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A Message from Rev. Elizabeth

September 30th ... Did You Know?

With the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, United Church members and communities of faith across the nation pause to solemnly reflect on the legacy of colonialism and the residential school system, as well as the church's responsibility for the past and the nature of its role in the future of Reconciliation.

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day, an invitation to everyone to wear an orange shirt to show their compassion for the survivors of the Indian Residential Schools and to say that all children matter.

Orange Shirt Day began with Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) woman from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation who went to St. Joseph Mission Residential School. On her first day of school, Phyllis's grandmother dressed her in an orange shirt. When Phyllis entered the school, she was stripped of her orange shirt, and she wasn't able to go home for a very long time – over 300 sleeps by her count. As a child, Phyllis cried herself to sleep every night along with other children who could not go home. No one listened to their pain or showed compassion.

September 30 is the day in 1452 the first section of the Gutenberg Bible was finished in Mainz, Germany. Johannes Gutenberg was the youngest son of a wealthy merchant, and his innovations in developing what became the modern printing press — capturing the moves of Medieval calligraphy in separable, movable type — transformed religion, literature, and politics.

Before the printing press, a book like the Bible would take years to produce by hand; Gutenberg's press made 185 copies in relatively short order, about 50 of which still survive today. The consequent printing revolution reshaped human culture, changing forever how (and how far) knowledge was disseminated, democratizing learning, and making new art forms possible. Known in its day as “the art of multiplying books,” modern printing was catalytic for the European Renaissance, the Scientific Revolution, and the Protestant Reformations. His legacy is carried on today by Project Gutenberg, a group of volunteers digitizing cultural and literary works, making them open and free to the public.

Mark your Calendar

October 4th - Sacrament of Holy Communion 10:30AM Service

Frankie and the Fairlanes Concert - 3:00 PM

October 11th - A Thanksgiving Celebration Service

November 29th - First Sunday of Advent

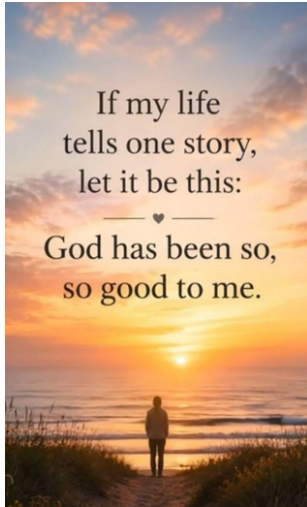
Thursday Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Service



IN MEMORIAM



*Lion Jim Colautti passed away on September 1st, 2026 at Valleyview Home in St Thomas. Lion Jim was **not** a member, but he made a huge contribution to our Church. A few years ago he saw that the Fellowship Hall was in need of new flooring. He was the owner of London Flooring and Design. Jim donated all the tile to cover our Fellowship Hall as well as the two Stairwells. He even sent his flooring installers to put all the tile in place. He was a wonderful giving friend! A true Christian. He will be missed!*



A Blast From the Past

***September 18, 2022
Another Anniversary
Celebration
Our 180th!***

***Nora Sanders had the honour
of Cutting the Cake.
In the background was our
friend Cathy Graham who was
always ready to lend a hand in
the kitchen.***



***‘Of all the creatures there is only one that
cannot be made the slave of a leash. That one is
the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat, it
would improve the man, but would deteriorate
the cat.’***

Mark Twain



***Grandpa says if y’want to
leave footprints in the sands
of time, you should wear
workboots!’***



**The United Church
of Canada**

MISSION and SERVICE

*Did you know that one way you can support Mission and Service is by being a volunteer? Volunteers are “on the ground” in communities of faith. They tell our stories, making more and more people aware of just how life-changing Mission and Service is! They can choose what they want to do and the amount of time they can spend. And volunteers play an important part by letting us know about what works (and doesn’t work!) in their communities of faith. If this sounds like something you’d like to do, call us at 1-800-465-3771 or email **ms@united-church.ca**.*





Port Stanley United Church 184th Anniversary Service



What a wonderful celebration!
Our Guest Speaker for this special Service was
Rev. Das Sydney. Rev. Sydney was a former Chairman of the
Canadian Council of Churches. He comes from the Baptist
tradition and at one time served the Baptist Congregation in
Aylmer. He is presently Minister Emeritus at
Highland Baptist Church in Waterloo.

Rev. Das brought a wonderful message for this special
Anniversary Service. A thank you to Nora Sanders for
arranging for his visit.

Following the Service , we were treated to a wonderful BBQ
luncheon. Thank you to our cooks manning the BBQ.... Doug,
Steve and Alan



Thank you to Tina Hyatt
(Cathy Graham's
daughter) for this
beautiful Anniversary
cake.



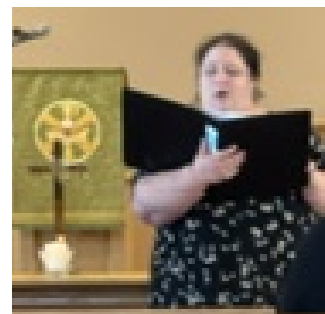
Thank you to Lindsay Smith for arranging
some wonderful Music for the Service.
Thank you to the choir, Rachel for the solo,
and Mack Smith and Katelyn Ashford
for their instrumental selections. You were
all wonderful!!!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to
the wonderful luncheon table.



