

Rev. Medina also led the services on Oct. 21st and on Oct. 28th during which Rebecca Gibson sang *How Beautiful Are the Feet* by G.F. Handel.

On the October 14th service we celebrated Holy Communion led by Rev. Cynthia Stretton with Sheryl Clay-Newell singing during Communion *Just as I Am* by W. Bradbury. The theme of service was "People of the Table" which reflected the celebration of communion. Everyone is created in God's image and therefore we need to welcome all into our lives and hearts - "everyone has a place at the table." God's love does not put boundaries in place. When showing God's love and welcoming people we need to make a longer table, not build a higher fence.



Rev. Stretton was ordained in Hamilton Conference in 1986 and has served pastoral charges in Niagara, Mississauga and Toronto. She was on staff at Fairlawn Avenue United for six years and retired out of Birchcliff Bluffs United in 2015. Currently Cynthia is a Volunteer Associate Minister at Beach United. She has an interest in women's spirituality and has held events for women in each of the churches served. From Rev. Stretton: "I have enjoyed my experience of the Dewi Sant congregation and learning some of the Welsh traditions. I look forward to celebrating communion with you on December 16 and then leading worship again in January."

The Editor

ABORIGINAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

You may have noticed that we are now including an Aboriginal Acknowledgement at the start of our services. This was passed at the Church Board meeting in October.

An example of an Aboriginal Acknowledgement follows (for more details see [/www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/acknowledging-the-territory.pdf](http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/acknowledging-the-territory.pdf)).

Let us acknowledge that this land, on which we gather to worship, for thousands of years has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. This territory is covered by the 'Dish with One Spoon' Treaty. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place.

Why Acknowledge the Traditional Territory?

Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called it home for thousands of years is a way to continue to live out the church's Apologies to the First Peoples of North America. The acknowledgement supports our calls to others to pay respect to Indigenous peoples. It is also one way the church can work toward right relations—by repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came. In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009 encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada. A proposal has been brought to the General Council Executive to encourage Parliament to include a similar acknowledgement in its opening address.

Helpful Definitions

Aboriginal, First Peoples, and Indigenous are all-encompassing terms that include Inuit, First Nations (Indians), and Métis.

Treaties are nation-to-nation agreements outlining promises between both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people that set out responsibilities, agreements, and benefits for both. There are 70 recognized treaties in Canada. However, some First Nations never negotiated treaty so the land remains unceded. These websites can help you find which treaty applies to your church context: search “Maps of Treaty-Making in Canada” (INAC) or “Reference Maps Natural Resources Canada.”

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FALL FAIR 2018

What a great success we had at the Fall Fair this past Saturday! Despite a cold, damp day, by the end of the event we raised \$4,447.09 to help support Dewi Sant. None of this would have been possible without the considerable help of ALL those involved.

Several church members were unable to attend in person, but their knitting, marmalade making and baking went a long way to boost our fund-raising efforts. Another member went up and down Yonge Street posting flyers in local businesses. The jewelry-sorters had fun in packaging and preparing all the jewels. Grateful thanks go to all the bakers, folks who came to set-up on the Friday night and then turned around and served on the stalls on the Saturday. Not only did church members rally in force to help, but family members and friends were wonderful in their support as well. Financial assistance and donations of items for the sale were all greatly appreciated



Getting ready

Complementing all the sales was the delicious food that was lovingly prepared in our kitchen for snacks and luncheons. Soup, sandwiches, cakes, muffins and endless cups of coffee and tea kept us and our customers fortified. Thank you to the Quesnelle family for running the café again this year.

The actual Fair was just the tip of the iceberg. Countless hours of prep work went into the setting-up and taking down of the event. To everyone who was involved in ANY aspect - my grateful thanks go to you all. I hope you will agree that while it was all a lot of work, we had a great time and FUN in being and working together!

*Lynette Jenkins
Chair of the Fall Fair*

The baking table before the customers cleared it



Part of the team

Final touch up



The calm before the storm..



Open for business



Another stuffed toy?





Everything you always wanted table

The jewelry connoisseurs



The following Sunday December 9th the annual Christmas Pageant will be performed by several family members. The title of this year's pageant is "Katie the Cat Goes to Bethlehem". Come listen to her story and find out what she got up to when in fact she should have been staying at home!

There is a lot of preparation for these special Sundays so please come and support those who so willingly give of their time and effort. Put both dates on your calendars.

Hefina Phillips

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