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Glen Cairn United Church Newsletter

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We are called by God to be a welcoming church where we respect differences and build Christian community, as we learn, grow, celebrate, and reach out in faith.

Message from the Editor

It has been a pleasure working on the newsletter for the past four years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for providing such interesting reading. Thanks also for all the positive feedback that you, the congregation, have given me.

Joanne Tuttle

Minister's Message

Submitted by Brian Copeland

The New Zealand hymn writer, Shirley Murray, has an amazing 12 hymns in our own Voices United, and she wrote a wonderful song, 'The Spring Has Come.', just for this very time of year. 'The spring has come, let all the church be part of it. The world has changed and God is at the heart of it. New light, new day, new colour after winter grey. New light, new day, the spring has come, let all the church be part of it.'

Suddenly the world is alive with light in the morning, the smell of spring in the air, warm south winds, snow melting, the first shoots of daffodils in the south exposure garden, winter parkas returned to the basement, and a certain lilt in peoples' souls. And God, says Murray, is at the heart of it. The imagination of God our Creator somehow knew that after winter's grey human kind would be so looking forward to the new light of a new day. It is God's tonic, a soul restorer, a blessing of joy and hope spread throughout the northern hemisphere. Spring is a song for a winter people. Spring is a song of Easter resonating throughout the earth that death is overcome with new and abundant life that Christ has indeed risen.

I plan to relish this spring, this amazing gift of God; to sing and dance and play and wonder at the changing world. You won't be able to hold me back. I am on course to celebrate, to walk toward Easter with new hope. Let all the church be part of it. I love the way Shirley Murray tied the changing seasons and most especially the emergence of spring to God's good creation and to the church. We are God's good creation. We are God's gift to the world. We are the promise of Jesus to all who would follow him. Where two or three of you are gathered, I am there.

Whenever we gather, even on the coldest, greyest of winter's day, somehow, spring is in the air. Christ is with us. We are not alone. Let us give thanks and celebrate.

Lunch'nSuch

Come join us on
Wednesday, April 6th at noon
For a PIZZA PARTY

Followed by entertainment by our very own
Cecelia Chorus

Cost is \$8.00 for lunch
If you haven't signed up already please do so a.s.a.p.

Oasis in Kanata

Submitted by Lisa Petch

The Oasis in Kanata has started 2016 with change and great interest. On January 31st, the congregation welcomed our new program manager, Christina Glaus and thanked Shirley Bishop for her dedication to the Oasis in Kanata as Chair of The Oasis in Kanata Steering Committee. Shirley has dedicated so much to make the program the success it is today.

On January 18th, we held our first information session, "Caregivers and Powers of Attorney" by Dr. Barbara Collins. This information session explored the legal aspects of decision-making capacities in people with mental illness, the capacity assessment process, powers of attorney, guardianship and informed consent. This well-attended session provided valuable information for all who participated.

On March 21st, Jeanette Smith will host "Health Headlines: Hope or Hype?" In this information session, Ms. Smith explores the myths and realities of health information in the media.

The support group has been rebranded to Caregivers Matter. The support group meets the first Monday of each month and has seen a great number of participants over the first few months of the year. The support group offers a safe, confidential, professionally-facilitated environment where caregivers can gather to share experiences, provide mutual support, and learn how they can better care for themselves as they care for their loved ones suffering from a mental illness.

We offered an eight-week workshop on Borderline Personality Disorder. This workshop provides valuable information and tools for caregivers of loved ones with Borderline Personality Disorder.

We are looking forward to an exciting time until the beginning of summer. We have information sessions planned for April, May and June, as well as a half-day workshop. Watch the announcements for all the details.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on information session nights to help with set up and clean up when the session is complete. If you think you can help with this, please speak to any member of the Steering Committee or email info@TheOasisKanata.ca.

Outreach Thanks You



We delivered 65 gifts, 43 PJs, & \$53.20 in Canadian Tire money to the Kanata Food Cupboard! This helped the Food Cupboard provide gifts to more than 420 families in Kanata.



Thank you for your donations of single-bed sheets and towels for Shepherds of Good Hope. The housing programs have 268 beds in shelters in downtown, plus beds in supportive living facilities across the city.

Thank you from the Kanata Food Cupboard, for your outstanding generosity on Red & White Sunday. We delivered a carload of boxes of items and many cash donations.

