

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School meets every Sunday, year round, during the worship service. There are currently six teachers who share duties. Each teacher brings different skills and strengths to the Sunday School.

Attendance varies from week to week. Classes are organized in accordance with attendance, so flexibility and a sense of humour are always required. Generally speaking, the younger children have a Bible story, games, activities and age appropriate crafts. Older children do more focused Bible reading, with themed activities and crafts. On the first Sunday of the month, Anne Bowden presents a storytime for the younger children. On the second Sunday of the month, Carolyn Bradbury teaches the "middle" children in a separate group so that the junior high age children can participate in a more in depth Bible study.

In September, the Sunday School were fortunate to have as a guest, humanitarian and athlete Ramesh Ferris, who was in St. John's to finish his cross Canada ride. Several of the children then joined Ramesh for the conclusion of his ride. Ramesh's visit to Cochrane St. was organized by teacher, Jane Simmons. In November, the children participated in Operation Christmas Child and collected 48 shoe boxes Christmas gifts for children in other parts of the world. In November, we had our Christmas party to coincide with the Santa Claus Parade, with a luncheon hosted Time Out for Women and desserts by the teachers and parent, Colleen Tinkham. During Advent, the Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Young, presented "The Huron Carol", a pageant based upon the beloved Christmas carol. This would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of teachers Kerry Lynn Collins, Jane Simmons and Nancy Simmons and the help of parents, especially our narrator, Jim Carscadden. Christmas Eve brought the Family Service, conducted by the Sunday School, and a repeat performance of the pageant.

The Sunday School strives to provide a respectful, safe, child centred environment where children can learn about the Christian faith.

We would like to thank the parents for their patience, the congregation for its support, Time Out for Women and the Kainos Unit of the UCW for their generosity and Mrs. Patricia Young for the pageant.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Bradbury, Anne Bowden, Kerry Lynn Collins, Jane Simmons, Nancy Simmons,  
Ruth Wakeham, and the Sunday School