

# In Remembrance

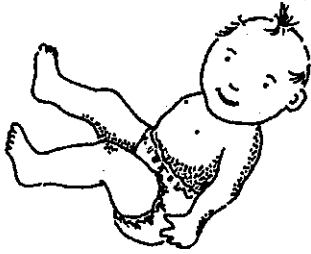


Adams, Carol Marie		May 6 <sup>th</sup>
Allen, Ray Vernon	*	December 10 <sup>th</sup>
Bishop, Velma Shirley		March 4 <sup>th</sup>
Crawford, Stella Lou		June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dawson, Evelyn Jane	*	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Edwards, Lorrie Ann	*	May 8 <sup>th</sup>
Edwards, Onnelle M		December 30 <sup>th</sup>
Fitzpatrick, Patricia Anne	*	October 30 <sup>th</sup>
Ford, David Walker	*	November 7 <sup>th</sup>
Gallagher, Lowell	**	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
Higgins, Brian Morley	*	June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Higgins, Elinor Irene	*	October 4 <sup>th</sup>
Hodgkins, Iris Helene	*	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
Holman, Betty Ann	*	June 10 <sup>th</sup>
Labombarbe, Archie William		November 29 <sup>th</sup>
Levi, Violet Jean	*	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
Linsley, Muriel Irene	*	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
Mason, Islay Mary Margaret	*	April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Moody, William Harry (Bill)		July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Olsen, Anna Lorraine	*	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
Parish, Donald Sydney		February 26 <sup>th</sup>
Queen, Jack Noble	*	October 24 <sup>th</sup>
Reive, Marjorie Eileen	*	October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Sanford, Flora Oswald		February 17 <sup>th</sup>
Staddon, Gladys	**	October 5 <sup>th</sup>
Szabo, Barbara	**	June 7 <sup>th</sup>
Watson, Donald Lloyd		November 13 <sup>th</sup>
Wellington, Charles John		January 8 <sup>th</sup>
Will, Dorothy	**	February 10 <sup>th</sup>

\* Members of Epworth as recorded in the Historic Roll

\*\* Members of Epworth not recorded in our Church Register

# Baptisms



Shirley Grace Reid

Adult Daughter of

Almon Mitton Vint & Susan Ann Brown

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Nina Jean DeLuca

Daughter of

Eric Charles DeLuca & Stephanie Jean Buhler

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Sadie Jane Teskey

Daughter of

Shawn Larry Luke Teskey & Mandy Lynn White

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Zara Rose Whitfield

Daughter of

Steven James Whitfield & Natasha Theresa Mullen

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Alessandro Daniel Garcia-Salas

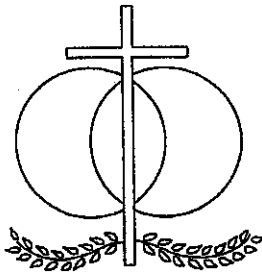
Giancarlo Declan Garcia-Salas

Marco Donovan Garcia-Salas

Sons of

Jorge Mario Garcia Salas Lemus & Sara Elizabeth Hart

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



## Weddings

Tina Marie Jannack & Bradley Ian Beaudoin  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Shawna Lynn Mackenzie & Tareq Mahmoud Mazloun  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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### Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Report 2016

The M&P committee has been busy this year and have worked with staff to ensure they maintain a productive and spiritual relationship with the Church. Vacations and leaves were granted when requested with the assistance of committees and other church members who have filled in or found someone to fill in for the various duties, the Church has run smoothly. A big thanks to all those who have helped to keep the flow going.

As part of our mandate the M&P have discussed wages and working terms with all employees and this year it was a minimal amount of only 1.1% as per the recommendation of the CPI. I am sure everyone is aware of the situation of our Organist and Choir Director, Bob Kissner, we have an agreement with Mr. Philip Schaus to fill in for Bob until he is able to return to us and resume his position.

Remember if you have any questions or concerns please contact any member of this committee and we will endeavour to satisfy them. As always it has been a privilege to serve the Church and we shall continue to do so for 2017.

**Yours in Faith: Larry Baker(chair), Don Coghill, Jason Wingerden,  
Marguerite Elliott.**

## From Your Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for the physical Church building, its contents and any sale of property. We also receive any monies left to the Church and decide what to do with those monies. As a result, we only meet when the need arises.

One of the most important responsibilities is to make certain that the Church is adequately insured. For the past 25 years, AVIVA was the insuring company, but this past year, they opted to raise premiums by 10% due to some large claims. As a result, the United Church sent out a request for proposals from other companies. RSA (Roysl Sun Alliance) was chosen as the new carrier since they would keep the policy "as is" with NO increase in premiums. Because we had not increased our limits in the last three years, based on the advice of our broker at HUB International, the Trustees voted to follow his advice, and hence, that move was made. Our deductible was also reduced from \$50,000 to \$5,000 due to a Group Funded Deductible.

