



Rev. Trevor's Admittand Ceremony



On Sunday May 29, 2022, on a glorious spring afternoon, our Reverend Trevor was recognized as an Admittand in the United Church of Canada. The traditional service, called Celebration of Ministries Service, was organized and conducted by the Shining Waters Region of the UCC.

The ceremony took place in the pleasingly modern setting of the restored St. Paul's United Church in Orillia. Sadly, the num-

ber of in-person attendees was limited to a small group of invited guests because of COVID restrictions; however, the service was live-streamed.

As we know, Trevor came to us as an Ordained Minister from another denomination. The polity of the UCC required Trevor to undertake a prescribed course of study during the past year, and participate in a rigorous interview process, prior to receiving full status as an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Canada during the May 29th Celebration of Ministries. Trevor shared the ceremony with one other Admittand and five newly Ordained Ministers.

The service was notably long and rather heavy on "order of service" but punctuated by a relevant and contemporary sermon given by Rev. Dr. Martha ter Kuile and by some modern, ethnic and progressive music.

Here are excerpts from Trevor's pre-recorded comments prior to the Celebration of Ministries Service:

"I am delighted to be welcomed and embraced by the United Church of Canada. I absolutely love it. I came to the UCC after leaving my former denomination that just didn't have the kind of theological generosity and room for creativity that I have found so life giving and delightful in the UCC. Now that I am in the UCC it is such an honour and privilege to explore the progressive side of Christianity with all the freedom, space and opportunity that leads to. I am so hopeful for the future of the UCC. I think we have such an opportunity to speak into our strengths of justice, beauty and goodness using this wonderful tradition that we have to share the love of Christ with a new generation."

CONGRATULATIONS TREVOR!

*Wilma and Ron Crago
Kathy and David Kitchen*

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DEVOTIONAL

As we enter into the more relaxed rhythm of July and August, may the summer sunshine remind you of the warmth of God's ever-present love for you. May you hear Spirit sing to you in the song of the sparrow. May you be refreshed in the deepest parts of your soul as you stroll by a stream or jump in a lake. May God's goodness envelope you with rest, with inspiration and with zesty adventure.

*Reverend
Trevor
Brisbin*



HVUC is Back in Business — In Person



I don't think we are any busier at Humber Valley United Church than we were before COVID; it just feels that way after a long two years of restrictions. It's a very good feeling!

I was personally involved in the UCW Annual General Meeting and The Royal Platinum Jubilee Tea.

Our UCW AGM was held in person for the first time in two years. It was wonderful to chat with everyone in person, and to honour two of our members, Catherine Ireland and Wendy MacBeth with Life Memberships.

On the same day, May 22, Rev. Dr. Trevor Brisbin's Admittand Ceremony took place in Orillia. (Please see page 1 for the story.)

The following week, we held the Royal Platinum Jubilee Tea. This was a massive undertaking. Carolyn Whiteside was the instigator and planner, who reached out to local retirement homes with requests for donations of desserts and door prizes. Unit 7 made more than 900 sandwiches. The Valley Voices provided the entertainment with songs that celebrated the UK and Canada, were hits in 1953, and were on the Queen's list of favourite tunes. We finished with a rousing chorus of Sweet Caroline, the song people sang all over the UK to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, and Happy Royal Jubilee, sung to the tune of Happy Birthday.

The decor was amazing — including Judith Dallimore's collection of Beatrix Potter animal toys and Marg Wallis' large collection of Paddington Bears. There were a number of men there as well, including the handsome 'Men In Suits' as servers, and Stan Adamson, who attended the Queen's Coronation in 1953. (Read more on page 10.)

There was lots happening for kids as well, including a Magic Show on May 1 (see page 17) and a Fun Fair on June 18 (see pages 4-5).

HVUC marched for Dorothy Ley Hospice on June 12, raising \$9,400+ with our team of Margo Marchers. (See page 7.)

There was an opportunity to trade treasures at the Bring & Buy Yard Sale on May 14

Our Lenten Events were well-received and helped us celebrate the Easter Season.

Anne Pietropaolo and Bev Conner continued to lead the 55+ events, with the able assistance of Natasha, one of our Summer Students. (Read about them and also about our new Caretakers on pages 20-22.)

And best of all, there are lots of new people to welcome to our services and events while Passing the Peace or talking during coffee time after church.

Humber Valley's many musical voices are being heard. The Valley Voices sang For the Beauty of the Earth at the Mother's Day service, and will be joining Drew and his Crew to sing 10,000 Blessings on Sunday, June 26. Valley Voices will be looking for new members starting in the Fall and already we are accumulating a list

And then there's next fall. Briar Boake will be on for a performance of the music from Godspell on Oct. 1. We will be shredding all our paper on Oct. 15 as the big truck returns to ensure all our private information is protected.

Hymn Sings led by Jill Diane Filion will take place on Sept. 17, Oct. 8, November 12 and December 10.

Way down the road, on May 5-6, 2023, we plan to hold a Festival of Song — something HVUC has not done for several years. We hope to involve all ages in this fundraiser, which celebrates the talent in and around our Church Community.

We are a vibrant, inclusive and caring community, It's great to get back to in-person events. And even if we're back to Zooming in the Fall due to COVID, the spirit of our congregation will endure.

Colleen Isherwood

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Happy Summer Humber Valley Family!



Kate Brown with Susanne Hynes.

Hi Humber Valley Family! Happy Summer!!!

As the sun comes streaming in my window this afternoon, I am asking God to bring each family from Humber Valley to my mind and as I look through the list of our community, know I am praying for each one of you today!

I'm praying especially that the promises of God's love and grace and victory and freedom would be real in your experience. In my role, I've been thinking a lot about 'welcome', as I've been thinking about us preparing to welcome more and more newcomers at Humber Valley; one of the things God has been revealing to me about welcoming others well, is that we first need to be convinced of our own personal divine belonging, welcome, and belovedness!

Trevor and I both in the last two weeks (without even planning it) have preached on Galatians 5:1 which says "It is for freedom that Christ has set you free".

This verse reminds us that we each have the opportunity every day, every MOMENT to decide whether we will abide in Christ's spirit at work within us, or whether we will rely on our flesh. (Flesh = the independent ways we rely on our own strength to get our 'perceived needs' met apart from God.)

My prayer for each of you today as I think of you is that you would remember that you are FREE to choose the way of the spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Because of God's spirit at work in you, when that person cuts you off in traffic, you are FREE to be patient with them! When you feel anxious about work, you are free to receive and rest in God's peace. If there is a situation where you feel misunderstood, you are free to respond with gentleness and kindness. And especially, my prayer for all of us is that we would let nothing rob us of our JOY today! Whatever our circumstances, God promises that we are never alone and that God's comfort, peace, and joy are ours for the taking.

In my own experience, I am learning that our ability to extend God's welcome and joy and peace and kindness and gentleness, depends largely on our own experience of it first!

So echoing the passage from Ephesians 3, may your roots go down deep into God's love for you and keep you strong. Once you experience the love of God, may you be filled with life and power that comes from love. May your eyes be opened to where the Spirit is already at work in your life and where you have been invited to partner in extending Christ's love and peace and welcome to the world!

Can't wait to give you each a hug in person soon!

Love and Sunshine, xo Kate Brown

From the Chair of the Board



Augustus Festas and Deb Turnbull.

