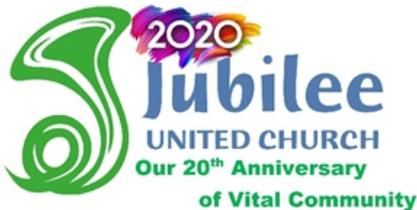


Jubilation!

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Notes from Norm

Jubilee United Church is twenty years old.
That seems so hard to believe; we still have the “new church smell.”



I don't know if the folks who bravely let go of the past and dared to live into the future together in the year 2000 could have imagined what we've become. Did those folks and those who have come along since hope for a church that would be so willing, welcoming, wondering, and wacky? I don't know. I hope so.

On March 1st, I will have been here for 15 years! That's hard to believe... it feels like I just got here. And yet, so many wonderful folks, who warm my heart and crowd my memories, have come and gone, that sometimes it feels like I've been here every bit of my 50+ years.

I remember coming to be interviewed for the job as Jubilee's minister back in the late summer of 2004. I sat in the sanctuary that was as yet unfinished, with a hard hat on my head, and I looked around and thought two things:

- 1. I want to be in ministry with the people who imagined this sanctuary with all of the light and flexibility** (for me, faith is all about light and flexibility).
- 2. I could have a lot of fun here.**

And I have had a lot of fun here and continue to have a lot of fun. I am very proud of all that we have done together, of what Jubilee has done in the past 20 years. But how does one describe Jubilee over the past two decades? What exactly have we been doing since the calendar brought in a new millennium?

We have been Willing.

We have been willing to try new things, to listen to each other, and to fail. We have committed time and effort over the years to so many things, including: women's day retreats, lectures series on topics from opera to photography, we have explored religions, provided symposia on medical assistance in dying, preparing for death, storytelling, dancing for spiritual growth, bullying, how Muslims, Jews and Christians can support each other; radio plays, innumerable concerts, dinners, dances, chili cook-offs, and pot lucks. We have operated children's programs after school and during the summer, groups for those grieving, those discerning, and folks who just want to be able to learn and talk about faith and their own beliefs. We have provided exercise classes and *Rimbala* classes; we also have a pretty good time with soup Tuesdays in the coldest months and coffee during the rest of the year.

Some programs have been single events; others have lasted for years. It's important to note that not everything has been a success or stayed true to the original vision. *Definitely NOT Church* began as a worship service with music, storytelling, and prayer. It did not stay that way... but instead became an entertaining evening of music and laughter

that may not offer prayer, but does seem to manage to sneak in a little theology now and then. *Resistance Church* began a few months ago as a monthly worship service, much like *Definitely Not Church's* original vision, but bad weather led to cancelling an in-person service and taking it on-line – *Resistance Church* now has an online community of about 60 people.

A few years ago, we decided that we would try a breakfast program for children in our neighbourhood on their way to school. We had studied the community and consulted with the schools, and we knew that there was a need. We started with great hope and wonderful leadership. And nothing happened. Kids simply did NOT come. We kept at it until we could only acknowledge the failure and then take our resources and our commitment and began *Community Table*, which continues to feed and connect the community every month.

This is what I mean by willing to fail. Jubilee has regularly been willing to try new things, not because we were sure of their inevitable success, but because we have believed that God is leading us somewhere; people need what we can offer, and so we have gone forward hopefully and ready to adapt. (My first thoughts sitting in the sanctuary back in 2004 were right on – we are all about light and flexibility.)

We have been willing to welcome and help refugees find a safe new home in Canada. In the past few years, we have welcomed individuals and families from Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Uganda: people looking to escape war, religious persecution, personal threat for simply being who they are. We have saved real lives and offered real hope.

We have been Welcoming.

