

# The Harcourt Herald

*The life and work of the Harcourt Memorial United Church  
Guelph, Ontario Canada  
March, 2017*

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# Harcourt Memorial United Church

*An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada*

We are a people of God called together and sent forth by Christ to

*Seek / Connect / Act*

## **Our Mission:**

Inspired by the Spirit, we participate in Christian practices that strengthen us in the building of just, compassionate, and non-violent relationships

## **Our Vision Statement:**

To be an authentic community of spiritual growth and service

## **Our Core Values:**

Risk...Respect...Responsibility...Vulnerability...Trust

## **Our Purpose:**

To welcome and strengthen in community all who wish to serve God and follow the way of Jesus

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# The Ministers' Quill



*Moderator Jordan Cantwell is halfway through her three-year term in office. She has a very ambitious plan for what she hopes to accomplish in her remaining 18 months in office, as she explains in this interview with Paul Russell.*

**Paul:** 2016 was a busy period in the church's life. How did you feel at the end of it?

**Jordan:** I was utterly exhausted at the end of last year. When the General Council Executive meeting at the end of November was done, I was done.

**Paul:** How did you re-energize?

**Jordan:** I travelled back to Saskatoon for a good long rest. I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who allowed me the time for that, so I could come back here in January feeling fresh and renewed.

**Paul:** But I believe you had a few setbacks?

**Jordan:** Yes, I suffered some losses in my family, followed by a bout of the flu. So while my launch back into Moderatorial duties was somewhat hampered, my enthusiasm wasn't. Still I'm very sorry to have missed some significant engagements during that time. I'm grateful that I was given a chance to recover, and now I'm ready to roll.

**Paul:** What's first on your agenda?

**Jordan:** I'm about to leave on a very important trip to Manitoba, where I will participate in the Keewatin presbytery meeting in Winnipeg. Then I head further north in that province, to communities such as Garden Hill, God's Lake, Nelson House, Oxford House, Red Sucker Lake, Thompson, South Indian Lake, and Wasagamack.

**Paul:** It's not a great time of year to travel in the north, is it?

**Jordan:** It'll be cold for sure, but hopefully that means the ice roads will be open. Otherwise I'll have to fly in to some of these areas.

**Paul:** Why is it important to you that you visit these remote areas?

**Jordan:** Many of these places have never had a visit from a current Moderator, so I feel incredibly privileged to have this opportunity. I'm really looking forward to just being present with the folks in these communities, to listen to their concerns, to share in their hopes and

joys, and to worship together. I want to learn how our church can be more open to their needs and realities.

**Paul:** Is this trip part of your ongoing focus on reconciliation?

**Jordan:** Yes. In the next 18 months, I want to continue to visit as many Indigenous congregations as possible.

**Paul:** Why do you feel that is important?

**Jordan:** It is becoming absolutely clear to me that if our church wants to live into right relations — and if we are serious about implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within our church, and extracting ourselves from the legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery — we must think and act differently as a church going forward. Our priorities, assumptions, and expectations have to change. This will require commitment, courage, and humility on all of our parts, as we all need to be part of the work.

*—Paul Russell is Communications Coordinator with the Office of the Moderator and General Secretary. He will continue to have conversations with the Moderator about her work, with excerpts from the conversations posted here on a regular basis.*

## orship Schedule

### **For Lent**

March 1.	Ash Wednesday. 7 pm. Harcourt Chapel.
March 5.	Lent 1. Matthew 4.1-11
March 12.	Lent 2. John 3.1-17
March 19.	Lent 3. John 4.5-42
March 26.	Lent 4. John 9.1-41
April 2	Lent 5. John 11.1-45

## **Caroline Harcourt Women's Fellowship**

by Cisca Vanderkamp

We will meet on the **13th of March at noon** in the friendship room. Bring your own bag lunch. There will be a talk about a woman from the Bible. All women are welcome.



## **Harcourt Men's Group Meeting**

by Bill Lord

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.** Eldon Lehman will be the guest speaker. He will give an update on the work and expansion of the MISSION THRIFT STORE in Guelph, formerly Bibles for Mission Store. He has been a Board member and volunteer since it opened 13 years ago. All men are welcome to attend and you are invited to bring a friend or a neighbour who would enjoy this session. Gary Parsons will have the coffee and tea ready at 7:45 a.m., the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Dave Mowat will be the leader. In your date book please record the date of April 12th for the next meeting. The program will be announced at the March meeting.

## Council News

by Lorraine Holding, Chair of Council

Our February 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting focused on final preparations and agenda for our Annual Meeting, including conversation to continue our Harcourt 20/20 journey into Phase Two.

We also discussed:

- Possible alternatives for Council recruitment;
- Ministry & Personnel Committee's plans to hire two summer students;
- The important support that our Nursery Workers continue to provide to young parents during worship and/or as Manna participants;
- A calendar of key administrative items/activities for Council during 2017; and
- Initial work by the Communication and Tech Teams to explore a proposal for Live Feed technology.

**Notice to Committees/Teams: Council has tentatively set Sunday, May 28, 12-3pm for a joint meeting with all members of committees/teams.** The format will be similar to one that Council hosted in 2015. It will focus on sharing and planning within the context of Harcourt 20/20 – Phase Two. Stay tuned for more information.

By the time you read this update, our Annual Meeting will have occurred. We celebrate the commitment of all who have accepted specific roles for this year on the various committees and teams. We welcome additional people, and offer to help you discern how your time and talents can contribute to Harcourt's mission and ministry.

With faith and hope





# New to Harcourt? Welcome!

**Harcourt is a diverse community that welcomes everyone.** Please hold down the ctrl button on your computer and at the same time click your mouse on the photo below to hear Jim Ball's welcome message.



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for information about services, supports, room rental,  
activities and outreach

# People are Talking About...



- **Repair Café Ready to Fix It**

The third Transition Guelph's Repair Café took place on February 20<sup>th</sup> and was a big success. Many worker bees were there to tinker with everything from computers to sewing machines, oven parts to clothing and jewelry. Transition Guelph is a group of citizens coming together as volunteers to promote processes and projects for strengthening community resilience and economic vitality. The next Repair Cafe will be on March 25 as part of the Guelph Resilience Festival at St. George's Anglican Church. There is also another scheduled for May 27.

<https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/you-break-it-repair-cafe-helps-fix-it-3-photos-540180>

- **United Church of Canada Youth and Young Adult Facebook Page a Great Resource**

Jobs for the summer, permanent positions, volunteer projects and events listings. This Facebook page is a wealth of information and a great resource for young people who want to make a difference in the world. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2248115450/>

- **Kairos Applauds Government's Response on Women as Peace Builders**

KAIROS announced that it welcomes the Canadian government's response to the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE), which reaffirms the critical role of women and women's rights organizations in peace building. KAIROS is a joint venture ecumenical program administered by the United Church of Canada. Ten participating member denominations and religious organizations are involved in the development and delivery of shared projects.

