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Caring and Outreach: A Challenge for our Churches

A recent symposium in the area of “social entrepreneurship” prompted me to highlight our church’s critical ministry of outreach to others. This relatively new concept in business education focuses on people who undertake innovations in the social sector. Such innovations serve to address problems in society and advance the social mission of serving the larger good. The church, along with other faith groups, have fulfilled this role for a long time and have founded many of the institutions that society now take for granted.

Many were surprised by a presenter’s response to a question about the origin of the social entrepreneurship movement. He replied that while many of the most important social institutions were started by faith groups, these organizations have now lost their steam over the last several decades. Today, he reported, most of the energy for social entrepreneurship is emerging through predominantly secular contexts. He noted how in the 19th and early 20th centuries, faith-inspired organizations founded the Salvation Army, Goodwill, hospitals and many colleges and universities. Today, however, the newer secular organizations, such as ‘Teach for America’, are increasingly assuming a significant role in mission work.

The presenter’s use of the term “mission” got me to thinking about its connection to churches and denominations here in Canada. Have churches lost our sense of social entrepreneurship in a time when society so dearly needs it? Do Christians need to reclaim this important role in society? Do we need a stronger focus on mission, one that leads us to take risks in the service of the gospel? Do we need to take risks, such as starting new churches and creating new institutions even as we are faced by such a challenging time of decline?

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Rev. Craig Tanksley (St. Alban’s Anglican), Rev. Dr. Helen Hobbs (East Burnaby UC) and Rev. Scott Turnbrook (Deer Lake UC) on Good Friday

Good Friday: A Day of Meaning and Unity

By Rev. Scott Turnbrook

This year’s Good Friday service proved to be a very meaningful gathering of three neighbouring Burnaby churches. This year, Deer Lake gathered with St. Alban’s Anglican and East Burnaby United to find comfort and meaning during such a critical day to our faith life. For some, the gathering began at East Burnaby United Church for a 30 minute ‘Walk of the Cross’. The walkers sang hymns, took turns carrying the cross, and considered the profound meaning of this day. Others began at St. Alban’s under

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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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Outreach

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Certainly, churches and other faith-based organizations will likely not become the primary agents of change to address society's needs. Indeed, the government and the social sector have critical roles to play. However, I wonder if churches as a whole need to reclaim their voice in the social entrepreneurship movement.

A provocative tidbit of information was found in the statistic that the largest single employer of Duke University's class of 2007 was Teach for America. Should we be surprised? Young people are seeking ways to make a significant difference with their lives. I wonder how our ministries might unfold if we were once again known for our spirit of mission, of adventure, of social entrepreneurship – all in the faithful service of Jesus Christ.

I applaud the excellent mission work that continues to be done by our church and pray that we (both at Deer Lake as well as our denomination of the United Church of Canada) will continue to listen to the Spirit as we are called to the needs of our sisters and brothers in new and challenging ways.

Shalom, Salaam, Peace,

Scott

Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook



Good Friday

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the capable direction of Deer Lake's Ernie C who assembled the mixed choir from the three congregations. At 11 a.m., the church was packed, the choir was ready and the walkers carried the cross into the St. Alban's sanctuary.

The liturgy included a variety of readings reflecting on the meaning of the day and concluded with people hammering nails into the cross. Many commented on the power of the Easter service this year. I have a suspicion that it was this meaningful Good Friday service that prepared our hearts to receive the magnificent glory of that Easter day. Special thanks to everyone who participated in the service. It was very memorable indeed!

Library at Deer Lake United

By Susan M

My name is Susan M and I am pleased to be your new Librarian. I came to Deer Lake United Church almost two years ago when Rev. Scott officiated at the marriage of Peter and I. I understand that there hasn't been a librarian for a number of years so admittedly there is not that much new material at the present time, however I have found the library to be a valuable resource with a wide range of books and topics.

We have several different translations of the Holy Bible, which is probably the most important book for us to know (it is also the best selling book of all time with five to six billion copies in print!). God gives us many great and precious promises to encourage us to read and study his Word. This following passage provides a lovely word picture:

As the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10

Not all bible passages are so readily understood and I think that many of us avoid reading the Bible because it is sometimes difficult to understand. Thankfully we have numerous bible commentaries also available to help us understand the more difficult passages and concepts of the Bible.

One example is William Barclay's The Daily Bible Study. While Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism at the University of Glasgow he decided to dedicate his life to "making the best biblical scholarship available to the average reader". This 17 volume set is written in layman's terms and covers the New Testament.

The Interpreters Bible is another example. This set covers the Old and New Testament and was designed for the "educated layman". It includes in-depth introductions and extensive historical and theological explanations on the biblical text.