I wish that you could all hear the words and witness the joy in people's faces when they tell me about coming to Jubilee. Some are visitors; some have been looking for just the right church community; many have stayed. What stays with me are the faces of those saying, "I never imagined that a church could be so welcoming..." "When my baby made noise, I thought that I'd be asked to leave... but nobody minded, and you even have a space in the sanctuary for small children!" "When you introduced yourself with your pronouns, I felt welcomed for the first time in a church." "There is such a great atmosphere of love in this place..."

A fellow who lived next door to Jubilee once commented that he would see people going in and out of the church all the time, so he knew that it was a busy place. But more than the number of people, he also noticed that people seemed to come out happier and more at peace than when they went in. "That's how I know that it is a good place," he told me.

There are all sorts of techniques and protocols for being welcoming, from blue mugs to name tags, but what really makes a community welcoming is the desire to respect and include others as they are – not as they might be with some training, but as they are when they arrive. Jubilee has been pretty good about finding space for others and not only tolerating but actually celebrating our differences. Jubilee is anything BUT a one-note church.

We have been Wondering.

For twenty years, Jubilee has been a place where it is safe to ask questions, to be vulnerable and discover that you are not alone. In our children's programs, we don't tell the participants what a Bible story means; we wonder together what it might mean to each person, right here and right now. When we confirm young people, we don't insist that they believe what the church believes. We help them find the words to express their beliefs and then discover what they can add to the story and faith of the church, even as we invite them to grow from all that our church has learned over time.

We have folks who come to Council meetings worrying about each penny and how we spend the money that has been entrusted to us by the community to live out a ministry that has been entrusted to us by God through Jesus. We have other folks at the same meeting wanting to dream and risk, spend money, love recklessly with great courage and trust in God. Together we wonder how we can benefit from the wisdom and passion of each perspective and find the way forward together. And we do it. More often than not, we look back and realize we made the right choice because we loved and listened to each other.

We wonder about what God is calling us into right now. Not twenty years ago, not even last year, but right now. What assets has God put into our hands, what passion has been ignited that we might change the world for someone who needs a change? What hand can be held, what shadow lifted, what joy revealed this week? This has led us to many places and inspired many programs. I remember at one Council meeting, we wondered what we might do

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to influence the United Church of Canada; many of us had a sense that what was happening at Jubilee was good and that it needed to be shared. And so, we began to invite interns and students into our midst; we began to share with them what we were learning about God and community together. In just 20 years, Jubilee has been involved in the formation of many new ministers and we have gifted the United Church of Canada with Rev. Henry Poutiainen, Rev. Greg Daly, Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price, Rev. Etienne LeSage, Rev. Anne Dionisio, Rev. Jason Meyers, Lee-Anne Ahlstrom, Jess Swance, Cheryl Colford and there are more to come. I would humbly suggest that we have made an impact on the United Church by equipping it with such saints.

We have been Wacky.

Have you been to our live radio shows? Muffin Church? Definitely NOT Church? Murder Mystery Dinner? Barn Dance? Have you heard Daniel play the organ and the saxophone at the same time? Do you recall the long-haired, bearded intern in a long white robe, out on the street offering ashes on Ash Wednesday? Have you thrown socks at one of our ministers? Have you danced with the children or laughed at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper? Have you read our signs? We folk at Jubilee do not take ourselves too seriously and relish the opportunity to step out of our safe places and discover that love often can be best expressed and received when we are vulnerable. We are wacky and proud of it.

Over the past few years, more and more people have come from other churches, from other denominations, from other faiths, and some have come who have no history of church or faith community. And we've listened to each other – it hasn't always gone without a few challenges, but we have found ways to hear, honour, and respect differing perspectives and understandings. And over time, we have come to trust each other more and more; we open up and share more and more; people invest financially in the future and legacy of Jubilee and the way that we do church more and more, and together we create something that can have an impact over many generations. We do things a little bit differently at Jubilee and we have faith that it will last and matter to many more people.

