



# Waves, Ripples & Hellos

St. Andrew's United Church

Summer 2006

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## Welcome

Our banner says "Summer" and it appears to finally be here. With the temperature in the humid 30's, all that cold rain and more rain is a memory. As they say on the Akwesasne radio, that is 30 degrees Canadian.

That miserable weather may not be a memory for our farmers as they worry about those damp fields.

Lots of exciting happenings in our church lately and more promised for summer. **Read all about it!** (Today's' movies don't have the little newsboy shouting those words)

Celebrate summer and come to church... We don't close for summer holidays!!

*Editor: Carol*

(Note: As we edit the final copy of the newsletter, I have a fire in the woodstove and looking out on a dreary rainy day!)

## News from Andrea:

This is shaping up to be a busy summer in the Harrison/Chambré household. Bill left for the Arctic (Alert & Eureka on Ellesmere Island) on May 8<sup>th</sup>. He has been sending us pictures of muskoxen, arctic wolves, an iceberg, and himself with his 'arctic beard'. (Apparently the military shave is not required that far north.)

Bill is 'officer commanding' at the station in Eureka, where they are doing summer maintenance on some communications systems.

Apart from that, he has been running and hiking. The cook has still not recovered from their 21.35 km hike to an iceberg last week. Bill had organized the 'Eureka Midnight Fun Run' sponsored by the Running Room. Hopefully Bill will be back in time for the Great Raisin River Footrace!

If you would like to be on Bill's "Arctic Chronicles" distribution list - he sends out bulletins about every week or so - let him know at [bill@standrewsunitied.org](mailto:bill@standrewsunitied.org). The downside is that there are typically about 2 M worth of photos and that takes a while if you are on dialup - of course if you are on high speed it is not a problem. (Many thanks to the pastoral charge for providing us with high speed internet this year!)

Bill missed my swearing in ceremony with the SD&G Highlanders on May 18<sup>th</sup>, but I was in good company. Capt. Dave Goddard led the ceremony, and I was welcomed by the Commanding Officer, LCol. Alain Rochette. There were several other folks there, whom you might know - Lt. Matt Eamer, LCol (Ret'd) Brent Lafave, Rev. Kate Gregory, Cathy Kinloch, Carol & Mac Edwards, and Sam & Cody Chambré.

I reported for duty, as chaplain, the following week, and was shown some basics, like how to tie my army boots, and salute. I will now be spending most Thursday evenings at the Armouries in Cornwall, and from time to time

will participate in weekend or weeklong military exercises.

I will be expected to get to know the soldiers of all ranks and to interview deploying members and their families before and following peacekeeping tours. Of course, I will also have to do things like say 'grace' at regimental dinners, such as the one on the SD&G Highlanders' Reunion Weekend - June 3<sup>rd</sup>. I didn't get to go to Basic Training this year but will be first on the list to go next May. I will be taking a week off at the end of August to go on exercise at Petawawa.

I have also opted to be chaplain at Rideau Hill Camp this year. I haven't done this since Sam was 7 months old. Now he is 7 years old. I will be chaplain for one of the 'Parents & Tots' camps.

I will also be taking a week's vacation so the boys and I can go to Hamilton to visit my parents, my sister and her family, while Bill is away. Other than that, we will be 'hanging around' here for the summer.

This year I will attend the Williamstown Fair for the 10<sup>th</sup> time. I can hear the wheels churning as you calculate how many times you have been to the Williamstown Fair.

Best wishes to all of you for a fun-filled and enlightening summer.

*Andrea*

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## Important Dates:

### **June 10: Julie MacLachlan Charity Auction Sale 6 pm**

Come join friends and neighbours at the Williamstown Fairgrounds to raise money for the new Julie MacLachlan Charitable Foundation. See Page 3 for more information.

