

**New Church Office Administrator  
and New Church Office Hours at  
FHUC!**

**Connie Bieth, Forest Hill's new Office Administrator** will be working 17.5 hours per week. You will find her in the church office **each weekday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.** That's the schedule we're testing out during the month of October. Wednesday mornings might be a great time for you to stop by the church office to take care of any business, book a meeting room or submit an announcement for the Sunday bulletin. Then stick around for coffee and conversation with others at **Muffin Moments, now on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.** in the Fireside Room.

**Drop into the church to see Marian on Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 9:30 and 12:30 p.m.** and other times by appointment or by chance. On **Fridays in October, between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.** you can join Marian for coffee and conversation **at the Black Sea Bakery Café**, (188 Highland Road West). Marian is scheduled to be 'off' on Mondays and most Tuesdays in September.

**Murray will be available at the church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** and other times by appointment or by chance. And on **Thursday afternoons** in October, between **2:30 and 3:30 p.m.**, you can meet him for casual conversation and coffee at Tim Horton's at Westmount and Victoria. The schedule calls for Murray to be "off" on Mondays and most Fridays this month.

**Happy  
Thanksgiving  
Day on Monday,  
October 10!**



*A Thank You from Wendy*

*To the Congregation of Forest Hill:  
Thank you so much for the wonderful  
reception after worship on September  
18 and to all who came to the potluck  
on August 31. The gift certificates  
for The Bay, Gina's and the desk  
clock are greatly appreciated.*

*Your love and support over the  
past 9+ years have shown me what it  
truly means to be a church family.*

*Wendy Irvin*

If you wish to contact **Rev. Marian or Rev. Murray** by email, their Forest Hill email addresses are as follows:

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Deadline for the November Messenger will be Sunday, October 23** in order to have it in the boxes for pick up on Sunday, October 30. Please leave items in the envelope outside the church office or email **Martha Leibbrandt:** [mcleibbrandt@rogers.com](mailto:mcleibbrandt@rogers.com), or phone 519-568-7375.

**THE MESSENGER**

**Celebrating God**

**Being in Community**

**Reaching Out to Others**

**OCTOBER 2011**

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**The  
Ministers'  
Message**

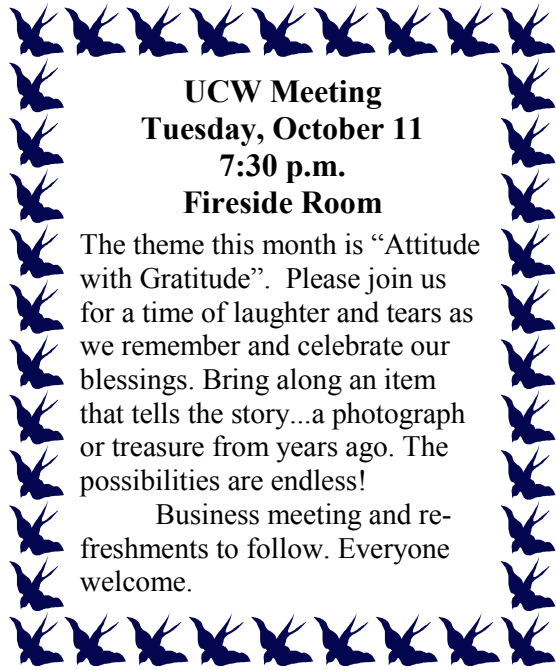
The month of October seems to be a month where the Harmonies of creation are in perfected synchronization. All the Fall colours are enhancing our daily view of the Natural order of the world around us. V-formations of Knowing Canadian geese take flight forward and are Seen overhead, honking their farewells as natural instincts Guide them along to their 'winter' homes. The air Is crisp and fresh. You can almost smell and taste the Vast harvest that surrounds us. We are reminded day In and day out that we do live a privileged life in "our Neck of the woods". And so, with all of nature, we too Give thanks with grateful hearts.

Thankful hearts are healthy hearts. If you live with thanksgiving in your heart, with every breath you take you already know the wholeness that draws you close to the Holy and nurtures the holiness within you. This is a great season for the rest of us to embark on that journey too. May God grant each one of you progress and joy as you move closer to Health, Wholeness, and Holiness day by day.

Blessings!  
**m&m**

**Health,  
Wholeness  
and  
Holiness**





**UCW Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11  
7:30 p.m.  
Fireside Room**

The theme this month is "Attitude with Gratitude". Please join us for a time of laughter and tears as we remember and celebrate our blessings. Bring along an item that tells the story...a photograph or treasure from years ago. The possibilities are endless!

Business meeting and refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome.

**Evening Service of  
Divine Worship**

Because Forest Hill will be joining Highland Road United Church at 10 a.m. for their last service at Trinity United Church on Sunday, October 2, it will probably be after the fact when you read this. However, for the record, we want to indicate here that there is to be a special service on Sunday, October 2 at 7:15 p.m. at Forest Hill United to Celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

This book has been universally revered for the beauty of its language. It has been an inspiration to people over the centuries and in fact, is the source of many turns of phrase in the English we use today.

