Connexions Spring 2013

Congregation Holds Mortgage Burning

On November 11, 2012, it was with a great deal of excitement that the congregation of Memorial United Church, Grand Falls-Windsor, burned the church building mortgage.

For many of those gathered for the ceremony and festivities there were many memories. Many remembered the old church and the struggle to decide to demolish the old one and build new. On November 11, 1990,

the new church was officially opened by the Moderator, Right Reverend Walter

Treasurer Graham Harris, Past Treasurer Randy Jane and Rev. Myles Vardy, President of Conference.

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Farquharson.

With great anxiety we had taken on two loans: one from the Bank of Montreal and one from the National Church. In 2007, we concluded the payments to the Bank of Montreal and concentrated our efforts on retiring the debt to the National Church.

For the past twenty-two years members of Memorial United held many



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday	Cantata with the Men's Choir
Good Friday	11:00am. morning service
Easter Sunday	8:00am. Communion
	11:00am. regular service

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fundraisers. They ranged from bake sales, quilt shows, and penny drives to very elaborate dinner theatre productions. It is interesting to note that couraged under the weight of such a debt. Regular activities continued unabated. Choirs thrived, Sunday School classes continued. We even hosted Conference meetings twice.

Fellowship was a high priority over the past twenty years and because we were concentrating on making payments many members found themselves in the kitchen renewing acquaintances or making new friends as they peeled potatoes. cooked meals and washed dishes.

deavour was the formation of our Men's choir. It was formed for the opening service of the new church and continues to this day.

We were delighted to have the President of Conference, Rev. Myles Vardy, participate in our Mortgage Burning Celebration. In attendance also were: Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Rev. Heather Sandford, Rev. Roger Janes, Rev. Royden Reynolds, and guest preacher Rev. Larry Watkins. Rev. Watkins was minister at the time of the opening of the new church. We

were also pleased to welcome civic officials: Mr. Scott Simms. Member of Parliament; Honorable Susan Sullivan, Member of House of our congregation never became dis- Assembly; and Mr. Allan Hawkins, Mayor of Grand Falls-Windsor.

> Flowers were placed in the sanctuary by the Official Board on behalf of the congregation in memory of deceased members of the new church building development committee. Bulletins were donated by long time members Roy and Emily Stoodley in honour of the members of the UCW and Men's Choir. A beautiful cake was donated by Lloyd Goodyear, one of our most senior members.

Another outcome from such an en- Plaques were also presented to the UCW and Men's Choir by the Official Board in honour of the great work these two groups have done over the past twenty-two years.

> Following the ceremony a celebration supper was shared in the CE Center. Guest speaker was Rev. Royden Reynolds, who has been a mainstay of this congregation for a number of years.

We now go forward with faith to embrace whatever the future holds in all its richness, challenges, and excitement.

Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge.

....Abraham Joshua Heschel The fairest thing in nature, a flower, still has its roots in earth and manure.David Herbert Lawrence



Greetings Friends,

As I sit down to write this message, I am aware that it has been some time since Memorial United has produced a newsletter. Not because there has been nothing happening in this place but rather because so much has been happening! I am pleased, therefore, to know that our small piece of the world has settled enough, that we are once again seeking to be in community with one another.

It's a strange truth of humanity that when we hurt, we most often turn inward - In depression we will seek the quiet of a darkened bedroom; In grief we will often gather close within our family units; In confusion we will sometimes go off into a corner to brood. It's not unlike a dog who has been hit by a car crawling off to lick his wounds in private.

As we now walk through the season of Lent and towards Good Friday, I am struck by the juxtaposition of our basic instinct of withdrawal from the world when we hurt, and basic instinct of Jesus on the cross who cried out for love in the midst of great pain. He whom we wish so much to emulate, opened himself to family and community instead of closing his eyes and bearing his hurts alone. To the very end, his concern was for those around him, rather than for himself.

As we begin to open up and learn how to be family together, it is my deepest prayer for this congregation that we might truly learn how to trust one another...and be trustworthy for one another. That when we hurt we feel capable of reaching out and saying, 'Help me.' That when we see others hurting we reach out in love and offer a hand to hold or a shoulder to cry on.

