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Potluck Dinner to Honour Retiring Choir Directors

by Jim Y

To say that Deer Lake United has been blessed with the best church choir directors anywhere is truly an understatement.

Don and Jean began working with our choir 15 years ago and they were joined shortly thereafter by Terri and Grant. All but Jean were school music teachers. (Jean is a math teacher and qualifies because music is merely math with sound.)

Each Sunday sees one of these fine folks near the front of the sanctuary waving their arms all over the place trying to get the attention of the choir members standing before them. Occasionally they succeed. Over the years, the choir has performed hundreds of anthems, a few cantatas, and various entertainment evenings.

With Don's encouragement, the choir undertook numerous fundraisers, and if one looks around the church, it would be difficult to find someplace that didn't benefit: Look up and although you can't see the roof, the choir helped raise funds to have a portion of it redone. Same thing with the floor.

We obtained "Belle", the fine piano in the choir loft and our beautiful grand. We also have a decent sound system.

The choir also raised money for various Outreach projects such as Edmonds Youth Resource Centre.

On Saturday, June 6th, a potluck dinner will be held to celebrate their ministry. The evening is still being planned and it is hoped that there will be some entertainment to make the evening even more special.

Please mark your calendars. This just might be *the event* of 2009. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

A search is currently being conducted to find a replacement director.



Don, Jean, Terri and Grant

Deer Lake Cleans Up March 16-28

The old adage: "Many hands make light work", aptly applies to our annual spring spruce up.

The stewards have put together a list of chores, both inside and outside, that need attention as part of our Lenten preparation for a sparkling Easter.: Outdoor tasks such as blowing the needles off the parking lot, pulling a few weeds and pruning back some of the trees.

Indoor projects such as cleaning the kitchen, nursery and Fellowship Hall can be attended to...even if it snows.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. If you can spend an hour or two during the next two weeks, it would be much appreciated.

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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“The Sabbath was made for humankind...”

by Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

Where has all the time gone? Almost six years ago, I recall a special person inviting me to consider if God was calling me to a new ministry at Deer Lake. After much prayer, correspondence and meetings, together with the search committee we affirmed that God was uniting us in ministry.

And so, just over five years ago, I arrived as your new minister who today wonders: ‘where has all the time gone?’ We have laughed and cried together. We have experienced some challenges and many blessings and throughout, we have faithfully worked to be the church around Deer Lake.

In negotiating my call to Deer Lake, the search committee and I recognized that any long-term ministry requires time for refreshment and renewal. In the church, we call this a sabbatical.

Sabbatical comes from the Hebrew word *sabat*, which is a word requiring the person “to cease”. Sabbath was a commandment for the faithful to cease all practices detracting from their relationship with God.

It was not a day for work (neither outside the home or inside); it was a day to focus, renew, and bless one’s life with the radiant presence with God.

Sabbath became a practice of living out the seventh day of Genesis’ creation story: “*And on the seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation*” (Genesis 2:1-3)

As we consider the timing of creation’s seventh day of Sabbath, we see God introducing humankind (created on the prior day) into creation first with Sabbath.

Theologian Karl Barth, notes that “humankind begins with a day of rest and not a day of work; with freedom and not

with obligation; with a holiday and not with a task; with joy and not with labour and toil”.

A few decades later, theologian Jurgen Moltmann extended Barth’s thoughts on Sabbath arguing that it was the key to unlocking the true meaning of the doctrine of creation “for on the Sabbath and through the Sabbath God completed God’s creation, and on the Sabbath and through it, men and women perceive as God’s creation the reality in which they live and which they themselves are...The Sabbath is itself the presence of eternity in time and a foretaste of the world to come”.

As a personal reflection, I find Jesus’ words in Mark “the Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath” (2:27) to be a strong reminder that Sabbath is not an option, but rather is a required spiritual practice that affirms God as the main priority in my living. Sabbath reminds us that it is we who rely upon God for renewal and sustenance. It is not God who relies upon us.

When I first arrived at Deer Lake, the granting of a three month sabbatical upon five years of service was agreed upon. A few years ago, the General Council of the UCC mandated this practice for all pastoral charges. During my sabbatical, I look forward to an opportunity to refocus my attention and nourish my spiritual being.

I view this as a tremendous blessing from my congregation and receive it as a gift that will enrich all roles of my life (including my role as ‘minister’). I was very disconcerted to read the results of a recent poll (sample size of 11,500) of parish ministers where 75% reported severe stress causing “anguish, worry, bewilderment, anger, depression, fear and alienation”.

My prayer is that our national church’s sabbatical policy will help to correct this epidemic. During my sabbatical, I have created several opportunities for interfaith dialogue and

experience. I look forward to experiencing and learning from the other two branches of faith coming from Abraham: the Jewish and Islamic faith.

I have also created the opportunity for a learning experience with a Buddhist community – whose practices in meditation have informed one another’s faiths over the centuries. Finally, I have a bookshelf overflowing with recent publications that I am overjoyed to spend more time with.

The timing of my sabbatical will commence with the generally ‘slower’ season of the church year. It will begin after Easter Sunday and will run into the summer.

Our healthy financial situation over the past few years allowed us to put aside funds to cover people who will come to lead worship, offer pastoral care and assist with the day to day running of the church. I am especially grateful to our church secretary Wendy, who so capably keeps things running. This time promises to be one of growth and new experience for all of us!

As I draw closer to the commencement of my sabbatical, I feel a mixture of emotions. I am excited to experience what Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel describes as “an opportunity to mend our tattered lives” and what Marva Dawn calls “a return to the spiritual dimension that haunts us...a possible way of gaining back our lost souls”.

Secondly, I am saddened to be detached from the daily lives of the people of Deer Lake whom I care so deeply for.

Finally, I am nervous to experience what Rabbi Michael Lerner describes as “a rough ride because Sabbath involves pleasure, rest, freedom and slowness, none of which comes naturally to North Americans.” I thank you for your continued support of my ministry and the health of our church.

