



# The Messenger

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## From the Editors

As this column is being written, it's the first full day of summer, which arrived at 8:59 p.m. local time, last evening, June 20th. There seems to be a trend here; the last issue was put together on the spring equinox, and if we continue to publish quarterly, then ... why not?

We first intended to get this issue out a couple of weeks ago, but things kept getting in our way. Then we thought we'd have it out last week. That's the weekend that began on Friday the 13th, and even if you don't suffer from triskaidekaphobia you'll agree that forest fires started the weekend on a very dark note. It was especially hectic for those of us with a lot of extra work facing us.

Staff and writers for this issue: Jane Cushing, Allan Eddy, Steve Elliott, Teri Giannou, Janet Gill, Don Hill, Carolyn Hortie, Rev. Valerie Kennedy, Bob Lindsay, Dwight Perkins, Barry Zwicker.

Note: On Sunday, June 22nd, we ran out of all the copies we had prepared. This is the second run, and we managed to fix up a few typos in the process.

## Musings from the Minister's Study

- Rev. Valerie Kennedy

As I sit in my church study looking out the window, I am able to see the little white church radiant in the bright sun, the green grass and the multitude of dandelions. This pastoral picture fills me with hope, optimism, excitement and deep thankfulness. I am so thankful to be in this wonderful and sacred place called Woodlawn and that our paths in ministry have crossed because I believe that God has great plans for us. I am thankful for all of the many things that you have done as individuals and as a congregation to make us feel welcome, wanted and at home. Your generosity of spirit and patience with us is much appreciated. This is a great place!

My friends, summer will soon be upon us with its long relaxing days, warm sunshine, gentle breezes and a promise of much needed rest. The seasons not only bring changes to nature but changes to our lives and to the lives of our loved ones as well. There are changes in relationships, responsibilities, economic status and health. There are changes which we welcome – like a change to our familiar routine during the summer break – and other changes which we dread or did not foresee in our future.

What a few months you have had as a congregation! What a tremendous amount of change you have experienced -

- Saying goodbye to ministers that you loved and who brought great joy and laughter into the worship service and your lives. I know that we are all thankful for the ministry they provided and in some cases still provide.
- Adopting an innovative and new Governance Model of Leadership which I believe will be a blessing for the church and take us far into the future.

- Finally, you turned around and graciously opened your arms to Phillip and me. We are also fully aware that by just being who we are, we have brought changes into your ways of doing things.

Change, for the most part, is a wonderful thing because it challenges us to grow and reach new heights – heights that we may not have chosen if we were not persuaded or pushed.

My friends, as Christians, in the midst of these changes, we can rejoice in the fact that God's love for us and our world does not change! We are thankful that God's unconditional love and free forgiveness of sin is constant – we can always rely on God to be there for us – especially in the times of great change. We are not alone! Thanks be to God.

Blessings and Love, Valerie

## Woodlawn Council

- Dwight Perkins

During the past year, there has been much discussion regarding our (WUC) new governance model. June 18<sup>th</sup> is a noteworthy date in Woodlawn's history as it marks the first-ever meeting of the Woodlawn Council, a part of the new governance model. It is smaller in size than the Official Board which it replaces.

In many ways, it was not "just another meeting". The meeting opened with devotions led by members of the Communications & Public Relations Team: the first of our new practice of lay-led devotions. Following an overview of the functions of Council, a proposal was made to adopt a "consensus model of decision-making". This is another change from past practice, and likely to be the topic of a future newsletter article. Adoption in principle of the consensus-model for decision-making by Council

was achieved by consensus – how appropriate!

To address the need to encourage the sharing of our time, talent & treasure, a proposal was put forward to proceed with the “Celebrating Stewardship” program. Consensus was achieved and the chairs of several Council teams agreed to recruit leadership for this program. Please consider your own participation in this program. More information will be forthcoming.

A primary function of Council is the oversight of longer term or “strategic planning” aspects of WUC ministry. This is a struggle for many churches. To ensure that WUC addresses this effectively, an ad hoc committee of five was struck to develop a framework for this strategic planning, to be presented to Council in September.

