

Update from People's Warden *(Paul Carpentier)*

During the past couple of months I've been spending 4 mornings per week trying to de-clutter and re-organize different areas of the church. So far the kitchen and kitchen pantry have been completed, including a dish inventory. The re-cycling area is also completed. The dreaded "dungeon" has been started with significant progress being made to restore the well appointed workshop Bill Henderson and the Ordinary Joe's had established. Everything has been lifted off the floor, so no more water damage! Old signs and the food fair supplies/equipment are being actioned. However, the middle (yard-sale) aisle in the basement and the "stuff" in the container (in the parking lot) still need to be addressed. Likewise, the former youth group supplies and equipment need attention. Several saleable items are being found that are surplus and/or just not needed, and hopefully we can have an October indoor yard-sale to convert them to cash.

Our church continues to be in a less than ideal financial position. Our envelope giving is trending 11% (app. \$11,000 y.t.d.) below the budget set at our annual vestry in February. We continue to look for areas to make savings on expenses.

We have had a company in to do a structural inspection of the Church and the hall, since one has not been done for over 15 years. Before making any long-term decisions on costly repairs/improvements, the "soundness" of the structure needed to be verified. We are awaiting the written report, but verbally have been told that the only problem we have is water related damage and a couple normal settlement issues. For this we are grateful.

We, like many people in Lindsay, sustained significant window damage due to the hail storm 2 weeks ago. Thankfully the plexiglass coverings on the church "themed" stain glass windows provided protection. However, 8 north facing hall windows (including 2 thirteen feet yellow stain-glass windows) did not do so well. We have submitted an insurance claim, but will have to cover a \$2,500 deductible.

My thanks go to Rev. Bonnie, Betty Hooper, Don Brohm (especially so) and each of you for your support and encouragement.