

# LAKESHORE LINES

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## A Little Respect Please

By Garry F

Everyone who has attended Music Week at Naramata knows Ellen J... – and I mean *everyone*. She and Don S... are “those crazy Deer Lakers” who perpetrate practical jokes on each other or on unsuspecting innocents who happen to attract their attention. If you’ve attended Music Week, you might recall the contents of a certain cabin disappearing one afternoon. Ellen J... Or perhaps you remember inflatable snowmen appearing in locked cabins and on inaccessible roofs. Ellen J... again. A six foot fence erected around the MacWades’ tent trailer? You know who. The list goes on. When people at Music Week see her coming, they duck for cover.

Well, that’s all going to have to change this year. Ellen is going to have to adopt a more dignified manner. People are going to have to show a little respect. You see, Ellen just won the Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education. That’s quite a mouthful, but it’s also a big deal. At least I think so, and apparently so does the government. At the end of May, Ellen was given the VIP treatment: she was flown to Victoria, wined and dined, and presented with the award by provincial minister Linda Reid. I assume she behaved herself and was flown home again afterwards.

Ellen was nominated for the award by her partner at Advantage Preschool, Laura M... Despite Ellen’s antics she has always taken the welfare of children seriously. She demonstrates it in her personal life and she obviously does so in her professional life, too. You can read all about the award, the approach Ellen and Laura take to preschool, and the positive effect they have had on their students’ lives in the June 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Burnaby NewsLeader. If you don’t have it, you can find the article at the NewsLeader website: <http://www.burnabynewsleader.com/>

So yes, things will have to change, but not too much, I hope. That touch of zaniness in Ellen is part of what makes life fun at Advantage Preschool, and education should be fun. I wish I was three and a half again and a student at Advantage Preschool.



Ellen J up to no good some years before receiving her Prime Minister’s Award. Should she return the award?

### 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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# Welcome

By Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

There has been growing conversation about the place and need for “welcome” in our denomination of the United Church. The recent General Council initiative, *Emerging Spirit*, which focuses upon connecting our ministries with people in the age range of 30-45, has elevated this concept into new levels of awareness within our denomination. Closer to home, the outcome of our visioning process yielded a Vision Statement which boldly begins: “Deer Lake welcomes...”. As this concept now falls in the crosshairs of our ministry considerations, it would be prudent for us to reflect on what this word means, what it requires of us, and what the theological considerations underpinning this concept are.

I would like to begin this conversation by suggesting what “welcome” is not. The concept of welcome is not a trendy new tool designed to fill our churches, pay our bills, and ensure that we remain the largest Protestant denomination in Canada. The timing of our denomination’s focus on welcome occurs alongside an era of church amalgamations and closures. Such timing may cause one to draw the conclusion of welcome being the vehicle to renew our sustainability as a denomination. While church growth and sustainability is a likely outcome, I would suggest, however, that this is just a part of the whole concept.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary offers two definitions of this verb: “to greet hospitably and with courtesy or cordiality; to accept with pleasure the occurrence or presence of”. In the culture of the church, I would suggest, that welcome is the spiritual practice of this concept. How then does this concept relate to us personally and communally? I would suggest that this concept first affects us individually and slowly moves to affect our community.

For the individual, the practice of welcoming is a spiritual discipline of the Christian who invites God’s presence, as revealed through Christ, into their heart. A practice of welcome is our faithful response to the promise that we have received in our baptism. As we are baptized into the body of Christ, we respond by embracing that promise and welcoming God into our lives. Welcome begins personally by welcoming God, who yearns to engage with us, into our hearts and lives. There is also a second, and related, dynamic of welcome for the individual. Welcome allows a movement towards one’s personal experience of wholeness. Welcome requires the embracing of all parts of ourselves, not just the good parts, thus enabling one to move towards a deeper sense of personal wholeness. To live with the spiritual posture of welcome requires one to acknowledge, embrace, and begin to forgive their personal flaws and brokenness. As one’s focus shifts to these often neglected areas, the possibility for healing and a movement towards wholeness is experienced. Welcome, in relationship with the individual, begins as a practice that occurs inside each one of us. It nurtures a deeper spiritual wholeness as we receive God’s presence into our heart and embrace all parts of our being.

