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Deer Lake Mourns Loss of Peggy A.



Our Peggy . . . a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend

by Kathy R.

Peggy Franks began life in Melville, Saskatchewan where she was active in the United Church there! She had two sisters and one brother and music was always a part of their life – singing, dancing and making music!

Peggy went to Saskatoon City Hospital

upon graduation from high school where she became a Registered Nurse. She met Elwin A. while attending young peoples at the United Church in Saskatoon. After graduation from nursing as an RN she moved out to work in Victoria, B.C. where Elwin was already working.

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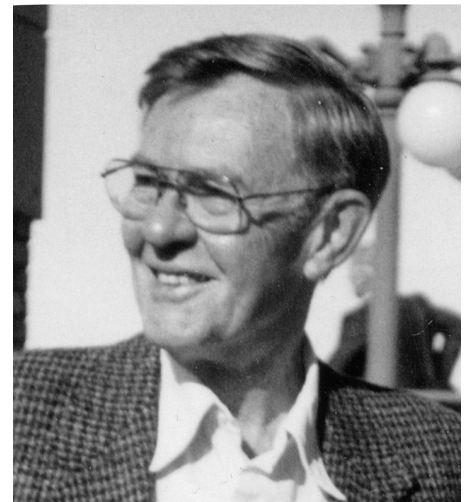
Bert P. Remembered

by Barbara Scott

Shortly after I first came to Deer Lake United Church I was approached by a slim, somewhat shy gentleman, who introduced himself to me as Bert.

He offered to sit with me and to buy me lunch after church. He made an awkward adjustment easier for me and I looked forward to seeing him on Sunday morning.

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Bert Pryde (1926 – 2006)

Vision Statement

Deer Lake United Church welcomes you into a Christian community for all ages that explores and expresses spirituality through:

- Worship and Music
- Fun and Fellowship
- Caring and Outreach
- Involvement and Growth

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Peggy...friend to all and inspiration to many

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After arriving in Victoria, Peggy and Elwin were married and shortly after moved to Burnaby 46 years ago. They made their home on Burns Street, raising four children and becoming an integral part of the community, both active in St. Matthews and then Deer Lake United Church.

Elwin died at the young age of 41 and Peggy was left on her own to complete the raising of this young family ... five to fifteen years of age at the time, while herself being the rather young age of 37.

After some years passed Peggy married a childhood sweetheart, Lawrence S. Peggy quickly introduced Smitty (as we grew to know him by) to her Deer Lake family, where, a little bit to Smitty's surprise, he was drawn in to the family and friendship.

Peggy and Smitty were very active at Deer Lake in the choir and many other aspects of the church and always up for a good chuckle.

Her time with Smitty, her SUN PAL (as their license plate read), was all too short, though they did a lot together as they were not ones to sit still, unless it was under the Okanagan sunshine or on several of their trips to Hawaii.

(Smitty died while returning from a men's retreat on the Sunshine Coast.)

Peggy's strength of character and resiliency saw her through some very difficult times and also led her to help so many

others who were struggling!

At Deer Lake United Church she saw six or seven ministers come and go and was always available to help them make their way, befriending and mentoring them. Bill S., who was minister at our church for 12 years, said recently: "Every minister should have a Peggy! She guided and chastised and one didn't even realize it. 'How is so and so?' she would ask, reminding me or letting me know that there was a need I either hadn't recognized or known about. I would say, I will go by and see today and let you know if anything is needed there."

After coming to Central Burnaby, as it was called then, from St. Matthews, Peggy soon became involved in directing and singing in the choir and worship.

Over the years she was also active in the Presbytery and Conference, at one time interviewing and supporting new candidates for the ministry of the United Church. Peggy loved the church and cared deeply for all the people here. She is one of the foundations of our church and we miss her in so many ways.

Peggy derived great joy from her family! As a Mom and Grandma she shone. Peggy was always in tune with whatever members of the family were involved in – attending piano recitals, baseball games and anything else she was invited to.