Upcoming Outreach

April Outreach: Jam and Peanut Butter for Centre 507



Located in downtown Ottawa, Centre 507 is an adult drop-in centre that receives funding from the United Church of Canada. The drop-in centre welcomes individuals who may be disadvantaged economically or socially.

On their wish list is jam and peanut butter – a luxury that patrons love. Please put your donations of jam and peanut butter in the blue Outreach Bin in the lobby (not the Food Cupboard bin) during April.

May Outreach: Shoes and Boots for Shoe Bank Canada

While you're cleaning out your closets for the Rummage Sale, please collect any gently used shoes and boots.

The Shoe Bank Canada collects shoes from warehouses of footwear companies and the closets of people like you. Locally they work with the Ottawa Mission and other social agencies, distributing shoes free of charge to help fulfill the footwear needs. Once local demand is met, they look at other avenues, both nationally and internationally.

<http://www.shoebankcanada.com/>



The footwear must be clean and in good shape. Athletic (runners) shoes, work boots, formal/dress shoes, slippers, and sandals are all accepted, for women, men and children of all ages. Please put your donations in the Outreach Bin during May.

Youth Group and Sunday School

Submitted by Jason Winter

The **youth** have been active these past few months. At the end of March break, we went to Merivale bowling, where we all had a great time. The youth have also been planning and rehearsing a dramatic skit to perform at the Easter service. We are looking forward to our coming activities in the following months, including our end-of-year laser quest games! Keep your eyes on the bulletin for upcoming event announcements!

In **Sunday School** we continue to sing a new song every month, and are enjoying crafts and stories in class time together. We are looking forward to the coming months, and all of the fun times and lessons ahead! Thank you to all the teachers who help make Sunday School a fun and educational place to be.

Membership Committee

Submitted by Wanda McNea

While the Membership Committee is specifically tasked with welcoming new members and introducing them to the resources of Glen Cairn United Church, it is a responsibility that all the congregation shares. Every introduction and conversation with someone who is new to you contributes to the welcoming process and helps everyone feel more connected.

As always, the Information Table is where you stop to get --- INFORMATION you need about envelopes, joining Glen Cairn United, contacts, name tags, etc. There are still a few boxes of donation envelopes available on the table around the corner from the Information Table if you haven't yet picked yours up – keep in mind PAR (pre-arranged remittance) is another payment option.

We are looking forward to (and planning) the next Potluck on April 17th and encourage all to mark the date on their calendars. The next Membership Transfer Service takes place on May 21st, so if you have been thinking of joining the Glen Cairn congregation, please get in touch with the Office or check in at the Information Table.

Song of Faith event

Submitted by Sandra Copeland

It is often difficult to put our faith into words, but we know our spirits are moved by music, art and craftsmanship. We are inviting all artists, photographers, quilters, musicians, woodworkers, sculptors and crafters to capture the spirit of your faith in any art form for an exhibit on Sunday, June 5th at our church.

This event in honour of the Anniversary of the founding of the United Church, is an opportunity for everyone and anyone to offer an expression of faith. Children's work will also be welcome. There is no need to worry about being "good enough", as all faith is good in the eyes of God, and this will offer a unique way to share our faith with each other.

Please let Sandra Copeland know if you are planning to participate, so we can provide appropriate exhibit space for you.

Follow-up to 42nd General Council

Submitted by Barbara Reynolds

At the 42nd General Council held in Cornerbrook last August, delegates authorized the holding of eight remits (church terminology for a referendum) because the proposed changes are considered to be denomination-shaping. Pastoral Charges and Presbyteries will vote on five of these remits: (1) Three-Council Model; (2) Elimination of Settlement and Transfer; (3) Office of Vocation; (4) Funding a New Model; and (5) One Order of Ministry. It is vitally important that every pastoral charge cast a vote on all five remits, as an absolute majority is needed for them to pass, not just a majority of those who vote. Further information about the remits as well as background material on each remit can be found on the United Church website <http://gc42.ca/remits>. In addition, Ottawa Presbytery is planning to hold some information sessions to assist pastoral charges in their decision-making. Initial information is found in the attached message from the presbytery minister and more information about specific sessions will be coming. If you have any questions or wish further information please feel free to contact Barbara Reynolds or Hanna Strong, your presbytery representatives.