By being together in loving community, we can walk with each other through the darkness so that no one is ever alone... and together, we come into the light, laughing as we fine our Easter.

Be well, Rev. Kim

⁴ Welcome, Rev. Kim, to Memorial United

Have you all met our new minister, Ministry or as she said, "The The Rev. Kimberley Waite? She has been with us since last August. and graduated from the Atlantic It has been so refreshing to have such an energetic young person to lead our Church family.

Rev. Kim was born in Summerside. Prince Edward Island where her parents and brother still reside. Her brother and his wife are expecting their first child this summer. Rev. Rev. Kim is an inspirtional and a Kim is very excited about becoming an aunt.

Rev. Kim attended The University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottown, where she received her first degree. She worked a couple of years before entering Theology. She felt the call for the

Ministry chose her." She attended School of Theology in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 2008 she arrived in Newfoundland Labrador to take her first parish at Oakland United Church in Corner Brook. In August 2012 Rev. Kim accepted the postion here at Memorial United

compassionate minister. She has very strong preaching skills and has a great rapport with the young people of our congregation. She is bringing many new ideas to our cogregation and still very respectful of our traditional beliefs and practices here at Memorial United Church.



Rev. Kim, we are so pleased to have you and your silver tabby cat. Stewie, come to Grand Falls-Windsor to join our church family here at Memorial United

The Rev. Kimberley Waite (OM), B.A., M. Div (2008)

Church Life

Our Church Family

We are in the process of bringing up to date the names and addresses of those who consider Memorial United Church their home church. to the Church office along with a Over the years we have lost contact with many who have moved to a new address, in town or out of town. Bad Boys of The Bible and some who have moved back The committee here members working on this update (church rolls) are Ray Penney, Harry Parsons, Lloyd Hiscock, Gloria Raines and Walter Scott. You may receive a telephone call from one of them as we try to verify your correct address. Congregational Should this happen, please don't be annoved, as the committee members do not know all of the people within our church family. We appreciate your patience and co-operation as we try to maintain contact with you.

Wall of Celebration

What a wonderful way to remember significant milestones, events or even the life of a departed family loved one! Have the event, individual's names, dates, etc engraved on a plaque to be placed on the vestibule wall of Memorial United Church.

To order a plaque, you may get an



order form from the Church office or from the vestibule of the Church. Fill out the order form with the required information and submit it \$50.00 contribution.

Bible Study and \overline{D} iscussion: Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24 @2 - 3:00pm. Come explore some of the more interesting wayward heroes of the Bible

Communication Workshop

Tuesday, April 16 & 23 @ 7:30 pm. Come see where you stand on the theological spectrum and learn how understand and better Comto municate with those who are different from you. Together we will discuss how we understand ourselves to be and live as a Church. Workshops will be based on Paul Jones 'Theological Worlds'.

Kiwanis Music Festival 2013



Many of our young people will be taking part in the Kiwanis Music Festival. We wish them all the best of luck.

Would like Rev. Kim to visit: If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit, please call Rev. Kim. I can't visit if I don't know you are there!

Memorial United Annual "In Memoriam Hymn Sing"

Memorial United Church will hold this year's "In Memoriam Hymn Sing" on Sunday, May 12, 2013 (Mother's Day) at the 11:00 am. service. Friends are asked to help with this special project by choosing a hymn or hymns in memory of loved ones and making a pledge. You may choose from the following hymns:

1. Thy Word

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- 2. In The Garden
- 3. I Am Walking a Path of Peace
- 4. How Great Thou Art
- 5. Just A Closer Walk With Thee
- 6. Jesus, You Have Come To The Lake Shore
- 7. Wonderful Loving Mothers
- 8. Mother's Day Greeting
- 9. The Rose That Keeps on Blooming (A Mother's Day Song)

Church choir members will soon be circulating their sheet or you may contact the Church office to make a pledge.

The UC5 Music Group

Ralph Angel, Howard Barnes, and perform at many fund-raising and Gregory Forward make up this very talented Music Group, The UC5. here at Memorial United Church. These five gentlemen branched off from the Men' Choir to form this group about 14 years ago.

