

So! We have had a great beginning to the year. And there is much still to come. One of the things that I am particularly looking forward to is the Strategic Planning Day we are having on Saturday November 6 at BAUC, from 9:00 am-4 pm. The leader of this event is Rev. Dr. Rick Horst from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in downtown Barrie. Rick was the leader of the Strategic Planning Day that was held in January 2008, and he did an excellent job helping us to identify our priorities and to set one, two and three-year goals for accomplishing those priorities. Three years later, we have done what we set out to do! And so it is time to come together again, to celebrate our accomplishments, and to discern together the direction for ministry that we believe God is calling us to. What should we be focusing on in the next few years? Is there an outreach ministry that we could undertake that would involve the use of the house next door to the church? Three years ago we identified the need for a half-time minister whose focus would be with youth and young families. Do we still feel a commitment to this ministry? There is much to be discussed, and decisions to be made. In order for those decisions to be truly representative of the congregation, it is important that we have as many people there as possible. Whether you are brand new to the congregation, or have been here for many years, your input is needed. So please mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us.

Connected to our Planning Day in November is a special Sunday Service that we are having on October 31st. We are calling it "Celebrate Burton Ave. Sunday", and during the service we will express our gratitude to God for the many ways His Spirit has been moving through the church over the last few years. We will hear the story of the realization of our dream for adequate parking for the church (a long-term need that we formally identified as a priority in 2001), as well as the story of the growth of other ministries that our part of our life here. There will be a potluck lunch following the service. We are looking forward to a great day together.

There are a number of other special events coming up which I know are mentioned in other places in the newsletter. It is my prayer that you will plan to join us for as many of them as you can. There is much to celebrate; much, to give thanks for. Remembering our past, and acknowledging our present, helps us to plan for our future with confidence, trusting that as God has been with us in the past, and is with us now, so too will He lead us forward into the future that awaits.

Blessings!

Rev. Pat

Dear friends,

As many of you know, I was the co-coordinating leader of a youth mission to Nicaragua this summer. The mission was a Presbytery-sponsored event, and I was honoured to serve the larger church in this way. I was also so happy to share the experience with Kristy Sawyers. Kristy is the third member of her family to take part in a Nicaraguan Mission. Her father, John, was part of Burton Ave's mission to Nicaragua in 2007 and 2009, and her sister Amanda went with us in 2007. Kristy was a wonderful representative of Burton Ave. and of Living Waters Presbytery in Nicaragua! I have decided to include in our newsletter a copy of the final report I wrote for Presbytery about the mission, so that you can have a sense of what Kristy and I were doing, while we were there. I also want to thank you for the financial support you gave to this most recent mission, and for your ongoing support for our congregation's commitment as stated in our Vision Statement:

"To reflect God's love as the church.....in a changing world".

Blessings,  
Rev. Pat

### **Open Hands Youth Mission to Nicaragua: Final Report September 17, 2010**

On June 30, 2010, the Open Hands Youth Mission team from Living Waters Presbytery began a 14-day mission in Nicaragua. The team consisted of four leaders (Rev. Patricia MacDonald, Rev. Colin MacDonald, Kim Butler and Steve Stoll), and sixteen youth from six different churches in the Presbytery. Another youth, who is the nephew of one of our leaders from Nicaragua, joined us when we arrived and was with us for the time we were there. We had been preparing for this mission for over a year. Part of our preparations included studying specific issues, such as the history, politics and culture of Nicaragua; charity versus justice; global concerns; and how to be a respectful visitor. Jim Hodgson, of the Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit of the United Church of Canada, came and spoke to us about the United Church context for doing mission, as well as to offer us his encouragement and support. And every month we talked about our name, "Open Hands": about how we were going to Nicaragua with open hands so that we could both give AND receive. We talked about how transformational mission happens in and through relationship with God, the Nicaraguan people and one another. We prepared ourselves to be open to the Spirit, and to the many ways we would experience God's Spirit alive and at work in and through the Nicaraguan people.

