

KESHORE LINES

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We Say Goodbye to Bill

By Garry F

When I think of Bill, the word that comes to mind is *determination*. As most of you know, Bill passed away on July 26th after almost ten years of wavering health. There were many times since his heart attack in 2001 when we didn't think he was going to make it, but he did.

That determination came from a childhood in which he had to overcome the loss of his father at a very young age, and ill health due to Rheumatic Fever. Despite these setbacks (or perhaps because of them) Bill developed a strong work ethic and a love of learning. He credited his grandfather, his Uncle Stan and his stepfather with influencing his attitudes and choices in life. Through scouting, Bill satisfied his love of the outdoors and travel. He obtained his teaching certificate and met his wife-to-be, Mary, while working at Alpha Junior High. Marriage and a family followed.

Bill and Mary travelled extensively, using their trips as not only fun excursions, but educational experiences for their three children. While teaching and raising a family, Bill attended UBC Summer Sessions and earned his Bachelor of Education degree. After returning from a teacher exchange in England, Bill en-

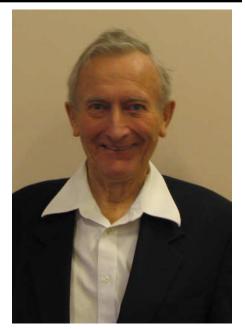
rolled at SFU to complete his Master of Arts in Education. His teaching career spanned thirty-four years during which he taught countless elementary and secondary students, and mentored numerous student teachers.

Bill's career came to an end in 1988 when Mary was diagnosed with cancer. He retired early and they travelled a good deal until she succumbed to her cancer just over a year later. Though devastated, Bill remained active and engaged, and turned his attention increasingly to his grandchildren, travel and church.

Bill was always a mover and shaker at Deer Lake. He was a faithful member of the Men's Group and was responsible for many of the functions and fund raisers they put on over the years. Perhaps most notable was the Men's Christmas Breakfast. This annual event was originally hosted by Bill in his home the year after Mary died. It came to be known affectionately as "Breakfast At Bill's". Later, when he was no longer able to host it, the name was changed to "Breakfast With Bill". Sadly, we will have to drop that moniker this year.

Bill had a strong faith and a calling to help and encourage others. It was not unusual for him to approach someone at

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Bill Hilliard August 9, 1931 – July 26, 2010

the church with a twinkle in his eye and the words "May I twist your arm?" He was always looking for ways for people to develop and share their gifts - for their own benefit and the benefit of others. I was the target of his attention many times and I was always better off for it. This was one of his gifts.

Bill shared his gift for teaching as a spiritual leader in the Men's Group, and occa-

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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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sionally from the pulpit as a lay preacher. He provided more than his share of leadership on Men's Retreats, often suggesting, researching and coordinating the theme of the weekend. We men always finished a weekend better than when we started it, thanks in no small part to Bill.

What Bill may be best remembered for, though, is his interest in the people of Africa. His involvement started with arranging education funding for a young woman in Kenya who wanted to become a nurse. Later he became interested in a young Zambian man named Chali and involved his Deer Lake family in raising money to put him through two years of business school. Later still, Bill helped a missionary named Moses in Zimbabwe with a medical problem and subsequently sponsored some of the children Moses cares for. Who knows the far-ranging impact that Bill's efforts may have in improving the plight of the African people?

Bill could be stubborn and opinionated, but he was always sincere and caring. Above all he was determined. He is, and will continue to be, sorely missed.

A Rejuvenated Choir

By Garry F

Those of you who have attended Sunday worship this Autumn will have noticed a new director waving her arms in front of the choir. After a short stint as our temporary Choir Director in the spring, Liana LeBlanc stepped down to pursue her education in Montreal. We are very fortunate, however, to have found a permanent Choir Director in the person of Rebecca Treherne. She directed her inaugural anthem on Sunday September 12th.

Rebecca recently graduated from U Vic with a Bachelor of Music degree specializing in Music Education, and has her Teachers Certificate. She has been involved in music for most of her life and has been going to Naramata music week since she was eight. She was already familiar with Deer Lake from seeing some of our choir members perform at Naramata (although this may have given her a

A Letter From Pam, Our New Secretary

I am so happy to be working as the new secretary at Deer Lake United Church. I know how staff changes can be challenging during the transition period however, I am confident that, with time, I will have the small details figured out and things will be running smoothly.

