



# SUMMER NEWS from Islington United Church

May 2010

## Our Mission Statement

To be an open, friendly and caring church  
where people of all ages are invited  
to discover, explore and develop  
their spirituality in Christ's name.

As summer approaches our 2009/2010 program and fiscal year is coming to a close. And this has been another exciting year of shared ministry together. Remember some of these highlights?

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| <p>July 2009 Vibrant summer worship at one service every Sunday<br/>GO Project in Toronto and Halifax:<br/>Islington's mission project for youth from across Canada; the project included six days of children's programming for the community</p>  | <p>December Advent services in our beautifully decorated Sanctuary<br/>White Bag Sunday and the "Kids Helping Kids" calendar in support of our food programs and Youth Without Shelter<br/>Special Christmas Eve services</p>                |
| <p>August Music at Islington's presentation of the Agape Ringers from Iowa<br/>Vacation Bible Camp for church and community children</p>  | <p>January 2010 New study group, "The Artist's Way"<br/>Bible study re-commenced<br/>Meeting with St. Luke's United Church about their closing</p>   |
| <p>September Kickoff to the full range of 2009/2010 ministries and programs<br/>Music at Islington concert featuring Bart and Steven Woomert<br/>Inspiring worship services at two services every Sunday<br/>Full program of ministries, groups and events starting up<br/>Lunch and Learn programs launched<br/>Weekly Bible study began</p> | <p>February Marriage Preparation course<br/>Annual Pancake Supper and Service of Ashes<br/>Lenten study group<br/>Lunch &amp; Learn presentation on United Church work in Angola<br/>Music at Islington's concert, "Love Is in the Aria"</p> |
| <p>October Worldwide Communion<br/>Thanksgiving worship<br/>Fall Seniors' Celebration and the Above and Beyond Tea<br/>Rummage Sale and More! in support of our commitment to the Mission and Service (M&amp;S) Fund</p>  | <p>March Lenten worship services<br/>Music at Islington's concert, "Organ Plus"<br/>Meaningful Holy Week services</p>  |
| <p>November 166<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service,<br/>The Order of Islington presentation, and the Fall Turkey Supper<br/>Lunch &amp; Learn presentation on climate change<br/>Music at Islington's presentation of "A Child's Christmas in Harriston"<br/>Confirmation of 12 youth<br/>Light Up the Night to begin Advent</p>                | <p>April Joyous Easter celebrations<br/>Spring Seniors' Celebration and the Above and Beyond Mother &amp; Daughter Luncheon<br/>Music at Islington's concert, "Toronto Mass Choir"<br/>Week of Guided Prayer</p>                             |
- In June we're looking forward to celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada during worship on Sunday, June 6. On the actual anniversary – Thursday, June 10 – Islington United Church will host our whole denomination at a special 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship service with the Right Reverend Bruce MacLeod preaching.
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## Called to Be God's Lighthouse

Since Easter we have been **Celebrating Stewardship** – celebrating ALL the gifts God has given us to do the work that God is calling us to do. As we near the end of our current fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) here is our current financial status.

Based on actual results through March 31, 2010 we have projected a *potential* GAP of \$65,200 – about 6.6% of our spending plan of \$989,500. Our staff and committee leaders are managing our expenses very well. The GAP is on the income side.

**We need your help and support to CLOSE THE GAP  
for our ministry together in 2009/2010.**

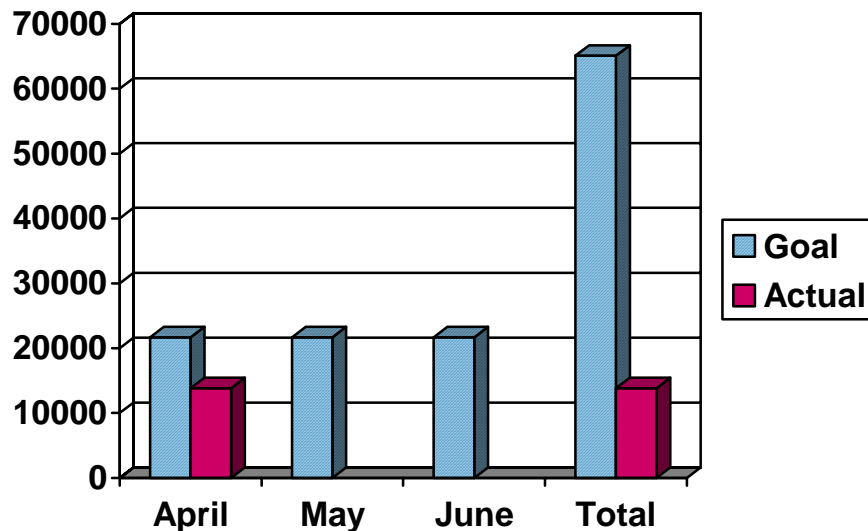
We have 716 envelope holders – 716 potential givers and 529 actual givers who donate from less than \$1 to more than \$500 per week.

