

## Welcome Back Service and Lunch

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Sunday, September 12 was the day designated for the start of the Westminster year after the quieter summer season and over 70 people attended the service and potluck lunch after that. It was the first official day of church school with the new Church School Coordinator, Stephanie Tanner and it got off to a great start, even including face-painting for the kids. The Social Committee again did a wonderful job of decorating the Community Room (with giant spiders too!) and provided corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs and baked beans and drinks to go with the abundant and delectable salads and other food brought by the congregation. Welcome back, everyone. ▶

# UPDATE ON THE SHOW HOUSE

By Barbara Barnes, Volunteer Coordinator

It has been in operation for almost three months and all kinds of good things are happening at the SHOW Building.

June was a bit chaotic, getting all the rooms ready while the construction workers were still on site, but we did it! Over the first two weeks of June we scrubbed each unit and moved the furniture from various storage sites into the units. We made beds, put away dishes, pots and pans, linens, hung shower curtains in bathrooms, placed towels and wash cloths out, set out toothpaste, and tooth brushes and put away cleaning supplies. This all sounds simple when I write it, but it took a team of volunteers nine days to get it all done. This included a couple of the men who knew they would be moving into the building on June 17th. Sometimes we were working without an elevator as the stoves and refrigerators were being moved in so, it was up and down the stairs. I don't know about the rest of my friendly volunteers, but I know I got a good workout.

The Open House, which took place on June 16th, was attended by about 300 people. There were many good comments about our building. Most were very surprised when they saw some of the units. People still had the image of a hostel or bachelor apartment in their minds, and were shocked to see that these are regular apartments with fully equipped kitchens, a living room, a full bathroom, and of course a separate bedroom with a brand new bed. Two of the tenants who were to move in the next day attended the Open House, and were given a sneak preview of where they were going to live. More hugs and tears.

Move-in day was very special, at least for me. We sent out a team of volunteer drivers to go and pick up our new tenants. There were lots of hugs and tears as they opened the doors and saw their new homes for the first time. We had been telling them what to expect, but I am not sure all our talking really prepared them for what they saw. It was a house of joy that night. At the end of the move-in day SHOW Board members held a BBQ on the patio out back for all tenants and staff. That was when one of the ladies came downstairs and said "I am in heaven, I just had a bath in my own bathtub". Lots of fun, smiles and good food.

Since the Open House, it has been a time of getting everyone settled. Not everything has gone perfectly, but there are a number of really great success stories. The tenants themselves have been forming their own community within the building and are now

looking at the wider community to seek out employment and do some volunteering themselves. Families are visiting daughters, sons and fathers.

Some tenants are obtaining bikes which they are repairing and then use to get around town. One tenant said he feels productive when he is working to repair his bike. Being active and productive increases self worth and self esteem.

Many of the tenants are cooking up a storm. Some who know how to cook are helping others, but one problem did come up: we had not thought about cookbooks. I quickly sent out an email to friends

and my extended family at Mt. Zion and we now have about 30 cookbooks.

As the Volunteer Coordinator, I will be working with the YWCA Staff to create some in-house programs for the tenants.

These will probably include basic cooking lessons, craft sessions, and a year end BBQ and Sing Along among others.

Tenant input is very important at this point, so we will include them as part of the planning team and will also be getting their ideas for the kind of activities they desire.

We will be putting together a description of each of the

programs desired, at which point we will need volunteers to act as coordinators or as teachers.

The tenants have started taking on little jobs within the building. We have one who takes care of recycling cardboard. I left a box in the kitchen, intending to take it home with me and by the time I walked to the office, had a brief chat and came back, it was in pieces in a recycle box. I saw one of the tenants mowing the lawn, and there are a few who look after keeping the back patio neat and tidy. Sometimes when I drive into the parking lot they come to see if I have things they can help carry in.

This work is still very rewarding. I really enjoy getting the chance to chat with tenants about how things are going with them. Even though there have been some very hectic times, I can still walk into that building excited to discover what we are doing next.

Note: Westminster's Jill is on the board of the SHOW house. Ellen and Cheryl & George are a few of the many volunteers from the community periodically assisting in the transfer of items from the Food Bank warehouse on Alpine Drive to the SHOW house on Erb Street. ▶



SHOW board members, above, and Barbara Barnes, volunteer coordinator, left.