<http://www.kairoscanada.org/kairos-welcomes-canadian-governments-renewed-commitment-women-peace-builders>

- **Kairos Canada looking to fill 2 positions**

Kairos Canada has called for qualified people to apply for two jobs with the organization, that of Fundraising Coordinator (Due March 22) and Member Relations Associate (Due March 1). For more information visit

<http://www.kairoscanada.org/who-we-are/jobs>



# Committee Groups

## **The Power of a Petal: Flowers for Easter**

by Ann Middleton, Chair Chancel Committee

You can help fill the church with joyous colour and pay tribute to a loved one this Easter. We will be buying hydrangeas and azaleas for Easter Sunday. If you want to remember someone special in your life, call Ann Middleton, chair, Chancel Committee, 519-836-3033, by April 11.

## **Snuggle Up With a Book at Lent**

by Mary-Lou Funston, Library Committee

How often have you asked of someone, “What are you giving up for Lent?”, usually in a rather light-hearted manner? Friends and I were talking about this some years ago, and one person said that she was not giving up anything at all for Lent but rather, would try to do positive actions instead. What that might be would depend upon you. I am planning to write a note of appreciation to each of my friends and family – so at least one per day for the season of Lent. So, I invite you to think creatively about this season, and how you might prepare for the glory of Easter.

*I have chosen a few books that may be helpful in taking you thoughtfully through these 6 weeks until the celebration of Easter.*



**FAMILY COUNTDOWN TO EASTER: A Day-by-Day Celebration.** Debbie Trafton  
O’Neal 249 O’NE

This is an activity book that counts down the days until Easter, with an activity of some sort for each day. The book also originally came with stickers and a sheet to put them on, however that has disappeared. However, the activities are relatively easy to do and so I recommend the book to you and your children.

*The rest of the ones I want to recommend are all daily reflections for the season.*



**HOW THEN SHALL I LIVE?** Lenten Reflections on the Call of the Cross. Lynn Godfrey, editor 242.34 GOD

This is a compilation of reflections put together by the UCC, with each day written by a different person. Three names I know many of you (if not all) will recognize: Linnea Good – Ash Wednesday, Elizabeth Eberhart-Moffat and Dawn Vaneyk. You may know some or all of the others.



**A LENTEN HOBO HONEYMOON** Daily Reflections for the Journey of Lent. Edward Hays 242.34 HAY

Hays likens Jesus to a hobo with “nowhere to lay his head”. The word also reminds us that we are HO-meward BO-und pilgrims in this life. He sees Lent as “a joy-filled journey with God...”



**THERE’S NO ATM IN THE WILDERNESS:** Daily Reflections for Lent. United Church of Canada 242 UNI

This is another compilation produced by the UCC. “This book of daily devotions...invites us to consider biblical words about money and what they mean for us today.”



**WHAT’S IN A WORD:** 40 Words of Jesus for the 40 Days of Lent. David Winter 242.34 WIN

The author writes, “Each day...let just one word from the Bible– a word of Jesus - speak to you.”

*I will put all of these books out on stands on the shelves, where they can be plainly seen. I do hope you will visit the Library, explore some of the other volumes on Lent/Easter (on the shelf under Biography), and borrow whatever captures your spirit.*

## **Time to Dish Up a Saturday Night Supper**

by Jill Gill, SNS Coordinator

Harcourt’s next opportunity to host Saturday Night Supper at Royal City Church, 50 Quebec Street, is April 22. We require twelve volunteers on the night, to prepare and serve dinner and many more folks to prepare the food. Our menu includes pasta casserole (recipe provided and available on Harcourt’s website), Caesar salad, pickles, cheese,



assorted fruit pies, vanilla ice cream, milk, juice and coffee. Cash donations for food purchases will also be gratefully received.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Greeting Place, in early March, where you can indicated how you are able to help out. Or, if you prefer to volunteer online at Sign Up Genius, go to the Harcourt website; click on “Connect to Community”; scroll down and click on “Saturday Night Supper”; then scroll down to “Sign up online”.

Food and volunteers should be at the church (backdoor entrance opposite the Baker Street Parking lot) by 5 p.m. Servers will be needed until approximately 8 p.m. Be sure to sign up for this fun and rewarding evening. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support for this worthwhile outreach activity, serving a nutritious, hot meal to some of Guelph’s most food-insecure individuals.



## **Chalmer’s Capital Campaign Takes ‘a Minute’**

by Peter Fill, CCSC Board Chair

Following a meeting with council and consultation with the ministerial staff, I am delighted to announce that CCSC will be launching its capital campaign at Harcourt on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the second Sunday of lent.

During the five Sundays of lent we will be sharing ‘minute for mission’ stories of the impact Chalmers has on members of our community – both guests and volunteers. Solicitation letters and pledge forms will be available for all Harcourt members on 12<sup>th</sup> March and subsequent Sundays and will be mailed to those who are unable to pick them up.

The Chalmers organization is enormously grateful for the support it receives from the Harcourt congregation and we look forward to a successful campaign as we prepare to relocate to our new premises.

## **Let's Hear it for the United Church Observer!**

by Ann Estill

What a wonderful magazine. Every issue has something of interest, challenging me to be my own best self. The *Editor's essay* and the *Letters to the Editor* are unfailingly

stimulating. My son on the Bruce Peninsula, who reads widely in politics and economics, never fails to mention an article or two when we are together. "It keeps me plugged into the wider world" he says.

Information on ordering a subscription will be available in April with a convenient envelope for your payment.

## **Prayer on a Snowy Sunday (from the February 12<sup>th</sup> service)**

by Roz Stephenson

We gather together, asking your blessing and guidance  
for ourselves and for this congregation  
as we SEEK, CONNECT and ACT.

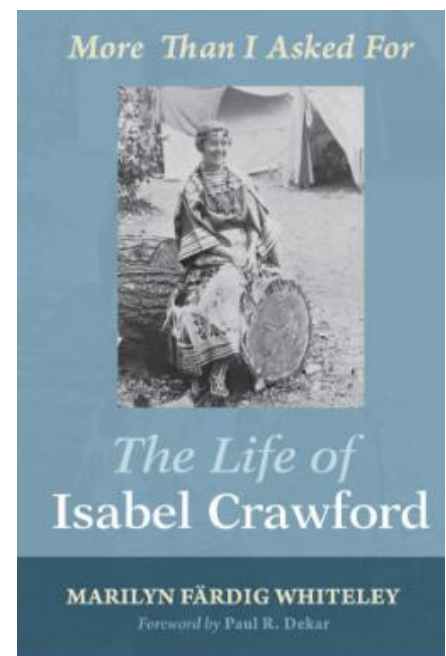
We come to praise and thank you.  
We come to reflect and pray.  
We come to strengthen one another.  
We come to sing and rejoice.