Welcome for the Christian, of course, does not conclude with the individual. It continues as this spiritual practice emanates from

each person who gathers in spiritual community (examples of spiritual communities aside from the church might include friends, marriage, and family). For the church, welcome is one identifying mark of a spiritual community who live the way of Christ. This concept is present in many forms. Welcome, of course, can be witnessed in how newcomers find hospitality through our church’s many practices of inclusion. In my research with churches across the Lower Mainland, we are unique in how we embrace newcomers and honour their contributions and spiritual gifts. I continue to be blessed to be in leadership with a church where this is common practice! Welcome, however, is much more than just welcoming newcomers. The practice of welcome creates fertile soil within a community which simultaneously honours their past alongside their present. Welcome is the grace and understanding that allow Christ’s ministry to blossom in a soil that welcomes all the gifts of the gathered community.

Like all spiritual disciplines, this concept is easier to theorize about than it is to practice. At the very least, it is incredibly difficult for a human group to live a way of welcome because it poses a threat to their status quo. Some might even say it is impossible. Fortunately, we are not just a human community who seek to live the way of hospitality. We are part of the living body of Christ. We are part of a community who follow the One who said: “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Mt. 20:16). Jesus would later teach: “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Mt. 25 selected verses)

The effect upon a community that lives out Jesus’ way of welcome are remarkable. We only need to look to the history of our own denomination that records the formation of a church through the application of this discipline. Consider the profound human differences between the Methodists, Congregationalists, Union Churches, and many Presbyterians. Even while facing the challenges of these profound differences, our founders wisely planted our denomination in the fertile soil of welcome back in 1925. We continue to see shades of each stream that flowed into our national church and are amazed at the faithful ministry has accomplished through our collective unity. I wonder what will next be seen blossoming in the fertile soil of Deer Lake as we continue living this way of faith.

May we continue to engage in a faithful ministry where welcome is the fertile soil that unites us as increasingly whole children of God.

Shalom, Salaam, Peace,

*Scott*

## A Special Sunday

By Garry F

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> was a very special day at Deer Lake. The focus was definitely on our young people. The Kidz Band performed "Wade in the Water" for the anthem, and I have never heard them sound tighter as a group. Following that was the baptism of little Carter McL and Nina S . Then all the children and adults who participate in Sunday School or the nursery were recognized. (The dais was overflowing!) Finally, seven of our youth (Allison, Jacqueline, John Henry, Melissa, Mitchael, Nicole and Thomas) participated in a Celebration of Confirmation. It was just a wonderful service, demonstrating so well what a vibrant community we have at Deer Lake.

I was so proud of our youth. Their parents must have been bursting at the seams!

I watched in amazement as Elizabeth C and Phyllis S called the names of dozens of children and youth and dozens more adults to go up front and accept their certificates. As the pews emptied and the dais filled, I couldn't help but think what a miraculous turnaround this was from only two years ago when we were struggling to find new people to help with Christian Education. I would like to personally thank everyone who has stepped forward to help in some aspect of this critical work. You know who you are. Pat yourself on the back.



See the colour version of this newsletter at [www.dluc.ca](http://www.dluc.ca)

## Saved From a Life of Abuse

The following letter, while written in very broken English, tells a compelling story of the value of the Marguerite Dixon Transition Society. It is just one example among countless others of women helped out of untenable circumstances by the society.

Marguerite Dixon Transition Society was founded in the basement of Deer Lake United Church by our much-loved, departed friend, Wenda Erikson. We can feel good about those roots and the continued support that our congregation provides to Dixon House. As evidenced by this letter, though, the society is in need of additional funding. If you are so moved and able, please consider including a contribution (or increasing your existing contribution) to "Dixon House" in your offering envelope, or talk to someone from the Outreach Committee if you have any fund-raising ideas.

