



Spirited Summerlea

United Church of Canada

Newsletter

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CALENDAR

May

17 Sun 10:30am Food Sunday
23 9-Noon Perennial Plant Sale

24 Sun 10:30am Pentecost
26 Tue 7:30pm Executive Board Mtg
27 Wed 7:30pm Bible Study

June

7 Sun 10:30am Communion Sunday

14 Sun 10:30am Sunday Worship
16 Tue 6pm Congregational Board Mtg
and Potluck at Scott's home

21 Sun 10:30am Food Sunday

28 Sun 10:30am Sunday Service

*No church services at Summerlea Church
during the month of July*

August

02 Sun 10am Sunday Worship
09 Sun 10am Sunday Worship
16 Sun 10am Sunday Worship
23 Sun 10am Sunday Worship
30 Sun 10am Sunday Worship

Elders' Corner: Notes

A WORD FROM THE EDITORS:

*Jane Cowell Poitras,
Susan Hawke & Lynn Closs*

We have all survived a particularly brutal winter. As we changed seasons, the early days of spring were not particularly encouraging either! March 21st the "Official" first day of Spring, it was -15°C and it appeared for several weeks that winter was lingering and that Spring would never arrive!

Like many others I suspect, I spent far too much time indoors this winter – only going out when I absolutely had to! My usual 3-4 kilometer leisurely walks with the dog became, instead, quick dashes around the block! Instead of walking, we spent our time together binge watching Netflix on the couch! As a result, both Coco and I put on weight!

Now that the warmer weather appears that it will stay, I am anxious to get out of the house and take advantage of the sunny weather and more appealing temperatures - and I am sure you are too! In this edition, we give you a couple of ideas for day trips close to home. But there are a multitude of free outdoor activities for all tastes - not only here in Lachine - but in other boroughs and cities as well.

Everyone knows about the Just for Laughs or the Jazz Festivals downtown, but more intimate activities can be found closer to home. Last summer, I participated in several outdoor concerts in Pierrefonds, Baie D'Urfé and Ahuncic. Each borough and City has a Web site where activities are listed. Not all summer schedules are yet available but having consulted a few, here are some activities I have discovered:

West Island Blues Festival Saturday June 20th 2:30 – 11 pm, Dollard des Ormeaux Park, DDO

The Canadian gypsy jazz music group **The Lost Fingers** will be playing the Canada Day festivities in Lachine.

Shakespeare in the Park **Twelfth Night** A Ma Baie Park, Pierrefonds Tuesday July 14th

For those who want to move and groove, don't forget the **outdoor dance floor** behind the Anglers Monday to Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Or, in the same place, **Yoga** Saturday mornings or **Tai chi** Sunday mornings, both at 9 a.m. All free!

Once I have worked off a few pounds, I definitely plan to reward myself with a visit to Montreal's newest festival – **Ribfest** – a fundraiser for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters taking place August 14-16 in Pierrefonds.

You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a lot of fun in Montreal during the summer! Enjoy!

Jane Cowell Poitras

A Word from the Minister

Spring is here! The season that some of us were beginning to think would never arrive has finally come to us, and there seems to be a certain light-heartedness that comes with it. We have made it through the cold and bleakness of winter, and the days that many of us were dreaming about last February are finally here. Spring is also a very symbolic time as well. It often reminds us of the possibilities for new life, not only in the realm of nature, but in our lives and in the world as well. Spring seems to hold out for us the promise of something new and something better, and this is the time when we dare to dream of a better world, and long for its arrival just as we wait for signs of spring after a long and cold winter.

We have also had the first two installments of our study sessions, and this year we are using the DVD series "The Challenge of Jesus," by John Dominic Crossan. In this study series, we come to understand more about the meaning of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus by first looking at the world into which Jesus was born, and in which he carried out his ministry. It was into the world of Jesus' time that he came to proclaim a message of new life. Up until that time, empires rose and fell according to a very familiar pattern. Religion was seen as a way of getting God on your side, and with God on your side, one could be successful in conquering other nations. Achieving victory over others in war was seen as the

means by which peace was maintained. But this only lasted until the next conquering empire-builders came along, and the only thing that would change is that the battles would become more violent.

Even today, we are perpetuating a pattern that has existed for thousands of years. Remember how the First World War was described as "the war to end all wars"? Clearly, that did not happen, and just over twenty years later, the world was at war again, but by this time we were even trying out new weapons like the atomic bomb. Even today, around the world, terrorists are committing violent acts in the name of their god, and anyone who is of a different faith (or no faith at all) is seen as the enemy. It seems that their vision of a peaceful world would be fulfilled when all of their "enemies" have been destroyed.

