

May, 1, 2016



The 5th edition of the Service of Hope and Inspiration was held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1st at Lennoxville United Church, Queen Street (Borough of Lennoxville) Sherbrooke. The Sanctuary and Lower Scott Hall were beautifully decorated with 47 pink and yellow rose bud vases and 3 flowering plants, all donated in memory of, or in support of, loved ones. During a moving service conducted by Professor Bruce Gilbert, Kristan McKercher spoke words of welcome and explained the purpose and meaning of this service and Nancy Suitor read a poem before some 100 pink and yellow roses were carried to the front of the Church by their donors. We placed these flowers in the "Vase of Hope" to signal our unity as a Church Family facing cancer. Readers were Nancy Suitor, Steve Weary, Frankie Noble and Bruce Gilbert.

LENNOXVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Service of Hope and Inspiration



Kristan McKercher



Nancy Suitor





Under the inspired direction of Jamie Crooks and with the accompaniment of Lennoxville United Church's organist, Maryse Simard and Fannie Gaudette, pianist from Bishop's University the combined choirs of Lennoxville United Church, including Terry and Kerry Lapointe and family and the Bishop's University singers: Jenn Cianca, Sarah Heath, Melinda Enns, Tim Doherty, William Crooks and Michael Eby stirringly performed the Introit: "How I Got Over" by Clara Ward, the Anthem: "Down in the River to Pray" (Traditional American), the Offertory Music "At the River" by Aaron Copeland, arranged by Fannie Gaudette, and the Choral Benediction: "Heaven Help Us All" (V.Monti).



Both Rob and Kathleen Weary played the violin with Kathleen playing "Csardas" by V. Monti as the Postlude to our service. To characterize the choral and musical performances as inspirational does not do them justice! Professor Gilbert's Sermon, entitled "To Give and to Give Back" was a personal and hopeful treatise on being prepared and joyful to give back our lives to God.



Just before the Benediction, Nancy Sutor, Kristan McKercher and Frankie Noble presented cheques of \$750.00 each to La Maison Aube Lumière, represented by the President of its Board of Directors, Élisabeth Brière and to Robbie Hinds, representing Leucan’s “Shaved Head Challenge” in the Townships. Thanks to everyone who purchased roses, rose bud vases and tea cups and saucers as well as those who made donations to this project. Your generosity enabled us to increase our contributions to La Maison Aube Lumière and the Leucan “Shaved Head Challenge” this year.

Robbie and Mandy Hinds with daughters Ella and Maya

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