

Christian Development Committee

by: Kathi Campbell, Chair

On behalf of KUC I would like to thank all our hard working leaders and volunteers. KUC continues to be a family growing in faith.

It is never too late to register for the children's programs, and you are welcome to join us anytime throughout the year! We encourage families to attend as they are able. We invite all our families to come to see what is happening over the Advent season! You may have noticed some changes around the Church School. CD decided to change "Church School" to Children's worship to better reflect the activities and focus of the program. We sing hymns, we read the Bible and say prayers while we nurture faith at KUC!

Sunday Supper and Sharing will begin at the end of January with the theme of New Life and Dry Bones. This is an excellent opportunity to look at change as it relates to KUC.

A new adult study will start in January as well focusing on the prophet Amos - the shepherd of Tekoa! Rev. Eileen Hepplewhite will lead this study starting at the end of January, on Monday evenings.

INVITATION

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested to come and see what your Christian Development Committee is all about. There is always a need in Children's Worship, not just for leaders, but musicians, assistants, and people willing to help out in short notice. As well, the CD Committee is looking for new members. Do you participate in a study group, attend the Adult retreat, are you a young member looking for new opportunities to explore your faith? What would you like to see at KUC? The CD Committee is looking for voices to help give us direction about where and how you would like to develop and explore your faith. I would invite you to a CD meeting, held at the end of each month. We try to mix up our meeting format so that we may have an informal meeting or even meet at a local coffee shop. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information about the next CD Committee meeting.

Blessings and peace this Advent season!



God's Poet Amos

led by: Eileen Hepplewhite &
Kathi Campbell

**A Bible Study on the
Book of Amos
Guided by Dr. Walter Brueggemann**

Six Mondays beginning on
January 11, 2010
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
in the Church Hall

Do plan on joining us for this discussion time.

"Our study is an act of listening.... and being addressed..... invited to notice precisely what our society does not want to notice. Such poetry always functions to cause us to notice."

(Quote: W Brueggemann)

Questions about this wonderful book from the Hebrew Scriptures lead us to ponder questions that pertain to our society today.

Come and share as we read the book of Amos and look at its context, then reflect on what it says to us today with help from Walter Brueggemann.

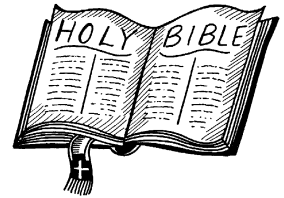
Amos 7:15



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

by: Marjorie Edwards & Donna Stewart

Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room to discuss the scripture readings that will be



read on the following Sunday. We have help from a study guide, and particularly appreciate Angela's participation. Our discussions are informal and questions are encouraged – in fact, they are essential to the success of the group. You are most welcome to join us.

Sophia Circle

by: Kate Chamberlain Attfield

Our next meeting is November 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Burger, 613-592-2859. The book will be "A New Kind of Christian" by Brian McLaren. The book is available from Chapters, although you will have to order it. Our annual Christmas dinner, will be potluck, at the home of Naomi Parry on January 26, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. We are all hoping her expected grandbaby cooperates. We decided to read "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom, and discuss it at the dinner. We will also plan for our next few meetings at that time. All ladies are welcome.

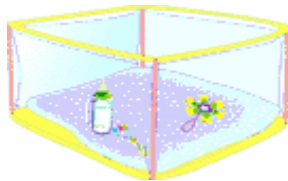
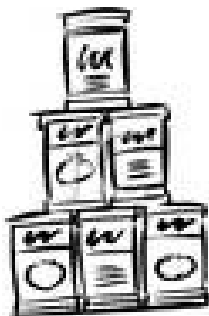
Watch for updates in the bulletin, for our winter meeting information. For more information, call Kate Chamberlain Attfield, 613-592-1340.

Children's Worship

by: Audrey Wanner, Coordinator

Children's Worship has had a great season on Pentecost, with lots of kids joining the fun. Thank you so much for the wonderful leaders who have been offering inspiring lessons. We have had a great contingent of teenagers leading the classes and helping in the classes, and of course, we have had the many faithful leaders who have been teaching classes for years. They all make great role models. The children have learned lively songs and good stories about God's love. The new curriculum Season's of the Spirit has been interesting for leaders as well as children.

We are eagerly looking forward to the Advent season. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Food Cupboard and collecting it in a playpen in the church hall. Our slogan will be "Kids for Kids". Joy Forbes will be helping the kids rehearse the bells to be played in church on December 6. We hope to have many of the children join the Christmas Pageant and we would love to have your children or grandchildren join us at Children's Worship. If you have any questions or ideas for us, please contact me, Audrey Wanner at 613 271-1934.



CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training)

This year CGIT began with an informal ice cream sundae evening on September 9th and registration on September 23rd. Many of our 11 girls have returned to **"cherish help, seek truth, know God and serve others"**. There were also new girls that joined the group and a membership ceremony and reception was held on September 30th.

In October, we were visited by a lady who was born and raised in Delhi. She gave a wonderful talk on life there and shared some foods from India. Our Halloween costume party on October 28th was an amazing event with stories and games and lots of treats.

This year we have the assistance of 2 new Leaders, Janice Wyman and Tricia Fortin. Their expertise in crafting and enthusiastic participation are gladly appreciated by Frances Murray and Brenda Hamilton. Angela Murray is back for third year as a Junior Leader and Zoe Humphries has joined as a Junior Leader. We will pause to reflect on the significance of Remembrance Day on November 11th. We then plan to start rehearsing for the December 16th Vesper Service at KUC.