I feel so blessed to have the privilege of working in two churches. I will be working Tuesday through Friday mornings at Deer Lake from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and afternoons from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m., at Cliff Avenue United Church (of which I have been a member for the past 13 years, and secretary since 2007). I love working in the church, as it enables me to be in an inspiring atmosphere, meet new people on a day to day basis, enjoy a variety of tasks, and work with people who are there because they want to be as opposed to just collecting their pay cheque.

Over the years I have put in countless hours teaching Sunday School, leading youth discussions/retreats, bible studies, organizing family camps/ events, and serving on multiple committees such as Session, Official Board and C.E. I hope that my experiences will be an asset to the congregation and community of DLUC.

I am happily married for 22 years to my best friend, Vince, and we have been greatly blessed with two amazing sons. 18 year old, Paul, is a student at Douglas College and he's working towards obtaining his Bachelors of Physical Education and Coaching Degree. 12 year old, Lucas, is in Grade 7 at Westridge Elementary. I hope to introduce them to you when our family pays a visit to Deer Lake to join you for worship from time to time.

Blessings...Pam

somewhat skewed impression of us). She also knows Don, Jean and Donna from their involvement at Naramata.

Rebecca plays the French horn, trumpet, trombone, piano and drums. She has training in orchestral and choral conducting but had only directed two children's





choirs prior to joining us at Deer Lake. However, in the short time she has been with us she has exceeded all expectations. Indeed, she has garnered praise from our former directors, who have rejoined our choir as singers. She is very enthusiastic and has brought a new energy to the choir, which has swelled to its previous size with the return of our former directors and some new members. Rebecca has demonstrated her ability to interpret a piece of music and elicit the sound she wants from the choir. Members of the congregation have commented on how much they enjoy watching Rebecca direct, and singers are enthusiastic in their appreciation of her conducting.

If you have yet to see Rebecca in action or hear our choir under her direction, do yourself a favour and attend a Sunday service. I think you'll be glad you did. You may even be tempted to join the choir. If so, please talk to Rebecca or one of the choir members.

On Being a Christian: What Does it Mean to Be Christian Today?

By Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

One of the core challenges a person of faith encounters is that of living out their faith within the cultural milieu in which they live. Living as a Christian in the first few centuries of the Common Era caused one to live as an enemy of the State. Following Rome's adoption of Christianity in 313 C.E. by Emperor Constantine, living as a Christian became a very different practice. In the centuries following, Christians have faced different cultural realities as they continued to discern the question 'what does it mean to be a Christian today?' Within the last century, we have experienced enormous cultural shifts: the post-war baby boom and subsequent church explosion, the civil rights movement and the beginning of church decline, the intellectual shift to post-modern thought and the entry into what some have called an era of post-Christendom. While the essence of our Christian faith has not changed, the environment in which it is lived out continues to be a tumultuously moving sea. Today, we continue to ask the age-old question: 'what does it mean to be a Christian today?'

In the last month, people of faith pondering this faith question faced a large challenge as the media picked up the story of Terry Jones, Pastor of the 50 member Dove World Outreach Centre located in Gainesville, Florida. Protesting the proposed construction of the Islamic Community Centre and Prayer Room (often called the Ground Zero Mosque), Pastor Jones called Islam "of the Devil" and announced plans to burn a copy of the Koran on the nine year anniversary of the September 11th attacks. In contrast to this development, other churches planned to give out copies of the Koran on September 11th in an effort to educate people about what the Koran really offers. As this drama unfolded, many people of faith wondered 'what does it mean to be a Christian today?'

A new book by Boston Globe columnist James Carroll entitled "*Constantine's Sword: The Church and The Jews - A History*" offers some needed wisdom to our conversation. In the book, Carroll parallels the phenomena of Islamophobia to the history of anti-semitism. He notes that Western European civilization came into existence in tension with Islam and argues that the three century long Christian Crusades were the defining reality for European civilization. This holy war which viewed Islam as the enemy is an oft forgotten reality that typically lies deep in our psyches and rarely in our awareness. Such a negative view of Islam is comparable to the anti-semitic norms that were prevalent in the first three centuries following Jesus' death. Antisemitism and anti-Islam beliefs are "cousins" in this way and these deep roots have sprung up at different times throughout history.

