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Minister's Message

Peace is joy at rest, and Joy is peace on its feet.

For a post-Easter, pre-Pentecost message, here's something a little different. Anne Lamott is one of those gritty, vulnerable, riotously funny, witty and faithful writers whose books I anxiously await to read. Her latest is [Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy](#) (2017), and rapidly reading it, I was inspired to reconsider her previous book, [Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace](#) (2014), when, upon turning to one particular page, I was struck dumb and aflame at the same time when I read these words: "*Peace is joy at rest, and joy is peace on its feet.*" Wow! Upon recovering some sense of equilibrium again, I was immediately compelled to commit these words to memory, told my wife Debbie of my inspiration, and decided to write about this experience here.

"*Peace is joy at rest*" – this speaks so beautifully and succinctly to the truth that peace is so much more than the absence of conflict, a kind of static silence in which life isn't so much celebrated as subdued, withheld. Peace isn't the absence of something, even anxiety, but the presence of right relations, internally, in a family, or internationally, and has its roots in a deep, divine joy, since it's as much a gift of God as it is an accomplishment of ours. This first phrase sings of individual and relational contentment, a grounded joie de vivre that does not need to find itself in comparison to others or assert itself upon others, but simply is, because it's been received and accepted.

"*Joy is peace on its feet*" – this second phrase resounds in hints of celebration and activism, both among the roots of our calling as Christians through worship and service. It speaks of peace that refuses to sit still in the face of injustice, that is boldly defiant when confronted with suffering inflicted upon ourselves or others, that will walk many roads and miles to pursue reconciliation among enemies, the estranged, combatants – singing Easter songs all the way! Translating the joyful peace of the first phrase into the peaceful joy of living every day in active pursuit of peace, we hear here of the compulsion (of the Spirit?!) that peace contains to go beyond ourselves in proactive hope.

Both phrases are the two sides of the one peace coin that needs to be our common contemporary currency if we are ever to find our way to the beloved Earth community for which we long and which God intended from the beginning of time. "*Peace is joy at rest, and joy is peace on its feet*" – for me an unforgettable phrase that will inspire and enliven my passion for peace for years to come! Thanks Anne Lamott! (See Brian's book reviews for more on Lamott's 2017 gem!)

May your late spring and summer be filled with such Aha moments, at rest and on your feet, and may you know the peace and joy of Christ in his company and keeping.

Brian

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WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Worship Schedule

May	21	Easter 6 (switch to 10:0 am)
	28	Easter 7 / Ascension
June	4	Pentecost / UC Anniversary / COMMUNION
	11	Trinity Sunday / Picnic (Brian and Mervin away)
	18	2 nd after Pentecost / Indigenous Relations Sunday
	25	3 rd after Pentecost
July	2, 9, 16	St. James UC
July	23, 30, Aug 6	Richview UC
Aug	13, 20, 27	Bloordale UC
Sept.	3	Creation 1 / Labour Day Sunday (last at 10:00 am)
	10	Creation 2 / Covenanting (switch to 10:30 am)
	17	Creation 3 / Welcoming BBQ
	24	Creation 4

Services at 10:30 a.m. except during summer months as shown

Stewardship Spot

"Stewardship is everything I do after I say 'I believe'."

Stewardship of Earth

Earth Day came and went on April 22nd, as it has since its founding in 1970 – yes, that's 47 years! – and there was a March for Science that attracted millions in North America and around the world, as well as other events both large and small around the globe. Due to environmental degradation, deforestation, the melting of polar ice caps, and other seismic shifts in the Earth's ecosystem, weather patterns have become distorted as average temperatures rise, environmental refugees have grown in number, and a host of other challenges have arisen in recent years. It's certainly a day that continues to grow in prominence and in importance, and our collective stewardship of this single planet home is one of the most crucial callings we can heed in our era.

While acknowledging all this, however, it's actually something that happened in early May about which I want to write briefly in this column. No less a luminary genius than Stephen Hawking has revised his previously published doomsday clock to assert that *"the human species will have to populate a new planet within 100 years if it is to survive,"* all things being more or less equal. I first read of this revision in a Toronto Star piece by Vinay Menon May 7th, who wrote that when the BBC reported this statement by Hawking the news channel was being *"either irresponsible in its serenity"* or simply proving that *"nothing rattles the British."*

Menon continued to quote Hawking, as follows: *"With climate change, overdue asteroid strikes, epidemics and population growth, our own planet is increasingly precarious,"* and went on to conclude his article by chastising political leaders of all stripes for virtually ignoring this momentous news when it should have dominated the airwaves and mobilized our best and brightest minds to work together to figure out how to prevent this apocalyptic scenario, if it's not too late. The article's title was *"Genius says apocalypse is near, but that won't distract us,"* and I can't help but rhetorically ask, distract us from what? The answer, clearly, is capitalism and self-interest, as we go our merry way toward oblivion.