We are also patient with each other and even with ourselves. This issue of Jubilation is arriving a week late. It's arriving late because I have taken so long to write this and get it to Deb, our intrepid editor. I am nearly always late, but this time, **I have a really good excuse**. In the past two weeks, our community has experienced two deaths and loved ones have needed support; I had to find some time to take one of our former Refugees from Uganda to find her first home in Canada; I needed some time to sit and talk to a man who wasn't sure what he was doing here but just thought maybe the church could help. I spent a little extra time at soup on Tuesday and listened to one too many bad jokes told by a man who should know better. I had longer than planned conversations with new ministers, old friends, and a kid who really wanted to know if Jesus was a zombie. There was also a spill that needed to be mopped up. I think that it might have been in the middle of the mopping that I realized what it is that we do at Jubilee – in the midst of the Willingness, Wonder, Welcoming, and Wackiness, we take of each other: we respond to needs as they arise, we hold hands, listen to each other and mop up spills. That's the ministry that Jesus has given us. That's what we've been doing for the past 20 years and I hope that we will be doing exactly that for the next 200.

Happy Anniversary!!

Norm

Life Events

Deaths:

Chris Tandy – Nov 17, 2019

Elaine Day – Jan 7, 2020

Bill Carveth – Jan 25, 2020

Bev Miller – Feb 4, 2020

Social Committee

With the success of our Day Trip to St. Jacobs in 2019, our hope is to bring another interesting day trip to the congregation and the community in 2020.

We will also be evaluating a trip that might include a "Dinner Theatre " that would be of interest to many of you.

Please watch for notice of our plans for 2020.

Just to keep you up to date for Holy Week and Easter



PALM SUNDAY

Words, Music, and Communion
celebrating the beginning of Holy Week.
April 5th, 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

An informal celebration of the Last Supper. Storytelling and personal reflection around a meal, led by Rev. Seli
Thursday, April 9th, 6:00 pm



GOOD FRIDAY

The story of the Passion. A time for personal reflection and an opportunity to engage with the cross and understand the story of Jesus' crucifixion.
Friday, April 10th, 10:30 am

EASTER "SON"RISE SERVICE **Sunday, April 12th**

Out on the Labyrinth at 8:00 am. – Inside/Outside (depending on the weather) – guitar and voice provide an informal celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the joy of new life!
Afterward, stay for breakfast!



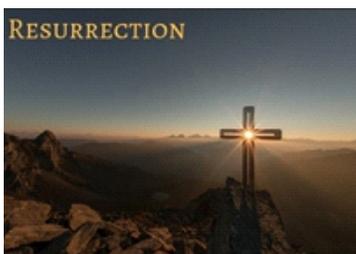
EASTER SUNDAY

April 12th, 10:30 am

The Big One!! Words and Music, Celebration for the Whole Family.
Even if you've never been to church before,
there is something here for you!
(Come early and join us for breakfast at 9)

Holy Week Study Group

Monday – Friday, April 6-10, 8-8:50 am



What is the Resurrection?
What does it mean that Jesus was resurrected?
What did the Gospel Writers believe?
What did Paul believe?
What does resurrection mean for us?
Is this history, theology, metaphor, fantasy, reality?
Join us in the Garden Room every morning (or just one morning)
for a short video and some safe, non-judgmental reflection and discussion.

Rev. Seli will lead the discussion.

The coffee will be hot, the welcome warm, and the discussion worth your time and effort.

Rachel Held Evans writer, and evangelist of Christian Faith in the 21st Century. She died last year at the age of 37, but left a remarkable legacy of love and thought. Her advocacy was for the heart of God which is for the people of God. All people, a diverse bunch of clumsy-yet-beautiful people of different races, cultures, beliefs, faiths, genders, and sexual orientations just doing our best to be human.

On Saturday, April 4th from 11am – 4pm
we will spend some time with 5 short videos made by Rachel.
About an hour of material meant to inspire conversation
about the nature of church and this “family” into which Jesus has called us.
Rachel was quoted as saying
“The folks you are shutting out of the church today
will be leading it tomorrow. The future is in the margins.”