They meet at Ralph's every Thursday night to practice and for a good jam session. Since their formation they have been in great demand. They have shared their music and song at many of Sunday our regular services: weekly. thev play and sing at a seniors' home - Hollett's. Twin Golden Years Town. Estates or the Carmelite;

Garfield Roberts, Merricks Chipp, functions such as Festival of Praise, SPCA, St. Joseph's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Windsor Pentecostal Coffee Shop, etc.

> Thank you, gentlemen, for the many hours of entertainment you have given us with your music and songs.



<u>News</u> from **The United Church Women**



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"United As One"

Greetings on behalf of Memorial United Church UCW.

Many changes have taken place within our organization over the past two years. What was once four units with individual leaders and one President has now combined into one large unit of 80 members with a full Executive. With the reorganization of our UCW came With manv challenges. the dedication of all the members we have created many new ways of doing things while still holding on to some of the old. The Executive has made the transition as smooth as possible for everyone and it seems to be working well. We continue to welcome new members

Our UCW members here at Memorial United continue to play an active role in the life and work of the church. We visit the sick and shut-ins in their homes, hospital and seniors homes regularly. The UCW have expressed their sympathy throughout the year to members who have lost loved ones and have

provided lunches following funerals. So far, 2013 has been especially difficult having lost four of our UCW members.

We still do some catering, but not as much as we did in years past. Over the last couple of years we have focused more on outreach. We donate to many organizations in the community, the province and overseas. We also do the breakfast program at Exploits Vallev Intermediate School every Monday morning. We have started exercise classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. for anyone who would like to attend. We collect pop tabs and the monies received will go to buy wheelchairs and other items for children who need them

Thank you to Memorial United Church congregation for your continued support in all our endeavors.

Eileen Butt UCW President

JUMBLE SALE

The UCW annual Jumble Sale will be taking place in the C E Center at Memorial United Church on Saturday morning, April 27, 2013. Doors will open at 9:00 am. Save your junk and treasures for this special event!

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Choral Program

Our choral program is in full swing as we prepare for the Easter season. The Church Choir formed the nucleus of the Cantata Choir that presented the "Winter Rose" in December. The cantata was a very challenging piece but with hard work by everyone involved, the end result exceeded our wildest expectations.

Having been bit by the cantata bug, the Men's Choir is practicing a cantata for Easter entitled "Praise the God of Resurrection". If all

Sunday School

Our Sunday School program is having another successful year. Approximately 40 children are registered and weekly attendance is strong. This year we have a number of 'part time' teachers who take turns teaching Sunday School. This has been an unqualified success.

In addition to the regular seasonal activities of our program, our children are involved in additional activities within our church. Building on last year's success, our grade 4, 5, and 6 class has organized

goes well, it will be presented on Maunday Thursday. If all does not go well, we will present it on Maunday Thursday, in the evening... next year.

Our choral program plays an important part in the ministry of music and life of our church. If you like to sing and think you may enjoy participating, please don't hesitate to come along to choir practice every Wednesday evening. It is never too late to join and we would love to have you!

another cupcake and craft sale. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the Mission and Service fund. They are having fun as they develop a sense of responsibility.

Some of our older children are on the regular readers list and take turns reading the scripture during Sunday services. Our church is providing a venue for our young people to develop self confidence while learning how to live in God's way.

Bible Society

The 36th Annual "Festival of Praise" times) of the Canadian Bible was held at Evangel Pentecostal Society, as our guest speaker at this Tabernacle on Tuesday, February 5, very special service. 2013. We were very pleased to have The Rev. Lorne K. Freake, Director of Ministry Advancement (Mari-*(continued on next page)*

Where are they now?

Have you ever wondered where some of our former Memorial United Church members have gone? Well...

Mary Lou Stoodley, daughter of Roy Stoodley now resides in Corbyville, Ontario.

Andrew Barnes, son of Howard Barnes now resides in Bedford, Nova Scotia.

Christine & Marty Flood now reside in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia.

Jennifer Moore, daughter of Dorothy Moore is now residing in Victoria, British Columbia.

