



Bayview United Church Newsletter

May 27th, 2018.



Spring Greetings!

As I write this article it finally feels like spring has arrived after a long winter. It is so nice to see the green grass, tulips and daffodils blooming. The leaves on the trees are budding and will soon be covering the branches. It is an awesome time of new birth that I revel in each year.

On Sunday May 20th, 50 days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, which is the spring harvest festival of the Israelites. On this day, strong winds and tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit, burst into the house where the disciples and their friends from surrounding countries gathered. As the wind blew through the home, tongues of fire touched each person with the Spirit of God. As a result, the people could all understand each other, even though they spoke in different languages. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church. Happy Birthday everyone!

As we reach the end of May we are gearing down from another busy and successful year of activities and outreach. I am ever so grateful for the commitment and dedication of our congregational members. It means so much to see your deep faith shining through the ministries you have with each other and extend into the wider community.

The month of June is packed with special celebrations. As a congregation we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on June 3rd and on June 10th we celebrate the 93rd anniversary of our United Church of Canada, as well as, the promotion of our young people. On June 17th we give thanks for Fathers and on June 24th we will have a Summerfest Service, pot-luck lunch and games for all ages in the Fellowship Hall. Then on Sunday July 1st we will celebrate Canada. You are invited to wear red and white to commemorate Canada Day.

During the month of July, I will be leading the Sunday Worship Services and in August, we will have guest speakers while I am on holidays. Our annual Planning Day will be on Saturday August 25th held at the church this year. I am grateful that for the past 11 years the ministry teams were willing to drive to my home in Cheltenham.

I hope you will be part of as many services and events as you are able. May you have a safe and happy summer.

With blessings and Joy,
Rev. Cooper

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Chair of Council

Submitted by C. MacLean

There have been two council meetings since the Annual Congregational meeting. Here are some of the highlights from those meetings.

We recognize the transportation challenges in the GTA and are making changes to the location of two upcoming events to make them more accessible for everyone.

The annual planning day will be held on August 25 at the church; details for the event will be sent in early August.

On June 24th our first Summerfest event will be held in Fellowship Hall with an informal worship service followed by a delicious potluck lunch and games for all ages.

Members of Council approved financial grants for youth in our congregation who are planning to attend a United Church or other Christian camp this summer. Please contact K. Shikaze for more details on the grants.

In June we will bid farewell to S. Vidovic, the Tenor Section Lead in the choir. We thank him for sharing his gift of music with us over the last year and wish him well as he completes his studies at the Glenn Gould School.

Under L. Fujita's leadership, a database of members and friends of Bayview United is being developed that will centralize changes to the contact information and status. A new telephone tree will be created to improve our ability to contact and share information in our community.

Our search for leaders for the Youth and Sunday School classes continues with ads posted at Emmanuel and Knox Colleges and at Toronto Conference. Until those positions are filled we are asking for volunteers to lead classes for September.

This year the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre will be recognizing the contributions made by churches to the Japanese Canadian community at their Nostalgia Night 2018 held in July. At this year's celebration, K. and R. Shikaze have agreed to attend and receive the award for Bayview United Church.

It is my great privilege to be a part of a caring and joy filled community and hope you have a wonderful summer.



Community and Global Partnership

Submitted by I. Kagawa

DVRR: An Eritrean family of four arrived in late March and are slowly settling in. For years, the Nearly New Shop at Lansing United Church has donated clothing and other items to help our DVRR refugees. After being closed for renovations, they are re-opening soon and will appreciate your donated items. All income will go towards their outreach activities.

Mission and Service Stew Day was held on March 4th. Stew sales (\$383.75), bake table (\$140), Japanese food table (\$286) and cookbooks (\$16.25) raised a total of \$826.50 for our Mission and Service Fund.

On January 24th, Mission Sunday, we served delicious homemade soup and raised \$368. Our Lenten offerings (\$1,812) brought the total to \$2,180. An additional \$1,000 was added from the Audrey Sasaki Fukuzawa Fund making a total of \$3,180 which was forwarded to Doctors without Borders.

On Sundays, our team members have been reading the Calls to Action set forth by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We hope that by reading this, it will make us aware of this very important issue.

As you can see, it takes many hands to make soup, stew, baked goods, Japanese food, etc. Your support enables us to raise money for the above mentioned organizations. Thank you.



Ongoing

Eva's Place: All toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. are accepted weekly to help the youth at Eva's Place.

Food Bank: You are invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Lansing Food Bank.

Eyeglasses Project: We are accepting old or no longer used eyeglasses and sunglasses to support teams of doctors running volunteer eye clinics in many countries.

The Leprosy Mission Canada: Please bring your used postage stamps to church that are cut out from the envelopes, leaving about a 1/4 inch paper border.

