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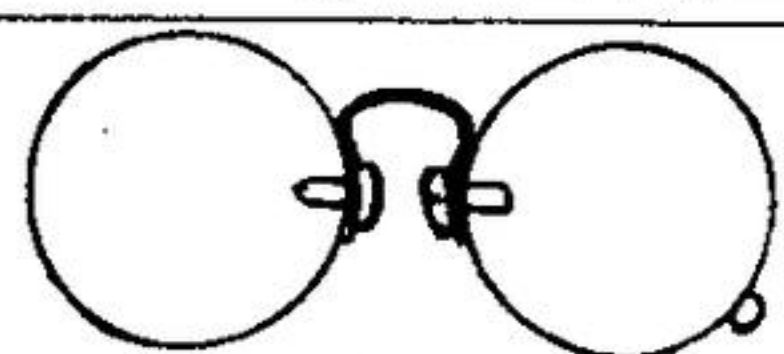
**Clergy Comment**

by Rev. Don Matheson  
The Upside-down-ness of the Gospel  
Now is Annual Report and Annual Congregational Meeting time in many of our congregations. It is the time of mixed results and mixed feelings: "Just what I knew would happen, Harmonia, we didn't make the budget again this year." Or, "We over-shot the budget by \$5,000. Praise the Lord... and yes, the good stewardship campaign last spring... not to mention the \$20,000 bequest from good old Mrs. Whistlethwaite, God Bless her soul." "Look, we had only two new families join us this year, and we lost seven. Never in the history of this congregation have we had such negative growth (buzz words for decline!) in one year—what are we doing wrong?" Or, "Twenty-eight new members this year, I wonder what we're doing right?" And so, it's the time of year when we look again at our lives in our communities of faith in the light of black and white statistics, but also when we can look at our churches in the light of the indicatives and the imperatives of the Gospel.

dicative is that we are invited to assess our ministry by using standards of the Kingdom and not those of Bay Street and Madison Avenue. We're not in business to be growing like the GNP or to be popular and at the top of the Gallup Poll. Our success is measured not in growth curves and always-bigger figures (although I'm certainly human enough to relish those when they happen); but in our faithfulness in giving witness to the central fact of the Gospel—that God was in Christ reconciling the world to God—then and now. And so, by the Kingdom's standards our success is measured not only by the number of professionals and white collar folk in our congregations; but also by the number of handicapped, disenfranchised and marginalized people who feel accepted and welcome, and how many of these are really ministered to by our clergy and our lay people.

Two imperatives are summed by Jesus as he calls his disciples: (1) Come—which suggests among other things that his disciples must have themselves felt they were acceptable and accepted by the one who claimed them, and whatever was broken and deformed in their lives was made whole... better, made well. (2) Go—which suggests the process was only half complete when their own discovery of the Shalom of God (that is, the wholeness, the peace, the justice of God) had taken place, and its fulfillment lay in reaching out to others, whose awareness and lack of experience of the Shalom of God made their lives brutish and full of meaningless suffering.

In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, all of us in the church can feel a paradoxical kind of kinship that we don't talk about much: and that is our on-going struggle to remain faithful to the basic indicatives and imperatives of the Gospel—a Gospel which defies simple quantitative terms of reference, and which so often turns everything upside-down... including us!



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- Setting of 1984 Budget
- Discussion of Plans for 1984 Season

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STEVE LYON

Steve Lyon was the first Georgetown Chrysler Raider to lay claim to the Hardy Cup two seasons ago. Now he is back trying to help the squad stake claim to the Allan Cup.

The veteran Raider rearguard, and former captain, was a welcomed addition when he decided to rejoin the Raiders this season after taking a year off.

Lyon, a left shot defenseman adds a solid playmaker and puck control player to the squad and brings with him previous Senior 'A' experience. Steve toiled with Whitby at the Senior level before joining the Raiders.



Using Scout Duane Griffenham, Betty Ross shows a first aid technique for a choking victim. First Rockwood leaders and Scouts learned St. John Ambulance emergency course Saturday at the town hall.

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TERESA DUNN

Teresa Dunn, 17, is an avid sports fan and is currently playing for the Redmen Senior Girls volleyball squad.

The five foot, five inch athlete said she is involved in basketball, baseball, bowling and swimming and her home town is Acton.



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**MEET THE SABRES**



SCOTT KENNEDY

Scott Kennedy, 18, came to the Sabres club this season from the Erin Juvenile squad.

The five foot, nine inch, 150 pound right wing shoots left and is a graduate of the Hillsburgh Minor Hockey.

Kennedy said his home town is Hillsburgh and his hobbies include badminton and hockey.



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