One of the interesting developments in the past few decades that I have been particularly interested in has been in the area of interfaith relations. Many will recall that I focussed my 2009 sabbatical in this area. To be sure, there has been a significant increase in religious conversation and cooperation. Along with this shift, I have noticed a shift in approach. In the past, the interfaith focus was on coexistence; however, there has been an increasing movement towards engagement. In Gustav Neihbur's

new book "Beyond Tolerance: Searching for Interfaith Understanding in America", he argues that the problem with coexistence is that we do not learn and interact with one another. In the book, Neihbur promotes engagement as an opportunity for interaction and learning. While carefully noting that engagement does not mean agreement, he promotes a belief that engagement will promote mutual understanding and respect, which will in turn enhance possibilities for cooperation.



So then, 'what does it mean to be a Christian today?' If engagement is a necessary part of our Christian expression of faith, how might that look? One of the reasons that I have been encouraging people to attend interfaith events in the city is for this very reason. I have a dream that one day Deer Lake will be a host site for interfaith events as well. In the next month, there are opportunities for us to engage with two different Muslim communities as well as a Buddhist one. Could you imagine having regular get-togethers where you are joined as a dinner companion with people from different faiths? Imagine a Jew, a Christian, a Muslim and a Sikh sitting together at table and discussing a social issue and how their personal faith influences their thoughts and actions. In the interfaith dialogue events that I have been exposed to, I have discovered that the process tends to deepen one's own faith understanding. Interfaith engagement seems to utilize the timeless dynamic of re-discovering ourselves as we discover others. Being a Christian today means an increasingly active participation in our faith and gaining an increasing clarity of God's presence in our spiritual lives. It calls us to speak out about who we are; refuse to allow the extremists to define the majority. In an increasingly multicultural world, living as a Christian also means acknowledging the society



around us and engaging with others as we journey towards mutual respect and cooperation. There is tremendous wisdom in Jesus' words that encircle our United Church crest. Ut Omens Unum Sint / that all may be one was the dream of our denomination at its very inception. May we continue to faithfully live into this dream.

Shalom, Salaam, Peace,

Res. Scott

Western Women's Conference

By Pat Y

What a spiritually uplifting, fun weekend with United Church women at Naramata Centre I the Okanagan!

Five of us from DLUC made the spectacular journey from Vancouver, through the mountains, past parks and lakes and the ever changing landscape. The leaves were beginning to change, and the colours danced in the sunlight. The weather became warmer and clearer as we neared the Okanagan. Some of us stopped at a winery or two on the way, sampling and drinking in the sight of the vineyards, laden with grapes.

Jean McL, Sharon A, Carole P, Beth R and Pat Y joined the 180+ women from Western Canada. We enjoyed beautiful worship services, with Keri Wehlander, singing with Barb Myers and Linnea Good, thought provoking presentations from keynote speakers: Omega Bula and Donna Sinclair, and a dozen or more exciting workshops to choose from for our morning and afternoon sessions. Of course the meals are always a highlight at Naramata, especially as we don't have to prepare them...just eat and enjoy the nutritious food offered. I even brought home a lb. of their special granola.

I took a Drumming workshop. Who knew I would have rhythm and would enjoy making music with 20 other drummers? It wasn't the cacophony I thought it would be, but really great swinging music! And I could do it!! This was the first musical instrument I have ever played, and I loved it. Others baked bread together, or walked the labyrinth, practiced storytelling, or sang their hearts out with Barb Myers and Linnea Good. Saturday evening offered a fun dance or just sitting outside under the warm evening moonlight, drinking Okanagan wine and sharing summer stories together.

Omega, is the United Church's Executive Minister for Justice and Ecumenical Relations. Born in Zambia, Omega brought to our attention the huge imbalance of justice in Africa; the poverty and pain that most women suffer. She challenged us to consider ways that each one of us could show love for our sisters in Africa. Suggestions included using Fair Trade Coffee and other products, writing letters to the Canadian Mining companies requesting social services for African employees, demanding the Canadian Government keep their promises made for the Millennium Development Goals, or at least educating ourselves on what were the Goals our country had set for us.

Donna Sinclair was a journalist with The

Observer for many years. Now retired she is active in environmental issues and writing her next book. She helped us see how every one of us can write poetry. She encouraged us to see how we can help save the world by conserving water, creating community gardens, using public transportation and many other ways. "We are the medicine for Gods beloved and aching earth".