I would like to invite and encourage all members of DLUC to have a look through our library. Since it is a public lending library tell a friend and invite them to browse as well.

The procedure for borrowing books has not changed. Just fill out the card from the back cover of the book and place it into the card box that is located on the far right side of the library. If the book you want doesn't have a card in the back cover, just fill the required information on the sign out sheet by the card box. The loan period is four weeks, please take a date reminder card with you.

Consequently faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

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A reminder to envelope users

Our Deer lake congregation supports many worthwhile causes beyond our walls: First United, Edmonds Youth Resource Center, our outreach to Burnaby's homeless population, and more. You can contribute to these funds through your offering envelopes. Just note the donation amount under "Other" and specify the particular fund you wish to support.

Please note: If no direction is provided for donations marked "Other", that donation will be allocated to the Outreach Committee to be used to provide lunches for Burnaby's homeless.

Count Us In!

Can you spare one or two hours on Sunday once every six weeks?

We need people to help collect and count the offerings.

Individuals or couples are welcome.

If you are honest, dependable and can use a calculator, you probably qualify!

Instructions and training are provided.

Please contact Mary C for more information

I would like to extend my gratitude to each and every one at Deer Lake United Church. By accepting students you have made a commitment to the future of the church –students come to develop skills in offering ministry and to further develop an identity as a minister. By welcoming, supporting and offering constructive criticism you are helping to shape future leaders in the church.

I thank you for welcoming me, offering me a variety of learning experiences and giving encouragement and constructive criticism as you saw fit. I have had a wonderful experience at DLUC, one I shall continue to reflect upon and cherish as I continue my journey. You are a generous congregation; I feel blessed and energized and a bit sad as my eight-month placement comes to a close. Thank you.

This summer I am working as a dental hygienist and have secured regular employment dividing my time between four offices. I have a vacation planned in June; I am traveling with my mother to the Netherlands, France and England to visit with her cousins. July has me at VST for a one-week summer course and I will be providing leadership for one service at Deer Lake early August. Come the fall I will again be dividing my time between work and studies at VST.

I wish you all a good summer; may God bless you as you work, play and walk together.

Blessings,

Pamela

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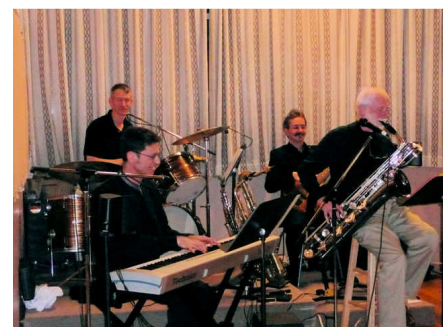
Sax Among Friends Concert Benefits Outreach

By Sharon A

There was a great deal of toe tapping (and a little soft shoeing) in the hall of Deer Lake United Church on the evening of April 26 when Don Wade's Sax Among Friends Quartet entertained about 75 happy folks. Don's style of introduction of each number was effective in setting the scene and the mood for each, while adding some personal notes and memories. The music provided by Don and his saxes, accompanied by Patrick Dubois on piano, Brad Spangler on drums and Danny "Our Friend on the Bottom End" Parker kept everyone entertained and wanting more. It wasn't clear who enjoyed themselves the most, the audience or the music makers, but it was certainly an entertaining evening, further enhanced by the great desserts that were served during the intermission.

And the best part of the whole evening was that the proceeds of the concert were entirely donated to Deer Lake's Outreach Committee, and will be used to provide lunches for homeless people in Burnaby. We prepare 60 lunches on the last week of each month, and the \$935 raised will enable this to continue for the remainder of the year. That's almost 500 lunches!

The Outreach Committee extends a big thank-you to Don Wade, who made this concert possible, and the Sax Among Friends Quartet. We also wish to thank the youth group and the men's groups for help with set-up and take-down, as well as all the bakers and the kitchen crew. We couldn't have done it without you. And of course we thank all the concert-goers who helped to make the evening as successful as it was.



70th BC Conference Meeting (May 22-25)

By Rev. Scott Turnbrook

The theme of this 70th General Meeting was 'To Reconcile and Make New' and the foundational scripture passage, taken from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 was "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God".

At the beautiful North Vancouver campus of Capilano College, just under 1,000 delegates gathered to do the work of the BC

Conference, which is articulated in our mission statement:

The mission of the BC Conference is

- Healthy congregations and ministries
- Effective leadership
- Faithful public witness.

To this end, the conference honoured retiring clergy, celebrated newly ordained ministers, considered resolutions that would modify church laws, and were inspired and 'fed' by the engaging speakers.

