

# Deseronto-Napanee Pastoral Charge

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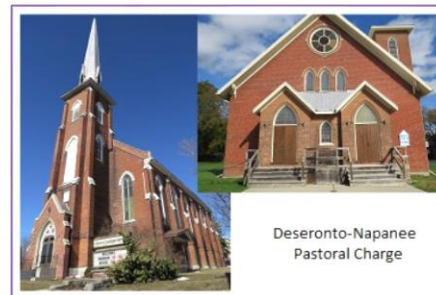
Dear Friends,

I was privileged to be a commissioner at The United Church of Canada's 43<sup>rd</sup> General Council in July. The General Council meets every three years, and addresses all kinds of petitions and proposals which come before it from across the church.

The General Council also elects the Moderator, who will be the head of the church for the next three years. We elected Rev. Richard Bott, who ministers in Vancouver, and who is also a graduate of Queen's Theological College.

His first sermon as Moderator was titled, "The Church is Hungry for Change," and was based on John 6: 1-14, the story where Jesus feeds 5,000 people with five barley loaves and two small fish. Richard Bott said in his sermon, "The hungry crowd listening to Jesus was hungry in so many ways, hungry for freedom; hungry for a deeper connection with each other; and with God." He continued, "Today, these same kinds of hungers 'are apparent in the streets, in the news stories, in our social media, in our families, in the loneliness and brokenness of so many people's lives."

Christ offers food in the midst of this hunger. Strange as it may sound, Christ cannot offer this food by himself. In the story from John 6, he depends on the offering of a child. "The child was hungry and was not part of the inner circle.", Richard says. "The child offered what he had, knowing that he might stay hungry...The child is us at our best, and the child is the world at its best; when we are ready to offer without having any idea what the end result might be – trusting that what God does with the gift, and with us, will be enough to satisfy the hunger, the



## Upcoming Events

### September 18

**Handbell Choir Practice** resumes at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Grace. We are always looking for new members. If you are a lover of music, and would like to be a part of our group, please contact Jean Bentley or come to a practice. *No musical experience required!!*

### September 20

**Deseronto Board Meeting** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Stover Hall.

### September 23

**"Everything That's Beautiful" Concert with Rev. Joe Ramsay** beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and free for children 12 and under.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** for **Ralph and Ealaine Lawlor** with a drop in from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Stover Hall. Everyone is welcome! Best wishes only.

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hunger of all the world, and more. We could risk and we could dare, and see those hungers satisfied."

That is our Moderator's invitation and challenge to the church – to risk and dare, to satisfy the hungry among us.

**BENEDICTION:** Everything that we plant will not grow. Everything that we build will not stand. But continue to plant seeds of hope, and build communities of love. Do not be discouraged, because we do not work in vain. The grace of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit work with you and through you. AMEN.

*Rev. Elaine*

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## Say, "Cheese!"

We are pleased to be coordinating a new Photo Directory for our Pastoral Charge. The last one that we had created was in 2012 with Rev. Frank, so we are due for an update! Our photo shoots will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> in the Grace Board Room. Each household that participates by having a portrait taken will receive a free 8"x10" portrait and a free photo directory. If Leslie has not contacted you, please call the office to book your appointment today. Spots are filling up fast, so don't wait! Also, if you would prefer to not have your photo taken, please let Leslie know if we are permitted to place your mailing address in the back of the book. All books and photographs will be back in time for Christmas.

We will be looking for help on these days with greeting, signing folks in, and elevator operation. Leslie has started a list of volunteers, so if you are able to help, even for just a few hours, we would greatly appreciate it!

To the members of the Boards and other Sub-Committees, please keep an eye on the bulletin for a date to have group photos done. The date remains to be determined.

## P. A. Day Program

The Grace Christian Education Committee is ecstatic to be hosting another series of P. A. Programs this fall. The first will be on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> with drop off beginning at 8:00 a.m., and the program beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. Pick up will be no later than 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per child from age 4 to 12, and snacks and lunch are included. The theme for the morning will be the Creation story and the afternoon will be Noah and the Ark. Register now for a day full of stories, crafts, games, and more!!

Our next two dates to mark on your calendars are Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Upcoming Events

### September 26

**Four Winds Presbyterial UCW 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Rally** at Trinity United Church, 2062 Unity Rd., Elginburgh. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. This year's theme is, "Live With Hope" with guest speaker, Elayne Furoy from The Elizabeth Fry Society. \$10.00 for lunch. All ladies are invited!

### September 27

**Photo Session #1** from 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Grace Board Room.

### September 28

**P. A. Day Program** at Grace. Our door open at 8:00 a.m. for drop off with stories, crafts, games, and other activities commencing at approximately 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per child and snacks and lunch are included.

**Photo Session #2** from 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Grace Board Room.

The C. E. Committee is also looking for donations of Lego to enhance our programming. Donations of any kind can be left with Patti Sweet or with Leslie in the office. If you have time and are able to help with the P. A. Day Program in any way, please contact Patti Sweet.

