

# LAKESHORE LINES

March, 2008

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## Easter Laughter

by Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

As we come ever closer to Easter, there seems to be an almost universal angst found among folks in my profession. As we anticipate full to overflowing sanctuaries and a general interest from society to hear the meaning of the Easter Good News, we fear that our worship will not be up to the task.

The challenge in offering our message is that we offer the Easter story to an, all to often, Good Friday world. Theologian Jurgen Moltmann, who was conscripted at age 17 into the German army and witnessed the firebombing of his hometown of Hamburg where 40,000 civilians were killed, wrote that "Good Friday is the centre of the world."

But he also wrote that "Easter morning is the sunrise of the coming of God, the morning of new life, and the beginning of the future of the world. The laughter of the universe is God's delight. It is the universal Easter laughter in heaven and earth."

Easter laughter? Do you ever wonder if this is possible or even appropriate? The Easter story begins with weeping, grief and despair. Most of Jesus' friends have abandoned him after his arrest and watched in horror as he was systematically interrogated, tortured and executed.

They had actually begun to believe him when he said that love is better than hate, that forgiveness is better than revenge. They had begun to trust him when he said that the greatest good is love for God and neighbour and that the way to gain your own best life is to give it away. All of that seemed to die when his life was taken away by the powers of Good Friday.

No wonder they were so skeptical when the women returned from Jesus' tomb reporting that it was empty. No wonder we all stammer and stutter when others ask us about the resurrection. For if the resurrection is true, then Good Friday is no longer the centre of things. The realities which govern our day to day lives are not the centre of things; Easter is; and suddenly everything becomes new and possible.

Anne Lamott wrote: "I don't have the right personality for Good Friday, for the crucifixion...I'd like to skip ahead to the resurrection vision of one of the kids in our Sunday school who drew a picture of the Easter bunny outside an open tomb: everlasting life and a basket full of chocolates..."

"I hate that you can't prove the beliefs of my faith ... Darkness is our context, yet without it you cannot see the Easter light. Hope is about choosing to believe this one thing: that love is bigger than any of the grim, bleak stuff anyone can ever throw at us."

On Easter Sunday this year, millions of people will, once again, crowd into churches to be part of worship. They will do this because they know in their souls that there is something more powerful than the Good Friday realities that seek to rule our reality.

They will do this because this truth is so big that no one of us is up to understanding it by ourselves. We will celebrate with hymns because we can sing more than we can say.

We will celebrate it with flowers, baked bread, baptismal water and lovingly handmade liturgical art because these symbols express more than we can offer. We will gather to celebrate the goodness of life, of our lives, and of God's unending presence with us.

And I believe that when Donna commands the organ provoking us to sing "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!", that if you listen closely enough, you will hear Easter laughter break out into our Good Friday world.

May this resounding laughter be released beyond the Easter weekend. May it permeate all aspects of our living and of our dying.

Happy Easter!  
Shalom, Salaam, Peace,

*Rev. Scott*

### 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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# Deer Lake's Got Talent!

by Jim Y

Once again, Deer Lake has shown itself to be an incredible source of talent. The motivation for the 2008 production of Deer Lake's Got Talent was to repair or replace the organ speakers. Nearly \$1200 was raised through ticket sales.

Don W, the Producer, got off to a very good start by enlisting Naomi S and Hugh J as co-emcees.

The first number of the evening was our choir reprising "Ride Up in the Chariot"...a rousing spiritual. "Oh Lord, have mercy on me..." Now I can't get the tune out of my mind.

Hugh then took to the stage to sing "Candle on the Water" which he dedicated to his mom Ellen. He's definitely a charmer. (Eleven-year-old Hugh really wants to be in the adult choir, but for now he'll pass because Thursday's practice night coincides with Survivor on T.V.)

Donna P and Don W played "Gavotte & Gigue" by Boyce. Naomi described a gigue as a jig with a French accent and a gavotte as a jig for peasants.

Kathryn S introduced her song by describing music from the sixties as being either about falling in love or leaving a relationship, singing a few bars from a number of them. She then sang "Wild Geese" by Ian Tyson. Kathryn so reminds me of Joan Baez.