I was blessed with the task of serving as one of the leaders for the children's program. As we seek to be inclusive and representative of all the parts of the church, we include children as part of the conference meeting. This year, the conference welcomed 23 children from across the province who became familiar with the

work of the conference, explored the theme of reconciliation in a child-friendly way, led one of the worship services at the meeting, and had a lot of fun! One of the memorable moments in my time with the children occurred in designing the worship service that we would later lead for the delegates. In facing the challenge that we had more material than time permitted, one child chimed in "It'll be OK if we go over our allotted time. After all we are kids and they want to hear what we have to say!"

Apart from leaving the meeting tired from trying to keep up with the kids, I felt very hopeful and joy-filled when I thought of our United Church. We are truly blessed with an amazing, passionate and faith-led community across the Conference. The church is in good hands indeed!



Some of the many enthusiastic BC Conference attendees

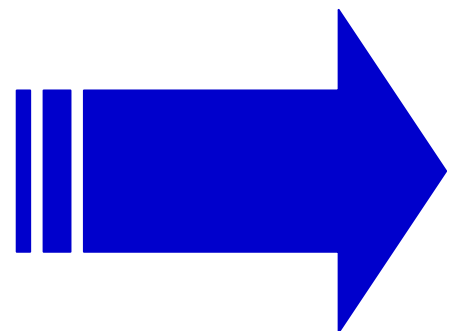


Rev. Scott and friends

Excavating Our Faith: Fall & Lenten Study Series

Have you ever wanted to deeply explore the historical beginnings of the Christian faith? Long before the first evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) told *their* versions of the story of Jesus' life and death, we wonder what *actually* happened. This year, Deer Lake will be providing some opportunities to 'excavate our faith'.

Through the Advent and Lenten seasons, our worship services will be considering historical research that details Jesus' birth (during Advent) as well as his last seven days of life (during Lent). There will also be study groups available for those who wish to 'dig' a little deeper. A brief summary of the courses is to the right.



Let's Get Going Youth Retreat 2008

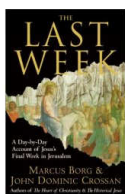
By Peggy W

And, get going we did! Our youth, John, Demmery, Thomas, Jackie, and Mitchael as well as Elizabeth, Tony and Peggy loaded onto a ferry Friday, May 2nd, heading up to Sechelt for our annual retreat. Our first stop was to pick up breakfast for the morning. We then arrived at the Woodruffs' cottages on the shores of Trail Bay. Once arriving, everyone settled in and the games began! "Spoons" brought out the best of some of us, and the competitiveness of others – elbows were flying as well as the spoons. The evening ended with lots of laughs and a round of snacks.



Saturday started with Thomas leading the egg-breaking event in preparation for breakfast. Jackie strolled along the beach to find the ideal little crab to adopt for the weekend. Tony dropped a crab trap with the help of many, which we pulled up a couple of times before finding the one crab that was just right. There was kayaking, rowing, and lots of discovering of strange creatures on the beach. Demmery wins the prize for finding the strangest one. Next brought our favourite drop-off hike where all the youth are blindfolded and driven to an unannounced location. They are left with a map and instructions to stick together and be safe! They all successfully made it back to the cottages after having a nice long walk with a few stops along the way. Beach Frisbee went on forever with a few having to get wet as the Frisbee landed in the surf. Mitchael lead the crew in preparing a bonfire in the evening, and the weather cooperated, so we even had a chance to cook our dinner on it. John found several ways to eat a marshmallow which included wearing it!

Everybody helped with cooking, meal preparations, and, of course, clean up. We all came home a little weary, but content at having had a chance to get to know one another better, and having some fun doing it.



FALL STUDY GROUP

"The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach us About the Birth of Jesus".
Commencing September 24 (Six Wednesday Evenings 7-9 p.m.)

This course will commence September 24 and gather from 7 – 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the church. The text (whose title is the same as the course) that will guide our discussions comes from Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Please mark your calendar now for this enlightening gathering of dialogue and learning.



2009 LENTEN STUDY GROUP

"The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem"
Commencing March 4, 2009 (Wednesday Evenings in Lent from 7-9 p.m.)

This course will gather from 7 – 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the church. The text (whose title is the same as the course) guiding our discussions comes from scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This course will be wonderful journey partner through our Lenten season.

Anatomy of a DLUC Men's Retreat

By Garry F

Everybody seems to agree this was one of the best men's retreats ever. There was just one complaint: not enough "young" men. I'm not sure exactly what "young" means, but I suspect any male under the age of 50 would qualify. Of the thirteen men in attendance this year, only three fit that criterion. The ratio of "young" to "old" has certainly been higher in some years past, but not high enough to satisfy a certain "young" Aussie gentleman

There was some discussion during and after the weekend as to why more of the younger men didn't attend. After all, a lot of us "old" guys were "young" when we first attended. (For some, that was over 30 years ago!) It was conjectured that, perhaps, to those who have never attended, it appears to be a closed club. If so, that certainly isn't the intention. The invitation to attend is always open to *all* men of the congregation.