Frances Murray, Leader
Brenda Hamilton, Leader
Janice Wyman, Leader
Tricia Fortin, Leader
Angela Murray, Junior Leader
Zoe Humphries, Junior Leader

Outreach Committee

Outreach committee members: Robert Ashton, Angela Bailey, Greta Chandler, Sally Duke, Marjorie Edwards, Ann Gordon, Barbara Nunn and Kathy Beamish and Shelley Rose, member of the Kanata-Stittsville Refugee Support Group.

231 Penfield painting - In December two years ago the KUC CGIT wrote to the Outreach Committee and asked that we pay attention to the apartment building for seniors at 231 Penfield. The result was 41 members of the congregation volunteering their time over two weeks the following January to paint the walls and ceilings in the hallways, stairwells, and the other common areas on both floors. This past spring, St. John's Anglican provided the person-power to paint the main common room and, during the first two weeks of November KUC volunteers painted the kitchen.



Thanks to Dave Brown, the tenants have a TV/DVD system that works well and, when the new blinds are installed in the common room in the next week or so, they will be ready to celebrate.

Kanata Food Cupboard

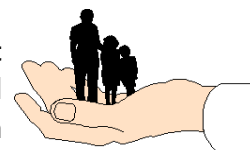
thanks all for the food gathered at Thanksgiving. The demand is very great and donations have been reduced so the Food Cupboard asked that we continue to remember those for whom they provide food. To give special thanks for your weekly contributions to the box in the foyer, members of the Outreach Committee will bring food forward with the offering every month. Thank you on behalf of the Kanata Food Cupboard!



Kanata Stittsville Refugee Support Group

– This is an update on the work of the Kanata-Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group (KSRSG) of which KUC is a founding member.

You may recall that in May, we talked about our work for 2009 and that we would soon welcome 2 refugee



families: The 1st family - the Abu-Nassr family of 5, has arrived. They have come to Canada from a refugee camp in Syria that is being closed. The Canadian government had made a special appeal to church groups to consider sponsoring refugees from this area. We will also assist a 2nd family, hopefully this year, this one from the Burmese Karen community, who is to be arriving later this year from a camp in Thailand.

The Abu-Nassr family is being sponsored primarily by Parkdale United but the Kanata-Stittsville group of churches is also supporting them financially and logistically. They arrived on September 30 - regrettably just after our warm weather had apparently “gone south”!! They were shocked at how cold it was on their arrival and were told that unfortunately it will only get worse in the coming months!

The family is composed of: Father: Khalid who formerly had a tailoring/upholstering business; Mother: Iman and three sons: Mustapha (14) Mosa (21), and Waleed (26). The family is originally from Palestine; the parents were refugeeed in 1967 to Kuwait; from Kuwait to Baghdad (Iraq), then since 2002 relocated to the “Al Hol” Refugee Camp in Syria on the border of Iraq.

Since their arrival, they have been staying in temporary accommodations arranged through Parkdale United. Fittingly, the family attended services at Parkdale on Thanksgiving Sunday to express their gratitude for the caring and support they have received.

Luckily, Parkdale has found a town home in Manor Park into which the family is moving today (Nov 1st). Most essential household items and furniture have been collected and are being delivered to the family’s new home today and in the coming week. Thank you to KUC congregation members who have donated items for this family, they have been gladly and gratefully accepted by them.

Parkdale volunteers are now assisting the family in settling into their new life in Canada by:

- ◆ Assisting with all necessary paperwork
- ◆ Arranging for language testing (Father Khalid speaks English well)
- ◆ Taking them to orientation sessions to learn about Canada
- ◆ Registering them in employment workshops and English classes
- ◆ Registering the youngest son, Mustapha, for school



A musical event to raise funds for this family is being organized at Parkdale United for late November. We will notify you of details in an upcoming bulletin.

To those who have more items which could be useful for our next arriving family, please hold on to them if you are able and wait for our announcement of their arrival. If you would like further information or have questions, please contact our representative on the Kanata-Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group, Shelley Rose, at the email address noted in the bulletin.

Again KSRSG and the Abu-Nassr family thank you for your support!



Kanata Food Cupboard - Advent Food/Fundraiser

by: Barbara Nunn & Audrey Wanner

In recognition of the Kanata Food Cupboard's overwhelming need for food this Advent Season, Outreach and the Children's Worship (Church School) are sponsoring a special food/fundraiser in support of the Food Cupboard. Commencing the First Sunday of Advent, Outreach invites you to donate one tin of food together with one loonie - taped to the top of the food tin. The challenge - to raise at least \$250/250 food tins. At the same time, the Church School children are asked to bring a canned food contribution for the Food Cupboard - to help others in need and also boost the food portion of the KUC contribution. Please join this effort.



Updates from Judy Anderson

Fall Fair and Auction

A big thank you to all who assisted with the Fall Fair held on October the 17th. It could not have been done without your help and together we raised **\$5,550.00**.

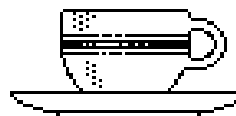
Knitting for the Church

Hello Knitters:

I still have wool to be knitted up and have a great new book with some wonderful new patterns. Please give me a call and I will be delighted to get you started Judy Anderson - 613-270-0147.



Fair Trade Coffee



Thank you to all for your on going support of our Fair Trade coffee hour. This support helps us to support the coffee growers as well as our fundraising activities within the church.

Several people have asked me if they could order coffee when I place an order. If there is anyone interested please speak to me and I will get in touch with you when I next place an order.