



THE UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021

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Winning With Kindness

A must read

I was touched by a true story I just heard. “A young Christian lady just landed in Sault Ste Marie Ontario for school all the way from India. In her situation, she knew no one and here she was at the airport in a city she has never been, a culture foreign to her and fingers crossed, she could only hope for some **kindness** from someone who would **dare to care**.



Soon this newcomer was noticed by a stranger, who in the same day introduced the newcomer to another stranger who took her in **without any hesitation**, without asking what religion she was or worrying about the many valid questions reasonable enough to avoid helping the newcomer lady.

The amazing thing about this story is that all the people (strangers) that helped this Christian lady are of the Punjab religion.

They showed the exact kind of kindness Christ Jesus spoke about in Matthew 25: 34-40.

The question is what would you do if you saw this same young lady at the airport? Would you have been the help she needed; would you have shown same kindness?

Could God have trusted you to act in faith and be a good Samaritan-Luke 10:25-37?

Now is our Chance, because the newcomer lady was introduced to us at the United Baptist Church. She is only about 4 days in Sault Ste Marie. She needs a few things to settle in.

Would you be the hands and feet of Christ Jesus?

Would you be the new support she finds; would you be the new family and community that cares without any excuses. Can Christ count on you?

This is your chance to Win with Kindness.

This Fall season, many individuals and families are arriving at the Soo need you.

As a church, we must not wait. We must help newcomers settle into this beautiful City.

Please do not let the stranger fall into wrongs hands. Young ladies, young men, families with young children need our help now.

Please open your heart and open your hands.

We can win this community with Kindness.

With Love Pastor Gabriel Araba



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SINGING A NEW SONG!

The UBC music committee thanks everyone for their ongoing support and understanding. We continue to grow the team, develop individually, musically, and to reach out to community about the work that God is doing through our ministry.

Membership

We are happy to have Tina Eveland and Esther Stephen as new addition to our music team. They both bring a rich background of music. They continue to show their commitment in supporting the work of the Ministry at the United Baptist Church.

Current Status

Teni, Kelly, Esther, Tina and Lorraine continue to meet on a weekly basis to practice hymns and contemporary songs for the blessing and upliftment of the church and community.

Outreach and call for membership

Calls for musicians and singers continue to go out to interested members of the community. We wish to thank Pastor Gabriel for his prayers, encouragement, and commitment to the spreading the calls for singers and musicians even outside the church through Shine City Crew- a not for profit organization that promotes inspirational music in Sault Ste. Marie.

Next Steps

The choir plans to begin deliberations on thanksgiving, Christmas and Black History Month events which are respectively two, four and six months away.

- Teni Araba – Music Chair

You are invited to the Lord's Table

Communion Sunday Service on September 5, 2021. Please don't miss it. Please prepare your own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. Pastor Gabriel would pray for the bread and wine. Please prepare your heart as well. God bless you.





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UBC Young Adults - Unique, Bold, and Creative!

“ This evening was great!”

was the comment from one of the young adults after attending a time of fun, games, music, connecting with one another recently at Sandra and Rod’s Beach House-(Sunnyside Beach Road).

Words are limited to express the gratitude and appreciation the UBC Young Adult feel.



UBC Welcomes A New Family

We are so delighted to welcome John and Angeleen and their three beautiful children.

They have recently come to Canada from the Philippines and have been joining us for the Sunday Services on Zoom as well as following our facebook page. We look forward to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with them as they settle into their new life in Canada.





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In other News- August 2021

Is it really the end of August?
Is summer really coming to an end?

No doubt these are the same thoughts we have at this time every year,
but this time, *it's different.*



Having moved into **Stage 3** for some time now, and restrictions lifting, we have cautiously ventured into gathering once again with friends and family - in parks, backyards, on patios, for the most part, **outside** - where respected epidemiologists and pandemic professionals are advising is the best place to be in light of the **highly transmittable and more susceptible Delta variant.**

Pending colder weather *changes all that!*

Whatever the stage, whatever the protocols and Guidelines, **your Boards** continue to meet regularly, via Zoom.