The Archives and History Committee of the UCC is seeking to develop a national strategy for the preservation of all artifacts. We have to remember that the Church building and everything in it belong to the United Church of Canada. We are only the keepers. Thanks to Gord Queen, the Artifact's survey was completed and submitted as requested.

One bequest was received from the estate of the late Iris Hodgkins and these funds were turned over to the Finance Committee. A will was received from one Donelda Jean Barrows. A letter was sent to her lawyer acknowledging receipt of the will. Since Epworth was one of ten recipients named (5%), we will have no idea if we will receive anything.

Your Trustees are: Ken Womack (Chair), Barb Fick (Secretary), Rev. John van Omme, Marie Bailey, Marguerite Elliott, Doug Quick, Gord Queen, Don Skeates and Larry Baker (Corresponding).

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Womack*

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## ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Under the Accessibility Act the Epworth Church Board Executive formed as an interim committee at their December 13, 2011 Meeting and continue in this capacity at present.

A link to "Welcoming Communities - Practices and Procedures Accessible Customer Service Policy" can be found on the church web-site:  
[www.epworthkingsville.com](http://www.epworthkingsville.com)

As well as the link, we continue to receive updates and information on the web. We have actually done several things past and present to try to comply with the Policy but also to enhance those attending Epworth. A few of these things are: large print bulletins & music books, enhanced sound system, screens, hearing assists, automatic door and large print pew Bibles.

If we can be of service to anyone or you have any ideas on how we can improve Epworth to be more accessible, please let the Board Executive know.

## Church Board Year End Report for 2016

This past year has been interesting and busy for many reasons. We have experienced the loss of many of our dear members of the Epworth Family some of whom played a key role in the function of this church. Other events have occurred that have changed the way we carry out our daily functions. The board which consists of several standing committees: **Faith Formation and Christian Development, Outreach and Action, Ministry and Personnel, Finance, Property, Worship, Fundraising and Memorial.** Work diligently throughout the year to maintain the property and "business" of the Church.

There are other groups that also work hard throughout the year such as **the UCW, the Breakfast Bunch, Presbytery, Sunday School, Coats for Kingsville and the Trustees.** The tremendous amount of work of the people of these committees is apparent as you read the Reports. On behalf of the Board executive I would like to thank each and everyone on the committees for their hard work. The work could not be done without the support and assistance from the congregation who also contribute by donation or volunteer work whenever it is needed.

Because of your tremendous support the Community of Kingsville has noticed us in a more welcoming manner than that of the past and we wish to continue this trend to become a welcoming member to all in town.

Our Sunday services could not be possible without **the wonderful choir and our organist and the rest of the worship team.** Reverend John has done a remarkable job heading this team with his Guidance, wisdom and faith.

Last year Don Coghill said that "2016 will bring new challenges for Epworth" and boy was he right. I will continue to do my best to work with this amazing family of hard working and caring people and with faith and hope we will continue to grow and do Gods work. Let us pray that those family members, we have lost temporarily to illness or other will return to us anew, in the mean time we will keep them in our prayers.

It has been an honour to serve as Chair and I look forward to the Privilege of this position for 2017.

***Yours in Faith: Larry Baker.***



# ***REPORT FROM PRESBYTERY DELEGATES***

Epworth is part of Essex Presbytery which is one of the eight presbyteries in London Conference. Presbytery is a court of the United Church which consists of the Order of Ministry, as well as representatives from each Pastoral Charge. These representatives are appointed from the Church Boards according to the number of resident members in the Charge.

Essex Presbytery meets in the various churches during 2016 on the third Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 9:00p.m. There are no regular Presbytery meetings during the summer. The Executive takes care of any emergent business.

Our Presbytery delegates were Marjorie Reive and Lisa Reive. Each delegate is a member of a Presbytery Division. Both Marjorie and Lisa are on Faith Formation, and the Local Arrangements Committee. Our Minister John Van Omme represents Essex Presbytery at the Conference Executive.

As in other organizations, funds are required to carry on the work. Our dues fund the work at the London Conference as well as the Presbytery level. Essex Presbytery has some financial obligations such as Gesstwood Camp, and Downtown Mission and the Windsor Youth Centre are also supported. In addition, the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor require reimbursement. Each year, children and youth are offered funds to help them attend Children at Conference or Teen Forum. Presbytery Committees also try to provide programmes, events and workshops to support the churches. As a result, the Presbytery dues were \$49.50 in 2016 and will be \$55.39 in 2017.

