised the finished product. Clearly, in both instances, Mrs. Schwartz was an insightful woman.

In Grade Four, Miss Storton would read aloud to the class from Enid Blyton's "Four for Adventure" books. She would eventually invite me to read to the class, encouraging my use of voices and sound effects. I never looked back. Miss Storton

saw something in me that I had yet to recognize (she also made me sit right in front of her desk).

In Grade Five, I was allowed... or perhaps invited to leave the class and peruse through the library. Mr. Borovoy thought my time might be better spent reading than doing whatever it was that I was doing when the work was done. He was likely very tired of looking at me, as I sat right in front of his desk, as well. He was a very trusting man.

In Grade Seven, I took music, because you had to (Home Ec was full). I had played the piano for about a year when I was eight and the memories of that experience were not inspiring. Then, Miss MacLean told me that I was a trumpet player. Surely, she was mistaken... the coolest kids, the ones who grabbed the horns first were trumpet players. But she insisted. And for the first time, I was able to sit at the back of the class... trumpets are always at the back. Within months, I would have my own key to the music room and at 7:30am I could be found blowing my horn, becoming the trumpet player - the musician, that Miss MacLean recognized. She was a very kind, insightful and brave woman (who else would give me keys?)

In High School, Mr. Dart would inspire me to read and learn from history; Mr. Boucher showed me dignity, even as he gave me a failing grade - demanding that I do better. Mr. Halloran would confront me and demand that I learn respect for others. Mr. Cringan would continue to

nurture the music in me, teach me form and invite me to write a musical. Mr. Tovell would make sure that the musical was produced. Mrs. Von Buttlar would patiently listen to my pitiful attempts at speaking French and then take the time to listen to my stories of what felt like my pitiful life. These people saw something of value in me and nurtured it (often wrestled it) into being. These were great people.

I would encounter more wonderful teachers in University and Graduate School and learn important lessons.

I would learn that:

"On time" is usually better than perfect.

Clever is usually in the eyes of the student, rarely the professor.

Some things don't make sense, but you still have to learn them.

Putting a third hand on the clock is not likely to endear you to the new teacher.

"Carpe Diem" is not Latin for Complain to God.

It takes very little to give someone dignity - but even less to take it away.

The stories in the Bible are very "real".

Just holding someone's hand is more powerful than any sermon, prayer or medicine.

I am who I am today because of some remarkably insightful, trusting, gracious, patient, demanding and brilliant teachers.

I hope that my son will be such a teacher. I suspect that he will (he's been

teaching me for years)

I invite you to take a few minutes this week and think about your teachers: The ones that you met in school; the ones that you have met elsewhere. Take a little time and give thanks for your teachers: The ones who have seen in you what you dared not see for yourself; the ones who have trusted you and believed in you. Give thanks to all the mentors, the nudgers, supporters, critics, confidants and friends; the ones who revealed to you something about the world... or more importantly, something about yourself.

When you've given thanks... or just had a trip down Memory Lane, I invite you to stop and think about the people that you have taught. You may not be a for real, getting paid part of the union teacher, but you have inspired others... you have trusted, shared insight, and believed in a great number of people. In your actions and thoughtfulness, you have revealed to others things about the world, and nurtured (even wrestled) others into being. You are a teacher.

Don't stop.

As the children and teachers recommit themselves to the process that we call education, take a moment and recommit yourself to being a teacher, too. Inspire, nurture, wrestle and believe in others. In that, you will be God's hands... just as surely as my teachers have been the hands of God holding, scolding, guiding and comforting me.

Norm

Worship @ Jubilee

Sundays 10:30 am

Special dates include:

October 3	World Wide Communion
November 4	All Saints Day, Welcoming of New Members, Communion
December 2	First Sunday of Advent, Communion
December 23	Christmas Pageant
December 24	Christmas Eve Services 7:30 and 11:00 pm

Ulterior Worship

A less formal and intimate worship service celebrated on Monday Evenings at 8:30pm. Typical attendance is between 15 and 30 people. Music led by Mary Anna Higgins, prayer, preaching and meditation led by Rev. Norm Seli. An easy comfortable introduction to worship at Jubilee or a nice quiet time to connect to the Divine within and without. A great place to bring a friend.