She was truly the centre of her family. She arranged many gatherings of both her immediate and extended family, to ensure

that those connections developed and were maintained. Peggy has passed on her values in many concrete ways.

Peggy was a leader and a participant – always trying to be at every event she could. She was definitely a confidante and mentor to many people, helping work through problems of all kinds. Peg's friends spanned many ages, backgrounds, beliefs and lifestyles. It is through these friends and family that her faith and compassion will live on.

Peggy passed away on July 21st and her life was celebrated here at Deer Lake on July 27th. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the service and the tea.

Bert P. was a true gentleman

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It was after a few months that I came to know the man behind the shy smile.

I learned that he was a devoted husband and father. He was married to Margaret for 53 years, and was a father of four sons: David, Ron, Greg and John. He also had ten grandchildren. He was thrilled to have granddaughters after three generations of men in the family.

He was a faithful member of Deer Lake United Church for seven years, and made many friends there. He also attended Cliff Avenue United Church.

Bert took on the gentle responsibility of greeting newcomers to Deer Lake, always making sure they were introduced and connected.

He had a tough childhood and only went to grade nine in school. In spite of that he was a skilled electrician and worked at the PNE for most of his career. Away from work he enjoyed his garden.

When his wife passed away in 2003, he became the center of his large family and recently celebrated his eightieth birthday with a large family gathering.

His family will miss his quiet gentle way of giving advice and support, and I will miss his friendship.



About a month before Peggy's death, Scott Turnbrook and the Deer Lake choir gathered in her back yard for a beautiful "mini-service". A selection of Peggy's favourite hymns was sung and Garry F. performed a very credible, a cappella rendition of "Summertime".

Welcome Back BBQ

By Garry F.

In June, the Board decided that, in keeping with our Vision Statement, we would kick off another year of fun and fellowship with a welcome back barbecue. The Men's Group volunteered to coordinate the event, and come six o'clock on the evening of September 15th, "BBQ Bob" C. had a stack of burgers and wieners hot and ready for consumption. Those boys in the Men's Group must-a bin prayin' mighty hard, 'coz, despite gray skies fer most o' the day, the clouds parted and the sun was a-shinin' by chow time.

Families started arriving, some with a salad or dessert in hand. The kids were first to eat, and by the time we were finished almost sixty adults, youth, and children had devoured all the burgers and hot dogs BBQ Bob could prepare on his spanking new barbecue grill. The tables that had been set up in the parking lot filled, and extra tables and chairs were brought out to accommodate late-comers. Scott said grace. Children laughed and played; youth and adults laughed and visited with friends, old and new. Everyone enjoyed themselves. And the sun shone!

Thanks to Arnie and Bob for buying the food and coming early to set up the barbecue, tables and chairs. Thanks to Andrew, Bruce, Darryl, Gary, Gerald and others for helping with the set-up and beverage preparation. Thanks to those who brought salads and desserts. Thanks to Bill for preparing the onions, and a special thanks to BBQ Bob for preparing all those delicious meat patties and wieners. Thanks to all those people, including Riley and Evan, who helped with the set-up and clean-up. And finally, thanks to all of you who came to the Welcome Back BBQ and made it such a resounding success!

This was hopefully the first of several Friday night social events sponsored by various committees or groups within Deer Lake United. If you have an idea for a fun adult or multi-generational get-together, or if you are interested in coordinating future social events, please let me or a member of the Board know.



The luck held...the rain stopped and the weather was quite pleasant for the Welcome Back BBQ

Faithful Beginnings This Autumn

by Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

Over this past while, we have celebrated the lives of a few resident saints at Deer Lake. As a deeply caring community this has not been an easy thing to do; however, it has been layered with a richness of meaning that continues to define who and what Deer Lake is as a spiritual community. I continue to be blessed by witnessing the grace and caring of so many individuals whose ministry help to make Deer Lake "a Church".

One of my favourite hymns, sometimes chosen for a funeral or memorial gathering is "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah". It begins: *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.*

As we gathered to remember some core members of our community, we were amazed at how God's presence and "powerful hand" was made manifest through these gentle lives. In our times that we were "weak", we were made "strong" through God's presence witnessed in these faithful lives. Indeed, it is quite awe-some to gather at a memorial and recall a life so well lived.