It was further suggested that perhaps the word "retreat" is putting off some people. That same "young" man told us that one of his "mates" at work envisions all us men running around naked beating our chests. Although that conjures up an interesting (and somewhat disturbing) image, apart from occasional skinny-dipping by some, all men tend to be fully clothed. I know that's disappointing news to some of the ladies, but perhaps they will now stop signing up for the retreat. (You know who you are!) Hopefully it is reassuring news to those men who may have had misgivings. We are also considering renaming the Men's Retreat to the Men's Weekend in order to remove any stigma that may be attached to the current term.

To allay any further fears and in the spirit of full disclosure (not exposure!), I will now describe a typical weekend with specific references to the weekend just finished.

The weekend typically extends from late Thursday afternoon to early Sunday afternoon. Some arrive on Thursday, others arrive sometime on Friday, some others on Saturday morning. The venue varies from year to year. We have stayed at cabins on Harrison Lake, Anderson Lake and Half-moon Bay, and at Jo and Sandy D's home

in Parksville. This year we enjoyed luxurious accommodations in Parksville. The number of attendees is limited by the capacity of the venue. We are considering other options for next year.

Carpooling to the venue is arranged. Attendees bring clothes, towels, toiletries, a sleeping bag and whatever beverages (alcoholic or otherwise) they wish to consume. Food, coffee, juice and snacks are purchased in bulk and the cost is shared by all, with those arriving earlier paying more, those arriving later less. All aspects of the weekend are optional with the exception of the Saturday morning programme and Sunday morning worship. Meal preparation, clean-up, dishwashing, etc. are shared by whoever is so moved. Some seem to be always in the kitchen or at the barbecue, and others seem to always have a dish cloth or towel in hand. Others chip in as needed.

Thursday usually consists of nothing more than settling in, supper and evening activities. Well, OK, some responsible consumption of beer and wine may also occur. Evenings are passed with games, conversation, perhaps a sing-along, reading or quiet contemplation. Depending upon the venue, a short walk or some star gazing may be enjoyed. Whatever appeals. The last couple of years we've been blessed with the presence of Bob M and his guitar and Andrew H and his didgeridoo to accompany our musical endeavours.

On Friday, an outing and a work project



George shows his wild side



During a hike, Ernie, Bob, Bruce and Jo try to fell a tree the hard way

are usually organized, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Last time we were in Parksville, most of us enjoyed a trip through the Broken Islands aboard supply ship M.V. Lady Rose. This year, there was no need for a work party so two outings were organized: to Englishman River Falls in the morning and to Little Qualicum Falls after lunch. While some of us stayed behind to relax, the rest of us piled into two vehicles and set off on what turned out to be a bit of an adventure.

We arrived at the Englishman River Falls parking lot to find it occupied with emergency vehicles and Arrowsmith Search and Rescue signs indicating a search in progress. They were looking for a man who had gone missing a day earlier. As it turned out, they found his body in a pool not long after we left. As we crossed a bridge further down the river, we spotted a whitewater kayaker in a pool above a waterfall and another perched on the rocks, with camera in hand. Sure enough, less than a minute later, the kayaker paddled toward the falls and shot over and down into the frothing pool below as cameras clicked. When he eventually popped to the surface like a cork, we all cheered and

clapped.

We met the kayakers in the parking lot a bit later, and they informed us that they were on their way to a kayaking festival on the Puntledge River in Courtenay. Their goal was to achieve 200 vertical feet over the weekend. The drop we had just witnessed contributed 20 feet. It looked more like 30 to me. They were moving on to Little Qualicum Falls that afternoon, so we decided to return to Jo's for lunch, then try to connect with them again in the afternoon. Those of us who went to Little Qualicum Falls did, indeed, meet our new friends there, but they had decided against shooting the falls. There was too much water, they told us, and they would require more spotters to do it safely. Our hike that afternoon confirmed the wisdom of their decision. The river and falls twisted and surged like a boiling, frothing white snake. We couldn't imagine anyone surviving something like that.

For me, Saturday is always the highlight of the men's retreat. After breakfast is cleared away, we gather for the main programme. The topic varies widely from year to year, but it is always engaging, often thought-provoking, and almost always inspiring. The programme is organized and run by one of the men, sometimes with a helper or two. This year, Bill H did a lot of research on the origins and evolution of music. He led us in two sessions, the first focused on Gregorian chant, the other on Gospel music. After each session, he divided us into two groups, facilitated by Ernie C and Andrew H. In the first workshop, each group was asked to compose a Gregorian chant using the words from the Lord's Prayer. After 20 minutes, we came back together and each team shared its process and the resulting chant with the other group. The results were awesome. We followed the same approach to composing a gospel song based on an existing hymn, and the results were similarly impressive. It was an enjoyable, entertaining, educational and surprising exercise. Certain individuals just couldn't stop themselves from chanting from time to time over the rest of the weekend.