According to Crossan's study materials, Jesus came into the world at the time and place that he did in order to break this cycle, and to show people that peace and harmony are achieved, not through military force, but through building a society based on justice for all.

It has now been roughly two thousand years since Jesus carried out his work and ministry in this world, and ever since that time, there have been those who have been inspired to carry on the work Jesus started among us. Some of these people would identify themselves as followers of Jesus, and perhaps some are simply inspired by that vision of the world we could build together, and we have seen some of the significant results of that within our lifetimes. We think of the significant changes brought about by the Women's Suffrage movement of the early 1900's, the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's, the end of Apartheid in South Africa in the 1980's, and the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, to name a few examples.

But we're still waiting for "springtime for the world". We look out into the world and we still see so many areas that cry out for transformation. And sometimes, in our despair, we wish that the God who set creation into motion would swoop in and do all of this transformation of the world for us. But that is not the way it works. When we pray (in the Lord's Prayer), "...thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth..." some think that we are asking God to step in and bring all of this about by force (probably because the history of the world has taught us to

think that way). But the message of Jesus has always been that we can do this ourselves if we are truly committed to God's vision of peace and justice. This is what we, the church, the modern-day followers of Jesus, have been called to do, and this is the message we have been called to proclaim and share. God's kingdom can, and WILL, come, and will someday reach its fulfillment, and WE are the ones who have been called to be agents of that transformative change in the world in whatever ways we are able.

I was quite captivated by a little quote that came at the end of our last study session, where Crossan quoted Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa (who himself was quoting St. Augustine) about this concept of transforming the world: he said, "God WON'T do it without US, and we CAN'T do it without GOD."

In this season of new life and new hope, may we truly follow in the footsteps of the risen Christ, who calls us to help bring God's kingdom to this world, one loving and caring action at a time.

Rev. Scott A. Patton.

Nepal Earthquake

In response to the April 25th devastating earthquake in Nepal, we are being called to offer our prayers and financial support. Please pray for all those whose lives have been shattered by this tragedy. The United Church of Canada has contributed \$7,500 from its emergency response fund, and between April 25 and May 25, the Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, any donations made to registered Canadian charities (including the U.C.C.). Those who wish to contribute through the United Church can do so in the following ways: online via the UCC's secure donation page - go to the U.C.C. website at www.united-church.ca or phone 416-231-5931, ext. 3050, or toll-free at 1-800-268-3781 and use your Visa or MasterCard. You can also send a cheque, money order, or send your Visa or MasterCard information with the donation amount to "The United Church of Canada Philanthropy Unit – Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario M8X 2Y4 (please be sure to note "Emergency Response – Nepal Earthquake Relief" on the front of your cheque).

Summerlea Outreach Committee

Many thanks to the Summerlea community who have continued to provide support to the many Outreach projects.

Recent fund raising activities have included:

- "Lenten loonies" for midwifery in Haiti.
- A soup lunch in aid of the Dominique literacy project in Haiti
- The Artisan Fair and book sale in conjunction with the Girl Guides

Our ongoing projects include participation in KIVA whereby we "loan" amounts of \$25 to entrepreneurial projects in the developing world. As the loan gets repaid, it gets re-invested in a new project. So far we have made nearly 140 loans. Carolyn Osborne administers this program all the way from BC!

We continue to collect nickels and dimes for the hot lunch program at **St Columba House**. There is currently \$352.50 in the bank going towards the 25th mile of pennies, or the first 400 metre "dash" of nickels. Please remember the maple syrup bucket at the back of the sanctuary for your small change.

Mums for Mums: Once again 40 Chrysanthemums were ordered for distribution on Mothers' day, with all profits going to the Stephen Lewis for the Grandmothers project in Africa.

Perennial Plant Sale – May 23 (9am-Noon)

Please bring your plants to the church on Friday May 22nd.

Please label all plant specimens, and if possible classify as shade or sun loving. Popsicle sticks are good for labels. Herbs are always in demand, so if your Mint, Oregano or thyme are out of control – try splitting them and we can sell the cuttings.

Proceeds will once again go to the Montreal Presbytery sponsored Dominique literacy project in Haiti

Milk Bag Project

Do you crochet? A 6th grader took the initiative of collecting milk bags to make mats for children in the Dominican Republic as a Cub project. These milk bags are cut into strips and crocheted



together by a knitting club at a church on the West Island. Children in the DR use these mats as a bed (sometimes 2-3 per mat). It seems that an abundance of bags has been collected, but there are not enough volunteers to help crochet these mats. If this project interests you, please call Susan at 514-634-2651 or Dan Wylie at 514-865-0421. Instructions and a picture of the mat is available with Susan.