Summer is upon us – what a blessing!! I wish each of you time with family and friends this summer and also time to reflect on the joys in your lives. Summer gives us time to share adventures outdoors, a good book in a lawn chair, and meals together at picnic tables and on porches. It is also a time for renewal of spirit and a re-energizing of relationships and commitments.

Please join us for our summer services – 'Lemonade and Lectionary' – which will be in-person followed by lemonade on the lawn for fellowship, and will also be online so you can watch from wherever you are and at your leisure.

We have a busy fall ahead with fundraisers, concerts, new small groups and new ways to worship and nurture and share our faith.

Please continue to reach out to me and Trevor with your ideas, thoughts and concerns on how we can make our church truly transformational while continuing to welcome all – and, I mean all – to our community of faith. Happy Summer!

Blessings, Deb Turnbull

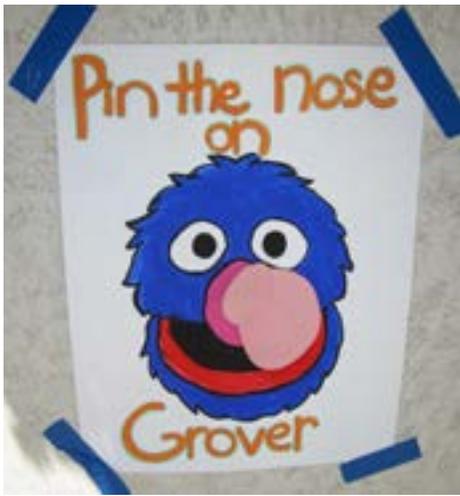
Family Fun Fair a Hit

The Family Fun Fair was a great success with about 120 parents, children and volunteers in attendance. Thank you to Licia Meldrum and Cameron Brubacher for their efforts in making this event such a success. Most of the children and parents stepped onto our property for the first time and had a great time of fun, fellowship and food. Ernie and Bert also came to visit. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a success.

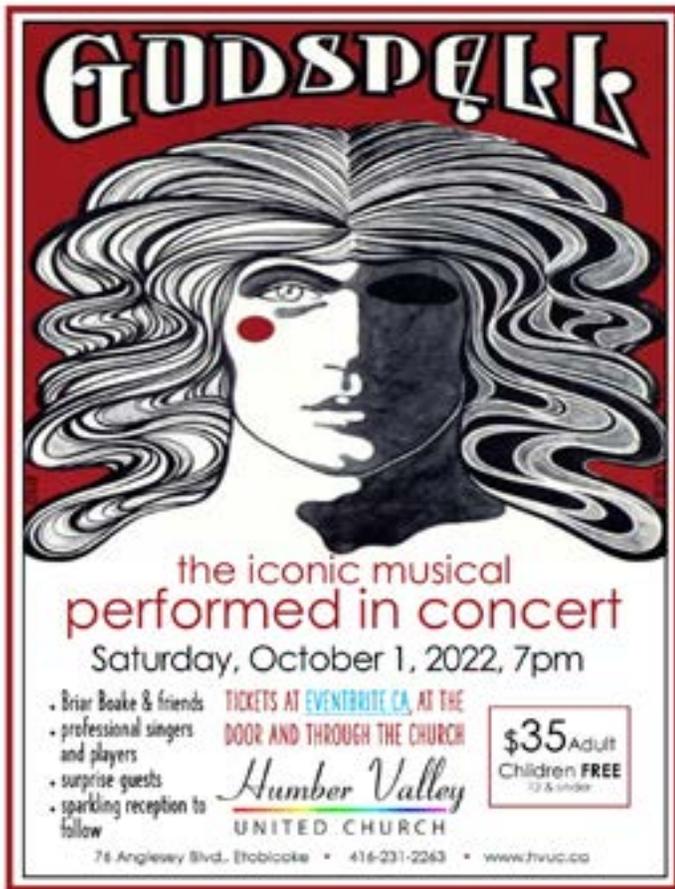
Deb Turnbull



Family Fun Fair More Photos



Humber Valley Coming Events



Tickets are available on Eventbrite and cost \$35 each, children 12 and under are free. Proceeds will support the ministries of Humber Valley United Church.

Getting Ready for Shredding Day

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are no time to be inside, but into every life some rain must fall. Why not use that inside day to start sorting through some of that paper you have been accumulating?

Most of us have tax papers, old bills, and printed correspondence that contains confidential information. Now is the time to protect yourself – and the people with whom you correspond – from identity theft.

To ensure your material is destroyed confidentially and securely, gather your documents together and bring them to HVUC's Shredding Day, which will be back this fall on Saturday, October 15, rain or shine.

What should you shred? Anything you would not want to see on the front page of the Toronto Star. Don't feel like sorting? At just \$15 per banker's box or equivalent, (\$12 each if you have more than 2 boxes), you can afford to save yourself some time and effort by just shredding everything.

Tip: A Banker's Box can hold between 25 and 30 pounds of paper. Start thinking about it now. October 15, will be here before you know it.



Godspell Concert Save the Date

Save the Date — Saturday October 1st beginning at 7 p.m. HVUC will be hosting Godspell in Concert — honouring the 50th anniversary of this award-winning musical!

Godspell was performed in Toronto at the Bayview Playhouse in 1972 under the direction of Paul Shaffer with a cast of players who went on to stellar careers in show business.

It was also performed at the Humber Valley Festival of Song under the direction of Raymond Gould in 1972 with a cast of young Chapel Tones who went on to live lives of great success and performed again in 2005 by a whole new generation of Humber Valley singers and actors!

Join us for an exciting re-telling of the gospel according to St. Matthew featuring former Chapel Tone choir member Briar Boake along with a cast of professional singers and players, and a few surprise guests, who will bring you the magic of this now iconic musical play with a sparkling reception to follow.

Hiking for Hospice — Marching in June



Hike for Hospice raises \$9,400+

Humber Valley, you are fantastic! Margo Marchers extraordinaire!

Donations to date are \$9,450. That exceeds the very high bar you set last year.

As enthusiastic Margo Marchers on our one-lap-around-the-church satellite Hike on Sunday, you set a perfect example for our community.

Most importantly, this year we made an extra effort, as the Executive Director at DLH noted, to spread awareness of the need for hospice palliative care in Etobicoke.

We are SO appreciated by The Dorothy Ley Hospice. Without community partners like us, they would not be able to bring all their services to end of life individuals and their families and friends.

THANK YOU HUMBER VALLEY!

Ron Crago



A warm and loving friend

Catherine Ireland, Unit 6's nominee for UCW Life Membership, has been a member of Humber Valley United Church for more than 35 years and a contributing member of Unit 6 for almost that long. She has shared her talents in many ways and willingly accepted leadership roles. Her calm and steady manner is an inspiration to others.

During COVID, many of our zoom meetings had speakers or topics arranged through her contacts. She does not allow a challenge to go unmet, providing devotionals at our monthly meetings, often citing poetry that related to the topic.

Working in the kitchen for fundraisers and sharing home made goodies are among her many talents. Playing the carillon on Sunday mornings helped the message of our church reach the wider community.

She is a warm and loving friend to many and her support is steadfast.

Catherine Ireland is a most worthy recipient of the UCW Life Membership and we are honoured to nominate her.



Catherine (left) receives her pin from Sally Roper.



Wendy receives her pin from Sally Roper as Colleen Isherwood looks on.