### **June 13: Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary of St. Andrew's at 7:30**

Members of the Sanctuary Committee will present proposals for the worship centre. Be sure to attend this meeting so that a decision can be made. This invitation is for all. The church is "the people of God."

### **June 21: Official Board Meeting in Irvine Hall at 7:30**

Who goes to the **Official Board**? If you are one (or more) of the following:

- Chairperson: Jon Oxley
- Minister: Andrea Harrison
- All members of Session
- All members of Stewards
- Chairperson of Ministry and Personnel: Edwina Billyk
- Lay Representative to Presbytery: Mac Edwards

#### **A Representative from:**

- The Board of Trustees
- The Sunday School
- Youth organization
- Men's organization

The "matching" representatives from Martintown will join us.

### **June 24-25: Sunday School Sleepover Weekend** – More information will be available soon!

**June 25: Worship Service with Dr. Bruce Wheatcroft.** The children will be participating in this service, which will centre on the story of Ezekiel & 'dem bones' (Ezekiel 37:1-14), which the children have been exploring in this rotation.

Following the service, there will be **refreshments** (maybe a Make your own Sundae Sunday) and a **slide show** of the recent Char-Lan High School trip to **Belize & Guatemala**.



**July 15 –Self Defense workshop** at Char-Lan High School for teen girls and women from 1 – 4 pm. Registration is \$20, with all proceeds going to the Char-Lan chapter of "Kids Can - Free the Children."

The guest instructor will be Sensei Jim Riddell of the Seaway Karate Club. He has many years experience teaching women's self defense. Andrea will be assisting. To register, please contact Andrea at 347-2063 or [andrea@standrewsuntied.org](mailto:andrea@standrewsuntied.org).

Thanks to Helen Thomson for requesting that Andrea set up a workshop this summer, before the current grads head off to places far and wide.

**July 16: Congregational Camping Weekend at Rideau Hill Camp.** Everyone is invited to experience the wonders of camp this weekend. Worship in Williamstown will be led by some of us "non" Rideau Hill Campers.



**July 28-30: Weekend Workshops with Jonathan Creaghan** author of *LEAP- A Journey to Personal Power and Possibility*. Jonathan teaches "how to think differently about life, leadership and how the world works." He shares his message of hope and possibility to people the world over and was one of the facilitators at the 'Shaw Transformational Leadership' programme in which Andrea participated at Queen's Theological College in April 2005.

We are privileged to have Jonathan come and spend the weekend with us. The workshop costs are covered by the funds from the Donald McGregor bequest.

**Friday night, July 28: BBQ and LEAP! workshop with young adults** at Andrea's home. "How to Leap and Land Safely! Geared to high school grads, post secondary

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students; those setting out in the world of work or in the middle of wondering what they will do with the rest their lives. Taking teachings from Jonathan's book you will examine the question "If you knew deep down inside that no matter what happens you would be fine, what would be possible?"

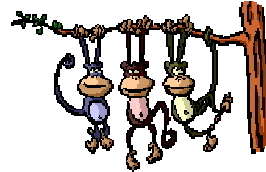
The cost per person is \$20 which includes the B.B.Q. and a signed copy of LEAP! Starts at 6:00 pm and goes 'till the silence of night permeates the air. To sign up, please contact Andrea at 347-2063 or [andrea@standrewsunity.org](mailto:andrea@standrewsunity.org).

**Saturday morning July 29: Breakfast & Workshop:** Open session, the theme of which will be "*Balance Schmalance.*" For all of those of us who are trying to juggle & balance our various roles and activities, this will be a breath of fresh air, and an invitation to living a life beyond balance to "wholeness".

The breakfast will start at 8:30am, and will cost \$4/adult, \$2/child, max. \$10/family. The workshop will be from 9:30-11:30am. Children are welcome to play in the nursery during the workshop, or in the park if supervision is available. Please contact Andrea if you are interested or have questions. We need to estimate how many are coming for breakfast.

