



Keeping In Touch With You - November 2010

McKillop United Church - Christmas Newsletter

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We have heard you asking ...

There has been a great deal of change happening at McKillop in the last little while, and we have heard people asking what it is about, and what the goal of all this is. I may not have all the answers, or even all the questions, but I will address the ones I have heard most often.

1. How are we managing with just one minister, when we have been used to two?

Since we could not apply for super powers for Trevor, M & P has done an excellent job of finding people to fill in some of the gaps that were left when Cathy departed.

Rebekah Eckert is preaching one Sunday each month, leading two book study groups, leading the Wednesday morning Bible study and helps in worship planning.

Tammy Bolstad is working with Carolyn Stevenson and the Sunday school teachers to ensure program and activities are provided to the children of McKillop.

Kathleen Clements is doing the volunteer coordinator liaison job. She is responsible for recruiting people to do the volunteer things we need done. This includes the ushers, scripture readers, tech people, or any other duty that needs a volunteer.

Serena Visser is leading worship for L'Arche every other month (our usual time slot) and is doing marriage prep for wedding couples.

Trevor tells me he is doing fine. Quite busy, but keeping up. He asked me to express his thanks to all the other people, not mentioned here, who have stepped up to the plate and helped out with things that have needed doing. Just because we did not mention your name, does not mean we do not appreciate the help!

2. What is happening with the technology in the church?

When Trevor arrived some people noticed that his preaching style does not lend itself well to printed copies of a sermon being sent to those who cannot attend in person. They came forward and suggested that the sermons could be audio recorded, and that we could produce podcasts to distribute the sermon even farther. They also came forward with nearly 2/3 of the money required to do the upgrades needed to complete this project. We also had a number of people volunteer their professional skills to actually install the equipment we needed.

So here is what has gone on:

- > We received \$17,000 from various people to upgrade the technology and record the sermons. The Memorial Committee decided to contribute \$10,000 to this project as well.
- > Church Council was approached with the idea in the fall of 2009 and voted in favour of carrying out the technology upgrades. We have been regularly updated on the progress.
- > We have purchased two projectors, a computer to project the words and images during services, another to record the sermons, a new video camera, lights and cabling to connect it all together.
- > Several people, including Jim McNally and Larry Conley, came together to create the best system in the Alberta and Northwest Conference for recording the services and enhancing our worship experience.

> Matthew Conley and Judy Martz have given our website a makeover so the sermons could be viewed on line.

The video recorded sermons are available on our website, www.mckillopuned.ca. Since the beginning of September we have had about 1100 people view sermons for a total of 20,000 minutes. We have also been able to use the new technology for Cracking Open Lent and for the Halloween party. It will also be available to record weddings and funerals.

What's next? We are still planning to upgrade the wireless microphones and improve video projection quality for both services.

Thanks to all who have contributed, both money and expertise, to this project that will help us keep up to the modern world and hold the interest of the next generation.

3. Who is the 2020 group, and what are they up to?

This is a think tank group that was suggested and started by Cathy and Trevor, after approval by Council. Their goal is to think about what we want McKillop to look like in the year 2020. To accomplish this they will be looking for data to help us make decisions proactively to benefit our future.

The 2020 Group has been studying the book "Raising the Roof: The Pastoral-to-Program Size Transition" as a way of seeing McKillop in a different light. They have been collecting data on the building use of McKillop, the worship capacity of the sanctuary, a parking analysis, an Environics survey of Lethbridge, the demographics of the congregation, a financial analysis of giving at McKillop, and recently, trying to understand the values of the congregation which are different than ethics. The 2020 group has made a report to the JNAC committee and in the future will be sharing the data they have discovered with the Church Council. The information they bring us will belong to the Congregation and the Council to use in determining what we want McKillop to look like in the future.

The group is made up of people from McKillop, both long time members and new members, representative of both services. They recognize there is much value in where we have come from and appreciate the contributions of all those who have made McKillop what it is today, but they also recognize that the needs of the next generation may be different. The group is looking for ways to help us meet the needs of both.