The first and third Monday of each month.

September 17, October 1, 15
November 5, 19, December 3, 17

Something Like Church

Just like church, but a little earlier; a little less structure and music led by guitar, bass,

piano and who knows what else? The music is different, the message more dependent on story telling, and a time guarantee - no service will go beyond 60 minutes! The first Sunday of each month at 9 am. (over by 10!) Good for the whole family, the individual, the new comer and the seasoned veteran.

Try a little *Something Like Church*

October 7, November 4, December 2

Definitely Not Church

As the name promises, this is nothing like church. We don't pray, we don't sit in rows... We sit at tables, we drink coffee and soft drinks, eat cookies and Drew Winters and Norm Seli add a soundtrack to a Bible Story. Together Drew and Norm combine voices, piano and guitar and find the strangest ways to use songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's and today to re-tell a story that you probably already thought you knew.

Typical attendance is between 50 and 90... but we'd be glad to make room for more.

Usually, the first Sunday of each month at 7:30pm

September 30, November 4, December 2

Other services include monthly Labyrinth services/walks and special dedicated series that will be announced as they are prepared.

For more information and updates, check our web-site www.jubileeunited.ca

Upcoming Events

September

Sept. 18th - (Tues)

UCW Potluck Gathering with Speaker (Linda Leatherdale) - 6:15 pm punch, 6:30 dinner, 7:45pm Speaker

Sept 21 (Fri)

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC 3 - 7:30 pm

Sept. 21 (Fri)

YOUTH Group

Baseball at Wishing Well Park - 7:00 pm

Sept.23rd (Sun)

Junior CHOIR resumes - 11:45 am

Labyrinth Service - Sanctuary - 7:30 pm

Sept 25th (Tues)

Intermediate Bridge resumes - 9 am

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October

Oct 10,17,24,31, Nov 7 (Wed)

LECTURE SERIES - 1 - 2:30 pm

Oct. 16 (Tues)

Don Valley Presbytery meets at Jubilee

7:30 pm

Oct. 19 (Fri)

Audrey Grant Bridge Instruction (waitlist)

10 - 3 pm

Oct 27 (Sat)

Family Hallowe'en Party - 3 - 6 pm

November

Nov 2,3 (Fri, Sat)

JUBILEE ART CRAFT

Nov 9 (Fri)

Friday Nighters with speaker Charlie Scott

Nov 15 (Thurs)

Community Communion Service - 1:30 pm

Nov 16 (Fri)

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC 3 - 7:30 pm

Nov. 20 (Tues)

Order of Good Cheer Evening - 7:30 pm

Nov 24 (Sat)

Jubilee Christmas Dinner

December

Dec 4 (Tues)

UCW Carols & Candles Service - 1 pm

Dec 14,15 (Fri, Sat)

Carols by Candlelight - 7:30 pm

Dec 18 (Tues)

Toronto Choristers Christmas Concert

LIFE EVENTS SYMPATHY

Douglas ROSTRON - March 27, 2007

Bruce JESSIMAN - March 28, 2007

John POPEK - March 30, 2007

Pamela THOMPSON - April 9, 2007

Getting to Know You

Julie Crann

Julie was born in Toronto and currently lives in Thorncliffe Park in Leaside. Her family includes a younger brother David who lives in Shanty Bay, is married and has three children. After Julie's dad passed away in March 1999 of a brain tumor, Julie's mother moved to Huntsville. When Julie is asked about some of her most pleasant experiences, she lists travel with her mom to Newfoundland to explore family roots as an unforgettable experience.

Upon getting to know Julie through the church, I soon learned that Julie's uncle was a boyhood friend of mine.