Led by Rev. Seli, we will wonder if we are resurrection people, are we willing to let old ways die?
There will be 5 conversations spread over our time together, a simple lunch provided, and other refreshments.
No advanced study is required but please, do sign up on the list in the Foyer, email Norm (nseli@jubileeunited.ca) or call the office (416-447-6846) so that we will know how many expect and what your dietary restrictions may be.
There is no fee, but donations will be gladly accepted.



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The Benevolent Fund

2019 was a year in which the Benevolent had a great deal of support. So, we begin 2020 by saying, “Thank You.”

Thank you on behalf of those who have found it a little easier to sleep because there was food in the cupboard, heat in the house, care for a child, books or tuition to support education, medical or mental health support, and just simply some hope that things can turn around. The Benevolent Fund is a discretionary fund that I administer confidentially to those in need. Our support is not meant to be “on-going,” but occasional (when it comes to food security) or “one-time-only” when it comes to larger needs like paying a heating bill or getting books for school. We hope to help those who fall through the cracks, whose needs are not recognized by the system and existing supports. Sadly, there is no lack. Often, people come looking for money and go away with connections to existing programs or prayerful and emotional support instead, but mostly, people leave with something in their hands that can meet an immediate need.

You might be amazed at who needs help and the kind of help that is needed; you might be surprised to recognize the people discreetly seeking support and may also be surprised to know that several of the folks that we have helped in the past have come to be supporters of the Benevolent Fund in the present. Donations can be given to me directly, but are more likely to be properly received and/or included in your donations if dropped off at the office or in the Offering Box on Sunday.

I thank you for your on-going support of the Benevolent Fund.

Norm



MISSION AND SERVICE

As the winter progresses, many of us wish to escape from the cold, dreary weather if only in our imaginations. Some of us might even physically enjoy a getaway to a sunny, warm locale. For countless people in our city and country, the daily struggle for warm shelter and food overshadows dreams of getaways.

Through grants from Mission and Service, programs like the Downtown Mission of Windsor, Ontario, provide food for the body, nurture for the spirit, shelter for the homeless, advocacy for the impoverished, and opportunity for human growth. It began in 1972 at Central UC with a coffee program for homeless men and has grown in four decades to offer a range of services with love, care, and respect for men, women, and children in the area.

Jubilee's generous support of the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service enabled many local, national, and international programs to continue helping those who needed help. Thanks to all of our donors in 2019. We are sending a cheque for \$30,395.73. If you have not yet made giving to M&S part of your plan for financial stewardship in 2020, please consider this as one way to continue loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Dinner # 14,300

Rev. Anne Dionisio

So I have done the math...assuming that I have eaten dinner (in some form) most days of my life and factoring in some of those dinners that were more of a lunch, it turns out that I am coming up on my 14,300th dinner. That seems significant...like maybe I should be celebrating, or perhaps, I should be widely congratulated. It seems to call for some sort of party hat or at least a noisemaker...

Meals are a funny thing. We eat so many of them, and arguably they are very important to our general health and well being. Yet, I can barely remember what I had for supper last night, let alone last week. I may be coming up on number 14,300...but I cannot for the life of me remember what I had at number 14,000.

Some of them have been significant: I bet if I set my mind to it, I could sit down and easily list 300 meals that I remember. Some of these were meals that I enjoyed on my own...there was a time that I would make a mean Mr. Noodle with added egg and veggies, and I would eat it while tucked away in my own apartment, watching *Pride and Prejudice* (the good one) again and again. That covers at least six memorable meals. But if I really start thinking about it, most of those 300 memorable meals were ones that were shared with others. In fact, I may not remember exactly what was served, but I can remember the people who gathered around the table with me.

We do not read about the meals that Jesus ate on his own - I wonder if he ever did eat alone? Presumably, he did; maybe someone packed him a nice sandwich on his frequent trips to the wilderness to pray? But what stands out for the Gospel writers are the meals that he shared with others...not so much what was served...but who the people were who gathered with him, and what happened when they were together.