Thank you Wendy MacBeth

Unit 7 nominated Wendy MacBeth because of her laugh, her cottage, her love, her volunteerism with Daytimers, her being at our church since the 1950s and her unwavering support of UCW.

Wendy's gift of her cottage for one weekend a year over 13-14 years provided a place where Unit 7 members could truly bond and get to know each other. This was very significant for our unit as it knit us together.

Our weekends included meals planned and prepared by the group, or in the case of our Canada's 150th Celebration, by Wendy. We would have singsongs, go for walks, have a business meeting and swim in Penn Lake. Unit 7 is still a supportive, fun and industrious group, and our trips to Penn Lake from 2005-2017 have a lot to do with that.

As a person, Wendy is truly caring and giving. Her laugh is contagious and easily recognizable in a roomful of people! Over the years, she has worked at many of our outreach and fundraising events. She was an ushering captain. She could always be counted on to help.

In addition, Wendy and her family have been part of Humber Valley for a long time. Deb Turnbull has been her friend since 1961. They were in Sunday School together and in Brownies and Guides.

For all these reasons and more, we believe that Wendy should receive a UCW Life Membership

UCW AGM May 29

Unit 7's Best Laid Plans...

Terry Fallis once wrote a book called "Best Laid Plans" — but that title could apply equally well to Unit 7's meetings during the 2021-22 year. There were so many times during the year when we planned something, but COVID reared its ugly head! All in all we still had a good year. Many of our meetings were Zoom meetings, and all meetings had a Zoom component.

Unit 7 loves to chat, and we had "Let's Chat" meetings in September and April. In October, some of our members helped clean the church kitchen. In November, we prepared for the second annual Christmas Market, Bake and Craft Sale. In December, we attempted to hold an in-person Christmas party which ended up being a hybrid party.

In January, Unit 7 usually prepares sandwiches for Youth Without Shelter. We enjoyed doing this so much that we decided to provide lunches for YWS four times a year.

We travelled the world virtually this year as well. In January, Mary Ferguson took us on a trip to Antarctica, where she and her daughter actually bathed in the Antarctic Ocean. In March, all the UCW Units were treated to a trip to Egypt, courtesy of Constance Crosby. And in February, we joined other units for "The Modern Farmer," with Patrick Kitchen of Sideroad Farm near Walter's Falls, Ont.

In April, we came to the part about Best Laid Plans. We had planned to make sandwiches for the Bids and Bites luncheon. It was cancelled. So on April 25, we had a Let's Chat Meeting, where we shared our favourite crafts and hobbies. It was a true show and tell! We have so many talented people in our unit.

In May, we headed out to James Gardens for a walk and saw some beautiful trilliums. We had planned to finish the evening at Java Joe's Coffee Shop, but it closed at 7 p.m. Second Cup at Humbertown, our second choice, advertised being open until 11 but actually closed at 8. So we ended up at Café Isherwood, aka my house. Thank goodness Kathy Kitchen had popcorn and lemonade in her car to offer as refreshments! A loaves and fishes moment! In June, we had a mostly in-person meeting at my place. The friendships we have forged over the years were definitely on display.

That was my last meeting as Unit 7 leader as my two-year term is done. I have enjoyed leading Unit 7 and will work closely with my successor.

Colleen Isherwood



Unit 6 holds final meeting in person!

On June 7, Unit 6 enjoyed their final meeting of the year... in person!! It was wonderful to get together to thank our very able members. We expressed best wishes and thanks to Carolyn for her outstanding leadership and creativity with the Platinum Tea; Deb for all of her expertise and vision in helping our church become transformed; and Catherine and Sally Jo for keeping our Unit alive and well during the past couple of challenging years. We also took time to plan program meetings for our next year. These include opportunities to continue our outreach and church volunteer activities as well as continuing to support our church friends... and ,throughout the year to just have fun!!

Unit 6 made a \$250 donation to our Dorothy Ley Hospice Hike team, Margo Marchers. We are definitely remembering Margo and HER love for all of us.

We are all looking forward to next year with renewed energy and commitment.

Wendy Oliver





A fun outing was ‘certainly ‘in the bag’ on Sunday, June 5th as a sell-out crowd gathered to celebrate Queen Elizabeth’s 70 years on the throne. With a theme of handbags and hats – the Queen’s two iconic accessories - guests were delighted to find a handbag as a gift at each seat, and many participated in the hat contest. A full sized Union Jack flag created a ‘red carpet’ area where photos were taken beside a vintage portrait of the Queen and Prince Philip.

A menu of scones, fancy sandwiches and sweets, along with tea and coffee was served by our handsome ‘Men in Suits’. The newly minted ‘Valley Voices ‘ choir provided entertainment with a selection of English and Jubilee themed songs, some to which all of us could sing along. Who knew that the most popular song in 1953 was “How much is that doggie in the window”?

Congratulations to the Hat Contest winners.
Most Colourful: Pamela Channing
Best Fascinator: Susan Lewis
Most Elegant: Kim Hegazy
Men-In-Suits Choice – Mary Moffat-Johannson.

Prizes were gift baskets generously provided by Chartwell Scarlett Heights and Tapestry Village Gate West.

Stan Adamson, 88 years old, shared a moving speech about his participation in the Queen’s Coronation in 1953. Stan was 19 years old at the time, doing compulsory service in the Royal Medical Corps. He was chosen, along with 13,000 others, to help line the parade route that day.

A Jubilee Trivia Contest rounded off the day’s activities (see questions and answers on page 13).

We will be sending a letter and photos to Buckingham Palace to describe our contribution to her Majesty’s celebrations. Stay tuned for her response.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the day a success. The UCW have netted at least \$5,000 to help fill our coffers.

SPECIAL THANKS to our donors who helped make this possible: COBS Bread-Humbertown, Chartwell Scarlett Heights, Costco-The Queensway, Delmanor-Prince Edward, Foodland-Thorncrest, Loblaws-Humbertown, Metro-Royal York Plaza, No-Frills –Islington, Parkland on Eglinton West, and Tapestry Village Gate West.



Everyone left with a handbag (donated by Canada Brands).

Teapot cookies (left) were donated by Tapestry Village Gate West.

More Tea Please...





People were served tea and coffee, scones, home-made sandwiches and squares — by the gentlemen of the church. Women were encouraged to wear hats.



People were encouraged to take photographs beside a portrait of Her Royal Highness and Prince Philip in front of a vintage Union Jack. The top hat belonged to Allan Orr's great grandfather and was purchased in London. Right: Linda Grass and Cameron Brubacher.



Stan Adamson spoke to the group about attending Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953.

Sharon Dowdall and Carolyn Whiteside — two women who helped make the event possible. Thank you!

Platinum Tea Trivia Quiz



1. Where was Princess Elizabeth when informed of her accession to the throne?
2. What breed of dog is commonly associated with the Queen?
3. What popular show was Meghan Markle in before she married Prince Harry?
4. Who is the Queen's oldest grandchild?
5. Who designed Princess Diana's wedding dress?
6. What foreign language does the Queen speak fluently?
7. What year did Princess Elizabeth marry the Duke of Edinburgh?
8. Who was the Prime Minister when the Queen was crowned in 1952?
9. Which royal wedding had to be postponed due to the pandemic?
10. What is the Queen's favourite colour?
11. How did Prince William and Kate meet?
12. How many UK Prime Ministers have served during the Queen's reign?
13. How many aircraft are featured in the Platinum Jubilee

flypast?