Members are: Terry Vogt, Leslie Lavers, Inga Jesswein, Alanna Odorski, Jess McKenzie, Dan LeBlond and Dave Morris. They bring with them a variety of backgrounds and skills. Their common goal is to keep McKillop a relevant, meaningful and supportive place for now and into the future. Seek one of them out, ask what they have been up to. They will be happy to share.

Judy told me I only had one page available, I talked her into letting me fill both sides; I see I have done that, so I will have to stop here. Watch this space for future discussions.

Blessings

Ron Hoar
Chair, Church Council

ADOPT-A-FAMILY from Lethbridge College and make someone's Christmas bright! Put together a hamper consisting of food, a Christmas Dinner, some treats, as well as small gifts for students & their children. For details call Mary Shillington (402-380-4281) by Nov. 24th.



Let the Light Come Forth
Christmas Blessings from Trevor

When I ponder Christmas, I think of light coming in the darkness so we can find new creation and re-creation. For me, the birth of Jesus often symbolizes the opportunity to find a spark of light leading to new beginnings in the midst of ordinary life. Jesus was born in a time of great political and social upheaval in ancient Palestine. His family was probably made up of peasants on the verge of poverty in the midst of military violence. Yet the Divine was present in these circumstances, not by bringing miracles, but becoming present and illuminated in community through Jesus, so all could find their path to wholeness and healing. Christmas is a time to celebrate all the ways numerous sparks of light are being birthed among and within us for our re-creation – our finding hope – our reaching out to others to bring these glad tidings.

In so many ways, I believe there are more sparks of light at McKillop than we can count:

- All the people helping us to be vibrant and active in our time of transition – helping in worship, leading groups and the Women's retreat, giving creativity to the Sunday School, organizing the Pet Blessing, starting Labyrinth walks on Tuesdays, working in the community through the food bank and soup kitchen.
- Another successful Fall Fare; many thanks to everyone who helped!
- The JNAC committee and the 2020 Group for their care and concern about McKillop's future. They are very diligent in their work.
- The work of the UCW around child poverty.

And there is so much more to come with Advent and Christmas – the CGIT Vespers, the Drama the children and youth offer, the exceptional Musicale (Thanks to Ken Rogers, Marilyn Sinclair, and Deb Logan) and all our Christmas Eve Services.

And do not forget the New Year with lots of learning activities, from the 'God Project' to our regular Bible Study and Book Studies. And we can also get involved in our community through helping with ECM, the Interfaith Food Bank, the Soup Kitchen, Fair Trade products or maybe you have a new project, a new spark of light giving you passion and you want to birth it through our ministry at McKillop.

All of us in the office feel blessed to be sharing in the ministry at McKillop. There is a strong sense of community and people are so generous of spirit. We are truly a circle of ministry and as we move towards Christmas and the New Year, we give thanks for your gifts of care, enthusiasm, and presence.

God's peace and hope be with you in this season of Light, coming forth to re-create us.

**Committee Reports for the
ANNUAL REPORT are due
NO LATER THAN January 10, 2011.**

Weddings 

AUBREE ITO & BRENNON ST. AMAND
SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

KALI MCKAY & STEFAN HOOD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

AMBER LUTZ & BRIAN BRAUN
OCTOBER 2, 2010

SHIRLEY HANNAN & JOHN HUZIL
OCTOBER 16, 2010

JUDI SELKIRK & AL FORBES
NOVEMBER 12, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Nov 28 Advent 1 (2 services)
Nov 29 ECM Christmas Dinner at Leth. College
Dec 5 Advent 2 (2 services) Communion
CGIT Vesper Service 7:00 pm
Dec 10 "Jesus & Jammies" Sleepover at church
for kids 7 – 10 yrs (Gr. 2 – 5)
Dec 11 rehearsal for Advent Drama 9:00 am
Dec 12 Advent 3
Combined Worship at 10:30 am
ADVENT Worship Drama led by
Sunday School & Vital Link Youth
Lunch at 11:30 am
Dec 19 Advent 4
Christmas Musicale at 10:00 am
CTS Christmas SingaLong at 11:30 am

Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Services**
4:00 pm Especially for Kids
7:00 pm All Ages Worship
9:00 pm Quieter Worship