## Grace's Annual Picnic

Grace had their annual picnic at the Rotary Park and splash pad following our regular worship services on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Although it was Father's Day, approximately 35 people enjoyed a sunny afternoon in the park feasting on hot dogs and other potluck goodies, playing games, and having great conversations. Be sure to keep your eyes open for our picnic in 2019!



## Did You Know?!

As part of our on-going celebration of Deseronto's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are continuing our trivia section with some interesting tid-bits about the church building and it's inhabitants:

- ❖ In 1896, two-thirds of the east side of Deseronto was destroyed by fire. The Rathbun Company's flour mill, storehouse, and elevator; the shingle and lumber docks; the Roman Catholic Church; and almost one hundred homes were destroyed in the blaze. Deseronto United Church (or the Wesleyan Methodist church at the time) was not harmed, but the manse was not as lucky. Another house, across from the church on Fourth Street was purchased and moved to Thomas Street.
- ❖ On March 25, 1905 a combustion fire began due to some oily rags in the custodian's closet. The closet was at the bottom of the stairs currently leading to the balcony and the base of the church tower. The fire quickly moved up the tower, burning off the spire and totally gutting the tower. There was a small amount of damage to the church which was covered by insurance, however, the spire on top of the tower was never replaced.



## Upcoming Events

### September 28

**Grace Hall Rental** – Napanee Pioneer Square Dancers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### September 29

**Photo Session #3** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Grace Board Room.

### Greater Napanee Culture Days - Labyrinth Walk For All

Grace will be hosting a destination again this year as part of Greater Napanee Culture Days. Charlie Pritchard will be facilitating a labyrinth walk for the community beginning at 11:00 a.m. This is known to be a calming form of meditation. **Everyone** is invited to attend! This is a *free* event!

### September 30

Grace **Pastoral Care Committee Meeting** beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

### October 1

**1<sup>st</sup> Napanee Valley Group Committee Meeting** beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the Grace Sunday School Room.

## Grace T-shirts

Dominique Van der Linden designed and ordered t-shirts to help with fundraising efforts for Grace that say, "I'VE BEEN BLESSED BY *Grace United Church*". Dominique has successfully sold the majority of the shirts, but we do have a few left. The shirts are white with a light blue banner with the wording. A white dove is surrounded by a gold sun. If you would like to purchase one for you or a friend for \$20.00, please contact the office. Thank you Dominique for all of your efforts! We truly appreciate it!



## Watercolour Classes

We are pleased to announce that Lois Sexsmith will be offering her watercolour classes again this fall. The classes will begin on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Grace Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per class for 8 weeks. No experience required! If you have any questions, please contact Lois.

## The United Church Observer Subscriptions

It's that time of year again! Time to renew our United Church Observer subscriptions. The cost remains the same at \$25.00 for 11 copies of the magazine produced by our United Church. Please place your cheque made out to "The United Church Observer" in an envelope clearly marked, "The Observer", on the collection plate or leave it with Leslie in the office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in subscribing to The Observer for the first time, please contact Jean Bentley.

## Joe Ramsay in Concert - "Everything That's Beautiful"

Join us and Joe Ramsay for an afternoon concert of original songs, classic Christian folk music, stories and reflections on faith in a changing world. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Grace U.C. for "**Songs to inspire a just and generous Christian faith in a complex world.**" Proceeds to support Grace United Church. Tickets are available from the office for \$10 per adult with children 12 and under free.



## Upcoming Events

### October 3

The ladies of the Grace **U. C. W.** will be getting together to **decorate the Sanctuary** at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited.

### October 4

**Watercolour Class** with Lois Sexsmith in the Grace Hall from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### October 7

**Thanksgiving Sunday and World Wide Communion Sunday** – We will have communion at both churches served by the Pastoral Care Committees.

### October 13

**Roast Pork Dinner** in the Grace Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. \$15.00 per adult, and \$7.50 for children 12 and under.

### October 20

**Ross Long is turning 100!!** Please join the family of Ross Long in the Grace Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in celebration of this milestone. Everyone is invited, but best wishes only!

## Fall/Winter Programming at Grace and Deseronto

### Sundays

**Children's Choir** – after the Grace worship service in the Sanctuary. NEW!!

### Mondays

**Beavers** – 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Grace Hall.

**Choir** – 6:00 p.m. in Deseronto's Stover Hall.

### Tuesdays

**Girl Guides** - 6:00 p.m. in Deseronto's Stover Hall. (NEW!)

**Grace Ringers (Handbell Choir)** – 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Sanctuary.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Grace Board Room.

### Thursdays

**The United Sound** – 6:30 p.m. in the Grace Board Room.

**Cubs/Scouts** – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Grace Hall.

**Men-of-the-Steeple** – 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Board Room.

**Choir** – 7:30 p.m. in the Grace Board Room.

### Fridays

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. in Deseronto's Stover Hall.



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### October 21

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### October 26

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### October 28

**Grace's 176<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** Our service will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will *not* be a service at Deseronto.

### October 31

**Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Auxillary Dessert Bridge** beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Grace Hall. \$8.00 per person. Contact Ann Lamb or Leslie in the office to reserve your seat.



*This newsletter is presented in loving memory of*

*Mabel Dupre and Bessie Wright.*

*By their niece, Marilyn Stafford*