Julie is friendly and outgoing, an extrovert, who enjoys meeting people. She is an avid reader (everything from mysteries to historical novels and biographies); she has skills in embroidery and needlecraft (learned when she was ten years of age), and has a keen interest in languages but her real passion is music. This lady loves

music and has studied various instruments (guitar, flute, piano) but her favourite pastime relates to the vocal side of music.

While attending Barrie Central Collegiate, she participated in the Glee Club and various musical presentations. When Julie was a student at Victoria Park Secondary School, her choir went on tour in France and England.

A highlight was when her Victoria Village United Church choir performed a musical presentation for the Queen when she visited Toronto in June of 1973.

More recently, she is a member of the Toronto Choral Society and the Scarborough Choral Society. In the latter choir, Julie had the opportunity to participate in a 1998 choral presentation at the Queen's Plate when the choir sang a new version of The Maple Leaf Forever for the first time. Having recently witnessed an outstanding performance by the Toronto Choral Society, I understand why Julie is proud of her association with this highly

regarded choir.

Following the merger of churches, Julie has been an original member of the soprano section of the Jubilee United Church choir. Julie credits Arthur Wenk's leadership as Director of Music for the quality of music at Jubilee and the growth of Jubilee's choir.

In her working life, she was employed for twenty years (1975 to 1995) with Mutual of Omaha (now RBC Insurance). Today Julie takes on a variety of work assignments with a transitional employment program under the auspices of Progress Place (a rehabilitation center). Her duties have included the transcribing of reports (where special language or technical skills were required) as well as a range of other activities including receptionist work which suited her talents and interests as an outgoing person who liked meeting and inter-relating to people.

When asked what she most liked about Jubilee United Church, without hes-

itation, she mentioned our two ministers and the music leadership of our Director of Music. Julie also enjoys the many activities within the church from the Order of Good Cheer concerts to inter-generational activities like the Spring Fling. She thoroughly enjoys the fellowship of the people that make Jubilee their spiritual home.

When asked how we might improve the Jubilee experience, Julie indicated that she would like to see more youth participate in the activities of the church, for example, as a youth choir or as members of the senior choir.

by Charles E. Scott



The Murray Family



Brian – originally from Sudbury. He graduated in mechanical engineering from the University of Toronto in 1984. He has four brothers and one sister. He is a member of the armed forces (navy). In his present job he teaches the army and air force about the navy. His job requires a lot of moving to various locations by the family. He has been here now for two years, but will expect to move to a new location in another year. In the past, the family has been in Victoria, London, England and Ottawa. His main hobby is woodworking.

Ann is from California. All of her family is still living in California. Her mother, Myrtle Lawrence, visits here a few times a year. Ann has two older brothers

and an older sister. She met Brian when he was in California with the navy. They were married in 1989. She graduated as a dental hygienist in 2003. She does temporary work. Ann is a member of the Membership Committee and is active in organizing Family Events. Her hobbies are crafts, including needlepoint and making cards.

Brendan – 13 attends Milne Valley middle school and will be going into Grade 8 in the Fall. Because Brendan has been diagnosed with autism, he will be in a special class. He also requires special care by the parents who find it difficult to get people to look after him at times. A child with autism has a brain that works

differently from others. Some people think the autistic child lacks discipline; however, in reality they lack social skills. Ann and Brian hope that Brendan will be able to finish high school and eventually be able to live by himself.

Ian – 10 – attends Cassandra School and will be in Grade 5 in the Fall. He is in the extended French program. One half day the program is taught in French.

Elizabeth – 8 attends Cassandra School

Ian and Elizabeth have both started taking martial arts. All the children enjoy riding their bikes and swimming.

They also have a dog named Brownie.

Community and Committees

PROPERTY

Many thanks to our wonderful watering team: Ed and Barb Rutherford, John Gilmour and Ken and Fran Humphreys. Harvey and Marianne Bride have once again taken on the immense job of weeding and it is greatly appreciated.