14. What year did the Queen and Prince Philip celebrate their Platinum wedding anniversary?
15. What age was the Queen when she was crowned?
16. What are the Queen's four main residences?
17. What is the official Platinum Jubilee Pudding?
18. What was Prince Philip's nickname for the Queen?
19. How many times has the Queen visited Canada?
20. How many purses does the Queen own? Where did she get her first purse?
21. What does the Queen carry in her purse?
22. What is the name of the Queen's favourite horse? Where did he come from?

Answers to the Trivia Quiz

1. Treetops house in Kenya
2. Corgi
3. 'Suits'
4. Peter Phillips
5. Elizabeth & David Emanuel
6. French
7. 1947
8. Winston Churchill
9. Princess Beatrice and Eduardo Mapelli Mozzi
10. Blue
11. At University
12. 14
13. 70
14. 2017
15. 27
16. Windsor Castle, Palace of Holyrood House, Hillsborough Castle, Sandringham House.
17. Lemon & Swiss roll Amaretti Trifle
18. "Cabbage"
19. 22
20. 200. From her mother at age 18
21. Lipstick, mint lozenges, reading glasses in a case, handkerchief
22. 'Burmese' given to her by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



There are many ways to improve our 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion skills.

(1) Reflect on yourself

- We all develop values, beliefs and attitudes throughout our lives.
- Be aware of your own personal biases.
- Understand where your ideas about 2SLGBTQ+ people come from.

(2) Speak up

- Stereotypical comments can lead to discrimination towards 2SLGBTQ+ people.
- Do your part to combat gender and sexual stereotypes.

(3) Use inclusive language

- Language has the power to validate and acknowledge, but also to deny them.
- Respect the language people use when speaking of themselves and of their relationships.
- If unsure, always use inclusive and gender-neutral language (without assuming gender or sexual orientation).

(4) Ask for pronouns

- Gender can be very important to a person's sense of self and incorrectly gendering someone can be hurtful.
- Do not assume that you know someone's gender by how they look or sound.
- When in a new group, ask for everyone's pronouns, not only people you assume are queer.

(5) Respect self-identification

- Gender identity can be deeply personal; it is not something to be questioned nor is it up for discussion.
- Respect the terminology a person uses to describe their identity.

(6) Being an "Ally" is about our actions

- "Ally" isn't a name we can call ourselves; it's about our actions and how we show up for the 2SLGBTQ+ communities.
- Be there to support 2SLGBTQ+ communities when celebrating their success as well as during vulnerable times.
- Do your research; it is much easier to work towards improving 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion when you are aware of the relevant Pride history.

**Adapted from Toronto.ca*

Helpful 2SLGBTQ+ Terminology

Ally – A member of a dominant group who acts to intervene and end discrimination. You cannot declare yourself to be an ally. A member of the marginalized group must assign that title to you.

Aromantic – A word used to describe someone with no romantic attraction. 'Aro' is slang for someone who identifies on the aromantic spectrum.

AroAce – Slang for someone who is both asexual and aromantic.

Asexual – A word used to describe someone with no sexual attraction. 'Ace' is slang for someone who identifies on the asexual spectrum.

Bisexual – A person who is attracted to members of both the same and opposite gender.

Cisgender – Someone whose gender identity matches the sex that they were assigned at birth. A cisgender male identifies as male and is biologically male. A cisgender female identifies as female and is biologically female.

CisHet – A word used to describe someone who is cisgender and heterosexual. Usually used to tell those who have no skin in the game to butt out of queer conversations. It is not a slur.

Demisexual – Someone who doesn't feel exactly one gender. On non-binary spectrum. Two examples are Demiboy or Demigirl.

Helpful 2SLGBTQ+ Terminology

Drag Queen – Traditionally someone who identifies as male dressed in female drag. The female equivalent is a drag king. Non-binary people can be drag queens or kings.

Gay – In modern English, gay has come to be used as an adjective, and as a noun, referring to the community, practices and cultures associated with homosexuality. In the past, the term was used specifically to identify homosexual males, but the term has widened its scope to include all of those with same-sex attraction.

Gender – A person's gender may or may not match their biological sex (they may be biologically male but feel female). Gender specifically refers to how a person feels and identifies. It is not biological. A person may identify as female/feminine, male/masculine, or gender non-conforming/non-binary.

Genderqueer – A genderqueer person identifies as being outside of the gender binary. The gender binary dictates that there are only two genders, male and female. A genderqueer individual may use gender neutral pronouns such as they/them, or neopronouns (see definition below).

Intersex – Intersex individuals are biologically neither male nor female. An intersex person may have sexual anatomy and / or hormones that do not fit the biological categories of 'male' or 'female'.

Lesbian – A woman who is physically, romantically or emotionally attracted to other women.

Neopronouns - Neopronouns are a category of new (neo) pronouns that are increasingly used in place of "she," "he," or "they" when referring to a person. Some examples include: xe/xem/xyr, zey/zem/zheir, and ey/em/eir. Neopronouns can be used by anyone, though most often they are used by transgender, non-binary, and/or gender nonconforming people.

Non-Binary – Noting or relating to a gender identity that does not fit into the binary of male/female division. Under the trans umbrella, is considered a spectrum.

2SLGBTQ+ - An acronym for Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Questioning and more.

Pansexual – Pansexuality views gender as a social construct and rejects the gender binary of 'male' and 'female'. Pansexual individuals are attracted to other individuals regardless of their gender or gender expression.

Sex – A person's sex is based on their internal and external genitalia and hormones. A person's sex can be either male, female or intersex.

Sexual Orientation – A part of a person's identity which is driven by who they are physically and romantically attracted to. The most common categories of the sexual orientation spectrum are: 1 Heterosexual: attraction to persons of the opposite sex. 2 Homosexual or gay/lesbian (the preferred terms): attraction to persons of the same sex. 3 Bisexual: attraction to both men and women. 4 Asexual: not sexually attracted to either men or women.

Two-Spirit – A modern term that references historical multiple-gender traditions in many First Nations cultures. Many Native / First Nations people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender non-conforming identify as Two-Spirited. If you are not a member of a First Nations tribe, then it is not proper to use the term "Two Spirited" to describe yourself.

Transgender – An umbrella term for people whose gender identity is different from the sex that they were assigned at birth. The term includes but is not limited to trans men, trans women, genderqueer people, non-binary people.

Queer – In the past, the word 'queer' was a derogatory term, however many people have reclaimed it in more recent years to function as an umbrella term for a range of gender and sexual identities.

Questioning – A word used to describe someone who is still figuring themselves out, either gender wise or sexuality wise.

Unlabelled – Some choose not to label themselves, which is what unlabelled is for.

Alexa Barkley



Valerie Wood wins Fred Van der Vliet Award

Pippa Van der Vliet was on hand to present the Fred Van der Vliet Award for Innovation & Creativity. For new people to our church, this award was created in her father's name, in 2014. Her Dad loved the church and he was gifted with an extremely creative mind, which he used extensively to imagine loads of ideas that he hoped would benefit our church and community in any number of positive ways. Here is Pippa's speech regarding this year's recipient.

This year's recipient is an outgoing, charismatic, bright light among us. The award recipient is ... VALERIE WOOD, for her proposal and implementation of an urban garden to be established at Humber Valley as a new community ministry for the church!