*Dear Burnaby Government Manage:*

*The first I want to say: thank very much Burnaby government manage and thank very much! to Marguerite Dixon Transition Society manage: Bea, Mary and Linda, Tamara, Chandra - all nice person! they so friendly, kind to help me,, let me feel relax.*

*When I come here I very trouble and sad - my physical have problem because my husband want to kill me (in last year) Shang Hai China (we in Shang Hia with travel). My body have injured. He physical abuse me, sex abuse me and psychological abuse, financial abuse - when I come back Vancouver Canada. I can't go back Victoria to my husband house because my husband would kill me again. So I very hard looking for Marguerite Dixon Transition Society because their office have very nice person and have a can speak Chinese translate nice lady, Linda. When I come here. They are very friendly. Kind to talk me, give me very warm big help. When my teeth have pain and infraction they very caring me. Make soft rice and contact looking for good doctor.*

*When my physical have problem they help me to get a psychological doctor. Let me get a relax. They often ask, talk to me. I always feel so warm - when I come here. I not more clothes, they very caring give me lots. When I have some proble they always beside me, help me. Let me feel always better. Manage Mary give me wash clean my hair. Tamara tak me go my new plase. Drive lots time. Chandra often give me wram talk - lots nise story. I am so happy. They help me to looking found a second stion. They give me new quilt, new tea set. Caring me everything sam my family.*

*Tomorrow I will be moving a new plase. Leave the transition housing. Now, I have cry - I would miss they and remember the Marguerite Dixon Transition Society ever body. I would told evry body and Chinese women when they have proble contact best for women special plase - Marguerite Transition Society in Burnaby. I think this a number one and I hope Burnaby government always give the Marguerite Dixon Transition Society big and more help because look the house have old. Need government to caring give more financial help to keep conplate. Need repair ever were. I really hope the house keep a always beatfl. It is to bring a comfortable for women!*

*Thank very much again!*



## Thanks from Nick

Dear friends,

I have been given the privilege of spending my internship in Saskatchewan from September to April. I am going to the two point Quill Plains Pastoral Charge which is made up of Wesley United Church, Quill Lake, SK and Trinity United Church, Watson, SK. You may have noticed that Watson, SK is in the news at the moment due to flooding. Please keep these folks in your prayers. These communities are about one hundred and fifty kilometres east of Saskatoon.

My supervisor is a retired clergyperson, Linsell Hurd, who has a special interest in United Church history. I will be serving in all areas of ministry. As many of you know, this, as well as exposure to rural ministry, is exactly what I hoped for in this internship. I am delighted with the prospect of getting to know a part of Canada that I have not been to before. There is a two bedroom house, so come and visit!

Thank you for your words and prayers of support during the waiting days. I will let you know about contact details as they become available.

Peace and Joy,

Nick (Judson)

## Meet Pamela Scott

Pamela Scott, Deer Lake's next VST Student Intern, will start with us in September. She is originally from Alberta. She grew up in Calgary and is the third of seven children. Her first taste of post-secondary education was at the Holy Cross School of Nursing where she earned a Diploma in Nursing. Later she moved to Edmonton and received a BSc from the University of Alberta. Eighteen years ago Pamela moved to Burnaby to pursue studies in Dental Hygiene and has since been practicing in the lower mainland. She has completed a Masters of Christian Studies at Regent



College and is currently a student at VST. She enjoys traveling and has visited various locations in Canada, the US, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East, New Zealand and Australia. Twice a year she heads back to Alberta to visit with family and friends. Currently she shares a suite in Burnaby with her dog, Bonnie and a finch, Buddie.

## Dot H - a Camper from a way back

By Pat Y

Dot recalled her early memories of Cultus Lake campout when she was there - 65 years ago!!! I guess camping is a United Church tradition. At their Campout, she remembers army cots in tents, and an army cook who used to chase out the mice, but most of all she remembers the fun they had and the wonderful life-long friends she made.

She attended the United Church up on Kingsway back then. Those were the days when there were 200 kids in Sunday School, with 25 girls in CGIT (Christian Girls in Training) and 75 in the Young Peoples Group. She remembers her teenage friends including Marj R and Wilf (Donna) E. In 1958 she joined St. Matthews United Church, (which is one of the 3 churches that amalgamated to form the current Deer Lake United Church). The Women's Group at that time included people like Shirley McG, Peggy A, Pat S and Mary C, who were all married and most of them having babies.

Times have changed a little over the 65 years, but the memories we will make at our Cultus Lake Campout will last a lifetime. Oh, and Dot? Well, she doesn't look much older, and still loves coming to Deer Lake United Church. (See more on Cultus Lake on page 6.)