Speak to our seeking hearts,  
Connect us in community together.  
Guide us in how we act,  
That we may be of service to you.     Amen.

## **Book Review**

by Dorothy McCrady

If you share an interest in the role women played in church history be sure to read The Life of Isabel Crawford: More Than I Asked For (Pickwick Publications, 2015) written by our own Marilyn Whiteley and recently added to the Harcourt Library collection. This biography is both fascinating and informative, detailing the career of Canadian-American Baptist missionary Isabel Crawford who lived from 1864 to 1961 and who worked with the Kiowa Native Americans in the Oklahoma Territory at the turn of the twentieth century. Crawford was determined to carry out her cross-cultural mission and championed the preservation of Kiowa culture despite the social and religious norms of the day. She developed a lasting bond with the Kiowa people. She was an independent and



courageous woman overcoming many obstacles as she worked to proclaim the gospel. Crawford kept diaries documenting her career and Marilyn Whiteley has made frequent use of them to enhance the telling of Crawford's remarkable life story.

## Harcourt Communal Garden

by Jill Gill

As I write this article for the Herald, we are experiencing unseasonably warm temperatures and enjoying the warmth of the sun. The perfect setting to encourage thoughts of growing vegetables, herbs and fruits in the Harcourt Communal Garden this coming spring and summer.



This will be the seventh season harvesting edibles from several on-ground and raised beds on the western perimeter of the parking lot and a bed adjacent to the Memorial Garden. So far we have grown 1,728 kgs (3,802 lbs) of fresh, organically grown fruits, vegetables and herbs for donation to the Chalmers Community Services Centre (CCSC) food pantry. These are distributed to CCSC guests and supplement the regular food offerings that they receive. CCSC is a Harcourt-supported charity.

The Communal Garden is entirely maintained by volunteers who plant, water, weed and harvest during the spring, summer and fall. Last year we had ten folks who worked in teams of three for about 2-3 hours each week. Each team volunteered six times, on average, from June until the end of October. This year we would like to increase our volunteer base, so if helping in the Harcourt Communal Garden is an activity that interests you, please join us for a short planning meeting (approx. 1 hour) following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 2, in the Chapel. You do not need to have expertise in vegetable growing, just a willingness to learn and get your hands dirty!

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would still like to volunteer to help with the garden, or have any questions, please contact Jill Gill at 519.767.1244 or email me at [peter.gill@sympatico.ca](mailto:peter.gill@sympatico.ca).

**NOTICE:** Please note that the Harcourt Herald has a new e-mail address. From the April issue onward we look forward to receiving your submissions by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. You will receive an automatic receipt when they are received. Please send them by e-mail to:

**[Herald@HarcourtUC@gmail.com](mailto:Herald@HarcourtUC@gmail.com)**



**Come One - Come All**  
**To the Annual**  
**Harcourt Church**  
**Garage Sale**

*April 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*From 8:30 am to Noon*



# The “World” at Harcourt's Doorstep: University of Guelph

by Stan Bunston

Were you able to be present at Harcourt on that recent snowy Sunday, February 12, to hear and talk with Andrew Hyde, the Ecumenical Campus Minister? His message about the presence on the University of Guelph (U of G) campus of the Ecumenical Campus Ministry (ECM) and biblical understandings of Christian formation was thought provoking and inspired this follow up article about a looming time of crisis and opportunity for ECM.

Last summer I dropped in at the Annual Meeting of the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. That short time of learning with a dozen attendees, mostly board members and clergy, at Raithby House on the university campus has stayed on

my mind and heart ever since. In a nutshell, if the United, Anglican and Presbyterian congregations and their respective connections, such as Presbytery / Diocese cannot come up with a vision / strategy for financing of this ministry to a university population over 28,000, ECM will likely not be able to continue beyond 2018.



Here are a few quotes and extracts from recent reports regarding ECM's financial position:

1. ECM now runs an annual deficit of approximately \$40,000.
2. Aside from providing office and classroom space without charge, the University of Guelph contributes zero funding to ECM – faith communities and individuals are responsible for ECM's budget.
3. With cutbacks in denominational funding, ECM relies more and more on local churches and individuals to support our ministry.

What role does ECM play in the life of the University of Guelph? Here are some words from Andrew Hyde (see bio below) our talented experienced full time chaplain who is half way through his 3 year contract--the same Andrew who is accompanying Harcourt through its 20/20 process to assess and determine its future direction:

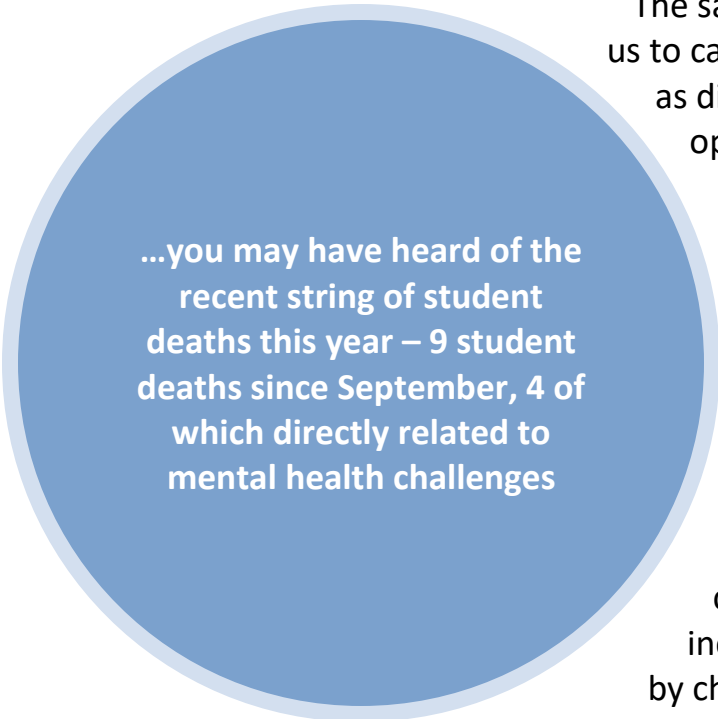
“The University of Guelph is a great place to be. I witness every day, the welcoming community that exists here and the ways this campus inspires and encourages young people at an important stage in their life.

This campus is also an important place for the Church to be. I sit down regularly with students, from church and non-church backgrounds, who are struggling with the pressures and demands of campus life. They need the support, meaning and encouragement that we can offer as people of faith.”