**The Look of Sunday Mornings  
at Forest Hill United Church**

The Worship and Music Committee has been working on plans for worship services in the months ahead. Particularly, we've been working to identify the style of worship for our new 10 a.m. services. You can expect over the next months to find our Sunday morning worship to be of a 'blended' nature... including some traditional hymns and some contemporary praise songs each week. There are some Sundays in the church year that almost naturally lend themselves to a more formal or traditional celebration. "High" Sundays in the church year such as Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Christmas, Easter or Sundays when we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Baptism, to name some. These Sundays you should expect to see the ministers collared and gowned, the choir in robes, and the candelabra in use, all part of a more 'traditional' worship experience.

**Birthday Thanks...**

Thank you to the UCW for the beautiful cake. Thanks to my Forest Hill family for all their good wishes and for the gift on my 90th birthday. I can now sit in a comfortable pew.

**Hilda McIntyre**

**OCTOBER 2011 AT A GLANCE**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sundays: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
Morning Services: 10 a.m. only. (See specials for details.)

**Mondays: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
Maycourt: 1 p.m.  
CGIT: 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Tuesdays: 4, 11, 18, 25**  
Quilters: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Mmuffin Mmoments: 10-11 a.m.

**Thursdays: 6, 13, 20 27**  
Explorers: 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.  
Choir: 7:30 p.m.

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**Tuesday: 4**  
Congregational Life: 7 p.m.

**Wednesday: 5**  
Communications: 7 p.m.  
Worship and Music: 7 p.m.

**Thursdays: 6 & 20**  
Prayer Shawls: 10 a.m.

**Tuesday: 11**  
UCW: Attitude with Gratitude, 7:30 p.m.,  
Fireside Room

**Tuesday: 18**  
Pastoral Care: 7 p.m.

**Wednesday: 19**  
FHUC Board Meeting: 7 p.m.

**Thursday: 27**  
Lunch Bunch: 12 noon. Reserve by Friday,  
October 21

**Bake Sale**  
**In about 45 minutes we made \$190 from the sale of baked goodies at Rally Sunday! All proceeds went to Forest Hill's general fund.**

**SPECIALS**

**Sunday: 2**  
Morning Service with Highland Road United Church for their last service, 10 a.m. at Trinity United Church.  
Sausage and Sauerkraut Supper, 5 p.m. Forest Hill United Church  
Kick-Off for our "Fat-Off"  
Special Service to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible, 7:15 p.m., Forest Hill United.

**Sunday: 9**  
Thanksgiving Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

**Wednesday: 26**  
Turkey Thanksgiving Feast, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., continuous seating, Forest Hill.

**Sunday: 30**  
New Members Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

**THE MINUTES: Confused?**

- Church Board minutes are the responsibility of the Board.
  - These minutes are sent to Board members within two weeks of the meeting.
  - The minutes are ratified at the next Board meeting, and are posted on the bulletin board within a week.
- Action items are the responsibility of the various committees. They report back to the Board.
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- Congregational meeting minutes are the responsibility of the Congregational meeting.
  - These minutes are available to the congregation in the Annual Report at the next Congregational meeting.
  - They are ratified at the next Congregational meeting.
- Action items are referred to Board committees which report back to the Board. There are no secrets, but there is a process.

*UPDATE from THE BOARD*

- Dates for Board meetings were finalized. Usually, our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm except in December (December 14) and in June (June 13). Everyone is welcome.
- Roxanne Luxton, our Treasurer, gave the financial report. As a result of the reduced hours by the Ministers, the reduced hours of the Office Administrator and the congregation's response over the summer, our finances have improved. However, we must still encourage people to sign up for PAR and to keep their financial commitments. Many fundraising activities are available. Please participate when you are able.
- We are submitting the paper work so that we could be considered to take part in a solar power project. Grants may be available. We are not required to make any financial commitment at this time
- The Board accepted the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the Joint Needs Assessment Committee. We now have to wait for Presbytery to make their appointments and to call the first meeting.
- Vacation Bible School was a success with many volunteers. Kids' Church has begun.
- The Board approved the appointment of Connie Bieth as our new Office Administrator. Connie will be working 17 ½ hours a week. (8:30-12:00) from Monday to Friday. Drop in and say hello.
- The Stewardship Committee is going to review the comments from the stewardship campaign and give summaries of the comments and suggestions to the appropriate

committees.  
 The following Board positions are still vacant:  
 Chair of Property, Chair of Christian Development, Presbytery Representative,  
 Independent Reviewer, and five Board positions. If you are interested, please contact any Board member.

- The Communication Committee is reviewing the privacy issues that were created by the mass mailings of letters by one of our members during the summer.