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# The **Jumble?** Sale

By Chris Redmond

Nobody has been keeping exact count, but this year's Canada Day sale was approximately the 18th annual Westminster event of its kind. Veteran volunteers have the routine down perfectly by now, and a lot of things were the same as in past years. But there were a few new wrinkles too, such as a new layout for the merchandise that improved the traffic flow for the crowds.

"You aren't out on the lawn this year!" one customer after another told us as they arrived at the side door of Cedars House to find the merchandise laid out in the Great Room and upstairs areas. "No," we said, "we're in here!" The 2009 sale was held indoors because of a threat of rain, (which never did materialize) and that worked so well that we decided to stick with the indoor layout permanently. The question now is whether we should give up calling the event a "yard sale" or "lawn sale" in favour of — well, what? The Great Room was once a garage, but the July 1 extravaganza is a lot more than a "garage sale". Maybe we need to borrow the British phrase and call it a "jumble sale"?

There was certainly a jumble of merchandise, or would have been if it hadn't been painstakingly grouped:

clothes, bed linens, chinaware, Christmas decorations, stuffed toys, hardware, books, costume jewellery, games. As the big day approached, there was some concern that donations weren't coming in at the same rate as in previous years. But at the last minute, things arrived in a deluge, and we had as much stuff as we could handle, if not more. We noticed a particular wealth of movies on VHS cassette, and we observed that by some odd chance, there were no skates or ski equipment at all, something that's been in ample supply at many previous sales. As always, there were old TV sets, computer monitors and printers, but this year they were hardly selling at all, as people seem to have lost interest in the technology of the 1990s. There were suggestions that we decline to accept that kind of hardware for next year's sale.

As we might have expected, there were mystery objects, such as one that might have been an abstract sculpture or an interplanetary antenna, but was finally identified as a paper towel holder. There were examples of just plain "junk" and, at the other extreme, some objects distinctive and valuable enough that we didn't like to put them out on tables with a modest price tag. One of those was the

sewing machine, maybe not "antique" but beyond any doubt "old", that Steve's eagle eye picked out as a collector's item. He posted a note about it on the Kijiji web site a couple of days before the sale and quickly got an offer of \$60.

Before and after the sale, Steve gave several other treasures the same treatment, and that process helped to boost the revenue. As a result, a little more money may have been trickling in over the summer, but at last count, net revenue from the sale after expenses was \$1,910.66, a pleasant boost for Westminster's always tight budget.

One traditional part of the sale was omitted this year, the barbecue and refreshment stand. (We did have canned pop for sale, but the weather was cool and we didn't do a whole lot of business.) On the other hand, a tradition from some earlier years was revived this year, as Gary Boratto, former minister of the church, donated a vast array of potted perennials, and they sold well from a table just outside the house, once we sorted out some conflicting ideas about the prevailing price for promising little green things.

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It was a beautiful day at Westminster.

# The **Jumble?** Sale *continued from previous page*

Business was brisk from the 7:30 a.m. opening (actually we found ourselves ready a few minutes early and let the crowds in about 7:20) until mid-morning, then slowed down as it generally does. The customers were friendly and appreciative (well, nearly all of them) and represented the gamut of ages, ethnic groups and, as far as we could judge, economic strata. One older man from Eastern Europe took time at the cash desk not just to pay for the tools he was buying, but to tell most of his life history, from World War II service to years in Kitchener construction work. Shy mothers with limited command of English paid in coins for a mixture of kids' clothes and plastic toys, then hurried their children away. Beechwood Drive neighbours who visit the sale every year came by to look for something unusual.

As always, there were a few difficulties, one of them represented by a more than assertive customer who didn't like our prices and suggested her own. "No," we said; "feel free to come back towards the day's end when we'll be slashing prices to sell off whatever's left." That wasn't acceptable, and the customer insisted that we set aside all the items she wanted, until she could have them at her own price. Eventually it fell to Steve to ask her to leave, and she left the parking lot in a shower of gravel, shouting insults in his direction. We weren't surprised when the merchandise she had been eyeing was gratefully bought at our full (and still very low) prices by other customers.