- Dec 26 Traditional Worship at 10:00 am
(no nursery or church school available)
Jan 2 Traditional Worship at 10:00 am
(no nursery or church school available)
Jan 9 Two worship services &
Sunday School/Nursery
Jan 12 Wed. AM Bible Study begins 9:30 am
Jan 14 Inner Quest Book Study resumes
Jan 19 "The God Project" 6 wk study begins
Jan 20 Thursday Evening Book Study resumes
Feb 6 **Combined Worship at 10:30 am**
Annual General Meeting & Lunch
Feb 12 Explorer Valentine Tea
Mar 4,5 Renewing Relationship Workshop
Mar 8 Ash Wednesday on Tuesday
Pancake Supper & Worship
Mar 12 CGIT Shamrock Brunch
Apr 17 Palm Sunday (2 services)
Apr 22 Good Friday 10:00 AM Worship service
Apr 24 Easter Worship at 8:00 and 10:00 am
Breakfast at 8:30 am

Christmas Eve Offering: As in past years, all loose offering on Christmas Eve will be split with half going to the McKillop Internship Fund and half to the Women's Resource Centre. While we don't "pass the plate" on Christmas Eve, we do have baskets by the doors and we hope you will share from your abundance.

Santa's Favourite Story



Advent Worship Drama

Led by the
Sunday School
& Vital Link

December 12 at 10:30 AM

Worship for ALL Ages
Lunch after in the Upper Hall
(freewill offering to cover lunch expenses)

David Mikuliak & Sheldon Arvay
in concert at McKillop
Saturday, December 4th at 2:00 pm

"My Favourite Christmas Song"

Featuring songs from their new Christmas CD



"My Favourite Christmas Song"



Freewill Offering at the door,

proceeds to Ecumenical Campus Ministry

CDs available \$15

Jesus and Jammies

Hey kids! What could be better than a fun-filled program, a sleepover at the church, and breakfast the next morning?

When: **Fri. Dec. 10 – Sat. Dec. 11**

Time: 7 pm to 9 am the next morning

Where: McKillop United Church

Who: **Children from 7 – 10 years old
(Gr. 2 – 5) (Sorry, no exceptions)**

Cost: \$15.00 (let us know if this is a problem)

You must pre-register by Wed. Dec. 8th

Forms are available at the church office.

Don't delay as numbers are limited to 25.

Friends are welcome to come.

Parents: You or a family member you have designated MUST be in town that night and at a number where we can reach you.

More info? Call Tammy 403-320-9738



ECM Pre-Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, November 29th
RAC Centre at the
Lethbridge College
Serving from 5:00 – 6:30 PM



The Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM) congregations of McKillop and the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd host the Christmas Dinner. This dinner provides nourishment for body and soul of students in need of some TLC during a time when they are stressed out and broke.

It's a lot of fun for the servers and students alike.... And our efforts are truly appreciated! Thanks!

Wanted: Brand NEW items for our Children's Christmas shopping table. Kids love to buy gifts for family members without the help of parents. All donated items are priced so kids can afford several gifts with proceeds going to the Mission and Service Fund. If you have gifts you were given but haven't used, don't want, or you have several, drop them off at the church. Please have "re-gifts" to the church by Dec. 15 to give us time to organize for the **Children's Gift Store on Dec. 19th.**

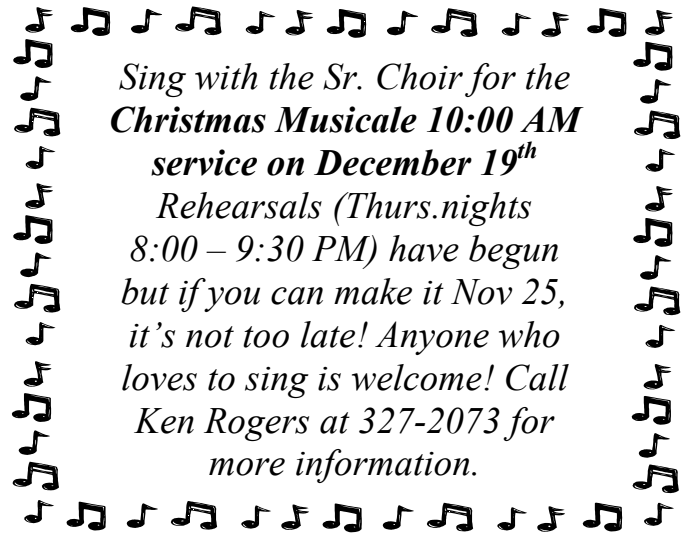
WHITE GIFT 2010

Each year at this time we are invited to give to needs beyond our own. You may give to outreach projects of your own – many at this time of year do. But you may also wish to respond to the congregation's White Gift appeal.