Name Tags

submitted by Cathy Turner – Membership Committee

We offer our congregation two types of name tags – pins and magnetic. Each name tag has your name on it – the way you like it to be displayed – along with a logo of our Church window. Pin types are \$10.00 and magnetic types are \$15.00 and can be ordered at the information table in the foyer. Cash payment is required when ordering and the pins are usually available for pick-up at the information table the following Sunday.

Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group

Submitted by John Toft

The Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group (KSRSG) held a successful fund-raiser at the Glen Scottish Restaurant, raising \$1540 through the musical contribution of the band, FOAM, and contributions from the restaurant. Five Old Angry Musicians put their talents to good use that night! KSRSG thanks all the people that came out to support refugees.

KSRSG is still waiting for the arrival of the sponsored refugee family from Afghanistan, isolated in a Tajikistan refugee camp since February 2014 despite being approved as refugees to Canada since that time. KSRSG is also supporting the sponsorship of people from Syria. However, as with the Afghan family, there is no word of their imminent arrival. When our sponsored people do arrive, KSRSG does have the necessary funds on hand to support them for their first twelve months in Canada. KSRSG will let the congregation know about future developments as soon as they happen.

In the Library

Submitted by Cathy Turner

In today's society we strive to bridge the gap between religions and faith communities. Here are some books found in our "Other Religions" section which you may be interested in reading. This section of our library is on the far wall of the lounge; identified with a sticker of the world and can be found on the first shelf on the left.

Reviews taken from the internet;

Sacred Books of the World and Their Message for Our Time *(by Kingsley Joblin)*

Kingsley Joblin is an interpreter. The truth of this statement is borne out by his life long career as a university teacher, researcher and counsellor. [. . .] This book on the Scriptures of world religions is the product of those years of teaching, supplemented by extensive travels to the centres of world religions where he did disciplined research. His presentation of the Scriptures and his interpretation of them will lead the reader into a new understanding of spiritual life.

Noah's Other Son. Bridging the Gap between the Bible and the Qur'an.

(by Brian Arthur Brown)

In his compelling book, pastor Brian Brown engages in conciliatory dialogue with Christians, Jews, and Muslims in an attempt to recover the beauty and value of Islam for the West. **Noah's Other Son** helps Jews and Christians understand the role that several biblical figures from their own traditions play in Islam.

World Religions *(by Benson Y. Landis)*

Without any attempt to pass judgment, Mr. Landis has brought together within the compass of one book much scattered information, and has provided a most useful handbook that will answer the questions about the world's various religions that are constantly being asked. He tries to give a fair interpretation of their various emphases, as well as a summary of their organization, administration and membership, and in this he has been singularly successful.

United Church Women

Submitted by Martha Townshend Colford

We have been busy so far in 2016 with caterings. A great deal of hard work is put into these events to make them as pleasurable as possible and the food tasty and nutritious. The Robbie Burns Dinner, February Presbytery dinner and the February Lunch 'n Such were very successful. We also catered two large funerals and we appreciate all the food donated and help freely given to these sad events.

Our January meeting was a planning meeting. That may sound dull but we always keep ourselves amused with funny anecdotes. We also enjoyed popcorn and the movie "Woman in Gold".

In February we celebrated Chinese New Year by enjoying a delicious Chinese meal organized by Lynda Brooks and Sandra Copeland with some dishes provided by others. Some people had travelled to China and told about their adventures and Nancy Boyd spoke about her time working as a facilitator for adoptions of Chinese children in Canada.

In March we enjoyed our guest speaker, Jane Burgess. She spoke about her trip to Ghana and Burkina Faso. She was part of a small group of people who provided resources to schools and held travelling medical clinics. She was filled with passion and energy which made the presentation very engaging. Carol and Jackie were able to fill in names of places and other information which also provided extra interest.

We are preparing to host the walkers from the Good Friday Walk of the Cross held annually in Kanata. After all the exercise people always appreciate some refreshments.

We are also getting ready for April's Lunch 'n Such. Cecilia Chorus is going to provide the entertainment and because we are so talented the food is also organized by half of us. We do appreciate the help given from non-singers.