Cheryl served as coordinator for the sale this year, and spent many hours along with a changing roster of volunteers

getting the premises ready, sorting and pricing the merchandise, and doing the other tasks that the garage (yard, lawn, jumble) sale requires — including cleanup at the end. Nobody seems to have kept a list of all the volunteers, and it's better not to even start trying to mention all the names, but everybody involved in the sale would acknowledge that it could hardly have taken place without Steve's strong arms, creative mind, patient customer relations, and generosity with time (and the contents of his basement). So another July 1 goes into the record books — and chances are that most of the people involved, on both sides of the cash desk, are already looking forward to 2011. ▀



Glassware tables were popular.



The perennials sold really well.



George's fashion statement

# Look who's turning 20 this fall!

## Westminster United will celebrate its 20th anniversary in November!

We've accomplished a huge amount in 20 years. We've been path-breakers on many fronts:

- The first Christian congregation in Canada (if not the world!) to come together as strangers to design and build a worship centre with a Jewish congregation, and continue to live happily together
- The first affirming congregation in the United Church Hamilton Conference, offering support and blessing to gays, bi-sexuals, lesbians and trans-sexuals
- Initiators of the Water Project, which has led to plastic bottles being strongly discouraged in public schools and other public places
- One of the first sponsors and participants of SHOW, Supportive Housing of Waterloo, providing apartments for the homeless in a new building that opened June 11.

This fall, Westminster will launch a major fundraising campaign – both the annual campaign for 2011 and a special campaign to get us over the transition period to full financial independence.

Like most 20-year-olds, we're almost able to stand on our own. But we need extra help during this transition period until our income fully matches our expenses.

For most of our years, we've been supported by generous grants from the United Church Mission & Service Fund, Hamilton Conference and Waterloo Presbytery. Now we're on our own.

We're growing in numbers and local offerings. But we can't yet meet our needs. We will – but it will take extra effort. That's where the fall fundraising campaign comes in.

Details of the fundraising campaign and anniversary celebrations will be announced in mid-October.

Meanwhile, we celebrate the fact that we're a healthy, happy 20-year-old with an incredible future before us.▶



**Religion round-up**

### New United Church starts in Waterloo

A new United Church congregation has started in Waterloo.

Westminster United Church has about 40 families and will have a full-time minister by September.

The interim minister is Rupert Evans, the United Church's new church development officer.

Services are being held every Sunday at Mary Johnston school in the Keats Way and Fischer-Hallman Road area.

Land has been purchased on Erb Street West for a church and the congregation is hoping to move into a temporary building in September.

Sunday school and nursery services are provided and new families are welcome. The church serves the expanding west end of Waterloo.

# Baptism

Quincy Preston LeRoy, son of Jennifer and Christopher and brother of Delphine was baptized and officially welcomed into the Christian Family of faith in a ceremony conducted by Rev. Mary Savage at the service on Sunday, June 13. Quincy was born on Sunday, March 14 in Kitchener.

Quincy is the grandson of Linda, Jacqueline and Noel, David and Olga and the late Marv and Diane. Michael and Rachel of Winnipeg, Manitoba are Quincy's godparents and are also Delphine's godparents. The family was honoured to have Quincy's great grandfather William, 95 years young in attendance. Also in attendance were Linda of Wellesley, Ontario and Jacqueline of Monticello, New York, along with other family and friends from Toronto, Hamilton and as far away as Brooklyn, New York.

During the singing of "God We Pray at this Beginning" (VU #443), the hymn written by Chris Redmond on the occasion of the baptism of his niece in 1992, Rev. Mary called all the children in the church to the front platform for the ceremony, which took place during the regular Time for the Young and the Young at Heart. Earlier, each of the children and others participating in the

ceremony had been given a small container of baptismal water to cup in their hands so that it could be deposited into the baptismal font with a nice warm temperature when it was required for the ceremony.

Cheryl, Chair of Church Council presented a candle lit from the Christ Candle to the family to commemorate the baptism. She also presented the baptismal certificate to the family. Dianne presented Quincy and Delphine with matching prayer shawls made by the Prayer Shawl Group.