Levi gave a great banquet for Jesus, and people complained that he ate with tax collectors and sinners. One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, but what was memorable was the woman who found him and anointed him with her tears. Thousands were gathered to hear him but were growing hungry, so Jesus took five loaves and two fish, he blessed them and broke them and everyone had enough. Jesus took his place at the table prepared by his apostles and he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you..."

Meals were central in the way that Jesus connected with those who followed him. At the table, tax collectors were welcomed, leaders were challenged, a woman became a minister, miracles happened, and mission was made known. He ate with his friends; he ate with strangers; he ate with people who challenged him, and with people who found him challenging. He ate with people who seemed totally insignificant and with people who could lay out feasts.

This is why we do Dinner Church. Quite simply, because Jesus was constantly eating with the people he encountered. Central to our lived faith at Jubilee is the belief that we are invited to the meal. Our weekly worship takes place around a table. What's more, we trust Jesus' words that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there with us, and we become church. When we gather for Dinner Church, we light the Christ candle and remind ourselves that it is good to eat together, and when we gather, Jesus is in our midst.

Come eat with us! Join us at Dinner Church for a casual meal and time to worship on the 4th Monday of each month*. Share in laughter and friendship at Community Table on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Be warmed with Soup on Tuesdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Feast with us on Mardi Gras (February 25th) for a Pancake Party - there may even be noisemakers, and join us on March 28th for a Kitchen Party!

It might be number 14,300 for me; I wonder what meal you are coming up to? Whatever number it is, I hope that you will come out and share it with us because our meals are made more memorable, our lives are made more full, when you share them with us.

*There will not be Dinner Church on February 24th as Mardi Gras is the next day.

Message from the Music Director

Winter greetings to all from the organ bench! We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas season at Jubilee, and I want to thank the members of the choir for their hard work and determination. Our Dylan Thomas Welsh Christmas concert was very well received and a joy to perform. It was wonderful to collaborate with Rev. Norm, who read Thomas' poetry with great expression. This year, we offered an afternoon concert and folks commented that it was a nice change from our Sunday morning Christmas service format. A special thank you to our Quartet of choir leads who splendidly set the Welsh mood. The leadership of Marie Criscione (soprano), Cheron Christmas-LaFleur (alto), Dylan Hillyer (tenor) and Douglas Gallant (bass) adds a great deal of vocal and artistic expertise to the choir's preparations and the weekly worship services.

The choir is busy preparing for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter season. We are presenting some new pieces and re-visiting some of our traditional repertoire over the coming months. A special thank you to Cheron Christmas-LaFleur for her tireless work as Choir President and Librarian!

On Saturday evening, May 23, we are presenting a concert that celebrates the spring season in all of its varied colours and moods. We will sing madrigals, pastoral songs, solos, vocal jazz arrangements, and offer you some interesting surprises! Please support this event and enjoy the choir outside of our usual Sunday role!

Rimbala has been very successful this season. We are offering two fun-filled classes on Thursdays, and they are both free of charge to the Jubilee community and the broader public! The beginner level class usually has at least 10 participants and we have explored two-voice counterpoint, gait entrainment, varieties of beat and many coordination exercises and activities. The intermediate class meets at 4 p.m. and we are exploring compound metre and complementary rhythm. Please consider coming out for a class to experience what we do!

Blessings,
Daniel

FREE RIMBALA CLASSES CONTINUE AT JUBILEE in 2020!

- Do you worry about falling – especially as winter approaches?
- Have you noticed that your movements are becoming more jerky or awkward as you age?
- Are you concerned that memory loss may spoil your golden years?

If yes, then **Rimbala** might be for you, and they are **free at Jubilee!**

Rimbala combines live, improvised music with simple and fun movement activities to help seniors improve balance, mobility and memory. Similar programs in Europe have been scientifically proven to reduce the risk of falls by 54%! Scientists are also researching how these programs are effective in the prevention and control of Alzheimer's disease.