You will note a white envelope complete with return address included in this newsletter. This year our Mission & Social Action Committee suggests two choices:

- a) Mission & Service Fund**
- b) Lethbridge (Homeless) Shelter & Resource Centre**

You can give to one or both – just indicate on your envelope. Mail it in, bring it to the church office, or include it in your Sunday offering. (Homeless Shelter money needs to be in by Dec. 12th at the latest) THANKS!



Sing with the Sr. Choir for the Christmas Musicale 10:00 AM service on December 19th

Rehearsals (Thurs.nights 8:00 – 9:30 PM) have begun but if you can make it Nov 25, it's not too late! Anyone who loves to sing is welcome! Call Ken Rogers at 327-2073 for more information.

"Bakeless" Bake Sale



Here's a chance to help McKillop continue its awesome programming, adequately compensate its staff, and keep the heat on! No work, no fuss – just donate whatever you would have spent at a bake sale (or more) and put it in the special offering envelope. What an easy way to say "thank you" to our church! Envelopes will be available Nov.28th.

SOX BOX

The Sox Box (socks for the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen) will be in the church entryway until December 5th. If you'd like to donate, new men's socks are especially needed.

UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS

C.G.I.T. will once again have United Church Calendars for sale. Watch for details in the bulletin or call the office.

Welcoming the Light into the Darkness – The Birth of the Soul

Come to prepare for the coming Christmas season on **Sunday, December 19th** from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will explore how the Advent and Christmas Season can be a time to open to the light within and find new possibilities for our soul. We will journey with Mary and Jesus by using meditation, art, and fun. Hot cider and dessert will follow. **Please call the Church Office if you need childcare** by Friday, Dec. 17th.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Healing Pathway

Come & experience the gift of Healing Touch. Using techniques learned through **Naramata Centre's HEALING PATHWAY PROGRAM**, trained practitioners act as conduits of God's healing energy and love. This spirit-filled work uses hands resting on or above the body, supporting well-being and encouraging wholeness and healing for people of all ages and abilities.

Appointments can be booked with the church office (403-328-2703) for Wed. evenings. Cost: No charge, although donations to the program are gratefully accepted. Group Co-ordinator: Pat Greenlee (403-328-8977)

On-going Book Study Groups

Inner Quest Book Study

Begins again on Friday, Jan. 14 at 9:30 am

Thursday Evening Book Study

Begins again on Thurs., Jan 20 at 7:00 pm

Discussion and Dessert

Join us for outings and activities. Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

From Nov 24 to Dec 15, we'll be looking at the prophet Isaiah. All are welcome from 9:30 – 11 am Wednesday mornings as we wrestle with the word! On Dec 15th we'll gather at 10:00 am and celebrate our Christmas potluck together afterwards. We'll resume on Wed., Jan. 12th at 9:30 am.

United Church Women (UCW)

This group is for all women in the congregation. General UCW meets the last Wednesday of every other month at 2:00 pm with a General Meeting, and then there are small units that meet monthly. Contact: Mary McLean (403-328-1706) for more info. **Christmas Party Meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 2:00 pm.**

Affirm Committee

Some of us will be serving coffee at the Diversity Café on Nov 24th at City Hall. See the poster in the hallway for more details. Please mark Dec 5th on your calendar for a KAIROS event "beat the DRUM, changing the climate for indigenous rights". We are looking forward to a Peace Making event in the New Year, and finding ways to participate in community events that are similar in focus to the Affirm Committee. And we are looking forward to our shared journey!