Three young Don W protégés (Aaron S, Demmery J and Thomas M) took to the stage to perform "Jazz Sketch Suite"...three short jazz (as you can tell by the title) tunes.

Seven-year-old Evan P played "Beach Party" on the piano. Donna explained that Evan had "arranged" the piece and that he wanted her to accompany him.

Garry F and Kathryn S...a great duo to be sure. I've heard "Bridge over Troubled Waters" many times by Simon and Garfunkel and I don't think I realized it was sung in harmony. Maybe S&G didn't have the skills! Very nicely done.

The Tempos...Where to start? This small but growing choir is made up of blind and low vision singers who come from all over the Lower Mainland. They have been rehearsing at Marilyn R's twice a month for almost a year.

The youngest member, Ryan, is 10 years old and he was the one who thought of the choir's name.

These kids love to sing and entertain. They sang, "Enter with Singing", "Come Rejoicing" and "In This House Tonight". When the assembled called for more, the smiles on the choir's faces got even wider. They finished with "The River". If one didn't have a watery eye or a lump in the throat after that...

After a too-short intermission (given all the goodies to be had), the second half got underway with the Kidz Band performing "Meetin' Time"...a great jazz tune. (A question about the trombone...how does one change notes with no keys...or are they valves?)



**Naomi and Hugh emcee our concert**

Shirley McG's granddaughter Kate sang "Low" to a CD. Could she be a future Sarah McLachlan? I think so.

Demmery J then played "Comme au Premier Jour" on the piano. Good job Demmery. He's 14 years old and been playing for nine years. He plays for fun (and his mom if she's lucky!). When he finished, emcee Naomi asked his mom Ellen to show everyone that she wasn't crying. Another moist eye perhaps...

Did you know that "Sing a Song of Sixpence" was a code poem that pirates of the 1700s used to recruit new sailors? Jean MacL sang a humorous opera-style version of this little ditty.

Garry F...this guy is as smooth as 25-year-old single malt whisky, isn't that right, Don? He waltzed around the stage as he sang "Don't Get Around Much Anymore"...this after Naomi explained that Garry and Gloria, since they've retired, have travelled more miles than Magellan.



**Donna and Evan play Beach Party**

# Deer Lake's Got Talent Raises Almost \$1200

How does a composer notate a 128<sup>th</sup> note in music...a note with a long stick and 32 branches? Donna (aka Magic Fingers) had the old grand piano smokin' with Bumble Boogie. I learned later that these were 16<sup>th</sup> notes (a stem with a couple of twigs). I didn't think she was that good though, because she needed a page-turner.

Then Jean MacL and Marilyn R performed "Duetto Buffo Di Due Gatti". I've heard this song before but this was the best ever. But I think what made this performance special was that Marilyn was singing in front of her choir "The Tempos". She is obviously their heroine. Eyes watered again!

The evening was closed with the choir singing our traditional "Blessing of Aaron".

This was a wonderful evening for both the entertainers and the entertained...and what a painless way to raise \$1200!!

It must be said that much thanks is owed to Don Wade who produced the program. Without his efforts, the evening would have been a non-starter.



Marilyn's growing choir "The Tempos"



Marilyn and Jean sing the Meow Song



Demmery looks very comfortable sitting at the grand piano

## Easter Factoid

Here's a little 'tidbit' you may not know about Easter:

Easter is early this year. Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which, this year, is March 20).

This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Gregorian calendar.

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare.

Here's the interesting part. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see for the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population has ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!).

And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

2) The next time it will be the earliest date possible, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year.

Easter last fell on the latest possible date, April 25, in 1943 and will next fall on that date in 2038. However, it will fall on April 24, just one day before this latest possible date, in 2011.

## Moderator's Easter Message: The Promise of Spring Script

by David Giuliano

Greetings to you in the name of the One who has risen and continues to rise, and who said to Thomas, "blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

I want to especially greet those of you who are struggling to believe in the promise of new life, without seeing.

