

2013 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & TURKEY SUPPER

Lennoxville United Church's UCW members welcomed guests to their **2013 Christmas Bazaar** at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16th, 2013. Following words of welcome from Bazaar Coordinator, **Kristan McKercher** and a welcoming prayer by **Reverend James Potter**, the Bazaar was declared open. From then until 7:00 p.m. guests visited the **Attic Treasures** Room hosted by **Glenys Groves, Donna** and **Kim McKell** and **Allison Connelly** and browsed the many tables, manned by a small army of volunteers, located in the Upper Scott Hall. There was Sandy Davidson's **Candy Table**, where Sandy and her helpers, **Lindsay Porter, Jessica Everett** and **Andy Porter** broke every sales record while keeping shoppers smiling "sweetly". Almost all of the 80 dozen home-made doughnuts made by UCW members plus more donated by others quickly disappeared from Kristan McKercher's **Food Table** along with dark and light fruit cakes and a mind-boggling array of cookies, squares, fancy loaves, preserves, and all manner of other baked goods, keeping cashier **Frances Smith, Co-Convenors Kristan McKercher** and **Isabelle Sarrasin** and their team of **Mary Lou Burns, Debbie Everett, Bev Sterling** and **Evelyn Suitor**, very busy. The gifts at the **Fish Pond** were quickly "gobbled" up as the young fisher-people kept **Kathleen Weary** and **Dillon Everett** on their toes. Up on the stage, the **Wish Table**, convened by **Jean Porter** and **Bev Oakley** with assistance from **Caitlin Porter** and **Jen Oakley-Pawson** did a brisk business helping enthusiastic bidders obtain their heart's desire from a choice variety of gift-worthy items. Traditionally, the Wish Table has been the spot where our younger shoppers have the chance to choose those special gifts for parents, grandparents and special siblings and Saturday was no exception. Just in front of the stage, **Jean Coates**, granddaughter, **Chanelle**, and **Gwen Wilson**, gave shoppers the opportunity to purchase Jean's delightful **jewellery** and, again this year, a variety of hand-knitted **scarves** as well as tea cozies, hot mats, etc. On the opposite end of that same table, **Gwen Bayley** and her assistants, **Tina Annesley, Shirley Patton, Carolyn Grapes** and **Ann Belden**, offered an amazing array of **Christmas decorations, crafts, wreaths, Christmas knitting**, and, new this year, the **UCW-made Tea cup and Saucer candles**, all individually wrapped and presented in boxes generously donated by Jane Wilson of Tri-Us.



Shirley Bassett and many others have worked non-stop again this year making and donating **knitted items** such as mittens, socks, scarves and **sewn articles** such as pot holders and aprons which are sold for the benefit of the Church. A highlight for pet lovers this year was Shirley's hand-knit, **catnip-filled cat toys**. She was assisted by **Helen Nobles, Jean MacDonald** and **Jackie Wallace** at this long and popular table which stretched the length of the hall. At one end of this table, **Helen Nobes** sold the tickets on the food basket donated by **Lorraine's Bakery**. Shirley also had **2014 Church calendars** for sale and, at yet another table; **Barbara Boire**, hubby **Larry** and son **Sam** were available to take final orders of **MacMillan Muffin and Cookie Dough** items. (Remember the delivery date: Saturday, December 7th!). They also sold tickets on a quilted **wall hanging** made by **Marg Young's** sister which was claimed by **Sue Black**.

The entire center of the Upper Hall was filled by the **Silent Auction Tables** which were covered with an impressive assortment of items that would-be buyers could bid on at their leisure. The beautiful World Atlas, donated by Mr. G. Brown of Sherbrooke, found itself the object of a small bidding war between our Minister and his wife! The tire bags donated by Ward's Garage received a lot of attention and we were pleased that Bea and Mac Juby "won" the right to take home the large bird seed wreath donated by Clarke & Sons. In addition, Scott Mackey had the winning bids on the three food baskets at the Silent Auction table. Thank you, Scott! The **drawing** at the Silent Auction Table was for a beautiful quilt, made and donated by **Ardyth Davidson** and won by Heather Bell. Silent Auction Convenor **Carolyn Gilchrist** and assistants **Gloria Stronach, Bernice Keats, Vi Mackey and Diana Bellows** did their usual efficient job of keeping track of all the bids and notifying the winners until well into Saturday evening and even continuing the next morning.



The tables in the Lower Hall were set by **Co-Convenors Patricia Smith, Bev Ross and Gail Lloyd** whose Christmas napkins seasonally brightened every place. Guests were graciously seated by the Convenors who accommodated, as far as is possible, the many requests from groups wanting to sit together. **Kitchen Convenors Marg Young and Gladys Fisk** assisted by **Karen Clark, Ken Porter, Donna Sylvester, Nancy Suito, Kathy Jubly** and many others cooked and served the steaming, hot food that was delivered to the tables by a sleigh-full of Santa-hatted waiters and waitresses who efficiently served the meal and tidied up after the approximately 450 diners in what appeared to be a well-rehearsed routine. Coffee and tea service was under the care of **Bruce and Matthew Fowler**.



Turkey carvers, **Alan Young, Doug McNab, Joe McKercher** and **Lee Labrecque**, pickle and roll Convenors, **Vi Derby and Isabelle Nelson**, pie room Convenor **Deanna McNab** and helpers **Cindy Beland, Joan Gill and Janice Begbie** carried out their respective duties in the Pie Room, the Sunday School Room, and the Ladies' Lounge, respectively. Meanwhile, **Marilyn Magwood** filled take-out orders and assisted in the workers' dining room which was more than warmly hosted by **Joe McKercher and Alan Young**.

The organizers are so grateful to the many other volunteers who peeled and cut vegetables, made coleslaw and took care of a myriad of other details the Friday before. To the many that washed dishes, re-set the tables between sittings and then cleaned up the kitchen when the supper was over we extend our deepest gratitude for a job superbly done.

Reservations for the supper were accepted by **Frances Smith, Frankie Noble and Joan Gill**. **Al Doherty's** capable assistance with the sale of Supper Tickets was very much appreciated by UCW (General) Treasurer, Frankie Noble.

A warm vote of thanks is extended to **Eric Nutbrown** for all his help setting up and removing tables and chairs in both the Upper and Lower Gertrude Scott Halls and for all the other tasks he gave assistance with - in many other areas of this event.

Thanks also to the Decorating Committee members **Marilyn Magwood, Frankie Noble, Gloria Stronach, Karen Clark, Glenys Groves, Isobel Sarrasin, Bev Ross, Kristan McKercher, Allison Connelly, Gail Lloyd and Pat Smith** for their time and talent in turning the Upper and Lower Halls Hall into a seasonally festive venue for all to enjoy.

This is the Lennoxville UCW's largest fund-raising effort of the year and without the total support of all our volunteers and those who visit Lennoxville United on that day to shop and dine with us this event could not be the success it is every year. It is truly gratifying to see all the members and friends of Lennoxville United Church cheerfully making sure that every task is properly and carefully carried out. Again this year, your support and encouragement helped the UCW attain its goal of surpassing last year's financial success. The funds that were raised will enable the General UCW to continue to defray a sizeable portion of the operating expenses of our Church. A heart-felt thank-you is extended to each and every one of you along with our best wishes for a very happy and fulfilling Christmas Season!

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