Part of our preparations also included raising money for the projects that we were supporting, which included purchasing building materials for a kindergarten room in the village of Los Paltos, as well as paying for the salaries of the Nicaraguan construction crew; transporting seven Physicians Travel Packs (PTP'S) which we purchased for \$575.00 each; and supporting the important work that Dr. Mike Mejia is doing with indigenous peoples in San Carlos. The money we raised for these projects (over \$27,000 in all) came from such fundraising initiatives as selling Christmas Gift Cards and chocolate roses on Valentine's Day; holding a walk-a thon; helping to serve at congregational dinners;

holding garage sales and rummage sales and bake sales. We were also richly blessed by the generous donations of many individuals, congregations and businesses.

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One of our goals as leaders was to introduce youth to Nicaragua in all its variety and complexity: its natural beauty and its ugliness; its poverty and its wealth; its hope, and its despair. We also wanted the youth to have a variety of different kinds of experiences: to meet with people and organizations who are making a difference in Nicaragua; to live in close connection with a Nicaraguan family; to experience worship in different settings; to join a work team for a few days; to see monkeys and geckos and the flowers that bloom in wild disarray along the roads. And so, with the help of our partners on the ground, Rev. Joe Reed and Luis Herrera of Sheaf/Espiga, we planned a mission experience that we

hoped would meet these and the above-mentioned learning goals. Our accommodation, for example, included the clean, comfortable cottages at a Roman Catholic Retreat Centre in Managua; billeting in homes in Chaguitillo, an impoverished village north of Managua which offered very basic accommodation and simple food; one night in a village in the north that was very poor, with homes that had dirt floors, no running water, plank beds, mud everywhere, tortillas baked in clay ovens; two nights sleeping in tents on a concrete floor with 17 Nicaraguan youth at the YMCA farm in Rivas, and two nights at a hotel in downtown Granada. Our experiences were equally far-ranging. Our very first day we went to Los Quinchos, which is a school for market kids and is one of the United Church's partners in Nicaragua. The principal of the school spoke to us with great passion about his work and some of our youth were set on fire by his words. We met with Fanny, who is the Director of IMPRHU, an organization that is also doing amazing work with market kids. And then we went to the markets, and met a few of the 350,000 kids whose lives are lived out in the markets. We saw one of their small classrooms, and then we went out to their playground and for an hour or so we laughed and played and kicked around a soccer ball and connected with the children in ways that go way beyond words. We heard Mark Lester from the Centre for Global Education speak about the political situation in Nicaragua; learned about the production of Soynica and coffee; and visited a home for abused girls. We also visited a microloan cow project in Rivas that had been initiated last year by Central United Church, Barrie, and met the indigenous farmers who are benefitting from the cows. We spent a week-end at the YMCA farm in Rivas with a group of Nicaraguan youth from all over the country. Together we rode horses and built a soccer field and worshipped and talked about things that matter to us as youth and adults. We drove in silence through Managua's city dump, which is over 50 city blocks in size and where thousands of people live out their lives in filth and hopelessness. We spent four days in hot humid wet weather assisting a Nicaraguan work team in the building of the school in Los Palmos. We cut rebar with a hack saw; laid concrete blocks; transported dirt in rickety wheelbarrows up a steep incline where it was dumped and then sifted with hand-held screens. We also climbed up a steep, fast-moving river to see some ancient pictographs that were etched into cliffs. We swam in the Pacific Ocean, walked along the edge of a volcano, explored underground, bat-filled caves, rode horses, learned how to break open piñatas, watched local dancers, laughed, sang and worshipped together.

Were there any hardships or disappointments? Of course! It was HOT!!! We got insect bites on top of our insect bites! All but two of us got sick. We learned to get up by 6 am, and to like cold showers, and to eat beans and rice: lots of beans and rice! Our clothes got wet and we couldn't get them dry. The PTP's we transported with us got held up in Customs and they weren't released in time for us to take them to the Moravian Clinic. Most of us felt homesick at one moment or another. But the youth rose to every challenge. They took life as it came and threw themselves into every experience. They learned to wash their mildewing clothes on a concrete washboard and to hang them on a clothesline made of barbed wire. They learned to eat what they were served (or at least to be

gracious about it if they couldn't face one more piece of plantain!). Despite the grueling heat, they worked hard on the building project, often drenched in sweat and refused to give up. They learned that not having a common language is no barrier to real communication. They fell in love with the people of Chaguitillo, and with their Nicaraguan "Mama" in Chaguitillo. They were drawn to the openness and ease of village life, where children wander freely and neighbours share their lives with one another. They learned that the kind of happiness that really matters is not the kind that money can buy, but the kind that comes through the relationships we have in our lives.

