

News From The Pews

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Spring is here - according to the calendar. Although it has been much cooler and wetter than normal, the promise of resurrection and rebirth is becoming more visible each day; trees are budding out, and crocuses and tulips are painting our gardens with their wonderful colours. People are anxiously awaiting warm weather, cottages and pools and summer vacations. What wonderful opportunities to appreciate God's marvelous world. Enjoy!

Membership...

Since our last News from the Pews, we, sadly, lost several of our members:



Joan Claus	January 2, 2011
Audrey Keys	January 6, 2011
Ester Smith	January 9, 2011
Pearl Elliott	January 16, 2011
John Lowry	March 1, 2011
Fred Ball	March 21, 2011
Allan Taylor	April 14, 2011
Glynn (Pete) Pearse	May 3, 2011
Allan Hill	May 9, 2011

Our sympathy is extended to their families and friends; we share your loss.

On Sunday May 15th we were delighted to welcome 39 new members into the Kingsview family!

Doris Avery	Donnie Balsdon	Charles Bosworth	Nancy Bosworth
Laurie Brown	Elaine Convery	Michel Cormier	Louise Cousins
Becki Crawford	Gail Devlin	Beula Duncan	Donald Duncan
Clayton Eavis	Joan Eavis	Ian Forbes	Betty Fraser
Claire Freek	David Goguen	Muriel Goguen	Beth Hanna
Lloyd Hanna	Norah Hetherington	Anna Marie Kent	Nancy Kelly
Paul Kent	Brenda Lacoursiere	Kelly Liddle	Kim Myers
Mavis Neuman	Ted Neuman	Mary Jane Noonan	Sandra Osborne
Arden Pigott	Holly Pigott	Mary Smith	Melanie Souch
Joan Souch	Brett Turpin	Judy Ward	



Prayer Chain...

We have a very dedicated Prayer Chain at Kingsview. If you know of anyone who needs prayers, please fill out the name on the blue cards in the pews or call the church office or Jean Dart at 905-725-2235.

We also have some beautiful Prayer Shawls. If you know someone who needs one please call. Your help with knitting or crocheting these prayer shawls would be most appreciated as well. Contact Jean for information on what is required.

Sacrament of Baptism...

The Sacrament of Baptism was performed for:

Sandra Thompson and her children, Tyler Joshua Nathan, Dylan Liam Nathan and Lily Anne Montgomery.

The father is David Montgomery

Liam Conway Mark Wells, son of Kathleen and Mark Wells

Archer Alexander Piels, son of Shaun and Andrea Piels.

Eric Douglas, son of Robin and Megan Johns



Jacob Timothy David and Ella Charlotte Elizabeth, children of Timothy and Lisa Kauffeldt
Constynce Rose, daughter of Amber Lycett
Cora Nicole, daughter of Brent Seeley and Leanne Dimitrovski
Nathan Alan and Rebecca Jane, children of Melanie Souch

Congratulations

Recent weddings within our church family are
Michael Murray and Jana Lee Tryan, daughter of Ken and MaryLou Tryan.
Melissa Allen and Nicholas Aprile, daughter of Bob and Judith Allen.
May you have a long, happy life together.



Heather [Elston] and David Eyestone were very pleased to welcome twin boys, Mark and David, to their family in October. Big sisters, Diana and Amy, love their new playmates. Mark and Colleen Elston are the very proud grandparents, along with the great grandparents, Bob and Marilyn Elston. Special aunt, Aja Elston, is always happy to share her pictures and stories of this busy, happy family. Heather and David live in Spruce Grove, Alberta.

There have been new additions to the Moore family too. Dr. Tyler and Stacey Moore welcomed twins into the world early Easter morning. Corinne and Cole were both over 6 pounds and everyone is in good health. Corinne and Cole are grandchildren for very proud grandparents Lynn Pilkington and Paul Moore.