Here is another significant comment:

“We have been planted on this campus, as representatives of our churches, because the needs among that community are real and profound; you may have heard of the recent string of student deaths this year – 9 student deaths since September, 4 of which directly related to mental health challenges.”

As we at Harcourt wrestle with where God may be inviting us to put our energies, one direction is clear – we are called to go beyond our beloved church building, inspired by what happens within those walls, to connect with and serve the people and communities outside, in their space and midst their lives.



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The same Spirit which takes us to Chalmers also invites us to care for our student neighbours at the U of G. Here, as distinct from a capital campaign, we need on-going operational support on a relatively modest scale. Harcourt can lead the way, encouraging the other local churches.

Our Harcourt 2017 budget calls for a contribution to ECM of \$1,800. In my view the target for the total contribution from the Harcourt community – individually and through our Harcourt budget -- could realistically be in the range of \$10,000-20,000 whether that is by fund raising projects, contribution from our Harcourt budget or an increase in individual contributions. The latter can be by cheque or on-line (see details below).


God will always be doing a new thing to bless those young lives! What a wonderful opportunity right in front of us to co-create with Spirit and have a positive impact on those young lives. Andrew Hyde has a strong commitment to continuing his ministry at U

of G. Here are just a few of this past Fall activities of ECM, beyond the important 1:1 pastoral support of students by Andrew as a chaplain:

1. Orientation week – welcoming new students. Events included a LGBTQ affirming church roundtable, labyrinth workshop, hymn sing and multi-faith BBQ.
2. “Christian Conversations” - Lots of rich conversations, instigated by great videos, led by Rev. John Lawson.
3. Small Group – We started with Alpha, but ended the term with an in-depth study of Christ's Parables.
4. Community Dinners – Every Wednesday with our ECM friends. Thanks to Harcourt, Trinity and Three Willows for providing meals for this term.
5. Serving the University – This Fall, ECM participated in Commencement ceremonies, spoke at the Remembrance Day ceremony, participated on the Multi-Faith Resource Team, and sat on the OUTime Advisory Committee.
6. Networking with Church Partners – At church meetings, on Sunday mornings, at youth events, and around town. It's such a joy to be in relationship, and forge new relations with, local churches.

You can find out more about what goes on at ECM on line- most readily by finding the “Ecumenical Campus Ministry at U. of Guelph” on Facebook, including the link to newsletters and also at [www.ECMguelph.org](http://www.ECMguelph.org). Here is Andrew's bio!

**Andrew Hyde**, the Ecumenical Campus Minister at the University of Guelph, is a Designated Lay Minister of the United Church of Canada. He grew up as part of the Eramosa Pastoral Charge, and at St. Paul's United, Milton. Andrew has a degree in English Language and Literature from Queen's University, a Masters of Theological Studies from McMaster Divinity College, and 16 years experience working with youth and young adults in the United Church. Andrew is about halfway through his three year contract with ECM. He and his family (spouse Andrea, children Owen and Lucy) moved to Guelph this past summer. The Ecumenical Campus Ministry is the on-campus home of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church, and a core member of the UofG's Multi-Faith Resource Team.



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Andrew concluded his Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> message with these words (Andrew's entire Message is available):

“So thank you Harcourt United, for the various ways you support campus ministry at the University of Guelph, and all the things you do to serve and encourage and mentor and guide Christians at all stages of their faith journey. It is an honour and a blessing to serve and journey with you together. Amen.”

Let's help Andrew grow this vital ministry. Together, we can do it!

***Ways to help – financial and otherwise – if this need touches your heart:***

***Time and resources:***

It would be wonderful if each church had people inspired to “champion” our connection to ECM – ideas on fundraising efforts or ways to strengthen our connections to this university community. Our Justice and Outreach Committee has already made steps in this direction.

***Financial:***

If you would like to give financially towards the work of the Ecumenical Campus Ministry there are two ways to do that. Tax receipts are available:

- (1) Send a cheque made out to “Ecumenical Campus Ministry – University of Guelph” to:  
Ecumenical Campus Ministry  
University of Guelph  
50 Stone Road E.,  
Guelph, ON  
N1G 2W1
- (2) Donate online through Canada Helps ...[www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)  
Use the Search to find “Ecumenical Campus Ministry at U. of Guelph”. One-time or monthly donation options available



# Andre Hyde's Message: The ECM Can Change Lives!

submitted by Stan Bunston  
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## 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Good morning. As was mentioned earlier, my name is Andrew Hyde and I serve as the Ecumenical Campus Minister at the University of Guelph. Some of you here are familiar with the campus, and the ecumenical chaplaincy, and some of you likely know its history even better than I do. Yet for those who may not know the campus or ECM, or for whom it has been a while, let me give a brief picture of what we do.

The University of Guelph is now home to more than 28,000 students, approx. 22,000 of which are undergrads. The Ecumenical Campus Ministry is the on-campus home of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church, offering small group studies, worship experiences,



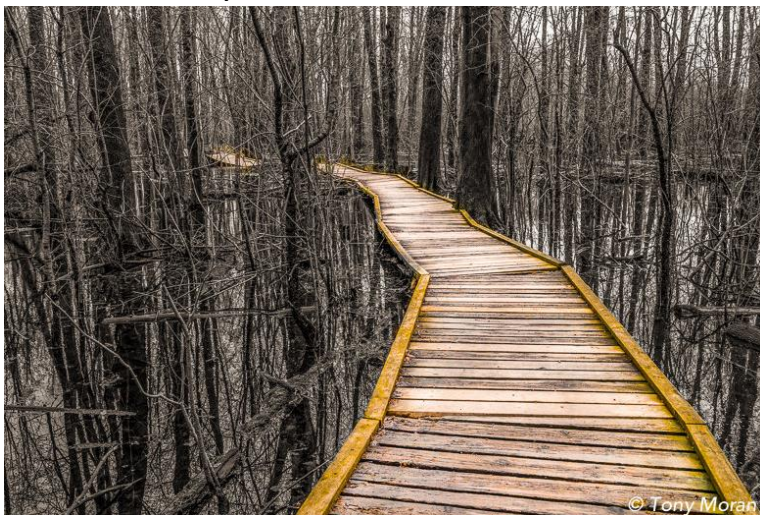
and pastoral care consistent with those mainline protestant churches. We are funded entirely by those three traditions through denominational grants, local churches, and individuals. The university contributes zero funding to our budget, and actually charges us to do aspects of our work. We have been planted on this campus, as representatives of our churches, because the needs among that community are real and profound; you may have heard of the recent string of student deaths this year – 9 student deaths since September, 4 of which

directly related to mental health challenges. We affirm that as followers of Jesus, we have something important to offer the young people of this new generation – a source of hope, an affirming presence, life-giving community, and a message of inclusion, peace, justice and love – that may set an important trajectory for, or may even save, a life.