Easter, in this part of the world, associated with spring — increasing warmth, budding flowers, emerging butterflies, pussy willows and, perhaps oddly, with baby chicks and bunnies. But in northwestern Ontario, where we live, Easter often arrives in what still looks like winter.

Friends and family used to phone from the south on Easter Sunday and ask, "Are the crocuses up? Are the trees budding?" Outside, our part of the world might still be blanketed with snow. One time our sunrise service took place in the shivering dark, on top of three feet of hard packed snow.

Sometimes things are difficult and we are simply not able to see any evidence of God's promised new life. Sometimes the extravagant promises of spring arrive when the ground of our personal landscapes is still frozen.

We learn to look for more subtle cues of spring in the north. Rather than a grand show of garish colour and vitality, it

sometimes comes like the single candle not overcome by expansive darkness.

The sun lingers a little longer each day. Thick slabs of ice break up and are beached by the restless waters below. Late in the afternoon, a drop forms on the branch of a birch tree. Snow fleas, almost invisible to the naked eye, appear inexplicably on the melting drifts.

Near a stream, if you listen carefully, the laughing promise of spring burbles beneath the ice.

Sometimes Easter arrives in subtle ways too. Then we cling with hope to Jesus' promise to Thomas: Blessed are those who are believing without seeing.

Sometimes the promise of spring arises in us, rather than around us. It is in times of hardship, that like Albert Camus, we find an "invincible summer" within. For us, that "invincible summer" is God's promise of new life revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Whoever you are, however word of the resurrection comes to you this year, may it melt your heart and free you for this exciting journey of faith we share.

(A video version of this message can be found at <http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/moderator/080304b>)

## 2008 Holy Week Events

### **Maundy Thursday at Deer Lake United Church Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

An interactive worship gathering to help experience the Upper Room meal Jesus shared with his disciples. As this experience includes a pot-luck meal, worshippers may choose to bring food that would have been shared at the meal (especially foods that common to Jesus' time such as bread, figs, grapes, etc).

People are welcome to bring wine to this event which remembers Jesus passing the cup (grape juice will also be available).

### **Good Friday at St. Alban's Anglican Church Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

This year we will unite with two other congregations for worship on Good Friday. You are invited to begin at 10:30 a.m. at East Burnaby United Church (7772 Graham Avenue) for a walk of the cross. This rain or shine walk will be slow paced over two kilometers.

If you wish to come to the worship service portion of the morning, it will commence at 11:00 a.m. at St. Albans Anglican Church (7717 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue). We invite all ages to this service which finds God's grace amidst the painful depths of our humanity.

### **Easter Sunrise Services**

As the light ushers in a new reality on Easter morning, we have received invitations from two neighbouring churches to gather and celebrate the 'Sunrise' of Easter!

- St. Albans Anglican Church  
5:30 a.m. for an outdoor service at Robert Burnaby Park (16<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 1<sup>st</sup> Street). This outdoor gathering will meet for worship and Holy communion.
- Ellesmere United Church  
7:00 a.m. in Ellesmere's new worship space in the Cornerstone Bldg on SFU Campus (160-8960 University High Street). This indoor gathering will meet for worship and Holy communion.

### **Easter Sunday at Deer Lake United Church Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that every Sunday is "a little Easter". Thus, Easter Sunday is truly the peak of our weekly Sunday worship gatherings. Easter Sunday is an opportunity to explore the meaning of new life and the gift of resurrection in word, music and Holy Communion. Please come early and join us for this very well attended service. Sunday school and youth group will be offered.

## Lunches for the Homeless

About two years ago, John Buis of the Burnaby RCMP Community Policing and the Burnaby-Edmonds Progressive Housing Committee decided it was time to do something about the crime and homelessness in the area.

From this was begun an initiative to help the homeless in Burnaby. Many churches in the area, and also the nearby mosque, became involved in this inter-faith effort.

The Burnaby Homelessness Task Force developed a weekly drop-in program. On Thursday mornings, Southside Community Church on Walker St. opens to the homeless people of Burnaby.