Rev. Mary's sermon was entitled, "God of the Sparrow." In the sermon, Rev. Mary pointed out that Quincy's sister Delphine had been baptized on Sunday June 13, 2004, exactly 6 years earlier at Westminster. The Westminster Senior Choir sang, "In the Hands of the Lord" as part of the service and the "Song of Parting" as the sung benediction. Other hymns sung at the service included "Morning Has Broken" and "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry."

After the service, the congregation adjourned to the Community Room, where refreshments and a scrumptious cake provided by the Beckett's to celebrate Quincy's baptism were enjoyed by everyone. ▶

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## UPDATE ON THE **SHOW HOUSE** *continued from page 2*

Back patio of the SHOW house



Cheryl in the kitchen of one of the apartments

# THE SUMMER CINEMA SERIES

By Rev. Mary Savage

What do the films *The Blind Side*, *Up*, *Waking Ned Devine*, *Millions* and *The Visitor* have in common? Really very little. Practically nothing actually – except they were all part of our Summer Cinema Series for the Sundays of August and the Labour Day Weekend.

But we were not the only congregation that had a summer film series. Before the summer began I was chatting with some colleagues in ministry discussing what on earth to do for summer services at a time of year when most of the

congregation is away for much of the time. Together we came up with the idea of a series of worship services based on notable films that would be easily rentable or available in the public library. We choose a variety of movies and then looked at scriptures that might throw some light on the themes. We advertised them in advance in our own congregations. And although we planned to preach the different films on different

weeks, we agreed to share our insights with each other as we put together our sermons each week.

I've always found that films provide lots of scope for reflection, and a wonderful jumping off point for a sermon. They are a contemporary blending of art and spirituality in which we encounter themes of transformation, blessing, redemption, renewal of life, and grace in everyday life. And each in their own way can provide us with a venue to wonder about and explore theological, moral, and spiritual issues and values.

So, in the movie *Waking Ned Devine*, which had to do with winning the lottery, we considered greed, the importance of friendship, and the true value of money. In *Millions*, in which two young boys find a fortune in British pound notes, we encountered both saints and miracles, and reflected on what we treasure and the things that are a gift from God. *The Blind Side*, which was mostly about football, was also a story of transformation, and looked

at giving without expecting in return. *Up*, the animated Pixar film was a story of persistent hope and possibility. And in *The Visitor*, the unlikely friendship that develops between a discouraged university professor and two illegal immigrants was a testimony to transformation and healing. If there was a universal theme running through all the films it was perhaps the sacredness of human connection and community.

From what I hear, the Summer Cinema Series was a great success in all four congregations that took part. Although we each had our own take on the different films, as preachers it was extremely helpful bouncing ideas off each other, and discovering how rich and multi-layered some of the films were.

So, if you were able to be at any of the Cinema Series, you were in good company. And if you happen to run into someone from Knox United Church in Caledon, or Mt. Carmel Zion United Church in Morriston, or Emmanuel United Church in Sault St. Marie, you'll have something to chat about. ▶



Rev. Mary Savage

## Darrin Huss to Perform

by Dennis and Elizabeth Huss

Our son Darrin Huss will be visiting here for two weeks to perform in Toronto and he has agreed to do a benefit concert in Baden for the Central Mennonite Committee, in conjunction with their work in troubled areas of the world.

The show will feature Darrin singing a variety of hits and music from his new lounge album. Andriy Tykhonov will perform songs from his album featured at the Waterloo jazz festival.

(see: [www.lovethatlasts.ca](http://www.lovethatlasts.ca) for more details)

**Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door.**

**Please call 519-634-9012 for tickets or sign up on the bulletin board.**

**Show time-7:30 pm. – Saturday, October 2, 2010**

**Steinman Mennonite Hall and Church, Snyder's Road and Nafziger, Baden, Ontario**



# How We Spent Our Summer Sundays

By Paul

During the summer, J. R., Bryce and I attended various churches in the city and had a variety of experiences. J. R.'s mother also attended with us for a couple of the services. We are certainly seeing much more high-tech and modern age happenings in other churches that are quite interesting.

