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## Connecting Halton to assist rural areas

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of Halton. "They have had a clear understanding of what other communities are doing and how to bring that to a Halton Plan."

Mr. Blauel encourages anyone who was not able to attend the workshops to contact either himself or

Kate Johnson, the Chairman of Connecting Halton, at the Region's office, if they have any input on the project.

"All of the information is also available on our website, [www.connectinghalton.ca](http://www.connectinghalton.ca) or at

[www.region.halton.on.ca/connectinghalton](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/connectinghalton). We can also be reached at 905-825-6000, ext 7230. We'd like to hear from the public and have their input on this project," explained Mr. Blauel.

## Hillcrest addition dedicated

By BETTY BROWNRIDGE

A dedication service to officially open a 2500 square foot addition to Hillcrest United Church, located at Trafalgar Road and Five Sideroad in Halton Hills, was held on November 3.

While the stimulus for the \$400,000 project was a growing church school, the addition also provides new offices, a spacious foyer, a large classroom/meeting room and two smaller meeting rooms.

Safety and accessibility were two other major considerations for the building project. As a result, the existing building was renovated to include a handicap lift, a wheelchair accessible washroom, and an improved staircase leading to the main level of the church, as well as to the lower level auditorium.

Chair of Hillcrest Church Council Marjorie Hryciw says, "This addition will allow us to better serve both our own congregation and the community around us. We have an excellent interactive Sunday school curriculum that is very popular with the children but had outgrown our existing facilities. Our church is used by a large number of local community groups and we had reached the

point where we could not handle all the requests for meeting space."

Scouts, Guides, Tai Chi, Ashgrove Women's Institute, 4-H and a large number of farm organizations use the church facilities on a regular basis.

The addition was designed by architect Doris Cheung and built by ABCO Construction, starting last

June, and completed at the end of September.

"Thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation toward the renovation portion of the project, combined with the support of the congregation, we have been able to meet our expenses without a mortgage," comments Ken McNabb, Chair of the Building Committee.



The dedication of the Hillcrest United Church took place in November with the official ribbon cutting by Blair Harrison, ABCO Construction; Ken McNabb, Chair of the Building Committee; Murray Brownridge, Vice-Chair of Hillcrest Church Council; and Rev. Ken Jackson, Minister of Hillcrest U.C.

## A classic of magical proportions appears at Hitherfield

By DEBORAH QUAILE

The stage version of the memorable book *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by author C.S. Lewis is playing at Hitherfield School Theatre for one night only on December 6.

St. John's Anglican Church on Guelph Line sponsors the version of the play, which has been adapted by LeClanché du Rand.

The production has played to over 50,000 children and parents. It condenses the rich and unique land of Narnia into a small but innovative production, and the story into one hour, which should make it more comfortable for younger children to enjoy.

Passing castle-sized banners of a golden lion, the audience meets High King Peter and High Queen Lucy, now grown, who retell the story that changed their lives forever. C.S. Lewis wrote numerous books, theology, and

literary criticism during his career, and is well loved for his superb imagination that captured the hearts of countless children in his Chronicles of Narnia series, especially this second book in the series, *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

"Make-believe is simple - but it's not easy," says Director Tom Carson. "The show is visually and musically rich - but it is only with the audience's imagination that the magic is complete."

Jennifer Triemstra, set and costumes designer, has included an interesting array of fabric masks with her work. Juno-Award-winning composer/producer Douglas Romanow has created original music for this show.

Brookstone Theatre believes in reconnecting theatre and spirit, by returning theatre to its roots - the expression of the spiritual world to

the community.

Working with a Judeo-Christian worldview, Brookstone has produced other well-known productions such as *A Divine Comedy*, *A Dixie Gospel*, *Godspell Unplugged*, and more.

The company is a major partner in developing a 300-seat theatre in downtown Toronto that will be a venue for arts with spiritual direction.

Upcoming mainstage shows are mostly original works - musicals, dramas or comedies - and they hope to collaborate with similar professional companies from across North America to find and foster new works that embrace and explore spiritual values.

Tickets are \$9 each and available at the Brookstone Box Office by calling 416-922-1238.

Hitherfield is located at 2439 10th Sideroad, Campbellville (west of Guelph Line and 10th Sideroad).

Paul & Cherie Mattina wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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