**Sunday, July 30: Worship:** Jonathan Creaghan will be the speaker at a joint pastoral charge worship service in Williamstown at 10:00am. He will talk with the children about '*niggles*' and '*chattering monkeys*'. Children

are invited to bring stuffed animals, especially monkeys!



The theme for the adults will be "*The God of Possibilities*". Adults are invited to bring their 'possibilities'. Worship will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

You can check out Jonathan's website at [www.leapsafely.com](http://www.leapsafely.com).

## August 14, 10:00 am: Church Service at the FAIR!

Come worship at the Williamstown Fair with our friends and neighbours. Plans for this service are incomplete but we try to offer a service that has a message for everyone.

**August 23 WoRM "Vacation Bible" School:** A repeat of the fun and exciting day for the kids aged 5-12. Call Edwina Billyk at 525-4765 for more information.



**September 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Starts again!**

## Julie MacLachlan Charity Auction

The Julie MacLachlan Charitable Foundation was formed to honour and remember a remarkable young woman in our community. Most of us knew Julie as she grew up in Williamstown as Julie MacDonald. Julie and Andrew MacLachlan were married, fixed up a wonderful old house on Fallowfield road, had a baby boy named Jack, and were planning a long life together. Shortly after Jack was born in 2002, Julie was diagnosed with cancer. After enjoying the children's parade with Jack and his friends, Julie passed away last August.

One of Jack's friends is Isabella Poirier. Her mother, Margo was a close friend of Julie's 'forever'. Along with Tara McRae and Wanda Gareau Hunt, Margo is part of the Julie MacLachlan Foundation that will give back to the community that Julie was so much a part of and loved so dearly.

One of the first fundraisers for the Foundation is the Julie MacLachlan Charitable Foundation Auction. The Auction will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> at "The Meeting Place" at the Williamstown Fairgrounds. Viewing of items will start at 6 pm and the auction will begin at 7 pm.



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Two of the auctioneers also have ties to St. Andrew's. Clifford Hope and Ian Cumming will work with Flora Grant Dumouchel as the auctioneers for the night. The auction will be interspersed with entertainment provided by Graham Greer (son of our former neighbour, Brian & Elspeth Greer), Nancy & Noella and Bob & Ducky.

The items being auctioned have been donated by friends and businesses in the area. Come and bid on:

- a quilt created by Nancy Woollven,
- butter tarts from Gail's Place,
- a flower container designed by the Edwards,
- antique dishes donated by St. Andrew's United Church,
- a mohair blanket from Allison Taylor,
- wooden serving trays created by Robert and Jane McDonell, and
- over 150 other items.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Julie will always be in our thoughts and we pray that June 10<sup>th</sup> and the events following will make a difference in our community.

For any questions regarding the foundation or Auction please contact Margo Poirier at 347-2908

*Susan Edwards*

## Maxville Relay for Life

Sandra's Saintly Sinners participated in the Cancer Society's Relay for Life held in

Maxville on June 2-3. The team included Jim & Joyce Lewis, Nancy & Jay Woollven, Jon Oxley, Kathi LeGault, Anne Irvine, and Deb and Innis Jenkins.

We commend the "survivors" on Sandra's team: Nancy Woollven, Kathi LeGault, and Joyce Lewis.

The team collected \$2300. Way to go!

## Henderson's Store is Open for Business

We failed to tell you about the opening of Henderson's Store in our last newsletter.

Now we can report an anniversary of sorts – Henderson's has been open for a month! What a great addition to the town of Lancaster.

Kate reports that they are pleased to be very busy. She was quick to extend appreciation for the support they have received. People actually volunteered to help clean and stock shelves! Such acts speak of a healthy, caring community.

Now we can keep two small businesses alive in our villages in South Glengarry – Alex's in Williamstown and Henderson's in Lancaster. Planners, economists and sociologists remind us that business in small communities is essential. I guess the price of gasoline and concerns for our environment would keep this in our brains.