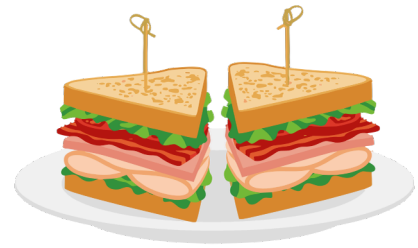
Our dedicated choir members Rachel, Marian, Debbie, Cathy and Jim.



Rachel Rogosin

Community Outreach

LUNCH AND LEARN



Our Lunch and Learn Programs will begin again in October.

On October 15 our Speaker will be Rev. Nick Wells.

His topic will be 'The Funeral He never Had'. Nick is a well known Local Historian.

I am sure he will keep you entertained! Program starts at 11:00 AM. Coffee and tea available before the program. Lunch is served at Approx. 12:00 Noon. Free will offering.



*On Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 3:00 PM
the Fundraising Committee has lined up
a great show.*

*Frankie and the Fairlanes will be back
with their Channel Surfing Show.*

*It will highlight music and memories from 'the
Golden Age of Television'. There are a few
tickets left .Tickets are available now from
Colleen Rodgers or any of the Fundraising
Committee members*

You can reach Colleen at 519-782-3904.



Summer Worship at Lions' Landing

Our first Service, after the Summer hiatus, took place on a beautiful warm sunny Sunday Sept.6th. We had a great turnout in attendance. Thank you to Lindsay for providing the music and to Debbie and Alan Wiggin for providing the lunch. We are so grateful to the Lions Club for allowing us to use this beautiful venue.



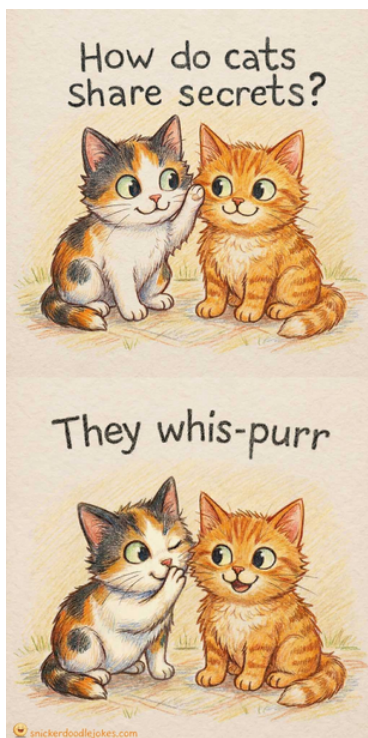
SUNDAY SCHOOL



*It has become a custom in our Church,
that on the first or second Sunday before school
begins the children are invited to bring their
Backpacks to Church for a blessing.
Thank you Leela, Jerico, Evelyn, Gabi,
Ari, Marcus and Ocean
for bringing your back packs to Church!*



*Thank you Lindsay
for the beautiful music!*



*'The best way to cheer
yourself up is to cheer
somebody else up.'*

'NEWS FROM THE PEWS'

These Grandkids are 'flying high!

Colleen and Glenn Rodgers' Granddaughter Emma has been Skydiving! Her boyfriend passed the ultimate boyfriend test-he went skydiving with her!!!

Bob and Sue Nemett's Granddaughter Audrey who is in Flight School in Chicoutimi has started flying after her first year of technical training. 'The sky is the limit!!!!'

Sharron Russell's two grandsons, James and Willem Fleming, have taken their next steps in life.. James, 20, completed 2 years at Grant McEwan University in Edmonton and now awaits his acceptance into Canada's RCNavy. Willem,18, graduated Grade 12 at St. Ignatius High School in Thunder Bay. He has joined Canada's Navy and is training there at The Griffon, which his father calls "a cement frigate". Will loves the excitement and challenge of naval drill and exercises.

Their father, Peter, is a retired Navy Commander and mother Jennifer, "commands" her own franchise in Thunder Bay, "Mrs. Grocery".

Do you remember little 2-year old James, running round and round our congregation at church, until he was snagged by Grandma?

CONGRATULATIONS!



October 9th - Jim and Kathy Marr - 55 years

October 14th - Jon and Sabrina Marr - 20 years

October 17th - David and Sandy Marr - 51 years

November 16th - John and Lois Kruppe - 63 years



The most wonderful places

to be in the world are in

someone's thoughts,



someone's prayers

and in someone's heart'



Congratulations

Willa McDermid and Tom Francis!

**Married September 17th at the Masonic
Centre.**

BEST WISHES!



This flower is for you,
for all the silent battles
you've fought and the
strength no one sees.



*Our Thoughts and Prayers go
out to those in our Community and
Congregation who are suffering
from serious illness at this time or
going through difficult times.*



HAPPY
Birthday

OCTOBER

3rd - Tyler Rogers

5th - Owen Rogers

10th - Mary Lou MacKinnon

26th - Rev. Elizabeth Stewart

26th - Barbara Whalls

28th - Isabel Rogers

NOVEMBER

10th - Ari Lockhart

13th - Emma Rogers

14th - Margaret Armstrong

DECEMBER

4th - Lindsay Smith

5th - Jon Marr

16th - Sabrina Marr

28th - Kathy Marr

29th - Colleen Rodgers

*I hope you have found this newsletter informative. Information for
the Winter issue will be needed by*

*Dec. 27th. Please feel free to send along Birthdays, Anniversaries
and any information that you would like to share with the
congregation .*

Enjoy these beautiful Autumn Days that we have been blessed with!

Sue Nemett , Editor

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of the Port Stanley United Church , highlighting
the life and work of our Faith Community. You
are also invited to visit our website at
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