They are offered coffee/goodies and conversation as they gather in a café-style setting to talk with one another. There is also a clothing depot, where people pick up whatever clothing they require, and toiletries and other items are available to them.

An onsite nurse (from Trinity United Church in Port Coquitlam) generously gives her time to help with any health concerns they may have. As they leave, they are each given a hearty bag lunch.

This is where Deer Lake Church comes into the picture. Along with other churches and the local mosque, we take our turn providing that bag lunch.

This endeavour is growing very quickly — when we started in October 2007, we provided 50 lunches, but we have already had to increase that to 60.

Preparing a monthly lunch for 60 people is a fairly large undertaking, and the congregation has supported every aspect of this.

Our turn comes on the fourth Thursday of each month, and on the preceding Wednesday volunteers meet to assemble the lunches. Some make the sandwiches and others put the other parts of the lunch into individual bags.

We are a very efficient group, and usually have everything ready in less than an hour.

Of course, before all this, fundraising has to be done to raise money to purchase the food. Members have generously made donations, saved their cans and bottles, bought CDs and cookbooks, etc.

Don W is planning to do a fundraising concert for these lunches, which you all will be hearing about very soon.

Scott Turnbrook notes that there is increasing openness to a homeless shelter and other services in our city, so this is an exciting time to be implementing new outreach services for our brothers and sisters on the street.

If you would like to help in any way with the lunches for the homeless, whether by donating or by helping to make the lunches, please speak to a member of the Outreach Committee.

## Potluck Welcome Dinner

On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, DLUC held a Welcome Dinner for those who have been coming to the church for two years or less. The Fellowship Hall was decorated as a family dining room: tablecloths with flowers on the tables, silverware and candles.

Longer-time families from the congregation acted as Hosts, and supplied pot luck dinners, salads and deserts, while the newer families brought appetites and a smile. A Puzzle Piece game started off the evening, which helped people to get to know one another as we introduced our “other piece of the puzzle”.

Thank you Kellee M...you are a natural to make fun with the children after dinner. There were several people new to our congregation who were not there this time, but hopefully if Guests and Hosts jump on board in the Fall, we can make this a semi-annual event.



Some of the folks chatting up a storm at the Welcome Dinner

## Are You New to Deer Lake?

We are so happy that God and your heart led you to this church recently. We hope by now that you have picked up a Pew Card from the pew in front of you, and have made yourselves known to us with names, phone numbers, addresses and interests so that we can serve you better.

If you do not have a printed Name Tag, leave your Pew Card on the secretary's desk and one will be made for you. There is also a brochure, located in the Narthex (or Lobby entrance), which may be helpful to you called *A Newcomers' Guide to the Worship and Work of this Congregation*.

Please take it home with you or share it with friends. Spread the word ... Deer Lake United Church works for you!

## Reel Theology

On the second Friday of each month Pat and Jim host a movie viewing called Reel Theology.

This is a great way to view a film through Christian eyes. Even if you have seen the movie before, seeing it again with others, and the discussion afterwards, makes this an evening of fun and fellowship, involvement and growth.

Past movies that we've seen and discussed are *The Colour Purple*, *Crash* and *Everything is Illuminated*.

Possible future movies are *The Mission*, *The Matrix*, *Partition* and *Secrets and Lies*.

## “Pass the Peace, Please”

by Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

I was blessed to be involved, once again, in the second annual Presbytery Children's Gathering that we called "Pass the Peace". This event gathered 85 children from the Lower Mainland between the ages of 8 and 11 at the Chehalis Healing House in Agassiz.

During the weekend, our theme caused us to explore the concept of peace both from an individual perspective as well as from a communal perspective in which we all collectively contribute.

Individual peace was explored through small group workshops that offered meditation, creating prayer beads, learning about prayer shawls, exploring a labyrinth, and centering prayer.

Communal peace was explored through small group activities such as a creation walk, folding peace cranes, writing letters to Amnesty International, and constructing prayer chains. Sunday morning worship was designed by the children in small

groups focusing on different aspects of the liturgy. I was blessed to share in the wisdom of 19 children who designed the liturgy of communion, led various parts of the Eucharistic prayer, and served their fellow campers.