Rimbala was developed by Dr. Daniel Rubinoff, PhD, Music Director at Jubilee, and a professional performer, composer and teacher.

Classes begin on Thursday, Jan. 9 and run weekly all winter and spring. You can sign up for the 10:00 a.m. class or the 4:00 p.m. class. Try out a class, come for some of the weekly classes, or come for all of them! The classes take place in the auditorium and are 55 minutes in duration.

If you have questions about **Rimbala**, then please contact Daniel directly:

416 709 8381, or by email: rubinoffdaniel@gmail.com

Visit Daniel's new website for more info: www.rimbala.com

A few highlights from Christmas at Jubilee, including the Christmas Dinner; Carolling; Service for the Longest Night; Cookie Sale; our newest friends, Ivan and Sherry, from Uganda; Pyjama Church; and Christmas Eve Services.





Not yet a
Whodunnit...

MYSTERY DINNER

First, it's a
Who Will Do It?

How would you like to help produce another Mystery Dinner @Jubilee?

Our last dinner was so popular that other churches are lining up to borrow Ed Rutherford's clever and entertaining script. Well, Ed is prepared to produce another script for a Mystery to be solved toward the end of October.

What a great way to continue to celebrate Jubilee's Twentieth Anniversary.

The challenge is that we don't have a team to produce the event. We need to arrange for food, set up and clean up, ticket sales, promotion... we have some people and resources to make these things happen, but we need a team to coordinate and take responsibility. This a great opportunity to get your feet wet if you've never done anything like this before – and a great chance to share your experience and wisdom if you're an old hand at this.

If you might be able to make this Murder Mystery Dream a reality, please speak with Rev. Seli!



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 25th @630pm
Pancakes, Bacon, Sausages and ICE CREAM!
(they don't call it FAT TUESDAY for nothin')

Ukulele, Guitar and Banjo Players – Bring your axe!
We will be singing and playing (music available Feb 10 -Church Office)
Others, bring a story or a talent
– there will be Open Mic Entertainment with Dinner (3 minutes each)



Jubilee UNITED CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

Service with Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, February 26
at 8am and 12noon
(service will be 15 - 20 minutes)

Imposition of Ashes
also available between 430 - 600pm
during Open Doors Prayer Time

Council Report

Council has held two Council Meetings since my last report. These Council meetings took place on Monday, December 9, 2019, and Monday, January 13, 2020.

Our Christmas season was a resounding success this year. The highlights included well-attended worship services; beautiful Christmas in Wales concert, including narration from Norm; an enjoyable Choristers concert; a charming Christmas pageant; thought-provoking *Definitely NOT Church*; a delicious Christmas dinner; an excellent Community turkey dinner; a new do-nothing day; and a successful first-time cookie fundraiser. We had a full house for *Muffin Church* with some new people in attendance who enjoyed the creative format.

Please see Rev. Norm Seli's report in *Jubilation* for the Ministers' Report. Attendance was good for our Christmas season, resulting in "lots of joy and connection with our community." In 2020, we can look forward to *Muffin Church* about four times a year, improved sermon podcasts, more Saturday programming, another *Do-Nothing Day* and new opportunities for bible study. Our congregation has experienced some pastoral concerns during recent months. We will be holding a grief support group in the first months of the year to meet this need.

Resistance Church has moved on-line and is attracting an audience throughout North America. The audience is primarily women between 24 and 40 years of age. These services are more conversational and include pop-up services and daily prayers. A live-streamed service will be held at Jubilee on Feb 2nd. The music of Leonard Cohen will be featured. Going forward, our 20/20 celebrations will include a new fundraising dinner and some interesting concerts. Our successful regular programming will continue into the New Year.