Please support our Church in May by donating items for the Spring Sale. No large furniture, old electronics, or clothing please. We also need many volunteers to set up, clean up, sell things in the different areas, and bake delicious treats. All hands are needed to make this event a success to raise money for our Church plus bring awareness in the greater community of what our congregation is all about. Please let me know if you can help out on Friday, May 6 or Saturday, May 7.

We have ideas for a couple more guest speakers and bring in your favourite movie or book for discussion but are always looking for more program ideas. Our UCW is doing well compared to the 30 other UCW groups in our Presbytery but we are very mindful of burn-out and advancing age of our members.

Outreach Committee News

Submitted by Nancy Sprules

We have been reaching out into our community and the wider world with various initiatives through the last quarter. Our campaign to raise funds for our very busy Kanata-Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group was more than successful. Warm thanks to everyone in the congregation who so generously wrote cheques and gave cash, and to those who have added the KSRSG to their monthly PAR givings. The KSRSG has recently heard that the application to bring Syrian refugees to our community has been accepted and is moving forward to welcome these people in the near future. Your donations make this work possible! There is so much need at this present moment as seen on our evening news and daily newspapers.

Oasis in Kanata is busy with another information session at the end of March. Lisa Petch is finding her way as our new Oasis Co-ordinator and Shirley Bishop is staying on, although in the background as a wise and experienced mentor and financial wizard! Thanks to the congregation for your ongoing support and especially to those who have included Oasis in their monthly PAR givings. Having a firm financial foundation on which to build has added greatly to the amazing success of this outreach program.

Our Monthly appeal team is constantly coming up with new and exciting ways to help others as well as our annual standard charitable donations. Red and White Sunday in February was a tremendous success with a van full of food donations and cheques totalling nearly \$600 going to our own Kanata Food Cupboard. This drive saw a great number of more expensive items like canned fish and meat (one of the "asked for" items on the Kanata Food Cupboard's wish list). I think the early information given through the church bulletin and sales of these items at various stores in our area combined to make this food drive one of our more successful. Our March monthly appeal was for single bed sheets (especially fitted) and towels for Shepherds of Good Hope. Thanks for your ongoing support of this initiative.

Our Seniors Liaison Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting on March 22nd for a final review of our program. We have been working hard to find a way to include seniors in our outreach mandate but have found it difficult to move from our own congregation to the wider community. Many of the needs in our community are being met by a myriad of community programs and the one most needed, a "day away" program to give caregivers some time off, is beyond the scope of our congregation. Bev Armbruster has worked very hard for the past several years to make a seniors program a success and has included a newsletter, teas, travel talks, craft days, Strawberry Socials and Lunch and Such in her varied program. However, these activities have mostly attracted our own seniors, which is not the true mandate of the Outreach Committee. Bev has come to the end of her coordinator duties and we will be looking forward to new efforts to create a more viable Outreach program. Please watch this corner of your newsletter for more news!

The Outreach Committee would like to say a very warm thank you to Bev for all her work with the seniors program. Our own seniors have enjoyed her various events very much and will miss Bev's gentle presence and kindness. The Ad Hoc Committee hopes to find a new way to offer these programs to our own congregation.

This will be the last time I submit to the newsletter under Joanne Tuttle as editor. Thank you so much, Joanne, for your fine work in producing an informative, enjoyable and fun newsletter and may you enjoy your "retirement" from this labour of love! Yours are big shoes to fill but I hope someone will come forward to take over this vital job of keeping our congregation informed of the bountiful work of Glen Cairn United!

Keep an eye on the announcements in the weekly church bulletin for more Outreach Committee news and activities. You will also find news that is more detailed in this newsletter under each committee – Oasis, Monthly Appeal, KSRSG, and Kanata Food Cupboard. Mission and Service and Seniors Liaison round out our work. Anyone who feels they could contribute to one of our programs would be warmly welcomed to the Outreach Committee.

Pastoral Care

Submitted by Joy Judd (Chair)

As we emerge from the cold, wet winter months to enjoy the milder, sunny days of Spring, the small but dedicated Pastoral Care Team is busy caring for the members of the congregation. Our ministry is carried out through home and hospital visiting, phone calls and appropriate greeting cards (from the Team and from the congregation).