Last week the Nica group met for the first time since returning. At the meeting, we were asked to share one memory of the mission. Every single one of us spoke about someone we had met. Not one of us mentioned the hardships. And we all spoke about a desire to go back.

This fall we will meet three more times to go through a process of debriefing, and of learning how to integrate all that we were given in Nicaragua into our lives here in Canada. None of us know where the Spirit will lead us next, but the words of our Nicaragua theme song, which were written by Rev. Debbie McMillan and sung to the tune of "Days of Elijah" will direct our steps:

*This is the world God created, and we're called to show that we care.  
We know there are people who struggle daily, and those who sink  
into despair.*

*We may not have money or training, or skills that will set us apart.  
But what we possess is the Spirit burning passion, like flames in our  
heart.*

**CHORUS:**

*It's up to us, we're God's feet and hands.  
We're stepping out in love to a different land.  
We're reaching out, our passion will change lives,  
'Cause when the Spirit blows God's love arrives.*

On behalf of the Open Hands Youth Mission, I want to express my deep appreciation for the support given to us for this mission by Living Waters Presbytery and the Spiritual Development Commission. Special thanks to Jody Maltby, Nancy Knox, Barbara Hendren and to Rev. Ruth McDonald, whose vision for a Youth Mission to Nicaragua and whose support throughout the planning and trip itself was a blessing to all involved. Special thanks also to the amazing parents of our youth, who were there for us and supported us every step of the way; and to their home congregations, who rallied around their youth and whose loving witness of emotional, financial and spiritual support showed their youth what the church can be at its very best.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rev. Patricia MacDonald  
Burton Ave. United Church  
Barrie, Ontario*

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### Treasurer's Report September 2010

As the season changes, so too does our financial position. A review of the operating statement for August 2010 YTD shows total receipts of \$146,446 compared to \$143,292 over the same period in 2009, which represents an increase of \$3,155. However, as this increase was \$8,289 at the end of May, we have lost ground over the summer

compared to last year. Local givings were \$8,344 less over the same period last year, with facility rental, miscellaneous revenues and cash donations also showing decreases.

Our expenses for the first eight months of this year were \$166,778 versus \$167,538 last year, which represents a decrease of \$760. This leaves us with an operating deficit for the year of \$20,332 which is \$3,915 less than last year's deficit of \$24,246. While marginally better than last year at this time, our financial position remains very much a concern given the declining trend in givings experienced so far for the year.

Our thanks to everyone in the congregation for their support of the vision of the church.

*Sincerely,  
Alan J. McGee*

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Have you ever heard of a Prayer Shawl Ministry? This new tradition of faith began about a dozen years ago in the southern United States, and has grown by leaps and bounds in churches across the continent. How would you like to be part of one? If you can knit a basic garter stitch or make a simple crochet stitch (or would like to learn how), you are the ideal candidate. A Prayer Shawl Ministry enables a congregation to provide spiritual comfort to those in need by turning yarn into wraps that are created with love and interwoven with prayers. We would like to hear from all men and women who are interested in this venture. We could meet weekly or monthly, during the day or in the evening, or simply come together whenever the time is right.

There will be information on this endeavour during coffee time for the next few weeks. If you are interested but forget to sign up, please call the office during the week. This is a real opportunity to use your creativity to bring healing, joy and comfort to others.

### **WORSHIP and MUSIC COMMITTEE**

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*(Members: Brian Baker, Miriam Oben, Marion Moffa, \_\_\_\_\_ way, and Brenda McGee)*

Thanks to all who worked over the summer to keep Burton Avenue welcoming and vital while Rev. Pat, and Doug and Lynn Garraway enjoyed well-deserved vacations. Supply ministry leaders Rev. Thelma Arnott, Linda Gray, Pat Edmonds, Lorna Bywater, ministry student Lena Hartviksen, and the Garraway family gifted us with generous and varied offerings of worship. Music was supplied by our own Warren DeBoer, plus guest organists Katie Pergau, Helen Smethurst, and Marina Johnson.