Summer is the time to get major work done around the Church. Floor cleaning, carpet cleaning and window cleaning (a huge job!) have all been done by our own cleaners who take great pride in their work and it shows!!

We had a successful work day and thank the following who came to share their skills and time to help us get some of the endless list of jobs done: Sandy Hisaw, Mel and Liz Williamson, Peter Zugic, Fran Crabe and Megan Williams.

Stay tuned for another property adventure coming soon!

Iona Williams and Barb Secord

MEMBERSHIP

During the summer months, our committee encouraged the new members to write short articles about themselves and their families to help us get to know them. As well, our group decided to invite them to a party. Ruth Boyd suggested we have a pool party at her home but unfortunately, rain foiled those plans and we had to move inside. That may have been good thing because we turned out to be a boisterous group. It was a great party!

Six outstanding speakers have been confirmed for the Fall Lectures.

The lecturers will speak and take questions from 1:00 to 2:15 on Wednesday afternoons, October 10 through November 14th. This will be followed by coffee, cookies and fellowship in the Garden Room.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 7:30 in the Friendship Room. Jeanne Watson is our newest member and hopefully, others will be interested in working on an exciting committee. We need lots of people to help us plan our biggest family party of the year—Halloween! If you have writing talents, we are always looking for people to write stories for Jubilation's "Getting to Know You" column. As well, we will require a number of volunteers during the Fall and Spring Lecture Series.

Gail Dykstra

New Acquisitions in the Library

"Race Against Time" by Stephen Lewis

Through the generous donation of Jean Phalp, the Library has acquired this book which comprises the 2005 Massey Lectures. "Lewis's determination to bear witness to the desperate plight of so many in Africa and elsewhere is balanced by his unique, personal, and often searing insider's perspective on our ongoing failure to help." These are the words used by the publishers to describe this book. I heartily recommend it. It is very topical

"Long Walk to Freedom" The autobiography of Nelson Mandela.

Again we received a generous donation. This time from Mary Ruse. The Washington Post Book World says "One of the most remarkable lives of the twentieth century." And the Chicago Tribune has this to say, "A truly wonderful autobiography, sharp, literate, unpretentious, and... as emotionally involving as it is informative." It is truly interesting to read the thoughts and feelings of this man who emerged from his many years of imprisonment on Robben Island without bitterness.

Agnes Klassen

SCOUTING



I am writing this at the end of the summer looking forward to another great season. While we typically run the programme from September to early May, this season was special.

To help celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Canada 8 youth + 2 adult leaders went to the Canadian Jamboree at Camp Tamaracouta (just north of Montreal) for 11 days. It was fantastic!

Mike Taylor

NEW SMALL GROUP

Based on the book: Your Money or Your Life by Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin

Join a small group, one evening a week, for six weeks to look at personal money management and your relationship with money. Discussions include: 'what is money', 'what is your life purpose' and 'how much is enough'. If you are interested, please contact Julie Ashdown.

Julie Ashdown

JUBILEE WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

Have you checked out the new Jubilee website? www.jubileeunited.ca Our site was redesigned in the spring by Robert D'Aguiar, and is being maintained by Wendy. Content is easy to update, so please send your Jubilee items to Wendy to

be included. (Word documents). Why not have a look at the website and give us your feedback!

ORDER OF GOOD CHEER Program for the 2007 - 2008 season.

A series of five concerts, entitled "Adventures in Music", will be presented at Jubilee between October 2007 and May 2008. An exciting variety of instruments and voices – a Choir, a Barbershop Quartet, a Dance Band, – songs from Opera, from Broadway, the Goldes Oldies, – and instrumental music of the trumpet, the accordion, the banjo, the grand piano and a singing kettle.