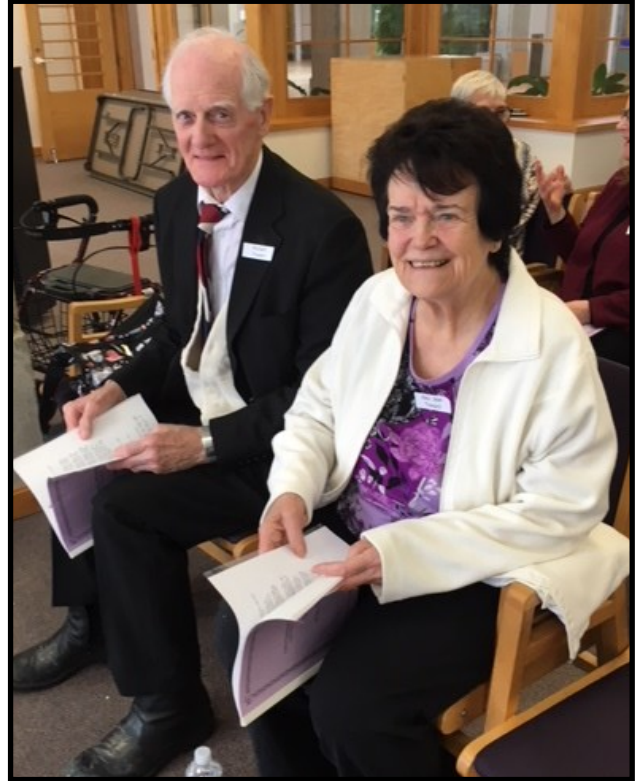
Nearly New Shop: This shop at Lansing United Church will be happy to receive your gently used clothing, toys, kitchenware, shoes, jewelry, baby clothes, bedding, and other linen goods. There is a list on the bulletin board of acceptable items and where and when they can be delivered.

Women's Fellowship Circle

Submitted by A. Kunihiro

The annual Daybreak was held on Saturday, February 10th, 2018, at the Momiji Seniors Centre. Forty-two ladies enjoyed our guest speaker, Rev. J. Toward, a spiritual intuitive, clairvoyant and spiritual healer. Rev. Toward shared some of her stories with us and offered individual readings. The following is an excerpt from J. Cermak's experience:

"Our speaker for Daybreak this year was Rev. J. Toward, a clairvoyant and spiritual healer. When I was coming here today, the woman who gave me a ride asked me what the presentation would be about. I said, "Rev. Toward is an intuitive – she can sense things about people even if she hasn't met them before. She's going to tell each of us what she senses about us, and offer insights into our lives." My friend didn't answer, and after a pause, I continued, "So sit in the back row and don't make eye contact." We both laughed. My companion said, "And I'll scrunch right down." I was planning to scrunch right down too – I was a bit nervous about what Rev. Toward would say to me, and the fact that the whole group would hear what she had to say.



R. and J. Toward



Front Row: S. Fukushima, S. Fujita, G. Kondo

Rev. Toward began by sharing some of her story with us. She told us that from a young age she had had an ability to sense what was going on in other people's lives, and that her ability ran in her family, back several generations, and also forward, to her two daughters. She offered to speak to each person in our group of more than forty women, and also assured us that anyone who didn't want a reading could pass. Then she began speaking to each person individually. After she had spoken to a few individuals, it was clear that most people could hardly wait for their turn.

I still remember what Rev. Toward said to me, but with a room full of people, I didn't remember what she had said to others. I found that was a common reaction – each woman remembered what Jean said about her, but was pretty vague about what was said to others. So although she spoke in front of everyone, each individual had a rather private encounter with her. We really appreciated Rev. Toward's sharing her gift with us, and her husband's bringing her here from Stoney Creek, on such a snowy winter day."

Our thanks to R. Shikaze and her committee for spearheading this event and to all the ladies who prepared the delicious lunch of cold cuts, salads and desserts.



Lunchtime

The major activity of the WFC is the weekly coffee service, in support of the Mission & Service Fund. Thanks to the ladies and men who provide assorted lunches; the price was raised to \$2.50 as of January 7th, 2018.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the various workbees for the Momiji Bazaar and the JCCC Bazaar.



G. Omoto, K. Oiye, R. Shikaze, B. Arai, P. Taira



J. Cermak

Sunday Morning Flowers

Flowers remind us of the beauty of nature. At our service, the altar flowers convey peace and friendship.

The church appreciates the lovely Ikebana arrangements created by E. Yoshioka, G. Omoto, P. Taira, B. Lou Arai, M. Sakamoto and K. Oiye on the first Sunday of the month.

