

Kingsview Newsletter – June 2017

Sunday June 4 – Masada – The Movie at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary

From 67 – 70 C.E., hundreds of Jewish Zealots retreated from the Roman army atop King Herod's mountain fortress, Masada. Join us to see part 1 of this excellent movie starring Peter O'Toole and Peter Strauss. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Sunday June 25 - Church School Promotion & Family Picnic

Join us after the service for some great food and family fun!

Monday August 21 to Friday August 25 – Vacation Bible School – 2000 Ark Avenue – God's Great Get-Together

This will be an awesome week of FUN, including bible stories, games, music, crafts, snacks and friends.

Registration forms available. Cost: \$25/week per child or \$40/week per family. Ages 4-11.

Don't miss out – space is limited. We are looking for volunteers to assist for the week.

Please contact Katie Osborne (905-440-6999), Krista Hester (905-621-7318) if you can volunteer.

Call the church office (905-436-2000) to register.

Israel & Jordan Journey: October 21 - November 3, 2017

Hosts: Rev. Sue & Glenn Genge (slgenge17@gmail.com or 905-728-7755). Brochures are available around the church. Come journey with us through the Bible lands, and enjoy a faith-enriching experience.

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to Rev. Fred Jackson, Anne Lynd and all the volunteers for their participation with Rev. Sue Genge and Rev. Louis Sams in the Hillsdale Communion Service. Thank you to everyone who donated cookies & squares. Over 65 residents attended the service. Thank you Pastoral Care Team.

New Kingsview United Church Members from January to June 2017

We welcome the following new members to our church family. By the Sacrament of Baptism: Jacob Babineau, son of Tammy and Eugene Babineau; Isaac Jalbert, son of Katherine and Kevin Jalbert; Paige Kalzar, daughter of Lindsay and Chris Kalzer. By Transfer of Membership: Barry Bahm, Diane Bahm, Steve Borysenko, Keith Palmer, Paul Bobier, Angela Bosity, Lynn Jay, Louis Kronister, Barry Smith.

Elevator Fundraiser

Anytime you shop at M&M Food Market at King and Townline in Oshawa and mention you are from Kingsview United Church we receive 10% of the price of your order. All proceeds go to supporting the elevator project.

It is that simple!

Remit Meeting Update

Thank you to all who attended the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 7th for your input towards the United Church of Canada Remits. I am pleased to advise that Council has now passed motions to vote on the remits, in agreement with your recommendations, as follows:

Remit #1: Three Council Model, the vote is YES

Remit #2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement, the vote is YES

Remit #3: Office of Vocation, the vote is YES

Remit #4: Funding a New Model, the vote is YES

Remit #5: One Order of Ministry, the vote is NO

Blessings to all, Terry Souch, Chair of Council

Lemonade on the Lawn

We are looking for volunteers for Lemonade on the Lawn again this year: Starting the first weekend of July and continuing until Labour Day weekend. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and all supplies will be provided.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

United Church Observer Magazine

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Report on The Bay of Quinte Conference Annual General Meeting, May 26-28, 2017

This year's meeting was held at Wall Street United Church in Brockville, Ontario, using the theme *Think on These Things*, based on Philippians 4:8. The rise of the Conference AGM signals the beginning and end of each Conference year. Many other Conferences across The United Church of Canada held their AGM this weekend too.

Conference was attended by about 300 people, including lay and clergy delegates from all eight presbyteries in our Conference, 47 youths and their leaders and 12 children and their leaders. Conference began with an acknowledgement of the territorial land upon which Conference was being held, a practice which each presbytery and pastoral charge in our Conference is encouraged to do. Then the Conference Behavioural Covenant was read aloud as printed in each delegate's agenda book.

The Equity Committee ensured that the AGM progressed in a just and equitable way, with the provision of three sign language interpreters for a deaf delegate, the accommodation of a service dog for a visually-impaired delegate, the assurance that our meeting space was nut-free, and the provision of a rainbow-coloured tablecloth and rainbow-coloured logo, acknowledging that we are an Affirming Conference. The Rev. Don Stiles Jr. served as President of Conference and conducted the annual meeting with a good sense of humour. Daily worship services were led by area ministers and the Children and Youths at Conference groups.

Eleven members of the order of ministry retired in our conference this past year and were honoured at a Retirees Dinner on Friday evening. Seven members of the order of ministry in our conference died this past year and were recognized in a memorial service.

Many presentations were made by conference committees and guest speakers, including those by the Inter-Faith, Inter-Cultural Committee on the Fall, 2016 Pilgrimage to India, the El Salvador exposure tour group, our General Council representatives, the Candidacy for Ministry Committee, the Stewardship and Mission and Service Fund Committees and the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Committee (SAPR). The Honourable Romeo Saganash, a lawyer and a Cree Nation MP from northern Quebec, gave a presentation about his work in helping to complete the 46 Articles of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. We were asked to support this work which will be introduced as Bill C-262 in The House of Commons in September, 2017.

When it was announced on Saturday that Toronto Conference had just voted in favour of becoming an Affirming Conference of The United Church of Canada, the court broke out in applause and sent Toronto Conference our congratulations on their work and decision.

We elected 29 delegates to serve as Commissioners to the 43rd General Council, to be held at the Durham College-UOIT campus from July 20-28, 2018. The Bay of Quinte Conference is partnering with The All Native Circle Conference (ANCC) to organize and host this triennial gathering of 500 commissioners. The theme of GC 43 is *Risking Faith, Daring Hope*. A large worship service will be held at GC 43 on Sunday, July 22, which all presbytery United Church congregations will be invited to attend. 150 volunteers are needed to organize and host GC 43. Church members are welcome to attend and witness GC 43 at work each day, although only elected Commissioners will be permitted to vote and elect the new Moderator of The UCC.

We elected The Rev. Kim Heath to serve as President Elect of Conference for late 2018.

The Conference treasurer, The Rev. Don Willmer, introduced a balanced budget. After the court voted to add money to the budget for the new Conference year, the balanced budget was approved with an anticipated total revenue of \$732,020, and an anticipated total expenditure of \$732,020. Presbytery Assessments will be \$544,950.

A very moving play entitled *Transcript*, was enacted. This play depicted the feelings and broad range of challenges faced by those who are transgendered persons, and who are transitioning, and the struggles they face with family members, friends and the world in general.

Patti Talbot was our representative and theological reflector from the General Council office in Toronto. In her theological reflection on our Conference work she reminded us of the motto of the Reforming Churches, of which The United Church of Canada is a part- "Semper Reformato," meaning, "Always Reforming." She said, "the Church is always changing and always under construction," and "a Church which lives and breathes struggles in mission and ministry."

Conference concluded with an inspiring two-hour-long worship service on Sunday, which included an outstanding sermon by The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair of Metropolitan U.C., Toronto. Worship also included Holy Communion, a children's time, praise band singing, the admission to ministry in The UCC of a minister from the Free Methodist Church, the ordination of four candidates for ministry, including the Rev. Ned Wells and the Rev. Janelle Shaw of our presbytery, and the installation of The Rev. Wanda Stride as our new Conference President.

Submitted by Rev. Susan L. Genge, in concurrence with Glenn Genge (Lakeridge Presbytery)