Shalom, Salaam, Peace,

Rev. Scott

An Evening with *August*

And other news from the Marguerite Dixon Transition Society

by Sharon A

The concert and silent auction for Marguerite Dixon Transition Society will be held this year on April 25 at the Shad-bolt Theatre starting at 7:30pm. Don't miss this evening of music, wit, wisdom and womanhood and of course your opportunity to support the Society.

Call 604-205-3000 for tickets, \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Visit our website at www.dixonhouse.ca for more details.

We are seeking donations for the silent auction, and volunteers to assist on concert evening. Please speak to Sharon Allman or Phyllis Slater if you would like to be involved.

The second stage building is benefiting from the slowdown in the construction industry, and is moving along quite quickly after some snow delays. Completion is expected in late fall 2009, and with 100% occupancy of our existing 5 units this new capacity will be a huge

benefit to our clients.

Women who qualify for this subsidized rental housing are able to pursue initiatives to allow them to financially and emotionally support themselves and their children, while continuing to live in a situation where they are safe from their abuser.

The Society is currently undergoing some changes to enable us to be more competitive in today's funding and donations scenario. We are planning a new name that will better identify what we do, an updated logo and a more up-to-date website to provide better access, information, and education for clients, donors and the general public.

The transition house will continue to be called Dixon House. This project will not draw from donor or operating funds.

The clothing donations room at Dixon House has been kept in order by the ongoing efforts of many DLUC ladies. This has been much appreciated by the

clients who are in urgent need of clothing and household items, making it much easier for them to find what they need during a very stressful period of their lives.

Many thanks to Claire S, Gloria F, Marlene C, Colleen K, Linda W, Pat Y, Pat M, Eileen M, Marie P, Marg M, Betty B, Beth R, Carol P, Shirley McG, and Elsie H for their assistance.

Dixon House continues to accept clothing and household donations, and a list of ongoing needs/items accepted is now posted in the hall on the outreach section of the notice board.

I have served for several terms on the Board of the MDTS, and will be resigning this year. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served our community in this capacity, and will continue to remain involved with the Society as much as I can.

Notes from the Outreach Committee:

- During the recent Christmas season, Deer Lake Church supported four families in need, providing them with food and gifts for Christmas. Many thanks to Wendy K, who did an excellent job of coordinating this huge task, as well as to all those who generously contributed money and items to these Christmas hampers. We are also grateful to Peggy W and the Youth Group and the many other volunteers who helped to purchase and to organize the items for distribution.
- Lunch on the Run on February 8 netted \$396 for Edmonds Youth Centre. Many thanks to all those who helped out by contributing food and by setting up and cleaning up, and a big thank you to all those who supported the important work at Edmonds Youth with their financial contributions.
- Deer Lake Church continues to provide lunches to the homeless in Burnaby once each month. We have an ongoing need for volunteers. If you can help by making sandwiches, our next session will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 1 pm. We also welcome financial contributions for the purchase of lunch supplies – just designate an amount for Outreach on your offering envelope.
- The Outreach Committee would like to offer a very special thank you to Steve MacL for all the work he does for the homeless lunch program. Each month he goes to the offices of Progressive Housing to pick up the buns and the next morning he delivers them to Southside Community Church for distribution to the homeless people who attend the Thursday morning drop in clinic. Thanks, Steve!



**Paul Rubens:
The Crucified Christ**

Library Books Go On-line

by Susan M

I am happy to report that our inventory of library books can now be viewed on-line. From the comfort of your home you can now either browse through the collection or search for specific material. In addition you can see what other church libraries keep in their inventories and read book reviews.

For those of you that may not have access to the internet, or don't feel comfortable using it, please do not hesitate to contact me directly and I will be happy to help find whatever it is you are looking for.

The catalogue system that was chosen is called LibraryThing; it is web based and provides library-quality cataloguing. A number of people from our congregation have already used the system and found it easy to use. You can access the catalogue, instructions on its use, and other library information from the church website under the heading of "Involvement and Growth"; thank you Garry for setting this up. Alternatively the direct web address is: <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC>

Once at the site, there is a "suggested style for viewing this library" and I recommended that you click the "use it" button near the top left side of the page. This will display the most pertinent book information on your screen. In addition I would suggest that you add it to your favourites list for future reference.

Doing basic searches is simple; just type what you're looking for in the search box and then click the "search" button. Since the default on this search box is "All Fields" the system will do just that, search all of the catalogue data for what you're looking for. When you find the book(s) that you are looking for just take note of the call number (Dewey decimal number) and then pick the book(s) up the next time you are in the library.

As an example, if you are interested in learning about Christian education, just type it into the search box and click on the "search" button. You will see a listing of the 21 books that our library has on this subject and a variety of information on each of the books listed in seven columns.

If you look at the column on the far right you will see what is called "shared" with four symbols beneath it. By clicking on the data card symbol you get further information such as the publisher, ISBN number, and tag; the tag field is a few words about the book and is similar to the subject field.

Under the head symbol you will see two numbers; the first tells you how many other LibraryThing members have the same book, and the second lets you know how many, if any, reviews there are on that book. Just click on the head symbol to get this information.

As another example, perhaps you are interested in the author and speaker Marcus Borg, again you just type this into the search bar and you will find we have three books and one CD available by Marcus Borg. His book "The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions" is contained in 406 other member's libraries and there have been four reviews written on it, all of them were favourable I might add.

The reviews noted above are by other LibraryThing users.

Any reviews that are done by our own congregation can be seen directly on the catalogue page in the sixth column. I encourage all of you to submit your reviews of any of our material so that I can enter them and consequently share them with the rest of the congregation.

For those of you who may be new to the congregation, the library is located in the meeting room to the left of the sanctuary and is divided into the following sections: Reference, Non-fiction, Fiction, Biography, and Juvenile fiction, non-fiction, and picture books. There is also a limited selection of CD's and DVD's. I am currently in the process of arranging and clearly labelling the sections. Please note that the reference section books have not yet been added to the inventory.