The morning programme was followed by lunch, which was followed by an outing to a different part of Englishman River. Most of the men joined in an enjoyable hike along the river from a new suspension bridge that has only recently been built, to



Why, Bob, I just love what you've done with your hair! Jo and a newly hirsute BBQ Bob prepare to load up the Barbie.

the fish hatchery up river. It was a beautiful sunny day and we were hot and tired by the end of the walk. We returned to Jo's to find George soaking up the sun on the patio near the beach. We quenched our thirst and a couple of the guys joined George in the sun. The rest relaxed or got washed up, and before long it was time to prepare dinner. BBQ Bob sprang into action, looking very spiffy in shorts and chef's hat. I thought he was drinking beer, but he must have grabbed the Rogaine by mistake, because he suddenly developed a very healthy head of hair. Barbecued steak and salmon complemented by a good wine are not too hard to take, especially when surrounded by such fine company in such a gorgeous setting. We were happy and we were sated. Clean-up and dishes were fol-

lowed by the usual evening activities, well into the wee hours by some, I'm told.

Most of us were a little slower to get up the next morning. A somewhat later breakfast was followed in short order by Sunday worship and communion. Led by Rev. Scott this year, it was more formal than it has been in past years, but as usual tied in nicely with the theme of the weekend. Music and chant abounded. Communion takes on a particularly special meaning on these occasions.

The last lunch of the weekend followed soon after. Then came a flurry of activity as we washed, dried, put away, packed, cleaned, swept, vacuumed, vacuumed again, and loaded our vehicles. We expressed our heart-felt thanks to Jo and said our goodbyes, climbed into our vehicles and headed for Nanaimo. We had fortunately all made reservations, as we learned on the way that the 3:00 sailing on the new Coastal Renaissance was already full. An uneventful but enjoyable sailing on this beautiful new ferry took us home to the bustle of Greater Vancouver. However, the weekend wasn't quite over for most of us, as we reconvened soon after at Mr. Ho's on Kingsway for the traditional Chinese dinner and debriefing with our spouses. Finally, the laughter died and couples dispersed, happy and well-fed and looking forward to next year's men's retreat.

The venue has not yet been chosen, but the date is already set: May 29th to 31st. If you're a man (especially a "young" man) mark it on your calendar. You won't want to miss it.



Singing for our supper

Summer Services

Impromptu Summer Choir

While our choir rests its vocal chords during the summer months, many of us can't keep from singing. Through the summer, you are invited (whether you read music or not) to gather at the church at 9:45 a.m. to go through the anthem selection that will be sung in the morning service. This is a great way to keep those vocal chords in tune during the summer and have fun while you are doing it! Please come out and join us.

July 20 – Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during morning worship.

July 27 – Marie P

Marie Paul is a very active member at Deer Lake. She continues to serve as our congregational liaison to presbytery and has been very active in our church's outreach initiatives. Marie's theological depth continues through attending courses at Vancouver School of Theology as well as actively living her faith. We are delighted to welcome Marie back to the pulpit as our first guest preacher.

August 3 – Pamela S

Pamela Scott recently concluded her 2007-2008 internship at Deer Lake. Pam's work at the church included a special focus on working in youth ministry as well as leading community worship. We are delighted to welcome Pam back to the pulpit as one of our guest preachers!

August 10 – Kathy McKean

We are delighted to offer a unique Healing Service through the leadership of Kathy McKean. Based in Vancouver, Kathy continues to be a unique gift to the United Church of Canada. She continues to develop her ministry in the areas of healing touch and spiritual growth. Kathy writes "in Services of Healing we claim God's promise to be with us and we experience God's loving touch. A cure of the body may occur and other kinds of healing

may take place. It is always God who heals— not the healer; not the prayers, nor the touch, nor the oil. Healing Services are a channel that God may use to bring wholeness to all. The spiritual thirst that is at the heart of our age is found both inside and outside traditional church communities. People want, not just to talk about God, but to experience the sacred in the midst of frequently chaotic, rapidly changing lives. What happens may be very subtle. In the letting go, one finds a treasure of great price, a more complete self, more compassionate, connected, joy filled, grounded, creative free. These qualities will be recognized as ones very present in Jesus". Kathy's newly released CD with musicians Bruce and Cheryl Harding features four meditations between each musical section and is currently available.