Prayerful Meditation on the Labyrinth

A Quiet Walk to Christmas

Saturday, December 18

Come & find the quiet centre amidst the hubbub of the Christmas season. Please join us for a time of meditation, prayer, and reflection using the Labyrinth in the Upper Hall on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 18th. **Come anytime between 9:30 and 11:30** and enjoy the peacefulness of our Labyrinth as we journey towards Bethlehem.

The 'God Project'

Join this **6-week journey starting on January 19th, 2011** as we explore the word 'God' and how we create an ecological Christianity. We will be using the resource material "Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of the Cosmos" along with a DVD series by Bruce Sanguin, Tim Scorer and Keri Wehalnder. As Bruce Sanguin states, "We now know, for instance, that we live in an evolving or evolutionary universe. Evolution is the way the Holy creates in space and time ... this new way of understanding simply cannot be contained by old models and images of God, or by old ways of being the church. Join the 'God Project' for soup and bread at 6:00 pm and then the class from 6:30-8:00 pm. Childcare is available by calling the Church Office. If you can't make it for soup and bread – just come to the class.

Renewing Relationship

Coming March 4 & 5

What - A weekend event for couples in long-term relationship – old, young and in-between!

Why - A chance for couples to celebrate their relationship, explore issues and enjoy time together.

When – Friday evening and Saturday, March 4 & 5, 2011.

Where – at McKillop United Church

Themes – Communication, conflict, roles, spirituality, and sexuality.

Leaders – Joanne & Gary Briggs, Alanna & Joel Odorski, Mary & Terry Shillington.

Cost - \$50 per couple

Mark your calendar and watch for more information!



McKillop Digs Deep for Outreach!



The Christmas season is seen as a time of giving, and helping others. But, at McKillop the spirit of giving starts early in the year with February Outreach. The program began in 2003 as a way to promote local giving and share our abundance with individuals and families in times of need.

The 2010 campaign was the best ever, with \$3,749 available to local outreach. Whether it's providing emergency help with a damage deposit, furniture, or utilities, paying sports fees, or sending children to camp, the February Outreach fund has been a wonderful way for McKillop to show how churches still have a relevant role to play in our communities.

BUT, we couldn't provide this help without your support. Thanks so much.

P.S. Watch in January for full details on how this outreach money was used!

Baptisms

The following children were welcomed into the Christian church and McKillop's 'circle of ministry' through the sacrament of baptism on October 24, 2010

Dehlia Carolyn Maureen Perron
Hannah Kristine Lee

How Can You Serve Lethbridge and the World?

- > **Interfaith Food Bank Donations** – The first Sunday of the month, we collect non-perishable food items as a congregation. Donations of food or money can be left in the entrance to the Sanctuary
- > **Volunteer at the Interfaith Food Bank** – If you would like to help the McKillop Team on Monday afternoons, contact Dennis Darby (403-328-3757).
- > **Christmas Hampers at the Interfaith Food Bank** – Come and help pack at least 150 Christmas Hampers on Saturday, Dec 4, 9:00-11:30 A.M. About a dozen people are needed. If you are interested call Dennis Darby (403-328-3735) or the Church Office.
- > **Buy Fair Trade Products** – On the third Sunday of the month, buy Fair Trade Products to support Ten Thousands Villages and the Mission and Social Action Committee of McKillop.
- > **Lethbridge Soup Kitchen** – Two work teams from McKillop work at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. If you are interested contact the Church Office and we can direct you to the team co-ordinators.
- > **Serve on Mission and Social Action** – This committee is involved in bringing learning opportunities around mission and social action and facilitating congregation members with their passions for justice.
- > **Serve on Affirm** – Help McKillop become more inclusive and welcoming to all people, regardless of their gender identity, race, age, physical ability, class, faith or sexual orientation.

From Property & Maintenance

Priority items for the coming year are re-paving the street side (east and south) parking strips, as well as a power door entrance to make the building more accessible.

Al Forbes is a welcome new addition to the Property & Maintenance team. One more member is still desired to phase out some long-term committee members. Please let the office know if you can help with this important work.