Complete information will be available from Sunday, Sept.16. But in the mean time you might want to mark your calendars to reserve the dates of these concerts. They are:

Tues., Oct. 30 at 7:30 pm

Tues., Nov. 20 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm

Tues., Feb. 26 at 7:30 pm

Wed., May 7 at 7:30 pm

And, as always, a reception and refreshments follow each concert. The Jubilee Order of Good Cheer looks forward to seeing you on these evenings.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

An open discussion group that meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month. A chance to talk, think, learn be challenged and moved.

We will meet on **Tuesdays** from **1 – 3 pm October 2, 16, 30; November 6, 20; December 4, 18.** There will be a monthly evening group as well – dates to be determined.

Please contact Rev. Norm Seli
nseli@jubileeunited.ca

DISCOVERY ZONES

FALL 2007 Registration begins September 9th...

Registration forms are available outside the youth room or in the foyer. Please complete a form for your child(ren) so that we can update our records and provide you with ongoing information regarding activities and projects at Jubilee United Church.

Note: All children participating in our DZ program must be registered for safety reasons. Contact Lee-Ann for further information.

September – Seasons of God's Love The children will learn about the various seasons of the church year, the traditional colors and symbols associated with them. They will create a calendar to take home and share with their families which will include at home activity ideas for the various seasons and celebrations of the year.

October – Seeing Through Another's Eyes Our children live in a diverse culture. Many of their friends practice rituals and engage in celebrations associated with other faith traditions. This month DZ will explore the practice of prayer in these other traditions and create their own prayers as an expression of their own faith tradition.

November – Children: Is anybody listening. The children will be invited to learn more about the lives and circumstances of children from other contexts. They will be encouraged to reach out in appropriate ways to connect with children who are disadvantaged and marginalized.



Vacation Bible School 2007 Mission Accomplished!!!



Many thanks to the following volunteers

who made our week so fabulous.

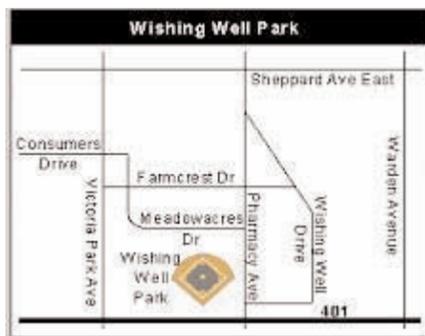
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Youth Ministry Review

Common Ground Youth Ministry

Friday, September 21st Season Opener hosted by Jubilee United Church

Youth grade 6+ are invited to join in for an evening of baseball at Wishing Well Park. Youth from other congregations will be joining us for the evening and everyone is encouraged to bring their own ball glove, favorite beverage and snack to share. Meet us at the park at 7 p.m.



Confirmation Classes

Youth (13+) interested in being part of our monthly sessions are invited to our next gathering which will be **Sunday, October 7th** from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm (bring your lunch).

Sunday Mornings

Sunday morning youth discussions began September 9th. Junior youth (Middle School) and Senior youth (High School) were invited to join Teresa Kayahara for a session on building Christian community. All youth were encouraged to bring 2 photos; a photo of something they enjoyed doing over the summer and a photo that represents a global issue that they are concerned about. For more information please contact Lee-Ann at 416-447-6846 ext. 104.



September 16th & 23rd, Daniel Gaito will explore Christian community further by engaging discussion around various Christian symbols; where they originated and what they represent. Perhaps the youth can create a new symbol for us 21st century Christians.

September 30th Teresa will wrap up the community building session.
October - Ed Rutherford will lead the youth using drama.

Special Events

Mark on your calendars the annual Halloween party. We'll be putting together our haunted house again this year



Labyrinth News

This spring the indoor labyrinth was set up and available for open walks every Sunday and Monday during Lent leading up to Easter. These walks were self-guided with Lenten stories and readings available to meditate on. The Women's Day Jubilee hosted in May also used the labyrinth as one of its "play stations". Some women were seen working clay as they walked, looking for inspiration before going back inside to the clay station.

