

Deseronto-Napanee Pastoral Charge

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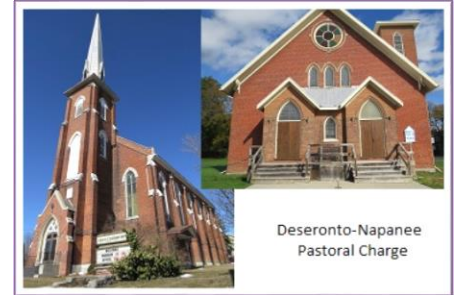
On Sunday, June 2, 2019, East Central Ontario Region of the United Church of Canada ordained four new ministers.

'Our' candidate, the candidate from Grace United Church, Napanee, was Megan Jones. For the act of ordination, she knelt in front of the church, and church officiants and her chosen family members gently placed their hands of blessing on her head or shoulders, and she heard these words: *"Megan, with a humble and joyful heart, know that you are part of the long line of Christ's Ministers called and set apart to serve God. Holy Spirit, come sweep Megan off her feet, and dance with her through her days. May your Holy Spirit continue to be with her, and move in this moment, that she may rise an Ordained Minister of your Church. Amen."* She received gifts, a chalice and paten, prayer shawl, Bible, as well as small tokens presented by the children and youth at conference. She was given the certificate which will proclaim to anyone who chooses to glance at it, that this was the day she was formally set apart to do God's work. When she stood, the church full of 300 or so worshipers sang, "Halle-Halle-Hallelujah..." and broke into spontaneous applause.

Now Megan and her three newly ordained colleagues will go out into the world in the name of Christ, and do their best for Christ, for the church, and for the world.

It is a hugely challenging role. I sometimes wonder what in the world compels a person to take this step in our cantankerous and secular day and age. They are taking their place as leaders of a denomination which is clearly in decline; all across Canada, churches are closing at an alarming rate. Most churches are filled with aging congregants, with young people few and far between. My generation has seen a huge shift in attitudes towards religion; the fastest growing category of religious affiliation is 'none'. Many younger Canadian citizens have never been inside a church, let alone have the foggiest idea what Christian discipleship is.

So, why in the world do this?



Upcoming Events

June 19th

Deseronto Board Meeting
beginning at 6:30 p.m. in
Stover Hall.

June 20th

**1st Napanee Valley Scouting
Advancement Ceremony
and Celebration** beginning
at 6:00 p.m. in Conservation
Park.

June 23rd

Grace's Annual Family Picnic
beginning at 12:00 p.m. in
Rotary Park. Bring a dish to
share and your lawn chair.
Hot dogs will be provided by
our Pastoral Care
Committee.

June 26th

The Grace U. C. W. are
looking for help to **clean-up
the kitchen** in preparation of
our summer holidays. The fun
will begin at 9:00 a. m. Bring
your favourite cleaning
items!

June 30th

Our **final worship service**
before our summer holidays.
Deseronto worship service
begins at 9:00 a.m. and the
Grace worship service begins
at 10:30 a.m.

There is really only one reason. God.

It is God who calls; it is God who compels. It is God who keeps chasing you when you run the other way. Many candidates for ministry try to avoid the call completely, entering other careers, becoming good church volunteers, trying to live out their passion for beauty or justice in other contexts.

But the niggling feeling that the God of Jesus Christ has something else in mind for you never goes away. There is a holy mystery to the workings of God, who does not let go of the hearts of certain individuals. There comes a time when you just can't say no to the insistent urging of the Spirit that this role is for you. The God of Jesus Christ wants you to preach the Gospel, to teach the Gospel, to comfort in the name of the Gospel, to live the Gospel in your very being, to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

So, please pray for these new ministers: Rev. Megan Jones, Rev. Sarah Magie, Rev. Pam Holmes, and Rev. Daniel Reed. Pray that they not lose the passion that brought them to this place. Pray that they will be strong and faithful when the way becomes challenging. Pray that they will remain rooted in Jesus Christ, who promises, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Rev. Elaine

Summer Holidays

Our final worship services before summer holidays will be held on Sunday, June 30th. The office will be closed for Canada Day on July 1st, but will be open on Tuesday, July 2nd from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The office will then be closed beginning Wednesday, July 3rd, and will re-open on Wednesday, July 31st at 9:00 a.m. Phone messages and e-mails will be checked infrequently. Our first worship service after summer holidays will be Sunday, August 4th with Deseronto U. C. beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Grace U. C. beginning at 10:30 a.m.

During the month of July, our congregations are invited to join Trinity U. C. (25 Bridge St., E., Napanee) in worship beginning at 10:30 a.m. In return, our friends at Trinity are invited to join us in worship throughout August.

If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care during our summer holidays, please contact Rev. Mark Arnill at Trinity U. C., 613-354-3858. We hope that you have a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break!



Megan Jones (second from the right) with her fellow Candidates for Ministry preparing for their ordination, June 1, 2019.

Upcoming Events

July 7th

Grace Hall Rental – Portugal Meet and Greet with Debbie Morgan from Maritime Travel beginning at 2:00 p.m.