To sign out books simply fill out the card at the back of the book and leave it in the designated box in the library. Please take a return date reminder card with you. The loan period is four weeks.

The LibraryThing web-site has much more to offer and explore; the menu bar at the top of the page will guide you around the site which is largely self explanatory.

If anyone would like more detailed information I have an excellent power point presentation that also describes and explains the many features. Please do not hesitate to contact me about it at library@dluc.ca.

I will be entering new material and donated books as received, so check back to the site often for new additions.

Welcome Dinner

by Lois M

First of all, I would like to express the feeling of welcome that I felt the first Sunday I attended Deer Lake United Church. A feeling of friendship and being part of a peaceful, welcoming Christian congregation were some of my first impressions.

A few months later I was invited to a Welcome Dinner. The evening was very pleasant. Some of the highlights were: I didn't have to prepare any food, I was 'waited on' and at the end of the dinner I didn't have to do the dishes. I felt it was the perfect occasion to get to know other members of the congregation as well as other new members.

It was also a time to ask questions about the church in regards to events, groups etc. At the conclusion of the evening the newcomers were informed that next year we could be members of the congregation that would be bringing the food, setting up, serving the guests and answering questions.

What a great way to be welcomed into a Church. Thank you for making me feel welcome. I am sure that I speak for all the Newcomers; that at Deer Lake you are never a Newcomer for long before you become part of their friendly caring congregation.

Clown Communion Service Returns to Deer Lake

On Sunday May 31st, we are privileged to host a very special service here at Deer Lake. We have invited the United Church Clowning Ministry to provide leadership in a Clown Communion Service.

This is not something new in the United Church. Our congregation first experienced this service over 25 years ago here at Deer Lake, then again just 6 years ago.

This worship service will bring scripture alive for all ages. It will bring laughter and tears, fun and sensitivity, and a deep sense of spirituality to those who bring an open mind and a willing spirit.

We invite you and your friends to mark your calendars and join us.

We will ask that you participate with risk and trust, placing yourself in the hands of the United Church Clowning Ministry, who believe that God wants us to enjoy our church worship and experience the message in many different ways.

In the United Church tradition, all who believe in God are welcome to receive communion. We are all children of God.



Thank You for Your Caring Gift...

January 19th started out as a fun day. It was a Professional Development day at my children's school and a day away from church responsibilities for me. So, with adventure in our hearts, my children and I journeyed to Ambleside Beach in West Vancouver.

While building a modified version of an inukshuk, my cell phone rang. On the other end of the phone was my tear-filled stepmother who had been vacationing in Cuba with my father.

Linda proceeded to share the horrible news that my dad, at age 69 had suddenly died. What began as a day filled with fun and adventure proceeded to unfold as days filled with shock, sadness, anger, and the rich memories of life shared.

Those weeks have been very difficult for myself and my family. One of the many gifts I received was the caring gift of your ministry in my family's time of grief. We received numerous cards, emails, an arrangement of flowers and a lovely fruit basket. Many attended Dad's service.

We felt the prayers and support you offered. We were touched by the kindness and understanding that was shown by one and all.

As I now approach two months after Dad's death, I see by experience why they call grief "a journey" and I thank you for carrying us on part of this path.

Thank you for your caring gift. May you never lose this special part of your identity as the people of Deer Lake.

Rev. Scott

Holy Week Services at Deer Lake United Church

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

**An interactive pot luck meal reenacting
the disciples' Last Supper with Jesus.**

If possible, please bring some 'finger food' items to share that are reminiscent of early first century (figs, dates, bread, cheese, etc.) In the tradition of Jesus sharing the cup, wine is welcomed at this service.

Good Friday

We are pleased to host our neighbours from
St. Albans Anglican Church this year

10:30 a.m. "Walk of the Cross"

by the waters of Deer Lake United Church

11:00 a.m. Good Friday Service

reflecting on the crucifixion of Jesus.

Worship Survey Results

by Cathy M

It was a letter from a congregation member, received some time ago, that prompted the Board to initiate a worship survey, providing a structured opportunity for the congregation to express their opinions on the worship experience at Deer Lake. It had been many years since a formal survey had been carried out.

The Board approved the survey format, which was drawn up by Jean MacLeod, and surveys were distributed this past September. The congregation was given 3 weeks to complete and return them. Results were collated, distributed to Board members, and have been discussed over the past several months.

A total of 52 surveys were returned, rating the various aspects of our

worship on a scale of 1 to 5. The numerical results are presented below. In general, worship at Deer Lake is meaningful and satisfying to the congregation, as can be seen by the high number of 4 and 5 ratings received for each category.

