

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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NEWS

Spring 2019



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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

An inspiring time of year - **SPRING**

New fresh thoughts going forward - renewed hope.

We have certainly been blessed with Lynda being our Minister for the last 6 months and continuing until the end of June. Since the congregational meeting we now look ahead to the future of our Church, as we welcome Rev. Kevin Derry as of July 1st.

In the meantime, let us still be challenged, surprised, and mentored by Lynda's wonderful sermons. Please make note of the upcoming services and plan to attend.

April 14 - Palm Sunday - The children will pass out Palm Crosses. Our prayer book which started in 2010 is being decommissioned and the new one will be commissioned.

April 19 - Good Friday - Regular service at 10am, followed by coffee & hot cross buns.

April 21 - Easter Sunday - The sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with spring blooms which will be delivered to those who can't always be with us in body, but always in spirit. The children will also decorate the Cross with flowers.

May 19 - Northminster will take it's turn hosting the joint service. A wonderful time of fellowship to meet and renew old friendships.

June 2 - Anniversary Sunday - Celebrating 61 years of worship. We will be honouring our UCW workers, and will hopefully have some special music. Refreshments & cake will be served after the service while you mingle with both new & old acquaintances.

Worship Committee Chair
Carol Van Tol



Message from the Chair of the Official Board

Spring appears to finally be making an appearance, bringing with it exciting new developments at Northminster. After several months of being blessed by having Rev. Lynda Hodgins as our supply minister, the congregation approved the appointment of Rev. Kevin Derry as our new minister effective July 1, 2019. We look forward to having Rev. Derry join us but will be sad to see Lynda leave. Lynda's last service with us will be on June 23. Come and listen to her inspiring messages over her next few weeks with us.

Our website has been completed updated! Have a look at www.northminsteruc.ca.

- We will have a 10:00 a.m. service on both Good Friday service and Easter Sunday. A number of visitors have been dropping in recently. Please make them feel welcome and invite them to stay for coffee with us.
- We will be celebrating a joint service with four other United churches at Northminster on May 19.
- The Anniversary service will be held on June 2 which will include special recognition of the many contributions of the Northminster U.C.W.
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As winter fades, a big thank you to our custodians Bill, Ron and Ken for all their hard work in keeping the snow cleared away and battling the ice.

I will close by again saying thank you to Lynda for your spiritual guidance and leadership over the last six months. Best wishes to you and we hope to see you at Northminster in the future.

**Bruce Newmaster
Chair of the Board**

NORTHMINSTER MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial Fund Committee is looking for new members. Please contact Jaymes Winch at 705-742-4647.

Your Memorial Fund continues to enhance the life of the church by using interest, generated from principal, to offset the costs of eligible capital expenditures, seminars, courses & workshops, that members have brought to us, throughout the year.

Committee Members are Joan Findlay, Dave Morton & Jaymes Winch.

Thanks for your ongoing support.
Jaymes Winch



FINANCE

We are seeking a new Church Treasurer. To assist the Treasurer, we have hired an accounting firm to do the data input and financial statements. The Treasurer takes the invoices and requisitions to the accountant, they print the cheques and do all the data processing. Our Treasurer collects the package and disperses the cheques and files documents, etc. If you know a candidate who has book-keeping skills to the General Ledger, please let us know.

When we attend joint church services, please use your Northminster offering envelope. We always have a designated member of our church to collect the Northminster envelopes and they complete our weekly Bank deposit.

Joyce Armstrong, Chair



INTERVIEW/SEARCH COMMITTEE

We have completed our search and chosen a candidate. We presented our choice to the Congregation at the meeting on March 31, 2019. The vote was very positive! We have hired Rev. Kevin Derry and he will start his duties at Northminster on July 1, 2019.