## Godly Play Workshop

By Phyllis S

Despite the wet and rainy weather on Sunday, May 6th, a total of 18 brave souls attended our Workshop with Gaye Sharpe. From the Presbytery came 7 of these people, representing Carman United, Trinity United, Eagle Ridge, Como Lake and St. Andrews (Haney). The rest were people from our congregation with an interest in church education.

As many of you know, Play is children's Work, so we need to make sure that the space for their Work is fun and stimulating. If we want our churches to grow, and the work of Jesus to spread, we need to make our children's space just as special as we make our sanctuaries. These upcoming members need to feel that they are not only coming to a special place, but they are special and wanted there. This is especially true in their meeting area. These spaces should not be 2<sup>nd</sup> class, un-adorned, dark dungeons. At Deer Lake we can feel proud that, generally, our Children's Sunday Worship area is fairly bright, but we can still improve these areas. We would like to work with the children to get their input, to see how we can best do so.

Our way of doing things as they always have been done, needs to be challenged. Today's children are different. They are inundated daily with thousands of messages from more than the typical source of immediate parents and family. If we want to share Jesus' message with them, we will need to keep pace with them and their world. One congregation puts on a virtual Church School on Mondays, for those who missed the regular class on Sunday. This virtual church can be accessed by both adults and children.

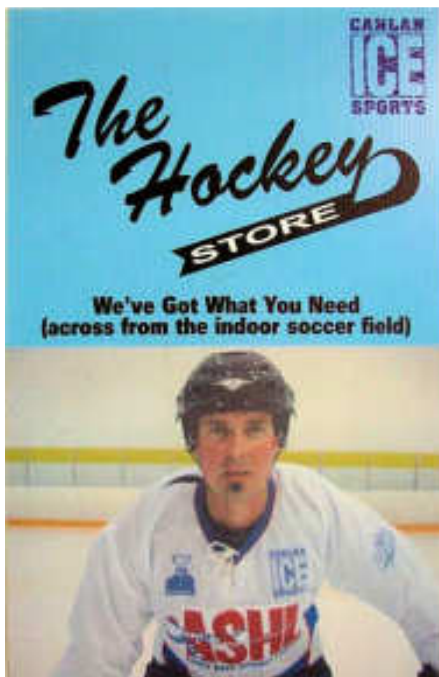
Very young children should be allowed to explore all the spaces of the church at all times. Studies have proven that if you let the little

ones roam where they want, for at least 6 sessions, they will be happy to sit with their families on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Young parents worrying about their little ones end up causing more stress on the children, and they fuss more. Remember the oath all the members of the congregation have made at the child's Baptism. This oath is to care for and teach our children as part of our family. We have promised to look after each other.

Gaye gave a demonstration of "Godly Play" both during the service and later in the classroom. Godly Play stimulates and challenges people through their interaction with each other. Open ended questions are asked and thoughts shared. Scott does this already in his children's time, and we all get something out of it. With Godly Play, small wooden characters are used to "act" out the stories. Often these characters are made by handy people in the congregation.

Gaye left us with these challenges for all members of the congregation: In what ways are you gifting our children's ministry? This does not mean you have to be a teacher, although that gift is always needed. It can be in the simple act of setting up the children's snack table, or providing snacks for various events. It is in a portion of your offerings. It is in supporting and recognizing those who are taking an active part in developing the children's spirituality. It could be doing up a weekly web page. It is in encouraging and having patience when younger people are around. It could be in developing their worship space. How about teaching a song or reading a story?

How can we be more supportive and encouraging than we currently are? How does our understanding of church and children's spirituality affirm our congregation's ministry? Let's throw our assumptions out the door and let God be our leader and guide.

