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A Message from Rev. Elizabeth

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I hope this 2024 summer edition of “Safe In The Harbour” newsletter finds you well.

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The psalmist penned – Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10a)

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Emily Dickinson, the nineteenth – century poet of solitude, knew the beauty of stillness. She described that moment of pause as the deepest kind of privacy when a soul is admitted into its own company. It feels like “finite infinity,” she concluded.

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In the book of Genesis we read – So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation. (Genesis 2:3)

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Let’s face it. During September to June, we tend to be the kind of people who run around in every direction. Most of that running around is not usually for us but for others. At times it’s hard to carve out some carefree moments when we need it the most. The summer months, however, tend to be a time when that running around is not as persistent and those carefree moments, hopefully, become more prevalent.

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Here’s to those summer months and those blessed carefree moments to enjoy!

We don’t just deserve it. We need it.

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Blessings on your carefree moments,

(Rev.) Elizabeth

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7 - Service at Port Stanley United Church - 10:00 AM

July 14 - Service at Port Stanley United Church - 10:00 AM

July 21 - Service at Lions Landing - 10:00 AM

July 28 - Service at Lions Landing - 10:00 AM

*August 4,, 11, 18, 25 .Services at St John’s Presbyterian Church
at 10:00 AM*

Sept. 1 - Service at Port Stanley United Church - 10:30AM

Rev. Ken Taylor will lead the service

*Sept. 15 - Anniversary Service - 10:30 AM Richard Auckland
President, Antler River Watershed Regional Council*



An impromptu Ballet performance from Gabi



Our wonderful choir



Mac wowed us with his beautiful Clarinet solo.

United Church 99th Anniversary Service

A wonderful service filled with music!

Thank you to all our talented musicians.

The Smith Family: Lindsay, Mac, Evelyn and Gabi

Our wonderful Choir!

**Alan Wiggin, Cathy Graham, Kathy Marr,
Marian Jones**

**Debbie Wiggin, Kathy Taylor and Jim Marr
Bruce, Charlotte and Reuban Pelke-Smith**



*Sunday School Teacher Don Bell with
Aiden and Lucy*



Reuban performs on his Cello

Our soloist

Rachel Sigrid Rogosin



*Evelyn Smith sang a lovely
version of
Michael Row Your Boat
Ashore*

*Charlotte Pelke -Smith thrilled us
with her beautiful Flute solo.*

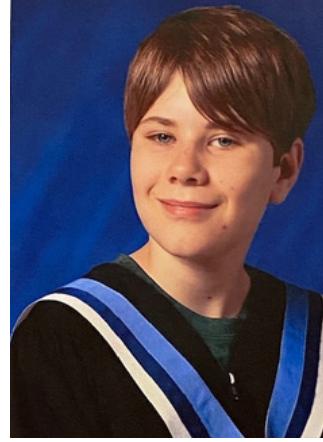
WE ARE SO BLESSED!



“Church Family Graduates”



James Fleming, Grandson of Sharron Russell, is graduating from St. Ignatious High School in Thunder Bay in French Immersion. He is the son of Peter and Jennifer. He will be attending Grant Ewen University in Edmonton studying Business and Commerce. All the best James!



Tristan Morgan, Grandson of Rosita and the late Tom Morgan, graduated from Kettle Creek Public School and will attend Parkside Collegiate in the Fall.



Craig Nemett, Grandson of Bob and Sue, has graduated from St Joseph's Catholic Secondary School and has been accepted into the Mechanical Engineering (Aeronautics) Program at University of Windsor

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Gillian Marr, daughter of Jamie and Moya and Granddaughter of Jim and Kathy Marr, is graduating from St Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School and will enter the University of Toronto in the Fall to study Creative Writing and Law. She earned a full Scholarship; a Musical Excellence Scholarship and the Cecilia Kennedy Memorial Award, presented to the student, active with written and spoken word.

Jaime Nemett, Granddaughter of Bob and Sue, has graduated, with Distinction, from the University of Windsor, 4 Year Forensics Science Program. She received a Volunteer award, Honours award as well as a Silver medal. She will attend Western University, on a scholarship in the Fall. She will be working towards her Masters of Health Information Sciences.



Isabel Rodgers, Granddaughter of Colleen and Glenn Rodgers, has graduated from Grade 8 at Pierre Elliot Trudeau, French Immersion. She received the Mathematics Award as well as graduating with honours. She will attend Parkside Collegiate in the Fall.

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Thank you to all the great volunteers who came out for the garden clean up in May

Sydney Bell, Granddaughter of Don and Marilyn Bell. She has been on the 'u17' Ottawa Club Volleyball team, the Ontario Provincial Team, the 'u17' Canada National team and will be trying out for the National 'u19' Volleyball Team. What a great accomplishment!
Congratulations Sydney!