Joyce Armstrong, Co-Chair



COFFEE HOUR



Thursday mornings at 10 am



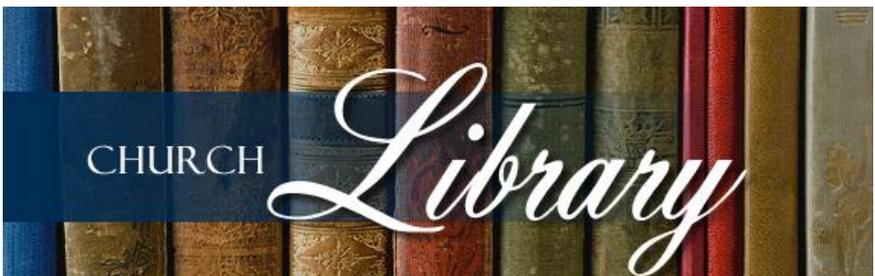
Northminster Library Report

Spring?! Easter! Spring?! Easter! We do know that Easter is coming, but still waiting for that beautiful warm spring weather! So, if we cannot have our warm weather just yet, why not curl up with a good book! Our library has added a number of new and donated books over the past few months, and they are waiting patiently to be read. With that in mind, I urge you to return that borrowed book as soon as possible for re-circulation so others can enjoy them too. I would like to say a big thank you to all who have donated books to our library; they are very much appreciated.

Some of our latest books to the library that I would recommend are as follows: **The Girl They Left Behind** (Roxanne Veletzos), **The Gown** (Jennifer Robson), **The Cellist of Sarajevo** (Steven Galloway), **Seven Fallen Feathers** (Tanya Talaga), **The Illegal** (Lawrence Hill), **Soul Harvest** (Tim LaHaye/Jerry Jenkins), **Prisoner of Tehran** (memoir – Marina Nemat), **Deadfall** (Sue Henry), **God’s Quiet Things** (Nancy Sweetland), **Buried Treasure** (Victoria Finlay), as well as a number of Debbie Macomber books. We also have a variety of Easter books – for adults and children; the adult ones are on the “New to Library” shelf and the children’s are on the bottom shelf. Please take time to look through the library; there is something for everyone. If you would like a particular book that we don’t have, just speak to me and I will see what I can do to find it.

KEEP READING and ENJOY A GOOD BOOK!!
HAVE A VERY HAPPY EASTER!

Debbie Kervin, Librarian



PASTORAL CARE & SENIORS' MINISTRY

According to the National Interfaith Coalition on Aging, “**Spiritual well-being is the affirmation of life in relationship with God, self, community and environment that nurtures and celebrates wholeness.**”

And it is in the light of this understanding that we strive to provide appropriate pastoral caring to all of our members. By caring for one another and building a supportive community, we all can find comfort in times of need and share in times of joy and triumph. Many thanks to our congregational visitors who continue to provide that most important link to those members who are no longer able to get out and about as they once were. It is a vital link for these folks to their faith community.

The Prayer Shawl Circle returned to our regular meeting time after a winter break; the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Quiet Room. **All are welcome to join us** in this time of fellowship, caring and sharing. We continue with our outreach literally into the world by donating knitted and crocheted items to “Canadian Food for Children Organization” serving African and South American countries, to Native communities in Northern Ontario and to local organizations. We are blessed by the caring hearts and hands of those ladies who do this on behalf of our beloved church. And we give thanks to those who donate wool and monetary gifts for the purchase of wool. Together we can do it.

Easter Blessings,

Joan

Joan Smiley C.A.M.

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

300 Sunset Blvd.
(off Chemong Road)



MUFFIN PARTY

SATURDAY, May 11TH, 2019

9:30 -11 A.M.



Meat pies ~ Baking ~ Plant Table
Available to purchase!!

Come out and Enjoy
muffins and fellowship...



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We eagerly await the coming of Spring. A time of rebirth and renewal.

As we journey through Lent each one of us has an opportunity to explore our faith in a deep and meaningful way.

We have a wonderful library; it is open every Sunday! Please stop by and have a look. We are so blessed to have Debbie Kervin keeping it organized and running efficiently. If you have any questions about the library see Debbie.

We have a great nursery available every Sunday! We are very fortunate to have Leta Reid caring for our youngest ones.

Kean continues to inspire all of us. His faith, evident in the way he engages our young people. He shares much of himself and his faith with our young people. We are truly blessed to have him among us!

Our young people have been busy through Lent collecting “*Coins for Caring*” and taking orders for popcorn. They will continue to do so up to and including Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday April 14th our young people will hand out Palm Crosses to the congregation. Easter Sunday April 22nd, all youth are invited to help decorate the Easter Cross.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, June 23rd as it is the final day of Sunday school before a summer break. It is always a very special day for the congregation. We encourage all to join us that morning.