William Hunter Memorial Fund May 2015

As we approach family week, please remember our sponsored children who depend tremendously on your help and support. Little baby boy, Santiago from Paraguay is a year old now, Angelica also from Paraguay, is 11 years old and Naomi from Ghana is a 14 year old girl.

Currently it costs \$468.00 per child each year. Through your generosity these children will receive an education, medical care, clothing and improved nutrition. We are making a big difference in the lives of children, families and communities in developing countries. Special envelopes are at the back of the church and donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your continued assistance.

Thank you.

Dale Romagosa

The Book Nook

By Susan Hawke



The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

Are you searching for a great book to read this summer? Look no further! This psychological thriller is a real page-turner. I couldn't put it down. Was a 36-hour blitz to the end! The tale is told by Rachel, who is the "girl on the train". She commutes daily to her job in London. During the ride, she passes the same houses and their inhabitants. Wistfully she imagines names and lives for them. As the tale unfolds through various twists and turns Rachel learns that things are not always what they seem. This book is Hawkins' first novel and I can hardly wait for more!



Meals on Wheels is a volunteer organization that provides hot meals to our seniors in the community. We are always

looking for volunteers to help cook, deliver or clean up after meal preparation. Volunteers work as a team of 2 or 3 people for as little as 2 hours a month (one shift), or twice a month if you prefer. If this interests you, please call Susan at 514-634-2651 or 634-4827, and I can provide you with more details. We presently need help in the kitchen, either cooking or cleaning up.

Music Notes



We are fast approaching the last few weeks of our liturgical and musical season. The time has sped by this year, enjoyably so. My thanks to all my choristers who regularly come out each Sunday morning to prepare the music for the church service. You are very dedicated.

Our Candlelight service was again very successful. I'd like to thank the choir for all their hard work to produce an enjoyable musical experience. Thanks also to Dik Harris, Bob Kanemy, Jean Stuart, Anne Allmark and Brad Moffat who joined us for the Candlelight Service.

We have had two new members join the choir this year. We welcome Leslie McEwen to the alto section and Peter Jones, tenor, to our choir. Thanks for joining with us!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Scott (who often augments our choir!) and to the Board for their continued support of my music programme and for allowing me to think outside the box!

Watch the bulletin, as my next project is a Taizé service!

*Connie Osborne,
Music Director*

Drinking from the Saucer

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's rough;
But while I've friends to love,
I think I'm rich enough.
I'll just thank God for blessings
That His mercy has bestowed,
I'm drinking from the saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough;
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
May I never be too busy
To help bear another's load
Yes, I'm drinking from the saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Author unknown

Submitted by Dawn Boyes

Out and About in Montreal Parc des Rapides

Lasalle Boulevard at 7th Avenue
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<http://www.montreal.com/parks/rapides.html>

I have lived in Montreal almost all my life and have passed this "hidden gem" countless times but it wasn't until last year that my husband and I stopped to check it out. This tiny island is situated in LaSalle only minutes away from Lachine. During the summer, it is a great place to go for a picnic lunch and to feel the cool breezes off the river.

The 30-hectare waterside park is a federal migratory bird sanctuary. Over 225 different species of birds have been observed there including the impressive Great Blue Heron. The park is comprised of carefully groomed trails, marshes, and pools and provides magnificent views of the St. Lawrence River and its rapids. Wonderful place to take pictures!

The park is open year round and is accessible by public transit. You can take the Green Line to Angrignon and then bus 110 or 112 or take bus 58 west from de l'Église metro. There is free parking. Park staff are on site to answer questions.

Susan Hawke

Lachine Museum and Sculpture Park – where History and Modern Art Collide

On your way to Parc des Rapides, why not stop at the Lachine Museum? On the border of Lachine and LaSalle, this museum is a jewel that should not be missed!

The Museum is composed of four elements that are free to the public:

La Maison LeBer-LeMoyne is a designated historical site and is considered to be one of the five oldest buildings still standing on the Island of Montreal. Built between 1669 and 1671, the building had many incarnations from its original use as a fur-trading post. In subsequent years, it served as a farm house and even a family cottage for many decades. Over 400 objects and pieces of furniture are on display depicting the building's use through the centuries. Many of the objects you can see were found during several archeological digs on the property.

Next door, the **Benoît-Verdict Pavillion** houses contemporary art exhibits that change once or twice a year. A new exhibit just opened May 1st entitled "Comme un lac" (Like a lake) that has many interesting pieces around the theme of lakes and water. The exhibit displays not only pieces of art from the Museum's own vast collection, but also that of specially-invited artists. I particularly enjoyed sitting in front of a sculpture with its own reflecting pool in the "Dépendence" or shed behind the Maison Leber-LeMoyne.