With autumn and the cool, beautiful weather comes a busy season in our faith community. Carol Owen shared her faith as ministry leader at Burton on September 19th while Reverend Pat led an outside worship service with families at Camp Simpresca. October's plans are full of the celebration of gifting, both gifts given and those received. Worldwide Communion connects us to the global faith community as we share in the receiving of Christ's gift of salvation. Thanksgiving Sunday will celebrate the bounty we live daily and share with our community. The blessed sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated with those who feel called to be initiated into the Body of Christ. The World Outreach Committee will host the youth from July's mission to Nicaragua on Mission and Service Sunday; come and hear these amazing young people share their life-giving and life-changing experiences among the people of Nicaragua. October ends with a Gratitude Service to celebrate and give thanks for the work and fellowship of this great faith community. In November, Burton's 137th Anniversary Sunday's guest speaker will be Reverend Susanne VanderLugt; she's very excited to

worship amongst her Burton friends again. Holy Communion will be observed on Reign of Christ Sunday and lead us into the wonder of the Advent Season.

Autumn is shaping up to be a very busy, joy-filled time here at Burton Avenue. Come and join in the fellowship as we celebrate the light of Christ in our lives and in our world.

*Blessings,  
Brenda McGee (Chair)*

## Sunday Worship- Looking Ahead

Oct 3	World Wide Communion.
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 17	Baptisms.
Oct 24	World Outreach (M&S Sunday) with youth from Nicaragua Mission.
Oct 31	Gratitude Service.
Nov 7	Remembrance Day Service.
Nov 14	Anniversary Sunday with guest speaker Rev. Susanne VanderLugt
Nov 21	Reign of Christ Sunday with Holy Communion.
Nov 28	Advent Season begins.

## RAINBOW CLUB

The Rainbow Club is gearing up for another fun year. On September 12, we began registrations for the new school year and we already have over 20 children and youth registered. Over the next weeks we expect to see more familiar faces return and we are always excited to welcome new friends to "the Ark".

We have some changes in our staff of volunteers. We thank Liz Kerr for all her work last year and we wish her well as she continues her post-secondary education. Joanne Barnes, an energetic teacher here for many years, will continue work in the Rainbow Club, but is hoping to do more travelling during her retirement years – she has certainly earned it.

As we thank Liz and Joanne for their dedication to Rainbow Club, we put out the call to all of you to consider becoming a Rainbow Club volunteer. We are a friendly bunch who helps each other and the lesson plans are totally laid for you.

As things stand now, our volunteers are as follows:

3-5 year-olds: Marni O'Brien and Sheena Fletcher Hoving  
Primary class: Sandy Coyle and T.B.A.  
Junior class: Heather Smith and Angela Kerr  
Senior class: Vickie McKenna and T.B.A.

We now look forward to an exciting year of stories, fun, drama, music, crafts and time together. All children ages 3 and up are invited to join us every Sunday for fun in the Rainbow Club! See you there!

Catherine Fletcher  
Rainbow Club Coordinator

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

As we leave behind the hot, humid days of summer, we welcome the crisp, cool, colourful days of fall and look forward to renewing our commitments to the church.

The "Fall Barbeque will be held at Tyndale Park on Sunday, September 26th immediately following the church service. Hopefully, the weather will co-operate and we will be able to enjoy food, fellowship and fun activities.

Anniversary Sunday is November 14th and we will be asking the congregation to bring finger foods.

Birthday cake Sundays are resuming in September. Every third Sunday of the month we look forward to celebrating this special time with our church families.

Our committee is in the planning stages for social events in the fall and winter months. We are open to any suggestions that you may have. Please see Linda, Lois, Marlene or Corrie if there is anything you would like to do.

Coffee servers are needed each and every Sunday. Training and support is provided until you are comfortable doing it on your own and there are always people that help out with the clean up afterwards.

*Marlene Holman*

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## LOCAL OUTREACH

The Local Outreach Committee will be collecting food items for The Barrie Food Bank on Sundays October 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup>. Food items may be brought at any time and we thank you for your continued support for this very worthwhile cause.

Tutors are needed for the Samaritan House Children's Literacy program in Angus on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. At Angus Morrison E.S. Please call A. Wilcox or K. MacDonald at 720-7111.

Groceries are supplied on a regular basis to be given to those who may come in to the Church and are in need of emergency help.