Henderson's carry a wide variety of goods including the famous breads by Premiere Moisson. We used to travel to Dorion for this product; then Farm Boy stocked it

and now, ever closer – Lancaster. Kate reports on some specialty foods such as the dips and marinades from Brickstone and jams from an Ottawa Valley company.

The store is readily accessible from the parking lot off of High Street (no stairs at this entrance) Henderson's inviting atmosphere continues when you enter the store. You are greeted with a friendly smile and an offer of assistance. What a pleasure it is to shop at Henderson's.

Continued success we wish to you Kate, Jim, Meaghan and Lucas!



## Congratulations Lois!

On Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Lois Gaudet was ordained as a United Church Minister. After a few sleepless weeks waiting to find out if a church selected Lois as their new minister, the word came from just down the road. The pastoral charge of Avonmore-Finch voted in favour of Lois!

Thanks to some great organizing by Nancy Woollven, a busload of 50 people left Glengarry for Montreal. In addition to members of St. Andrew's, the bus also picked up the Gaudet and Sparkes families in Bainsville and 4

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members from Avonmore & Finch.

After a reception at St. James United Church on St. Catherine Street, the service began. There were a total of 8 ordinands participating in this ceremony.

(A note of interest – 2 of the 8 ordinands are from French speaking congregations. However, French speaking congregations account for only 1% of the membership of the Montreal & Ottawa conference.)

As part of the ordination ritual, a preaching stole is placed on each ordinand's shoulders. Martin, Lois' husband appropriately carried out this part of the ceremony. The stole was made by Carol Edwards and Nancy Woollven. In true Glengarry tradition, the stole was made from Ancient MacDonell of Glengarry tartan. This tartan honours the traditions of Lois' home church (that's us) as well as an ancestor of Martin's.

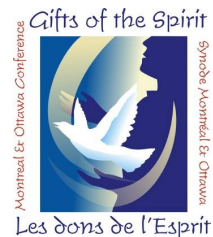
**Reflections:** These thoughts were gathered by interviewing some of those who attended the ordination service at St. James United.

Lois certainly had her own cheering section. The serving of Communion was kind of held up as so many from the Ottawa Church, the Montreal Church, from Avonmore-Finch Church, the Bainsville Church, family, and ourselves were lined up in competition for Lois' blessing. Bruce Overbury assisted Lois in tending to the crowds.

Others were impressed by the

ordination ritual and said, "they had never attended anything like this before." "It was incredible to see so many people –almost 2,000 people filled the magnificent church." "The choirs (yes-two choirs) were large and incredibly talented."

Our prayers and best wishes to Lois and her new role as Minister!



## Montreal and Ottawa Conference

The ordination ceremony was the highlight of the Montreal-Ottawa Gifts of the Spirit Conference held at John Abbott College in Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue. Mac and Carol along with Andrea, Sam and Cody attended the entire conference. (Mac and Andrea are the voting delegates from our church.)

*(Mom & Dad have enjoyed going to Conference for quite a few years. I think it is really just an excuse to relive their "early courtship" at McDonald College in the 50s. Dad having only one of the four cars in his class on campus!)*

Mac was particularly impressed with a session by Rev. Sharon Moon (from Cedar Park United

Church in Pointe Claire) entitled "Discerning God's Way in Conflict: The Gift of Discernment." She spoke about a decision-making approach to help address conflict within our church community. She calls this approach Community Discernment. The key elements of the approach include:

- Put aside your personal agenda and listen to God.
- Listen and acknowledge the views of others.
- Challenge the norms of the group.
- Conflict is inevitable and should not be avoided but make it constructive.
- Be courageous and trust in God.

You can find a copy of Sharon's speaking notes at:

[http://www.montrealandottawaconference.ca/2006\\_agm/discernment.shtml](http://www.montrealandottawaconference.ca/2006_agm/discernment.shtml).