A very successful plant sale and bake sale took place on May 18th in the church parking lot.

A profit of approx. \$600 was realized. Thank you to all who donated plant and baked goods..



Monarch Butterflies will not attempt to fly in the rain because the raindrops will damage their wings. They will rest and wait it out. It's self-preservation.

It's okay to rest during the storms in your life. Take all the time you need.

You will fly again once the storm passes.



A Message from Margaret Armstrong

To all of our Church Family Members who have been experiencing health issues, or who have undergone surgeries, or have been under stress, we wish you better days ahead and a return to good health
GET WELL SOON!!

I have had a rough few weeks but on the mend now with a lot of support from many people, medical and friends! The exciting news is that I have two more great grandchildren expected to make their arrival in July and September. I think that makes twelve, but unfortunately, no one lives close (Toronto & Kirkland Lake). Other than that, not much news but thanks for all the good wishes sustaining and supporting me. Marg(aret).



A Message from Nora Sanders

You are invited to be part of Port Stanley United Church's New Bibles project.

The 99th anniversary of the United Church of Canada has arrived, and it is a time for enjoying memories of our Church's history, as well as LOOKING FORWARD to the future of the church.

This seems like an ideal time to move to new versions of the Bible for our pews at Port Stanley United, and you are invited to contribute to this Proposal for new Bibles for the pews of Port Stanley United Church

Currently we have the Good News Bible in the pews. This version of the Bible, (not an actual translation but an updating of the language of the King James Version into more contemporary language) was initially published in 1966. Many of the copies in our pews are well worn, and the language in it is not used in many churches any more. Most United Churches use the New Revised Standard Version as the standard translation of the Bible from its original languages, and The Message, a version in 21st century parlance created by Eugene Peterson.

The cost for 54 new Bibles (2 for each pew) would be about \$25 each, totaling about \$1,350.

You are invited to purchase one or more of the Bibles. This could be done in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a happy event, or just as a donation.

We will have a sign up sheet at the church or feel free to contact Elizabeth Stewart or Nora Sanders with questions or pledges.

A Blast From the Past

30 years ago, the Lions Club of Port Stanley created a Memorial garden in memory of George and Max Marr who were long serving members of the Club and Members of the United Church. Lion Bob Nemett spoke on behalf of the Club. George and Max were founding members of the Lions Club here in Port . The plaque is now hidden from view, blocked by the ever growing plants and trees. (May be time to replant?)



Betty Marr, wife of George and Margaret Marr, wife of Max Marr. These two ladies were long serving members of the UCW and worked tirelessly for our Church.

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Beautiful Stain Glass Windows!

Nora Sanders attended the 99th Anniversary Service of our United Church of Canada held at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto. It is the same Church where our first service was held 99 years ago. The gentleman in the picture on the right is Rev. Alan Hall, a colleague of Nora at the General Council Office.



Happy Birthday!

JULY

22 - Sue Nemet
28 - Marv Nethercott

AUGUST

21 - Marilyn Bell
21 - Gertrude Hurst - 89th
24 - Cathy Graham
Pam Bell
30 - Nora Sanders
30 - Spencer
Branscombe
31 - Rebecca McKnight

SEPTEMBER

20 - Rachel Branscombe
21 - Joy Jackson
28 - David Marr

ANNIVERSARY
July

2 - John and Kaitie Sanders - 1 year
11 - Mac and Lindsay Smith - 9 years
14 - Alan and Debbie Wiggin - 46 years

August

19 - Dave and Tracy (Graham)
Branscombe - 29 years
23 - Jeff and Tina (Graham) Hyatt -
26 years

September

5 - Don and Marilyn Bell - 55 years
12 - Larry and Sharon Larmour - 54 years



Special Milestones
Anniversary: Jamie and Moya Marr
July 3rd



Anniversary ; Marv and Mary
Nethercott
July 4th

*A note from John Morrow
on his new book*

*Nora mentioned a new book about the history of Port Stanley at our church picnic on June 30th. In summer 1972, my wife Cathy and I, her two sisters, and our friend Mike Dammon received an Opportunities for Youth grant to write the history of the village. We ended the summer with one typed copy which was packed away and nearly forgotten. This year we self-published the book so the research we did would not disappear forever. A portion of book sales support the Optimists and the Eco Class at Kettle Creek School. **Excuse Me, But There's a Perch in My Orangeade!** is available at Lake House Book, Bridge Street.*

I have been working with a new computer program which is always a challenge. I hope it is complete when it reaches you.

Thank you to everyone who gave me information to print. It really makes the job easier. Hope to see you all over the summer in Church or round the town.



Sue Nemet, Editor