Church life has a definite rhythm. There is a slower pace through the summer and a busier one in the fall. Indeed, September is often experienced as a time of new beginnings as friends, both new and old, meet again, as the choir returns, and as classes reconvene.

The first Sunday back following Labour Day weekend is often called "Welcome Back Sunday", yet this Sunday was one that felt incomplete. We yearned to have these dear departed souls walk through the door again. Yet they did not. During the opening of this year's "Welcome Back Sunday", we attempted to name our feelings by beginning with a musical introit that led into a candle lighting litany of remembrance. For many, however, there is still a void remaining.

As we take our steps into this busier time of church life, I would invite us all to find the permission to step a little more gently than we might normally do during this busy time of year. This may become an important spiritual practice at a time such as this. In fact, it is only through our learning from, and honouring of, the past that we are enabled to wisely navigate the future.

The final verse of "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" proclaims: *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.* As we raise our "songs of praises" during our autumn reunions and reconvene our work as a church, may we continue to find faithful ways to live our past into the future and be forever blessed with the gift of God in the present.

I look forward to growing with you all this year as we continue to explore and express our faith as a spiritual community for all ages.

Shalom,

Scott

Chali Receives Computer Provided by Men's Group



Shelley presents a computer to a very grateful Chali

by Shelley R. and Don S.

The Deer Lake Men's Group donated a laptop computer to Chali. My husband and I had the pleasure of delivering the computer to Chali in Lusaka, Zambia.

What we thought would be a simple act of kindness turned into one of the most heartwarming experiences we have had in recent times. Never have we seen a more appreciative young man than when Chali laid eyes on his computer. He said more than once that it was all he could do not to cry. He could not believe that he would actually leave the hotel with the computer.

We spent a few very enjoyable hours with Chali and had the opportunity to learn a bit about his life.

He is the second youngest of 21 siblings. His father had nu-

merous wives, albeit one at a time. He was born into the good life. His father was the Minister of Education and they had a farm of 271 acres. They grew maize, cotton and vegetables, as well as ran a fish pond. His father divorced his mother when he was five and he lived with his father.

Then, his father died when he was 12 and the good life came to an end. He did not go back to live with his mother, but became part of this large extended family of siblings. The farm fell into disrepair. At least two of his siblings died from HIV/AIDS. His mother died when he was 16, he thinks also of HIV/AIDS.

He was working as a counselor with a church youth group, when a Canadian toured Zambia and took that famous picture that stirred Bill H's heart.

With the money that he receives from Deer Lake United Church, he has been able to enroll in a two-year program at the Zambia Insurance Business College Trust. He is starting his second year. Upon completion, he will have a Diploma in Business Administration. This will allow him to secure such jobs as data entry, accounting and positions in management and finance departments of businesses.

He has great hope for his future and is so very appreciative of all that Deer Lake United has done for him. He has a lovely singing voice and has written a song in his native language, entitled Kosa. This song is really his life's story of going from wealth to poverty and having faith that he will again come out of poverty through education.

With this education, he plans to get a job and make enough money to help his family restore the farm and once again know the good life.

We came away from our meeting, feeling that Deer Lake's money was being well spent.

Marilyn, Ken and Tempo Host Choir Party

by Jim Y.

Merry Christmas ... not a greeting one would expect to hear in mid-July, but that's what attending choir members heard when they arrived at the home of Ken and Marilyn R. for its "Christmas in July" party.

The tradition began some years ago when it was felt that the family-like group wouldn't last the summer months without a formal gathering. First hosted by Naomi S. (who regularly commutes from Houston, Texas), the party begins with a potluck meal, singing of carols and exchanging gifts.

This year, instead of turkey, there was chicken and salmon and instead of Christmas cake, there was mince and butter tarts and lovely fruit platters. And I mustn't forget the mulled wine. This stuff is just as delicious in July as it is in December!