Theologically speaking, the Earth is our home, our support system, our safe haven, our life-giving, life-sustaining and life-saving grace, the original gift of God's birthing and blessing. One theologian has called the Earth God's Body, but we've abused and pillaged and plundered and raped it so consistently over the relatively brief time we've been here since our appearing – a few hundred thousand years out of 13.8 billion or so! – that it appears the Earth is threatened as never before. Menon's article, in tongue-in-cheek

fashion, chastises our collective inability to be so shocked and saddened by what we've done that we make it impossible for our politicians, on a global scale, to not do something about it. It sounds like a kind of contemporary prophetic call, and while some evangelical or fundamentalist Christians – the same ones who voted for Trump at the rate of 85%! – believe that this is God's apocalyptic plan – and there are plenty of contemporary movies and books to confirm their opinion – there are plenty of liberal Christians like us who should hear that call and wake from our slumbering indifference to rise up in hope rather than resignation and do something about it.

Friends, the 100 years doomsday scenario might feel to some like it's inevitable no matter what we do, and even Stephen Hawking suggests that our alternative is to populate another planet as our children's grandchildren watch the Earth wither and die. But the Earth is an amazing creation of the God of grace, and what now seems like fate for its future does not have to be its destiny. Let us take up the prophetic call of the Earth's stewardship, both since our own life and health is so intimately tied together with the Earth's life and health, and so that the life of our descendants, as the Indigenous say to the seventh generation, will be not only possible but wonderful!

Brian

May 28 Amalgamation Vote Cancelled

After two Phoenix Project consultation meetings with the congregation, the previously planned May 28 amalgamation vote has been cancelled, and decommissioning of the Bloordale and St James Phoenix Committees has been proposed by the combined Phoenix Committee. Further joint worship services and other forms of cooperation between the two churches are expected to continue.

In response to these developments, several people at Bloordale have volunteered to look into alternative courses of action for the future.

These matters will be further discussed at the next Bloordale Council Meeting on June 13th.

Summer Picnic Sunday June 11th



Mark your calendars for this year's Summer Picnic. It promises to be a wonderful service followed by hamburgers and ice cream and games for the young and young at heart, (we always appreciate a good cheering squad as well). See you there

Update on Outreach and Social justice committee

Etobicoke Community Hub Working Group

This committee is co-chaired by Rev, Brian who updated us on its progress.

Working with a \$20,000 Feasibility Study grant received from the City of Toronto, the Hub project is gaining momentum. The Feasibility Study will be hopefully finished this July. The politicians from all levels, as well as the TDSB Schools Trustee in our area, continue to offer their support to this project. A Task Group has been established to create an inventory of needs and search out possible locations for a Hub or Hubs in our community *ie*: church spaces, schools with Burnhamthorpe Collegiate being a top consideration. Depending on the eventual outcome of *Phoenix*, Bloordale UC will be one group the Locations Task Group will want to talk to regarding our building as a potential site for a Hub.

Indigenous Right Relations

Brian reviewed and discussed the recent response by Moderator Jordan Cantwell to Senator Lynn Beyak's presumption about the good legacy of residential schools. Brian reported that the Living Into Right Relations (LIRR) Circle of Toronto Conference will meet on April 4th. Four educational events are planned for 2017, and info. about each one will be shared with the congregation as they arise. Brian shared "Let Justice Roll," an 11-page document that helps congregations take action to encourage the federal government to implement the United Native Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP).

The Restorative Relations Working Group, in partnership with Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, is hosting a **4 Directions Arts and Reconciliation Festival this June 16th to 21st**. This Festival will be diverse and multicultural, with indigenous teachings prominent in each of the four locations of the City, and is not associated with Canada's 150th, as it disputes that limited understanding of colonial history. TDSB has been consulted, and are invited to encourage schools to attend this festival. Funds are being raised to support this Festival, and \$35,000 has been raised so far, though the goal is about \$50,000. The more that's raised, the more the Festival can do, as artists need to be paid. Brian has a major planning role, as the Festival was his original idea.