During COVID, Valerie found she had a lot of free time from her job as an emergency response trainer, leading in-person workshops and training sessions in school and for organizations around Ontario. This is when she developed a passion for urban gardens. After a while, this morphed into her wonderful idea for HV and our community. So many people loved the idea, and due to Val's infectious enthusiasm, they jumped onboard with her. The funds were raised quickly so Valerie was able to plan and install the garden in the spring of 2021. With Valerie's leadership, the project has flourished. She has taught classes to the school children in the church on how to grow plants and herbs and she has drawn in the community to help tend the garden which has provided food to many. Our church youth, our seniors and even some former youth, who know and grew up with Valerie, have helped in the planting, watering, and weeding. Through the 55+ program, Valerie worked with Anne to provide seedlings to people in the Mabelle Arts community. Through HV, Valerie has also formed a partnership with Youth Without Shelter and they have started their own garden this spring. Valerie now has hundreds of sites she is supporting with urban gardens! What an innovative and awesome idea you had, Valerie!!

But this is not a one-time, one-season idea! This year Valerie is growing (excuse the pun) what she started in 2021. Valerie is facilitating a once-monthly workshop for all who are interested in urban gardening themselves. And this year Valerie has planned for a section of the HV garden to be grown based on the indigenous teachings of "The Three Sisters", which are corn, beans and squash.

Valerie's beautiful design includes supporting Ontario farmers by obtaining the vegetable seedlings from them and these are what were planted after May 15th. The leaders and all the children from both Hillside Montessori and Mindwerx are onboard and will be learning how to grow and care for their own food sources.

Each month this year, Valerie has plans, including workshops for canning, preserving, and cooking in our church kitchen. Valerie wants to end the growing year with a

Community Potluck Soup fundraiser!! There is just no end to the benefits of this incredible seedling idea!

Before I end, I would like to add a few personal comments. My dad would be incredibly proud of Valerie for many reasons. A little known fact in the church is that my sister, Leana, and Valerie, were inseparable friends in the elementary school years. I was told that either Valerie was sleeping over at our house on weekends or Leana was sleeping at the Smith's home. So dad basically got to watch Valerie grow up in those years. My dad started coming to Humber Valley years later, when he started dating my mom. He re-connected with the Smiths and was thrilled to watch Valerie

thriving as a singer and he was a great supporter of her HV concerts. One of my early church memories is sitting in the front row of the sanctuary when Valerie performed in her first concert at the church. I was star struck and have looked up to Valerie ever since.

Valerie likely will not know this, but having a community garden at Humber Valley was actually a dream of my dad's back when I was a young child and my two best friends lived in apartments at Humbertown. Dad wanted the residents of those apartments to be given the chance of having their own plot of land to work and grow what they wanted. He felt that working with the soil and producing their own food would be a very powerful experience. Dad wanted to turn the land from the back parking lot to the first house on Hartfield into a large community garden, where a section was named and held for about 20 individual families from Humbertown that wanted to have a plot. Unfortunately, it was an idea before its time and so it did not take off. Dad would be so inspired and amazed by your perseverance and resilience to bring your ideas to fruition, Valerie!!



Valerie Wood (left) with Pippa Van der Vliet.

Fundraising Report



Magic, Mystery and Wonder

If you happened to pass by our church on the afternoon of May 1, you would have been stopped still by the happy sound of many excited children. Inside the sanctuary, about 120 children were gathered, watching spellbound as magician David Peck made objects appear out of thin air. Then, when David's friend WonderPhil took the stage, the kids hooted with laughter as Phil kept getting his magic coloured balls in the wrong order. A little behind the children, 100 adults were also enthralled with the show. It was the most fun this church has seen in a long while.

It was also a successful fundraiser, bringing in just under \$2,000 for the church. Many thanks to David Peck, whom you might recognize from his occasional work in our Audio-Visual booth, for developing the show and bringing in his friend Phil Pivnick as a partner. Also many thanks to Deb Turnbull, who took the lead on planning for the Magic Show, and provided the cookies that helped keep the energy levels at a maximum. As the saying goes, a good time was had by all.

Bring and Buy Sale

Just two weeks after David and Phil did their tricks, HVUC witnessed another kind of magic. We made a number of unwanted items disappear, and we turned them into funds for the church. Based on a British concept brought to us

by Judith Dallimore, we held a Bring and Buy Sale. Members of the congregation brought in 10 items they no longer needed, and sold them for either \$10.00 or \$20.00, with the church getting the proceeds. The concept is very similar to that of a yard sale, but there is no bargaining, and the clean-up is a lot easier, as unsold items went home with the person who brought them.

We had a glorious day, and were able to have all our tables on the driveway at the front of the

church, where we attracted the attention of quite a number of passers-by. Most of the items for sale were decorations or household goods, but Sylvia Cohen attracted a lot of people with her quality handmade hats, bags and aprons, and Sally and Nancy Roper's homemade bread and jam sold out in minutes.

While we did not sell everything, both buyers and sellers seemed to have a great time chatting and catching up in the sunshine after so many months of COVID restrictions. We made just over \$1,000, which was pretty rewarding for a few hours work. Thank you to everyone who brought goods to sell, or purchased goods, or acted as cashiers, or set up tables, or helped in any way. We greatly appreciate your support.

Shredding Day

Back by popular demand, the Wasteco Shredding Truck will again be in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 15, rain or shine. This is the opportunity to get rid of your sensitive documents in a manner that is totally secure and confidential, at a bargain price. Start sorting your documents now, and spread the word to your friends and acquaintances, especially those in small businesses. They will thank you for the favour.

Joan Belford
Chair, HVUC Fundraising Committee

Refugee Family Sponsorship Update



Thanks to the generosity of HVUC members and their families, friends and neighbours, we now have 95 per cent of the items our refugee family will need to set up house-keeping in their new home. What a great accomplishment!

Erin Billowits has been able to connect with the father's uncle who has lived in Mississauga since arriving in Canada about 20 years ago. He is very happy and excited to welcome his nephew and family and they will live with him until they find an apartment.

The refugee support team is taking online training provided by both the federal government and the United Church of Canada. This ensures that we are prepared and knowledgeable enough to give the family the support they will need throughout the first year they are in Canada.

Next steps include our fundraising campaign which kicks off on June 26th. We are looking for walkers and talkers! We are participating in the 5k walk, part of the Toronto Waterfront Marathon on October 16, 2022. This is an easy distance for a relatively fit person and you have an hour and twenty minutes to complete the walk. There is a fee to register and this would be considered your donation to the campaign. I have already registered and our team page is

now ready to accept donations.

The link is : <https://raceroster.com/events/2022/34025/2022-tcs-toronto-waterfront-marathon/pledge/team/405814>

Okay so that is the walking info! Here is what the "Talkers" can do. Talk to your family, friends and neighbours about our sponsorship of this family. Tell them we need their support. Our fundraising goal is \$10,000.00. We can do this if we reach out to the wider community who are very willing to help. Please send the link to family, friends and neighbours to encourage them to partner with us to help this family.

When Kathy Kitchen mentioned to a neighbour that our church was sponsoring a refugee family, this person gave a generous cash donation to the church for the cause. People do want to help. We only need to give them an opportunity.

Please contact me if you have any questions: sjcohen88@gmail.com.

Sylvia Cohen

Summertime plans for 55+



Summertime often means a change from the usual routines of the year. We look forward to the lazy, hazy days of summer and a relaxed pace. Our 55+ programs will be changing it up for summer too!

