

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" *Matthew 28: 16-20*

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Pastoral Ponderings



Dear Readers,

In order to accommodate the beautiful illustration that heads the text of Major Cory's "Pastoral Ponderings" for this issue, it was decided to insert a separate page (1-B) which follows this page. Unfortunately, a major technical glitch created a complication that has taken a month to begin to sort out.

As time went by, it became obvious that we were not going to be able to produce this issue for weeks after the originally planned publication date. In his calm manner, Major Cory decided to stay with his original plan to submit an Easter Message for this edition of the Contact even though it would be published well after Easter. He felt the Lord was leading him to share the powerful visual and textual elements of what he had first selected as the basis for the "Pastoral Ponderings" page.

Please accept the editor's sincere apologies for this major glitch, but the combination of a new computer, a new digital system in our home and the impact of some AI components which created unexpected complications made the creation of many pages which would normally take a few hours to produce grow into weeks.

Jim

Major Gerry Cory,
Corps Officer,
Ottawa Citadel



Resurrection Snapshots!

“While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said, ‘Peace be still.’”
Luke 24:36

Our resurrected Lord made 11 post-appearances from Easter morning to His Ascension 40 days later. (all 4 Gospels, 1 Corinthians 15:5-7)

Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances proved His resurrection and provided Him the opportunity to give final charges to His disciples before ascending to heaven.

Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, when He also confirmed that all of Scripture points to Himself.

Jesus later appeared to the apostles and showed them His hands and feet. He prompted them to believe the resurrection by eating with them and interpreting the Old Testament in light of His sufferings and resurrection.

Jesus identified Himself as the Messiah, His time on earth ended with a commission to His disciples. He left them with the charge to minister and proclaim the gospel on Jesus’ behalf.

As Jesus’ disciples today, we know Him because others have been faithful to carry His gospel around the world, and we pick up where those disciples left off as Jesus’ faithful ambassadors.

Go and make disciples of all nations! (Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:3-8)

WORD SEARCH

Bible Word (Search Puzzles, Vol. 1: Bible Basics #79)

Instructions: The words are found in all directions; vertically; horizontally; diagonally; forward and backward

Z	C	E	Y	A	M	R	H	Z	L	Y	O	Y	K	O
M	F	A	X	Q	E	G	W	S	S	Z	K	M	W	U
B	H	J	S	Y	P	P	Z	N	G	E	T	J	Y	C
I	G	A	H	T	P	L	U	C	K	M	O	U	R	N
W	A	R	T	A	A	U	A	D	S	S	G	M	A	A
S	T	O	N	E	S	W	P	N	J	A	E	B	N	M
K	H	S	H	A	D	U	A	R	T	G	T	L	Z	Q
A	E	D	I	E	D	V	E	Y	E	W	H	B	M	X
L	R	T	C	L	B	A	L	M	Z	F	E	R	Y	W
F	A	N	I	R	E	N	D	O	B	O	R	E	D	P
J	A	U	E	M	S	N	L	T	S	R	A	A	P	A
D	B	M	G	J	E	L	C	S	P	E	A	K	I	N
U	O	A	W	H	W	K	E	E	P	M	F	C	Z	N
K	R	C	M	D	R	G	F	I	F	Q	S	N	E	C
E	N	D	M	Y	Y	C	F	O	J	G	L	M	H	P

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

BORN
 BREAK
 BUILDUP
 CASTAWAY
 DANCE
 DIE
 EMBRACE
 GATHER
 GET
 HATE
 HEAL
 KEEP
 LAUGH
 LOSE

MOURN
 PLANT
 PLUCK
 REFRAIN
 REND
 SEW
 SILENCE
 SPEAK
 STONES
 TIME
 TOGETHER
 WAR
 WEEP

*Please See the Scripture
 References for the Puzzle
 on Page 4.*

Celebrate with Our People

BIRTHDAYS:

MARCH

- 11 Patti HARVEY
- 13 Nick DROOGH
- 19 Emma HUANG
- 20 Angelina DESTRAT
- 23 Kyra CHRISTIANSEN
- 31 Kim HOY

APRIL

- 7 Ava McDORMAND
- 17 Kyle SMITH

MAY

- 7 Carol FERGUSON
- 12 Jim FERGUSON
- 22 Irmgard CHIANG
- 22 Brent FERGUSON
- 27 David LAPP
- 28 Alyssa McDORMAND

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

NONE REPORTED

APRIL

NONE REPORTED

MAY

NONE REPORTED

Please note that names are not included in the web page version of the Contact for privacy and security reasons.