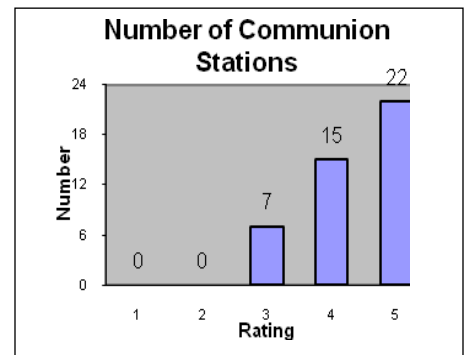
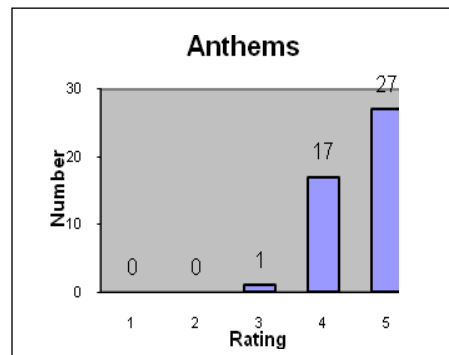
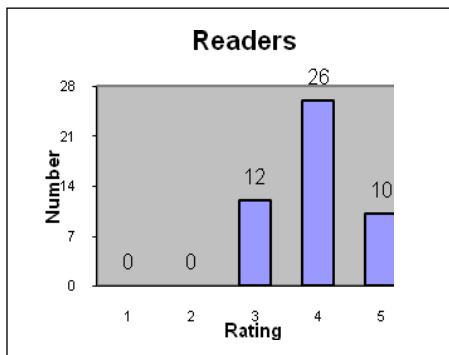
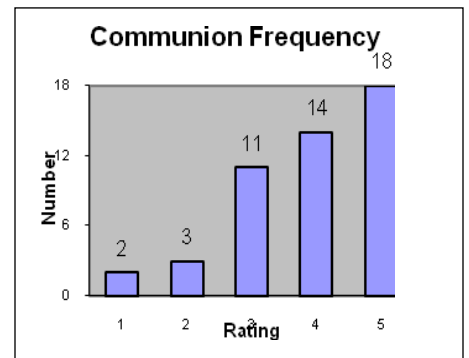
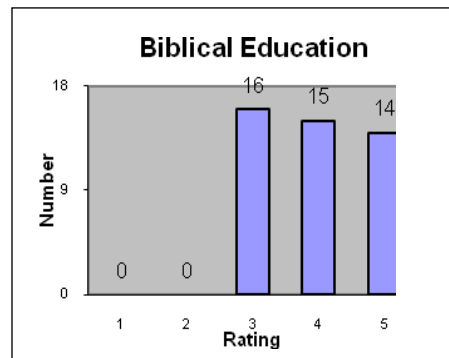
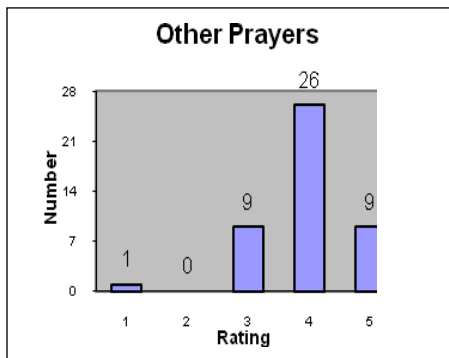
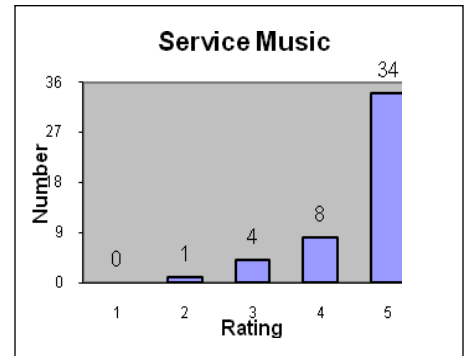
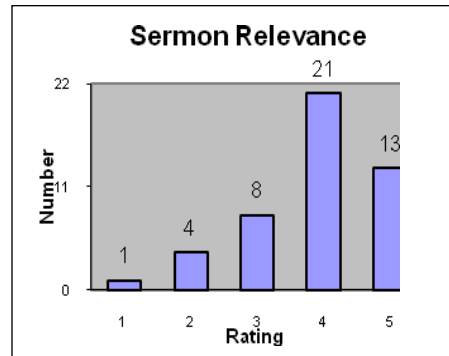
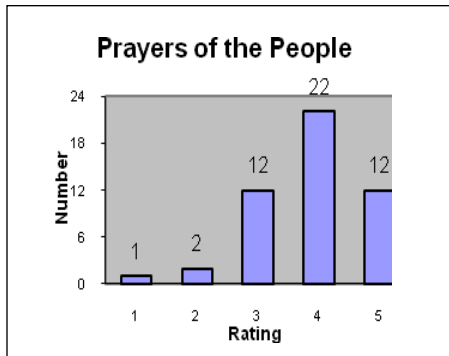
Apart from the numerical ratings, literally hundreds of comments were received. The comments were extremely valuable, as they highlighted some areas of common concern which did not come across in the numerical results. Most significant were: the length and format of announcement time, the use of too many unfamiliar and “modern” hymns, the frequency of communion, and the length of the service.

