



Christmas Bazaar November 16, 2019



We gathered in the Upper Scott Hall of Lennoxville United Church at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16th, 2019 as the Reverend Linda Buchanan and Bazaar organizer Kristan McKercher declared the Christmas Bazaar open. Those who arrived early had first chance to buy the 100+ dozen homemade doughnuts and the many small and large fruitcakes prepared by the “UCW Bakers”. Christmas (or plum) puddings came in various sizes but the neatest idea has to be the mini-cupcake size – just right for one person to enjoy. Brilliant, Kristan! Patrons quickly scooped up homemade jams, jellies and pickles as well as the rest of the Bake Table’s copious supply of cookies, pies, squares, cakes, breads and rolls before heading over to Sandy Davidson’s homemade fudge and candy table, taking very little time there to decimate its delicious offerings. The knitting and sewing table was covered with beautiful handiwork and presided over by Lyn Drew and Nancy Baldwin and their helpers.. Children tried their luck at the Fish Pond which, under the direction of Bernice Keats Wickett was operated by Jillian and Kara Davidson. Visitors bought 2020 United Church Calendars, browsed the attractively displayed items in the Attic Treasures Room, placed bids at the ever popular Silent Auction table and did some early Christmas shopping at the Wish Tables. Five large baskets of non-perishable items were raffled off and taken home by their very happy winners. Winning the yummy selection of Lorraine’s baking produced yet another happy customer! Again this year shoppers eagerly visited Jean Coates’ display of homemade jewellery with many pieces being chosen as Christmas gifts and for the personal use of her many fans.





Meanwhile, things were heating up in the kitchen where final preparations were underway to serve the almost 400 patrons and workers a bounteous dinner of turkey, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, coleslaw, pickles, homemade rolls and a delicious selection of homemade pies accompanied by their choice of tea or coffee. Almost every member of the Church and not a few supporters from the community contributed to the success of this event by preparing and serving this wonderful turkey supper and then helping to clean up afterward.



The workers' dining room provided a warm and welcoming respite hosted by Allan Young, Joe McKercher and John Chesney. China, cutlery, serving dishes, pots and pans and all manner of cooking supplies were washed and put away by a small army of volunteers including a stellar cutlery-washing service provided by David McCormack. Everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the turkey supper, from setting and waiting on tables, peeling, cooking and serving vegetables, carving turkeys, pouring gravy, filling dishes of pickles, coleslaw and cranberry sauce, putting rolls in baskets, cutting and serving pies, making and serving hot and cold beverages is thanked most sincerely by the organizers of this annual and major fund-raising event for Lennoxville United.

We are most grateful for your help and your patronage. We simply couldn't do it without you!



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