Debbie reported on her continuing involvement with Blanket exercises. There are new rules, stating that they should only be done by facilitators that have been trained. Regarding these efforts to increase understanding of indigenous pain with the general population, Kairos has placed a password on their website to

limit the obtaining of scripts and scrolls for use in blanket exercises to try and ensure their authenticity.

Muslim-Christian Dialogue and Interfaith Network in Etobicoke

Several Bloordale UC members participated in the Muslim/Christian dialogue, supper and prayers together on March 26/17 at the Sayeda Khadija Centre. It was a very rewarding event and hope our next gathering will include more participants from both groups as we meet again this September 10th hosted somewhere in Etobicoke, possibly at Bloordale, for a BBQ. South West Presbytery Social Justice and World Affairs Cte., of which Brian is a part, is the co-sponsor, and will be making plans for this prior to the end of June. It was also mentioned that, as a result of the murder of six Muslims in Quebec City recently, and the subsequent response of solidarity among non-Muslim Canadians, particularly people of faith, a few people are working on founding an Etobicoke Interfaith Network.

Iain McGilveray. (Interim chair)

Thank You Phoenix Committee

Thank you Bloordale Phoenix Committee, for all of your hard work over a period of more than 2 years on the Boordale/St James amalgamation proposal. The Committee members were:

Jim Donaghy (Chair)

Roy Harvey

Julia Stavreff

Diane Mulholland

Roxanne Dryding

Lynn Lawrence.

There were extensive discussions internally and with St. James counterparts, consultations with the congregation, and a lot of hard work on the proposal document. Key Bloordale contributors to the document were Jim and Roy. This process, and the draft proposal document, generated a lot of thought and discussion in the congregation, on both sides of the fence, both for and against amalgamation. They also generated new ideas and new energy for returning to a path of growth rather than decline, be it at Bloordale, or in the future, in an amalgamated congregation. Thank you Committee, and a special thank you to Jim, who has recently retired from his role as Committee chair, to take a well earned rest, and to attend to family and other commitments.

The Editor

Council Report

How quickly the year passes! As we welcome the arrival of spring in all its glory, we can be thankful to the Creator for the gift of the seasons as well as the presence of our Church as a vital part of our lives collectively and personally.

Your Council, on a monthly basis, comes together to conduct the business of the church, to coordinate the multitude of activities we enjoy and to wrestle with the issues we face in the Phoenix process. We can all be grateful that there are those who willingly step up to the plate to guide us in this mix of joy and challenge.

As to the business, we continue to face financial stress. Each time Norm Dundas gives his financial statement, we are obliged to note the ongoing deficit status which is measured in the thousands of dollars without signs of recovery. We know that we are a generous people, but as our numbers become reduced, the reality of stretched resources is inescapable. Jack Lovatt, at the meeting of May 9th, 2017, reported that the Finance and Stewardship Committee is seriously looking at ways to address this matter. We are grateful for their efforts. We can all give prayerful thought to any proposals that will help us move forward confidently.

As to the activities, it is difficult to believe that a church, regardless of the challenges, can do so much. With rummage sales, lunch bunch outings, vibrant outreach programs, seminars for seniors, picnics, Phoenix consultations so well attended, flower sales and superb choir direction, to name a few, we are blessed. The life of the church, enlivened through Congregational Life, Social and Fundraising, UCW, Christian Development, and Outreach and Advocacy, continues to be energized and forward-looking. We can all sustain and support their efforts by being engaged as active participants. We all benefit if we do.

As to the Phoenix process that is exploring a possible amalgamation with St. James UC, the challenges continue. In our April 2nd consultation, following the release of the draft report, our congregation indicated that we wanted more time to reflect on its message and that to conduct a discerning vote on May 28th would not suit that wish. Concerns about the recommended property choice and the feeling that we do not know our neighbours at St. James well enough prompted your Phoenix committee to deliver that message to the Phoenix Steering Committee. The result was a discussion that acknowledged our concerns and the vote was deferred. Since then, we have held another consultation May 7th where there was lively input on the two prominent issues of property and relationships plus the introduction of a concept that would foster independent examination of options open to Bloordale at this time.