Sarah's Circle UCW group used the outdoor labyrinth for one of their meetings this spring: First to picnic supper on, then to do a "linked" walk where the women linked up holding onto a scarf between them. It almost looked like a dance, very joyful!

Ed Rutherford led the Discovery Zones children in a play filled walk using stories and games.

Summer solstice June 21st was the perfect time to kick-off monthly labyrinth services on our outdoor labyrinth. With a fire burning in the fire rock and water bubbling through the water rock, we walked with friends old and new and were opened to God's spirit.

We remembered Karen Steward at our July service. She died two years ago before the outdoor labyrinth was built so we walked her dream and remembered her.

In August we had a healing service where along with the walk we had options of being anointed and blessed and therapeutic touch was provided by a couple of women from Parkwoods' T.T. group. The spirit was palpable.

Thank you Lee Ann and the Labyrinth Team for your direction and support.

Upcoming Labyrinth Services this Fall:

Sunday Sept 23 - Fall equinox - Autumn/Fall theme

Sunday Oct 21 - World Food Day

Sunday Nov 11 - Healing service - to balance out the Remembrance day war images

December - Advent Sundays – more information to follow

All services start at 7:30 pm either in the Garden room if weather looks permitting for an outdoor walk or in the Narthex if an indoor walk is warranted. Bring a jacket just in case.

OUTREACH

On April 27, 2007 the Jubilee Outreach committee's Grannies and friends group were pleased to host a very successful one woman play, McCarthy and the Old Woman, with Rita Deverell. We both were looking for a way to raise money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers Project. This project aims to raise money to assist grandmothers in Africa whose children have died from HIV and whose grandchildren are now without parents. The African grandmothers are caring for their own grandchildren and other community children with very little resources. Our evening

raised \$3000. for the SLE.

We thank Bill Scott and his friend Jim, who provided the lighting needed at a reduced price.

On the Jubilee Website (www.jubileeunited.ca) you can find pictures showing Rita Deverell chatting with some fans at coffee and desert time after the performance. Also in the photos are Sandra Beech, Sheila Brown and guests.

Reception of New Members (May 27, 2007) - Submitted by the Membership Committee

Barbara O'Brien

Barbara O'Brien was originally with the Bethesda congregation. After marriage in 1998 she dabbled in different churches and always ended up asking the same question, "where's the music?". She needed music to reach divine heights. Upon visiting Jubilee several times with her dad John Hrutka, heaven was back!

Need she mention Norm and Lee Ann? They just sealed the deal!

Barbara lives with her husband Dan and two children in Willowdale. With the birth of her daughter Catherine (7 years old), Barbara postponed her accounting career in real estate. Dennis' (5 years old) arrival clenched the deal. After working deadlines and overtime, Barbara thought motherhood would be a great break! Ha! She thought she did a lot of overtime before children!

Barbara spends time with Dan and the kids at the zoo, pool, her dad's cottage, playing soccer and any other outdoor pursuit we can think of. Dan heads for the hills on his bike whenever he can, and Barb enjoys long walks whenever possible.

Rai Remmel

After evaluating Vic Village and Jubilee for 25 years, Rai has finally decided that this is where he belongs.



After all, he did spend 8 years on the Building Committee to ensure that Jubilee's facilities were designed and built to meet our vision and needs. Rai is currently Chair of the Facilities Committee, helping to generate rental revenue. He is also a member of the Men's Club and an active participant in the Order of Good Cheer programs.

Rai's first love is volleyball. He is president of a private club, a nationally certified coach, runs the volleyball program at a children's camp, and still plays a mean game himself, despite his age.

He is a very active volunteer in the Estonian community. Being president and chairman of the board of the Estonian House is almost a full time job. He was also the chairman of the Estonian Scouts in Canada for several years but could not do both jobs at the same time. Now he only sits on the national executive and occasionally organizes special activities for the youth.