If all 529 of those who received a tax receipt in 2009 were to contribute an **additional \$123 BEFORE JUNE 30** we would **CLOSE THE GAP**. If even 80% of those 529 respond and contribute an **additional \$154** we will **CLOSE THE GAP** before June 30. But every gift counts, so if you can make an **additional contribution of any amount** it will help us meet our goal before June 30! And we encourage those who did not make a financial gift in 2009 to consider making one now.

Please use the special green envelopes in the pews or write "CLOSE THE GAP" on your gift. We want to report and celebrate our results with you!

**Thank you to those who have already responded.**

**As of April 27, we have received \$13,837 towards our goal of \$65,200.**



"I am God. I have called you to live right and well. I have taken responsibility for you, kept you safe. I have set you among my people to bind them to me, and provided you as a lighthouse to nations, to make a start at bringing people into the open, into light."

*Isaiah 42:6-7 (The Message)*

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# The Music Ministry at Islington

John Derksen, Minister of Music

“One volunteer is worth two conscripts.” (18<sup>th</sup> C. English military proverb)

This proverb captures an important truth. In any enterprise, the participation of volunteers is particularly valuable because they bring not only their presence and expertise, but also motivation and perhaps even passion. We treasure volunteers in the music program, and are always looking for ways to enlarge the scope for their participation. At present, more than 100 committed, talented volunteers work together, contributing over 300 volunteer hours each week to prepare music for a diverse worshipping community. Musicians at Islington know that, in addition to the joy of creating something beautiful, their prime reward will be the fulfillment and pleasure of serving God and the gathering. Their generous and visionary participation makes miraculous things possible.

Here at Islington, we are challenged to offer time, talent, and treasure. I don't know how much “treasure” these volunteers contribute, but I do know that in time and talent, the musicians of Islington contribute lavishly. We can honour and supplement these gifts by offering our financial support and encouragement.

I thank God for the opportunity to work with such gifted people within a congregation who understands the richness of the gifts being offered every Sunday. Your financial support makes possible the maintenance and development of music at Islington.

Join us Sunday, June 13 at 9:30 or 11:15 am as we celebrate Music Sunday.

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## Sunday Services

### Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 and 11:15 am (September to June)  
10:00 am (July 4 to September 5)

### Taizé Worship

First Sunday monthly (October to June)  
7:30 pm

### Healing Prayer

Second & fourth Sunday monthly (year-round)  
(in the Chapel following morning worship)

### Soulstice

Quarterly (year-round)  
(in the Scout Hall as the seasons change)



## Drop in during the summer — We're here!

- June 6* 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Services at 9:30 and 11:15 am  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Church Family Picnic at West Deane Park** at 4:00
- June 10* Special Anniversary Service at 7:30 pm  
**85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada**
- June 13* Services at 9:30 and 11:15 am  
**Music Sunday**  
**Service of Healing Prayer** (following worship)
- June 20* Services at 9:30 and 11:15 am  
**Sacrament of Christian Baptism**  
**Soulstice** at 7:00 pm
- June 27* Services at 9:30 and 11:15 am  
*Note: a single Summer Service begins next week*  
**Service of Healing Prayer** (following worship)
- July 4* Service at 10:00 am  
**Sacrament of Christian Baptism**
- July 4 – 15* **The GO Project: Youth Mission at Islington (and in Halifax)**
- July 11* Service at 10:00 am  
**Service of Healing Prayer** (following worship)
- July 18* Service at 10:00 am  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- July 25* Service at 10:00 am  
**Service of Healing Prayer** (following worship)
- July 25 – Aug 5* **The GO Project: Youth Mission at Islington (and in Vancouver)**
- August 1* Service at 10:00 am  
**Sacrament of Christian Baptism**
- August 5* **Baptism Seminar at 7:30 pm**  
(Toddler Room)
- August 8* Service at 10:00 am  
**Service of Healing Prayer** (following worship)
- August 15* Service at 10:00 am  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- August 16 – 20* **Vacation Bible Camp**
- August 22* Service at 10:00 am  
**Service of Healing Prayer** (following worship)
- August 29* Service at 10:00 am
- September 2* **Baptism Seminar at 7:30 pm**  
(Toddler Room)
- September 5* Last Sunday for 10:00 am Service  
**Sacrament of Christian Baptism**
- September 12* 9:30 and 11:15 am Services resume  
**Service of Healing Prayer** (following worship)  
**Kick-Off Sunday**
- September 19* Services at 9:30 and 11:15 am  
**Pre-Meeting Financial Report** (following worship)
- September 26* Services at 9:30 and 11:15 am  
**Annual Meeting** (following worship)