The Team recently held a very productive half-day Retreat in order to review our ministry within the church family over the past year and to look for ways to improve on our visibility and effectiveness. The ten action items include monitoring the church directory to check for members and adherents who may not be attending services and who may need some pastoral care, promoting the use of the free Care Notes in the lounge, sharing the healing services by email to interested parties, establishing a few contacts in the youth population and choir to act as liaisons, customizing greeting cards for the Team and GCUC, taking more continuing education as a Team and updating the Team brochure.

Another important discussion at the Retreat was reiterating the “Duty of Care” principle within our pastoral care ministry, as with all committees of GCUC. All members are screened and trained before becoming pastoral care team visitors and we are committed to providing a safe environment for all participants in our ministry.

The Pastoral Care Team is looking forward to leading the worship service on **Sunday, April 3** on the theme of Forgiveness. We especially thank Rev. Marilyn Richardson for offering a Reflection on our theme. There will be a regular service, including lovely music, a creative children’s time, scripture readings and prayers. After the service, you may choose to stay and receive a short soaking prayer by a member of the Healing Pathway Team, a sub-committee of the Pastoral Care Team.

The Team continues to offer **Healing Services on the last Sunday of most months** after worship. We are hoping that more people will come join us, as it can be a very meaningful time of healing. These are half-hour services of quiet contemplation, prayer, hymns and a time of remembrance for losses of loved ones. If you are experiencing grief, a significant loss, loneliness or suffering from emotional, physical or spiritual pain, please join us in Room C on **April 24th and May 29th** at 11:30 a.m.

Please contact anyone of the following team members if you wish to have a caring visit or call, or if you know someone in the congregation who would appreciate one, as well as prayers during times of need.

The Pastoral Care Team members are Rev. Brian Copeland, Lynda Brooks, Brenda Carr, Joy Craigie, Holly Egan, Sue Foley (Administrator), Joy Judd (Chair), Delma Murray, Moe Wright and Bob Hough (currently on leave).

The Stewardship Connection

By the Stewardship Committee

Lent is a perfect time to reflect on stewardship. As we examine our lives and try to find something special to do for God it is good to remember that whenever we give time, talent or treasure to God we are living as better stewards. As stewards, we each have something to give back to God. Let us keep this in mind as we prayerfully give in support of God's work.

What is Stewardship and why is it important to me? It can mean many things to many people – effective and efficient resource management, taking care of the environment, taking care of each other, or taking care of the buildings that support our programs.

Here at Glen Cairn, we have many activities as well as worship services happening in our facilities – for which we are responsible for maintaining. We have programs such as Oasis and the Judo program and many other community-based programs. We take care in who we allow to rent our facilities and ensure they respect our values. We have over 25,000 people using our facilities over the course of a year. We are the stewards for our community!

Every Sunday, after the Church Council meeting on the last Tuesday of every month, we will post the financials in the bulletin and have a guest speaker to talk about why Glen Cairn United Church is important to them and how they support GCUC. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, please contact Sherry Sharpe for further details.

We recently discussed the financial situation of Glen Cairn United Church as well as passed a **budget of \$259,350** for 2016 at the AGM in February. Here's the snapshot and survey we have issued on Stewardship Sunday.

Stewardship – what does it mean to you?

Stewardship can mean a lot of things to a lot of people. We are interested in what it means to you. Before we get started, though, we have a few fun facts!



Did you know it takes the following to run the day to day expenses of Glen Cairn United Church?

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Hydro	\$7,025.44	\$7,707.24	\$6,200.22	\$5,066.82
Insurance	4,584.67	4,683.29	4,502.22	4,333.18
Snow Removal	4,328.55	4,533.55	4,178.71	3,380.00
Copier Contract	3,312.60	3,449.93	3,763.59	3,321.53
Telephone	388.79	386.64	1,898.50	2,063.11
Water	576.78	1,019.85	931.81	702.74
Stewardship: Envelopes	477.39	422.99	441.45	571.62
Sunday School Package	714.62	833.40	0.00	490.76
Sunday School Supplies	196.35	250.27	382.05	100.41
Worship Total	3,090.98	3,046.95	2,856.76	2,726.62
Presbytery Costs	9,592.00	9,382.96	8,935.00	8,398.00
Communications	1,395.32	1,328.35	1,312.85	1,223.85
Christian Development	2,872.95	3,035.21	3,633.73	3,949.66

Now that you have an idea of what it takes to run the building, we have a few questions for you. Please **respond to the questions** and drop the bottom of this sheet in the **offering plate** or hand it in to a **stewardship representative** at the end of the service.

