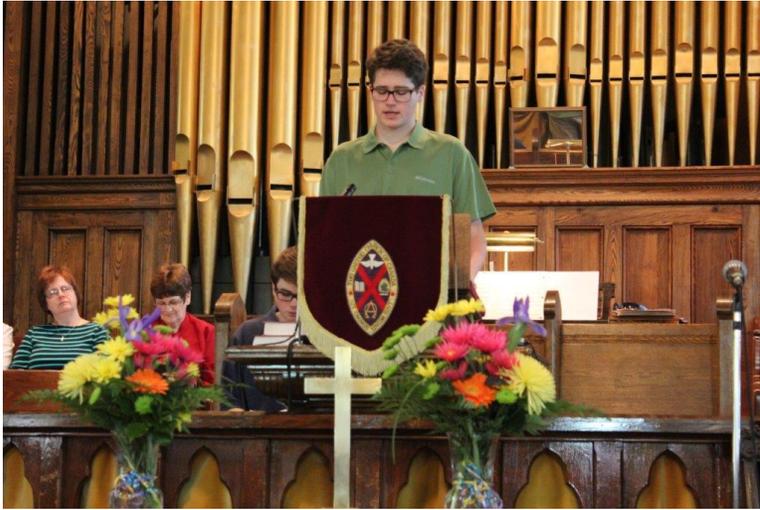


## Youth Group “Rite of Passage - 2014



Members of the Lennoxville United Church Youth Group led the “Rite of Passage” service on Sunday, May 25th and were warmly and appreciatively received by the congregation. In her opening remarks, Youth Group Leader Ann Maher Weary, noted that she often comes away from meetings of this group of clever and talented young people with “an extra spring” in her step and renewed warmth in her heart; we left this special service with many of those same feelings.



Capably and eloquently led by Dillon Everett, Josiah Lapointe, Zoë Lapointe, Robert Weary and Kathleen Weary we followed along in the Bulletin, presented by the Sunday School, from Dillon’s “Words of Welcome” through to a closing blessing sung first by the Youth Group and then, jointly with the congregation. Zoë Lapointe, vocally and instrumentally accompanied by the Youth Group, beautifully sang “You Raise Me Up”, Kathleen Weary and Lana Benko played “Hungarian Dance #5” during the Offering and the Youth Group members closed the service with a musical blessing “May the blessing of the Lord be upon you. We bless you in the name of the Lord”.



The “Parable of the Good Samaritan” (The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 10, verses 25-37) was acted out by the young people while being read by Jaymin Lapointe. This enactment was followed by presentations by Dillon Everett and Rob Weary, each of whom spoke thoughtfully about the importance of the love and support they have been blessed to receive from their families, teachers and the members of Lennoxville United.



Participants in the very moving “Graduation Ceremony” were Youth Group Leader Ann Maher Weary, Sunday School Superintendent Jean Porter, Senior Sunday School teacher Bernice Keats, Reverend Jim Potter and the two graduates, Dillon Everett and Rob Weary. After words of recognition and pride in the achievements, character and faith of these two young men by Reverend Potter, the honorees each received a sheaf of flowers and the well wishes of all participants in the ceremony.

Following the stirring Postlude by Sir Edgar Elgar: “Pomp and Circumstance” by Organist and Choir Director, Maryse Simard, the members of the Youth Group and the graduates gathered at the entrance of the Church to receive congratulations and best wishes from the members of the congregation.</P>

Respectfully submitted by Frankie Noble, 2014-05-25