Youth Haven will be given a donation to help with back-to-school expenses, clothing and hygiene supplies.

Please continue to bring Zehr's grocery tapes. There is a box in the foyer for your donations. Used eyeglasses may be put in a box over the coat rack.

Samaritan House Community Ministries are in need of infant's wear, linens and men's casual clothing. These may be put in the box in the foyer or brought directly to the Church on Monday to Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 pm.

The Dailey Bread publication has been well received and are on a table in the foyer.

Our committee will again be sponsoring the Snowflake Tree. More information will be forthcoming in October.

*Joan Carruthers- Chair*

*Committee members-Lyla Hubbert and Joanne Barnes*

***On Friday October 29 Burton Avenue United Church is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner, watch for more information in The Banner and on the Web Site.***

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### **Book Club**

The Book Club usually meets on the last Tuesday of the month. We have read a wide variety of books over these past seven years, including both fiction and non-fiction books. Our group size has ranged from 4 to 13 members, and new members are always welcome. We usually meet at 7:30 p.m. at a different member's home each month. We thoroughly discuss the book in question and then choose by consensus a book or two for the coming months. Afterwards, snacks and refreshments are enjoyed by all. Please consider joining us for lively discussion and friendly fellowship. Mostly, because of the Colours of Music Concert series, we have decided our first fall meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 5, with the second meeting reverting back to the last Tuesday, Oct. 26.

At the first meeting we shall be discussing Stieg Larsson's Trilogy: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, The Girl who Played with Fire, and The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest.

The second meeting will be Joan Clark's An Audience of Chairs.

Check the Burton Banner for the location of our meetings.

*Submitted by Joanne Barnes*

### **Administration Committee**

Several long overdue upgrades have been done over the summer to make the church more inviting.

The floors throughout the upstairs of the church were refreshed in June with new carpeting.

Lone Wood did a wonderful job painting the gym downstairs.

Wayne Armstrong did a terrific job cleaning and waxing the floor in the gym as well as painting the nursery downstairs and doing his regular cleaning and maintenance work.

And we finally got our beautiful new tables and chairs in September, so we can dine in comfort. Islay Scott found a new home for the old tables and chairs in a community centre in Minesing.

The Women's Spirituality Group is excited to announce their theme this year: "*Finding Balance in Your Life*". We will explore spiritual disciplines, that will encourage us to balance our mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health. The Women's Spirituality Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 7:15 - 9:00 pm. All women are welcome! For more information contact the church office at 726-0401 or speak to Rev. Pat

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### Family News!!!!

Bruce and Linda Hudson have a new grandson! His name is John Rylan Whitley, born July 27th in Texas, brother to Jadyn.

Warren DeBoer did quite a bit of volunteer work this summer - 2 weeks helping to build Roland United Church in Roland (Sam and Elaine McGee stopped by on their way home to see him) - also did some disaster relief work in Munster Indiana repairing flood damaged property.

And **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following:

To: Al and Joanna Scarth, on the recent marriage of their son David to Joanne Desveaux. Family gathered from as far away as Regina and England to celebrate this special occasion!

To: Pat and Colin MacDonald on the engagement of their son Peter to Kayla Laliberte. The wedding will take place on December 29, 2011 in Scotland.

To: Hannah Garraway on winning B101 tickets to see Canadian Idol Contestant "Hedley".

To: Leslie Landry whose six sister-in-laws visited last week-end

To: Deborah Wall-Armstrong and family, whose son Will has been traveling the world and will be home for Thanksgiving.

To: Alan and Brenda McGee on the recent celebration of their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

To: Marg Ralph, whose daughter Alison and husband Chris have moved to Greece where she will be working for External Affairs for four years.

If your family is celebrating a special event or occasion, please let the church office know (726-0401) or email *Edd Taylor* at [jet80@rogers.com](mailto:jet80@rogers.com)

**Note.....We are in the process of creating an email directory for our congregation. Please send us your email address at [burtonaveunited@bellnet.ca](mailto:burtonaveunited@bellnet.ca) or phone the church office at 726-0401.**

**Thanks!**

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### **Burton Avenue United Church Counts Eighty By Brian Baker**

Dear Burton Avenue United Church we celebrate,  
May the anniversary eight-five be really great.  
You are our guiding light as through life we sail,  
Proudly we might call you the Rose of Allendale.