Several adjustments have already been made in response to the many

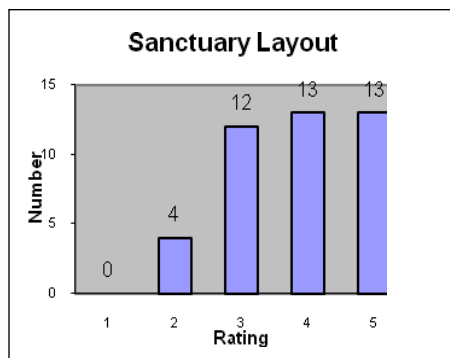
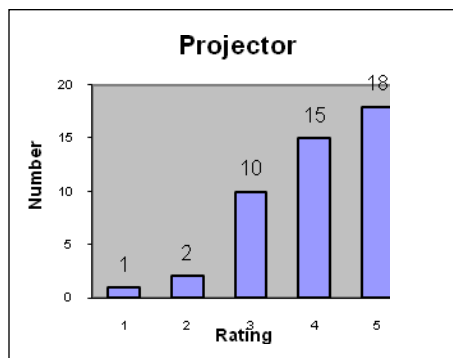
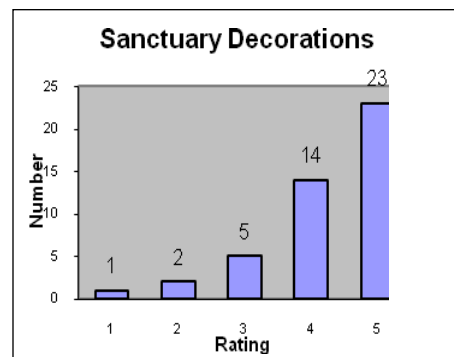
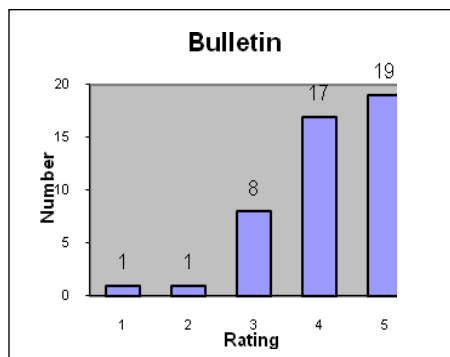
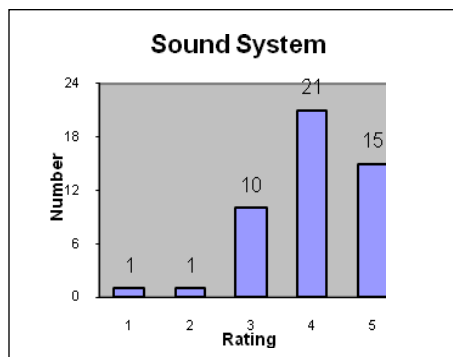
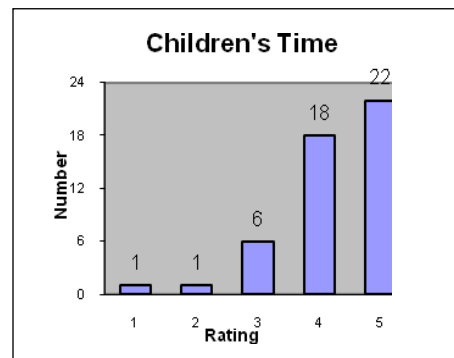
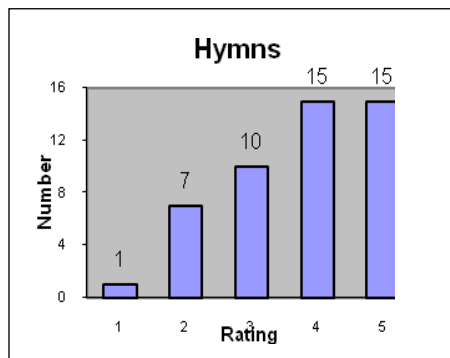
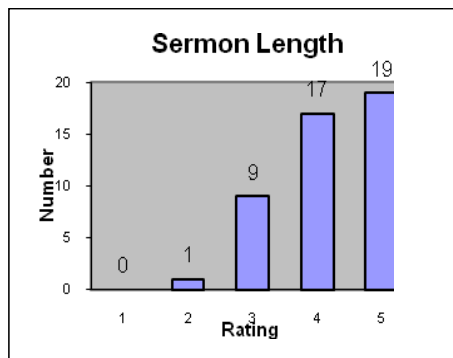
comments received. More are being considered, as the results will continue to guide both the Board and the Worship Committee going forward.

Worship at Deer Lake should be a rich and meaningful experience. However, it is important to realize that, while we are a church family, we are also a diverse group of individuals with a wide age range and varying church backgrounds.

The Board welcomes feedback at any time, and it will always be seriously considered, but it is an impossible task to satisfy everyone all of the time. The Board very much appreciates all those who took time to thoughtfully complete their surveys. The results will be useful in shaping our worship experience well into the future.



Worship Survey Results (Cont.)



2008 Annual General Meeting

by Garry F

There is one Sunday service that is guaranteed to take visitors to Deer Lake United Church by surprise. That is our AGM service, and this year it occurred on Sunday, February 15th.

I don't know whether we had any guests present this year, but we have in the past, and I have heard that it is a very good introduction to Deer Lake.

I can just imagine the inward groan when the visitor initially realizes they are going to be subjected to a church annual general meeting. Then the pleasant surprise when they discover a very short AGM embedded within a meaningful service and interesting activities, followed by a delicious lunch and time for fellowship. Missing are the children and the choir, but what a great introduction to a welcoming, involved and thriving congregation!

This year's meeting was as efficient and interesting as ever. Jean MacL stepped down as Chair of the Board. She is now Past Chair and we are all happy to welcome Janice C as our new Chairperson.

There are very few changes to the committees this year, but Outreach and Worship are looking for new members. We also are in need of a new Presbytery Representative.

Getting involved in the workings of our church is a rewarding and enriching experience, and a great way to get to know your fellow congregants better.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, or would just like a bit more information, please don't hesitate to talk to Janice or Rev. Scott.

Plans for Our New Garden Taking Shape

by Pat Y (for The Garden Group)

Thank you to those who completed the survey regarding a new garden at the front of our property on Sperling. Many people agreed that it is time to create a new garden...a garden to reflect the welcoming presence on the outside, that we receive on the inside of our church. This would indeed celebrate God's presence here and be part of the Green initiative to beautify Burnaby in 2009. We have also received offers of help to make this happen physically and financially and to continue to maintain the garden throughout the year. The Stewards agreed to incorporate new signage too, as this was on their future agenda.

With all this spirit leading us, a Garden Group was formed to make some initial decisions. Janice C, Tom C, Don W and Pat Y had a first meeting in January with Bryce Bandstra. He is a highly qualified horticulturalist and master gardener with significant experience in designing gardens. He has agreed to design the garden, draw up a blueprint and cost out the project. We look forward to seeing this on display in the next month or so.

This will not be a Memorial garden as such, as there are restrictive bylaws on where and how ashes can be sprinkled. It will be more of a Welcome/Friendship /Meditation/ Thanksgiving Garden of memories. A competition will be held to name this garden at a later date.

So now the race is on! We would ask that you help by making a special donation to The Garden, so that we can begin planning a timeline. Please use the envelopes in the pews, marking "Garden", your name and amount for tax deduction purpos-

es, or use your own envelopes using the Other line and naming Garden in there. The more funding we receive the more beautiful the garden.