Too soon Sunday arrived with a worship service in which we shared communion together. Hugs all-round followed, with each of us committed to coming again next year. Hopefully we will bring with us a few more DLUC women to experience this very special weekend of spiritual renewal.



Beth, Pat, Jean, Sharon and Carol at the conference



GOSPEL JAZZ SERVICE COMING TO DEER LAKE

We are delighted to welcome back the River City Gospel Jazz group on October 24 to lead our 10:30 a.m. worship service. This unique group http://www.rivercitygospeljazz.com, which includes our very own Don Wade and his magical saxophones is made up of retired clergy, and active laypeople who have brought exciting jazz and a gospel message to over 50 churches since their inception in 2002.

How Our Garden Grows!



The new garden is coming along nicely, as it's over a year since its original planting. By next springtime it will be filled out and almost complete.

We are planning to install garden ties to finish off the edging and to keep the bark mulch from spilling onto the pathway.

We will then be placing stepping stones showing a pathway through the garden. Eventually to complete the whole garden, we hope to place two benches.

Right now we need help preparing it for winter.

Two volunteers are needed each week to weed and dead-head flowers and plants.

If you can give an hour, please come along with garden tools, and a broom to sweep up.

Come when you can, perhaps bring a friend, helping to make this a visually welcoming place to for us all.

If you have any questions, call Pat Young at 604-437-7875.

Deer Lake Welcomes Mountaintop Unity Church

Over the past year, Rev. Scott and the Stewards committee have engaged in conversation with Mountaintop Unity Church as they have been considering a home at Deer Lake. Mountaintop Unity is a small church led by Rev. Hazel Swanson and an active group of committed volunteers. They offer services on Sunday evenings. If you were to visit their website (www.mountaintopunity.ca) you would be greeted by a beautiful mountain vista and the words "Mountaintop Unity: where God's unconditional love comes to life". Rev. Scott spoke at their inaugural service on September 5th and offered greetings on the congregation's behalf. The closing blessing offered by Rev. Swanson is one which we all can embrace.

> Bless this church, O Lord we pray, Make it safe by night and day; Bless these walls, so firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out; Bless the roof and chimneys tall Let thy Peace lie over all; Bless this door, that it may prove Ever open to joy and love. Bless these windows shining bright Letting in God's heavenly light; Bless the music in the air that praises God in every prayer; Bless our people here within, Keep us pure and free from error; Bless us all that we may be firm, O Lord to dwell with thee; Bless us all that one day we may dwell, O Lord, with Thee.

As Mountaintop Unity are now into their second month in their new home at Deer Lake, we pray that their ministry will continue to be blessed.



The Christian Education ministry would like to remind (or introduce) you of the great resource found at <u>www.wondercafe.ca</u>. This web-based ministry of our United Church seeks to be a home of open-minded discussion and exploration of spiritual topics, moral issues and life's big questions, brought to you by the people of The United Church of Canada. You'll find lots to talk about in our <u>Discussion Lounge</u>, and you'll get your very own Profile Page for telling others a little about yourself, starting a blog, or sending and receiving WonderMails. So pull up a chair and join in.



A Message from Your M&P Committee

By Sharon A

Have you ever wondered what we do? Or why you never hear much about it? Hopefully you will find some answers here, and you may be led to consider your own skills and whether they might fit with the mandate for this committee.

The M&P Committee is basically the human resources group for the church. It is a mandatory committee required by the bylaws of the United Church of Canada (UCC) with 3 to 7 members. It is an ongoing, standing committee with a dual consultative and supportive role, is accountable to the Board of DLUC and in relationship with ministry personnel, staff and the congregation. It oversees the relationships within the church, particularly the roles of paid leaders and employees, but also for the work carried out by volunteers. While M&P does not have decision making authority, it can make recommendations to the Board regarding staff responsibilities, compensation, accountability and the annual budget. Committee members conduct an annual review with each employee and report annual goals and objectives, any concerns, continuing education requests or similar issues to the Board. It also reviews and updates job descriptions, and ensures that staff is aware of these and that clear lines of communication and responsibility are defined. The M&P committee has a role in encouraging healthy responses to conflict and early conflict resolution when it arises.

