

# The Vine

St. John's United Church Newsletter

June 2012

## News From Your Co-Chairs

Our main focus for 2012 is our young people and preparing ourselves for a time when we can support a youth worker. We feel that we must have a strong support system in place before beginning the search for a new youth leader.



Our other focus for 2012 is the Glen. As discussed at the Annual General Meeting, pews in the Glen will be removed in the near future so the sanctuary can be more fully utilized for small group meetings, services and special events.

Watch for opportunities to work with our youth - they are a terrific group. If you have not had a chance to voice your ideas on what we want for our youth and a new youth leader, please email us and we will forward them to the appropriate committee.

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## A Question

Sometimes I would like to ask God why he allows poverty, suffering, and injustice when He could do something about it.

But I'm afraid He would ask me the same question.

- Anonymous

## Jean and Jack's Engines



I have included a picture of myself with the Engines that the late Jack Layman made.

# Marion Hunter – A Matriarch

By Janet Duval

We have a lot of grandparents and great-grandparents in our congregation, but Marion Hunter may be the only great-great-grandmother at St. John's.



She has 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grands and 3 great-great grands, and can tell you all their names. Her youngest great-great grandchild is just six months old and lives here in Georgetown.

Marion and John moved from their Ashgrove farm to Glen Williams late in 1958 and soon became active in the Glen church. For 40 years, Marion taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She also typed bulletins when Walter Ridley was the Glen minister in the 1970s. Eventually she became choir director, with Shirley Inglis on the organ.

Spry and busy at age 90, you might wonder how she does it. "Keep fit and eat healthy" says Marion.

## Our Flower Family

By Janet Duval

When Hazel Fendley died in March, St. John's lost a member whose heritage included several generations of florists.

Her son John, whose arrangements graced our Georgetown sanctuary each week for many years, was the 4th generation of Fendleys in the local flower business.



In 1892 his great-grandfather built greenhouses on several acres in north Brampton. After other growers set up shop close by, Brampton became known as Flowertown.

Eventually Hazel married into the Fendley family and became a good floral designer. In 1973 one of her bouquets was presented to the Queen and appeared on the cover of Maclean's magazine.

**Hospitality, Spirituality, Generosity**

since ... 1836 in Glen Williams ... 1839 in Georgetown

Not too many Church members have seen the engines Jack made.

I will be displaying them at the Milton Steam Era from August 31, September 1, 2 and 3rd of 2012.

I still show the Engines often.

Kind Regards,  
Jean M Layman

## Congratulations



Jean Layman wishes to announce the birth of her 8<sup>th</sup> great granddaughter Emily Christa Layman, born Easter Sunday, daughter of Michael and Inga Layman.

## My Flour Sack Underwear



When I was just a maiden fair,  
my Mama made our underwear.

With many kids and Dad's poor pay  
We had no fancy lingerie.

Monograms and fancy stitches  
Did not adorn our Sunday britches.

Pantiwaists that stood the test  
Had "Gold Medal" on my breast.

# Dear God, It's Me, the Dog



Dear God:  
Is it on purpose  
that our Names  
are spelled  
the same,  
only in reverse?

Dear God:  
Why do humans  
smell the flowers,  
but seldom,  
if ever,  
smell one another?



Dear God:  
Why are there cars  
named after the jaguar,  
the cougar, the colt, the  
mustang, the stingray,  
and the rabbit, but not  
ONE named for a Dog?  
How often do you see  
a cougar riding around?  
We love a nice car ride!

Dear God:  
If a Dog barks  
his head off  
in the forest  
and no human  
hears him,  
is he still  
a bad Dog?



No lace or ruffles  
to enhance  
Just "Pride of Bloomington"  
on my pants

One pair of panties  
beat them all,  
For it had a scene  
I still recall.

Right across  
my little seat,  
Harvesters  
were gleaning wheat.

Rougher than  
a grizzly bear  
Was my flour-sack  
underwear.

Plain not fancy,  
two feet wide,  
And tougher than  
a hippo's hide.

Through depression  
each Jim and Jack  
Wore the sturdy  
garb of sack.

Waste not, want not  
we soon learned  
A penny saved  
is a penny earned

There were curtains  
and tea towels too  
And that was just  
to name a few.

But the best  
beyond compare  
Was my flour-sack  
underwear.

-submitted by Jean Layman

## Church Sign



-- Submitted by Lois Fraser

# It's Coronation Weekend 1953



The people of St. John's United Church are gathering to celebrate the coronation of young Queen Elizabeth.

You are invited to relive this era on June 2-3 2012 by experiencing our Coronation Weekend, as part of this year's 175th Anniversary celebrations.

Plans include a Saturday High Tea served on fine china, while viewing a video of the 1953 Coronation. On Sunday, attend a church service that includes some hymns from the Coronation, then journey outside for an Anniversary cake and a chance to drool over vintage autos from the late 40's and early 50's parked on our lot.

Of course ladies can dress up in hats and gloves and gentlemen in white shirts and ties! There will be lots of Diamond Jubilee TV coverage that weekend, as Canada and the Commonwealth celebrates Queen Elizabeth's 60 years on the throne. We hope you will join us in early June for our fun filled Coronation Weekend.

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal



Please donate in 2012 to the 175th Anniversary Appeal. You're invited to make this year's donation to the Anniversary Appeal as part of our "Coronation Weekend" celebrations. Our Appeal runs from 2011 to 2014 and plans to raise \$35,000 to support our work with Free the Children in Haiti and to renovate our Sanctuary's Chancel area.

We raised \$10,000 in 2011. Our goal for 2012 is another \$10,000. So far this year, we've collectively raised \$1272 from cookbook sales and a road hockey BBQ. Now it's time for individual donations. Please pick up a special envelope in the pew and write a cheque to the 175th Anniversary Appeal and bring it to our Coronation & Anniversary Sunday June 3.

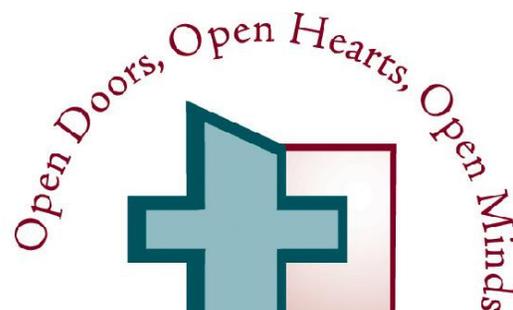
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We're happy to supply the print version of The Vine for those who request but if you'd like

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Our next issue will be published **Oct. 1 2012**. Please submit photos and articles by **Mon. Sep. 17**.



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