On July 4, we attended Christ the King United Church. I was filling in as pianist there that Sunday. They held a joint service with Olivet United and St. James-Rosemount United, so there was a full house. Rev. Randy Banks, from Olivet, took the service, so it was interesting with a guest minister and guest pianist, but we connected very well.

July 11 was the annual Cedars Garden Party. We had a good group that worked away at cleaning up the gardens and getting rid of lots of large weeds. A very nice potluck lunch was held after we finished, and we got nicely refreshed from our hot morning outside.

July 18 saw us heading to Emmanuel United Church. After the service, we were presented with a Peace Candle which was handed over to Westminster during the service on August 8 and we've been lighting it each Sunday since. Following the service,

we went to Symposium Cafe and were joined by some of the Emmanuel congregation and revived our "Church in the City" group that normally meets on the first Monday of each month.

July 25 sent us to St. Andrew's Anglican Church. We have always like going to this church, as it is near where we live and they are incredibly welcoming and friendly. They have moved into the modern age and we were contacted via Facebook the following day by the minister. They certainly act on their guest book!

August 1, we arrived at Calvary United Church. Marilyn Shaw, who was the minister has spoken at Westminster and worships with us from time to time. They are quite technologically advanced, with the entire service being put up on screens at the front, including the hymns, so there is no need to handle any paper or books if you don't want to. Martin Wall, the pianist, is absolutely amazing!! We also found that, in addition to a prayer shawl ministry, they also have a quilt ministry.

We enjoyed our tour of other churches in the community this summer. All were enjoyable and provided different perspectives on worship and community. ▶

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## FIRST NATIONS SUNDAY

The theme of the service on June 20 was First Nations Sunday and the special guest speaker was Nicole Robinson. Nicole, age 38 is the Equity and inclusion officer (Aboriginal focus) with Waterloo Region District School Board and has 3 children. She comes from a mixed ancestry of European roots on her mother's side and belongs to the Oneida Nation of Thames First Nation through her father's side.

Besides her involvement with numerous committees and groups that promote equality, she recently organized a two-day aboriginal learning opportunity for senior administration at the school board to help bring greater understanding of aboriginal issues and concerns into focus.

She is also hoping to raise awareness around homophobia with the release of a DVD called LGBTQ OutLoud, offering information on how to address homophobia and provide support to students, staff, parents and the community who identify as being a member of the gay community.

Nicole was profiled in The Record's Wednesday February 24, 2010 issue of 40 under 40 from which some of the above notes are taken. For further details, go to <http://40under40.therecord.com/Index.aspx> ▶

# HELLO PARTICIPANTS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CHURCH SCHOOL!

by Stephanie Tanner

*Congratulations to Stephanie Tanner who was chosen as the new Church School Coordinator. Stephanie is married to Gordon and they have two children, Gwen age 4 and Griffin going on 2. They became members of Westminster on March 28, 2010. See the April and June 2010 Westwords for additional information.*

Our Church School Team is excited about a new season of learning and fun that awaits us this fall!

My name is Stephanie Tanner and I am the new Church School Coordinator. I have lots of experience leading crafts, games and songs at camps and churches all over Ontario. I have my teaching degree from Ottawa University (where Jessica, our former Church School Coordinator is off to right now!). For the last three years I have been running a day camp program teaching kids how to cook. I have a ton of fresh new ideas to infuse into our already strong Church School program.



Stephanie Tanner

breaking from the traditional classroom setting and will meet as a large group for joint activities. If you would like to help out for one of these special events, please let me know you are interested and I will give you some date options.

New this year! It's been a few years and it's now time to get a Confirmation class together again. If your child is between the ages of 12-16, I will be contacting you soon (if I haven't already) to set up a meeting time and plan the year. We are also planning some fun youth activities with other local churches as well as our Spaghetti Supper. Stay tuned...

This autumn in Church School we will be baking bread for World Communion Sunday, singing lots of new songs, and learning about God's love in our freshly painted space. Some Sundays we will be

Please feel free to contact me at [stephandgord@gmail.com](mailto:stephandgord@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to help out with the Sunday Church School here at Westminster. ▶

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## Whatever Happened to Ellen?