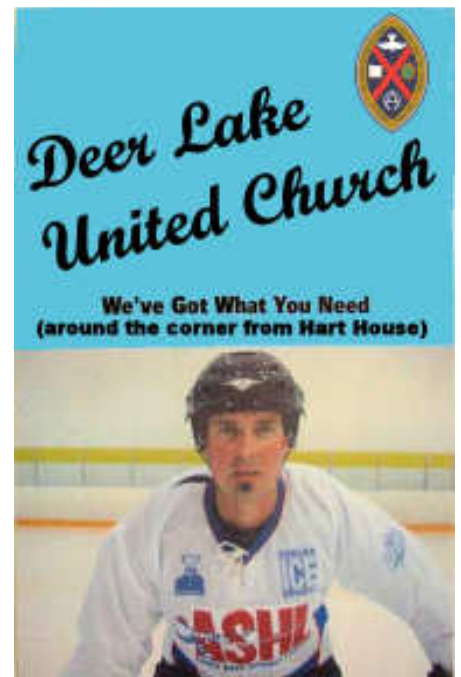


### Advertising Campaign To Be Considered

At the March Board meeting the Communications Committee was asked to consider and recommend what, if any, advertising and related budget Deer Lake should have in 2008. Conveniently, a Board member recently brought to my attention the poster on the left for The Hockey Store, featuring our own Rev. Scott Turnbrook.

At first I was somewhat taken aback by Scott's aggressive, in-your-face stance and the blatant message. But then I thought, why not? Hockey is popular and the message is certainly straight forward. With some slight changes it could work!

In September, the Board will vote on whether we should adopt the poster to the right. I am sure Scott would like to hear what you have to say on the matter.



## Cultus Lake Campout

Have you signed up for the Cultus Lake Campout September 28-30<sup>th</sup> yet? This promises to be a fun-filled weekend with your church family. There are facilities for everyone, from tent spaces to basic cabins, and space for trailers, camper vans, etc. There is a large kitchen, dining room, recreation hall, toilets, hot showers and the possibility for canoeing. All this in a beautiful wooded area right on Cultus Lake.

By September the lake will have warmed up, so the kids will have a great time. This is a wonderful way for the long-time members and the newer members to get to know each other better. There will be communal meals, camp fires (with singing of course) and a lakeside worship service. The first people to sign up were of course those that have been before and know what a terrific weekend this can be.

So if you are haven't signed up yet, talk to anyone that has. The sign-up sheet is on the notice board. The cost is only \$24 per adult for the weekend and \$12 for each child.

## Living with Grief: Before and After the Death

*By Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook*

On Thursday March 22, I attended the Hospice Foundation Conference: "Living with Grief: Before and After the Death". This conference gathered clergy, counselors, chaplains, and members of church pastoral care teams. Deer Lake is a community who engages in pastoral care. We even name it in our vision statement as one of the four marks of our church as "caring and outreach". As such, I wanted to pass on some of this information to empower us all to continue this vital part of our ministry.

The conference focused on four different segments.

- **The Dying Process: Understanding Anticipatory Grief and Anticipatory Mourning.** It was noted how anticipation of loss can result not only from illness but also from other circumstances such as war and violence. It is important for these losses to be acknowledged and validated by the caregivers. Following the death, the importance of companionship, and opportunities for the validation of grief are crucial. A variety of rituals, including memorials and funerals, (but not limited to them) were acknowledged as important modes of validation. Finally, anticipatory grief

does not insulate one from the range of grief reactions following the death.

- **Grief: New Insights and Developments.** A two decade survey of the large evolution in how grief was understood was presented. This included: a change from universal stages to a recognition of personal pathways; from relinquishing ties to revisiting and renewing relationships; from viewing grief as affect to now recognizing the multi-faceted reactions that persons experience as a result of culture, gender and spirituality; from passively coping with grief to now seeing the possibility for transformation and growth; from seeing grief as an individual problem to now viewing it as a relational issue. It was noted that the newly update Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Psychiatry (DSM – V) now separates complicated or prolonged grief from depression and anxiety reactions.
- **Implications for Practice.** The necessity for caregivers to find ways to enable the grieving person to utilize intrinsic and extrinsic strengths was noted. The importance to take time to celebrate the life of the person and the survivor's experience of growth were other validating avenues. A growing cooperative team model where each

professional assists the person in validation, renewing support systems, and meaning making was explored. Finally, guiding principles, rather than rigid rules and protocols, was noted to be the most successful overall approach.

- **The Importance of Self Care.** The stress upon caregivers was noted as being very high, especially when counter-transference (the simultaneous experience of one's personal grief alongside the grief of the person one cares for) comes into play. A wide range of strategies for self care were presented. It was noted that an effective life-style management regime that includes clear rules for rest, a realistic philosophy of what can be accomplished, and a resilient spirituality were critical. Finally, the importance for ongoing supervision, education and closure rituals were discussed.