This information should make it clear why you don't hear much about the work of M&P. Issues such as job performance, communication (either too much or too little!) compensation, or conflict, are not secret, but they are confidential. This means that those who need the information have it, and those who don't, do not, while secrecy means that those who need the information **don't** have it. So the M&P Committee is the appropriate body for people to bring questions or concerns regarding ministry personnel and staff and their work. Without this input, we may miss opportunities to provide positive feedback and coaching, to educate, or to recognize when role descriptions are inadequate or out of date. Like everyone, our employees appreciate knowing that someone has noticed that they do a good job!

The DLUC M&P Committee has 4 members with one member's term ending in January each year, and a new member appointed by the Board at the annual general meeting. This past year one member resigned early and another needs time to fully recover her health so is 'on sabbatical' at present. The resignation was covered with a 2 year term to maintain the annual rotation and preserve the continuity on the committee. Members are Tony Woodruff (2 yr term) Pat Murray (on leave), Greg Neumann(upcoming chair) and Sharon Allman (current chair and outgoing member).

The church staff consists of our full time minister, and part time secretary, organist, and choir director, all paid positions, and our treasurer who donates her time to fill this important part time position. The wedding and funeral hostesses are volunteers who are paid an honorarium for their services. Job descriptions are maintained for all of these positions, as well as terms of service for the contracted cleaning services.

The M&P Committee receives education, support and guidance from Westminster Presbytery, and operates according to policy and procedures set by the UCC. For ministry personnel, minimum salary levels and leave allowances are defined, and for all staff mandated salary increases are applied annually. Leave allowances for ministry personnel are generous in order to ensure healthy leadership from those who provide pastoral and spiritual care to the congregations they serve. These allowances include vacation, study leave and flex time, and collectively total 11 Sundays throughout the year. Working Sundays away from DLUC for events such as retreats, Cultus weekend and BC Conference meeting can add another 3 or 4 Sundays annually.

Studies have shown that the relationship of ministry personnel and their pastoral charge has a very direct relationship on their level of stress, anxiety, depression and burnout. Almost 50% are not receiving the amount of spiritual guidance they need, and almost 60% feel there are few people they can openly trust and confide in, while 44% report often feeling lonely. So clearly, the spiritual care of ministry personnel is just as crucial as care from ministry personnel, and it is the role of the M&P Committee to ensure that our minister takes time for rest, renewal and spiritual connection. It is of particular importance following the busy church seasons of Christmas and Easter, a very busy and sometimes stressful time for many people, and therefore more demanding for our spiritual leader. Some churches budget funds to support a spiritual director for their minister, a practice recommended but not compulsory at this time. While we at DLUC do not have this, we try to accommodate those needs through our budget for pulpit supply, allowing Rev Scott to maintain his own spiritual well-being and family relationships.

The M&P Committee needs people with a variety of backgrounds and experiences, and helpful skill areas include knowledge of the United Church policies and practice, good interpersonal and communication skills, human resource or personnel training or experience, and some conflict resolution skills. Sound like a pretty demanding job? Consider the job description that might be written for a parent! There is a wealth of information available for education and guidance, and a committee to lean on when needed. Although members are appointed by the Board, you might want to inventory your own skills and consider whether you could offer yourself for selection for this very important ministry, whether for a first time or a return of an experienced M&P'er. Feel free to call, email or approach any committee member with questions, suggestions, or feedback.

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News from the Outreach Committee

Deer Lake United Church continues to reach out to both the local and the global community:

- Once each month, Deer Lake provides **70 bag lunches to homeless people** in Burnaby. Helpers are always needed to prepare these lunches. Upcoming lunchmaking sessions will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays Oct. 27 and November 24 in the upper hall. Naomi Harden from **Progressive Housing** spoke at the Sept. 19 service and provided helpful suggestions on how each of us can respond when we meet a homeless person on the street. Rev. Scott has prepared copies of the list of services and support centres for members of the congregation to offer to those in need.
- The *Edmonds Youth Centre* is moving to a new location at 4750 Imperial St. in Burnaby. This is near Metrotown, at the intersection of Central Blvd and Imperial. A *Lunch on the Run* in the hall will be held following the service on *Sunday, Oct. 17* to raise funds for Edmonds Youth. Tyler Dobbin, the youth coordinator, will be attending to give us an update on the centre and its new opening.
- The "Gogos," is an organization that supports African grandparents who care for their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Janine Reid, a Gogos representative, spoke at Deer Lake about the important work being done by the "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" Campaign. A 2 hr presentation is scheduled for Nov. 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Shadbolt Centre. If you are interested in finding out more about the Gogos, or would like to join the newly formed Burnaby chapter, 604-759-3134 please contact Janine at or burnabygogos@gmail.com You may also want to visit the website at www.stephenlewisfoundation.org
- First United Church continues to serve residents of the downtown eastside. A new program they are offering is a safe place for the homeless to temporarily store their possessions. They have applied for a \$25,000 grant from Pepsi to continue to provide this valuable service through Pepsi's Refresh Everything promotion. You can help First United to win this grant by logging in at http://www.refresheverything.ca/login and voting as often as possible at: http://www.refresheverything.ca/firstunitedchurch by clicking the "Vote for this idea" button.
- A speaker from *Dixon House*, the Burnaby shelter for battered women that was founded at DLUC, will speak at an upcoming service to update us on the progress of their renovations and inform us of their ongoing needs.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all at DLUC who have provided their time, talents and treasures in support of this work.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION PARTY

