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THE UNITED CHURCH DOWNTOWN MISSION NEWSLETTER - Spring 2007



W.O.R.D. Ministry performs Easter Play
"For Such A One As This"

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Upcoming Events

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| Point Pelee Picnic | June 28 |
| Camping at the Pinery | July 20 - 28 |
| Picnic in the Park | July 26 |
| Mission Community Picnic | Aug. 23 |
| Polar Bear Dip | Dec. 2 |

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A GREAT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT



Alexander Zonjic's

11th Annual

Mother's Day Concert

Saturday, May 12, 2007 ~ 7:30 pm
 Assumption University Chapel
 400 Huron Church Road

**Treat Mom to
 Flowers
 Great Food from
 KOOLINI'S
 &
 A Silent Auction**

Tickets

Adult \$25 – Child \$15 – V.I.P. \$45

(vip includes front row seats, a flower for mom, and an autographed CD)

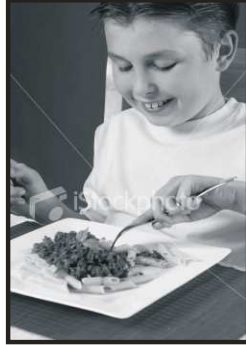
Tickets available At:
The Chrysler Theatre Box Office
 519-252-6579
 And
The Downtown Mission
 519-973-5573

Food Bank Demand Up 40%

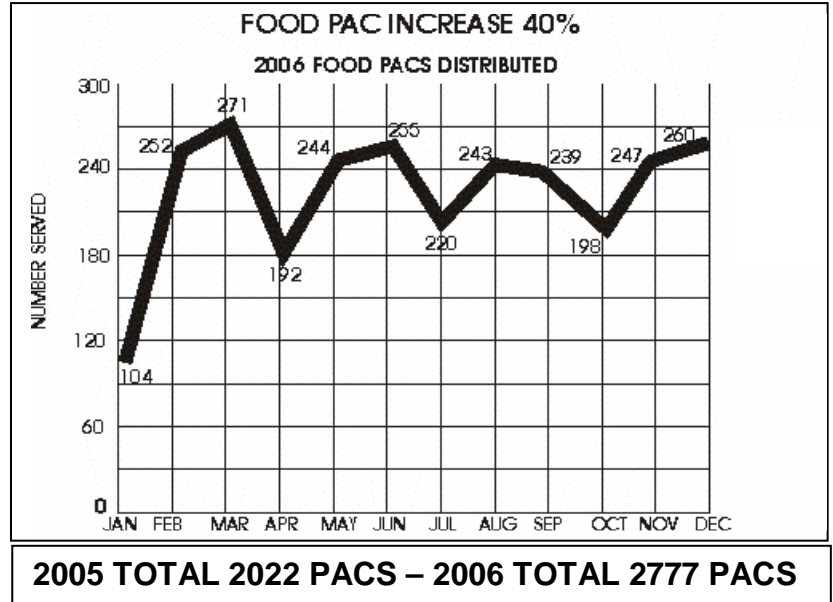
The Mission Food Bank distributed 2022 food pacs in 2005. In 2006 we experienced a 40% increase in demand distributing 2777 Food pacs.

With the increasing unemployment rates we anticipate that this trend will continue.

The Mission's noon hour meal numbers also rose proportionally.



Families with children also often come to The Mission for food pacs.



How You Can Help

You can help the Mission by organizing a Food Drive at work, at your church or in your neighbourhood. Listed below are some of the items the Mission needs to keep up with demand.

Kay's Wish List

The Food Bank at the Downtown Mission is in Need of:

- Jams – 250 or 375 ml
- Peanut Butter x 500gm
- Cake Mixes
- Canned Pastas – Zoodles, Pokemon etc.
- Salad Dressings
- Assorted canned soups / stews
- Rice & Dried Pasta
- Treats for Kids lunches – Small fruit salad puddings, jellos etc.



If you would like to plan a food drive please call 519-973-5573 and ask for a list of our current food needs.

Thank you for thinking of the Downtown Mission

Come to The
Downtown Mission
CAR WASH

Saturday May 5th
Starts at 8:30 am

\$3.50 Cars **\$5.00** Vans

664 Victoria Ave.

Car Wash Dates for 2007

Sat. May 5 th	Sat. May 26 th
Sat. June 9 th	Sat. June 23 rd
Sat. July 14 th	Sat. July 21 st
Sat. Aug. 11 th	Sat. Aug. 25 th
Sat. Sept. 15 th	

Holy Night In The Sanctuary



ON THIS NIGHT WHEN MARY AND JOSEPH SOUGHT SHELTER, THE MISSION'S DOORS OPENED

A group of men and women huddled together under the courtyard canopy seeking shelter from the cold. Their breath froze in the night air, creating a white cloud that drifted above their heads. The Sanctuary door opened early because it was a special night;



Christmas Eve. On this holiest of nights, when Mary and Joseph sought shelter, the Mission's doors opened to provide Sanctuary to the homeless. Staff welcomed nine people. Christmas greetings were

exchanged. The lights out at 11:30 rule was waived and staff served pizza that they bought with their own money.