All summer long we will be offering our Fitness programs virtually including Monday Fitness with Christine and Chair Yoga; Tuesday and Thursday Seated Dance; Wednesday Fitness with Lena and Friday Hatha Yoga. We are also introducing a fitness training program for a 5 km walk, prepared by Erin Billowits of Vintage Fitness. This training program will meet weekly at West Deane Park led by summer intern Natasha D'Addese. Participants will have the opportunity to join the HVUC fundraising group who will be joining a 5 km walk to raise money for the refugee sponsorship program.

Some special summer programs will also be offered to get us outside and enjoying the season. There will be a series of outdoor pop ups at HVUC on the lawn on Thursday afternoons, a daytrip to the Aga Khan Museum and Port Hope to see a musical at the Capitol Theatre directed by Rob Kempson. Please check out the Summer Program Guide due out on June 24th and check the website for updates www.hvuc.ca

Some of our popular programs will be on hiatus and will return in the Fall. Check out our Fall program guide in August for information on Ageing Well, In the News, Intro to Memoir, Tech talk. As usual Daytimers will be off for the summer and also the popular Men's Group will reconvene

in the Fall with more interesting topics and events planned. The Daytimers group wrapped up the season with a virtual summer concert and salad plate lunch on Monday June 20th. We recently experimented with reusable take out containers with the aim to be more eco friendly and reduce single use plastic waste. The Daytimers team will be looking at continuing this initiative and would appreciate any feedback from guests. We'll also be exploring the program for next year and looking at a possible return to some in-person events.

Finally, we received some very good news from the United Church of Canada Foundation and Embracing the Spirit. The 55+ program was awarded a three-year New Ministry grant of \$75,000 to continue our virtual and in person programs, care kits and community partnerships. We are currently entering the first year of the three-year program and will be working closely with the United Church Edge to develop and grow our New Ministry. A special thank you to the Seniors Advisory Committee (Deb Turnbull, Roger Wallis, David Dallimore, Ruth Johnson) and all the volunteers and participants who have helped to support and grow these programs.

We hope to see you over the summer months and look forward to time to relax and renew!

Anne Pietropaolo





Augustus Festas

Augustus has just finished grade 11 at Bishop Allen Academy. He is looking forward to doing a co-op term as part of his grade 12 year. Thereafter, he hopes to do a business degree, possibly at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly known as Ryerson).

Augustus enjoys both sports and technology. He plays soccer, hockey, basketball, football, baseball and enjoys cycling. He has refereed soccer for young children. Augustus has also built his own computer and is skillful with all the various software packages.

Augustus worked at his own church (St Demetrius) last summer doing a variety of caretaking duties both indoors and outdoors. He has also worked as a painter on apartment renovations. He volunteered at his own church during the pandemic doing their COVID-19 screening and sanitizing.

At Humber Valley, Augustus is on the caretaking team and helps with other duties as needed, such as the Fun Fair preparations recently.



Cameron Brubacher

Cameron Brubacher is a graduate of Michael Power Secondary School where he did the IB program (International Baccalaureate) and also a French Certificate. He is currently mid-way through his university degree. He started with two years in psychology at Queens, took time off during the pandemic, and

will be switching to U of T in September in Life Sciences. Cameron's goal is to become a pediatrician.

Cameron has a remarkable track record with over 500 hours of volunteer service across multiple organizations: he has worked with special needs students at Fern Avenue Public School, tutored math students from various grades, canvassed for Heart and Stroke including Area Captain duties, and led the Amnesty International club at his school. Cameron started volunteering at Out of the Cold when he was eight years old and has done many different duties over the years including meal prep, serving, hosting and clean up the following day. Cameron saw the need for warm clothes for the guests, so suggested a clothing drive. He then tended the clothing shop as guests selected their new attire. Cameron has also volunteered as a Leader in Training and counsellor at Ontario Pioneer Camp near Huntsville where he opted to do extra training so he could help campers who had had difficult lives.

Cameron has had many work experiences prior to Humber Valley, including Plant World, a catering company, Longos and Costco. At the Platinum Jubilee Tea last weekend, we reaped the benefits of his catering skills – Cameron was a tremendous help in the kitchen, sharing his food handling and serving knowledge along the way.

This summer, Cameron is helping Licia with the “Youth and Young Families” programs at Humber Valley.

Cameron heard about the job via his Mom, Karen Ashforth, and his older brother, Bennett, who worked for Humber Valley a few years back.



Evan Mihailoff

Evan is a graduate of Bishop Allen Academy and has just finished his first year at Wilfred Laurier University in Business Admin. He is looking forward to his co-op terms that will begin next year so he can experience some different work environments as he decides his career plans. Evan received the President's Gold Scholarship at Laurier which is given to students whose entrance average is over 95 per cent.

will be switching to U of T in September in Life Sciences. Cameron's goal is to become a pediatrician.

Evan enjoys both sports and business. At high school,

Meet Our HVUC Staff

he was on the soccer and volleyball teams, but also the Athletic Council and the Stock Market Club. At university, he is on the varsity soccer team, but he also a member of the Investment and Finance Club and a competitor in the Fidelity Case Study Competition.

Evan has prior work experience at Canadian Tire, where he served customers, assembled floor models of items, stocked shelves and handled inventory over the last two summers.

Evan heard about the Humber Valley jobs via his girlfriend, Collette Billowits, who worked for the church last summer.

Natasha D'Addese

Natasha is a graduate of the Thomas A. Blakelock High School in Oakville. She has just completed her Psychology degree with a minor in Education at Wilfred Laurier University. Natasha is taking a year off to apply to a Masters Program in social work and earn her fees. She also hopes to travel to Greece, Peru and Europe.

As part of her degree, Natasha had two interesting volunteer experiences: She helped newcomers to Canada to learn English via "English at First" which operated out of a

church in Waterloo. She also answered a distress line for four hours a week. These will be invaluable experiences as she prepares for her career in social work.

Natasha also has work experience at Ardene, Cactus Club, and the front desk at the fitness centre at Laurier. She was also a volunteer coach for a soccer team for girls under the age of 10.

In her spare time, Natasha likes playing guitar, listening to podcasts and walking her dog. She played rep soccer in Oakville for 14 years while she was growing up and still enjoys friends from that era of her life.

At Humber Valley, Natasha is helping Anne and Beverley to run the 55+ program. Natasha has hosted some calls and she was busy last week preparing for the Daytimers luncheon.



Nancy Roper

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Getting to Know Our New Caretakers

Hakim Dawary



Hakim is our new caretaker for the evenings and all day Saturday.

Hakim moved to Canada from Afghanistan when he was eight years old, sponsored by some relatives who were already here. His Mom, Dad, brother and sister are here with him.

Hakim has worked previously as a caretaker, but went back

to school to become an electrician like his Dad. Unfortunately, he injured his back shortly thereafter so wasn't able to stand on a ladder and move heavy objects which are both part of the job. Hence Hakim is happy to be working at Humber Valley. Hakim also has a full time job driving a truck.

Hakim's hobbies include going to the gym, playing chess online, and playing soccer. In his younger days, he also did wrestling and mixed martial arts.

We are happy to have Hakim at Humber Valley and look forward to seeing the ties he shares with our refugee family from Afghanistan.

Marize Silva

Marize Silva is our new weekday caretaker, part of the J&S team that provided our two previous caretakers. She works Monday to Friday from 7:30 am till 4 pm or so, keeping our church sparkling clean.