Highlights from reports received by Council are:

1. A member of WUC, Wyman Benjamin, is Chair-Elect of Halifax Presbytery. Congratulations to Wyman on taking on this challenging role.
2. WUC clergy are also active participants in the work of Halifax Presbytery with Rev. Phillip Kennedy participating in the “Gospel, Ecumenism & Theology” committee. Rev. Valerie Kennedy will be part of the Pastoral Relations Committee, one of the most active committees of Presbytery. Participation in the ministry of Presbytery, by both clergy and lay members, is a cornerstone of the United Church structure and function.
3. WUC has several committees at work to address staffing needs in several operational areas. They’re already reporting progress.

## ICE CREAM

- Dwight Perkins

That catchy title grab your attention? Probably!

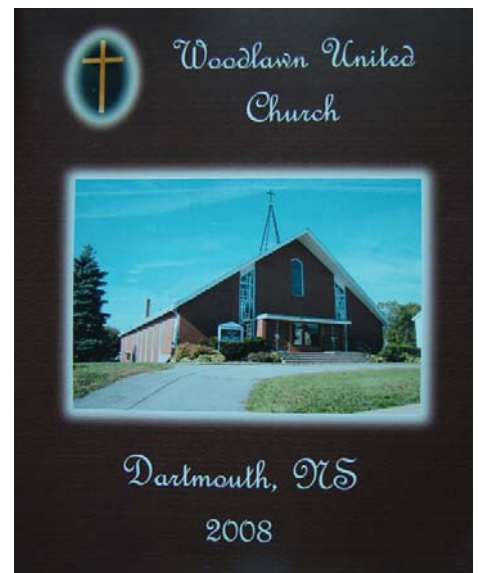
Our governance structure provides a framework for accomplishing our ministries at Woodlawn. Since the February AGM, several people have responded to a call for leadership. The following is an updated list of our Council Executive:

1. COUNCIL CHAIR: Allan Eddy
2. COUNCIL VICE- CHAIR: Dwight Perkins
3. COUNCIL SECRETARY: Margie Eddy
4. TREASURER: Carolyn Hortie
5. STEWARDSHIP & COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM Co-Chairs: Teri Giannou & Kathy Dean
6. PROGRAM TEAM: Chair - Murdock Morrison; Vice-chair - Peter Woods
7. ADMIN & MANAGEMENT TEAM Chair - Bruce Nauss
8. TRUSTEES: Chair - Barry Zwicker
9. MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Chair - Maarten Kramers
10. YOUTH TEAM: Chair - Jan Musselman
11. COMMUNICATIONS & PR TEAM Co-Chairs - Don Hill & Beth Udby

These are not all of the leaders at Woodlawn; just those on the Council Executive. It takes participation from many more to fulfill our ministries at Woodlawn. If you are willing to participate but haven’t yet found a role to share your talents, call any of us!

## Photo Directory Here! - Don Hill

The new WUC Photo Directory was introduced in April and has been in distribution since. Those who have seen it like it a lot! There are about three hundred picture entries in it, as well as numerous pictures of activities at Woodlawn. Those who had pictures taken by the company photographer and included in it have been given a complimentary copy. (If you did not yet pick up yours, please make arrangements to do so by contacting the office: 434-8302.) Those who submitted out-sourced pictures for inclusion may receive a pre-ordered copy for \$17. If you did not have your picture included in the directory, but you would like to have a copy, you may submit an order (with \$17) to the Office.



## Men’s Rally

- Dwight Perkins

On April 26th, eight men from Woodlawn joined with about 160 others from congregations throughout Maritime Conference for a one-day biennial Men’s Rally. Trinity-St. Stephen’s UC in Amherst was again the location, with the theme, “Jesus Calls Us”. The Rt. Rev. David Giuliano, Moderator of UCC, was the featured speaker, delivering the thought-provoking message that, in our changed & changing world, Jesus calls all men to be responsible role models & mentors - specifically to the younger men with whom we come into contact, not just our for own children, as important as that is. In addition to the usual work context of “mentor” David challenged us to be mentors in faith and spiritual aspects of life.

In addition to a powerful message, there was singing, small group discussion, a great meal, a worship service and the “business” meeting of the Maritime Conference UCM and much networking. During the business session a surprised Don Hill was recognized with an “Award for Exceptional Merit”, for his outstanding contribution to Maritime Conference UCM. A terrific rally! All men should plan to attend the next rally in 2010.

## To Clap or Not to Clap... - Bob Lindsay

... that was the question. And respond you did. While the number of responses weren't overwhelming (fewer than ten respondents), the range and variety of comments proved a bit unwieldy. That meant that, for the newsletter, we had to decide whether to deal fully with all aspects of the question and the comments we received, or to keep the focus narrow - the actual pros and cons of clapping after anthems in church. Newsletter staff actually considered discussing fully both sides of the question in all its ramifications.