Glen and Verna Stevens are very proud of their granddaughter, Jillian Craig, who won Grand Champion show person for the College Royal, University of Guelph. Although raised on a sheep ranch, Jillian showed cows, pigs, horses and sheep. This spring Jillian graduated with a degree in Animal Nutrition. Jillian is the daughter of Janice (Stevens) Craig who was a longtime member of Kingsview choir along with her mother.

Scot and Anne Hutchinson are very proud of their daughters, Amy and Maggie. Amy has received early acceptance to both Universities she applied to and has chosen McMaster for Math and Statistics. Maggie has been accepted to attend the Shakespeare School at Stratford for a week this summer.

Shannon, daughter of Valerie and Brian Swift, is currently part of a 10 person Christian-based medical team providing primary care medicine in remote areas of Guyana, for three weeks. The mission is organized by the group "Mission for Advancing Theological Education- Friends Committed to Caring" (MATE-FCC) and is headed by Guyanese-born Arnold Doobay and Kingston physician, Dr. Sonny Panchem. Volunteers pay their own transportation expenses and, through donations from Canadian supporters, MATE-FCC provides medical care, health teaching and drug treatment. Part of the mission work also includes Christian educational outreach. MATE-FCC has regular missions to remote areas in developing countries in South America as well as Africa. Shannon is a full time cardiac care nurse employed at Kingston General Hospital.

This month we say farewell to Fred and Kathy Poringa. Fred and Kathy are off to live their retirement dream - six months at their summer home near Apsley and six months in Florida. Kathy has been active in the U.C.W. and on the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Fred often volunteered to do electrical work as needed around the church. Thank you both for your dedication and good luck in your new ventures.

Congratulations to Jeanette McCrae who was recently honoured for 15 years of volunteer service with Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre. To quote Jeanette, "You just have to volunteer once to find out how good it feels to help".

Family Fun Activity



Please join the Outreach Committee on Sunday, May 29th for the Annual Outreach Walk-a-thon and Scavenger Hunt. The worship service will be hosted by the committee and a guest from Hearth Place in Oshawa (Cancer Support Centre has been invited to speak. Following the service, there will be a light lunch for participants and then we will take off for the 5km route (bring your own water). All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your family and friends and come support our local community. Pledge forms will be available as of May 8th in the narthex.

Kingsview Quilters

Kingsview quilters are auctioning off a blue and white pinwheel quilt. They are accepting bids until the end of June. . Look for it in the Narthex.

The quilting group is looking for quilts to quilt. The group uses the money made from their efforts to support many projects around the church. Anyone interested in joining the quilting group is welcome to come to the auditorium on Wednesday mornings from 9 am to 11:30. For more information call Verna Stevens at 905-728-6326.

Epicure Products----Fundraising

Valerie Swift is happy to take orders for Epicure products from any church members and all proceeds will be donated to the UCW Response Unit. The catalogue of products can be viewed at www.epicureselections.com.. Please contact Val at 905-434-8321 or bandvswift@sympatico.ca if you wish to order or would like more information.

Coming Events

A note from the bazaar convener, Jane Souch

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12, 2011.

The merry-go-round Bazaar was very successful last year as the result of the generosity and support of many people. We hope to do even better this year, and it all depends on you! Those who knit, crochet, sew or do handicrafts - please consider making a few items over the summer for our bazaar. Keep us in mind as you make your jams, jellies and pickles and plan to donate some of your goodies. Now would be a good time to start saving gently used household goods for our "Treasure Chest" and Book Nook. Your contributions will be most appreciated.



A big part of the bazaar is the silent auction table and the wonderful baskets made and donated by members of the Kingsview family. People said that they had a great time creating the baskets, so plan to get involved by picking a basket, choosing a theme and starting to collect things to fill it.

News from the Church Sunday School Superintendent, Dawn Donnelly



Thanks to the commitment of some great volunteers, Kingsview United Church has children's programs every Sunday of the year. This summer we are looking to have the children together every Sunday in the auditorium to learn about "Heroes of the Bible". Children ages 4-13 are welcome to come down and learn about Moses, Esther, Dorcas, Paul and more. The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers up to age three.