We hope to break ground in early May, so we will need financing in place by then. A feature of the garden will be a bench (or two?), and perhaps one or two families would like to finance this separately, as a tribute to a special memory or a loved one. If you are considering this, please speak to one of the Garden Group members. We, the DLUC Garden Group, look forward to receiving your donations, suggestions, questions and offers of help.



A colorful garden will significantly enhance the beauty of our little church by the lake

Epiphany Explorations

by Pat Y

I saw Christ's light shining in the winter chill of January, as more than 800 people came together to feed their minds and nourish their spirits at Epiphany Explorations.

I had the pleasure again of brightening this usually down time of year at the annual event held in First Metropolitan United Church in beautiful downtown Victoria.

People from the United Church come together every year to worship, grow their faith and expand their knowledge of how we personally can help make this world a better place. The workshops ranged from: The United Colours of Islam to Advocating for Children in Canada, to Harvesting Elders Wisdom, to Singing through the Seasons, and dozens more captivating topics.

One of the highlights for me, was a 2-hour workshop with Stephen Lewis called "Racing Against Time: the Con-

tinuing Search for Hope in AIDS Ravaged Africa".

This passionate, powerful, articulate man painted pictures for us in our minds, of a beautiful, colourful African country, ravaged by this deadly disease: Of orphaned children scavenging food and loving grandmas taking care of growing new families; of Canadian Governments making empty promises and grandmas here forming allegiances with women on the other side of the world.

Stephen Lewis gave us insight into the horror, the politics, the hope for the future and the pathway to a healthier world.

Another favourite workshop was with that wonderful storyteller Herbert O'Driscoll. He spoke to us of the Power of Stories and how he novelizes the bible stories to bring them into today's context. This way he makes the bible stories come alive in 2009, with lessons to be learned in today's world.

I could go on, but let me mention one more favourite: Stories United: Harvesting Elders Wisdom, with Terry Dance Bennink and friends. Terry has written a book filled with stories passed on by elders. United Church people who have an abundance of rich memories and well earned wisdom.

But more than a mere book, she developed a community of Spiritual Companions; younger or newer Christians who began a lay visiting program, becoming "Hearts with a pen" by writing up their stories to be passed on to the next generation. What a gift; for the elder, their families, their spiritual companion, the church and our future generations.

Oh and one more: Spirituality for Extroverts. And of course First Nations Spiritual Practices.

Perhaps you will consider coming with me next year to this rich and diverse event in January.

Would You Like to Help an Old Friend?

By Garry F

Every summer many Deer Lake choir members, their families and friends descend upon Naramata Centre to enjoy Music Week. They are there for a week of choral instruction and music-making – and to cleanse their souls.

A few arrive a week early or linger an extra week to enjoy one of the many other summer programs in this idyllic spot. The place is busy all summer long (and, to a lesser degree, all year long) with offerings creative, educational, physical and spiritual. But Music Week is what draws most Deer Lakers back to Naramata on their annual pilgrimage.

This United Church centre nestled on the eastern shore of Lake Okanagan is addictive. Having attended once or twice, most people can't imagine spending a summer without it. It is not unusual for three generations of a family to attend.

Children grow into youth, youth into adults, adults into seniors, and every year they come back to renew friendships and get their annual fix. If you've been there, you know what I mean.

Well, Naramata Centre needs a bit of a fix, too. Buildings that have embraced generation after generation need a face-lift. Some are falling apart and need to be replaced.

The list of repairs is long, so in 2007 Naramata Centre announced its Capital Campaign. Generous donations from grateful supporters immediately flooded in, and the renovations have begun, but more needs to be done.

So many Deer Lakers have benefited from the centre's offerings that we wanted to do something special to help raise money for the campaign. The bottle drive and coffee time table are a start, but on April 24th you can enjoy a special evening at Baldwin House on the south shore of Deer Lake.

The event, organized by a small group of Deer Lakers, is open to the public and is being widely advertised. Please see the accompanying advertisement for the details. If you have ever enjoyed the magic of Naramata Centre, you won't want to miss this opportunity to give a little something back.

Celebrate the spirit of Naramata

Centre ~ Restore, Renew and Create its future ~

Enjoy an evening of

- ~ Okanagan wines
- ~ delicious appetizers
- ~ silent auction
- ~ live music

Friday, April 24

7-9 pm

The historic Baldwin House
on the shore of Burnaby's Deer Lake

Silent auction items include private accommodation at this lovely Arthur Erickson-designed home the following evening.

Tickets ~ \$75 per person. A \$50 charitable donation receipt will be issued. All proceeds to Naramata Centre's Capital Campaign. For information or to purchase tickets call the Centre toll-free at 1-877-996-5751 or contact the organizing committee at c.milne@shaw.ca or 604-433-9732



The Women's Retreat

The women's retreat for May 1-3 is now completely full. There is a wait list posted in the hall for anyone who would still like to go. I shall try to get us more space and there may be openings if someone has to pull out.

Meanwhile, all of the women who signed up should now have paid their \$50 and selected a name for the woman that they will be for the retreat. You should also have received a package of material to help you begin your preparations. There are 3 books on hold in the library that may help you with your research and I have tons of books that I would be willing to share. Just give me a call.

If you need ideas or help with your costume give me a call. It needn't be elaborate but should 'match' the woman that you are representing.

Watch the bulletin board for future announcements. I would also like to suggest that you consider carpooling for the trip to the ferry and leaving your car. I will have my car and I will meet the ferry as it comes in. Might be a bit slow but it will save some money.

Carol P (Tamara) 604-524-0581

Another Connection with Africa

by Bill H

Deer Lake's first connection with Africa was with Ross Davidson. Ross spent a lengthy time working with soccer teams and counselling youth in the "Kick Out Aids Programme". He assisted many young Kenyans to move on with their lives and was instrumental in sending financial aid to a young girl so that she could enroll in a nurse training programme. Ross is still involved in the programme.