However, some very perceptive people advised me, as editor, that this issue could be divisive. So that we could actually get the newsletter ready for you in time, and since the newsletter is not intended to set policy or formulate rules of behaviour, I felt it best to keep the focus narrow.

At a Sunday service about five or ten years ago, two alternative to applause were suggested from the pulpit: one was the waving of fingers in the air, which appears not to have caught on. The second was the brief dialogue, "And the people said ... Amen!" That one usually worked. It occurred to me that no strong arguments had ever been made against clapping after music in worship, and so I sought this opportunity to offer my views. Elsewhere in this issue, you can read those in an essay called "The Sound of No Hands Clapping".

As promised, here are a few of the comments we received: one respondent wrote eloquently about our church as "a union of many traditions and worship styles ... The Spirit moves us in a multitude of ... ways."; another exhorted us to "leave it to the people to react as they wish..." On the other side of the question were the following: [we] believe that music is to enhance the worship service and find clapping distracting."; "I'm a traditionalist over this particular issue, and think that clapping after the anthem is entirely out of place!" "Clapping takes away from the beauty of [the anthem]. In talking to some choir members, I discover they feel the same."

Some were flexible: "There are days and times when I really feel like clapping and am very happy when someone starts it, other times are sacred and I just want to savour the moment. At those times, even though others may be clapping I simply fold my hands and remain composed."

The Messenger has no other mandate than to inform, communicate, and provide a uniting influence in the congregation, so we have no desire either to create rules or set policy. A church in a totalitarian regime somewhere in the world might attempt that, as churches of another century might have done, but not here, and not now.

One respondent provided me with an introductory statement I wish I'd thought of in posing the question in the bulletin: "At Woodlawn Church we have people who wish to respond to the Spirit at times with applause and laughter, and we have people who feel the Spirit calls them here to find a space of quiet contemplation and reverence." For the most part, we've proved that we are flexible in our expressions and responses, and that's a good thing - up to a point. However, in my mind, the status quo we exhibit around clapping after music seems to ignore some important things. I describe those in my essay: "The Sound of No Hands Clapping".

## Church service interrupted by some clown... - Steve Elliott

An emergency meeting was recently held to provide training to the ushers so that they are able to identify and prevent jokers and clowns from interrupting the church service at Woodlawn.

On the 25th of May, Sparky, the clown shown in the picture, made a dash for the front of the church during the children's time. Rev. Phil remained as calm as can be expected, and engaged Sparky in a dialogue about Pentecost - or the birthday of the church. We expect Rev. Valerie left the sanctuary to call for help as she was nowhere to be seen during the commotion. The children enjoyed Sparky's visit and hope that she returns for another visit soon.

All's well that ends well.