Aside from the 'churchy' stuff, it had many camp memories that will last a long time. The Deer Lake girls at the camp will likely remember the noisy boys next door in Cabin 15.



Kennedy N, Mikayla T, Caitlan McN, Maxine N and friends gather in front of the worship centre.

### Upcoming Services and Celebrations

**Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

As Pamela Scott approaches the conclusion of her internship with us at Deer Lake, we look forward to her leadership in Sunday Worship on this Second Sunday in the Easter Season.

**Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Rev. Dr. Ria Van Holten, one of the retired ministers of our congregation, will lead worship on this third Sunday in the Easter Season.

**Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a celebration and Farewell party for Pamela Scott who concludes her internship at Deer Lake. During the Sunday service, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the work of both Pamela as well as the members of her Ministry Reflection Group. A farewell party will occur during the coffee time.

### Newsletter Submissions

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

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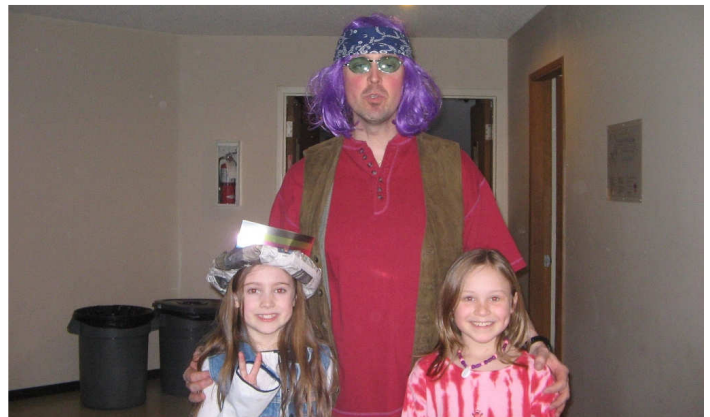
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Others will remember who won the impromptu pancake eating contests at their tables on Saturday morning. And still others will remember the gala dinner that invited us to dress up as Peace Hippies from the 60's. It was a truly blessed event – blessed with fun, friendship and God's Spirit.

Events such as these are critical to the faith formation of our younger members of the church and serve to plant seeds that will continue to blossom into the future. I can't wait until next year.

Special thanks to the church for allowing me to spend time planning and leading this event, our intern Pamela Scott, and our fantastic choir who led such a meaningful "Top Four Anthem" Sunday in my absence.



Mikayla T, Rev. Scott, and Maxine N head off to the Gala Peace dinner

## Grant Puts Away His Stick



After many years of co-conducting the Deer Lake Choir, Grant has retired. Our very popular arm waver found it increasingly difficult to hear high-frequency voices (aka sopranos) when they sang off key.

Grant joined the choir about a quarter century ago and he looked pretty much the same then as he does now.

The choir will miss his leadership and musical direction but will still have the pleasure of hearing him sing those low bass notes.

## Myrtle's Uncle Sandy was some golfer!



Alexander "Sandy" Herd with Edward VIII and George VI

Sandy won the Open Golf Championship at Hoylake in 1902. Altogether he played in fifty Open championships, the last being in 1939. (His brother Fred won the 1898 U.S. Open.)

## A Day Celebrating ... Love Worship & Marriage Enhancement Workshop

Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

(Rescheduled from Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>)

As a people who believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16), we gather to consider how this text calls in our living. The format of the day is as follows:

- Sunday Worship 10:30 – 11:45
- Lunch
- Marriage Enhancement Workshop 1-3 p.m. with Dr. Gloria McArter & Rev. Scott Turnbrook

### Marriage Enhancement Workshop

Weddings are a deep honour and responsibility in our ministry at Deer Lake. In our effort to honour this responsibility, we provide significant wedding preparation for all couples.

While the wedding lasts for only one (wonderful) day, we also offer support for couples in their life of marriage. The marriage enhancement workshop provides an opportunity for couples to 'fine tune' their marriage.