Rev. Anne Dionisio reported on the children's programs. Godly Play has restarted with Anne acting as a resource and Haley Brown, Toni Capozzi, Vivienne Wit, and some of our teenagers in leadership roles. Monthly *Dinner Church*, held on the fourth Monday of each month, focuses on parables and provides the attendees with good company for dinner. The Sunday morning youth group has begun. This program is based loosely on the lectionary. Our Christmas windows featuring 'hope' in different languages are attracting attention. The windows will stay up until Lent with more words of 'hope' added to them.

Council approved the financial reports to the end of December 2019, as reported. Gary Norris reported that he is quite pleased that the net loss of (\$83.6K) is less than the budget of (\$95.2K.) Our revenue (\$17.9K) is under budget due to Givings of (\$16.7K) below budget, Fundraisers of (\$10.2K) below budget. However, we had Facilities Rentals of \$9K above budget. We will continue to approach the congregation to increase their level of Givings. Our major fundraisers of Bridge, the Garage Sale, and ArtCraft brought in slightly less funds than expected. As a result, we are planning a 20/20 fundraising dinner next year to help with our fundraising dollars. Council expressed concern over our revenue and discussed ideas to increase Givings and Fundraising in 2020.

Our expenses are \$29.5K under budget due to Salaries and Benefits of \$16.4K under budget, Maintenance & Repairs \$9.1K under budget and Christian Development \$4K under budget. The savings in Salaries and Benefits are due to Rev Anne's maternity leave. The costs for our intern Jason during her pregnancy leave was less than our budget for Anne's salary. The Maintenance & Repair amount is lower than the budget due to good management and time constraints. The repair costs may change since some 2019 bills may still be outstanding. We continue to control our costs well and are keeping the majority of our expenses within budget.

Our Investment Income of \$127K is sufficient to cover our net loss on the operating fund of (\$83.6K) due to good market performance. Therefore, overall, Jubilee has covered the net loss on our operating fund.

Barb Measures reported on the two new refugees, Ivan and Sherrie, who are our sixth refugee group. Ivan and Sherrie are experiencing some challenges in adapting to life in Canada, but are arranging housing, connecting with new friends, and looking forward to working in the future.

Iona Williams is moving away from volunteering with the refugee group, but will continue with Outreach. Over the Christmas season, Outreach collected diapers, socks, and gloves for those in need and made Christmas cards for the Revera seniors housing residents.

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The Christmas dinner was a huge success with Val Winters and Sue Hawton doing the cooking. The dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. More people wanted to attend the Christmas dinner than we could accommodate. Council discussed ways to include more people in the future with possibly a second sitting or the use of more parts of the church.

Charlie Scott reported that at the Social Committee meeting in December, the committee reflected on their successes with Bid Euchre, Benjamin Gabbay's concert, and the bus trip to St. Jacobs last year. The Murder Mystery dinner was a great success, but volunteers were an issue. The committee is questioning whether this kind of event should be carried out by them. The committee is considering a variety of different events with reasonable ticket prices for the year to come.

For Facilities, Barbara Rutherford announced that the Amadeus choir concert would be Saturday, February 8th and will be followed by the Kiwanis music festival in the last two weeks of February. Please be aware of the related time, space, and people constraints.

Council is planning a Visioning Day to happen sometime in the first quarter of the year. Those who are interested can attend and discuss our goals for the future of Jubilee. This Visioning Day will be lead by an outside facilitator. During the Visioning Day, we will also discuss setting up a central volunteer group to work across events for jobs such as set-up, ticket sales, promotion and clean-up. This will help with dinners such as the Murder Mystery, where the social committee found they did not have enough volunteer support.

Work on the Nominations Committee for 2020 has begun with Charlie Scott as Chair. If you are a Committee Chair or Council Member, please let Charlie know if you are continuing into the next year.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8th and will have a similar format to the last few years' meetings. It will be held in the auditorium after church and Council lunch will be provided. All Committee Chairs and Council Members should have their reports in to Dianne Clare by Friday, January 31, 2020.