## Trivia

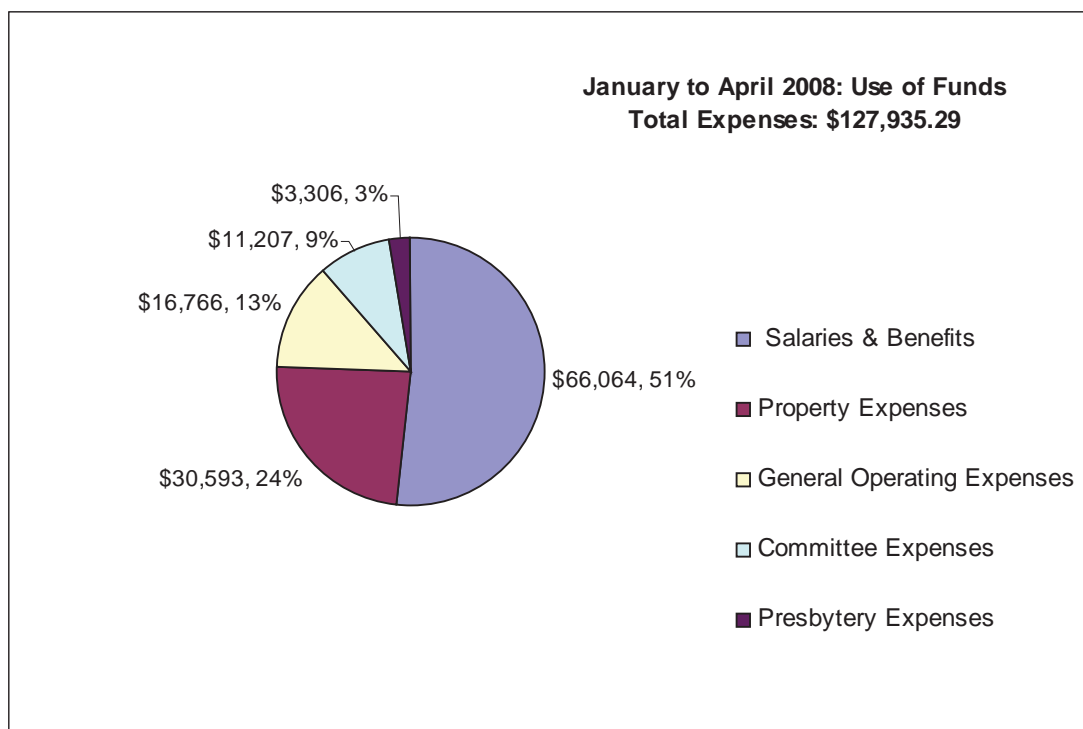
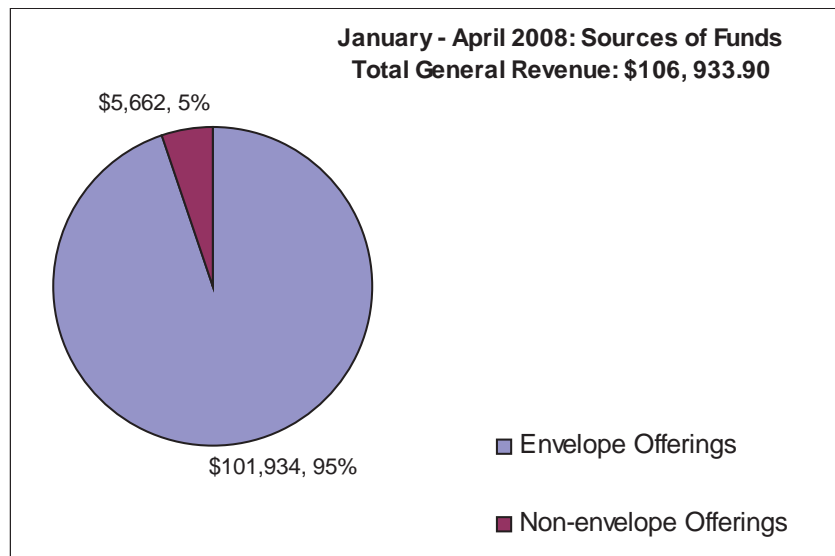
- Desperation begets productivity, and maybe even a bit of creativity. That's probably how a lot of newsletters get produced.
- If your mouthwash is blue, then don't store your window cleaner next to it. (from the Department of Things that Almost Happened)