It's an honour to be with you today, because your partnership with both the university and the chaplaincy have been so valuable. I was last here almost a year ago, to introduce myself as the new chaplain in town. I was thinking back over how much has changed since that Sunday a year ago. For one, Rev. Wendy was still with us, helping me lead the service, prior to her retirement. I know how welcoming she was of me and can only imagine how she is missed here in this place, even as you look forward to new things. I've since been able to catch a glimpse or two of the considerable work this congregation has done, to envision and

discern where you are and where God is leading you. I understand too that I may have the opportunity to walk with Harcourt a little while longer, into the Search process, which I am excited about. It's been a real encouragement to see the level of care and enthusiasm with which this congregation has attended the changing face of this community, and the evolving role of a worshipping community in this neighbourhood.

For me personally, now that I am about halfway through my contract with ECM, I am beginning to feel like I have a clue about what I'm doing. Or at the very least, I can find my way around campus and around Guelph – our family moved to town this past summer, and we now live just the other side of Stone Road. Suffice it to say, I am beginning to feel more comfortable and confident (and some days even bold) in my ministry skin. Of course, vocationally this leads me to ask new and different questions, about the future prospects of campus ministry, about the priorities we set as a church, and about the hopes God might have for us as we relate to people who, by age or by choice, are new to Christian faith and a Christ-like community. As someone who feels a call to the Spiritual Formation of young people, it



does seem to me that we never really become experts, but instead learn to ask different and better questions as we grow and develop and mature in our callings.

Some of these questions get raised in passages like the one from 1 Corinthians we just read this morning. In it, Paul addresses some divisions that have crept into the newly formed church at Corinth, and gives us three images of what Spiritual Formation looks like, to guide our thinking

about what happens in faith communities and the lives of individual Christians. The first image is about the Food we eat, and the progression from mother's milk to solid food. The second image is from the Field, where one person plants a seed, and another waters, and presumably another cultivates and weeds and prunes the maturing plant, right up to the point of harvest. The third image is that of a Foundation, where one person builds a solid base, and another builds upon it, the framing, the drywall, the roof, until a home is built. These images, of Food and Field and Foundation, invite us to think about how we envision, and what we believe about, Spiritual Formation and how we recognize, let alone foster, spiritual growth.

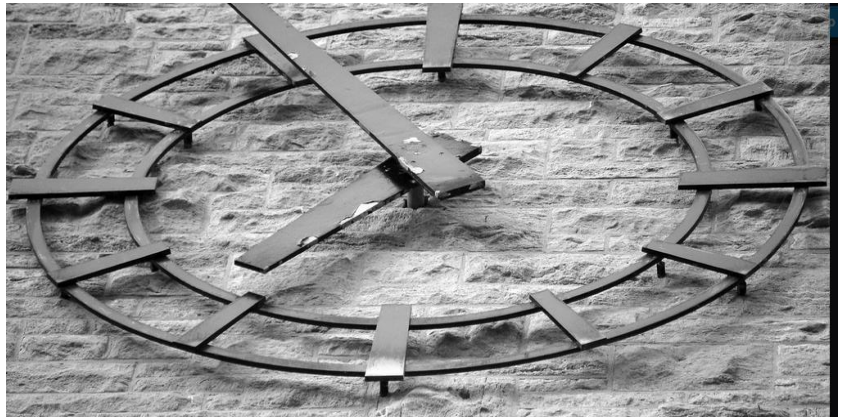
Here again, there are a variety of images and practices to choose from. For instance, in many mainline churches, you would swear the primary understanding of Spiritual Formation was based upon time served – the progression from “newcomer” to “established family” being the primary currency for credibility and standing. In some places, this progress is hard won too, with faithful servants of 15 or more years being seen still as newcomers to the



congregation. Of course, when a student is only in town for a handful of months over a handful of years, the time served notion of Spiritual Formation doesn't hold much promise.

In other circles, fans of Marcus Borg and other progressive Christian authors might say that Spiritual Formation is about how we read the bible, and that the more our interpretations shift from literal to metaphorical, the more we are growing and maturing. Evangelicals like Dallas Willard might say that Spiritual Formation is about how the strength of our inner convictions translate or give form to outward works of love and mercy – it's about how we walk the talk. The famed Catholic thinker, Henri Nouwen describes Spiritual Formation as the movement from the head to the heart, where through prayer we are reunited with God, each other, and our truest selves. Paul himself seems, in our passage, to envision Spiritual Formation as a progression from being people of ordinary flesh, to being people of the Spirit.

Each of these images has their strengths and weaknesses, which we could discuss and debate at great length. Suffice it to say, part of what our passage affirms is that we belong to a way of faith that grows and develops and matures, over time, through effort, nurture, and God's grace. Ours is not a light switch faith. Distinctions like on and off, in or out, us and them, matter less than our trajectory, where we're growing, the questions we're asking, the things we are wrestling with. It also raises the possibility that our journeys may be messy and unique and less logical than we may want to project on people from our particular vantage point.



And so another question this passage raises for me, is about how we think about, talk about, and relate with people who are earlier on the journey of Christian faith than we are. Like many folks, I have my occasional issues with Paul and how he puts things. Human sexuality, and female leadership aside... I, for one, might question whether it's helpful to write a struggling group of new Christians and call them a bunch of babies. I might think the situation calls for a little more tact than that. It can be easy for those with higher standing in the church, to look down on those who are newer or younger or less spiritually seasoned, versed, or read. It happens all the time, in obvious and less obvious ways.

I, for one, know that I have experienced churches that are so anxious about their future, they neglect to engage new Christians with the kind of empathy and grace required to nurture people into their next, most faithful step. I believe there are things we need to hear or see, experience or have affirmed to us, that keep us moving in the right direction, whether we are

a child in the nursery, a first year university student, or a new retiree. And I believe these messages of empathy and grace are too seldom embodied and conveyed, because we are so fearful about our future, so involved in our battles, so invested in spiritual preservation at the cost of spiritual formation, to nurture the very futures that are right under our nose, or studying just down the street.

The specter of elitism is something that received a lot of push-back in the American presidential campaign this past year. Push back happens when you have no choice but to stay in relationship with someone you disagree with. When new Christians encounter spiritual elitism, especially in this post-Christendom day, they don't push back, but simply walk away – which I believe is what has happened to a lot of the young people who once participated in our communities. When I encounter young Christians on campus, I need to recognize that being a young person of faith today, is different than when I was their age. I need to approach them as a learner, just as much, if not more, than as a teacher or mentor. Elitism can have no place in our churches, or in our sense of Spiritual Formation, if we want to connect with young Christians.