Some Highlights.

- Report received from the **Personnel Committee** recommending hires for **Bookkeeper**, and **Outreach Project Coordinator**. **Church Secretary** continues to be a work in progress.
- Deficit for July was just under \$4,000.
- Sunday School includes 7 children and 2 children in the Nursery.
- Request received from a **Girl Guide Troop** to use the church on Wednesday evenings.
- Exploring a **modified Coffee Hour** after church.
- Beginning discussions as to how to **enhance the church grounds/property.**



Tues. Sept 14th - **Currie McPhail Circle** - specific details to follow

Sun., Sept 19th **TENTATIVE Annual Meeting** via Zoom and In person and in person Church BBQ- **TBA**

Sat., Nov. 13th - **Craft and Bake Sale**- in lieu of our always much anticipated annual Brunch



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As a church Family, we extend our heartfelt condolences to **Allan, Teri and Michael Marshall and their extended family**, as they mourn the loss of **Monika**.

With her friendly, warm smile, Monika was a valued member of The United Baptist Church. She served as a **Deacon** and could always be relied upon, whether it was **cutting squares**, making **Pumpkin Crunch** in the church kitchen and then tying the packaged cones into attractive bundles for sale at the Brunch, donations of always **delicious food** to potlucks where she would be asked for the recipe, or providing much needed assistance and direction in the **church office** when we were without a secretary.

She was missed when both health concerns and Covid prevented her active participation and **will long continue to be missed.**

A most sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who was able to help in any way, supporting Allan and the family as they remembered Monika and the difference she made in their lives.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes have been ordered for this fall delivery.



With the soon reopening of school, and appreciable savings available, this is a good time to pick up those **school supplies** to add to the other treasures in your Shoe Box. Pick up date at UBC is Sunday, **November 14, 2021.**

Thanks to Verna Scott who continues to co-ordinate this most worthwhile project for United Baptist.



Nicholas, son of **Penny and Kevin Sprague**, and brother of **Selina**, graduated in June from Soo Area High School, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

He will be attending Lake State University in Sault Michigan with a major in **Kinesiology** and minor in **Fish and Wildlife**.

Attending a Sault, Ontario celebration were proud grandfather, **Gino Plastino** and Aunt **Verna Scott**.

Congratulations Nicholas and God's richest blessings be yours as you pursue your goals and dreams



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On July 19th, 2021, **Betty Baum** made that transitional step, moving from her home on Koprash Court to the F.J. Davey Home, with her family's support, in knowing that she would be receiving the care that she needs.

If you 'd like to drop her a note:

Betty Baum, Room B123, F.J Davey Home, 733 Third Line E,
Sault Ste. Marie, ON. P6A 7C1



Please remember **Betty** and her husband **Harry Davis** as they each navigate this new, unfamiliar, and forever life-changing phase of their lives.

Taking the temperature of our church

The third in a series where we will discuss fifteen questions proposed by the Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec (CBOQ) in the topic '**Taking the temperature of your church**', part of the series **Revitalizing Small Churches** in which **Pastor Gabriel, Charlotte Mandolesi** and **Rod stone** are participating via Zoom.

The statement that the Deacons' Board discussed at the August meeting, as follows:

My church has a good children's and preschool ministry.

As our unofficial Sunday School Superintendent, Sandra Lyons reports:



I'm very pleased and grateful to God that our Sunday School is growing. We began 2021 with 3 children, and now have 8 children, aged 4 to 9.

Four of the children have the '**Superbook Academy**' video Bible story lessons each week, that have real life applications. Our two children from Columbia have the same lessons, but in Spanish. They all really enjoy these lessons and are very attentive.



Kelly Landry has been working very hard to help two new younger boys learn to play gently and to share in the nursery. We are thrilled to have **Deniola (Deni) Ayanbamiji** working with our Columbian children when she is available.

However, we still need volunteers to relieve Deni, Kelly, and myself, especially needing firm and caring volunteers in our nursery.



- Respectfully Submitted by Rod Stone and Sandra Lyons.