A Tip of the to:

- The Pastoral Care Committee for the wonderful Memorial Service and lunch
- Trina Alford, Marlene Wipf, and Jo-Ann Boon for organizing the Fall Fare where we made over \$6693
- Jill Tyson who helped with the Pet Blessing event
- Doreen Bardock for keeping the Lane Lounge kitchen in immaculate condition
- Jim McNally & Kathleen Clements for organizing and training all the people who run the sound system, the projector and the video camera at our worship services
- Carolyn and all the Sunday School teachers and helpers for keeping things running so smoothly
- Helen Paulence, Doreen Brazier, Carrie Wingfield & Alice Darby for decorating the church for Christmas
- Our dedicated Food Bank workers
- Harold Schroeder & John McIntyre, retiring from the M & P Committee after years of providing insight, perspective & humour! And thanks to Mark Sayers for leaping into the breach to help out over the summer. Mark – a McKillop gift that keeps on giving!
- The Quilter's Corner group, who have disbanded, but met weekly for years and created beautiful quilt projects, often generously donating proceeds from their work to McKillop.

From the Treasurer...

As we near the end of our budget year, we are currently in a deficit of about \$20,000 (compared to \$16,000 last year). This is a good sign moving into the Christmas season! We continue to encourage any extra support, financial or otherwise, you can offer our church family. Let's all work together to have a healthy "in the black" start to 2011! And thank you so much for your generosity over the past year.

- Kathy Carlson, Treasurer

Youth Groups

Jr. Vital Link (Gr. 6-8)

Nov 28 - 11:30 am Christmas Spirit (stage)

Dec 5 - 11:30 am Advent Drama Prep

Dec 11 - 9:00 am Advent Drama Rehearsal

Dec 12 - 9:45 - 11:30 am Advent Drama

Sr. Vital Link (Gr. 9 - 12)

Dec 12th 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Christmas Preparation (Lane Lounge)

Please call Ruth Gangur-Powell for more information (403-328-4764)

Scouting

Begins January 5 & 6



C.G.I.T. (Girls Gr. 7 - 12)

Tuesday, January 4th - 7:00 PM

Explorers

Monday, Jan. 10th 6:45 pm for girls in Gr. 4-6

Valentine Tea - Feb. 12th

Danielle Beauchesne 403-329-3889

Church School

Begins again January 9th 10:00 & 11:30 AM

MUSIC



Joyful Noise Children's Choir starting at kindergarten age. Will begin again on Jan. 6th, 6:30 - 7:15 pm. Phone Jill McNally 430-329-9553 or Sheila Lenaour 403-329-8409 for more information.

Music Teams for 'Catch the Spirit' Worship

Interested in Contemporary Christian music?

We are in real need of piano players! Talk to

Darrell Croft or leave a message at the office.

Sr. Choir starts up again on Jan 6th at 8:00 pm.

Sr. Choir practices Thursday evenings 8 - 9:30

pm. All who enjoy music are invited to come

and join in.

McBell Ringers starts up again Jan 5th at 6:30

PM. Anyone wishing to learn more about bell

ringing, please contact Deb Logan 403-381-

7113

MCKILLOP TRULY IS A GENEROUS PLACE!

As we worked on various Stewardship programs throughout the year, members of the Stewardship Committee have come to realize that our congregation is truly caring and generous! This really is something to celebrate! Whether it's support for February Outreach, the Lasagna Dinner for Ecumenical Campus Ministry, or the time and effort put into the annual Garage Sale, we have come to appreciate the contributions of so many talented and charitable people. As we all know, it takes year-round giving in order to provide the worship, music, adult education and children's programs that make McKillop such a wonderful place. **And we really are grateful!**

PAR – Stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance (which is an automatic bank withdrawal)

A growing number of you contribute through PAR. We hope you will continue to support our mission, and consider reviewing your donation annually to help us keep up with our costs.

PAR is a wonderful way to help. This helps us plan for monthly expenses, and may suit your hectic lifestyle.



What's the colour of Advent? Any quick guesses?