And then lastly, this passage raises questions for me about how we relate with people who accompany others at different points of the spiritual journey. Just prior to our passage, in chapter 1, Paul writes this...

***10** Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. **11** For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there*

*are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. **12** What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." **13** Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

According to Paul, the various ministries that have shaped the community at Corinth are not a cause for division, but a sign of unity and the vastness of God. These are fellow workers, not rivals. Servants, not superstars. They each illuminate an aspect of God's character and each accompany people at different stages of their faith journey.

Maybe you can think of a particular minister or author or ministry that spoke to your soul in special ways for a portion of your journey. The patchwork of voices through which God speaks into our lives, is a gift from God, and each one is important. Whether you are the Sunday School teacher or the hospice chaplain, the scholarly preacher or the youth group leader, your ministry matters and is valuable to the community – so long as it is rooted in and reflects the love of God shown in Jesus.

This is why I appreciate so much the support Harcourt United has shown to the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. I think it's fair to say, that if any church in Guelph had the opportunity to be a spiritual ivory tower, it would be Harcourt. The number of accomplished and thoughtful people in this congregation, with experience in ministry and business and academia, make it feel more like visiting the faculty club than the frat house. Yet your support of our ministry with students - new Christians in the early stages of their journey – has been generous, consistent, and in many forms, from the financial to the prayerful, in delicious crock-pots, and in your meaningful presence at our events and AGM's. Your commitment to the Manna experiment, finding new ways to connect with young families, and the community youth drop-in, are commendable. For a congregation that values and exhibits spiritual maturity, your commitment to those in the early stages of their journey – whether by age or by choice – is exemplary.

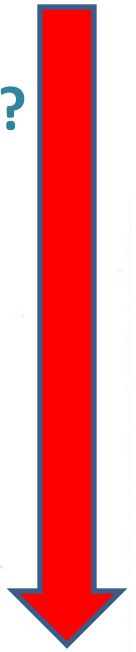
Can we do better? Are there still gaps? Of course. Do we step on each other's toes from time to time? You bet. Are ministries like ECM and Manna and youth programs at risk and underequipped, given the importance they have in determining our future as a community? They are. But I have hope. Because one of the characteristics I see in people who are spiritually mature, is a willingness to accompany those who are new to faith, a downward mobility if you will, that turns the world upside down, and models the love of God in important ways.

So thank you Harcourt United, for the various ways you support campus ministry at the University of Guelph, and all the things you do to serve and encourage and mentor and guide Christians at all stages of their faith journey. It is an honour and a blessing to serve and journey with you together. Amen.

# Who Said That? Bible Quiz. Can You Get Them All?

(Answers below)

1. **"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."**  
(Acts 26:28)
  - ☐ Ponteus Pilate
  - ☐ King Agrippa
  - ☐ King Herod
  - ☐ Saul
2. **"Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years."**  
(Luke 1:18)
  - ☐ Mark
  - ☐ Zacharias
  - ☐ Joseph
  - ☐ Peter
3. **"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire...."**  
(Matthew 3:11)
  - ☐ John the Baptist
  - ☐ Peter
  - ☐ Matthew
  - ☐ James
4. **"If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."**  
(Matthew 4:3)
  - ☐ a Sadducee
  - ☐ a Samaritan
  - ☐ a Pharisee
  - ☐ Satan
5. **"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."**  
(Matthew 4:19)
  - ☐ Satan
  - ☐ Jesus
  - ☐ Peter
  - ☐ John the Baptist
6. **"Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"**  
(Luke 18:18)
  - ☐ a Sadducee
  - ☐ Simon Peter
  - ☐ a rich ruler
  - ☐ a publican





7. **"Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss."**

*(Luke 23:40)*

- ☐ Martha
- ☐ Lazarus
- ☐ a Samaritan
- ☐ one of the thieves that was crucified with Jesus

8. **"Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw."**

*(John 4:15)*

- ☐ the good Samaritan
- ☐ Andrew
- ☐ the Samaritan woman at the well
- ☐ Mary Magdalene

9. **"Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water"**

*(Matthew 14:28)*

- ☐ Simon Peter
- ☐ Timothy
- ☐ Matthew
- ☐ James

10. **"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"**

*(Matthew 23:37)*

- ☐ King Herod
- ☐ Jesus
- ☐ Peter
- ☐ Paul

# Prayers of the People for Epiphany 2 (and how it got patched together!)

by Roz Stephenson

Holy Spirit, Giver of Light –

We experience each day the miracle that is Life,  
The life of the Earth, our home,  
The life that has been given to each one of us.

With wonder and gratitude, we recognize the gifts you have given to us:  
The air we breathe, the ground we stand on;  
The water that blesses us - as rain, snow, sleet and ice;  
The living world, of plants, animals – and microbes – which sustain us.  
The food that keeps us strong,  
As does the love and fellowship of family, friends and community.  
We thank you.

We acknowledge that sometimes we are not fully aware of the miracles that surround us.  
Life seems not perfect.  
We are not perfect. We fall, we get up .... We go on ....

We are always people in transition, dealing with a world of changes -planetary, political  
and personal.  
And sometimes we don't like the changes;  
we fear them, or regret them.  
We anticipate others with anxiety.

We have doubts.  
We have ambitions and dreams.  
We hold dear both people and possessions,  
And we struggle with what we should be doing.  
We seem born to be discontented,  
always looking for something more.  
And Jesus asks: **“What are you looking for?”**  
and invites us to **“Come and See”**.

Holy Spirit, Enlighten us.  
Assure us of your presence,  
and make us aware of the God who is with each of us. In us.  
Bring us each to an Epiphany moment;



Fully awake, aware and active.  
Open our hearts to the light of life.  
Let it change us, complete us, and  
Help us find our true selves  
Help us recognize you at work in everything;  
Bless us with the peace we seek.

Life is not always perfect, and we bring so much to you in prayer –  
Not only for ourselves, but for those we know who suffer,  
and those who mourn;  
for those who struggle and those who fear;  
for those in need of your compassion and our care.

We pray for all the people of the world,  
We are sometimes aware of their anguish and needs from  
things we hear or read – but often not.  
May we do what we can, whenever and however we can,  
out of our love for you  
May we be a light to others.

Bless too, your Church, including this congregation and community:  
May we be eager to “Come and See”.  
May we be ready to share the invitation with others.  
May we Know you more clearly,  
Love you more dearly,  
And Follow you more nearly - day by day.