August 17 – Nick Judson

Deer Lake was blessed to share in the educational journey of Nick Judson for two years. During his 2006-07 year, Nick focused on understanding congregational culture and dynamics. In the following year, Nick focused on ministry in the areas of Sunday morning worship, weddings, funerals, baptism and communion. Over this past year, Nick has been placed as a student minister at a two point charge in Saskatchewan. We are delighted to welcome Nick back to the pulpit as he returns to BC and prepares for his final year at seminary and ordination in May 2009!

August 24 – Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during morning worship.

Cultus Lake Campout: Sign up now!

We are planning our Church Campout at the Cultus Lake, for our end of summer fling. The dates this year are September 26-28, so be sure to sign up for this fun event.

A Bonus: we will have a resident Kayaking Instructor there, so if you are interested in kayaking you can rent one right there.

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 of course kayaks. 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. There is now a sign-up sheet on the notice board, so make sure your name is on it. The cost will be \$30 per adult for the weekend and \$15 for each child, extra for kayaking. But you can't put a price on this wonderful experience; you just have to do it.



Test Your Religious Literacy

In his recent book "*Religious Literacy: What every American Needs to Know and doesn't?*" Stephen Prothero of Boston University raises concern over the growing religious illiteracy in society. Take the quiz below and see how you do. Answers are found on page 11 .

1. Name the Four Gospels. List as many as you can.
2. Name a sacred text of Hinduism.
3. Name the holy book of Islam.
4. Where, according to the Bible, was Jesus born?
5. George Bush spoke in his first inaugural of the Jericho road. What Bible story was he invoking?
6. What are the first five books of the Hebrew Bible or the Christian Old Testament?
7. What is the Golden Rule?
8. "God helps those who help themselves." Is this in the Bible? If so, where?
9. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God." Does this appear in the Bible? If so, where?
10. Name the Ten Commandments. List as many as you can.
11. Name the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism.
12. What are the seven sacraments of Catholicism? List as many as you can.
13. The First Amendment says two things about religion, each in its own "clause." What are the two religion clauses of the First Amendment?
14. What is Ramadan? In what religion is it celebrated?
15. Match the Bible characters with the stories in which they appear. (Draw a line from one to the other; some characters may be matched with more than one story or vice versa.)

Adam and Eve	Exodus
Paul	Binding of Isaac
Moses	Olive Branch
Noah	Garden of Eden
Jesus	Parting of the Red Sea
Abraham	Road to Damascus
Serpent	Garden of Gethsemane

Is Your Memory Mush?

By Jim Y

Being an old guy, I find that I forget things...the vicinity where my golf ball lands if I don't start heading for it almost immediately after hitting it, where I've parked the car at Metrotown, and sometimes people's names (even close friends!).

I also forget that the first Sunday of each month is when I'm supposed to take some non-perishable food to church for Dixon House (women and children's shelter).

I've also come to rely on notes (if I can remember where I put them) and reminders on my computer calendar.

So, I've come up with a brilliant idea to assist me in remembering this worthy cause. I can enter a recurring event on my computer for the last Saturday of every month with a reminder. This should do the trick. I could also mark my contribution envelope for the first Sunday in each month in a conspicuous manner to remind me to bring something for these needy folks.

If you're like me and would like to support Dixon House, why not try one of these suggestions?

Challenges We Have Set Ourselves

By Garry F

In the last of three workshops at the Annual General Meeting on February 17th, the congregation was asked to identify what they considered to be the top challenges facing Deer Lake in 2008. A total of thirty suggestions were proffered. The Board has taken that input and once again identified the top three challenges for the coming year.

Last year, the critical challenges were:

- To connect with newcomers and elders
- Outreach to others
- A comfortable and appealing building

We seem to have made good progress in the first and third challenges, but still have a ways to go with outreach. Based upon your input in February, the critical challenges this year are:

- Stewardship
- Outreach
- Sunday School

Stewardship encompasses all the ways we can enable, grow, support and care for the people, programmes and property of Deer Lake United Church. Financial stewardship is critical, but even more important is the development and sharing of our God-given gifts.

Outreach remains a focus this year. Sax Among Friends raised the money necessary for us to continue providing lunches for the Burnaby homeless. Other initiatives will follow as our Outreach Committee, with your help, continues its good work.

With the increased attendance at our Sunday School, finding enough teachers to fill the demand has become a challenge for our Christian Education Committee. Christian Education and Ministry & Personnel are working on possible solutions.

If you can help with any of these challenges, please speak with Scott, Jean or Garry.

Great Summer Reading

By Rev. Scott Turnbrook

I continue to receive suggestions for new books from some of our avid readers at the church. As many find the summer season to provide opportunity for reading and renewal, as well as commending our excellent library collection at the church (special thanks to Susan Milburn for getting us organized) I would commend the following books to you. May your summer be blessed!