There are multiple answers, and each has a reason for it. Some would say red and green – after all, those are the cultural colours of Christmas. In fact, in church history Christmas is white. Sometimes Advent has been blue – Scandinavian Lutherans have long used this as their Advent colour, thinking it speaks to our waiting in hope – like the sky just before dawn – which Lutherans world-wide have now adopted. Sometimes Advent has been purple – Roman Catholics use this, as for them it's a season of repentance, with the third Sunday a rose (pink) Sunday of joy. Big changes in the Roman Catholic church were mandated in the 1960s, with the rise of the liturgical movement and Vatican II, and with them came the use of new symbols and colours to mark the seasons: the European Advent wreath became common to North America, and the new RC colours of purple and rose were matched with it. But in Europe the Advent wreath had existed for centuries earlier as a way to bring in wooden wagon wheels from the harsh winter conditions, and they were hung with greens and candles to mark the coming of the Christ child. What colour were those candles and the greenery? Red and green....it looks like we've come full circle!

There is no requirement to have an Advent wreath – it's meant to speak to us of our time of waiting, of our yearning for light. In the Advent wreath's original incarnation, those wagon wheels were hung horizontally from the ceiling by ropes, to look like a hole through which we can peak up into heaven. The Advent wreath is a pleasant sign - it's not a true symbol, which speaks to us without needing explanation (such as bread and wine and water). Yet it also combines some true symbols: the candles show our hunger for light in the midst of darkness, the greens our desire for green growth when much is dead or dormant.

If there is much made of our liturgical colours, then yes, it's wise to pick a clear colour of Advent. But if our emphasis is on allowing God's world to speak to us, then the colours of Advent can be a multitude of colours. The candles and greens will speak of our hunger for God's light and life.

This year we will be using white candles for our Advent wreath, as we found some that were large enough to be seen from a distance, big enough to carry, and in a colour that shows a simple yearning for light.

A Report from the Joint Needs Assessment Committee

Hello All,

I have been asked to give a quick update on the progress of the JNAC. The Committee meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Although the report is a long ways from completion, the Committee has been successfully gathering information about our community, pastoral charge, and position profiles.

Did you know there are 27 committees and groups working actively and having fun at McKillop United Church? The JNAC has visited most of these committees and groups to date. On behalf of the JNAC, I would like to thank the committees for sharing their time and feedback with us – it's an integral part of this process.

Within the next couple of weeks, the JNAC will provide you with an individual survey. In closing, I would encourage each of you to take a few minutes to provide your individual feedback to our process as well. An accurate overview of our congregation is so important for good decisions to be made about our future, going forward at McKillop United Church. If you have any questions for the JNAC, please email me at conley3@telus.net.

Sincerely,

Larry Conley, Co-Chair of the JNAC

Sympathies

Our sympathy goes out to those who have experienced loss in our midst the last few months...

(Funeral and Memorial services that took place with McKillop clergy)

Lucille Schweigert – August 23, 2010

Isabel Blakeley – August 24, 2010

John Stevenson – August 25, 2010

Lillian Margaret Wells – September 17, 2010

Danny Leong – September 5, 2010

Gladys Lyon – September 24, 2010

Robert Ascroft – October 29, 2010

Juline Underdahl – November 2, 2010

Frances Gouw – November 3, 2010

We also extend our sympathy to the following families on the loss of a loved one outside of McKillop in the last few months...

Joyce & Ray Webber

Merna Baker & Family

Chris & Clark Figenshau

Family of Henry Huard

Family of Judy Erickson

Family of Elizabeth Wood

Family of Bernice Wheeler

Family of Gertrude Bates

Family of Marjorie Hudson

Family of Alan Pennington

Family of Richard Dyck

Sympathies (Cont'd)

Ed & Leona Granger

Ken & Ev Mills

Glenys McDonald

Karen, Ben & Hannah Ellert

Don Bessie

Rebekah Eckert

About the hospital: PLEASE help Trevor out by ensuring your name is added to the clergy list if you are admitted to hospital. **Tell your family NOW, before you are ill, that you want to be added to the United Church list.** Trevor and our lay visitors only have access to people who have listed themselves as United Church. If you are not on the list, we have no way of knowing you are there.

Celebrations

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY TO RUTH CULLEN
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO MARGARET ROE
HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO FLORENCE QUICK

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY
TO BOYD & SHIRLEY TUCKER
AND
DONNA & JACK REED
CONGRATULATIONS!!