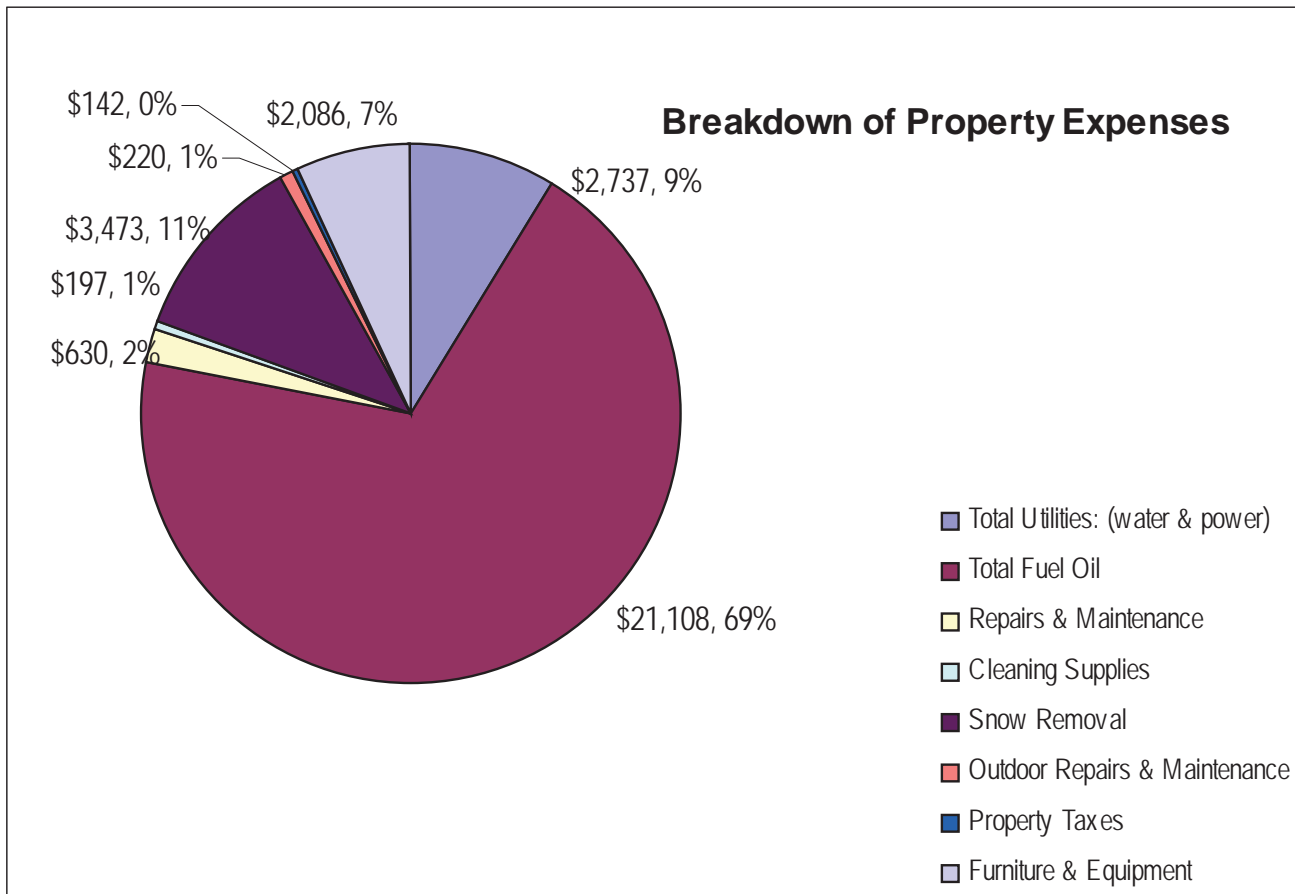


## Financial Report: January 01 – April 30 2008

This financial report was prepared by your treasurer and has the support of the Finance and Administration Team (formerly the Stewards). We offer it to you now in a spirit of stewardship, and we recognize our obligation to report how your gifts to God are used for the daily operations, and the various programs and ministries of our congregation. We are all proud of Woodlawn United Church because of the spirit of faith and friendship that pervades everything we do. Without your generosity and sacrifice, your involvement and volunteerism, your support and encouragement, this congregation could not have become what it is.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. – Carolyn Hortie, treasurer





### Breakdown of General Operating Expenses

Total Photocopier Expenses	\$1,028
Stationary & Supplies	\$4,537
Office Expenses - Mis.	\$886
Offering Envelopes	\$1,053
Total Telephone Costs	\$1,613
Postage	\$473
PAR Service Fees	\$180
Ceridian Payroll Fees	\$383
Bank Service Fees	\$281
Interest Charges	\$45
Harmonized Sales Tax	\$6,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,776</b>

Each year the church collects funds that are restricted and directed to the various special funds and charities. Revenue to these Special Funds are as follows:

Fund	Revenue Collected to April 30	Balance Forward From 2007	Balance of Fund Apr 30
Food Bank Fund	\$2,057.40	\$715.43	\$272.83
Building Improvement Fund	\$1,234.00	\$41,184.06	\$42,418.06
Building Fund - Accessibility	\$6,222.29	\$62,554.43	\$68,776.72
Camp Kidston Fund	\$321.00		\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00	\$3,573.69	\$3,598.69
Music Capital Fund	\$123.00	\$1,949.26	\$2,072.26
Organ Fund	\$593.00	\$160.00	\$753.00
Bursary Fund	\$350.00		\$20.00
Minister's Benevolent Fund	\$1,516.00	\$8,323.62	\$9,839.62
Community Outreach Fund	\$170.00	\$7,066.60	\$7,236.60
YAYA Fund	\$40.53	\$1,068.00	\$1,108.53
Miscellaneous Fund	\$15.00	\$68.62	\$83.62
White Gift Fund	\$0.00	\$7,038.36	\$7,038.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,667.22</b>		<b>\$143,218.29</b>