(While there is no longer a local United Church bookroom in Vancouver, you can still order from the United Church Resource Distribution Centre at 1-800-288-7365 ucrd@united-church.ca)

“The Life of Meaning: Reflections on Faith, Doubt, and Repairing the World” by Bob Abernathy and William Bole. This jewel is a collection of interviews with people whose lives have made tremendous contributions to the world. Contributors from this diverse collection include: Jean Vanier, William Sloane Coffin, the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, Harold Kushner, Desmond Tutu and Jimmy Carter.

“The Map: Making the Bible Meaningful, Accessible, Practical” by Nick Page. This intelligent and practical guide to the bible guides you through it, showing you both its high points and its easily missed places of interest. The Map is full of fascinating facts and over 50 maps, timelines and diagrams that bring the world of the Bible to life.

“Darwin, Divinity and the Dance of the Cosmos: an Ecological Christianity” by Bruce Sanguin. This local author draws on the latest scientific understandings of nature of the universe and weaves them together with biblical meta-narratives and frequently overlooked strands of the Judeo-Christian tradition to create an ecological and truly revolutionary Christian theology.

“Learning God’s Stories Together” by Dorothy Henderson and Lisa-Dawn McKenzie. This wonderful resource for families includes 20 story sessions with suggestions for gathering, telling and talking about the story.

“Adventures of the God Detectives” by Nancy Reeves and Linnea Good. This chapter book written for ages 6 to 10 year olds is about a group of young friends who form a club to discover the variety of ways God invites us into a relationship. The book which contains seven stories also offers a guide to help adults talk with children about spiritual experiences.

“Salmon Fishing in the Yemen” by Paul Torday. In this novel, political forces are pressing British National Fisheries scientist Alfred Jones into helping a wealthy Yemeni sheikh introduce salmon fishing to his homeland. Jones is a man of reason and logic, yet he is emotionally stunted and unsure of himself. In the evenings, he gives lectures on “Why God Cannot Exist”. The Yemeni fishing project eventually sinks both Jones’s marriage and his career, but Jones himself is gradually transformed. By the end of the book, Jones believes that he understands something about the nature of faith – both its risks and rewards.

“Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighbourhood Church is Transforming the Faith” by Diana Butler-Bass. This engaging study summarizes Butler-Bass’ multivolume research project on vital mainline congregations. She profiles congregations where the rediscovery of practices of faith has brought new vitality to the old mainline churches.

Deer Lake ‘Night at the Theatre’

On June 6th, a group from Deer Lake gathered for ‘A Night at the Theatre’ at the Pacific Theatre in Vancouver. This theatre is a part of the unique ministry of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Many may be familiar with this church located at 12th and Hemlock which was formerly the site of Chalmer’s United Church. The thoughtful and fun filled production “You Can’t Take it with You” pitted the values of corporate growth against the idiosyncratic joy of family.

Apart from some of the well-orchestrated antics, one of the most memorable parts came from the supper-time grace offered by the eclectic wisdom of the grandfather. His grace would recount many of the events that occurred and conclude by praying “and as for the rest...well...we’ll leave that up to you”. As we discussed the play over decadent desserts and coffee, our group realized that it had been a very special evening of fun, fellowship and growth.

We invite you to join us for one or all of the upcoming plays and share in another evening of fun, fellowship and growth. Watch for the fall dates in September where we will have a block of seats reserved for Deer Lake. See you at the theatre.

While we have now come to the end Pacific Theatre’s 2007-2008 season, we look forward to enjoying the next season together (The 2008-09 season will mark their 25th anniversary!). Each year, the Pacific theatre produces five major productions. The complete season is listed at www.pacifictheatre.org. The fall productions are briefly noted below:

- **Mourning Dove** (October 17-November 5) Inspired by the Robert Latimer story, this challenging work explores the dilemma faced by a Saskatchewan farm couple whose teenage daughter is wracked by severe and unremitting pain. Can the doctors’ best efforts relieve her suffering? Or should her father pursue another, final alternative? Who gets to play God? A complex play that confounds easy sentimentality with bracing humour, even in the face of great suffering.
- **Jesus, My Boy** (November 28 – December 27) David Adams plays one of history’s forgotten characters – Joseph, stepfather to the Son of God – in a gently comic reminiscence about parenthood, carpentry and the coming of the Messiah. The evocative music of Sheree Plett and Jeremy Eisenhauer adds mystery to this earthy, plain-spoken “gospel according to Joseph” that’s played around the world, from London’s West End to Tel Aviv.
- **Holy Mo** (February 6 – March 7)
- **A Time To Dance** (March 19 – April 4)
- **You Still Can’t** (May 15 – June 13)