*Susan Edwards*

## Congratulations SD&G Highlanders!

Notice this heading? We believe that the regiment is indeed to be congratulated as it chose a very special person to be their Chaplain. We congratulate you, Andrea! Is it possible that you could "pull rank" on Bill?

Cathy Kinloch, Mac, and I were present for Andrea's swearing in at the historic armouries of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Highland Regiment. Those were

poignant moments as we witnessed the promises of a diminutive woman joining as chaplain and a tall, lanky youth joining as a cadet.

We felt honoured to be hosted by former Commanding Officer, Brent Lafave. All of us should know that Jesse and Jenna Lafave, son and daughter of Lynn and Brent, are also serving today. Jesse is with the #2 Signal Squadron Regular Forces and Jenna is a reservist with the SD&G Highlanders. Some too, may know them as Doris Ferguson's grandchildren!

## Report from Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> was the first of numerous rainy weekends in May, but the weather did not deter the brave hearted gardeners who were ready to get out there and dig in the dirt, needing just the right perennial to get the season started!

I too, understand the pain of "green-thumb withdrawal", brought on by those promising warm, sunny days we were treated to and teased with in April. Plant-seekers were lined up outside Irvine Hall, rain and all, ready to shop. And shop they did!

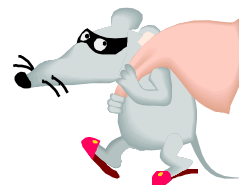
The Hall was set up with tables full of plants along both sides, and the bake table was across the end near the kitchen. Within one hour, most of the "green" and "gourmet" goodies had been snapped up. From rhubarb to rudbeckia, hostas to hollyhocks, Scots pine to shastas, from lemon fluff to lemon tarts, and bistort<sup>1</sup> to brownies, we

had it all!

The table that turned heads though, was the one featuring "biblically-themed" plants. There was Adam's Needle, Bethlehem Sage, Jacob's Ladder, Solomon's Seal, and Star of Bethlehem. I'm sure there are more we can add to next year's table.

The "faux pas" of the plant sale came at the expense of Betty Driemanis' granddaughter Naomi. Betty had generously baked goodies and potted up slips from plants. On one of my many trips lugging plants to Irvine Hall, I stopped at Betty's and said that I would be picking up her donations later in the afternoon. She had carefully placed all of her plants on a table for me.

When I returned to get the loot, I saw two plastic shopping bags full of blooming Vinca vine placed on the laneway, and I was sure that this was a late addition to what I was to take to the Hall. I happily loaded everything into my car, making my last trip to Williamstown for that day.



When I saw Betty that evening she said that she and Naomi had had a terrific laugh when they saw that I had absconded with the Vinca. Apparently, Naomi had a difficult time digging up the Vinca, and was thinking how great it would

look at her house in Montreal. More embarrassing than this "theft" was the fact that Naomi was 8 months with child. Oops... anything for the Church!

We had a wonderful day at the plant and bake sale. Shelly MacNaughton and Thelma Dupuis ran the bake table and Edwina Billyk and Tina Cairncross handled the plant side of things. Congregation donations were plentiful and awesome.

Enthusiastic talk about what should be planted where was the order of the day. Over \$1300.00 was raised for the Church.

Rumour has it that this should be an annual event...or should that read a perennial event? Let's just say that we plan to do it all over again next year.

*Tina Cairncross*

<sup>1</sup> bistort – As the editor thought Tina had made an error in "bistort," the word was looked up. According to dictionary.com, bistort is a Eurasian perennial herb (*Polygonum bistorta*) having cylindrical spikes of usually pink flowers and a rhizome used as an astringent in folk medicine.

## Living the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth has now been prepared for use. In case you have forgotten, it is situated at the far end of our beautiful cemetery in a grassy area surrounded by trees.