Note 1: 5 payments of \$500; Jan to May

Note 2: Cheque to Camp Kidston for \$511(\$321+ \$190 from May 04)

Note 3: May 21 updated balance is \$8,839.62 Benevolent Fund Jan to May 21

Aabel Fuel: \$100 Eastlink phone: \$50

NS Power: \$100 Aabel Fuel: \$500

Superstore & Sobey's: 10 x \$50 Food Cards

To date (April 30) we have donated to the Mission and Service Fund \$21,533.42. The breakdown of this donation is as follows:

Congregational Offerings	\$14,928.11
United Church Women	\$1,500.00
Lenten Folders	\$2,657.55
Trust Investment Interest	\$2,447.76
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$21,533.42</b>

As illustrated in the pie charts and statements above, our total expenses for 2008 to date have been \$127,935.29, our revenue over the same time frame has been \$106,933.90. This revenue represents a decrease of 10% from the same time frame of 2007 (\$120,290.12) Our operating balance (in the bank) at January end was \$40,687.34. Our operating balance on April 30 was \$32,529.57

At the present trend of revenue and expenses (by statistical calculation) we will reduce this operating balance to approximately \$5,000 by December end.

It is difficult to approach a congregation about the decline in revenue when there is "money-in-the-bank." We should each consider breathing life into our budget bucket.

Submitted by Carolyn Hortie; May 21, 2008



Allan Eddy, left, presents a study bible to Dwight Perkins in recognition of his three years as Chair of Official Board. Flowers were presented to Betty acknowledging her support during that time.

## Mission Beans

- Jane Cushing

Building on an old Maritime tradition of baked beans on the weekend, Brunswick Street Mission offered "Mission Beans" for sale from 4:00 to 6:00 pm every Friday in April. The Outreach Committee of WUC, assisted by several enthusiastic volunteers, promoted the sale of Mission Beans at Woodlawn United church. Because we wanted to reach the general public as well as the congregation, the Mission Beans campaign was advertised in the church bulletin and in local community newspapers, and posters were displayed in local stores, schools and churches. Brunswick Street Mission provides many programs for the homeless, the underemployed and those struggling on low incomes. These programs include the six day a week Drop-In-Breakfast program, the sewing centre which teaches marketable skills, the Christmas shop, the clothing bank, and the Benevolent fund which may provide steel-toed boots for someone returning to work, pay for a simple prescription, assist in paying a power bill or a bus ticket for someone returning to family, among many other emergencies.

The Mission Beans were very well received at Woodlawn this year and a cheque for \$1641.10 was sent to Brunswick Street Mission at the end of April. The beans were prepared at the Westin Hotel in Halifax and comments were generally favourable. Some thought the beans were too sweet or had too many onions, and occasionally, they were dry and hard. However, many people came back week after week. The brown bread, made by the Fancy Lebanese Bakery, still does not meet the expectations of Nova Scotians who look for oatmeal molasses brown bread, but it is very tasty in its own right. Sixteen United Churches in the Halifax-Dartmouth-Bedford area were involved in the Mission Beans sale this year, and 2200 litres of beans were sold. This should translate into about \$10,000 for Brunswick Street Mission, although the costs for flour and gasoline for the delivery trucks were up this year. All in all, a worthwhile project!

A special thanks to all who helped in selling the beans—Ardith Harvey (for her attractive bulletin announcements) and to the sellers: Burnell Field, Ken Brown, Marg Brink, Joan Patton, Isobel Jones, Carol White, Mary and Ross Osborne. And, thanks to all those who bought the beans and brown bread!

## Sunday School update

- Steve Elliott undercover

Hello again. I am still on my quest to find out what is really going on in Sunday School. Since the last newsletter, I have gone deeper undercover and have infiltrated the four year old class.

The class has teachers who share the class every other week. Nancy Elliott, my wife, and the other two girls share the duties. I don't want to pat myself on the back too much, but my disguise as a four-year old was so convincing that Nancy didn't recognize me. There is a chance she needs glasses, but we won't dwell on that.

Teaching between five and ten 4-year olds about Jesus and the Bible stories is a challenge for these teachers, but they meet it through games, crafts and songs that reinforce the weekly Bible stories.

## Baptisms & transfers

- Teri Giannou

This spring, the following became part of our Woodlawn family through confirmation, Baptism and transfer. We look forward to their journey in faith with us at Woodlawn and we pledge them our nurture, support, and prayers.