The Phoenix Steering committee, on May 8th, developed a plan to continue the work in a new

format. In brief, it would involve de-commissioning of the Phoenix committees, formal receipt by each Council of the draft report without further editing, and the installation of ongoing liaison between the churches through their respective Councils and relevant committees. Council began a discussion of the proposal and its implications at its meeting May 9th. No conclusion was reached and as we write, that dialogue is scheduled to continue at the June 13th meeting. St. James will be doing likewise about the same time. So you can see that a lot happened in three days, May 7th to May 9th. We can all stay tuned.

In the meantime, we can all look forward to summer rest and relaxation. Best wishes to all!

Roy Harvey, Chair, Bloordale Council

Brian's Book Review

Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy is Anne Lamott's latest book, a 2017 collection from Riverhead Books in New York that is similar to previous books of hers in format and wide ranging reflection. With the sensitivity, wisdom, and humour that have become her trademarks, she tells stories and offers sparkling turns of phrase that speak of the amazing power of mercy if we welcome it, and the crucial importance of sharing it, not only with others but with ourselves. Quirky and vulnerable, often at the same time, she speaks of her own life as if viewing it, someone once said, "on a slant," a most endearing way to speak of real and yet holy things. This is an easy summer read, and is available at Chapters.

Upcoming Choral Concerts

Artistic Director Mervin William Fick

Esprit Chamber Choir Performing at SING!

At the Toronto Vocal Arts Festival,
Saturday May 27th at 7:30 p.m.
Little Trinity Anglican Church,
425 King Street East.

Tickets \$25 (+ \$1.48 fee).
www.singtoronto.com

The Four Men are touring the Maritimes

From June 4th to 10th

MCS Chorus Performing at The Canada Day Celebrations

In Streetsville on July 1st. FREE

South West Presbytery: New Governance

As with Bloordale both staff & volunteers feel that they have become over burdened with the various activities and what needs to be accomplished. The same pressures are felt by the various teams within the Presbytery. In light of this a new governance model has been developed & implemented by South West Presbytery.

There are five main categories that the work of the Presbytery is divided into; these are by no means the total list but the main centres of activity. As your Presbytery Representatives we are involved with Mission and Assets Commission and the Community Engagement Commission.

Please contact Brian McIntosh, Norman Dundas or Paul Rose if you wish to get more information on the work of these Commissions and Teams.

South West Presbytery Commissions and Teams

Congregational Life Commission

- Congregational Health
- Faith Formation
- Youth and Young Adults
- Intercultural and Diverse Communities

Ministry Leadership Commission

- Education & Students
- Pastoral Relations

Mission Assets Commission

- Property
- Mission Support and Finance
- Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation

Community Engagement Commission

- Presbytery Community Ministries
- Social Justice and World Affairs
- Congregational Community Social Ministries
- Community Engagement Corporation
- Sparrow Lake Camp

Mission: Present-Future Commission

- Congregational Revitalization
- Migrant Congregations
- Mission Planning
- Church Planting

Come with us to see Video Cabaret's "Confederation and Riel"

Written and directed by
Michael Hollingsworth

A Canadian Historical Satire about the period 1861-1870. John A Macdonald masterminds the deal-making that leads to confederation and, in Montreal, Wilfred Laurier meets Louis Riel.



www.videocab.com

Friday Aug 11, 2017, 8:00 pm
Young Centre for the Performing Arts

In the Distillery District

A Bloordale and Friends Event

Tickets: \$36 or \$50

Carpooling Available

For Tickets or Information contact
Julia 416-621-8050 (w) or 416-622-6309 (h)

Congregational Life

Both Helen and Pat would like to thank all the volunteers on Sundays.

However, we still need assistance for June. If you can help please call Pat or email her to let her know when you can assist.

Open dates:

June 4 & 11 – have one, need 3 more

June 18 & 25 – have two, need 2 more

Many thanks again for volunteering in the past.

Pat Conway-Willis
patriciaconwaywillis@sympatico.ca
416-695-3976

Phoenix Consultation Meeting of May 7, 2017

A second Phoenix Project consultation meeting with the Bloordale Congregation was held on May 7, 2017, under the leadership of Consultants Janet Marshall and Ron Ewart from Toronto United Church Council.

The meeting participants were asked to individually write down and anonymously submit their suggestions and comments in two areas where concerns had been expressed at the previous Phoenix consultation meeting of April 2, 2017: choice of properties for an amalgamated church, relationships between the two congregations. In addition a new topic, "Alternatives to Amalgamation" was introduced at the meeting. A wide range of opinions and comments were expressed on these topics.