Rai is a chemical engineer and in his spare time, runs his own specialty chemicals business, Nortek Inc.

Rai is best known for being Anne-Mari's husband.

The Slovenski Family

Paul is the athletic director at Bayview Glen School. He enjoys anything related to sports and is very enthusiastic



astic about getting children interested in athletics. Paul enjoys working at a school where he can see his daughters each day. Originally from Maine, Paul moved to Boston where he had lived for 15 years before moving to Toronto.

Trena used to work in international programs (study abroad) until Sophia was born. After having Sophia in daycare at 3 months of age, Trena readily gave up working to stay home. She is now in the early stages of studying Speech Language Pathology. Trena hails from Ohio, though she called Boston her home for over 10 years.

Sophia was born on October 28, 1999 (7 1/2 years old). She enjoys playing with friends, swimming in the hot tub, and running around on the playground.

Phoebe was born on November 5, 2002 (4 1/2 years old). She also enjoys having playdates, dancing and singing and swinging on the monkey bars.

Chloe was born on October 12, 2005 (21 months old). She arrived six weeks after our arrival in Toronto so she is our little Canadian. She enjoys being read to and running and jumping.

Our family first came to Jubilee United in the early Spring of 2006. We were intrigued by the uplifting and interesting sermons and the friendly members. We found ourselves surrounded by a caring and welcoming congregation. The organ music and singing by the choir were a joy to our ears. This church seemed to welcome everyone, even those coming from America and wearing shorts. We were eager to involve our children in the excellent Discovery Zone programs. Even little Chloe enjoyed staying in the nursery with Barb and friends. All of a sudden, church was fulfilling and fun for all of us.

The Wheatley Family



The Wheatleys moved into Don Mills in 2003.

Ted is originally from Sault Ste. Marie and Monique Giroux is originally from

Sudbury. They met while Monique was working at the Canadian Cancer Society and Ted was the President of their Board of Directors. In 2003, they got married and in 2004 had a beautiful baby girl, Amelie Suzanne. She is now 2 years old and will be starting the nursery program at the Giles School this September.

Ted is currently involved in the community completing his term on the Canadian Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute of Canada Boards. He is also on the North York General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

Monique works at CIBC as the Director of Corporate Sponsorship & Brand Governance. Since CIBC is actively involved in the fight against breast cancer, Monique helps organize the CIBC Run for the Cure every year and in September, she

will be walking 60 km during the Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

As a family, they enjoy everything Toronto has to offer, and you will often find them in their backyard swimming, at the Toronto Zoo, or at Edward Gardens.

Their introduction to Jubilee was Monday night yoga classes and last Christmas, instead of going north for the holidays, they stayed home and decided to go to church. After the warm welcome they received and Norm's very enjoyable sermon, they were hooked. They felt at home immediately. Amelie is crazy about Barb in the nursery, and Ted & Monique enjoy the time of quiet reflection. Every week is a reminder to work on becoming better people. Everyone has been so welcoming and warm. Thank you for that.

Elizabeth (Bess) and Donald (Don) Thomson



Bess and Don Thomson have been married for 53 years and have three children as well as eight grandchildren who range in ages from 8 to 26 years. When Bess

and her family arrived from Scotland in 1952, they moved to Bessborough Drive in Leaside where Don happened to live across the street. Don was actively involved in Leaside United Church and the couple was married in that church in 1954.

Though they have moved 7 times, they have always been within a five minute drive from their present address on Caronport Cres. They were original members of the Victoria Village United Church but later, transferred to Donminster where the family continued to take an active part in church activities.

Bess has always been creative and her most recent craft is working with stained glass. Don will celebrate his 50th year as a Rotarian this fall.

Iona, Paul and Megan Williams



Paul was born in Kingston and began his church life as an Anglican. He has many fond memories of times spent with his full-

blooded Mohawk Indian grandmother and his Irish grandfather.