## Answers to the Bible Quiz Above (Page 24 & 25)

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# nnouncements

- **Volunteers and Donations Needed for the Annual Harcourt Garage Sale (and Preschool Sale)** taking place on **Saturday April 8**, 2017 8:30 AM to 12 PM. Please bring your gently used items to the gym on **Friday April 7**. Any and all volunteers needed, whether you have some time on Friday or Saturday or both. Friday we sort and display, Saturday morning we sell and at noon we really appreciate energetic folk who can pack-up any leftovers. For more information, please contact Frank or Janet Webster by e-mail at [fwebst0953@rogers.com](mailto:fwebst0953@rogers.com) or 519 821-0953.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are TWO Garage Sales at Harcourt. In February, a number of people asked me why the garage sale was so early this year. Others apologised that they would not be able to donate or help with the March sale. In other years, I heard from members of the public that they believed the sale in April was comprised of leftovers of the first sale and therefore it was not worth attending. So, please note that yes, there are TWO SEPARATE sales at Harcourt in the spring. The one in March supports the Chalmers Community Services and the one in April, the general operating budget of our congregation. The proceeds of the sale in the Preschool also on April 8th but in the Friendship Room, goes to their programs. Please contact Janet or Frank Webster if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Weekend with Diana Butler Bass - **AWAKENING TO CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUAL VOICES** Based on "Grounded: Finding God in the World". Four events on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 22 – 24, 2017. For more information contact UCC Hamilton Conference by e-mail at [ramack@hamconf.org](mailto:ramack@hamconf.org) or 905-659-3343 ext. 227.
- From Canada to Kenya: Helping girls stay in school. Read about how this organization, many of whom are members of Harcourt Church, are working with Farmers Helping Farmers through the Empower Sewing Group in Guelph, to produce **Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits**. They will be distributed to FHF twinned schools to girls in Kenya who may otherwise stay away from school when they have their periods. These kits will give days to girls – valuable days in school – that will help them pursue their future. To learn more about this amazing project visit: <https://peikenya2017.wordpress.com/2017/02/06/from-canada-to-kenya-helping-girls-stay-in-school/>



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## Playing and Praying: Sports and Religion

by Gillian Joseph

*“When I went down, I was like ‘what’s happening, why am I on the ground’? And suddenly there’s this hand on my shoulder like ‘Get up, get up, we have to finish this.’”* In the 2016 Olympics in Rio, during the 5000m qualifying race, New Zealander Nikki Hamblin fell down hard, and as she did so she accidentally tripped US runner Abbey D’Agostino who also fell. Yet D’Agostino, a professed Christian, got back up on her feet almost immediately. What’s more, rather than continuing to run on by herself, D’Agostino stopped to give her competitor



Hamblin a hand up. The two continued the race, each stopping along the way to help the other while they coped with their injuries (Elliott, 2016).

D’Agostino is not alone in the world of sports, as an increasing number of athletes from many different top-level sports are becoming more vocal about the importance of faith in their lives. *“What was I running for?”* said 24 year old

D’Agostino. *“Christian faith has always been a part of my life, but it kind of made this transition from something that was in my head, and something that I believed in my head, to something that I could really feel in my heart - and I felt like I didn’t want to run for other people any more. I wanted to run for something that was secure, and that was God. Something so much greater than me”* (Lodge, 2016). Canadian Olympic bobsledder Lyndon Rush shares similar sentiments. *“I’ve screwed up lots”* he says, *“but I can’t imagine my life without Christ”*. *“People get depressed from success because the praise of man goes away and humans let you down. But if your life goal is to glorify your Maker, you’ll never have that empty feeling”* (Bonham, 2012).

The existence of organizations such as Christians in Sport (CIS) in the UK and The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and The Center for Sport and Jewish Life in the US, points toward the significant number of religious athletes, particularly in North America. In 2009 a survey revealed that 23.6 million adults (11.3% of the US population) are or have been

involved with FCA as an athlete, coach, volunteer or donor (FCA, 2013). Originally introduced more than 25 years ago in the US, Athletes in Action (AIA) is another Christian organization that came to Canada several years ago, focusing its ministry on the domain of sport. As well as organizing events such as speakers' series and summer sports camps, each year the organization sponsors a celebrity dinner or breakfast where the community can come and be inspired by hearing the stories of faith from well-known athletes who talk about how their beliefs have been an integral part of their athletic career. Rod Alm, the Director of Athletes in Action's Campus Division in Saskatchewan recalls that he attended a 2013 Grey Cup breakfast where the highlight of the event was hearing the testimonials of professional players and celebrity coaches. *"To hear from people such as Kent Austin (head coach, Tiger-Cats), Henry Burris (Quarterback, Tiger-Cats), and John Chick (defensive lineman, Roughriders) and to listen to them confess their faith in Christ openly, gives you a rare insight into men who play a difficult and often violent game"* (Taylor, 2017).

In an in-depth study of nine former NCAA Division Christian athletes, researchers from Samford University and the University of Tennessee found that prayer helped athletes cope with the stress of competition and it also provided a sense of self-worth and mission that went beyond winning and losing (Briggs, 2012). Yet, making connections between sports and religion is not a new thing. Christian historians point out that athleticism was important to the early church, and there are many references made to it in the New Testament. For example, a *race* is a metaphor used by the Apostle Paul when he encourages Christians in first Corinthians (9:24-26) to think about their lives in terms of *racing* towards a prize and not *boxing* into thin air. Athletics is also noted in the book of Hebrews (12:1) where perseverance is encouraged with respect to running a *race* that has been well marked out. In the Mediaeval period, sporting activities were often part of religious feasts and festivals, and for centuries the church promoted sports and games as a way of nurturing the body as well as the soul (Wikipedia, 2016).

Priests of early North and South American tribes are considered by some to have been the first professional players. Their task was to prepare games of chance to force nature to bring rain which would enable crops to grow. Even the ancient Olympic games, which began in 776 BC, centred on the temple of Olympia and the taking of oaths to Zeus to emphasize the important religious significance of sport.

In more modern times, some fans have been highly committed to their favourite stars and teams in a way that provides meaning to their lives; facilitating a transformative experience through which they can escape the potential monotony of everyday life in the same way that a religious experience may also accomplish this. Yet, Christianity is not the only religion to connect its principles to sport. For example, basketball star Phil Jackson incorporated his Buddhist faith into his coaching strategies. He suggests that athletes need



more than just physical strength in order to be successful. Developing mental and spiritual strength is fundamental to Buddhism, and through this approach he is able to communicate these concepts easily and meaningfully (Vecsey, 1994). In addition, Varun Soni, Dean of Religious Life at University of South Carolina, suggests that the links between sport and religion are not just strong for athletes alone, but they are also strong for the fans. Despite their heavy losses, Soni (2014) argues that being a LA Clippers basketball fan has made him a better Hindu because he has been able to make those strong connections between his favourite sport and the principles of his religious beliefs.

