

**OLD WINDHAM UNITED CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

SUMMER 2017

*Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of
The Rev. Dr. Paul Currie
with over forty years in ministry.*

*Church family, friends and relatives will gather
in friendship, laughter and love to bid farewell to
The Rev. Dr. Paul and Debbie Currie.*

**Sunday, June 25, 2017
Old Windham United Church**

Festivities begin at 1:00 pm

Please R.S.V.P. no later than June 15, 2017 to:

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OLD WINDHAM UNITED CHURCH

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Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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MARK THESE DATES

June 2017

- 6 – JNAC meeting in parlour 6:30
- 10 – Ladies Breakfast @ Dianne Elliott’s – 9:00
- 18 – Father’s Day & Baptism Sunday
- 18 – Congregational meeting following morning service
- 20 – Worship committee meeting 6:00
- 22 – Council Meeting 7:00 in parlour
- 25 – Rev. Paul’s retirement/farewell service
- 28 – Fun & Fellowship luncheon – Erie Beach Hotel Rose Room

July 2017

- 10 – 14 – Speech Summer Camp 8 am -noon
- 17 – 21 – Speech Summer Camp 8 am -noon
- 24 – 27 – Speech Summer Camp 8 am - noon
- 28 – Start date to drop off yard sale items

August 2017

- 18 – yard sale 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 19 – yard sale/BBQ 8am – 2 pm

Once again, this summer, starting July 9, there will be joint services with First Baptist and St. James United. The schedule is as follows:

Simcoe Churches Summer 2017 Schedule—10:30 a.m.	
Date	Location
July 9	Old Windham
July 16	Old Windham
July 23	First Baptist
July 30	First Baptist
August 6	St. James
August 13	St. James

***THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING,
AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER THE
HEAVENS.***

Newsletter words, or indeed any words, will never be adequate to describe the feelings Debbie and I have in these waning weeks of ministry with the wonderful people of Old Windham. We are so happy to have been welcomed as part of this community. It has been a joy! We will always have our memories. And, we are so sad to take our leave. It is with heavy hearts. Debbie has especially missed each of you over the past number of months as she has been tending to family needs in Kingston. I write these words with vast unknown spaces of retirement looming in front of me. There comes a time, one wise person has reminded me, to let go, and let others take their turn. I have always felt that my ministry within a congregation is just a blip in their history. No minister is perfect, but I pray that over the years the sum of them will bring all hearts close in faith. So, cherish those who follow me.

On June 25th when we gather for worship together for the last time, we will be invited to share in a formal time of parting. Our relationship is unlike any other – pastor and people that is. So, it seems appropriate to have a time to share words filled with meaning, love and care. Though I will no longer be your pastor, I will always be your friend, your fellow seeker on our Lord's path.

Debbie and I will be taking up residence in the small village of Bath on the shore of Lake Ontario, protected from the lake's storminess by Amherst Island. It is a short drive from there to her parents' home. The area is filled with familiar reminders of our years spent in eastern Ontario growing up, growing our family, and in ministry. Cindy will have our forwarding address, in due course, for any of you who may wish to have it.

***AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.***

Blessings,

Rev. Paul

OUTREACH NEWS

Your Outreach Committee is focusing on local interests and the Canadian Food Grains Bank projects for the near future.

The Norfolk Pregnancy Centre "Baby Bottle" drive is underway, pick up your bottle from Lee or Cindy and return on Fathers' Day. My (one of) mantra; "If you haven't visited the Centre please do so, it is simply amazing!" One cannot understand all that they do from the name alone.

We will be hosting Church Out Serving speakers soon. Their new facility "Riverside" is progressing and should open this summer. They are planning a wide variety of programs to add to their current activities. Did you know they moved a complete household of furniture from here to Delhi and set it up for the Syrian Refugee Family? Invaluable help indeed.

The Canadian Food Grains Bank is not only providing grain to stricken areas but are 'helping people help themselves' by teaching agriculture techniques to the population. This has a lasting effect we need to promote. Pamphlets are available in the foyer. Donations may be made through your envelope or to the Canadian Food Grains Bank directly.

Outreach Committee – Murray, Joanne, Dianne, Sandy, Dawn and Lee, Chairman.

LADIES BREAKFAST

All ladies are invited to the home of Dianne Elliott on Saturday, June 10 starting at 9:00. There is a plant sale so if you have any plants you would like to donate to the sale, feel free to bring them along. Dianne's address is 1436 Windham Road 11.



YARD SALE

Fri. Aug. 18 - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm; Sat. Aug. 19 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. BBQ lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. No clothes and only resaleable items please. Items may be dropped off at the church during office hours **AFTER July 28th**. Offsite storage can be arranged for items that must be moved before that date. We need EVERYONE to participate in this event. All proceeds will go to the church general fund. Signup lists for help will be put up in the foyer. Contacts: Marilyn Woolley @ sprucelawntrees@gmail.com or 426-7585; Linda MacDonald 428-1398; Joan Daley adaioan08@gmail.com or 428-1178 .



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We are looking for volunteers to help with the July to September coffee list for the following dates:
July 9 – shared service AT Old Windham with St. James and First Baptist
July 16 – shared service AT Old Windham with St. James and First Baptist
August 20 – back to regular services AT Old Windham
September 17
September 24
Please remember to bring 2% milk (coffee cream is optional) for your Sunday. The volunteer list will be posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you.
Georgette Atkins
Hospitality Chair

FUN & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Lunch at Erie Beach Hotel, Rose Room
June 28th – Noon
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. There is room for 32 people.



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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Many thanks to Joanne Pond, Jennifer Bard and actors who performed A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE on Sunday, May 28th. It was fantastic and people attending will know why there were at least 2 standing ovations.

- June 4th – Communion is ‘serve in seats’, future communion dates are currently set for Oct. 1st and Dec 3rd.
- June 11th – Jane and Madi Drescher.
- June 18th – Baptism.

During the summer period services for July 9th and 16th will be at Old Windham; First Baptist July 23rd and 30th; St. James August 6th and 13th.

Presbytery is working to find interim ministry for Old Windham for the ‘after summer period’.



Ryerson Camp flyers have arrived! If any children are interested in going to summer camp, check out the bulletin board where flyers are posted for you to take home, talk to mom/dad or visit <http://www.ryersoncamp.com/> to see all that is offered.

Strong Bones Strong Bodies:

A gentle restorative Pilates class suitable for anyone with osteoporosis, arthritis or recovering from injury.
Monday’s & Wednesdays @ 11:15 am
\$85 for 10 class pass

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Marianne Ward, M.A. Reg. CASLPO

Laura Downey, M.A. Reg. CASLPO

Camps Offered:

July 10-13

"Stuttering"

Ages 5+

9-11 am

July 17-20

Articulation
"Intensive R and Lisp"

Ages 6+

9-11 am

July 24-27

Articulation
"All Sounds"

Ages 5+

9-11 am

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Registration opens April 28th and closes June 23 @ 4pm

*A \$50 non-refundable deposit required upon registration.

**Receipts provided for billing to insurance companies.

Located at Old Windham Church in Simcoe
(30 Glendale Crescent) Just off Hwy 24