This workshop is for couples who know that a healthy marriage does not happen by accident, but is nurtured with love and intention. This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn with Registered Clinical Counsellor, Dr. Gloria McArter whose counseling practice includes working with couples who desire to nurture and support a healthy life in marriage.

Dr. McArter has been in private practice for over 15 years in New Westminster and continues to be involved with the United Church in various roles.

Her doctoral dissertation involved research in the areas of spirituality and personality. We are delighted to welcome her back to Deer Lake.

March 13<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday through Saturday

8 p.m.

(Sunday 2 p.m. matinee)

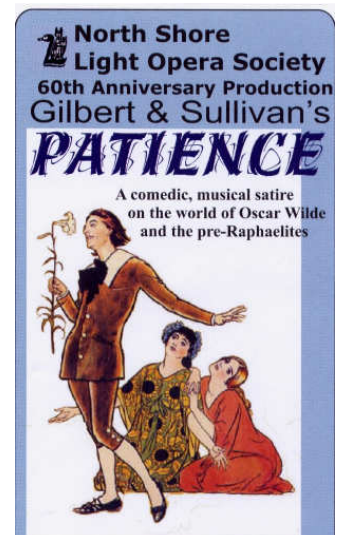
Presentation House  
Theatre

North Vancouver

Tickets: \$27

(Seniors \$22)

Please see Kathryn S



## It's Not Too Early to Consider Fall Campout

Pull out your calendars! We have been invited back to the United Church Cultus Lake Campout, for our end of summer fling. The dates this year are September 26-28, so be sure to mark them down and plan to sign up for this fun event.

If you didn't go last year, this is a must for 2008, as it promises to be a fun filled weekend with your church family. There are facilities for everyone, from tent space, to basic cabins, space for trailers, vans etc.

There is a large kitchen, dining room, recreation hall, toilets, hot showers and the distinct possibility for canoeing (kayaks are supplied). All this is in a beautiful wooded setting out in the valley, right on shores of Cultus Lake.

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 quite possibly a lakeside worship service.

The first people to sign up will probably be those who have been before and know what a terrific weekend this can be. There is now a sign-up sheet on the notice board, so make sure your name is on there.

The cost will be \$30 per adult for the weekend and \$15 for each child. But you can't put a price on this wonderful experience; you just have to do it.



Last year's Pirates of Cultus Lake

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# Christmas 2007 Revisited



Sean K and a couple of "angels" in the church narthex

## DLUC Sponsors Three Families

We had a successful Christmas Families project in that we were able to provide generously for our sponsored families with gifts and foodstuffs that they requested in their wish lists.

As usual the church was very generous with their donations as well as in support by buying gifts, and helping in every way that we asked them to do. The total congregation participated in buying gift certificates, food and non-perishables.

Cathy M helped with finances, Peggy Wood and the Youth did the buying for the children of the families, Michele C and I did the major grocery shopping, and Marg and Bob M shuttled and stored many of the gifts at their house.

Our three hosts, Linda and Paul A, Sharon A and Iz G, and Wendy and Mike K contacted their families and delivered all the food and gifts before the Dec 17 deadline.

Thank you to everyone for all the help and support.

*Eileen M*



This banner is a panel which I embellished with many beads, metallic threads and quilted.

When Carol P asked me to do the panel, I asked if I needed to do the whole thing, she said "yes" .... well her idea and my idea of the whole thing was very different. I'm sure she was wondering where all the beads were going, and what was taking me so long to complete (approximately 10 months).

I'm hoping you enjoyed the finished project as much as I enjoyed completing it.

*Mary C*



Connor, Mike and Sandra R are very happy with their gingerbread house.

Thanks, Sandra, for organizing the event.



Deer Lake's very own choir of angels

# Deer Lake AGM Approves Church Course

by Garry F

The Deer Lake Annual General Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> followed the proven and popular format of the last several years, integrating Sunday service, AGM, workshops and lunch into one meaningful and engaging event. Fifty-five people signed the attendance sheets, but the ten tables looked more full than that. The theme was discovering and expressing our gifts in spirituality and stewardship.

