

# Deer Lake United Church

# LAKESHORE LINES

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Free – and worth every cent!

## Oberammergau Passion Play 2010

By Shirley M

In September last year, Carol P and I flew to Germany to experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Bavaria, and to see a bit of Europe. Our flight took us to Toronto, where we met up with the rest of the tour group and two guides. From there we flew to Munich where a bus and our tour guide (Heidi) were there to greet us. From Munich our bus took us to Salzberg where “The Sound of Music” was filmed. It is beautiful country. We spent two nights and a day there, visiting the Hohen Saltzberg Fortress, the cathedral, churches and Mozart’s home.

The next day we made our way to Innsbruck where we stopped and had a tour around the city. More churches with lots of history. Then on to Oberammergau where we spent two nights and a day. This was the highlight of the tour. The town is beautiful, with its Bavarian-style buildings and lovely, well-tended, colourful window boxes. Some of the buildings had paintings and murals on them. The next day, after lunch, we wound our way to the theatre where we were to see the “Passion Play of our Lord”. The play starts with Palm Sunday and climaxes on Easter Sunday.

The theatre and stage were huge! We



were seated in the 13<sup>th</sup> row from the stage. The play was on for two and a half hours, and then there was a break for dinner. At 8pm the play continued for three more hours. Even though the play was in German, we could follow it quite well with a translation book we were given. The whole town takes part in this play which takes place every ten years from May to October, five days a week.

It is always sold out! There are two people to play the role of each of the main characters, so that when they are not acting they can look after their businesses. A decree is passed in January a year ahead of the play that anyone who will be on stage may not cut their hair or beards until after the play is finished. There are hundreds of women, men and children

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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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## Oberammergau

who play the townspeople, and it is mind boggling to see them all on the stage along with 50 live animals, including camels, goats, sheep, chickens and horses! There can be a thousand people on stage at one time! There was also a full orchestra and a large choir. Those taking part in the play, even the choir and orchestra, must either have been born in the town or had to be living there for twenty years. Seeing the Passion Play is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I am glad we had the chance to go. The manager at the hotel where we stayed played Kaifus in the play and he signed the books we bought!

The next day we went to Regensburg which has a beautiful cathedral, then on to Prague where we spent three nights and two days. We saw many more cathedrals and churches and had a boat tour on the river. On the third day we said goodbye to the tour group, most of whom were going home. We went on to Denmark where Carol has an aunt, uncle and cousins. We had a lovely week with them and Carol's aunt gave us a guided tour of the region. She took us to Legoland, Hans Christian Anderson's town where he lives, and Egeskov Castle. After a week, we took the train to Copenhagen where we spent three nights and two days touring the city on foot, although we did take a canal tour on the first day. We saw museums, castles and the Royal Palace among many other things. Then on home!

We would highly recommend that you mark your calendar for 2020 which is when the Passion Play will happen next.

## Gogos Correction

The contact information for the Burnaby chapter of the "Gogos" that was printed in the December issue of *Lakeshore Lines* was incorrect. If you would like more information about this organization that supports African grandmothers who care for their orphaned grandchildren due to AIDS, please email Karen Toovey at [burnabygogos@gmail.com](mailto:burnabygogos@gmail.com) or phone her at 604-767-6935. You may also talk to Claire S.

## DLUC Works With Burnaby Seniors

By Eileen M

On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, our church hall was abuzz with the Outreach Committee packing boxes of gifts and food hampers for the families assigned to us by the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. Although we are involved in many projects, The Christmas Families Project is dear to the hearts of all of us in the church, and this project involves the whole church: Minister Rev. Scott, congregants and the children.

This year we served three young families and two senior families. The families were contacted by their assigned DLUC host families who learned their wishes and delivered their gifts. The host families found this to be a very positive experience. Peggy S, host for a senior wrote, "I have been volunteering for a number of years and have always loved it. I worked at Brentwood Mall gift wrapping for the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. I have also worked with seniors at Confederation Centre and visited shut-ins at a local senior's home. When I contacted my senior gentleman, he was quiet and subdued, but soon I had him laughing and we had a very pleasant chat. He was very happy to be contacted. I enjoyed seeing him again when I delivered his gifts and hamper on Dec. 19."

