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Community Service and Supper in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

A recent musical afternoon at the Wentworth United Church was organized to have a community service and supper and to stress the importance of music in church. The Fellas, an Amherst music group, was asked to perform the core of the service by singing hymns a cappella.

This service at the Wentworth United Church began with the minister, Rev. Jean Ward, welcoming many representatives of the community, making important announcements, lighting the Christ candle, asking the congregation to sing the hymn "Make a Joyful Noise," and then having a printed prayer to be said by all present.

The Fellas began singing for

Part 1, then had a break for church collection, and the Fellas continued singing for Part 2. The eight singers were Jim Nelson, Mike Grattan, Richard Logan, Kim DeLong, Bill Digdon, John Brown, Bill Thomson, and Peter Hebb. Their sincerity and honest interpretations of the hymns created a wonderful inspiring and emotional experience for the congregation. As The Fellas were singing a cappella, their voices could be clearly heard with all their distinctive qualities blending together and this heightened the beauty of the performance.

Rev. Jean Ward thanked The Fellas for their wonderful presentation and proclaimed for singing the final congregational hymn "We Are Marching." After this hymn, Rev. Ward invited everyone present to gather in the church hall downstairs for a meal which the members of the Wentworth United Church Women had prepared.

Downstairs the atmosphere was friendly, inclusive, and well organized as we all lined up to serve ourselves from a long table containing ham slices, potato scallops, various casseroles, vegetable and fruit salads, sauces, relishes, and rolls. For dessert, there was cake and ice-cream and available drinks were tea and coffee. A nice touch to add is the note that Rev. Jean Ward worked with others in the kitchen during clean-up time after the meal.

Thanks to The Fellas for showing the congregation during almost one hour the importance of music in a church service in conveying the meaning of Christianity.

Great Village Craft Sale



Ryan and Brent Spencer had a beach theme craft table set up at the Great Village Craft Sale on Nov. 7th. (Harrington Photo)



Carrie Densmore and her sister Daphne Shearer were busy personalizing craft creations at the Great Village gymnasium. (Harrington Photo)



Surrounded in beautiful colours! Judy Congdon prepares a colorful mesh wreath for a customer at the Great Village Craft Sale. (Harrington Photo)

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

With Christmas only a few days away I want to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and may your New Year be filled with promises of many good things. There have been lots of Christmas Parties lately, and for many of us it seems like we attend one after another!

Masstown UCW held their Christmas meeting on Thursday December 10th at the Masstown United Church. There were some visitors with us for this fun and food filled evening! Santa even stopped in for a short visit - and brought each of us a gift! Debert UCW held their Christmas Party on Wednesday December 16th at the Debert United Church and invited all the ladies of the congregation plus the Baptist Church ladies to join them. This was going to happen on the Tuesday the day before but with bad weather they decided to postpone it a day. A wonderful time was had by all! It's always so nice to see how pretty our Churches are decorated during this holiday season.

Speaking of Churches, the Christmas Eve service will be held at Masstown United this year, starting at 7pm. If you want a good seat, come early! This is always an uplifting service and well attended. Cory Lunn will be leading the worship service. On Sunday December 27th, the 10am service will be at Debert United and it will be a CGIT Vesper Service. You won't want to miss that, either!

The Christmas tree at the Masstown Community Park is lit up each evening. It is on a timer and when lit up it sure puts one in the Christmas spirit. Thanks to Diane Robinson and Folly Mountain Trees &

Wreaths for the tree and a special thanks to the MacDonald's who let the Masstown Community Association use their power to light the tree. Although only a few showed up for the tree lighting, those who came had fun and enjoyed the bon fire, hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday January 7th, at 7pm at the home of Irene Gratto's. The ladies will be putting together small gift bags for children who have to stay in the Truro hospital for a few nights. They will also be

planning the start up again of Coffee Parties so keep your eyes open for when these will happen.

The DGM Men's Club will meet on Saturday January 9th at 8am at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome to this fun filled breakfast meeting.

The Masstown Community Association will meet next on Tuesday February 8th, at 7pm in the restaurant part of the Masstown Market. Everyone welcome!

May your stockings be filled with all the things that dreams are made of! Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year from both Ron and I.

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