Interestingly, basketball is one of the most popular sports among Muslims in the US and there are at least eight Muslim players in the US National Basketball Association (four Turks, two African Americans, one Iranian, and one Tanzanian). Omar Sacirbey (2012) suggests that for many Muslim Americans, college and professional basketball provides heroes that they can take pride in and are symbols of affirmation at a time when they may face hostility from some Americans. Furthermore, playing basketball, like practicing religion, serves as a way to reach out and develop connections to fellow believers while also reaching out to others who may not necessarily share your way of thinking. However, British author Oliver Holt (2015) warns that connecting religion with sport, particularly in cultures where Christianity is dominant, can sometimes facilitate intolerance and racism. He cites the lack of complaint from UK football fans when the media published pictures of Christian athletes engaging in prayer, but a public outcry of “disgrace” which took place when the media images showed Muslim football players praying quietly in a private corner of the field. Others have also noted the online criticism from fans who were angry when players missed games that fell on important religious days such as Sundays or the Jewish Yom Kippur.

In 2006, Cindy Klassen became the first Canadian female speed skater to win five medals in one Olympic game and the first to win six Olympic medals in total. As well as being given a number of prestigious awards, Klassen was also rewarded in 2010 when the Royal Canadian Mint released a special edition of its Vancouver 2010 Olympic Moments collection, the 25-cent quarter, featuring Klassen's pose in honour from the Turin Games in 2006. In a recent interview Klassen stated that *“The ultimate reason I'm skating is for Christ, for my faith. I feel like God has given me this gift to skate and I want to glorify him through my skating”* (The Christian Athlete, nd). As more athletes come forward to describe how religion has shaped their experience and their careers, the inter-relationship between ‘playing and praying’ continues to be a fascinating and inspirational topic.

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## Harcourt Calendar – March 2017

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### **Wednesday March 1**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

9:30am Lightshine Singers [F]  
9:30am Taize Service [C]  
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]  
6:30pm Guides [F]  
6:45pm Beavers [G]  
7:00pm Creative Intentions [C]  
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service [S]

### **Thursday March 2**

8:45am Mindstretch [202]  
9:30am Stroke Recovery Executive [F]  
1:30pm Park'n Dance [G/F]  
2:00pm Affirming Ministries Face to Face [C]  
7:00pm Sharing Evenings [F]  
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

### **Saturday March 4**

9:30am Spiritual Committee—Week of Guided Prayer [C]

### **Sunday March 5**

9:00am Worship [C]  
10:30am Worship [S]  
10:30am “Manna” Service [G/F]

### **Monday March 6**

#### **Office Closed**

1:30pm Prayer Shawl Group [202]  
6:50pm Communications Committee [L]  
7:00pm Scouts [G]

### **Tuesday March 7**

10:00am Exploring the Psalms [F]  
11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings  
6:45 Cubs [G]  
7:00pm Drama as a Spiritual Tool [202]  
7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

### **Wednesday March 8**

8:00am Men's Group [F]  
9:30am Lightshine Singers [F]  
9:30am Taize Service [C]  
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]  
6:30pm Guides [F]  
6:45pm Beavers [G]  
7:00pm Ministry & Personnel Committee [L]  
7:00pm Property Committee [C]  
7:30pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

### **Thursday March 9**

8:45am Mindstretch [202]  
1:30pm Park'n Dance [G/F]  
6:30pm Beginner's Yoga [G]  
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

### **Friday March 10**

10:30am Spirituality in Music [C]

### **Saturday March 11**

10:00am Sacred Circle Dance [G]

### **Sunday March 12**

9:00am Worship [C]  
10:30am Worship [S]  
10:30am “Manna” Service [G/F]

### **Monday March 13**

#### **Office Closed**

11:45am Caroline Harcourt Women's Fellowship [F]

### **Tuesday March 14**

10:00am Exploring the Psalms [F]  
11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings  
7:00pm Drama as a Spiritual Tool [202]  
6:45pm Cubs [G]  
7:00pm Worship Committee [C]  
7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

**Wednesday March 15**

9:30am Lightshine Singers [F]  
9:30am Taize Service [C]  
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]  
7:00pm Council Meeting [C]  
7:00pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

**Thursday March 16**

8:45am Mindstretch [202]  
6:30pm Beginner's Yoga [C]  
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

**Saturday March 18**

9:00am Chalmers Garage Sale [G]  
5:30pm Potluck and Games Night [G]

**Sunday March 19**

9:00am Worship [C]  
10:30am Worship [S]  
10:30am "Manna" Service [G/F]

**Monday March 20**

1:30pm Prayer Shawl Group [202]  
7:00pm Women's Spirituality [C]  
7:00pm Scouts [G]

**Tuesday March 21**

11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings  
11:30am Stroke Recovery Lunch [F]  
6:45pm Cubs [G]  
7:00pm Drama as a Spiritual Tool [202]  
7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

**Wednesday March 22**

9:30am Lightshine Singers [F]  
9:30am Taize Service [C]  
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]  
6:00pm Preschool Toy Wash [K]  
6:30pm Guides [F]  
6:45pm Beavers [G]  
7:00pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

**Thursday March 23**

8:45am Mindstretch [202]  
1:30pm Park'nDance [G/F]  
6:30pm Beginner's Yoga [G]  
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

**Friday March 24**

7:00pm Junior Youth Group [G/F]

**Saturday March 25**

1:30pm U of G Concert [S]

**Sunday March 26**

9:00am Worship [C]  
10:30am Worship [S]  
10:30am "Manna" Service [G/F]  
7:00pm High School Youth Group [202]

**Monday March 27****Office Closed**

8:00am Kwanis Junior Piano [S]  
9:30am Quilting Group [F]  
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Group [202]  
7:00pm ARCH Men's Social Group [202]  
7:00pm Scouts [G]

**Tuesday March 28**

8:00am Kwanis Junior Piano [S]  
10:00am Exploring the Psalms [F]  
11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings  
6:45pm Cubs [G]  
7:00pm Drama as a Spiritual Tool [202]  
7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

**Wednesday March 29**

8:00am Kwanis Junior Piano [S]  
9:30am Lightshine Singers [F]  
9:30am Taize Service [C]  
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]  
6:30pm Guides [F]  
6:45pm Beavers [G]  
7:00pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

**Thursday March 30**

8:00am Kwanis Junior Piano [S]  
8:45am Mindstretch [202]  
1:30pm Park'nDance [G/F]  
6:30pm Beginner's Yoga [G]  
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

**Friday March 31**

8:00am Kwanis Junior Piano [S]  
8:00pm U of G Concert—Winds [S]