As a whole, I was blessed to take some time to focus on this critical component of our vision as a church. We are indeed blessed to be part of such a caring spiritual community. We will continue to be a blessing into the future as we thoughtfully engage in this ministry we all share in Christ.





# Men's Retreat Weekend in Review

By Bill H

The 2007 Men's retreat was held at the Drew's cabin "PARADISE" on Harrison Lake. Twenty men participated in the weekend of companionship, activity and study. A good, fulfilling and enjoyable time was had by all. The theme of the retreat was "Looking At success." Activities began Friday evening with a word puzzle about some of the ingredients for success. That was followed by a singsong of favourites led by Bob M and a special introduction to the didgeridoo by Andrew H. Social activities of personal choice finished the evening.

Saturday morning we all rose early to a great breakfast. After eating and cleaning up, we assembled and listened to a collection of thoughts from the ages about what success is, and some common notions of how to achieve success. We heard that the Latin derivation of our modern word is "succensus," meaning happy outcome. We were introduced to the idea that we live in two worlds at the same time, the physical world and the spiritual world. The question posed was, "How do we get the best of both?" To answer that question, we divided into three small groups. Discussions around the topics of physical and spiritual success were searching, thought provoking, intense and revealing. Some highlights of the discussions were: -



- The idea of success changes with age.
- Money has some relevance, especially as it allows us freedom from worry.
- Safety and security for our children are important factors.
- Self satisfaction and personal benchmarks are measures of success.
- Self confidence is important as we move ahead.
- The ability to look back with satisfaction is an indication of success.
- Family values are important.
- Enjoyment of life in both work and play is key.
- Following God's path as laid out in scripture is seen by many as a way to achieve success.
- To love one another is both a path to, and an outcome of, success.
- Living each day with faith helps one to achieve success.
- Happiness and success are synonyms.

On Saturday afternoon, after another delicious meal, many of the fellows went for a hike through the woods to a logging road that is being pushed through nearby. Discussions ensued regarding future possibilities, including the likelihood of access roads to some or all of the cabins in the area being built. Those less energetic stayed behind to rest or read or just enjoy the solitude and the scenery.

Supper took the usual form of a barbecue, but this year there were two differences. Barbecue Bob (C) was absent as a result of an old "war" injury, and, in addition to steak, we dined on succulent salmon. As Jimmy MacLoskey used to say, "We had food and it was good." Although the substitute chefs did an exemplary job, Bob need not worry. He is still master of the grill.

After supper, music and singing filled the air, followed by laughter and the sounds of friendly rivalry over games of Bridge, Crib and Marbles. Gradually, men drifted off to prepare for bed, laughter subsided and, eventually, the sounds of men sleeping filled the cabin.

Sunday morning arrived a bit too soon but, after another hearty breakfast, we gathered for worship. Nick Judson led a wonderful service that included many old favourite hymns, and George Stegan served communion

It was another inspirational weekend.

# Gerald Heads for Drier Climes

By Garry F

Gerald is leaving us. He and Sandra are selling their house, packing up their belongings and moving to Kelowna. No small feat if you've ever seen their place on Grassmere Street!

Gerald first came to Deer Lake with his two young daughters when David Martyn was our minister. After several years absence, he then returned with one of his daughters, who was by then a teen. Gerald remembers we were "between ministers" at that time.

It was during Abiel Khalema's tenure that Gerald joined the Bass section in the choir. It wasn't long, though, before he realized that we had lots of Basses but were short on Tenors. In typical Gerald fashion, he went where the need was greatest – to the Tenor section. Let me tell you from personal experience, that is not an easy thing to do. It is not a natural act for a man to sing in a Mickey Mouse voice, but that is what a Bass or Baritone must do to sing in the Tenor range. And, with Jean MacLeod's patient coaching, that is what Gerald learned to do (although you can still see her on an occasional Thursday evening gesturing to him to sing up an octave). Last summer, he attended his first Music Week at Naramata Centre. He found it a deeply moving experience.