These were collected and briefly summarized at the meeting by the consultants, and were subsequently compiled in written form by the consultants and will be made available to the congregation.

BULLETIN AND MUSIC DEDICATIONS

Weekly Sunday bulletins can be dedicated, with a note about why, by any member for \$15. This both helps defray our paper and printing costs and provides opportunity for special remembrances to be observed.

Music can also be dedicated in someone's memory, or in honour of someone's faithful living. A new anthem can be purchased for \$90, so please speak to Sharron or Mervin about your wish to support the music program in this way.

St. James Food Basket Needs Our Help

When you go shopping, please pick up one extra item for our food box, if you are able. Each week, we suggest a food item, to help feed the hungry.

Past weeks' suggested items have been: peanut butter, cereal, canned tuna or salmon, toothpaste, pasta, beans or lentils, canned fruit, cookies and crackers.

Please put items in Bloordale's food box, located in the sanctuary, and we shall take it to The St. James Food Basket.

TSO for Kids – How the Gimquat Found her Song

On Saturday March 24th, I took my 4 year old niece Angela to a musical play which I had no idea what it was all about. I was hesitant as I didn't know how Angela would react to watching an orchestrated play at her age. But when we walked into Roy Thomson Hall it was full of children all dressed up and excited to get to their seats. This took ease off my mind as my expectations were uncertain as to how this show was going to go.

We were seated in the front row of the balcony section which gave us a beautiful bird's eye view (pun intended) of Roy Thomson Hall. The show began with music that made it feel whimsical and a bit scary at the same time. As I watched Angela's eyes light up with mystery, I too was amazed at the sound of the orchestra and how in depth the show was starting out. The characters began to emerge and the adventure started as the music depicted the story. There was a wizard and the Gimquat (a strange bird) which were the main characters. The wizard took the audience on an adventure through time of centuries ago to help the Gimquat find her voice.

There was music ranging from 12 of history's most influential music including Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, Lloyd Webber/Arr. Custer - excerpts from Phantom of the Opera and Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Lady. It truly felt like we were sitting in on an orchestrated event for a filming of a Walt Disney movie. It was spectacular! There was also more modern music including a rap which the kids were encouraged to sing along to multiple times throughout the show. The audience enjoyed the participation as both parents and children were laughing, clapping and rapping along.

After travelling through time and space and enjoying a variety of music, The Gimquat turned into a beautiful bird and found her voice which turned out to be her song. I can only imagine how the other children felt watching this whimsical orchestrated event as my niece and I thoroughly enjoyed this. As we walked to our car, we found ourselves rapping the words "Jiminy Cricket, Raggedy Anne, Winnie the Pooh, Yosemite Sam...."

I strongly recommend this to anyone looking for the sound of music to carry them through an adventure, a children's mystery and to broaden their horizon on musical historical events.

Thanks to Julia Stavreff who organized this outing. It turned out to be quite an experience.

Roxanne Dryding
Social Committee Member

The Lunch Bunch Beat

The lunch bunch continues to be a popular Bloordale initiative, thought of by Gord Moore, and looked forward to by many.

The lunch bunch arranges for group lunches after the church service and after coffee time; generally every 6 to 8 weeks (depending on what else is happening at Bloordale). We go to neighborhood restaurants (that can accommodate us at lunch time) and sit together at tables of 4 or 6, order from the menu and pay individually. Some order breakfast, some order lunch and some dinner. Everyone is welcome, and we will save you a spot if you will be a bit late.

Our last lunch bunch was on April 9th at The Bounty Restaurant on Dundas Street, just west of highway 427.

There were 16 of us, including some regulars. This was the weekend right after our 'Wine & Cheese & Discussion' on the Phoenix Amalgamation proposal, and everyone had thoughts and comments to share. Although views varied, we all got along for a most congenial lunch.

As everyone who lunches with us knows; I love to keep tabs on what people are eating. On this occasion, 7 ordered omelets, 2 had French toast/waffles, 2 had breakfasts, 2 had breakfast sandwiches and 3 had non-breakfast sandwiches. It seems most enjoy Lunch Bunch for breakfasts.

Our next lunch bunch is for Sunday, May 28th after the service and after coffee time. Our friends from St. James are invited to join us, as this will be a joint Bloordale/St. James service. It will be at The Q Restaurant (formerly St. Herbert) on the Queensway, at the East Mall. To sign up or for information, talk to Gord Moore (647-660-1359) or to me Julia (416-622-6309).