Dave R, host for the second senior family wrote, "A rewarding experience! My wife, Fay, and I have been members of Deer Lake United Church for forty-one years and in that time, we have volunteered for a number of activities, but hosting a senior family on behalf of the church was a first for us. Fay and I made a personal visit to our senior gentleman and it was most rewarding. Originally, as

suggested in the directive from The Christmas Bureau, we attempted to make contact by phone, but it was not worthwhile. As far as I am concerned, personal contact (first visit) is almost a must and should be stressed. This gentleman is a Bible reader, a Christian, is sixty-five years of age and is part of a broken marriage. He shares responsibility for his daughter. He is in good health, is single and unemployed. We had a very good visit with him and also enjoyed our next visit when we made the delivery of gifts and food hamper on Dec. 19."

Deer Lake United Church is involved with many other projects concerning Burnaby seniors as well. Rev. Scott goes to George Derby Centre every third Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 2:00 pm. He has a service for veterans who are unable to attend regular service. Rev. Scott welcomes all to attend these services with him. We make lunches for seventy Burnaby homeless once a month: Our Naked Tree Project under Ruth Struve and Lois M, provided clothing for the needy in the winter. The Church Mice packed tins of cookies and good wishes to people who needed a lift at Christmas. We support First United Church by individual donations and inviting their speakers to our Sunday services from time to time. We encourage the work of Burnaby Gogos (an organization that helps African grandmothers who have had to care for their grandchildren whose parents have died of AIDS) by inviting speakers and keeping apprised of their projects and needs.

Hats off to all seniors and those who support them!



## CHILDREN & YOUTH at BC CONFERENCE MEETING



Conference in the United Church is the organizational level of the church that is composed of all the various Presbyteries within its jurisdiction. In British Columbia, our Conference is called 'BC Conference' and includes all the United Churches in British Columbia with the exception of those in North-Eastern BC who have been grouped with the Alberta North-West Conference. Some areas in our country that are more densely populated with United Churches have Conferences within a smaller geographical region such as Toronto Conference. In BC Conference, we meet on the fourth weekend of May. To help manage the significant costs of gathering over 1,000 delegates, we meet every three years or in the year of an upcoming General Council (the highest level of the church).

This spring will see the next General Meeting of the BC Conference of the United Church. We will gather around our theme "then your light will rise" (Isaiah 58:8) from March 26-29 in Penticton for this gathering of worship, workshops, church business, and (of course) fellowship. Churches are traditionally represented by their minister and its lay representatives to Presbytery (in our case Jean J and Laurie S). Worship is being led by Marilyn Legge, and musicians *Linnea Good, Dave Johnson and Josh McHan*. A range of inspirational workshops are also being offered at several points through the weekend. It will be a GREAT event! You will a report about the Conference meeting in the next newsletter; however, if this brief article has peaked your interest...there might be room for you to attend. Well...that is if you are between the ages of 8 and 19. At every Conference meeting, they run a "Children at Conference Program" (ages 8-12) as well as a "Youth at Conference Program" (ages 13-19). During these programs, opportunities are provided for involvement in worship, learning together, meeting with the President of Conference as well as the people being newly ordained. Children and Youth at Conference programs continue to be offered in an effort to have representation from ALL parts of our churches present at the meetings. If you would like to apply to have your child or youth attend this year's Conference Meeting, please speak with Rev. Scott or visit <http://www.bc.united-church.ca/content/bc-conference-general-meeting-0> . Applications are due by April 28<sup>th</sup> and there is lots of room in Rev. Scott's mini-van for those who wish to attend. We hope you can join us.

## VBS IN THE SUMMER?



Vacation Bible School or "VBS" is a growing trend in churches of all denominations. It is often run for one week during the mornings at the church and concludes with the participants and leaders being involved in leading worship on Sunday morning. VBS is a fun way for younger people to engage in spiritual growth through story, music, crafts and games. The concept of VBS began as an outreach to the larger community and continues to be something which gathers many of the neighbourhood children who would otherwise receive no Christian Education. It is also a nice compliment to regular Sunday school as you have the time to engage in things in a richer way than on Sunday morning. So...what do you think? Would you like to see a week of VBS? I sure would! If you are interested in helping Rev. Scott with this new initiative, please let us know so that we can begin plans.