The path from Methodism to the way of the United,  
In 1925 was smooth, and members were delighted.  
Men were still the leaders and made every decision,  
Talk of a woman minister would be up for derision!

Hats, gloves, veils and ankle-length skirts for women.  
Suits, ties and boots, with top hats proper for men.  
Without these one could be suspect of the Devil's taint,  
Dress today would have been cause for them to faint...

On Sundays no shops were open, no work was done,  
No housework allowed, and no sports engaged for fun.  
To church you'd come by horse and buggy, or walk,  
To miss a Sunday service might cause people to talk.

If we close our eyes we can still visualize the scene,  
Busy rail yards, stores, and farms fit into the scheme,  
Though old Yonge Street was the trans-Canada road,  
Model "T"s, horses, walking were much in vogue.

Yet today we still enjoy a happy and vibrant church,  
No further need we for a Christian home to search.  
Blessed are we by choir, stewardship, Sunday school,  
Thanks secretary Lynn, and Doug's music is just cool!

Far beyond our own congregation's needs are found,  
Needs of the oppressed, and hungry the world around,

From Local Outreach to across Canada goes our care,  
Nicaragua to Eritrea our enthusiastic support is there.

A long list of ministers have brought us God's word,  
Each enriched Burton Avenue's congregational world.  
Today our beloved Rev. Patricia has proved no less,  
That woman ministers stand level to men, God Bless!

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## Dear Friends,

It is now the end of September. Where has the time gone? It seems such a short time ago that I was relaxing at my little cottage at Lake Cady in Nova Scotia. During this time I was able to take time to sit back and catch up on some reading. I listened and watched the loons on the lake. The days were very warm and the lake was just right for swimming. I had many get-togethers with my brother and his family and my wonderful neighbours at the cottage. The cottage, even with it being so far away, has become a focal point for my family to be together. This summer with my son getting married in July and my daughter and her family making no plans for their holidays, meant that no one would be coming for a visit. I knew my mom was coming at the end of the summer to drive home with me. But, late one evening there was a knock on my door and in came two little sleepy girls with their mom and dad right behind them. My daughter and her family surprised me with a visit and we were able to spend five wonderful days relaxing, visiting, playing and eating at the cottage. The little girls were very excited to surprise grammy and what a surprise it was!

I returned home and it was September, a time of preparation. Autumn has arrived with its golden colours and we have returned to the autumn schedule with renewed energy. Our church programmes and activities help us to re-connect with one another in our faith community.

While everyone was busy with their September schedule, I was away on a journey to Europe. For almost two years I looked forward to this trip and it was more than I had anticipated. I visited the beautiful Alps of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The rolling landscape of Bavaria and the small villages with their painted frescoes and abundant window boxes of flowing flowers were a sight to behold. A few castles and monasteries were also seen along the way. The highlight of my trip was attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau in Germany. The Oberammergau Passion Play dates back to a vow made in the year 1633. At that time the plague raged in the entire region. Many people died. It was then the people of Oberammergau

vowed to portray the "Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. From that moment on not one person succumbed to the Black Death. It was an emotional experience as we watched the last few days of Jesus' life portrayed within the play. It is a time I will always remember.

While time moves on I may not remember all of the small details that made my summer vacation at my cottage or my trip to Europe so special, but I have compiled a small list that I believe is worthy to remember.

- Remember that your presence is a present to the world.
- Remember that your life can be what you want it to be.
- Remember to take the days just one at a time.
- Remember to count your blessings, not your troubles.
- Remember that you'll make it through whatever comes along.
- Remember that most of the answers you need are within you.
- Remember those dreams waiting to be realized.
- Remember to always reach for the best that is within you.
- Remember that nothing wastes more energy than worry.
- Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
- Remember to laugh.
- Remember that a little love goes a long way.
- Remember that life's treasures are people, not things.
- Remember that miracles still happen.

God has been very good to each of us. May our lives reflect the depths of our gratitude to Him.

## Islay

Burton Avenue United Church is hosting a

## Victorian Tea

Featuring  
English Scones with Devon Cream  
And Tea

*Tickets \$8.00*

Christmas Baking  
Jams & Pickles

Will be available for sale

Saturday, November 27, 2010

1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

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*37 Burton Avenue*



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