70. A Time for Everything

Scripture References for Word Search (pages 4)

LARGE PRINT – Bible Word Puzzles with Scriptures, Volume 1 – Bible Basics

To Everything There Is A Season

And time to every purpose under the heaven;
A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck up that which was planted;
A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
A time to weep;
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones.
And a time to gather stones together; (N.B. 3)
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to cast away;
A time to rend,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

Women's Virtual Fellowship News



Marlene Hope
(Leader of the Women's Virtual Fellowship)

DETAILS & FACTS ABOUT THE "WVF"
We are a group of ladies who are very thankful to have this opportunity to meet and fellowship together.

This past year we contributed to the following service projects and plan to continue in 2026 :

- A. WE MET OUR ANNUAL COMMITMENT TO THE SALVATION ARMY BRIGHTER FUTURES PROJECT.
- B. WE SUPPORTED THE TERRITORIAL WOMEN'S PROJECT.
- C. WE MADE DONATIONS TO BOTH *THE OTTAWA FOOD BANK* AND *THE BOOTH CENTRE* TO SUPPORT NEEDS IN OUR CITY.
- D. FOR THE 10TH YEAR, WE SENT CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OUR CANADIAN ARMED FORCES MEMBERS SERVING OVERSEAS. THIS YEAR THERE WERE 3,000 CANADIAN TROOPS AWAY FROM HOME AT CHRISTMAS.

All Ladies are Welcome to Join Us – Wednesdays at Noon!
 Here's How :
 Call Toll Free: 1-855-703-8985
 Meeting ID: 991 6312 7351
 Pass Code: 1350

A Well-Deserved Recognition of a Tireless Worker

For years now, Ruth Smith has driven into the Citadel to insert a variety of messages for our outdoor sign in front of the building. Often, what she posted were appropriate quotations for the time of year or connected to current events. On other occasions, they were clever faith-related quips that caused the readers to smile or think about the lightly disguised reference to the universal need of everyone to make faith in Christ an essential for us all. The powerful effect the sign-postings had on complete strangers included recommendations that, no matter how much he or she was paid, the person deserved a raise!
 In any case – *THANKS, RUTH*



LEFT: Major Gerry expresses appreciation to Ruth for her faithful work on the sign by presenting a plaque.



RIGHT: Major Robin Cory presents a floral bouquet to Ruth further expressing the Corps's appreciation for all she did over the years.

Corps Seniors' Group Continues to be Royally Treated Every Month!

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH:

On the first Thursday of March, the Seniors' Group gathered to enjoy a tasty lunch after having a look of some artifacts Deanna Verhey had displayed which provided a look back to the era when she and her husband, Albert were Missionary Officers in Surinam, a small country in South America. After lunch, Deanna made a presentation describing the challenges she and Albert had encountered over the years when they ministered to the Corps there. Below are a few photos of the Seniors' time together:



Deanna had laid out an interesting array of memorabilia from the *Surinam Days*.



As always, the Fellowship Hall was brightly decorated. Deanna's presentation clearly indicated the passion she still feels for the people of Surinam.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND:

On the 2nd of April, the Seniors' Group met once again with a wonderful enactment of Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet and all the symbolism was made all the more powerful by Rosemary and the Corys, our Corps Officers. The photos below will provide the reader with a sense of how successful the presentation was. As a special treat, the Seniors enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings to emphasize the power of the traditional Easter events.



These three photos catch the spirit of the washing of feet; the bread and the wine; and the cross itself and Christ's sacrifice as in Scripture.



Left: Major Cory washes Rosemary's feet.
Right: The tasty treat of an Easter cupcake; following the delicious main-course of the turkey dinner.



Some Enjoyable Events in the First Quarter of 2026

#1. Winter Weekend – February 7th & 8th



Unfortunately, we have no outdoor pictures of outdoor activities but these shots indicate. This group is having fun with table games.



Young and less young, the “Splat Look-alike” is cared for in the Gym! A guy’s gotta do what he has to do even when a gal is supervising.



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1. What is a special event at Ottawa Citadel without cake – vanilla and chocolate?
2. Majors Cory with Lieuts. Jeff Robinson and Mia Bradburn (Divisional Candidate Secretaries) prepare to cut the cakes.
3. My word! The youngsters are still babysitting!
4. Wow! What a heavy load! Perhaps Splatt should go on a diet next year! Nevertheless, Splatt got the “old heave hoe!”

OFFICER MOVES THIS SPRING

Many of you will be aware that the Annual Salvation Army Officer Appointments were announced yesterday, Friday 17 April. Among the changes was the appointment of Major Pamela Goodyear to Ottawa Citadel effective, Friday 3 July 2026 . Major Goodyear is currently serving in Newfoundland and has a solid history of corps and other appointments.