If the smile of a baby can make you smile inside, you may be just who we need in the nursery! We are currently in need of three adults who are willing to assist in this vital ministry of the church. If you are available to help two out of six Sundays, talk to Dawn Donnelly or Erin Rosemond for more information about becoming part of our team.

OUTREACH...

The Backdoor Ministry at Simcoe Street United Church is running low on stock for their food pantry. Any non-perishable food donations are gratefully accepted; cans of ready-to-eat stews, soups, cheese and cracker packs, peanut butter, crackers, spaghetti sauce and noodles, cans of tuna/salmon etc., would help them get through the coming months. Please bring items to Kingsview's food box and they will be distributed to Simcoe Street Church.

The mission has a large need for clothing at this time of the year and are accepting donations of new or slightly-used clothing for men, women and children. Donations may be placed in the labeled box in the narthex at Kingsview and the Outreach Committee will ensure that the clothing is taken to the Backdoor Ministry. Thank you for your ongoing support.

FREE...FREE....FREE

We all love something that's free. FREE MONEY for Kingsview comes when you buy SHOP AND SUPPORT CASH CARDS for retailers where you buy your groceries, gas, and restaurant food. Trade your dollars for a card of the same value. There is no cost to you and Kingsview earns a profit for each card sold. If you buy \$100 worth of cards each week, Kingsview will earn about \$12 a month. If 100 households participate each week, Kingsview will earn \$1,200 a month. These cards make great gifts. There is something for everybody and they are very reasonable to send in the mail for those out of town gift needs. Check with Barb McKnight for a full list of available cards. Wal-Mart is back on the list of retailers. Barb has done a wonderful job handling this project, The Outreach Committee is currently looking for 2-3 people that would be available to assist with the Shop and Support program to raise money for Kingsview and the Outreach programs. Please call the church office or speak with Barb McKnight if you can spare some time to help with this activity. Proceeds of the



gift card sales in 2011 will support the Backdoor Ministries at Simcoe Street United Church. Please purchase gift cards to support this ministry in our community. The cards are available in the Narthex before and after our services most Sundays.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL...

Sabbatical Leave

In March, Kingsview's Council, upon a recommendation from the Ministry and Personnel Committee, passed a motion to approve a sabbatical leave for Rev. Craig Donnelly, from January 1, 2012 to April 30, 2012.



The United Church Sabbatical Policy for Ministry Personal in Pastoral Relationships states that: "the purpose of Sabbatical Leave is to provide an occasion for reflection, recreation, and revitalization, focused on the practice of ministry which is unencumbered by the usual responsibilities."

Having served our congregation faithfully for 19 years, we are pleased to support this well-deserved opportunity for Rev. Craig for study, spiritual retreat, rest and prayer.

During Rev. Craig's absence, Rev. Fred Jackson and Rev. Louise Sams will continue to offer ministerial support to the Kingsview congregation.

A Reminder—Please be Scent-sensitive

!! Some of us are extremely sensitive to strong scents, especially perfume, colognes, and aftershave. Please be considerate of others. A saint by any other scent still smells as sweet.

LIBRARY NEWS

From our Librarian, Jane Rocoski



Just wanted to welcome everyone to "Check Out" what the Kingsview library has to offer. The book cart in the Narthex on Sunday morning is only a sampling of the materials you will find in the Library located in the Heritage room, just across from the elevator. The library has a great selection of regular and large print Bibles, faith-inspiring books, Christian fiction, materials for youth, CD's, DVD's and so much more. Late fines you ask? No fines. The Library operates on the honour system and simply relies on you to return the material in a reasonable length of time.

We accept donations of Christian materials, which are put into the collection or given to the Christian Salvage Mission, which sends them on to those in need. <http://www.csmcanada.org>.

A big thank you for all the donations we have received throughout the year.

