

Service of Hope and Inspiration – 2014



Each year we choose a Sunday in early May to honour loved ones who have survived cancer, who are battling cancer or whom we have lost to cancer or some other equally unforgiving disease, with floral tributes dedicated during an ecumenical “Service of Hope and Inspiration”. This year, on Sunday, May 4th, the Sanctuary at Lennoxville United was decorated with 48 single roses, 46 rose-bud vases, 31 cup-and-saucer “Candles of Hope” and an assortment of lovely plants and floral arrangements, each one dedicated to a loved one touched by cancer and other diseases. We carried the single roses, to the front of the Church and placed them in the “Vase of Hope” signifying our community of caring, while Jeff Bray beautifully played “Why Me Lord?” on the piano. The special service, movingly conducted by Reverend Jim Potter included musical interludes by Peter Mackey, Jeff Bray, Mike Patrick and Kylie Côté-Davidson. Touching poems were read by our Guest Speaker, Heather Keith at the end of her most informative message, and later in the service, by Nancy Suitor. Kristan McKercher offered a prayer for cancer patients and their families followed by the singing of “The Lord’s Prayer”. Our organist and Choir Director, Maryse Simard and choir members contributed to this memorable service with beautifully-chosen hymns and a stirring organ postlude. Ushers this year were Carolyn, Patricia, Dan and Vanessa Leonard, representing the “Relay for Life

During the month of April the congregation generously contributed spare loonies and toonies and the Loose Offering on May 4th was added to these amounts and presented to Heather Keith, a member of the Board of Directors of La Maison Aube Lumière, at a time of refreshments held after Sunday’s service.

In the photo, from left to right are the organizers of the “Service of Hope and Inspiration”, Nancy Suitor, Kristan McKercher who is pictured presenting the cheque for \$1,400.00 to Heather Keith representing La Maison Aube Lumière, and Frankie Noble.



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