Majors Robin and Gerry Cory will be returning to retirement status with their last Sunday as our Officers being 28 June 2026. We are very happy that they chose Ottawa as their first retirement and now their second retirement home and happier still that they have chosen to continue to soldier at Ottawa Citadel.

Please pray for all officers on the move in 2026. Pray specifically for Major Goodyear as she prepares to move back to Ontario and for Majors Cory as they prepare to move to their new home in Orleans following their much appreciated two years as our leaders and pastors.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be advertised on the TV
- Camels have three eyelids
- Mosquitoes are attracted to people who just ate bananas
- The world's termites outweigh the world's humans by about 10 to 1
- There is a McDonald's on every continent except Antarctic?

Attendance Numbers

In-person Attendance / U-Tube

Sunday, Jan. 4	105	/	204
Sunday, Jan. 11	99	/	216
Sunday, Jan. 18	99	/	463
Sunday, Jan. 25	99	/	271
Sunday, Feb. 1	119	/	258
Sunday, Feb. 8	119	/	212
Sunday, Feb. 15	104	/	195
Sunday, Feb. 22	95	/	207
Sunday, Mar. 1	117	/	253
Sunday, Mar. 8	113	/	272
Sunday, Mar. 15	109	/	193
Sunday, Mar. 22	110	/	198
Legacy Concert	169	/	343
Sunday, Mar. 29	129	/	206
Friday, April 3	96	/	263
Sunday, April 5	188	/	326
Sunday, April 12	116	/	116
Sunday, April 19	105	/	150
Sunday, April 26	121	/	87*

**UPDATE
on
BUILDING ISSUES**

The Building Advisory Committee (BAC) will meet on 6 May 2026.

SNOW: We received good service over the winter and once the plow operator understood our plan for keeping as much snow away from the parking lot as possible, we were able to retain parking spots at least until close of the snow season. Because of the excess snowfall over the maximum covered by the contract, we received an end of season extra bill of well over \$1,200. The cost was competitive in the industry, and we really had little choice in the matter as we have to keep our parking lot clear.

LAWN DAMAGE: We are responsible for repairing lawn damage caused by our having snow moved from the parking lot. Dave Holland has addressed most of the damage. Now we wait for the grass seed to do its thing. We are looking at alternatives to re-seeding the muddy spaces between the ends of the two driveways.

SUMMER GRASS: The Contract is in place, and we expect the contractor will be in soon to do raking, parking lot sweeping and other cleanup.

SIGN REPLACEMENT: We have received two quotes for replacing the sign and will be refining the requirements. This project will be costly - in excess of \$40K with HST

FIRE ALARM AND SECURITY SYSTEMS: The two systems are old and parts and service are difficult, if not impossible, to secure. We are reviewing quotes for a new combined system.

Remembering Celine Legault

As many of you know, Celine Legault passed away on Saturday, 4 April after a long battle with cancer. The family has no plans for a service of remembrance.

To help you remember our long-time friend, I have inserted Celine's final earthly story



Celine Legault Marie-Anne passed away peacefully on April 11, 2026, in her 72nd year, after a courageous and stoic battle with cancer.

Celine will be fondly remembered for her quiet strength and gentle spirit. She found joy in life's simple pleasures, especially knitting thoughtful handmade items for Christmas, as well as spending time doing Sudoku puzzles and colouring.

A devoted member of the Ottawa Citadel Salvation Army, Celine held her faith close to her heart and valued the deep connections she made within her

church...community.

Celine leaves behind her loving son, Markham Wilson, and her cherished grandchildren, Lily, Marissa, and Leonidis. She is also survived by her siblings: Jack (Anna), Ginette (Mitch), Andre (Julie), and Francine (Sean), who will all miss her dearly.

She was predeceased by her beloved partner, Wayne Wilson; her son, Jody (Helen) and her and her brother, Real Leonidis.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to her close friends at the church for their love and support. Special appreciation is also given to the staff of the 7 West Wing at the General Hospital for their compassionate care.

Celine's strength, kindness, and unwavering spirit will be lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Donations to Ottawa Citadel in lieu of flowers: [Ottawa Citadel](#)



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Some More Special Recent Events

2. RUTH'S MINISTRY TO OUR SHUT-INS IS A VERY THOUGHTFUL UNDERTAKING WHICH IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED

Here are but a couple of folks who are among that number:



LEFT: Here is a shot of Marg Peppy who spent many years of service in our Corps . Her contributions include the service she gave in leading the *Little Army Club* not to mention the many hours of her time that she provided in committee work and visitations to shut-ins. *What goes around comes around.* I guess.



