

Minute for Mission

Everybody Is Like Everybody Else's Family

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries across Canada.

Anticipation builds as the children and youth wait for the muffins they made to bake. Different ages and backgrounds, everyone joins together on this summer day at the London Community Chaplaincy.

"I love the community with the kids. Everybody is like everybody else's family," says summer counsellor Ashley deBakker.

The chaplaincy provides advocacy and support for families who face the challenges of living in poverty in two housing complexes in London, Ontario. The summer programs for children and youth are part of the year-round mix aimed at helping children learn while having fun. Drop-in programs allow children to learn crafts, like making beaded animals, and play cooperative games. "We teach kids so they don't get left behind in the summertime, so they don't forget what they learned in school," says Jorge Bostamaste, Summer Evening Program Coordinator. He is describing the Summer Reading Buddies program, where children are partnered one-on-one to help improve their reading skills.

Sydney Franzmann, Summer Camp Director, describes Alphabet Soup, a summer program for children in grades 2, 3, and 4 to better their reading: "Like school, but in a fun way."

United Church of Canada Mission & Service support is key for London Community Chaplaincy, says Chaplain Pam Cullen, Executive Director. "It becomes one of our main funders for the year."

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA -
GANDER PASTORAL CHARGE
Benton Gander Glenwood-Appleton**

Ministers: Rev. Kathy J. Brett (651-4611)
Rev. Wesley Oake, Minister Emeritus
Choir: Men's Choir
Organist: Karen Nevin
Reader: Marion Stratton

**FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH
February 25th, 2018 - 11 AM
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

~**TODAY WE WELCOME** through the Sacrament of Baptism into the Church of Christ, and into the Fraser Road United Church Family: **Carter Eric James Pelley**, child of Joey Pelley and Jennifer Chaffey; **Clark Frederick Waterman**, child of Craig and Laura Waterman and brother for Stella.

~**COFFEE HOUR** -Join us in the hall following worship today for a time of fellowship as we welcome our newest members of our congregation.

~**THANK YOU** to the Fraser Road United Church Guitar group for giving us such a wonderful congregational Hymn sing on February 11th. Donations totaled \$2390.00.

~**LENT FOLDERS** are available at the back of the church, pick one up as you leave today.

~**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet in the parlour on Monday, February 26th at 7 PM. Please make every effort to attend.

~**BIBLE STUDY** will resume this week on Thursday, March 1st at 10 AM. Reading to be discussed will be John 9:1-41.

~**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** service will be held Friday, March 2nd, 7PM at St. Martin's Anglican Cathedral. "All God's Creation is very good!" All are welcome to attend.

~**U.C.W.** will be holding an Afternoon Tea and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 3 at 2:00 P.M. in the Church Hall. Also a sale of Brown Bags, Used Books and New to You Items. Tickets are \$6.00 available from any U.C.W. member or Lorraine at 256-3579. As always, donations of baked goods from members of the congregation are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Hall on **FRIDAY, MAR 2 BETWEEN 2:00 AND 3:00 P.M.**

~**FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL** is coordinating a fundraiser with Purdy's Chocolatier, just in time for Easter! Booklets and order forms are located at the back of the church or visit <https://www.purdysgpp.com/771548>. Please make cheques payable to Fraser Road United Church. Deadline is Monday, March 5th, and orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 25. If you have any questions email the coordinator, Colleen Bown at colleenjbown@gmail.com or call the church office. Thanks for your anticipated support.

~**CONCERT - Friday, March 9th at 7 PM.** Performing at Fraser Road United will be Gerald Buffett and Bill Butt from "**HAND'S TURN**". A collection of music from Irish, Country, Gospel and more...something for everyone. Tickets are just \$10.00 and all proceeds go towards the Brick Fundraiser. Get your tickets now by calling the Church office at 256-3000.

~**CONFIRMATION 2018** - If you are interested in this year's classes, please call the church office at 256-3000 to put your name forward. Dates will be announced soon.

~**KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL** will be held March 8 - 16, 2018. Volunteers are needed, if interested can contact Kevin O'Rourke at 424-0546 or email: kiwanisvolunteercommittee@nl.rogers.com

~**SPIRIT SPA REATREAT** hosted by St. Matthew's United Church will be held on March 9-11, 2018. The Spirit Spa offers creative ways to refresh & renew our connection to God & God's people as we take time from our busy lives to focus upon meaningful spiritual practices. Cost for the Retreat is \$50. For further information please contact Rev. Steph at (709) 541-2756 revstephmc@gmail.com Join us for a great and exciting weekend!

~**VOLUNTEERS WANTED** - help make meal time a social time!
Volunteers wanted for mealtime at Lakeside Homes in Gander.
Please call 571-4850 or email volunteer@centralhealth.nl.ca

*If you know someone who is in hospital, kindly let
Rev. Kathy know so that she may schedule a visit.*

REMINDERS:

- Our AED (automated external defibrillator) machine is located at the hall entrance in the foyer.
- We aim to be scent free/nut free.
- A wheelchair is located in the foyer for anyone who needs to avail of it.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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| Sun. 25 th | 8-9 PM - A.A. (<i>Choir Room</i>) |
| Mon. 26 th | 10-11:30 AM - Parents & Tots (<i>Hall</i>) 1:30 PM _ Women's Time Out (<i>Parlour</i>) 6 PM - Beavers (<i>Hall</i>) 7:00 PM - Council Meeting (<i>Parlour</i>) |
| Tues. 27 th | 8 PM - 9 PM - Al-anon (<i>Choir Room</i>) 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 5 PM - 8 PM - Blood Donor Clinic (<i>Hall</i>) 8-9 PM - A.A. (<i>Choir Room</i>) |
| Wed. 28 th | 1-3, 5-9 PM - Blood Donor Clinic (<i>Hall</i>) 10:30 AM - Men's Coffee Hour 7:15 PM - Men's Choir (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 8 PM - Senior Choir (<i>Sanctuary</i>) |
| Thurs. 1 st | 10:00 AM - Bible Study (<i>Parlour</i>) 10:30 AM- Guitar Group (<i>Choir Room</i>) 6:30 PM - Accordion Band (<i>Choir Room</i>) 6:30 PM - TOPS (<i>Parlour</i>) 7 PM - Scouts (<i>Hall</i>) |
| Fri. 2 nd | 1:15 PM - A.A. (<i>Choir Room</i>) |
| Sat. 3 rd | 2 PM - UCW Afternoon Tea (<i>Hall</i>) |