The Rushton home was suitably decorated with baubles hanging everywhere, Christmas lights and recorded carols playing in the background.

I had two dates for the evening since my lovely wife Pat was visiting Sue in Scotland. Tempo really looked pleased to see me when I first arrived, but she soon became more interested in

Naomi and a game of tug-of-war. Thankfully Myrtle was more of a companion.

After dinner, Jean McL. ran the gift distribution ... a name was drawn and that individual selected a gift. The next name drawn could choose to steal an already opened gift or pick a new one. (It should be noted that Jean has a sinister side to her usually pleasant character. She commented that no one brought really silly gifts (like a hideous mask) and few folks chose to steal previously opened gifts.

When Marilyn R.'s name was drawn, she chose a thin, flat gift. When she opened it, she said laughingly: "Oh, great, it's a picture!"

With much empathy, Grant L. offered to swap gifts. He had received a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle.

It wasn't long before Marilyn was seated at the piano singing that somber Christmas carol "Six White Boomers". After an hour or so of singing other favourite carols, it was time to take my date home. I had a wonderful time, and I'm sure the other folks did also.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

What I Have Learned About Carol P.

by Eileen M.

Carol started the DLUC Women's Group last January. Having observed her all this time, this is what I learned about her.

Carol is a big crybaby. This is true.



Carol the Slave Driver

We have seen her cry while reading a poem, when she sees a beautiful work of art, when group members disclose a loss, when anyone has a joyous celebration.

The tears flow copiously throughout our meetings. And they are contagious.

Carol makes us do stuff. We have learned not to say, "I can't." So you think you can't draw, or quilt, or comprehend labyrinths, or sew, or pray or anything else? Don't tell Carol.

Next thing you know you are involved up to your ears in projects you never dreamed you could do or even wanted to do. And not only that, you find yourself enjoying it.

Carol is a slave-driver. The person Carol drives most is herself. When doing projects, she has told us to call her anytime up to 11 pm if we need any help.

She does extensive research for all our projects. She finds readings, audio-video aids, speakers, trips. Carol buys things for projects, or makes them when needed. She enlists the help of her husband, Alan.

We have seen him go off on a buying trek all over the Lower Mainland because

Carol needed just the right fabric. This was right after a hard day's work. And he does it so cheerfully.

Carol thinks she can work miracles. At our first meeting, everyone was excited about starting something new. We were busy greeting one another and chatting. Then Carol gave us each some cloth, some thread and a needle and said, "Sew."

Well, nine DLUC ladies started sewing and for ten whole minutes, not a single word was uttered. It was a miracle!

M&P Committee Thanks Deer Lake Staff with BBQ

Deer Lake United Church is very lucky to have a full complement of competent and cheerful staff...both paid and voluntary.

To show our appreciation, the M&P Committee hosted a wonderful staff and spouse dinner, held at the home of Ernie and Marlene C.

The fare was BBQ'd roast pork, delicious veggie dishes, an assortment of salads and some very tasty pies and fruits for dessert.

Many thanks to Marlene and Ernie for hosting such a memorable evening.



Ernie C. (sans pinafore) prepared a very delicious pork roast

Women's Group is Busy Again

by Carol P.

The women's group met on September 13 to begin to make plans for this year. As usual, great eats were provided by Mary B. and Eileen M. Everyone had stories to tell about our summers, which fit in perfectly with our fall theme of the blessings we have in our lives.

We will be using a book by Julia Cameron called **Blessings** as the basis of our meetings. We spent some time examining the talents we all have and how our blessings bring blessings to us and to others. We are a very blessed group!

Several educational opportunities are available this fall and hopefully, many will be able to attend at least one of them.

- Sept. 23 – Places of Worship Tour (Heritage Village program)
- Oct. 11 – Angels in our Lives (New Westminster program)
- Nov. 15 – Bus trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls in Seattle (Confederation Centre program)

We are also interested in planning a retreat for women. There will be a questionnaire available at the office for anyone who is interested in taking part. There hasn't been a women's retreat for a long time and we are keen to give it a try. Please look for the questionnaire and give us your ideas.