The Annual 2016 London Conference was held at the Hellenic Centre in London on May 27 to May 29 and was hosted by Essex Presbytery. The Local Arrangements Committee did an amazing job taking Windsor and Essex County to London. Upon entering the building, one was greeted by butterflies, and geese. The theme continued in the main meeting room with grapevine centre pieces decorated with butterflies and birds. Each member of the Local Arrangements committee donned knitted tams and sashes in the colours of the Essex County Tartan. President Reverend Catherine Larmond presided over the conference. Her theme was "Travelling Along With You." The guest speaker was Reverend Doctor John Pentland from Hillhurst United Church in Calgary, Alberta. He is the author of the book entitled, Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith. He explained that church needs to be about meaning because people are looking for the spirit in action. During the course of the three days, the various committees presented their reports, celebrations for retirees and jubilands were held, as well as the Celebration of Minsitry for the Ordinands and those seeking Admission.

Your representatives will try to keep you in touch with the work of the Presbytery. Copies of minutes are available from them. Also they will gladly respond to questions at any time. You possibly can find answers to your questions from the website.

***Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Reive***

# Epworth Memorial Fund

During 2016 donations were made to the Memorial Fund in Memory of:

**Pat Fitzpatrick**  
**Muriel Linsley**  
**Flo Sanford**

**Gerald King**  
**Jack Queen**  
**Gary Sullivan**

**Marg Lewis**  
**Marjorie Reive**

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## Epworth Memorial Committee

What is a Memorial?

For the past few years the Epworth Memorial Committee have been attempting to gather historical information and photos of those who have gone before us at this Church. Starting with the Memorial Register of donations in memory of a loved one, a list is developed each year for a special Memorial Service. Building on the basic list of names the respective families are invited to share not only photos but memories of the individuals noting their contributions to the life and work of the Church and Community.

A memorial is more than the old little brass markers of the past. It is a tribute, shared with the congregation complete with a historical record for future generations to enjoy.

The Committee has now completed five years of service. Thanks goes to the research provided by Marilyn Armstrong-Reynolds. The balance of the committee is composed of The Rev. John van Omme, Debbie Allsop, Judy Horrocks, Sandy Smith, and myself.

Work is currently underway for the Memorial Service of 2017.

Gord Queen



# Epworth United Church Women

**PURPOSE:** "To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church, and to provide a medium through which they may experience loyalty to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service."

**RAINBOW UNIT:** meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30p.m.

It is the wish of the U.C.W. for all ladies of the congregation to attend any of our meetings. We have many great supporters who lend a hand at the various functions undertaken by the U.C.W. Their service is always welcome and greatly appreciated.



## RAINBOW UNIT 'HAPPENINGS' – 2016

- January Pot luck lunch followed by a brief business meeting. A discussion was held on ways we might change the structure of the UCW. Ongoing discussions will be held in 2016 with possible changes in 2017.
- February A committee will meet to start the discussion on changes to the UCW
- March Easter theme and Muriel read two articles – one about the empty tomb and one about Jesus taking our place by dying on the cross.
- April Joanne Fagan continued her discussion of the book by Ralph Milton, This United Church of Ours using the chapter Right, Wrong and Maybel
- May Marie showed us how to make a daily survival kit and supplied with the necessary fixings starting with:  
a plastic bag to hold our items and a piece of paper to keep notes.  
In the kit were:  
A pencil – remind us to list blessings each day  
A toothpick – pick good qualities you and your friends have  
Elastic – to be flexible, not go your way, work it out  
Band aid – heals – think of people's feeling  
Eraser – everyone makes mistakes – learn from them  
Candy kisses - remind you everybody needs a hug or compliment  
Mint – your worth, you are worth a mint to God



Bubble gum – stick to it and you can accomplish anything  
Tea bag – take time to relax daily and go over your list of God's blessing.

Life is worth living every minute of every day.

- June We all enjoyed lunch at the Kingsville Golf Course, joined by Debbie Allsop, Rev. John and his mother.
- September We started our fall season with a pot luck lunch in Memorial Hall followed by a short business meeting.
- October Our October meeting was moved up a week as Epworth was hosting the Essex Presbyterial Fall Gathering and the UCW provided dinner for our guests.
- November Linda Lynch attended our meeting and gave us the history of the poppy.
- December Luncheon was enjoyed by 22 members and 3 guests at Kingsville Golf Course. The UCW sponsored a family in Kingsville this Christmas and thanks are extended to all who helped in any way with this worthwhile project.

