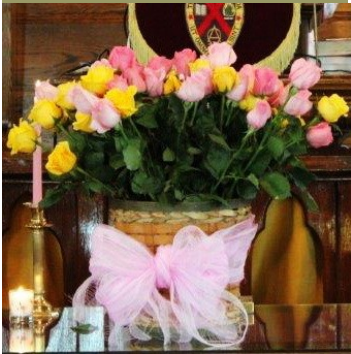


May, 3, 2015



LENNOXVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Service of Hope and Inspiration



Members of the Lennoxville United Church provide an Outreach Service to those requiring medical treatments such as chemotherapy, radiation, dialysis or any other similar protocol requiring long stays at a treatment facility. Anyone on this journey with a family member, friend or acquaintance is invited to pick up one of our “Cancer/Chemo/Hope Bags” which are filled with items such as bottled water, gum, lozenges, toothbrushes & toothpaste, tissues, books, journals, puzzles, pens, a soft pillow, comfy socks, knitted caps and prayer shawls – anything to help pass the time, provide a moment of distraction and give a bit of comfort. To obtain one of these bags, at no charge, please call our Church Secretary, Joan Gill, at 819-565-8449.



Kristen McKercher with Rev. Jim Potter



Nancy Suitor

Each year we honour loved ones who have survived cancer, who are battling cancer or who have been lost to cancer or some other equally devastating disease, with floral tributes dedicated during a non-denominational “Service of Hope and Inspiration” which this year was held on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015. The Sanctuary was decorated with 47 pink (“In Memory of”), 12 yellow (“In Support of”) rose bud vases and an assortment of lovely floral tributes and plants, each dedicated to a loved one touched by cancer or other disease. Also adorning our windows and tea tables were 19 Cup & Saucer candles dedicated to loved ones. In addition, thirty-nine single, long-stemmed pink roses and 17 long-stemmed yellow roses were carried up the aisle and individually placed by their donors into a large “Vase of Hope” as Jeff Bray played “Why Me Lord?” on the piano, The touching and inspirational service was conducted by the Reverend Jim Potter with words of welcome expressed by Kristan McKercher and the reading of the most appropriate poem, “Believe”, by Nancy Suitor.



Mandy Demers-Hinds

Mandy Demers-Hinds spoke eloquently to us about the services offered by Leucan and how much she and her husband, Robbie, benefitted from their help as they faced the challenge of their daughter, Maya's diagnosis. As her mother spoke, Maya displayed the contents of a large knapsack which had been given to her by Leucan at the beginning of her journey. There was even something inside especially for her sister, Ella. Earlier in the service, Maya and her dad, Robbie Hinds, recited, as the "Prayer of Dedication" for the Sunday School Offering, the prayer their family says every night.



Maya with her father, Robbie Hinds



Mike Patrick and Kylie Côté



Jeff Bray

Each week in April, Boxes of Hope were set out to receive the congregation's spare loonies and toonies which, when combined with the loose collection on May 3th, was divided equally between **Leucan's** "Têtes Rasées" (Shaved Head) initiative in which Robbie Hinds will participate again this year and **La Maison Aube Lumière**.



Shown in the photo, taken during the time of refreshment and fellowship held after the service on Sunday, May 3rd, from left to right are: Co-organizers Frankie Noble and Kristan McKercher (Lennoxville United) here presenting a cheque of \$700.00 for **Leucan** to Mandy Demers and her daughters Ella and Maya, while Rachel Garber accepts a cheque for 700.00 on behalf of **La Mason Aube Lumière** presented by Service of Hope & Inspiration co-organizer Nancy Suitor.



Karen Clark, Anne Belden, Isobel Sarrasin, Gloria Stronach



Frankie Noble



Choir with Kathleen Weary



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