It was also during Abiel's time as our minister that we were temporarily left without a Chair of the Board. Once again, Gerald saw a need and volunteered for the position. He sat as Chair of the Board for two years, stepping down in February, 2005. It was not long after this that our building custodian, Dick Leonard died suddenly. Seeing a need, Gerald volunteered to take on the custodial duties. We hired him on an interim basis and then, in the autumn of

2006, on a permanent basis. The building and grounds have never been cleaner.

When Don W needed someone to run the sound system on Sunday mornings, Gerald was there, willing to learn and do.

Gerald also joined the Men's Group, frequenting the Tuesday morning meetings, helping with sponsored events, attending some of the retreats, and attending or hosting the Men's Christmas Breakfast. One event that Gerald and Sandra personally hosted that our youth and their parents will never forget was a two-evening course in fine dining. Under Gerald's and Sandra's expert guidance, the youth learned and practiced formal dining etiquette, and prepared, served and tasted fine cuisine.

Gerald says he will miss his Deer Lake family, because that is the way he feels about us. He will miss the choir and he will miss the building that he has become so attached to. One thing he won't miss is the chewing gum he finds here, there and everywhere while performing his custodial duties. I will miss Gerald's ready smile, his willing hands and his desire to make Deer Lake United Church the best it can be.

Come back and visit when you can, Gerald.

Mark your calendar for the  
**SECOND ANNUAL WELCOME BACK BBQ**

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

in the church parking lot  
(or the fellowship hall if the weather doesn't cooperate.)

Last year this highly successful event  
was sponsored by the Board Executive.

This year the Men's Group will man the grills.

This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a fun  
informal hour or two, share stories of summer  
adventures, and enjoy a burger or two.

And the best thing about it is

**IT'S FREE!**



Gerald indulges one of his passions in Joan's garden at Paradise during a Men's Retreat



## Summer Worship at Deer Lake

Summer continues to be a great time to come to church. As the temperatures rise, come and gather a little more 'informally' in shorts and "T's" (if you wish), hear some of our great worship leaders, join the 'impromptu' choir who gather at 9:45 a.m. to run through that Sunday's anthem, and cool off with a glass of iced tea after worship. For the children, the Christian Education Committee have placed a 'Spirit Corner Table' at the back of the church to allow the children to enjoy their fun Pew Packs. See you in church!

Our summer worship leaders are as follows:

- **Rev. Scott Turnbrook** will be leading worship during many Sundays of the summer. During the Sundays when he enjoys time both in study and on holiday, we invite you to enjoy our great guest worship leaders listed below:
- Sunday June 24 @ 10:30 a.m. - **Marie P** is an active member of our church community, serves as chair of our Outreach Committee and as one of our Sunday School teachers, and continues to take courses at the Vancouver School of Theology.
- Sunday July 1 @ 10:30 a.m. - **The Rev. Audrey Lans** is a retired minister who, together with her husband Glenn, has found a home at Deer Lake. Audrey's ministry called her to serve churches in Vancouver and Burnaby as well as serving at Deer Lake for several months until the arrival of Rev. Scott.
- Sunday August 12 @ 10:30 a.m. - **Jean MacL and Don W** are two of our four choir directors who provide liturgical leadership a few times each year. Jean has just concluded her term as chair of Westminster Presbyterian and Don is delighted to have his wife back.
- Sunday August 19 @ 10:30 a.m. - **The Rev. Wilda Cottam** is an Ordained Minister with the United Church currently living in Victoria. She has served parishes in Nanaimo and Port Hardy and was a seminary classmate with Rev. Scott. If the surname sounds familiar, it should. Wilda is also the proud mother of Elizabeth Cottam-Hull, our Christian Education chairperson! We look forward to welcoming Rev. Wilda from the island for her second summer of leadership at DLUC.
- Sunday August 26 @ 10:30 a.m. - **The Rev. George Stegen** is a retired minister who, with his wife Claire, has found a home at Deer Lake. Throughout his career, he served churches in both the Anglican and United Churches as well as serving as the executive director of a drug and alcohol treatment centre.
- Sunday September 2 @ 10:30 a.m. - **Leenane Shiels** is a teacher from Vancouver Community College who will begin theological studies at VST this fall. Rev. Scott and Don Wade both served on Leenane's discernment for ministry committee and are delighted that Leenane will come to share her passion for ministry with us.
- **Holy Communion** continues to be celebrated (roughly) once per month even through the summer months. The dates are July 8 and August 5.