Carol Ann Parsons, daughter of Harry & Anna Parsons now resides in Teslin, Yukon.

Dr. Barbara Kellerman, our organist for many years now resides in Waterloo, Ontario.

Richard & Wanda Marsh now reside in Paradise, Newfoundland Labrador.

Susan Butt, daughter of Nina & Harold Butt now resides in Martensville, Saskatchewan.

Bible Society Festival of Praise (continued from previous page)

from each of our individual special thank you to the UC5 Music Churches in the Grand Falls- group for their selection and all Windsor and Bishop Falls area who Memorial United Church conprovided us with a wonderful gregational members who supevening of music and song. A very ported our Festival of Praise.

Radio Broadcasts

Memorial United Church has scheduled seven morning Church Services live on VOCM Radio for 2013. These broadcasts provide a wonderful opportunity for Church members who are unable to attend, to share in morning worship. If you are interested in sponsoring a service or contributing towards the cost of a service in memory of loved ones, please contact the Church Office at 489 6151. Each broadcast cost is \$265.00.

Available Dates: April21, June 9, August 18, and December 1.

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The 5th Grand Falls-Windsor Girl Guides have been meeting at Memorial United Church for five years. They meet Monday evenings from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 pm. Guides is a great opportunity for girls ages 9 - 11 years to learn the values of being independent, to display selfrespect, to be trustworthy and understanding, while been empowered with knowledge and leadership skills through various activities and community service projects.

operate with others, and to build self-esteem. The girls have worked hard and acquired a number of badges this year - Fitness, Cultural Awareness, Heritage, Provincial Folklore, Heritage, Reporting. Postal, Canadian Guiding, World Guiding, Snowshoeing, etc. Some future plans for our group are environmental clean-ups, an Easter celebration, a spring camp, and a summer camp.

They spend time with girls their own United Church for helping to make age learning to be friends, to co- all of this possible for us.

We would like to thank Memorial



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning starting at 9:30 am. in the C E Centre.

PARKING!

There are some very positive results when one parks one's vehicle in the parking space furthest from the church entrance - we get that little bit of extra exercise from our walk to the church; and we give those congregational members who may 'need' to find parking space close to the church entrance, the opportunity to do so.

Hearing Thanks to our UCW and the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association - Newfoundland and Labrador, we are Assisted making the Sanctuary hearing accessible. Receivers Technology may be borrowed from the sound room and returned (HAT) after each service. Should you wish to purchase your own compatible unit, please talk to Harold Butt (489-5313) for more information

Our Webpages

Memorial United Church webpage: www.memorialunited.com/

Events calendar: www.memorialunited.com/calendar.php

List of Readers, Choir schedule and Broadcast schedule: www.memorialunited.com/lists-and-schedules.php

To receive information about church events by email, please contact Dave Stoodley at dstoodley@gmail.com.

To contact Church Office by Email: mucsecretary@gmail.com

Proclamation:

The reading of God's Word aloud, in public, and in its entirety, from the beginning to the end.

All Churches of Christian denomina- read in another language; come as tions and confessions co-operate in a 'Proclamation' event. They all meet around a common cause - The **Bible.** A **Proclamation** event is an exciting way to raise the profile of the Scriptures in your Church and community. Everyone is invited to read - the very young person to the older person; someone who can

an individual, a family, or a group.

This event will be happening at Memorial United Church from April 18, 2013 - April 27, 2013. It will start at 7:00 am. and finish at 9:00 pm. daily. Sign-up sheets will soon be circulating. Hope to see many of you at Memorial United Church for this exciting event.

Community Food Bank

There is an ongoing need for directly to the Food Bank. It is contributions to the Food Bank. situated at 20 Lincoln Rd. on the Contributors may bring items to the parking lot across from the Holiday Church or items may be taken Lanes Bowling Center.

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Church Directory

Minister Minister Emeritus Lay Readers

Organist Organist/Jr. Choir Director Choir Director

Rev. Kimberley Waite Rev. Royden Reynolds Walter Scott, Harry Parsons, Alice Cater, Gerald Thompson, David Anthony and Albert Garland Wallace Robinson Pete Banfield **Glenn Mouland**

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