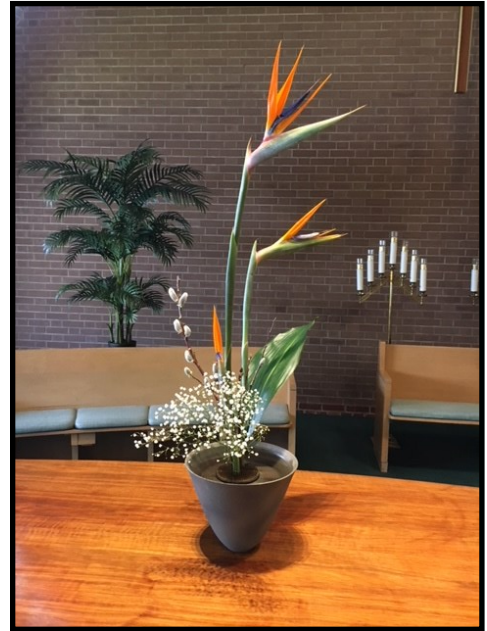
Thank you to all who placed flowers for a memorial, a special occasion, or a profound event.

B. & D. Rivait
I., H. & B. Kagawa
R. & K. Shikaze
S., J. & K. Liddle
J., B., C. & G. Abe
M. Ito & family
L. & K. Fujita
G. Evans and family
R. McIntyre and family
N. & A. Keen and family
H. Ioi and family
M. Sakamoto and family
Anonymous

Flowers were given to brighten their day:

J. Sakamoto
L. Nagano
R. Clare
D. Pelton
B. & S. Tomihiro
M. Hirowatari
K. Quinton
E. Watanabe
P. Watanabe
M. Seto
Momiji Health Care
B. Marshall
M. Griffiths
D. Amos
S. Quinton
S. Tanaka
T. Nakajima
Cedarhurst Home
M. Sakamoto
Yee Hong Senior Centre
Yonge Street Memorial Site

Thank you for your kindness,
C. Ichien



The above Ikebana arrangement was created by K. Oiye, and placed by K. and L. Fujita in loving memory of Chloe Mary Mitsue May .



The Memorial Flowers above were presented by R. Clare and family in loving memory of husband and father Harvey and dear daughter and sister Jocelyn.

News from the Hospitality and Care Team

The H & C Team continues to keep busy by providing pastoral care support to our congregation. Our thanks to R. Shikaze and all H & C members for keeping in touch with those in need of pastoral care. If you know of anyone who would like a visit or a phone call from Rev. Cooper or our H & C Team, please let Rev. Cooper or R. Shikaze know.

We sent greeting cards to some church members. These included get well cards, sympathy cards, cards for special wedding anniversaries, and cards observing extra special birthdays.

Our H & C Team along with some members of our church delivered a Christmas gift or card to our shut-ins in December. Thank you E. Turnbull, D. Yatabe, and D. Domelle for organizing this meaningful ministry.

The H & C Team along with some folk at Momiji, will provide lunch for members and friends at Momiji on June 21st. Following the lunch K. Quinton will lead us in a sing song.

Our Reiki Team offered a session on March 11th. We were unable to have a session in June, but will have a session in the Fall. Thank you Reiki Team.

H & C hosted Sharing Tables on February 4th and May 6th. One was a Valentine theme and the other a Mother's Day theme. Thank you to all who contributed and thank you to J. Maikawa and H & C members for looking after the tables.

The Prayer Supporters continue to offer prayers to those in need. Thank you to B. Marshall for the cards of support she sent out. To make a confidential prayer request, please contact B. Marshall or E. Turnbull. Thank you Prayer Supporters for your ongoing prayers.

A Healing Prayer Service took place on Sunday, April 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It was a meaningful time for those who attended.

With Joy, The H & C Team.

DEATHS:

November 29, 2017	Bob Robinson
January 10, 2018	Yo Kato
February 28, 2018	Al Burnes
March 17, 2018	Penny loi
April 1, 2018	Sue Nakashima
April 2, 2018	Jim Sakamoto
April 5, 2018	Kathleen (Kay) Astle
April 14, 2018	Yasuko (Mae) Miyauchi
May 11, 2018	Joe Togawa
May 12, 2018	Shin Taira

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:

101st: A. Murakami (March 13, 2018)
102nd: U. Kuba (January 28, 2018)

In Fellowship Hall...

Family Day at BUC February 18th, 2018.



Family Day at BUC was held on Feb. 18th under the leadership of D. Yatabe. Many thanks to everyone who brought in their family favourite dishes for the potluck lunch. The amount and variety of food was quite amazing. We had 39 people contribute food and some of them brought more than one dish. Delicious! Thank you D. Yatabe and H & C Team and L. Fujita for all your work on this event.