Marize is from Brazil where she was a lawyer, covering family law, employment law and real estate law. She came to Canada four years ago. Initially she worked as a cook at a Portuguese restaurant, but it was sold during the pandemic. Marize wanted to choose a job where she could practise her English, so Humber Valley is a good fit.

Marize has two adult sons: Patricio is 29 years old and owns his own company that sells equipment for the fishing

industry. Lucas is 24 years old and is a law student, currently working in a law office. The boys are both in Sao Paulo.

Marize loves to cook, especially Brazilian food and desserts. She likes to play handball and watch soccer.

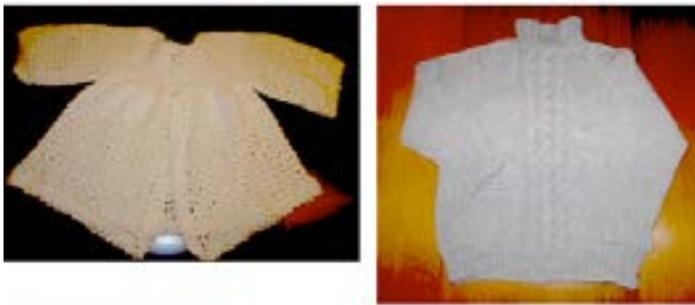
We look forward to getting to know Marize better in the months and years to come.



Nancy Roper



Crafting Update from the UFO Group



The UFO — Unfinished Objects — crafters group continue to make lovely articles for friends and family. Here are some of our recently completed projects.

Carol Jones continues to be a prolific crafter. She has made a baby jacket, a gray sweater, and an assortment of winter hats that will go to charities (above).



Lynn Manning has made a latch hook butterfly pillow for her grand-daughter.

Sally and Nancy Roper made a rag quilt for Scott and Sandy's retirement, to replace the Christmas quilt that they had been using year round because they liked the size and weight. Their house is on a ravine with full length win-



dows in the back, so the forest prints in the quilt will blend nicely.



Sally and Nancy also made a Canada Wall Hanging for Christopher for his 21st birthday. Folks will remember Chris because he worked for the church in the summer of 2021.



Sally has finished the sailboat bed runner that she has been working on for several years. It is for Christopher as well.

The UFO members thank Lynn Manning for leading our group and hosting our Zoom meeting each week. Meetings ended in mid-June and will resume in September, although several members will continue to knit over the summer.

Nancy Roper

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Sources of Funds	May 2022	May 2021
PAR Givings	64,507	66,344
Envelopes/Stock Donations	42,871	33,645
Use of Church	63,539	42,277
Trustees	7,915	7,915
Other	23,619	9,559
Subtotal Operating Revenues	202,451	159,740
Grants Capital, Outreach and Special Initiatives HFs	19,251	72,319
Subtotal Funds available for Church Operations	221,702	232,059
Receipts for Grants, Capital, Outreach and Special Holding	49,181	30,727
Total Sources of Funds	270,883	262,786
Expenditures		
Payroll	176,046	175,399
Worship and Music	6,007	10,730
Office	22,343	16,769
Mission and Service	-	319
Building Expenses	86,660	25,822
Regional Assessment	10,518	8,760
Grant Programing Expenses and Other	17,404	38,866
Total Expenditures	318,978	276,665
Transfer of HF Receipts to Holding Funds	49,181	30,727
Operating Deficit	(97,276)	(44,596)

There are, however, major differences in the expense side. Expenses exceed those of 2021 by about \$43K as of the end of May. Payroll is slightly above budget but is not the major contributor. Building expenses were planned to be significantly higher this year since the costs of the out-sourced cleaning contract was reallocated to that area with the retirement of Zoran. In addition, a water leak from a valve by the furnace generated a water bill in April that was many times larger than our typical consumption. The leak was located and repaired so excess water consumption should not reoccur.

Without significant changes to income or expenses over the next few months, it is likely that the yearend deficit will be much higher than forecast. However, you the congregation have been highly supportive in the past when faced with financial challenges and I am confident that history will repeat itself.

Summer is fast approaching and is a time when many of you are not at church due to cottages, travel etc. Please remember to keep your giving levels up even if you are not physically at church. People on PAR don't have to worry since everything is automatic. If you are using envelopes, please remember to send a cheque either by mail or by dropping it in to the office at your convenience. If you are new to the church and do not have any envelopes, please contact Anita Wakeman at the church office and she will ensure that you receive some. Many people are now finding that the most convenient way to donate is via e-transfer using the email address finance@hvuc.ca.

As always, sincere thanks to all of you for your support of HVUC and we trust that you will find it in your hearts to continue to do so going forward. This year is definitely unfolding as a challenging one but also an exciting one as we progress together through our transformation journey.



Gary Halpenny
Chair, Stewardship & Finance Committee

The table above shows the detailed financial results for HVUC to the end of May 2022 with results to end of May 2021 included for comparison purposes.

At the AGM in April, the congregation approved the 2022 operating budget which projected an operating deficit of just over \$125,000. You will note in the above table that the deficit

as of the end of May is more than double the level of one year ago and is running well ahead of our forecast. Congregational givings do not appear to be the primary issue. Indeed, basic operating revenues are ahead of last year after five months. However, total operating funds lag last year due primarily to the loss of the COVID-19 grants which were substantial in 2021.

Coincidences Part II

Coincidences - It's Hard to Believe, But it Truly Happened! (Part 2 in our series)

Have you ever witnessed an event where you said "What was the chance of that happening"? If so, then this series of articles is for you! Send us your stories (via nancy.roper@sympatico.ca), and we'll print them in an upcoming newsletter. Here are the ones we received this month:



Don Gibson and the Hawkett Family

Here is a story that you may have seen in the January 2022 issue of Connections in the article about Lorna Hawkett.

The Hawkett family joined Humber Valley Church when they moved to the area in 1972. In 1985,

they moved to Montreal and joined the Mount Royal United Church. The minister there was Don Gibson. When the Hawketts returned to Toronto in 1987, Rev Gibson said, "I hope our paths will cross again some time".

The Hawketts moved to their next home near Humber-town and re-joined Humber Valley. To their great surprise, Humber Valley got a new minister shortly thereafter and it was Don Gibson!

Twin Valleys School – Beverley Conner, Barbara Center and Joan Belford

HVUC's 55+ group provided the most unexpected reunion. Many years back, Beverley Conner got a job at the Twin Valleys School located in Wardsville, which is an hour's drive west of London, Ontario. Twin Valleys was an alternative educational community founded in 1971 that was an alternative to training schools and group homes for hard-to-serve teenagers. It provided a home and community environment where the students were accepted unconditionally.

While there, Beverley met another staff member, Barbara Center, and they became long time friends. When Bev joined the Humber Valley 55+ team, she invited Barbara to come join our activities on Zoom during the pandemic.

What a surprise as they started to attend sessions and found themselves on a Zoom call with Joan Belford – believe it or not, Joan was engaged with the school in that same era in her role as "Ministry of Community and Social Services Program Supervisor" for the provincial government.

As always – isn't it interesting that the connection existed, but more interesting still that the pieces fell into place that this threesome FOUND the connection.