A Christmas movie was shown. Every guest received a gift, a backpack containing toiletries, socks, gloves and candies.

To be homeless on Christmas night must surely be a very depressing feeling. But on this night smiles, laughter and good cheer were present; and so was the true meaning of Christmas.

Easter at the Mission

Easter was a special time at the Mission. Special meals, church services, an Easter play and young performers all kept the place busy from morning until night.

***Below is a list of activities that took place at the Mission over the last few weeks:**

March 31 – WOW Family Theatre Dress Rehearsal

April 2 – Windsor Full Gospel Church Service

April 4 – WOW Family Theatre performance for a number of schools.

April 5 – W.O.R.D. Ministry rehearsal.

April 6 – Special Good Friday Lunch at the Mission
– Windsor Full Gospel Good Friday Service
- W.O.R.D. Ministry production of an Easter play.
“For Such a One As This”

April 7 – WOW Family Theatre play 2:00pm & 7:00pm

April 8 _ Special Easter Meal at the Mission
– Sunday Service 6:30 am
- Sunday Service 1:00 pm

MISSION LIKE GRAND CENTRAL

In the last few weeks the Mission Theatre has been like Grand Central Station. Some days we've had three different groups performing or rehearsing. Sounds of choirs and children singing their hearts out have echoed off the walls.



Jerry Walls, the Mission's Cook Performs in “For Such A One As This”

New Board at the Mission

The Mission's Chairman Shiva Koushik finished his term in office in March. Shiva served the Mission for six years. His thoughtful and inclusive leadership style will be missed. Under his leadership the Mission added two new programs; providing Sanctuary to the homeless, extended Food Bank hours into the evening and a computer learning centre. Fortunately for us Shiva will continue to assist the Mission's Fund Raising Committee.

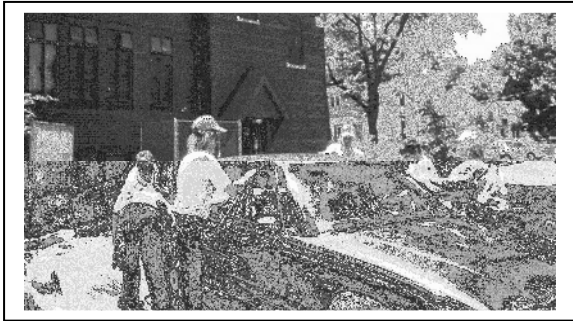
The Mission will also miss the contributions of Lolita Joyes, Bill Gallager and Barb Van Norman.

Joining the Board are Chris Damphouse, Ronald Dunn, Scott Pillon, Giovanni Chimienti and John MacDonald.

Current Board

Chair: Alan Gold
Chris Alderice
Ronald Dunn
John MacDonald
Jeff Nadalin
Scott Pillon
Try Whittle
Ted Alexander
Chris Damphouse
Carrie Fox
Giovanni Chimienti
Justin Kazakevicius
Doug Michie
Elaine O'Neill
Charlotte Schmitz

Mission Car Wash



Starting on Saturday, May 5th and continuing to September 15th you are invited to bring your car to the Mission's Car Wash.

The car wash is organized and manned by Mission Members. Funds raised are used to cover some of the cost of the Mission's special recreational events such as the Point Pelee Picnic and a camping trip to the Pinery.

The costs are \$3.50 for a car -\$5.00 for a truck or SUV.
(see schedule on page two)

Hearts That Light The Way

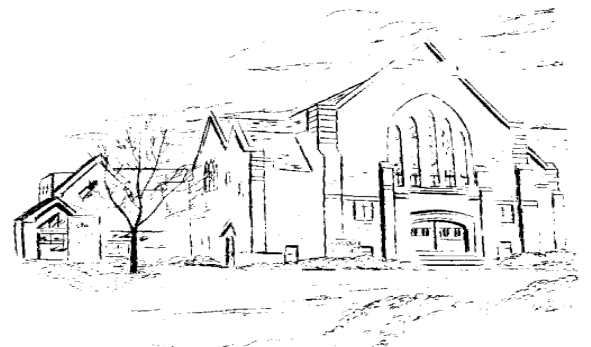
Kay Punter was recently recognized at the **Hearts That Light the Way** awards event. The occasion identifies community volunteers who have significantly contributed to bringing relief to and making a difference in the lives of others.

Kay was nominated for her involvement with both the Downtown Mission and the Windsor & Essex County Food Bank Association. Her commitment spans over thirty years of distinguished, dedicated and unbroken service in the community.

The Downtown Mission is extremely honoured to have Kay as a volunteer and extends its sincerest appreciation and congratulations on her nomination.

The Mission Does Not:

- 1) Sell or trade your name / address
- 2) Use professional fundraisers
- 3) Receive government grants
- 4) Solicit by phone or door to door



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