Baptised and confirmed:

- Stephanie Ann Blair
- Arron James Wight

Baptised:

- Madison Gracie-Ann Blair, child of Michael and Stephanie Blair
- Jason Russell Gatto son of Michael and Anne Gatto
- Clair Grace Kilpatrick, Mikeely Taylor Kilpatrick, and Callin Russell Kilpatrick, children of David and Tracy Kilpatrick
- Molly Twila Macpherson child of William Macpherson and Elizabeth England
- Cole Ronald Turner child of Derek and Tammy Turner
- Kaitlyn Nicole Wight daughter of Arron and Kari Wight

Transfers:

- Gavin David Levy (Church of the Holy Spirit, Dartmouth)
- Eva MacDonald (Forest Hills UC, Dartmouth);
- Bonnie Poirier (St. Peter's RC, Trenton ON)

# The Sound of No Hands Clapping

- Bob Lindsay

What is the sound of one hand clapping? For the Woodlawn congregation, an appropriate question might be: What is the sound of no hands clapping?

On a particular Sunday morning in 2007, a soloist sang twice during a service. The congregation applauded one solo, but not the other. I was puzzled. The phenomenon of inconsistent and inexplicable applause is frequent, and leads me to ask: what prompts people to applaud in church? Why for some things and not for others? What, or who, triggers the applause, and how quickly does it spread through the congregation?

Perhaps the most surprising view on the question of whether to applaud for great music is to be found in a book by Donald G Campbell: *The Mozart effect: tapping the power of music to heal the body, strengthen the mind, and unlock the creative spirit*. (New York: Avon Books, 1997). The author quotes legendary conductor Leopold Stokowski, and then adds his own observations:

*“The strange beating together of hands has no meaning, and to me it is very disturbing. . . It destroys the mood my colleagues and I have been trying to create with our music.”* — LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI [orchestra conductor]

“The ritual of applause is an aural abomination, at least in the concert hall. The powers of music, which build up in the body and reach a peak at the end of a performance, are immediately dissipated by clapping. When great music takes me to a state of transcendence - as does Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony, a Palestrina motet, or Paul Winter’s Missa Gaia - I prefer to stay where I am and not to be bombarded by a tidal wave of noise. Most often, friends find me applauding at concerts only when I wish to help erase what I’ve just heard from memory as quickly as possible.” - DONALD CAMPBELL. p. 57.

Surely it comes down to whether music in church is supposed to entertain us (which it might, on rare occasions), or if it’s offered as a serious part of regular worship, to be experienced in the same vein as any other part of the service.

I have a terrible confession to make: during my years in Chancel Choir and the Senior Choir which preceded it, I would scowl when the congregation applauded our anthem. I’d say to myself, “But we aren’t here for your entertainment! We’re contributing to the worship service!” And I would think of all the hours spent in rehearsal perfecting our intonation, diction, and nuances of dynamics, expression, and timing. To me, the applause said, “OK, that’s over. Now let’s get on with the rest of the service.” And I certainly felt that much of the congregation had missed the point of what we were trying to communicate.

Musical offerings during the service sometimes bring a lump to the throat, and a tear to the eye. When it happens, I think

it’s because of the three S’s: simplicity, sincerity, and sensitivity -- sensitivity to what that worship experience can mean. Not every musical performer or group can evoke that response. It’s rare, and when it happens, it’s priceless. It’s not only the great music of the concert hall that Donald Campbell told us about that raise us to heights; it can and does happen for us, at Woodlawn, and our individual response should not destroy the mood for others.

The thing that sets corporate worship apart from other social gatherings is the content of the worship experience; each part of the liturgy has a purpose, and we, the participants, likewise have a purpose, and our participation places expectations on us. Every place we might find ourselves during the course of a week or a year – classroom, restaurant, courtroom, our boss’s office, a friend’s living room – we are obliged to adhere to some code of behaviour, especially where it affects others. It would be distressing to discover that the church has evolved as the last bastion of the “if it feels good, do it, regardless of the next person” mindset.

When, at the end of an anthem our choir had sung, I stood scowling at the congregation wondering who started the clapping, it always seemed to come from the same area of the congregation. And that raises an interesting question: what if applause was usually started by the same few (or even one) diehard anthem-clappers? It would explain a lot. Whenever applause begins, it quickly spreads throughout the congregation, as if the first clap somehow legitimizes all the others that follow it.

