## BAPTISMS AT GROSVENOR PARK UNITED CHURCH

We are part of the United Church of Canada. For us then baptism is one of the two sacraments recognized by our church. In the Sacrament of Baptism, the church receives persons into its care and fellowship. At the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (also called Holy Communion or the Eucharist) those baptized receive nurture for their spiritual growth and renewal.

In baptism, God's children are received into the fellowship of the church based on profession of faith of the parent(s) or significant care giver(s). The church accepts those baptized as a member of the congregation and promises to support them in Christian living. Baptism is very important to our congregation, and therefore, an act of the entire community, taking place in the congregation during a regular public worship service.

Baptism is a very significant and important moment for all concerned. We are anxious to enter it fully and appropriately. For this reason we request a meeting with those interested in the baptism prior to the worship service. During this session the minister will become acquainted with you and your reasons for requesting baptism. The minister will attempt to help you understand the significance of baptism and explain the congregation's role in this important event.

We encourage those baptized and their parent(s) or significant care giver(s) to be active in the congregation following their baptism.