Kathryn L, my granddaughter, as a student at Kwatlyn College spent time on a student project in Swaziland. Originally it was planned to build homes but circumstances changed and the group ended up building a community centre for the village. Kathryn hopes to be able to revisit Swaziland one day.

Many of you know of my connection with Chali C in Zambia, an orphaned lad who adopted me as "his replacement dad". Perhaps you are aware that Deer Lake Church sponsored Chali through two years of business school to attain an Advanced Diploma in Business Practice and Administration. He is gainfully employed by Zambian Bank.

He hopes one day to come to Simon Fraser University to attain his Bachelor of Commerce Degree. Chali and I talk frequently and he keeps me informed on life in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia and of the situation in Zambia as a country. Because of my health situation I have been cautioned not to visit Africa.

On a recent trip to England while attending bible study with my brother-in-law I heard of a young African man, Moses T, who had suffered terribly from a misadventure with a Zimbabwean dentist. A church mission board had sponsored his medical rescue to Indiana, USA, where the serious infection was treated and Moses' broken jaw repaired. He will have to return for further treatment. Upon his return to Harare a minor infection caused swelling to his face and his eyesight was affected.

In England I passed a bill to the lady in charge and told her to see that Moses got medication. Moses recovered and sent me an Email saying thanks. I wondered what was happening in Zimbabwe and soon had a new "Brother."

It turns out that Brother Moses is a mission preacher and is the chief caregiver for four young boys. His brother cares for four young girls. All eight, ranging in age from six to eighteen, were orphaned when their parents died. In his church work Moses had two other orphaned children in need of assistance.

In order for a Zimbabwean child to attend elementary school one must pay the equivalent of \$100 US per semester and

each secondary school student must pay \$150 US.

It is with great pride and joy that I am able to say that a couple of people from Deer Lake, besides myself came forward with the money and all ten children are now attending school. Many more innocent children are in need because of AIDS and because of the devastating cholera epidemic that is sweeping the land.

Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia and was the richest country in Africa. Today, because of the corrupt regime it is the poorest. The local currency is valueless and US dollars are the medium of exchange. Inflation is devastating and most good professionals, doctors, dentists, nurses and teachers have left the country.

The children of the country are the hope for the future but right now they need help. I know that many people are already sponsoring children in other countries but if you think you can help, even a little, please ask me about it.

As I said Moses is a mission preacher, his church is working with youth and I have suggested team sports as a method of building co-operative spirit

When I approached the Harlem Globetrotters I was given an autographed basketball for the girls and a neighbour has donated another. The girls will have three basketballs from Canada. I approached the Vancouver Whitecaps and they will personally hand over an autographed soccer ball to Moses at one of their games in Burnaby, where he will be my guest, if he gets a Visa. The boys will have three soccer balls.

Moses' church is building a place for them to worship and for the youth to call their place. One Deer Lake member has agreed to build a small cross for their new sanctuary. A friend at the Mulberry has agreed to carve maple and fig leaves to fasten to the foot of the cross as a symbol of the joining of our two countries in the work of God.

Deer Lake's connection with Africa has been enriching and fulfilling for me. I feel truly blessed to be able to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Africa.

Not too Early to Think About Cultus Lake Campout

This year's campout weekend is September 25-27th. So mark your calendars and be prepared to sign up. The more the merrier.

For the last two years the congregation has had terrific fun together: cooking, playing, worshipping, canoeing and appreciating each other.

We hope you plan to join us this year. More information will become available, but we will need to know numbers. So sign up early.

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“Road Trip”... a Lower Mainland Children’s Retreat



Two weeks ago some kids from Deer Lake United went to the children's retreat on the weekend. We got there Friday night and came back home after lunch on Sunday.

The girls slept on one side of the building and the boys slept on the other. The girls slept on the 3rd floor and the boys slept on the 2nd floor. The guys got a balcony but they couldn't use it.

On Saturday we had lots of fun activities like bag decorating, candle holder decorating, drumming and lots of other fantastic activities.

We had a backwards dinner. We had dessert first which was Jello with whipped cream and for dinner we had tacos last. Lots of kids put on their clothes backwards to celebrate.

We had a campfire inside after dinner. We sang lots of songs like Sitting on a Fence Post and My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean. Sadly on Sunday we had to pack up.

We made lots of friends and we wish to go back next year.

Allison and Samantha G

It was really fun. I want to go back next year. My favourite part was probably backwards dinner or 'usnup' (unstructured not unplanned time)

Mikayla T

I was blessed, once again, to be involved in the planning and leadership of the (now) annual Children's Conference. This gathering united kids from across the lower mainland of Vancouver into a spiritual weekend of fun and faith.

This gathering had its genesis in our presbytery as a few of us realized a need for an annual gathering for pre-youth group aged kids.

What started in 2007 with 30 children at Camp Capilano has now grown to a massive undertaking with 81 children at the Chehalis Healing House in Aggasiz.

Nestled beside the pastoral river banks of the Chehalis River, many children along with the adult leaders gathered for a 'road trip' of faith.

The "Road Trip" theme invited people to learn more about the different 'road trips' that biblical characters journeyed.

Some of the characters that we met through the weekend were Jesus wandering in the wilderness (played by yours truly), Moses' trip from Egypt towards the Promised Land, and Abraham's trip from Ur towards the Holy Land.

It was wonderful to see Deer Lake so well represented with Samantha and Allison G, Rielly P, Mikayla T, Missy T and myself. There is something quite powerful that happens when a large group of people are united in a retreat setting.

I was blessed to experience God's presence in that unity. We left sad that the retreat had ended and excited for next year's gathering!

Rev. Scott

The “Rev’s” Reading Recommendations

I am pleased to continue to share some new reading resources that I would commend to people’s attention.

I would also remind you of our well organized library that Sue M has been working so diligently on.

Whether you pick something out in our church library or at a bookstore, blessed reading everyone!