Please come out and join us for our Annual Meeting! You can have a nice lunch a catch up on what is happening at Jubilee.

Elizabeth Clarke
Chair of Council



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday, is the Thursday before Easter. Christians remember it as the day of the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as the Eucharist or Communion.

Just so you know, the word "maundy" likely comes from the mangling of the Latin, "Mandatum novum do vobis" ("a new commandment I give to you.")

Now that you know everything, perhaps you would like to join us at Jubilee for a

Maundy Thursday Service to be held on Thursday, April 9th, at 6:00 pm.

It will be an intimate service of worship around the table sharing food and friendship.

In the sharing of a simple meal, we will search for meaning in the symbols and memories that are always with us. We will have foot and/or handwashing; we will share food, laughter, companionship and we will complete the evening with candles and a shared telling of The Last Supper, the Betrayal, the Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus.

The service will be casual and intimate, and you are invited.

All that we ask is that you sign up so that we can prepare the appropriate amount of food for all. The sign-up sheet should be easy to find in the front foyer in March... or you can phone the church office, or even email nseli@jubileeunited.ca



JUBILEE SPRING BRIDGE 2020

At
JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH
40 Underhill Dr.

BRIDGE INSTRUCTION BY JOHN RAYNER

Canadian Open Pairs Championship winner
Canadian Senior Team Championship winner

Twice captain/coach of the Canadian Woman's National team at World Bridge Championships in Istanbul and Beijing

ONE DAY ONLY: **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020**

PROGRAM:

- 9:15 am Get name tags and meet over coffee
10:00 - 12:00 Bridge Instruction: Opener's Rebids and Clarifying the Reverse by Opener
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (included in the fee)
1:00 - 3:00 More Bridge Instruction: Opener's Rebids continued

COST: \$60.00 cash or current cheques payable to Jubilee United Church

Information on Registration

Register by contacting
Marie at 416-222-9329 or 416-560-0187
mmcroe@rogers.com

If this is not convenient, there will be a registration at
Jubilee on Friday, February 21. 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada

Free Concert at Jubilee United Church

Thursday, March 5th at 7:30pm



The Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada
is the oldest permanently organized band in Canada.
Based at Fort York in Toronto, it has represented its
country, province, and city throughout the world since 1863.



This Concert is part of the celebration of Jubilee United Church's 20th anniversary of service to the community.
Donations for the continued work of Jubilee will be gratefully received, but admission to the concert is free.

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SPRING LECTURE SERIES



COMPOSERS AND THEIR MUSIC – by Joseph Sharon

March 4: Opera Choruses

No opera is complete without a least one good chorus. In this presentation, we'll enjoy some of the best-known opera choruses by Verdi, Wagner, Weber, and Puccini and get to know their context.

March 11: The Songs of Franz Schubert

The art song (“Lied”), the perfect marriage of poetry and music, is the flower of romanticism. Join Joseph as he takes you on a journey through nature, love, and tragedy in the early 19th century.

March 18: Curious Instruments

Names like Pan-flute, Baryton or Jew's Harp might not be common in the concert hall, but they are not merely musical curiosities – they have an interesting history, as well as unique repertoire, written by well-known composers (and some less well-known).

March 25: Female Composers

It's a man's world – certainly when it comes to creating music. Yet, throughout history, we encounter talented females who dared to challenge this belief and create music. In this presentation, we will meet not just 'wife of ...' or “sister of ...” but great artists in their own right.

A few words about our presenter:

JOSEPH SHARON has been immersed in the arts from a very young age. This passion led him to earning a Bachelor's Degree at the Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem, Israel, prior to travelling to Milan, Italy to study at the Civica Scuola di Musica, and later to Switzerland where he studied Performance Practice of Music from the Renaissance and Middle Ages at the Schola Cantorum in Basel.

Four Wednesday afternoons

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Mar. 4 / 11 / 18 / 25

Cost of Each Series \$25

Individual Lectures \$10

Registration

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