The Board accepted a motion from Worship and Music that we have blended worship services at 10:00 am every Sunday. This decision will be reviewed at the end of 2012 or sooner if required. The Choir will wear gowns when the Ministers wear gowns.

**Ken Carter**  
 Chair of the Church Board

**The next scheduled Board meeting is on October 19 at 7:00. All are welcome.**

**BRING ON THE TURKEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Circle the date, loosen your belt  
 and come and enjoy a delicious...*



***THANKSGIVING FEAST!***

**AT FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26  
 FROM 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.  
 CONTINUOUS SEATING**



**TICKETS ARE \$13 (ADULT)  
 AND \$7 (CHILD). CASH ONLY.**

**ONLY 100 WILL BE SOLD!**

**GET YOURS ASAP (THEY  
 ARE GOING FAST!)  
 BEFORE OR AFTER CHURCH  
 SERVICE.**

***And we need your help!***

*Would you bake a pie or two, whip up a delicious casserole or help roasting the turkeys?*

*Sign up sheets are in the foyer.*

*Thanks so much in advance for making this one of the great get togethers of the year at Forest Hill!*

### Lunch Bunch!

**Thursday, October 27 at 12 noon** is the date of our next get-together in the Fireside Room. If you have never attended this noon-time treat, you should. You get a great meal (goodwill offering) and some form of entertainment, as well as a chance to mingle with some really delightful folks. Places go quickly, so reserve yours by calling the office by Friday, October 21.

### **Those Hearing Assistance Devices**

You may have seen them...they're in a basket on top of the sound-board console as you enter the sanctuary. Who needs them? You have perfect hearing. Right? Well, I don't and although I have a hearing aid, my audiologist told me that those devices, hooked up to the church's sound system are probably more effective than one's own hearing aid. Wow! I checked it out and sure enough, I heard better with the one from that basket. They are easy to use: just pop one in your ear, roll the wheel to get the volume you want and presto...clearer sound! If you want further help, just ask one of the ushers.

### **Forest Hill Fanny Fund Update: The Pew Cushions**

In November, 2010 Forest Hill celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by introducing a 'Special Project'; to install pew cushions in our sanctuary. Charter Member Hilda McIntyre, one of the Anniversary Committee Project members, has been anxious to sit in a more comfortable pew. We were happy to be able to honour Hilda's 90th birthday recently with the presentation of the first pew cushion (you can see it in Hilda's pew). Since then members of the congregation have been asking for information regarding the status of the "Fanny Fund".

The material and foam have been purchased and paid for with previously donated monies and the contractor is awaiting our okay to proceed with the next phase of the project. As stated previously, we will NOT move forward with this project until we have the funds to pay for the pew cushions. Each cushion will cost \$120.00 and anyone wishing to make a donation to cover the cost for one or more cushions can contact Elizabeth Cresswell at 519-748-5288 or lizzcress@sympatico.ca.

### **The Mitten Tree**

The Mitten Tree needs knitters and crocheters to start soon on those mittens, hats and scarves that will deck it.

The tree goes up **November 1**, and all those lovely woolies go out to Anselma House, Mary's Place, House of Friendship, Family and Children's Services and Roof-Safe Haven the **third week in November**.

### **Is this better?**

Some of you have found The Messenger hard to read—wrong colour of paper, type size too small—our apologies. Last month was hard, because we had so much to squeeze in and, in order to do so, we lowered the point size in some cases to 9 point, which is pretty small, we admit. Sorry about that! With this issue we have taken away all the shaded boxes, kept the point size at 10 point or larger and we had hoped to change the colour of the paper. I didn't care for the shade we had before the blue, so we had hoped to go with pale grey. But

it was not to be. Can't find it yet. So in the meantime we have to go with what you see. Sorry. Still...here's to easier reading!



**Martha Leibbrandt, Editor  
The Messenger**

### **The Prayer Shawls Group Welcomes Knitters and Crocheters**

Is it quite some time since you picked up a needle, but it's something you might enjoy doing again? The prayer shawl group meets the first and third



Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fireside Room. You can bring your own wool or help yourself to the supply on hand. You can choose the simplest pattern or something more advanced. The end results are warm shawls that go out from Forest Hill to those who are grieving or who are facing health or other life challenges...offering comfort and love. A very rewarding time. Please join us!

### **Many Thanks!**

A special thank you goes out to the Forest Hill United Church Bridge Club for donating the wonderful new vinyl floor in the upstairs kitchen!

### **A Visit from the Moderator**

Moderator, Mardi Tindal and the Hamilton Conference Green Team invite you to join her in conversation around her theme of **Soul, Community and Creation** at one of six Town Hall gatherings to be held during the Moderator's visit to Hamilton Conference. You can join her in the Waterloo area **on Wednesday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.**, all aboard the Historic Waterloo-to-St.Jacobs train. More details to follow.