Rev. Scott

FICTION:

“*The Bible Salesman*” by Clyde Edgerton. Henry Dampier is selling Bibles on the road in North Carolina when he meets car thief Preston Clearwater, who persuades him to join a band of thieves.

Dampier has just begun to read the Bible for himself and is find it far more confusing than he had anticipated. Did God create animals and then people or people and then animals?

Did God approve of Sarai telling her husband Abram to have sex with another woman?

The reader travels with Clearwater and Dampier through stages of innocence and deception while Edgerton creates laughter and reflection at every turn.

“*A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*” by Marla Frazee. Eamon and James are staying with Eamon’s grandparents, who offer “camping out” fun, banana waffles and “quiet meditation”

There are humorous gaps between what the words say and the pictures show. Grandparents will enjoy this book, especially if their grandchildren have ever stayed with them for a week.(recommended for 5 years and under and the young at heart)

“*Savvy*” by Ingrid Law. Mibs Beaumont’s family believes that on your

13th birthday your special power, or “savvy” is revealed. But on Mibs’ 13th, her father is involved in a car accident.

Mibs is an astutely realistic observer of life, and when she spends her birthday weekend on a road trip to the nearby hospital, in a pink school bus with a delivery load of pink Bibles, she changes everyone’s life.

It is a book of fun-filled truth. (recommended for 11 years and under and the young at heart).

NON-FICTION:

“*Jesus the Village Psychiatrist*” by Donald Capps. What exactly took place when Jesus healed people?

According to Capps, who teaches pastoral theology at Princeton Seminary, Jesus did not heal with supernatural power but worked within the laws of nature and approached healing an understanding of psychosomatic illness.

This argument, says Capps is not meant to detract from Jesus’ curative powers but is rather meant to show Jesus’ awareness of the unconscious conflicts underlying illness.

The author brings together extensive knowledge of psychoanalytic theory, a strong grasp of biblical criticism and a deep understanding of the political climate of Jesus’ time and place.

This interesting book builds important modern day bridges between religion and the disciplines of psychiatry and psychology.

“*The Gospel According to Bruce Springsteen: Rock and Redemption, from Asbury Park to Magic*” by Jeffrey Symynkywicz.

The seemingly endless series of books beginning with “The Gospel According to” have, at the very least, reminded us of how our culture is infused with the gospel.

While I haven’t read this particular

book yet, I was intrigued by the title and would recommend it to Springsteen fans as well as keen observers of gospel and culture.

“*Losers, Loners and Rebels: The Spiritual Struggles of Boys*” by Robert C. Dykstra, Allan Hugh Cole Jr. and Donald Capps.

This book asks: what in the world is up with adolescent boys in contemporary America?

The insightful team of authors does a wonderful job of exploring the adolescent male’s world with its spiritual challenges and opportunities.

Apart from some American translation to Canadian context, this is an accessible book for parents and teens alike.



Ambrogio Bergognone:
Christ Risen from the Tomb

Christmas 2008 Revisited

We received from two of the families (we served three) who received Christmas hampers from DLUC. The letters read:

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Dear People from Deer Lake United Church,

We would like to thank you for your generosity and hope you all have a great Christmas and Happy New Year. Also thank you to Peter and Charlene for their kindness. Bringing all these food and presents was very exciting. Please receive our best wishes and God bless you.

Thank you again.

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It was nice meeting you last week. My parents and I would like to thank you again for the wonderful Christmas hamper that you brought to us this year.

We were thrilled to receive and are excited that we had such a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand at what the community can and do for people. In fact we didn't expect to receive so much but it certainly felt good to be on the receiving end and we hope that we are able to be on the giving end again sometime as we

have been in the past.

This year was a particularly difficult one which is why we were so thrilled to be accepted. I will be going for surgery Jan 12 and will be off on bed rest for the rest of the month after that. But hope to

be on my feet by the spring and hope to contact you then again to see if I can be of help to you and the community once a month in any way.

Thank you again and have a great Christmas Season



From left: Erica McN, Alexa P, Tyson T-B, Andrew H, Maxine N, Reilly P, (in black) Kennedy N, Alana L

Nick Judson's Ordination

We are delighted to share and celebrate in the joy of Nick Judson as he is ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care at 10 a.m. on Sunday May 24th at the Langley Sportsplex.

As most will warmly recall, Nick was our student minister during two of his school terms 2005/06 and 2006/07 and has been a guest worship leader on numerous occasions.

Nick's ordination will occur during the closing worship service for the meeting of the British Columbia Conference which commences on Thursday May 21st and concludes with the ordination and commissioning of new and transferring ministers to our Conference. A sign-up sheet will be posted to help coordinate the group of Deer Laker's who wish to attend this special event.



Andrew H and Maxine N

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Deer Lake 'Night at the Theatre'

'A Night at the Theatre' is an opportunity to gather with friends and enjoy a spiritual message. Now in their 25th year, the Pacific Theatre (www.pacifictheatre.org) is part of the unique ministry of Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

Their next performance, "*You Still Can't*", is a creative continuation of the Kauf and Hart play: "You Can't Take it with You". The press release reports: "In the story, sixty years ago, Tony Kirby was grafted by marriage onto the wildly eccentric Sycamore-Vanderhof family tree.

Now he presides over that same charming New York brownstone as the children and grandchildren of those original characters gather from all around the world for the funeral of... Well, everybody loved him, but nobody ever thought to ask his name". This Pacific Theatre original, is directed by Ron Reed and co-produced with the Theatre at Trinity Western University.

We hope you will join Rev. Scott, Jen and the Deer Lake Theatre Lovers for this production on **Friday May 22nd at 8 p.m.** Please **sign up by Sunday April 19th** to ensure that we can sit as a group. The cost for tickets are \$34 (adults) and \$24 (students and seniors). If you have a 2009 Entertainment Book, there is a buy one, get one free coupon.

Don't miss the

2009 Men's Retreat

On the Sunshine Coast

May 29th to May 31st

**Only 20 spots available so sign up early
 Sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall**

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