There are many wonderful opportunities waiting for you this spring. You can grow spiritually and to be renewed, as we travel together on our journey exploring our faith.

We walk on in God's light and love.

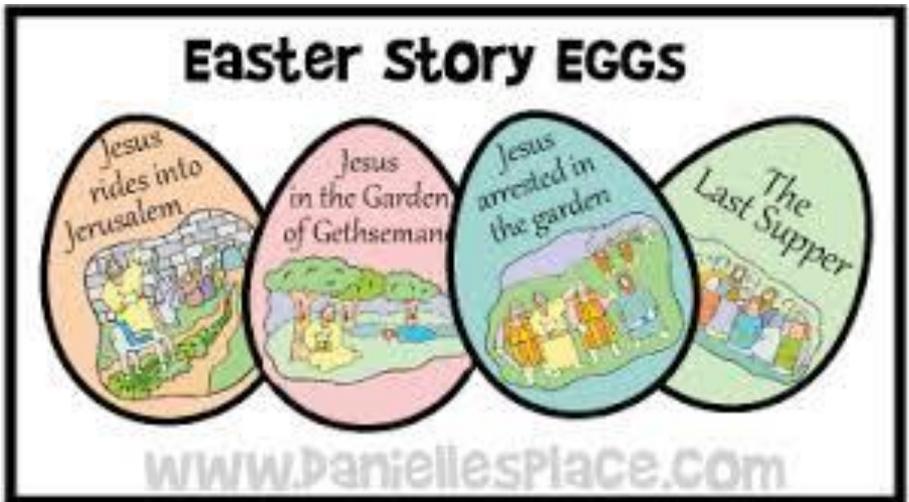
Respectfully Submitted
Maggie Crawford
Chair



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Although it's still seems like winter out there one sure sign that spring is here is that the kids are collecting "Coins for Caring" and new as of this year selling Kernels Popcorn as well. We also had a blast at our annual skating party put on by the Sunday School. We had record numbers show up for a time of faith and fellowship at the Northcrest arena. Be sure to look for us next year when we host the skate again. We've also been very busy catching up on our slow start to our Lenten fundraiser. This was due to a couple of congregational meetings during our collection time after church. But don't worry as we have made leaps and bounds since the first week towards our goal for the year. Proceeds this year will be split between Food for Kids Breakfast Program and the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society (LAWS) and our wrap up will hopefully include a breakfast downstairs with the kids during Sunday School. On Easter Sunday we invite all children to come forward to help decorate the cross. And who knows, maybe the church will have been visited by a very special little bunny! Lastly, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to this wonderful congregation who nurture us and provide us with an environment where our young children can thrive and learn about faith and how to use it in their lives.

Kean Varga
Sunday School Coordinator





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Do you have an interest in having meaningful conversations on current events, music, food, art and much more?

We need kind, caring and enthusiastic volunteers to work with adults who have communication disorders. Our program provides a rewarding experience for both clients and volunteers in a relaxed atmosphere. Volunteers participate in discussion groups and skill sessions with clients to promote meaningful adult conversations, participation in community life and independence. Professional staff are always on hand to provide training and support.

The ACD Program meets weekly at the Northminster United Church on Thursdays (9:30am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 3:00pm) in the Lower Hall.

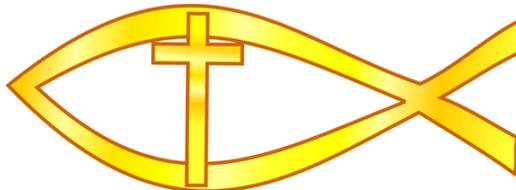
Please stay tuned for our "Volunteer Open-Houses in Spring/Summer" where you will get a chance to check out our program and enjoy coffee and conversation with the clients.

For more information, please contact:

Maryam Iqbal, Volunteer Coordinator

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OUR NORTHMINSTER STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9 am to 1 pm

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CHRIST IS RISEN

Lay Visitor: _____ Tel#: _____

If I can be of any assistance please contact me