It might seem early to be speaking about Christmas; however, we know how busy life gets so please mark your calendars now. As we spiritually prepare for the coming of the Christ Child during Advent, this will commence by physically preparing our sanctuary for the season. There are banners to be hung, trees to be put up and decorations to be placed. This promises to be a fun community experience as we welcome our other congregations to share in the joy. There will be activities for the children, refreshments, music and (hopefully) a little singing. Please join us on Friday November 26th at 7 p.m.



Love Project and the New Art Gallery

By Carol P

A big thank you goes out to all of the people who contributed projects and participated in the service on Mothers' Day for the LOVE PROJECT. The variety of offerings of how people experience love was truly amazing; poems, stories, e-mails, audiovisual Power Point slide shows, photos, 3D art, fibre art, doing the children's time, music and posters. Many of those items have been hanging in the hallway where we have started a small art gallery. The theme of LOVE seemed to be one that inspired many people.

The art gallery is going to remain from this project. I am looking for art for the frames (I have several more available). It could be purchased items such as prints or quotes or it could be original works of art created by members of the congregation. It could even be works of art that you have purchased and would like to share with the congregation. So it's time to get out your art tools and see what you can come up with. When you have something to share, give me a call and I will get it up as soon as I can.

Cultus Lake Campout Enjoyed by All Ages

Pictures by Greg N











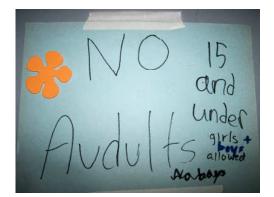


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Library News

Bv Sue M

We have been blessed to receive the donation of a collection of books that belonged to Rev. Dr. Gordon Turner, Rev. Scott's father. This is an interesting assortment of books that will appeal to a variety of tastes. To those who may not know, Rev. Gordon Turner came to Vancouver from Toronto in 1991 to minister at St. Andrew's-Wesley Church until his retirement in

drew's-Wesley Church until his retirement in 2005. He was known as Vancouver's "Jazz Priest" as he introduced Jazz Vespers to the city; he was a trombonist prior to entering into Ministry. He passed away suddenly in January 2009, but his jazz legacy lives on every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at St. Andrew's-Wesley. Life in Ministry also lives on in the family with Rev. Scott, who apparently showed interest in the vocation from an early age; this "bookmark" was found in one of the books.

The following is a sampling of the donated books:

All Loves Excelling, Compiled by Elizabeth Hart (Dewey No. 781.71 Har) – This book includes 365 daily reflections based on the hymns and poems of Charles Wesley. The idea for this book came through correspondence between Elizabeth and her father, a Methodist minister, on what Wesley's verses meant to them and how relevant Wesley's message remains for contemporary society.

Jesus at 2000, edited by Marcus J. Borg (Dewey No. 232 Bor) – This book was compiled from a symposium commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus. It is basically a transcript of the symposium that featured six internationally known scholars. The book also includes the questions to, and answers from, the speakers at the symposium.

The Gospel According to the Simpson, The Spiritual Life of the World's Most Animated Family by Mark I. Pinsky (Dewey No. 491.4 Pin) – Mark Pinsky is a writer on faith, media, and popular culture; in this book he talks about how The Simpsons went from being attacked by many religious leaders for its lack of family values to being called one of the most theologically relevant shows on television.

Christianity, Patriarchy, and Abuse, A Feminist Critique Edited by Joanne Carlson Brown and Carole R. Bohn (Dewey No. 261.8 Bro) – This is collection of essays, from several feminist scholars, that struggles with the question of whether it is possible to be a feminist and retain attachment to the Christian tradition.