St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th, 2018.

Submitted by D. Worth

Led on by the musical talents of J. Cermak and J. Brooker, our green-clad congregation paid tribute to Ireland's patron saint with a rousing sing-a-long and a hearty potluck supper.

Others who came in on cue were:

Soloists: P. Tibbles (When Irish Eyes are Smiling)

E. Scott (Laurence Welk's Closing Song)

Quartet: Rafael, Alfredo, Domingo, Michel (Besame Mucho)

Spoons: K. Quinton and B. Jackson

Decorations: A. Smiley and B. Jackson

Organization and Publicity: L. Fujita and C. and L. MacLean

Quiz: J. Cermak



L. MacLean



R. Shikaze, K. Shikaze, K. Fujita

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day

St. Patrick's Day Continued

Each year we learn a bit more about the Irish. For instance, this year we learned that the Irish introduced the green vegetable Okra to the world. Its original spelling was with an "O" apostrophe – O'Kra. What we did not learn was how the Irish conned the rest of the world into celebrating their March the 17th.



J. Brooker



In the foreground, C. Masuda and N. Emms.

Stewardship

Submitted by K. Shikaze



Y. Chiba, Handbells on Palm Sunday

The following verse from Hymn 518 is what we have been singing for the last few Sundays as we dedicate our offering.

*A world in need now summons us to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.*

The verse reminds me of the famous quote from Mahatma Gandhi

“Live Simply So Others May Simply Live.”

This is difficult to achieve in this twenty-first century environment, but we can still think about the concept and attempt to achieve it at least to some small degree.

I don't like to nag but I would like to remind you of PAR as an alternative way of supporting your church. PAR is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. The United Church administers the program following the giver's wishes (e.g., a specified amount for local church expenses and another specified amount for the Mission and Service Fund). Once a month, all PAR donations will be debited from your bank account and then the total, less a service fee of \$0.50, will be electronically transferred to BUC's bank account. PAR reduces the volunteer time that is required to record your donation to BUC. Let me know if you would like to support your church using PAR.



Good Friday

We reviewed the financial results for the first quarter at the Council Meeting on May 6 and we were a bit better than budget for that time period. Thanks to everyone for their financial stewardship.

Property and Administration

Submitted by L. Fujita

The Property and Administration team has several big projects planned for the summer months. Our first major project is to work on a standardized address database which will be used for all mailings and correspondence with the congregation. We will create labels from this database and keep it up to date. This way all our communication will be consistent. We will be updating our records and contacting everyone to confirm:

- If their address, phone and email are correct

- If they wish to continue to be on the BUC mailing list

So, if you know of any errors or changes, please let either M. Leone or L. Fujita know asap.

Property projects include removal of the dead tree on the north side of the building and repair and/or replacement of the sidewalk, handicap ramp and two entrance porches on the north side.

We will be installing a security camera at the main entrance to ensure the safety of members, tenants and staff who may be working alone in the building.

We are also looking for volunteers to be trained in first aid, CPR and use of the defibrillator. These should be people who attend church frequently and are willing to act as BUC first responders in the event of an emergency. If you are willing to take on this important role, please contact L. Fujita.

Our custodian, K. Campbell, has advised that he plans to take the summer off so we have hired K. Bryan to function as the custodian over the summer. Please introduce yourself to him on Sunday.

There are a few other smaller projects which we are currently tendering for quotes so you will see some changes and updates in various areas of the church over the next few months.

This week, N. Emms reminded us of this relatable quote.



Sparrow Lake Camp is now accepting registrations for children's summer camp. Please visit their website at <http://www.sparrowlakecamp.com/> for more information and to register. BUC is willing to provide \$250.00 (each) towards the cost of a camp experience for children who wish to attend Sparrow Lake or any other United Church or Christian camp this summer. If interested, please speak to K. Shikaze.

Sat. June 9th - BUC Golf Tournament will be held at Whispering Ridge Golf Course at the Lakeridge Golf facility. Tee off beginning at 12 noon. The cost this year is the same as last year: \$130 if you want to ride a power cart and \$110 if you walk. The fee includes golf, dinner and a prize and as in previous years the emphasis is on having fun. If you would like to golf this year, please let K. Shikaze know.

Please pass the word around to anyone you know who might be interested in joining us.

This year any funds raised will go towards replacing the sidewalk at the church, which is badly deteriorated. As usual, golf prizes are always appreciated.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets downstairs every Tuesday and Thursday at 8pm.

For more information, call our main help line: 416-487-5591.

If you have a problem with alcohol, we have the solution.

* **The Women's Fellowship Circle** *
 * **annual Wind-Up on** *
 * **June 1st, has been cancelled.** *



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