We have several great ideas for arts and crafts too. We have decided to join in making squares for blankets for the homeless, so you may see knitting needles around the church.

We are also starting to make artist trading cards (see **The Spirituality of Art** by Lois Huey-Heck and Jim Kalnin or talk to Carol Pettigrew if you want to know more about this).

All of this is added to our ongoing study of women in the Bible. I think we have more ideas than time to do them!

Please feel free to join the group on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 12:00. Come if you can spend even part of that time with us.

Welcome Back to Deer Lake

by Garry F. – Chair of the Board

On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome you back to Deer Lake United Church after a memorable summer. On Sunday mornings the pews are always emptier after school finishes in June and don't return to normal until after Labour Day. However, the work of the church continues through the summer, albeit normally at a slower pace.

This summer was a bit busier than usual for many of our Board members, and I would like to thank them for their continued diligence through the summer months. I would especially like to thank Reverend Scott for altering his vacation plans – more than once – so he could support the families and friends of a number of Deer Lakers who sadly passed away this summer. We are really very lucky to have such a capable and dedicated group of people working diligently for us all. In addition to Scott and the Board members, there are the paid staff and an army of volunteers who keep Deer Lake United Church running smoothly year-round.

Are you relatively new to Deer Lake United Church? Or have you been attending for a while, but have yet to really get to know those in the pews around you? There is no better way to become connected with your fellow Deer Lakers than to participate in some aspect of the church beyond Sunday service. I encourage you to get involved in some small way. It's as easy as volunteering to make coffee, do the scripture readings, or light the candles once in a while. Perhaps you would like to attend a gathering of the men's or women's group every so often, or occasionally help out with Sunday School or the nursery. If you would like to make a larger commitment, perhaps you could consider singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, or joining a committee.

Please consider what gifts you have that you can share with those around you, or perhaps what skills you would like to develop. If you wish to get more involved, but don't really know how, please talk to me, Scott, or any one of the people listed below. I guarantee that by getting more involved in the life of Deer Lake United, your enjoyment and feeling of belonging will increase accordingly.

Finally, I would like to invite you to attend a Board (not bored) meeting at least once between now and June. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30 and are generally finished by 9:30. You may choose to just sit and observe the proceedings, or you may participate in the discussions if you are so moved. We would love to see you there.

Whatever you decide is right for you, welcome to Deer Lake United Church. I am sure it is going to be another spiritually uplifting, moving, though-provoking, comforting, challenging, fun-filled, caring, enabling, musical, worshipful year.



The Women's Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the church library. All ladies are welcome. Please contact Carol P. for more information.

The Men's Group meets every Tuesday at 6:45 AM in the church library. All men (and honorary member Alice S.) are welcome. Please contact Bruce D. for more information.

The following people comprise the Board Executive. Please talk to any one of them if you would like to participate further in the life of Deer Lake United Church.

Garry F. – Board Chair/Communications Committee Chair

Bob C. – Vice Chair

Gerald P. – Past Chair

Scott Turnbrook – Minister/Worship Committee

Shirley A. S. – Board Secretary

Mary C. – Envelope Secretary

Cathy M. – Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair

Elizabeth C. – Christian Education Committee Chair

Jim Y. – Ministry & Personnel Committee Chair

Marie P. – Outreach Committee Chair

Shirley McG. – Pastoral Care Committee Chair

Steve McL. – Stewards Committee Chair

Bruce D. – Trustees Chair

Memorial Board

by Bill H.

Over the years that I have been attending Deer Lake United-Church there has been hanging in the narthex a board listing the names of members and adherents, family and friends who are remembered in the hearts and minds of our people. The board acts as a historical record of our church family and was a compromise solution to marking objects or furniture worked out when our three parent congregations amalgamated at the end of the sixties.

To have a name added to the list a small donation was made to a Memorial Fund. The money collected was used to purchase a plaque that was attached to the board. Surplus funds were kept in a Memorial Fund and the money was used to buy incidentals that were not normally covered in the church budget, an example might be replacement candles. A few years ago, our treasurer, an accountant, recommended streamlining of the church finances and a number of small funds, including the Memorial Fund, were consolidated into general revenue.