July 10th

Grace Hall Rental – Red Cross Babysitter's Course beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you know of any children that would like to participate in this programming, please contact Colleen Cameron, Training Partner with the Canadian Red Cross at ccfirstaid@gmail.com

August 4th

Our **first worship service** back after our summer holidays. We will be joined by our friends from Trinity U. C. Deseronto's service will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Grace's will begin at 10:30 a.m.

1st Napanee Valley Scouting Advancement Ceremony

Our Grace Scouting Group Advancement ceremony will be on Thursday, June 20th at Conservation Park from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and we, as a congregational sponsor, are invited to attend. A Potluck supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own meal item to share and your own beverage, mess kit, and lawn chair. There will be an Advancement Ceremony and Celebration, awards and a campfire. The C. E. Committee encourages anyone able to attend to do so to show our support and encouragement for programming that is very beneficial to our community. Please contact Patti Sweet for any additional details.

Grace Garden Market

On Monday, May 20th, a group of garden enthusiasts at Grace executed a wonderful and very successful sale of trees, veggie and floral seedlings, and many other recycled and repurposed items. The group arranged to have several local woodlot and gardening experts on hand to answer any questions that people had, and for coffee and treats to be available. Over \$2,600 was raised through this sale for The United Church's Missions and Services. Thank you to everyone that attended the sale, volunteered to look after a table, and an even BIGGER thank you to 3G (Grace Gardening Group) for all of your hard work organizing this first annual sale!

Emily Burgess and the Emburys

On Saturday, June 8th a small crowd gathered to hear an awesome show by blues and roots trio, *Emily Burgess and the Emburys* at Deseronto U. C. The group consisting of Emily Burgess on lead vocals and guitar, Marcus Browne on backup vocals and drums, and Rico Browne on bass guitar, wowed the crowd with lots of wonderful original music, and with fantastic covers of Stevie Ray Vaughn and Chuck Berry tunes. Thank you to everyone that attended the concert, and thank you everyone that helped with preparing treats, organizing and advertising this show!

****The next event in our Dream Big Deseronto Music Series is *Mary's Merry Minstrels*, with a stroll through the history of Canadian fiddle music on Saturday, October 19th.****

Upcoming Events

August 8th

Kid's Summer Program at Deseronto U. C.

August 15th

Kid's Summer Program at Deseronto U. C.

August 22nd

Kid's Summer Program at Deseronto U. C.

Bulletin and Newsletter Sponsorship

If at any time you would like to sponsor our Sunday bulletin or our newsletter in memory or in honour of a family member or friend, please contact Leslie in the office.



Emily Burgess and the Emburys
(L-R) Rico Browne, Marcus Browne,
and Emily Burgess



P. A. Day Camp

P. A. Day programs were enjoyed by many young members of our community this school year. We learned about the Love of God through the stories of Noah's Ark, Abraham and Sarah, The Christmas Story, Jacob and Esau, The Easter Story, and Joseph the Dreamer. Our fun included dressing up in costumes, doing Zumba, playing games and learning new songs and singing some old ones! We LOVE to play BINGO! We love to make things--we made jack-o-lanterns, papier mâché animal figures for our Christmas story-telling, sock snowmen, match-stick crosses, dream-catchers, pet rocks, flower pot stakes and more. We enjoyed painting murals together and building with empty boxes. We also enjoyed meals together and snacks -- movie-time popcorn is a favourite! All in all, the days spent together are boisterous and exciting. The C. E. Committee would like to thank the MANY volunteers who help to make our P. A. Days successful. It takes a lot of team-work!

Mark your calendars for next school year-September 27, November 1, November 29 / 2019 and January 31, April 3, June 5 2020. See you then!
Submitted by Patti Sweet

A Thank You from the Grace Finance and Stewardship Committee

The committee wishes to thank everyone for your generous givings, to date, of time, talents, and financial resources.

We are currently experiencing a significant deficit which is not uncommon at this time of year. Unfortunately, our expenses do not take holidays over the summer so we ask that you would consider your level of givings, signing up for PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance) or issuing post-dated cheques to assist us in keeping our deficit at the current level or perhaps even reducing it.

Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Kid's Summer Program – "The Stories of Jesus"

Deseronto United Church is pleased to be hosting A Kids Summer Program for children ages 5 to 10 years old. The dates will be as follows:

Thursday, August 8 th	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 15 th	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 22 nd	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We will have Bible stories, games, crafts, songs and a snack. Please register by contacting our office, 613-354-4373 or graceuc@mycando.ca. There is no set fee to attend, but we ask that children bring an offering which will be given as part of opening worship each day. Donations towards the program will be gratefully accepted.



Save the Date!!

September 27th

P. A. Day Program at Grace U. C.

October 19th

Mary's Merry Minstrels – a stroll through the history of Canadian fiddle music beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Deseronto U. C. \$10/adult, \$5/youth 13-18, and free for kids 12 and under.

November 1st

P. A. Day Program at Grace U. C.

November 29th

P. A. Day Program at Grace U. C.