**Respectfully submitted: Marg E. Stevens**

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## Community Friendship – 2016

Epworth UCW was asked to deliver Meals on Wheels on Mondays (2 groups) in February and March, and starting in June, we switched to one group every Monday of every month for the year. The same people do the deliveries on the same Monday of each month with people trading off if away on holidays. A very big thank you goes out to the members of the congregation who so willingly gave of their time each week to deliver the meals – it is a worthwhile project and a tremendous help to those who are unable to get out or to prepare meals.

Our UCW members visit, on a monthly basis, members of the congregation who are in nursing and retirement homes in Kingsville and Leamington and provide them with a bulletin that is put together by Sarah. Debbie is very helpful in printing our bulletins in a manner that is easily read and followed - thanks to Debbie for all her help in getting these bulletins ready for distribution. Also a big thank you to the ladies who deliver the bulletins and visit with our Epworth family members who are unable to come to church.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Marg E. Stevens/Sarah Stevens  
Convenors**



# Congregational Life 2016

Congregational Life prepared coffee, tea, pickles and olives for the Annual meeting held on February 7, 2016. Approximately 50 people brought a bag lunch and had a time of fellowship before the meeting began.

Lily Rebekah Lodge and Oddfellows Lodge Service April 17, 2016 – UCW and members of the congregation prepared sandwiches and cookies and served approximately 100 people who stayed after church to welcome our guests.

Memorial Sunday, May 29, 2016 – a buffet lunch of salads, cold meat, cheese, buns, deviled eggs and goodies, prepared by members of the UCW and the congregation, was served to 150 people who attended the Memorial Day service.

A big thank you from the UCW Congregational Life committee to all those who helped in any way with these events. Many hands really do make light work!

*Respectfully submitted*  
**Marg E. Stevens, Congregational Life Convenor**



## Cards

In 2016, I sent out 20 Thinking of You, 42 Get Well and 45 Sympathy cards for a total of 107 cards.

*Prayerfully submitted, Helen Buckler*

## Flowers

We delivered flowers to 8 people either at home or in the hospital.

*Respectfully submitted, Muriel Newman*



## Funeral Receptions (Lunches)

This year we had 16 funeral luncheons, 13 were from Sykes Funeral Home, 2 were at Epworth United Church and 1 was from Cottam United Church. The number of guests served was 1138 .

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Anne Montgomery**



## Mandate Report - 2016

Mandate is published four times a year.  
It includes a Special Edition on the mission theme.  
A special edition on the ministries supported by Mission & Service,  
plus two regular editions.

If ordering, prices are in the Mandate Book page 3.  
ADDRESS: 3250 Bloor St. West Suite 300  
Toronto, Ontario M8X 2Y4  
CALL: 1-800-268-3781  
FAX: 416-231-4034



Books are in Library at church.

*Respectfully,  
Donna Merritt*

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### Corresponding Secretary Report

Fifteen thank-you notes were sent for funeral donations.  
Two thank-you notes were sent for other donations.  
One thank-you note was sent to Ken Womack for fixing the threshold between kitchen  
and Memorial Hall.

We received six thank-you notes.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Buckler, Corresponding Secretary*

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### U.C.W. Social Convenors' Report for 2016

Through out the year we served 16 funeral or memorial service luncheons.

In May we helped with the spring County Classic Chorale dinner.

In October we prepared and served roast beef for the UCW Presbyterial dinner.

Finally in December we gave a luncheon for the volunteers of the Goodfellows as they received  
and sorted items from the Kingsville High School can drive.

A big "thank you" to the ladies and gentlemen of Epworth who willingly helped in any way to  
make it a very successful year.

In October we lost a very faithful and hard working UCW member in Marjorie Reive. She was  
an inspiration to us all - no job was too small. In her memory we must strive to do our best in all  
our UCW endeavours.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Horrocks & Marie Bailey*

# Epworth United Church Women 2016

## OFFICERS

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| President               | - Marjorie Reive/ Judy Horrocks |
| Vice-President          | - Pat Womack                    |
| Recording Secretary     | - Margaret Stevens              |
| Corresponding Secretary | - Muriel Linsley/Helen Buckler  |
| Treasurer               | - Sandy Smith                   |

## COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Finance & Stewardship | - Lisa Reive                      |
| Community Friendship  | - Marg E. Stevens & Sarah Stevens |
| Social                | - Marie Bailey, Judy Horrocks     |
| Literature            | - Donna Merritt                   |
| Flowers               | - Muriel Newman                   |
| Cards                 | - Helen Buckler                   |
| Telephone             | - Muriel Linsley/ Judy Horrocks   |

## STANDING COMMITTEES

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Congregational Life           | - Marg E. Stevens            |
| Funeral Receptions            | - Anne Montgomery            |
| Housekeeping / Linen & Silver | - Marie Bailey/Helen Buckler |
| Auditors                      | - Marie Bailey               |