Carpooling is provided! Do Join Us!

We will also be having a lunch bunch in the summer when we are worshipping at Bloordale with our Tri-Church partners. The expected date is August 27th, venue TBD.

Julia Stavreff

Consider a Planned Gift to Bloordale United Church

Giving a gift to the Planned Gift Fund through your will is one way to continue faithful stewardship beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared please consider a gift to your church through the Bloordale Planned Gift Fund.

A message from your Memorial and Planned Gift Funds Administrative Committee

From the Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee is dedicated to the welfare of our congregation. We strive to connect with those who are shut in and those who are temporarily ill.

It would be very helpful if you would inform Bob Hitchcock when you have made contact with one of our members needing a visit. He will chart it so no one is left out.

We would ask that you let Joan Hollowell know when you know of someone that is temporarily ill.

If we all work together we can take care of each other!

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Kristen (McLellan) and Brian McLauchlan

On the birth of their son

Emmett

On Sunday May 7th, 2017

A brother for Reese and second grandchild for Lynda and Brian McLellan

Another Great Grandchild for Alex and Marion McLellan

Many Big Thanks

Thanks to all who **delivered** 2,600 Easter flyers, letting our neighbours know of our Easter Services

Thanks to Pat McDermot and Sharron Le Blanc for donating **Special Canadian Anniversary Tulips** to bloom in the front flower beds.

Thanks to Lynn Lawrence for the back door **planters** and to UCW for the front and side door **urns**.

Thanks from Richview United Church ladies for Bloordale's support in purchasing their hand made **Chocolate Easter Eggs**.

Thank You for being a part of Bloordale United Church.



Upcoming Events Summary

Thursday, May 18. Delivery (pickup) of UCW geraniums. Some flowers available for 'walk-ins'

Sunday, May 21. Service at Wesburn Manor. Bloordale hosts the service at 2:30 p.m. The Bloordale Choir will sing

Sunday, May 28. Joint service with St. James at Bloordale United Church

Sunday, May 28. The Lunch Bunch Lunch at The Q on The Queensway, after the Church service

Sunday, June 11. Bloordale outdoor service (weather permitting) picnic and games

Monday, June 26. Outing, organized by the Social Committee, to dinner at Leonardo's Trattoria on Dundas Street West, just east of Islington Avenue. We also celebrate Rev. Brian's birthday

Friday, August 11. Outing, organized by the Social Committee, to see VideoCabaret's 'Confederation part 1'. Confederation & Riel at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts

Sunday, August 27. Lunch Bunch Lunch with Tri-Church partners. Restaurant TBD, after church service

Sunday, September 10. Muslim Christian Dialogue and BBQ, in Etobicoke (evening)

Sunday, September 17. Welcoming BBQ after the Church service

Sunday, September 17. Service at Wesburn Manor. Bloordale hosts the service at 2:30 p.m. The Bloordale Choir will sing

Coming this Fall—Seminar on Fraud and Seniors

Bloordale's Pastoral Care Committee is presenting a seminar on FRAUD and Seniors.

Watch for it, and plan on attending, tentatively planned for after Thanksgiving Day Weekend

Coming this Fall, from the Social and Fundraising Committee

2nd Annual **Trivia Night** – Saturday November 18th "WAY MORE FUN THAN YOU THINK!!"

Bloordale and Tenants First Pot Luck
Every Welcome – bring your favorite food
Tentatively scheduled for the first week of December

The Four Men will perform at Bloordale, as soon as their schedule permits

Summer Outing

The Social Committee is inviting everyone to our summer dinner at

Trattoria Leonardo



www.trattorialeonardo.com

4740 Dundas Street West
(Just East of Islington Ave)
across from Montgomery Inn

Monday June 26, 2017, 6:30 pm

Varied Italian menu with varied prices

Arrive earlier and visit Historic Montgomery Inn

Friends and Family Welcome

Carpooling available,

Call Julia, 416-622-6309 if interested

UCW News

Thanks to everyone who helped with the rummage Day Sale on April 1st. In excess of \$2,700 was earned for Bloordale!

Geranium orders (and impatiens and begonias) are available for pick up on Thursday May 18th, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Some extras will be available for 'walk-ins'.

Perennials will be available for sale – donate from your garden if you have any to share.

There will be no UCW meetings in May or June.