One of the most expressive opinions on this side of the question came to me by email: “We believe the Woodlawn Church community should set aside one hour where we can worship quietly, introspectively, enjoying the moments where we can give thanks to God, in His house, for the blessings we receive, through prayer, music, song or dance – without applause.”

That’s it, isn’t it? Preserving a time and space for worship is the whole point: if not in church, then *where*? If not in the hours we set aside for public worship, then *when*?



Did you know that sometime in 1943 or 1944, the Junior Choir of St. James United Church walked all the way to Woodlawn Church on the occasion of the induction of Rev. Dr. J. D. N. MacDonald? They stood in front of the present Heritage Centre to get their picture taken. Third from the right in the front row of girls standing, with pigtails, is Mary MacMillan.

# From the Trustees - Barry Zwicker

## What is happening with our garbage?

As most of you know, HRM used to provide WUC with regular weekly garbage pickup—including all forms of solid waste—from our church buildings, just as they do from your homes. In December, that stopped.

We have been meeting with HRM representatives, including staff members and our Councillor. We also arranged a meeting of Dartmouth churches to share our concern about the garbage issue, and to discuss the bigger picture of how HRM is disregarding our special tax exempt status provided for within the Nova Scotia Assessment Act. Only three other churches attended the meeting. While they shared a concern over the garbage issue and where this may lead churches in the future, there was not a strong enough representation to plead our case before HRM council. At a recent WUC Council Executive meeting we decided we wouldn't take the issue further at this time.

So where is our garbage going? Members of our congregation have been taking it to their home or business for pickup. We need to continue this practice and encourage as many as possible to pick up this cause and pick up a bag and take it home.

The new initiative in this area is being started by the UCW. They are arranging to get coded bins so we can more easily separate our waste onsite, and then allow our people to take it home. This will be a great step forward in the recycling and separation process.

What we need now is a policy that requires all groups using our facilities to minimize the waste they create, and take it home afterwards. One example of this is styrofoam cups: we should be banning their use in all our buildings, and require the use of the cups and mugs in the kitchen. The same is true of packaging of goods brought in. We need to teach by example how to minimize waste by being more careful of the products we purchase. Bulk purchases can eliminate

a lot of the waste that is normally produced with individually wrapped products.

So we need all of your help in reducing waste, and also in the pickup and disposal at your curbside. You can contact me or let Burnell, our custodian, know you want to help by taking a few bags home.

It will also help our cause if you spread the word among your friends and business associates that you are concerned about how HRM is treating churches. There is little respect for the community and social value churches provide in this region. In my mind, it stems from poor leadership at the Regional Council level.

## Work program for 2008

Since budget approval at our AGM, we are proceeding with a few of the approved projects. This article will bring you up to date so we'll all have answers to questions that arise.

### Brick church:

The heating system in the brick church has been acting up for many years. While it provides heat, it wasn't being circulated efficiently or consistently, certainly a problem in the winter.

The problems have been analyzed, and we've now got the solutions. During June, we will have contractors on site to install more circulators, create more zones and a more rationalized path for the hot water to circulate throughout the building. That should resolve the problems, but cross your fingers that we won't have to bring blankets to service this winter.

Several windows have wooden casing and sills that are rotting, and are not energy-efficient. This summer we hope to start a strategic window replacement program, with a few windows being replaced with windows that are more energy-efficient and require less maintenance.

### Heritage Center (White Church):

The outside stairs are becoming unsafe, and will be replaced.

The roof leaks, so this summer we'll replace part of the roofing.

### Other:

The offices upstairs in the Patterson House (Staff House) need to be updated. The carpet in the offices appears to be the original carpet when they were used as bedrooms in the manse. We will remove the carpet and refinish the hardwood floor. Holes in the walls will be repaired, and we'll repaint and add new shelving. We expect this work to proceed during ministry staff vacation.

Our parking lot has a few uninvited guests (rocks) working their way through the asphalt. Before they develop into a bigger problem we plan to have them removed and the asphalt repaired.

We must also repaint the lines in the parking lot, since they are wearing thin, after the original painting. This will also give us an opportunity to redesign and increase the number of available spaces.

As you can see, we will be busy this summer. All of the above is in addition to regular fix ups that occur from time to time, like the rails on the outside steps of the Brick Church, new eavestroughing on the Heritage Center, grass mowing and lawn care.



This is one of the first Cub Packs at Woodlawn - June 1959. Mary MacMillan is the leader in the centre of the back row.