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- 1) Why is Glen Cairn United Church important to me?
- 2) How do I see stewardship?
- 3) How do I practice stewardship at GCUC?

Would you be interested in speaking to stewardship at some point during the year. We usually highlight stewardship stories every third Sunday of the month.

Name (if you wish to speak): _____

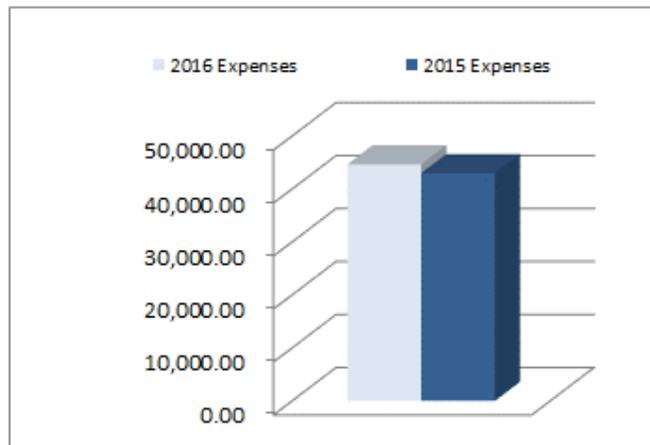
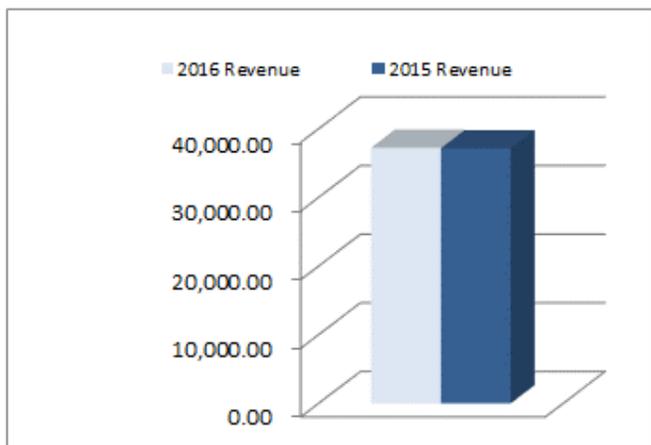
Here are a few excerpts from last year's questionnaire -

Why is Glen Carin United Church important to me – It is a place where I worship God and Jesus, there is good fellowship, support and spiritual renewal. The service is a time of peaceful reflection. There is an opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and how to live in faith. It is a place to serve my church and my community. And, last but not least, it is a place where Brian and Sandra and the many volunteers in this congregation actively demonstrate their love and leadership for the church and the community.

How do I see stewardship – giving of myself and my resources – time, talent, money, commitment. Giving back. Caring for others. Providing leadership and opportunity to give to my church, my community and the world.

How do I practice stewardship – giving in the community, donations, a smile and listening ear. Participating in the community and events. Volunteering for the church, counting the givings, bringing snacks, volunteering to teach Sunday School.

Minute for Stewardship - Our February year to date financial situation is Revenue: \$37,230 compared to \$37,143 for 2015 and Expenses: \$44,628 compared to \$42,975 for 2015. We currently have a **Net Loss of \$7,398**



Gift Cards –

Do you know about our gift card fundraising program?

The gift card program can help both you and the Church. The gift card fundraising program **raises approximately \$4,000** each year.

To date, we have raised \$155.

This is an easy fundraising program. You simply purchase the gift cards and the Church gets a **3-8% return**. We have a large selection of gift cards to choose from and a new service provider - **Fundscrip** - for example, clothing such as **Roots, Moore's, Mark's Work Wearhouse,** and **La Senza** that give back **6%** or entertainment cards such as **Cineplex** which provide an **8% return**. We also have the following gift cards in inventory for your regular household needs such as **Superstore, Loblaws, Farm Boy, Sobeys, Metro, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, Lee Valley, Home Hardware, Petro Canada, Esso,** and **Ultramar**. For special orders, such as **Roots, La Senza or Tommy Hilfiger** just place the order on Sunday and they will be available the following week. Please visit the fundraising table in the **Main Hall after the Service** or speak to **Sherry Sharpe** about your order.