Julia Stavreff
with notes from Joan Hollowell

Gardening Seminar at Sheridan Nurseries

Fifteen members and friends of Bloordale United Church met at Sheridan Nurseries on Burnhamthorpe Rd, west of Mill Rd. on April 26, 2017. We began on a humorous note as Ruth Alexander's comment about where to place her "discount sticker" caused Jim Donaghy, our "token male" to blush as the rest of us chuckled. You had to be there!

The theme of the presentation was "BEE-NIFICIAL GARDEN", presented by Master Gardener Judy Witzig, assistant manager of Sheridan on Burnhamthorpe. Judy explained the agrarian role of bees, the threat of their declining numbers and how we could help to maintain our garden plantings to encourage bees to visit.

Judy had many plants to show us as well as descriptions of others, unavailable this early in the planting cycle, on print handouts. She answered many questions from the floor on various topics such as controlling garden pests, fertilizing, watering, etc. As well as being extremely knowledgeable, Judy has a wonderful sense of humour so the evening was relaxing and nourishing with veggies, dips and crackers, tea and coffee.

We took advantage of the 20% discount shopping and went home very happy.

Nancy Harris,
Social Committee Member

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

One of the ways that people who care about Bloordale act to secure its future is through the PAR program. Brochures that outline how to do this are available in the display case near the office, or speak to Brian, Norm Dundas or Jack Lovatt if you'd like more information. PAR does offer the church your consistent support, and helps with budget planning.

Bloorbeat on the Internet

This issue as well as past issues of Bloorbeat can be accessed on the Bloordale United Church website at:

<http://bloordale.ca/bloorbeat/>

Games Nights at St James

The St James United Church CD committee is continuing to host monthly Games Nights, for ages 4 to 104, on Friday evenings, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

The next Games Night will be on Friday, June 2, 2017.

Great for youth, great for families, great for adults!! Come and join us for a FREE night of games. Bring your own favourite card or board game to share, or join in with other games. Free light snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Hats Off!



To the 9 volunteers who took part in spring property cleanup on May 13th. These were:

Jo-Em Bettridge, Victor Chivers-Wilson, Grace Everett, Bruce Jackson, Alun

Morgan, Pat Nelson, Victor Nguyen, Shirley Jankus, and Shirley Scott.



Bloordale/St. James Joint Worship Service at a Glance

Sunday May 28 , 10:00 am – joint worship service at Bloordale

Tri-Church Worship Services at a Glance

July 2, 9, 16 St. James United Church

July 23, 30 & Aug 6 Richview United Church

Aug 13, 20, 27 Bloordale United Church

All of the above services at 10:00 a.m.

Services revert to the home churches on Labour Day weekend, Sunday Sept. 3 (also 10:00 a.m.)

Times revert to 10:30, starting Sunday Sept. 10



A BIG Thank You

to Alun Morgan who has volunteered to change the messages on our outdoor sign, starting RIGHT NOW!

And thanks to Joan Hollowell who has been changing the sign for the last number of years, and has now retired (from this job)

IN MEMORIAM

Myra Evelyn Egan

May 22, 1926 – March 18, 2017

10:00 A.M. Summer Services

Just a reminder that our Bloordale church services start at 10:00 a.m. on May 21st, and continue at that time up to and including Labour Day weekend, September 3rd

Bloorbeat Submission Guidelines

When you email items to Julia and myself for Bloorbeat, please include words about the specific content in your e-mail header and in any file names, e.g. not just "Bloorbeat" but "Bloorbeat Upcoming Events". This makes it much easier to locate the items in my rather busy e-mail inbox when putting the Bloorbeat together.

In general, for text-based submissions, please avoid use of fancy fonts, headers, spacings or tab settings because these create more work for me and make it more difficult to maintain a consistent style in the newsletter.

Straight text, in 10 point font, with bold (but not underlined) headings in 14 point font, is best.

For photographs of church related items we can handle the standard graphics formats such as .tif, .gif, .jpg, .png or .pdf. We print in black and white but post on the church website in colour

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Spiritual perspectives, committee news, community happenings, and ideas for changes and improvements to make Bloordale an even nicer place than it already is are all welcome.

Please submit or discuss your ideas with our Communications Committee chair Julia Stavreff, 416-622-6309, stavreffj@stavreff.com

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Following is the publication date and the deadline for submissions for the upcoming issue.

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May 13	May 6



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