Test Your Religious Literacy

Answers & Results

(See page 9 for the questions)

1. **Four Gospels:** Average=2.3: (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) 8% said Paul. Other incorrect answers: James, Joshua, Mary, Jeremiah
2. **Hindu Scripture:** 26% correct: (Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, Mahabharata, Kama Sutra, Ramayana) Other incorrect answers: Torah, Bible
3. **Muslim Scripture:** 85% correct: (Qur'an)
4. **Jesus' Birthplace:** 60% correct: (Bethlehem) 15% said Jerusalem
5. **Jericho Road:** Almost 3% correct: (Good Samaritan Story)
6. **Bible's First Five Books:** 12% got all five books: (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) Average=1.6
7. **Golden Rule:** 63% correct: ("Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.")
8. **"God helps those who help themselves."** 76.5% knew that this is not in the Bible.
9. **"Blessed are the poor in spirit."** 61% knew that this was from the Bible. Only 16%, however, knew that it was from the Beatitudes or Sermon on the Mount.
10. **Ten Commandments:** Average=4.6: (4 could name all 10): (I am the Lord your God, No Other Gods Before Me, Name in Vain, Keep the Sabbath Holy, Honor Mother and Father, Not Kill, No Adultery, No Stealing, No Bearing False Witness, No Coveting)
11. **Four Noble Truths:** Average=17%: (Life is suffering, Suffering has an origin, Suffering can be overcome, The path to overcoming suffering is the Noble Eightfold Path) (2 people in 2007 could name all 4)
12. **Seven Sacraments:** Average 2.5%: (Baptism, Communion, Confession, Confirmation, Ordination, Marriage, Unction)
13. **First Amendment Clauses:** 32% knew at least one answer: (Establishment Clause; Free Exercise Clause)
14. **Ramadan:** 62% knew that this was Islamic; 38% knew that it was a fast.
15. **Bible Stories:** 96% correctly placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden; 93% correctly associated Moses with the parting of the Red Sea; Only 30% got Paul and the Road to Damascus; 13% placed the Serpent in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Total Students: 122 in 2006; 175 in 2007

Final Grades:	2006	2007
Catholic	50%	52%
Protestant	48%	44%
Jewish	38%	39%
Hindu/Buddhist/Sikh	34.5%	32%
Atheist/Agnostic	31%	26%



Great Aunt Kathryn admires new arrival Arielle, born April 6th

A Medical Suggestion

If you're like most folks, you go to your doctor for your annual checkup and after the office portion, you receive a requisition to have some blood tests.

You go to the clinic, fill two or three vials and leave. Some months or perhaps as long as a year later, you go back to your doctor who peruses your old results and he or she mumbles something about your cholesterol or blood sugar.

Here's a tip. Across the top of the requisition write "COPY RESULTS TO PATIENT". Within a couple of days, you will receive a form, indicating your results and how they compare with acceptable limits.

If you aren't happy with your results, you can then book another appointment with your doctor to address your concerns, rather than waiting till you next see him or her.

There is no charge for this service.

Hockey Anyone?

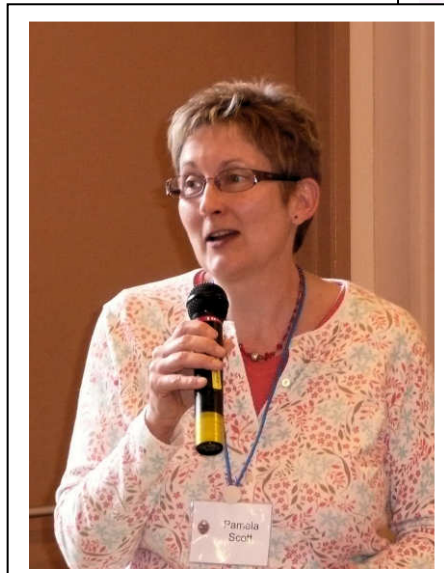
This has been a very exciting year for many of our Deer Lake folk who love to play hockey. Our very own minister's team "The Buzzer Beaters", along with Mike and Wendy K's teams all won their respective divisions in the fall/winter season! Following the regional championships, Mike's, Wendy's and Scott's teams went on to victory in the Western Canadian Regional Championships. They will next play in the North American tournament in San Jose, California in May 2009 for the prestigious Canlan Cup! While there was some consideration given to instituting a penalty call to our minister for playing with too many men on the ice (some alleged that he had 'God on his side') this call was not instituted and his team went on to victory. With so many Deer Lake folk now playing hockey (including Ron A, Brian McN, Greg N and Marie P), one wonders if we have the makings of a Deer Lake Hockey Team.



Who needs Linden when we have Turnbrook?

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