Inspired by Scott's reflections the attendees filled sheet after sheet of flip chart paper with ideas of how to discover, nurture and apply our God-given gifts. These will be considered by the Board in the coming months.



**Scott, Garry and Shirley  
run an excellent AGM**

During her presentation of the 2007 financial statements and the 2008 budget, Cathy Milne spoke to the deficit we were running until the last week of December. It appears that only a plea from the pulpit in mid-December saved us from a significant deficit. Credit goes to those who responded generously at year end to leave us with a much-needed surplus, which will be applied to the new roof.

The 2008 budget was passed with very little discussion, but comments regarding the need for a predictable cash flow and slightly increased offerings resulted in pages of further ideas on improved stewardship. I was gratified at the quality of suggestions and the frank and open discussion around finances. Again, the Board will consider the ideas over the ensuing months.

Ernie did a thorough and heart-felt job of presenting the slate of nominees and recognizing the continuing and retiring Board members. You will find the 2008 committee list elsewhere in this newsletter, but I think the resignations and additions are worth highlighting here.

Retiring: Myself as Board Chair, Bob C as Vice Chair, Heather R and Pat Y from Christian Education, Jim Y from Ministry & Personnel, Arnie B from Stewards and Gloria F from Worship.



**Grant and Terri watch Marlene  
draw a nifty umbrella**

I would personally like to thank these individuals for their hard work, in some cases for a long, long time.

New members: Jean MacL as Board Chair, Kathy R on Christian Education, Greg N on Ministry & Personnel, Mike K and Colleen K on Worship and Susan M as Librarian. It is particularly nice to see some fresh faces on the Board. Welcome and thank you all.

I have said it many times before, but we are very lucky to have such talented and involved individuals on our Board. Thank you to them, and thank you to everyone who attended the AGM for your invaluable input. It will certainly help to keep Deer Lake the special place we all value.

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## Musical Movements

by Garry F

Have you noticed things moving in the sanctuary over the last several months? It all started with the pulpit moving from left to right. At first I thought it was a political statement on the part of Scott, but having investigated the matter further, I realize that's not it at all.

It's all part of a grand plan – a scheme to make the world a better place. A place where people sitting in the side loft can actually see Scott as he holds forth matters spiritual on Sunday mornings. A place where a grand piano could be accommodated without distracting unduly from the intended purpose of the sanctuary.

Then behold! What should happen but a grand piano appeared and the Kimball upright moved into the Fellowship hall.

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### Antarctica Reveals Spectacular Beauty



by Audrey and Glenn L

Using a zoom lens, Glenn captured the essence of Antarctica in this cathedral-like iceberg. Antarctica's huge ice sheet covers nearly 99% of its surface and accounts for 90% of the world's ice. By far, this vast area was the most intriguing part of our South American cruise. We felt it was a near spiritual experience.

On sunny days the black mountains and numerous blue-tinged icebergs stood out crisp and clear. On cloudy days the majestic snow-capped mountains and overcast skies mystically blended to become one. The coastal waters teemed with sea life – whales, seals, sea lions and many types of penguins.

Our recent trip to Antarctica on the Rotterdam VI was not all smooth sailing but we successfully weathered the storms having experienced gale force winds and forty-foot waves near the Falkland Islands. This is an environment unlike any other, pristine and basically untouched by human development, truly a once in a lifetime experience.

Have you noticed those new piano keys moving? Donna seems to have been inspired, almost intoxicated, by our baby grand. The number of notes flying forth from her fingertips each month seems to be increasing exponentially. (The number played during her performance of "Bumble Boogie" in "Deer Lake's Got Talent" was surely the equivalent of two months of Sundays.)

On further reflection, however, I realized that the organ in the loft had fallen strangely quiet of late, compensating at least in part for the increase in piano notes. Donna, it seems, is not capable of running up and down the stairs half a dozen time during a Sunday service to delight us with both piano and organ music.