The Christian Story, A Narrative Interpretation of Basic Christian Doctrine by Gabriel Fackre (Dewey No. 230 Fac) – "This is a book for those struggling with the question, What is the Christian faith? Basic beliefs are interpreted as chapters in the biography of God." This copy was signed by the author for Rev. Turner.



Dreams, A Way to Listen to God by Morton Kelsey (Dewey No. 135 Kel) – The author is an Episcopalian minister who lectures and teaches about the meaning of dreams. In this book he discusses how to begin to accurately and simply understand and incredibly varied and fascinating "shows" that take place within our psyches each night.

Befriending Life, Encounters with Henri Nouwen Edited by Beth Porter (Dewey No. 282 Por) – This is a collection of 42 reminiscences of Henri Nouwen. The contributors are representa-

tive of the various periods of his life and ministry including his early life in Holland, his early years in the U.S., his years in teaching, his path as a writer, and his continual search for spirituality.

Coincidentally, we also had the return of another Henri Nouwen book, "**The Return of the Prodigal Son**" (Dewey No. 248.482 Nou). The book had been away for several years, but thankfully it made it safely home through the Burnaby Public Library. In this very personal book Henri discusses how Rembrandt's painting of the powerful Gospel story resonated with him profoundly.

To view all of our available books please visit <u>www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC</u>. The loan period is four weeks. We now have a computer in the library; if anyone needs assistance in using it to find a book, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you for the donations Rev. Scott.



Congratulations to Bruce and Susan C who were married at the Burnaby Village Chapel on July 17th with Rev. Scott officiating.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 27th

8:00 - 9:30 am

In the Fellowship Hall

IF. . .

- You are MALE
- You shave, should shave or hope to soon need to shave (your face)
- You like to eat (and what male doesn't?)
- You enjoy singing or listening to Christmas carols
- You would like to share in this annual event

Then make a note on your calendar and watch for the sign-up sheet in the hall.

Looking for our Young Adults



So, what's a good way to keep our young adults better connected to the church community?

Our newsletter is such a vibrant source of all the latest news and activities that the Christian Education Committee would like to collect the email addresses of our graduates over the last few years, so that they, too, can receive regular newsletters.

If you know of a young adult who has graduated in the recent past, could you please email me their email address (<u>pwoodruff@telus.net</u>) and the church newsletter will be sent to them regularly.

Greetings to the Church that meets at Deer Lake



The year is winding down – the days shorten, the leaves turn and the temperatures drop some. As if to counteract the approaching winter, we wind up and our activity levels rise – school starts, sport and team activities begin – the list is endless. After a rather hectic winter and spring, last year's flurry of activity, I have enjoyed a summer off and am refreshed to begin this year's flurry of activity.

The summer found me joining Pergrinatio Studies on pilgrimage. It was called 'From Standing Stones to Cosmic Christ, Dwellings for the Holy in Northwest France'. I joined 26 other pilgrims to 'claim our spiritual heritage'. We examined 'Gothic Cathedrals as the New Jerusalem' in Chartres, Noyon, Meaux and Beauvais. We wrestled with 'The Nation as Holy' as we were in Bayeux, on the beaches of Normandy and studied Joan of Arc. We discussed 'People of the Book' as we looked at mediaeval Judaism and Lefevre d'Etaples. We looked at 'A Holy People' as we learned about Calvin and the Reformed Church, Wesley and Methodism. 'God in Nature' came to light as we looked at the Celts in Brittany and discussed the writings of Teilhard de Chardin.

It was wonderful. The community, the solitude, the worship gatherings and the study time was all wonderful. And if any of you have been to France you know the food is second to none – definitely a highlight.

I also enjoyed a couple of weeks in Alberta visiting family. One would have thought they were in Ireland it was so green this year – a wet summer there for sure.

The fall activities this year include my last course at VST – Theology and Practice of Prayer. My position paper is also due and to be defended in December. I am working full time: two days a week at my usual job and two and a half days covering for a maternity leave. After 21 years in the same suite I am moving in early October so much sorting is currently part of the activity schedule.

I thank you all for your warm welcome and continuing support. It feels like home whenever I join you at Deer Lake. I wish you every good blessing as you encounter the adventures the upcoming season will bring.

Pamela Scott

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