RIGHT: Ruth ventured into *the wilds of Kanata* to visit Richard and Val who are now confined to a Seniors' Care Home.

Richard, in particular, still has a great sense of humour and sends his regards to many of us at the Corps. Ruth notes frequently that she visits to bless our shut-in friends but comes away deeply blessed herself!

3. THE LEGACY CHORUS AND BRASS BAND PRESENTED "COMPELLED BY LOVE – AN EASTER JOURNEY" ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 29TH

Both groups, ably assisted by soloists, led by Laurie and Geoff laid out a pattern of beautiful selections which led us all from Good Friday to the Triumph of Easter. While photos won't replicate the beauty of the music that was the "paving stones" of that progress, perhaps the few below will prompt you to take a look at the web site and enjoy again or the first opportunity if you weren't able to attend.

Compelled by Love

An Easter Journey

presented by the

Legacy Brass and Chorus

Sunday March 29th , 3 p.m

Salvation Army Ottawa Citadel

1350 Walkley Road

Admission by donation

MAY, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 * WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	27 <i>LEGACY CHORUS & BRASS</i> 6:00 pm	28 * SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	29 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	30 *Visit of the General at <i>Infinity Convention Centre</i> 7:00 pm	1	2
3 * WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	4 <i>LEGACY CHORUS</i> 7:00 pm	5 * SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	6 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	7 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	8	9 JAS
10 *MOTHER'S DAY * SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	11 <i>LEGACY BRASS</i> 7:00 pm	12 * SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	13 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	14 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	15	16
17 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	18 *Church Office Closed <i>LEGACY CHORUS</i> 7:00 pm	19 * SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	20 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	21 *SENIORS' LUNCHEON 12:00 PM *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	22	23 JAS
24/31 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	25 <i>LEGACY BRASS</i> 7:00 pm	26 * SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	27 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	28 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	29	30 ANNUAL CAKE AUCTION & CORPS DINNER 5:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: There is a time of Prayer in the Fellowship Room prior to the Sunday Worship Service

June, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 *SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 11:00 AM *Coffee & Fellowship	1 <i>LEGACY CHORUS</i> 7:00 PM	2 SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	3 WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 NOON *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	4 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	5	6 *WEDDING SHOWER: Sean van Gulik & Sharla Watts 11:00 am (Women & Men) invited *Family Fellowship Paint Night 5:30 pm
7 *SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 11:00 am *CORPS	8 * <i>LEGACY BRASS</i> 7:00 PM	9 SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	10 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 NOON *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	11 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	12	13 JAS
14 * SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Band- Huntley Cemetery	15 * <i>LEGACY CHORUS</i> 7:00 PM	16 SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	17 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 NOON *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	18	19	20
21 *SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	22	23 SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	24 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 NOON *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	25 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	26	27 JAS
28 *SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *After Church Corps Fellowship	29	30	1 CANADA DAY	2 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm	3	4

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July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Corps Fellowship	29	30	1 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM	2	3	4
5 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am	6	7	8 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM	9 *	10	11
12 WELCOME SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM *Coffee & Fellowship	13	14	15 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *ORLEANS BIBLE STUDY	16	17	18
19 *WORSHIP SERVICE *Coffee & Fellowship	20	21	22 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM	23 *	24	25
26 *WORSHIP SERVICE *Coffee & Fellowship	27	28	29 *WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM	30 *	1	2

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THE WIT & HUMOUR of Lindsay Cox & Friends

Lindsay Charles Cox
November 17, 2017

... AND THE TUNING "FORK" COMPLETES THE DINNER SET !



Forgot your drumsticks, eh !... and would you also like a knife for the cut-time ?"
Trent Hamilton from Wellington (NZ) wrote: "We had a band do a trip and the percussionist forgot his drumsticks, he had to use spoons. I don't think the bandmaster was very impressed."

My wife is singing in the house



I'm sitting outside so the neighbors don't think I'm hitting her



Lindsay Charles Cox
Jan 5, 2018

THE BANDMASTER IS STUMPED ... IF NOT FLABBERGASTED !



Cricket Season Perils !

The Little Drummer Boy ... and his friends



"Shoosh ! He's asleep !



"I said, 'White short sleeves' ... not 'White shorts, please !'"



Is the Bandmaster looking at us ?

Yep

What's he holding ?

A white flag !



For just a moment, the Bandmaster thought the trombone was in tune !

A SAD NOTE

This may be our final occasion on which we enjoy the contribution from Lindsay Cox. He has retired from his position as Territorial Archivist in Australia. Lindsay is also the author of two books – *Cuppa Tea Digger* and *Still Serving*. They are about the Army's history during the Boer War, the First World War, etc. More information to follow.