The idea behind a Labyrinth is to have a patterned path to walk in quiet meditation. It is an ancient, sacred design equipped with a simple pathway leading to and from a center. Although the path

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remains unchanged, no two experiences with a Labyrinth are the same.

A suggestion from Living the Labyrinth, is to be a snail. Place each foot on the path carefully. Notice what you are learning as you take time on the path. Use a deliberate pace all the way in and out. (Our "kids" race the labyrinth!)

We invite you to walk the St. Andrew's Labyrinth.



Edwina Billyk

## Babes

Penny and Garry Atchison are grandparents! We really should mention the parents and baby first. Parents of a baby boy, named Gavin Mathieu are Trevor and Catherine Atchison.

Gavin came to this world at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. Best wishes to everyone!!

## Cordelia's Cryptic Comments:

That pile of dirt that I referred to in the Spring Waves, Ripples, and Hellos is moving of its own accord. I am sure it has reduced in size! The copious rains have prevented motorized means of removal.

Check on the flower gardens in front of Irvine Hall. Children from

Sunday School are fast gardeners – how the dirt flies!

Such a flurry of action and excitement at the Playground next to our parking lot. The Playground is operated by the Township of South Glengarry but has always depended on willing volunteers for improvements. The new building will be available for both summer and winter activities. I do look forward to skating under the pines and being able to lace up skates in comfort rather than in a snow bank!

Kudos go to our church as we made a contribution of approximately \$1300 to the Friends of the Playground for support of the building effort. We use the playground for both Sunday School and Play Group activities.

The next event to raise money to improve the "Paul Rozon Memorial Park" is a Street Dance in front of the Williamstown Township Garage on June 30<sup>th</sup>. **Tina** – will we have another dance lesson before the Friends of the Playground Street Dance?

I already picked up my tickets for the Street Dance at Alex MacDonald's store. These tickets also give me a chance at the raffle for a sign by Sign-It, a television, or a sauna package from MilkThistle.

Good to see the Hamiltons back in the choir. The appeal of sun and golf may take second place to the appeal of skating under the pines, come next winter!!!

Have you noticed that there is a

grand new supply of books for sale at Sandra's book stall in Irvine Hall. We will have to make a bigger shelf available.

The Social Committee (Eleanor MacNaughton, Sandra French, Thelma Dupuis, Joyce Lewis, Susan Fielding, Francine Power, and Jenny Lang.) is looking for help for coffee hours. Sign up on the bulletin board in Irvine Hall or contact any of the above named people. I say "Don't feel you have to surpass the spread made by previous 'purveyors of fine food' The fellowship is more important than the amount or quality of cookies. God doesn't turn down our gifts!!"

The weather has not been kind to gardeners but it makes time for gardeners to read about gardening. I recommend The Spirituality of Gardening by Donna Sinclair. The Table of Contents lists topics such as Gardening as Connection, Gardening as Healing, Gardening as Spiritual Practice, and Gardening as Hope. Under Gardening as Balance, I pondered this quote from Bunkminster Fuller (he of the geodesic domes):

*Nature does have  
manure and she does  
have roots as well as  
blossoms,  
and you can't hate the  
manure and blame  
the roots for not being  
blossoms.*

Until next time!

*Cordelia Huffenboff*

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## Gifts of the Spirit Word Puzzle

The first person to send me the hidden message will receive a prize! Email or call Carol Edwards (mac.carol@sympatico.ca or 347-3675). The puzzle attempts to use words from the lectionary readings, bible study designed for Sunday School, and themes from Conference.

Concerning the puzzle in Waves, Ripples, and Hellos of Spring 2006. - The first winner was: **Arthur Craig** who phoned in the correct answer at 8 am of the morning following publication. I think the snail mail was faster than the e-mail this time! Arthur did not want a prize other than another puzzle.

As editor, I was interested, that despite appeals for response: the most received have been in answer to the word puzzle! Thank all of you who answered. Your replies gave us a 'boost'.

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