The present church board has discussed the Memorial Board and has decided that the Pastoral Care Committee will assume the care and responsibility for it and that active members and adherents names will be automatically added to the Memorial Board at the appropriate time. A donation will not be required.

A twin board will be manufactured and all names from now on will be placed on the new board.

**When the Power of Love
Overcomes the Love of Power
Then there shall be peace.**

Naramata ... a Land of Hope and Promise

by Gerald P.

This was my first visit to Naramata. I arrived just in the nick of time on Sunday evening.

I observed a large group of people sitting on the grass in front of McLaren Hall. It looked like a family gathering with folks from near and far meeting to celebrate an anniversary. I wasn't wrong. It appears that these folks celebrate music week every year.

A young woman, with far too much energy and talent for her own good, welcomed us. Linnea Good on keyboard led us in a sing-along and set the mood for a wonderful week.

We were introduced to the leaders of each group and the staff at Naramata. I marvelled at the setting this centre offered. There were large trees and large open areas of grass. These were to play a significant part in my week.

I was in the Green Choir. I wanted to be in the grand choir but signed up too late. I felt out of place, for maybe, 10 minutes. Marjorie Close, our director, made all 14 of us feel welcome and at ease. There were 10 men and 4 women. I have a lot to learn about choral music and Marjorie was there to help all of us. Each day had us learning music for 3 hours in the morning and 2 hours each evening. The afternoons were free time to tour about or to participate in various workshops.

On the first day, we broke early for lunch that was served at Columbia Hall I learned that Deer Lake United Church represented about 40 people. That was ten percent of the population. To add to this Donna P. brought her whole family, about 19 in total.

During several of the lazy summer afternoons, I would find a quiet spot under a weeping willow, set up my cot and catch a nap. I could hear a violin playing in the distance or sometimes a soprano practicing an opera. It was most serene. Music week is aptly named. Indeed there was music, everywhere, all of the time.

I missed the Cuban drum session but Jean attended and now carries her drum with her. I did attend a read through of new music from the new More Voices led by our very own Don W. I joined 170 singers from the grand choir. It was magical.

Don W. seemed to be having the time of his life. When he wasn't singing he was jamming with some of the very talented people who were there. He did find time, however, to do a little pottery. At the silent auction on Thursday his coffee table sold for \$400.00. This man has so much talent it is unfair to the rest of us.

Don W. celebrated his birthday that week. I heard that the grand choir sang the Beatle's song "Will You Still Love Me When I'm Sixty-four". Love was in the air, not just for Don, but also for everyone.

I would be remiss if I did not tell you about the Sabbath. It was Wednesday. Everyone was invited, and everyone came, to the beach on Okanagan Lake. There, under the trees we were entertained by Linnea Good and several of the staff in a service that was far from traditional yet still very reverent.

For one moment, I was close to tears when the mass children's

choir of 100 sang, "Praise to the Lord. Alleluia" by John Carter. It was so beautiful. Deer Lake United Church had 12 of our children and youths in the ensemble.

On Thursday evening, I was in for a special treat. It was a variety show put on by the participants. The formula was, take 100 very talented individuals, invite their families, tell them to bring their instruments and put on a show in 4 days. It was fabulous, funny, exciting and just plain fun. Love was in the air. Families were having fun together.

Members of our congregation were well represented in this musical review. They did us proud. Our youth band, with the biggest kid of all, Don W., played a jazz tune.

Donna P., her two sisters and three nieces sang heavenly and Kathryn S. accompanied by our gang, sang a tune she had composed. Nicely done, all of you.

Friday came all too quickly. All of the choirs performed for each other and for invited guests. The Green Choir was invited to join the mass choir for the last song. It was a real treat to sing with 185 people in a song that rocked the rafters. John Yarrington led us in the hymn "Saints Bound for Heaven"

Music week was a moving experience for me. We were all "down home Canadians" not looking at how we were different but looking for what we all have in common. All cultures and all races have music. The youth choir took some traditional "Bach" music and mixed it with an African "beat" music. It worked.