As a child, Iona attended the Victoria Village and Donminster United Churches. When Iona was a teenager, she and her sister sang in the choirs of St. Anne's Anglican Church and Lansing United Church.

Paul and Iona were married in 1997 and Megan was born in 1999. Megan is a very loving, sensitive and happy child. We live in a basement apartment of Mom and Dad's house and Megan keeps all of us young and smiling! She is a great help to her grandparents and enjoys doing daily chores for them.

The whole family loves Jubilee United

Church for the worship, people, activities and volunteer opportunities. Megan especially loves greeting and speaking with the people on Sunday mornings. Paul and Iona feel they could have no better place for Megan to begin her journey with God.

Liz & Mel Williamson



Our names are Mel and Liz Williamson and we both come from inner city churches. Mel attended Riverdale United Church for a number of

years and I attended St. Stephen's Anglican Church where we were married in 1964. We have three married daughters and 7 grandchildren aged 4-12 years old.

Mel retired from The Beer Store and I from the Toronto Star where I worked in travel advertising.

We first attended Victoria Village United Church approximately 5 years ago and then with the amalgamation moved to Jubilee. Norm and Lee-Ann bring something special to each service. The congregation is outgoing and friendly and the activities are abundant.

Mel enjoys archery, fishing, skeet shooting and hunting. I volunteer at Bloorview Children's Rehab Centre and at the West Scarborough Boys and Girls Club. I also enjoy gardening and reading. We both love movies, biking, walking, travel and camping.

Mel and I consider ourselves very lucky to have found such a wonderful church with a minister that inspires us, a music director and choir that are a pleasure to listen to and a warm, friendly congregation.

Also received were:

Graham Atkinson
Monique Giroux
Aurora Hewitt
Karen Martin
Mary Lou Pomeroy
Tracy Ann Wallace



JUBILEE U.C.W. REPORT

Since our last newsletter, our UCW hosted our annual Card Party. We were sold out with 40 tables. As usual the cards were fun, the desserts superb and the camaraderie special.

In May Jubilee United Church Women hosted the monthly Presbyterian Executive meeting and monthly meeting. About 35 people attended the meeting to hear Susan Short talk about a trip to Angola. Mrs. Short is the wife of Peter Short, former Moderator of the United Church.

On Tuesday September 18 we will be having our Fall Gathering Pot-Luck Supper. It gets underway at 6:00 pm. for punch and dinner at 6:30. Remember to bring your dishes and cutlery and your appetite for excellent food. The speaker will

start at 7:45. Our speaker will be Linda Leatherdale. She is the finance editor for the Toronto Sun. Everyone is invited to come and hear what Linda has to say about their financial future.

Cranberry orders will be taken at the Fall Gathering. Prices will be comparable to last year. Roma Watson is organizing the deliveries.

Our upcoming events include The Art/Craft Sale. It will be Friday November 2 and Saturday November 3. We already have our maximum number of vendors. There will be lots to browse through and buy. As usual there will be our terrific Lunch Room with Chili dinners and Soup and Sandwich lunches. There will also be the Bake Table, Jams and Jellies and Silent Auction. Make it a week-end of fun and friendship.

Please make time for our Advent Carols and Candles on Tuesday December 4. This is a special afternoon service and a collection of scarves, mitts and socks are given to the Scott Mission.

The UCW donates a book to the Church Library in memory of members we have lost over the year. This year the book is "Celtic Treasures" by Phillip Newell. Be sure to check out this book.

Through our fundraisers, we have been able to provide the Church with banquet tablecloths and privacy blinds for the Garden Room.

Look for us on the Church website for more information on our Units and activities.

Mary Lynne Graham
President
Jubilee United Church Women

ORDER YOUR CRANBERRIES...NOW!!

The UCW will be taking orders for bags of fresh cranberries once again this year. A large bag is \$11. PRE-ORDER by calling Roma Watson at 416-759-3014. Cranberries will be available for pickup on Sunday September 30th and Monday October 1st.

Other dates by arrangement