If you would like any further information about the Kingsview Church Library, please contact Jane Rocoski at 905-725-0910.

Volunteers

We all know how important volunteers are to the ongoing life of the church and much of the work our volunteers do goes unnoticed. Thanks should be given however, to Lorraine Hall and Joy Reid who, after many years of service, have left the team of counters who meet to count the Sunday donations and prepare the weekly bank deposit. More volunteers have stepped in to fill their places, but we say a big "Thank You" to Lorraine and Joy.



News from the Pews is published three times a year. It is designed to give us an opportunity to get to know one another better and to share news of the church and our church family. If you have any celebrations that you would like to share with us, marriages, graduations, new adventures in life, etc, please contact Linda Scott and Lynda Hatfield at 905-579-5892 or at linly@sympatico.com.

Please note also that **Four Seasons Flower & Gift Shoppe** will donate to the church 10% of the value of any purchases by Kingsview members; be sure to mention that you are a member of Kingsview when you order.

During the Easter season, Elaine Convery, owner of Four Seasons Flower and Gift Shoppe, placed flower arrangements in the Sanctuary for the service each week. Our thanks and appreciation go out to Elaine for this kind and very generous gift to us all.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP...

People come to Kingsview for many different reasons. Why is Kingsview important to you? Many enjoy the inspirational music of our choirs and praise teams. Weekly messages bring words of comfort to searching souls and also words of challenge to put our faith into action. Groups like the U.C.W. meet for social activities, Bible study, fellowship and fundraisers. When a loved one is in hospital, in nursing home or confined to their own home, ministers and lay visitors are there to visit and comfort them. When somebody comes to the church for a rite of passage like a wedding or funeral or baptism, our church responds with care and compassion. When organizations like Gate 3:16, St. Vincent's Kitchen, Simcoe Street Back Door Ministries or Operation Christmas Child, come to us for help, we always rise to the challenge to contribute to the well-being of our local and global community.

What is this family of faith worth to you? It takes both human and financial resources to carry out the work of the church. Special fundraisers like the Organ Project always seem to attract contributors, but the church can only keep its doors open if we meet our basic operational expenditures. Our church home is like your own home and the reality is there are bills to be paid. Unfortunately, we did not meet our financial obligations last year and we are running another deficit this year. We need to turn this trend around while it is still manageable. The Stewardship Committee needs your help to meet our budget.

We would like to share an update with you regarding our current financial status. In the budget proposed and passed by the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February 2011, a planned increase in Total Contributions of approximately \$21,000 over 2010 was identified. Even with this increase, a deficit of just over \$42,000 was expected. Ideally, with increased givings, we could finish this year with a balanced budget rather than a deficit. To do that, we should be tracking at roughly \$5,250 per month above the 2010 givings (plus some extra to account for the soft months of July and August). Currently, as of the end of March, we are at \$84,169 compared to \$77,438 in 2010. We are ahead by just under \$7,000. Let's dig deep and see if we can get up to the point where we will finish 2011 with a balanced budget.

That's the challenge and your response will depend on your own particular situation. There are 130 persons on the role of the church who we cannot track for any givings in 2009. Did you know that it costs the church approximately \$25 each year in assessment fees to the United Church of Canada and mailing expenses, just to have your name on our role. If this applies to you, we are asking that you consider giving a minimum donation of \$25 to meet our carrying costs and a \$50 donation would actually help us put some money towards the ministry of Kingsview. For those who are currently contributing, this is what we need you to consider, if you haven't done so already this year. If every contributor was to increase their givings by 15%, we would balance our budget. For example, if you give \$10 a week, we ask that you consider increasing your donation by a \$1.50, the price of one Tim Horton's coffee. If you give \$100 a month, the increase is \$15, or what you might tip a server at a restaurant for one meal out with your family or friends. Is not the church worth the price of a cup of coffee or a tip on a restaurant bill?