Perhaps we can take 5 days, and stretch them into 52 weeks. And if we were to take 10 hectares and stretched them into 10,000 nations, we could propagate the message that Naramata has to offer. Let's celebrate our similarities and forget our differences.

In a time when the world is locked in strife, there is a land where peace and love not only exists but it breeds. It is called Naramata. See you all next year.



John Yarrington led the senior or "grand" choir

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

World-Wide Communion – October 1

This year our service has been inspired a thoughtful suggestion of Hugh J., a member of our Sunday School. Hugh suggested that we might devote a Sunday that acknowledged our cultural diversities and this Sunday seemed to be the logical choice. This year, as we gather for communion, we invite you to dress in ways that are reminiscent of your cultural heritage. You might wear your family tartan, a kilt, a sari, a Canadian flag, or ?

We also invite people to bring an item of baking from your culture to share after church during the coffee time. This year's World-wide communion Sunday will truly be an opportunity to celebrate the diversity found in the body of Christ that we call the church.

Marguerite Dixon Sunday – October 8

The Marguerite Dixon Society is a group that began in the church basement of Deer Lake over 25 years ago. This society provides an opportunity for women and their children to find hope and new beginnings after leaving an abusive home. October 8th will provide an opportunity to learn more about this important ministry that your church continues to partner with as we greet the Executive Director of the society and hear stories of courage, hope and transformation.

Choir's "Top 4" Sunday – October 15

Our worship is deeply blessed each week by the anthems that are selected by our four choir directors. These anthems richly highlight the theological theme that we consider in ways that mere words could never touch. Over the years, there have been a few favourites that we recall. On Sunday October 15th, the choir will be sharing four of their favourites with us and reflecting upon why these anthems are so significant for them. This will be a musically moving service.

"Reflections on Africa with Ross D."

– October 29

Ross D. is an interesting young man who recently returned from a trip to Africa where his love of the human spirit and soccer united to help in creating the "Kick out Aids" campaign. Ross will be joining Rev. Scott for a theological dialogue on his experiences abroad.

Children's Sunday – November 19

The World Council of Churches named Sunday November 19th as Children's Sunday. We, indeed, are deeply blessed by the presence and gifts of the younger members of our church.

On November 19th, our children and youth will be the predominant leaders for this "All Ages Service". We will look forward to Don Wade and the Deer Lake Kidz' Band along with the many other blessings the come through our younger members' leadership.

Theological Student Nick J. Returns for 2nd Year

Deer Lake has a long history of providing an open and accepting environment for theological students to learn and grow. During a minister's four-year Master's degree program, they are placed in field education sites allowing them to apply theoretical concepts learned in seminary.

During Nick's second year, we will see him a little more involved than last year, as his field education component now devotes 10 – 14 hours per week to learning at Deer Lake.

Nick is open and appreciative of your feedback which provides him further opportunity to learn and grow.

A great word of appreciation goes out to the Ministry Reflection Group who have so generously agreed to meet with Nick throughout the year.

As we go to print, this group consists of: Carol P., Andrew H., and Bob M. Our minister, Rev. Scott continues as Nick's on-site supervisor.

Sojourner's with First United Nov 5th at 4 p.m. Worship and Pot-Luck

Have you ever wanted to visit First United? First United Church is our central mission point for Vancouver located in the downtown Eastside at Hastings and Gore.

Through the week, hundreds of meals are served, advocates assist people in navigating 'the system', and sanctuary is found in many ways.

On Sunday, they gather and worship. This Sunday November 5th, Deer Lake will be co-leading the service at First and then joining them for a pot-luck meal.

If you have not yet visited this amazing place of hope and transformation, situated amidst the "poorest postal code in Canada", or if you would love to return, we invite you to join us for this shared worship gathering. We will meet in the parking lot of Deer Lake at 3 p.m. to carpool down together.