Each week, the ministry of Glen Cairn United touches hundreds of lives through worship, Bible Study, Sunday School, fellowship groups, Youth Group, pastoral care, counselling, outreach into the community, and in many other ways. Your continuing support is vitally important, and your pledge is a great help to us as we plan for the future in a faithful and responsible way. We are a welcoming and growing Church. Please review your givings commitment and give prayerful thought to making an additional investment in a strong and vibrant Church community. Your Church Council has done a great job keeping expenses under control. However, keep in mind that after a point, we cannot keep reducing costs. Hydro, water, wages keep going up... *An increase of 5-10% makes a significant difference.*

Consider giving through PAR. PAR helps support your Church Council significantly in its stewardship functions. If you are already a PAR supporter, please consider revisiting your PAR profile. **Pre-authorized remittance** is an easy way to contribute to the life and work of our church on a regular basis. You pay your mortgage, hydro, telephone, etc., by direct withdrawal from your bank account, and doesn't that beat writing all those cheques each month? You may do exactly the same with your givings. Simply fill out an application form (available at the newcomers' table and the pamphlet rack), attach a void cheque, submit it to the attendant or the Church office before the 10th of the month, and you can be on PAR for that month. The withdrawal is made from your account on 15th of each month.

When deciding your allocation to Local, Mission and Service, or Capital, please consider **givings to Local Operations**. Local operations are essential to the ongoing sustainability of the Church and less restrictive than the Capital or In Trust funds.

Come to the Ceilidh! On **January 23, 2016**, we celebrated **Robbie Burns Day** again with our hugely successful, annual fun-filled ceilidh. We started with a traditional Burns Supper prepared by our own UCW which was followed by entertainment and dancing to the Alana Morris and Friends Fiddle Group. Ceilidh dancing was led by the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society. This event is a true ceilidh including a traditional Haggis Ceremony, singing, poetry, Highland Dancers, a Toast to the Lassies, and more! The sell-out crowd has thoroughly enjoyed these ceilidhs over the past few years and this was, again, another fabulous ceilidh. It is also a fantastic fundraiser for the Church and we raised just over \$600 this year. Plan on joining us next year for another superb **Burns Supper!**



The annual **Spring Rummage Sale** is scheduled for **May 7**. As you are starting to think about your spring cleaning, don't forget to set aside any household items, books, china, crystal, toys, etc. for the spring rummage sale. We will also be holding a BBQ and bake sale – so, start thinking about your favourite treats. Proceeds will go towards GCUC operations and Chrysalis House and the refugee fund. More info to come over the next few weeks.

GCUC Spring
Rummage Sale
and BBQ
May 7th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Glen Cairn United Church
140 Abbeyhill Drive
Call 613-836-4756 for more info.

A collection of small, colorful illustrations representing various household items and games. From left to right: a round clock, a small house, a soccer ball, a teapot, a dartboard, and a bucket with a handle.

On **October 15**, we are planning our annual **Fall Harvest Festival**. Plan on joining us to celebrate the bounty of summer, fun, games, face painting, and lots of entertainment!! More information to come in September!



Join us on **December 17 at 7:00 pm** for live entertainment by the [Scott Woods Band](#). This promises to be an excellent evening of entertainment with some good old down east music! Tickets are available from Sherry Sharpe or Hal Adams. Fundraising proceeds go to the operations of the Church.

Here is a snapshot of the fundraising activities year over year for the past five years:

<u>Fundraising Activities - 2011 - 16</u>							
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Scott Woods				\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500		
Spring Rummage Sale	1,996	2,054	2,819	3,025	3,180		
Fall Harvest Festival	2,797	2,296	995	1,304	1,442		
Robbie Burns		500	500	1,000	1,000	600	
Christmas Appeal	-	-	-		1,775		
TOTAL	\$ 4,793	\$ 4,850	\$ 4,314	\$ 7,829	\$ 8,897	\$ 600	

**Christians are called to participate in God's mission - the mission reflected in Jesus' life and ministry. We do that as stewards in every decision about how we (as individuals and in faith communities) use all that God gives us - time, abilities, material resources, relationships - in a lifestyle of discipleship. -
*United Church of Canada - Stewardship***

Through stewardship, we offer back to God a portion of the Time, Talent, and Treasure that God has given to us.