Finally, the best case scenario for Kingsview is for you to consider going on PAR or pre-authorized remittance. This allows your church donation to automatically be withdrawn from your bank account each month. The benefit to the church is that it provides a steady and consistent flow of income to pay the ongoing expenses, especially over the summer months when people are away and may not carry on with their regular contributions. You can easily begin PAR or increase your PAR contributions by contacting the church office anytime.

The Stewardship Committee has enclosed a Commitment Slip and Love Offering Envelope with this issue of the News from the Pews. Please indicate on the Commitment Slip if you wish to respond to this special stewardship appeal and change your level of financial commitment at this time. The Love Offering is for all contributors to Kingsview to make a special donation to the church, above and beyond your regular givings, to help cover operating costs over the summer months, when we run the danger of slipping into a critical deficit situation.

Kingsview needs your support. We can't balance our budget without you. Together we can make a difference and meet our commitments. Together we can rise to the challenge and carry on God's work in the world.

"Give and it will be given to you with good measure, shaken together and running over. For the measure you give will be the measure you are given back again." Luke 6:38

Kingsview Business Directory

COMPANY/INDIVIDUAL NAME	CONTACT	PHONE
Armstrong Funeral Home One location; one family, one commitment	Bob Armstrong/Debbie	905-433-4711
BMO Nesbitt Burns Personal financial planning and investment services	Lynn Pilkington	905-404-8088
C. Fred Ball & Associates Inc. Planning your personal, family and business financial security	Jennifer Smith	905-571-3499
Bill Clarke Plumbing and Heating Residential and commercial repairs and renovations	Bill Clarke	905-725-8563
Bill's Pump and Motor Repair Sales and repairs – Pool Pumps/Spa Pumps	Bill Clarke	905-579-6123
H.M. Brooks (Oshawa) Ltd. Industrial – Commercial – Institutional Contractors	Fay Brooks	905-571-1811
Catering with Flare Catering for all occasions – specializing in buffets for up to 300 people	Robert & Debbie Robertson	905-576-1286
Creighton, Victor, Alexander, Hayward, Morison & Hall L.L.P. Law firm established in 1885		905-723-3446
D.I.S. Financial Solutions Group Personal and commercial insurance – financial and group services	Kris Barber	905-666-2090
Electric Water Heater Service, The Repair and replacement of hot water tanks	Bill Clarke	905-725-1662
Ewing Flagpoles Flagpoles, banner poles, specialty poles - Aluminium, steel, stainless &	Norm Myles	416-291-1675
Families Come First Children's Books, toys and games		905-438-9573
Four Seasons Flower & Gift Shoppe Flowers, gift items, cards, fruit and gourmet baskets	Elaine Convery	905-579-8858
Great-West Life and Quadrus Financial Security Advisor	Douglas F. Browning	905-404-6435
J.M. Homeworks Home repairs and renovations	Jim Moore	905-442-5163
Dr. B. Kostiuik Dentist		905-987-5256
LK Painting Services Colour your walls with quality workmanship at reasonable rates	Les Kiraly	905-576-8935
Laurie McCulloch Building Moving Primary building moving – raising buildings for new basements, etc.	Laurie McCulloch	905-728-0884
Marigold Ford Lincoln Sales Sales and leasing of new and used vehicles/parts, service and collision	Terry Souch	905-668-5893
Ontario Motor Sales	John Urquhart	905-725-6501
Pampered Chef, The High quality kitchen tools – shows	Valerie Nichols	905-723-1373
Shirl's Hair Design Cuts, colours, perms, foils, highlights, facials, waxing, ear piercing,	Shirl Morro	905-767-1621
Spreading Relief Selling a product APR15 that takes pain away	Tom Ansell	905-725-6599
Weightcare Lose weight – live well – with credentialed professionals	Dr. Valerie Swift	905-721-4166
White Home Hardware A full-line, old-time hardware	Steve White	905-728-4696

R.J. White Financial Inc.	Beth White, Marketing Assistant	905-571-1421
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