Newsletter Submissions

Lakeshore Lines will be published five times per year. Submissions may be made to one of the Communication Committee members (preferably by e-mail):

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“A Questioning Faith ... A Living Faith”

Seven Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Deer Lake...October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and December 6.

Texts “The New Oxford Annotated Study Bible NRSV Version” (or comparable study Bible).

“Why Christian?: For those on the edge of faith” by Douglas John Hall

Cost: (suggested) \$10 to cover the cost of refreshments.

Texts to be purchased by participants

Minimum Registration: 8 people

This seven week exploration will provide an opportunity for participants to further engage their faith as we study the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday alongside the thoughtfully written book “Why Christian: for those on the edge of faith” In the preface, the author quotes Miguel De Unamuno who says “Faith that does not doubt is dead faith” and D.J. Hall opens a space for questioning the key areas of our faith and encouraging participants to come to an ownership of their own faith.

These evenings will be another opportunity to ask the questions that are provoking us into a vital and living faith. Come and explore your faith!

ATTITUDE

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

“Well,” she said. “I think I’ll braid my hair today.” So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. “Hmmm,” she said. “I think I’ll part my hair down the middle today.” So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. “Well,” she said. “Today I’m going to wear my hair in a pony tail.” So she did and she had a fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn’t a single hair on her head. “YEAH!” she exclaimed. “I don’t have to fix my hair today!”

Attitude is everything.

Christian Education Ministry

The Christian Education Ministry has been busy already mapping out the next 4 months. Emphasis has been placed on the children and youth in the congregation so we are pleased to offer the following:

Nursery for ages 0-4 years, with Julie, Claire, Helen, Marg, Lynn and Pat, with the option of the 3 ½ to 4 year olds joining a Sunday School class if their parents prefer.

Sunday School for Ages 4 to Grade 2, with Phyllis, Marie, Elizabeth and Michelle.

Sunday School for Grades 3 to 6, with Elizabeth, Kathy, Sharon and Marie.

Youth Group with Sharon, Jean, Don, Peggy & Tony, and Gloria.

Thank you to these people for offering their help in this important Ministry. If anyone else feels moved to help our children seek and answer their spiritual questions and journey of faith, please contact Elizabeth C. at 604-759-9357.

The Sunday School curriculum is Lectionary based, so what the children are learning downstairs, we are learning upstairs.

The children now have their own Lectionary based bulletins available for them every Sunday. They are encouraged to use the crayons and pencils during the service before they go into Sunday School (please leave the pencil packs in the sanctuary), and to complete the bulletins at home.

Finally, to help continue the faith explorations that commenced during worship and Sunday School, our minister has begun placing a few “Kitchen Table Conversation” questions on the back of his reflections, made available each week in the lobby. People are invited to use these questions to further engage the growth begun on Sunday morning.

The Upper Room daily devotional is now available in the Narthex for a small donation. This excellent resource is helpful in focussing one’s personal prayer time. It includes a page per day with a scripture verse, a brief reflection, and a prayer.

Coming to a Theatre near you: “Jesus at the Movies”, an evening of viewing a movie and discussing it from a Christian perspective. See your next bulletin for details or call the office.

Xmas Decoration Party December 1st at 7 p.m.

We invite you to share in the joy of decorating the Deer Lake sanctuary on Friday December 1st.

This is a special time, as we begin to turn our spiritual focus towards preparing a place to receive God’s gift in the Christ child.

One way this preparation begins for us is in preparing our worship space. You are invited to help in hanging banners, trimming the tree and beautifying the sanctuary.

There will also be a craft table where people can make their own Advent wreaths to take home. Please bring some baking to share along with an open heart that prepares to make room for God’s greatest gift.

What Some of Us Did During the Summer



Marilyn accompanies choir at its "Christmas in July" party



Naomi rides a "bull" while on assignment in Texas



These intrepid Naramata Cyclists, from left, are: Don, Mitchell, Aaron, Garry, Gary and Rick.
This photo was taken before Don did a face-plant.



Alan and Jean (above photo) and Carol and Jean enjoy themselves on a cruise to Alaska



Naramata Junior Choir