For more information about Twin Valleys: <https://wardsville.wordpress.com/2010/06/16/twin-valleys-school-returns-to-wardsville/>

The Roper Family in Brigus, NL

And now a travel story, suitable for the start of the summer: In June 2000, the Ropers headed to Newfoundland. Sally's step-Dad had been a cancer researcher and had colleagues across the country. In the lead up to the trip, Sally said, "I want to look up the name and address of Poppa's friend and see if he's still alive." As the trip approached, Sally eventually came up with the name "Dr Bliss Murphy", but we couldn't find him in canada411, nor was he in any of Sally's notes. We searched the house for Sally's parents' address book, but didn't find it. We were sad that we wouldn't get to renew the acquaintance with Bliss or his family.

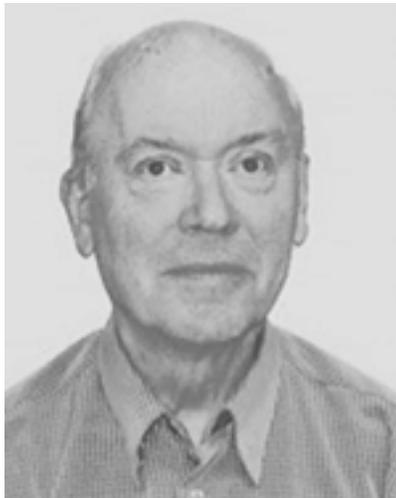
Nancy randomly picked the town of Brigus for our first night's stay and chose a suitable Bed and Breakfast based on the online write-ups.

And then the magic of coincidence happened! Shortly after arriving, we learned that our B&B host had been a nurse. Sally asked if she had ever known Bliss Murphy: she said "Of course! I was his O.R. nurse!" She then continued, "Did you know that you are in his home town?" We learned that the Newfoundland Cancer Centre is now called the "Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre" in honour of his work and our B&B host took us to the town cemetery to see Bliss' headstone. She then took us to meet his son who also lived in town. As we chatted, the son said "I think I remember your Dad ... he came to dinner when I was a kid and we called him "Doc".

You can imagine what a notable day that was for our family!

Nancy Roper

**In Memoriam: John Charles Clark
January 15, 1936 - May 30, 2022**



It is with sadness that we share with you the passing of John Clark. We send out our fondest condolences and deepest sympathy to Marjorie Clark and family.

John served as Treasurer at HVUC for several years as well as being a member of the Executive Committee.

John completed his Bachelor of Engineering degree in Chemical Engineering graduating in 1959 from McGill University. He was hired by Imperial Oil Limited and moved to Sarnia where he met his wife Marjorie Waltham, a student nurse at that time. They were married in 1962. John was devoted to his wife.

John is lovingly missed by his wife, Marjorie. He will be greatly missed by his sister Margaret Craig. He will always be in the thoughts of his children, Dr. Heather Clark (husband Dr. Joseph Tauskela), Allen Clark (wife Malini Clark), and Karen Nagy (widow Miroslav Nagy).

He was a proud grandfather to his grandchildren and was able to see four of his granddaughters graduate from university. Three chose engineering: Laura Tauskela (Civil Engineering, Queens), Lisa Tauskela (Civil Engineering, Queens), Rachel Clark (Mechanical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) and Jessica Clark (Knowledge Integration, Waterloo). Sean Clark will be starting his Engineering Degree at Virginia Tech in the Fall of 2022 and Eric Nagy will be starting high school and Ryan Nagy will be starting grade 6.

John is remembered fondly by his step-granddaughters, Mandira and Sravya Ganti of Seattle, WA. John is resting at McKersie Funeral Home in Milton. A celebration of life will be held by the family.

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.*

**In Memoriam: Howard Langstaff
March 8, 1925 - May 12, 2022**



Following a brief illness, Howard Langstaff, CD, Lt. Col, BSc, MBA, AMP Harvard, passed away in Toronto on May 12, 2022, at the age of 97. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey, on March

8, 1925 to Canadian parents Percy and Margaret O'Rourke Langstaff.

Howard was a devoted husband, father, brother, father-in-law, grandfather and uncle. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife, Shirley, of 72 years; their two children, Karen Langstaff Meslin and Jim; son-in-law, Brad Meslin; granddaughter Kaitlyn Meslin; brother, Raymond and his wife, Doreen; nephew, Michael; nieces Helen and Beverley; and numerous friends.

Howard served with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Canada and overseas during WWII. Following the war, he served with the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada and as a General Staff Officer at Canadian Army Headquarters – Quebec Command in Montreal. After 21 years on active duty and in Militia Service, he retired from the military in 1963.

Howard had an international business career in the chemical and rubber industries with Monsanto Chemical Company, and Polysar, where he became Vice President, responsible for North and South America. Later in Howard's career, he was recruited by Atomic Energy of Canada, where he served as Executive Vice President. He retired in 1985 and moved to Toronto. Following his retirement, Howard became a CESO volunteer (Canadian Executive Services Overseas).

He was blessed with both; a long life and many extraordinary moments.

*Excerpts from Toronto Star
on May 21, 2022.*

HUMBER VALLEY GROUP NEWS



*Our best wishes
and congratulations
to all the people celebrating
birthdays and anniversaries
in May and June*



Congratulations!
Russ Boyd turned 98 on April 29



Welcome Baby Isherwood

Steven and Colleen Isherwood welcomed a new grand-daughter, Clara Elizabeth, on May 17, 2022, bringing their grandchild total to five, plus one grand dog. Clara is the third child for David and Alexandra.



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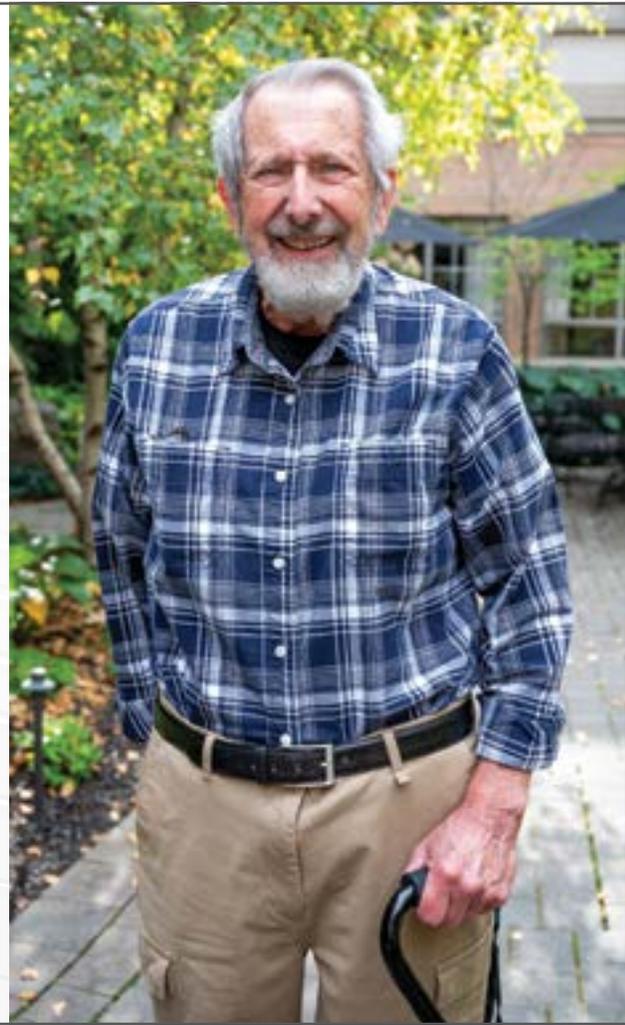
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