By the time you read this, some of you might twig to the fact that you have not seen me in church on Sundays. On September 5th I began my education year placement at Mount Carmel-Zion United Church in Morriston as a part of my studies with the Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg. So until the end of April, I will be sharing Sunday worship with them. One perk of the "best of two worlds" is that I have the opportunity to experience how others do their ministries. I expect to come back with a new pattern or two for our Prayer Shawl ministry....and I get double the opportunities to sample great tasty treats and....gratefully my Westminster discernment group will continue to meet with me until the Spring. . I am already looking forward to the start up Church in the City on October 4th ...till then ...Ellen ▶

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ellen, who received her Master of Theological Studies (MTS) on June 7, 2010 from WLU. ▶

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# It is not too early to STRE-E-E-TCH Out Your Contribution to Westminster!

by Scott

Employers recognize the advantages of philanthropy – of giving back to the communities in which they operate. Many employers like the idea of making donations to organizations that their employees favour. It is a way of recognizing their own employees' generosity, and it helps to encourage them greater philanthropic giving.

The way this is done can take many forms. Some employers will contribute money to charities where their employees volunteer their own time and energies. Grants are made upon receipt of applications showing that the employee volunteered a minimum number of hours per year.

Other programs match donations made by employees up to some limit – again, an application is required.

Some other companies have taken to automating the whole operation. Employees are encouraged to make donations to the United Way or any other charity, or a combination of the two, by payroll deduction. Then, the matching employer contribution is made at the same time! These programs are usually offered in the fall, to take effect next calendar year for payroll purposes.

However it is done, employers who match employee donations are a great resource we should use if available. You don't

need to wait for the formal Stewardship Campaign to check with your employer to see if they will match your contribution to Westminster, nor do you need to wait for our campaign if your employer's campaign is earlier. Just don't forget to let us know what arrangements you have made on your commitment form when you get it!

Employer matching gift programs are a great way to help stretch out your donation –dollar. ▶

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## LIBRARY LIMELIGHT

By Maureen

Here is a book that might pique your interest. Please take a moment to look in the library. Enjoy!

**DOLLARS AND CENTSORED** by Lana Marks Pulver and Kerri Marks Chetner

Money is one of the top reasons for personal stress, divorce, family disputes, lost friendships and business failures. Therefore money is something that needs to be understood, discussed and handled carefully. Money needs to be managed in a way that is consistent with personal values. someone is out to make a killing. ▶



# Congratulations to Hamlet John

Congratulations to Hamlet John who won a silver medal at the Junior Nationals Judo competition in Lethbridge in July. Hamlet John was one of 459 competitors, with all provinces and territories in Canada represented this year. There were 15 competitors in his division (under 15 years and weighing less than 55 kilograms). After the competition, Hamlet John remained in Lethbridge in order to participate in a week long training camp with many of the other competitors.

With that kind of result, Hamlet John, who will be moving up to the next division, hopes to be able to qualify for next year's nationals, to be held in Quebec in July 2011. Hamlet's mother Janet is hoping he makes it too, as it will give her a good excuse to visit Quebec. ▶



Hamlet John proudly shows the silver medal



Hamlet John on the podium

# Tribute to Leejay Levene

1988 – 2007

The 2011 calendar featuring the art work of Leejay Levene is now for sale with proceeds going to the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery. Leejay's family is a member of Temple Shalom.

See George or Cheryl Melnik if you would like to purchase a copy. Cost is \$10. ▶

## DATES TO **REMEMBER**

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
June 27	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Circle
June 27	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Outdoor Service, followed by a potluck lunch
July 1	Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Annual Garage/Yard/Lawn Sale
September 11	Saturday	TBA	Food and Wine from Around the World

## REV. MARY'S **OFFICE HOURS**

Rev. Mary can be reached by calling her home at 1-519-822-6674 or the church at 519-746-6080, or you can email her at [mary.savage@sympatico.ca](mailto:mary.savage@sympatico.ca). Please feel free to call her to talk or set up a time to meet, however Wednesday is her day off. ▶

## JOIN THE **CHOIR**

Join the choir for fun and fellowship. No audition required, just a love of singing. The choir practices most Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. See choir director Steve or any choir member for more information. ▶

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