## Women's Evening Group

By Phyllis Slater

A new group has been formed in our church!!!

We started up a Ladies' evening group with the first meeting held on April 18, 2007. Seven beautiful women attended. It was decided that we would meet once a month, and on May 16 we had 9 gals show up!

This group is for developing better relationships with each other, having fun, sharing our talents, and developing stronger fellowship. Some of the ideas we have come up with are a talk on my trip to Myanmar with Medical Ministries International, hiking, learning to crochet, sharing our career choices, having an essential oils demonstration, and whatever else our brilliant gals can come up with.

We have discovered many special abilities and talents in each other already. We would love to have you join us, so come with us June 20<sup>th</sup> for a stroll around Deer Lake Park. We're leaving from the church at 7:30.



Do you have your copy of Chali's CD yet?

Enjoy a mix of well-known hymns and some not-so-well-known African songs, two of which Chali arranged and one of which he wrote.

Chali has a beautiful singing voice and the music on this CD is diverse and very listenable. They are definitely "Songs from the Heart".

**\$15**

Order from Garry F by email phone or in person.

(\$12.75 from each CD goes to Chali; \$2.25 goes to his friend Artwell Hachunde who provided the instrumentals and recording studio.)

**Help Needed**

We are looking for one or more caring individuals to join the Outreach Committee. This committee is a vital link to the community. It recommends, oversees and coordinates short-term outreach projects and long-term outreach commitments. An example of a short-term project is the Christmas Families. Ongoing commitments include Marguerite Dixon Transition Society and Edmonds Youth Centre. Project Chali is another example of the good work done by this committee.

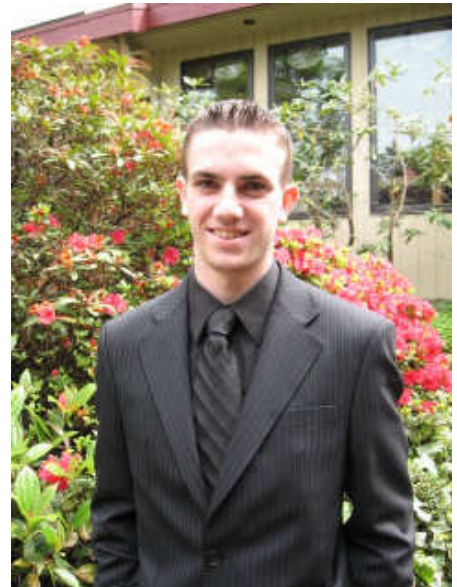
If you are interested in exploring this rewarding opportunity, please contact Garry F.



The Kidz Band works its magic with "Wade in the Water". Ernie C directed in Don W's absence.

**Graduates**

Congratulations to Allison M and Darren C who graduate from high school this year.



**"Good News" from First United**

February 23, 2007

To our partner congregations

**ATTENTION: Chair of Council/Church Board**

Dear Friends of First United;

First United Church Mission wants to invite you into a circle of fellowship, along with the people of the downtown eastside, to share in a celebration of thanksgiving! First United Church Mission has some "good tidings of great joy" to share with you.

From the generous donations and financial support of the Lower Mainland United Church congregations, First United Church Mission received almost \$65,000 during our First Gifts Campaign during the Advent season! This is a large increase from last year's Advent campaign and contributed significantly to the financial turnaround experienced by First in 2006.

Whether great or small, each and every contribution is appreciated and acknowledged as a generous and faithful act of love and compassion. This support allows the Mission to continue to support the individuals in the downtown eastside community by creating a safe and caring place and ministering to their needs.

First United Church Mission values your dedication and commitment to the people of the downtown eastside, in the past, present and future.

It is our prayer to continue our Mission in the spirit of fellowship and partnership with each of you. First United Church Mission is committed to being a faithful steward of your ongoing generous financial and other heartfelt contributions. Please share our "Good News" with the Congregation.

In gratitude and thanksgiving for God's gifts to us,

Judith Clark

Chair, First Gifts Task Group

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