Aha! I thought, a flaw in the grand plan. I was about to bring this oversight to the attention of the Board, but then the dais at the front of the church moved. Well, not moved exactly; more like stretched – extending itself to the left wall, enveloping the space that used to be home to the upright piano.

Again I investigated and was relieved to discover that this wasn't an act of ungodly magic, but the hard work of Bob C, Ernie C, Bob M and Doug R. But why?

The answer came soon enough with the move of the organ from the loft to the new dais extension. Hmm, Perhaps someone had thought this through after all. Well, the keys on the relocated organ haven't moved yet, but I'm assured they will. It seems we just need to move some wiring first. I hear Allan Pettigrew and Steve McLean may be involved.

Pretty soon Donna will be moving back and forth between the piano and the organ, moving us with glorious sounds from both keyboards.

So, who's the mover and shaker behind all of this? One Don W. That's who – with a lot of help from his friends, of course. Things sometimes move slowly in a volunteer organization, but as usual at Deer Lake, they're moving in the right direction. Thanks, everyone!

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### Who's Who?

Ever wonder who's on a particular committee when you have a question about something at coffee time? Keep your eyes on those name tags most of us wear. In the near future little splashes of colour will appear on the name tags of committee members indicating which committee(s) they are on.

### A Simple but Effective Prayer

Please help me...I can't do this on my own.

# An Evening of New Music

by Garry F

On Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, the Deer Lake sanctuary was packed with parents, family, friends and professional and amateur musicians.

The occasion was a recital of original compositions by students of Sherwood Park Elementary and Burnaby Central Secondary schools performed by members of the Turning Point Ensemble. Two of the pieces featured were composed by Melissa H and Aaron S.

The Turning Point Ensemble (TPE) was formed in 2002 to present rarely heard concert music for a large-sized chamber ensemble. It seeks out opportunities to be a musical partner in exciting interdisciplinary events.

The recital on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was part of a collaborative project involving TPE, the two schools mentioned above and Vancouver's Henderson Annex.

The project provides an opportunity for elementary and secondary students to collaborate with pre-professional and professional composers to effectively express their musical ideas and creativity in a way that ensures a positive outcome. This recital proved the concept to be extraordinarily successful.

In total, sixteen compositions, eight by Sherwood Park students, five by Burnaby Central students and three by professional composers, were performed. In the first part of the recital, Jeremy Berkman, one of TPE's Co-Artistic Directors selected various combinations of the seven TPE musicians who were present.

The musicians were free to choose who took which part in the composition and, having played the piece through once, were asked to switch parts and change the style of the piece.

The results were both entertaining and enlightening. While the compositions were relatively simple, the musicians played them expressively and obviously enjoyed the experience. The Burnaby Central students' compositions were far more complex.

All were impressive, ranging from fairly traditional to way out there. Melissa's "Vancouver" went far beyond

the boundaries of conventional music. It was a fascinating interpretation of the contrasts between the natural beauty and calm of Stanley Park and the noisy, frenetic bustle of adjacent downtown Vancouver. She captured them perfectly in an absorbing soundscape of violin, clarinet, bassoon and trombone.

Aaron's composition entitled "Running Wild" was about as different from Melissa's as it could be. Aaron played a mean jazz piano in accompaniment with the clarinet and bassoon.

A bassoon in a jazz piece? Yup. Aaron wanted to prove that it could be done, and nice it was, too. I've never seen a bassoon player move quite like that! OK, so a jazz bassoon is a bit far out, but a clarinet?

If you like jazz as I do, you've heard a lot of clarinet. Well, let me tell you. You might think you know what a jazz

clarinet sounds like, but you've never heard one like this.


At least I hadn't. In addition to the more traditional "licorice stick" sound, Aaron incorporated some fascinating percussive "slap tonguing". You've got to hear it to believe it. I was impressed not only with Aaron's composition, but with his playing, too.

The concept of combining student compositions with professional performers made for an entertaining evening full of surprises.

The musicians' incredible talent and obvious enjoyment of the music, the students' delight at hearing their compositions so well-performed and their well-deserved recognition, and the audience's sincere appreciation made it a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Congratulations to our two resident composers.

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