In René-Lévesque Park, a stone's throw away from the Museum, you can also visit Canada's largest **contemporary sculpture garden**. Visit on foot or by bike and discover major works by artists such as André Fournelle, Michel Goulet, David Moore and Bill Vazan. It is a popular spot in the summer for picnicking and sunbathing – so on a nice day, get there early! You can even take the Batobus across from Dairy Queen over to the park.

As many of you are surely aware, the Guy-Descary Complex on the waterfront that includes La Maison du Brasseur, L'Entrepôt and La Vieille Brasserie was originally a functioning brewery called the Dawes Brewery. When the Entrepôt was under renovations, it was discovered that there were large tunnels underground that were used to transport the brewed beer to the warehouse. At around the same

time, the Museum received a remarkable donation of over 300 pieces of Dawes Brewery Black Horse Beer memorabilia that had been lovingly collected by Lachine resident Michel Ste-Marie. Upon his death, his family donated these items to the museum. It was decided to set up a permanent exhibit in the aforementioned tunnels entitled To Drink you have to Sell. It can be accessed by going through the front door of La Maison du Brasseur (2901 St. Joseph Blvd.) any Saturday or Sunday between noon and 5 p.m.

RECIPE CORNER

Bar B Q Time is upon us. Here are a couple of rotisserie recipes that we always enjoy



Rotisserie Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 3 lb chicken
- 1 pinch of salt
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tbsp paprika
- ¼ tbsp ground black

pepper

Directions

1. Season the inside of the chicken with a pinch of salt. Place the chicken onto a rotisserie and set the grill on high. Cook for 10 minutes.
2. During that time, quickly mix together the butter, 1 tablespoon of salt, paprika and pepper. Turn the grill down to medium and baste the chicken with the butter mixture. Close the lid and cook for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, basting occasionally, until the internal temperature reaches 180 degrees F (83 degrees C) when taken in the thigh with a meat thermometer.
3. Remove from the rotisserie and let stand for 10 to 15 minutes before cutting into pieces and serving.

Spit Roasted Chateaubriand Recipe

- Ingredients
- 2-1/2 lb beef tenderloin
 - 4 oz blue cheese
 - 1 tbsp brandy

Directions

Trim fat from surface of roast.

Make a slanting cut, 2 inches deep, the full length of the roast with a sharp, narrow-bladed knife held at a 45-degree angle.

Make another cut, just as before, along opposite side.

Blend blue cheese and brandy together.

Spread cheese mixture in the two slashed openings. Securely tie string around the roast at both ends and the middle.

Insert spit rod lengthwise through center of roast.

Adjust holding forks; test balance.

Insert meat thermometer near center of roast, not touching metal rod.

Place hot coals on both sides of drip pan.

Attach spit; position drip pan under meat.

Turn on motor; lower hood or cover with foil tent.

Grill over hot coals till thermometer registers 130° for rare (about 45 minutes), 150° for medium-rare (about 50 minutes), and 160° for medium to medium well (55 to 60 minutes). Remove string

News and Notes

On March 1st, Summerlea welcomed through the act of Baptism Abigail Phaneuf, daughter of Natalie Miller and Mark Phaneuf, and granddaughter of Barbara and James Miller. On March 22nd, Kalia Madden, daughter of Isabelle Quevillon and Joey Madden, was also baptised.

Long time member Rhodes Oulton has moved to the Habitation Stephen Jake Beaven in Weir, Qc. Rhodes will be terribly missed by his Summerlea friends, but he is looking forward to spending more time with close friends from Arundel. Please contact the church office if you would like his coordinates. Please keep in touch, Rhodes!

Our Sympathy and prayers are extended to the following families upon the loss of some loved ones. Audrey Lang died peacefully on March 3rd. Helen Fleming, the mother of Barbara (James) Fairchild passed away on March 26 at the age of 89. Doreen Phoenix' brother, Roy Bell, died March 27th, and Ena Gallie, an aunt of John Coffin's, died peacefully on March 30, one month shy of her 104th birthday.

If you would like more information on Summerlea's monthly activities, or would like to view our Sunday service along with current events at the church, please visit us at www.summerlea.ca. Many thanks to John Osborne for keeping our website up to date. *If you are receiving this Newsletter via regular mail, and would prefer to receive it via email, please contact Susan at summerlea_united@videotron.ca.*

The sunshine of a summer day
A blue and silver sea,
The wonder of a garden plot,
And all of these are free.

Susan Ippersiel