## ***MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Gathering for HEALING and HOPE***



On Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>, Deer Lake began a new partnership by hosting the Burnaby Hospice Memorial Service. This bi-annual gathering is one part of the many essential services that Burnaby Hospice offers within its scope of bereavement care. The liturgy was designed by Burnaby Hospice in consultation with Rev. Scott. The service's theme was "Spring and Rebirth: Finding Hope" and included poetry, scripture, a personal reflection, musical interludes and a candle lighting ceremony. It is our prayer that the many people who gathered in the sanctuary received something that will continue to lead them in their path of healing. Special appreciation goes to the volunteers from Deer Lake who worked with the Hospice volunteers to make things flow so smoothly. We look forward to partnering with Burnaby Hospice for their Autumn service in November.

## A Trip to Guatemala

By Ellen J

In early Feb. my family arrived home after a wonderful trip to Guatemala. We have very strong ties to this Central American country as both my children were born there. This was their first trip back since arriving in Canada as babies. I was excited to show them the Guatemala I remembered from my several visits there. I remembered it as a warm, textured place with many children. Upon arrival I was struck with a wave of nostalgia. It seemed so long ago that I had held these boys in my arms. And now here we were together in their homeland again. Amazing!

Guatemala is rich with farmland, green rolling hills, coffee plantations and volcanoes. The land is developed in villages or cantons (more than eleven houses) with farmland spreading out from there. We headed toward Lake Atitlan, encircled by three towering volcanoes—San Pedro, Toliman, and Atitlán—which are reflected in its azure waters, it's been called "the closest thing to Eden on Earth." And with a depth of over 1,000 feet, it's also the deepest lake in Central America, formed by a powerful volcanic explosion more than 85,000 years ago. There is no road that rings Lake Atitlán, so we traveled to its lakeside villages by boat.

After enjoying a couple of wonderful days on the lake we traveled to Antigua. Founded in 1543, "La Antigua" served as the seat of Spain's colonial government—whose influence extended beyond Guatemala to Chiapas (in southern Mexico), Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua, and parts of Costa Rica—until the Spanish Crown ordered its relocation to the site of what is now Guatemala City in 1776. The highlight of our trip was when we traveled to a rural farming village in the countryside around Antigua to experience A Day in the Life of Santa Catarina Barahona. We began with a visit to a local market to purchase some treats for the children. Both of my kids wanted to buy a chicken for a dollar each and I really had to put my foot down on that one!! We then connected with young Guatemalan children during a visit to a local school supported in part by Grand Circle Foundation. The schoolchildren were eager to meet us, and gave us a lively pres-



entation on their culture, after which we enjoyed some time to interact with them one-on-one before we met their teachers and other members of their community. They were appreciative of the supplies purchased for them through Deer Lake fundraising and asked me to pass along their gratitude. I have no doubt that all they have is highly valued and very well used.

Our cultural exchange continued at a private home, where we joined a local school family for a home-hosted lunch. We enjoyed a taste of regional specialties such as sopas (soups) corn tortillas, and pepian—a local favourite consisting of chicken and vegetables in a spicy sauce—as we got a glimpse into the lives of our gracious hosts. The women of the family were eager to teach me how to make a tortilla and were laughing at/with me as my tortilla ended up looking a lot like a pear! The homes were shared by three generations and were simply built of corrugated metal and woven roofs. The oven was an open fire and there was no electricity. Such a humbling experience as they proudly shared with us their homemade soup and the freshest vegetables I had ever eaten. A life lesson for Demmery and Hugh that could not be taught any other way!

A few days later we embarked on a full-day exploration of the ruins of the Mayan city of Tikal, a magnificent 1,700-year-old complex and UNESCO World Heritage Site. At its peak, Tikal was home to an estimated 100,000 Maya, and it was one of the most important urban centers of its time. Immersed in the Petén Jungle in Tikal National Park, the grounds are expansive and inspiring, and it's difficult to determine which is more impressive—the accomplishments of the Mayans or those of nature. The Tikal site comprises roughly six square miles and contains about 3,000 structures—including temples, pyramids, tombs, palaces, ball courts, and terraces—the tallest of which rise above the leafy canopy and vied for our attention with the assortment of animals and exotic birds. Within the park, it's possible to spot howler and spider monkeys swinging through the treetops; raucous macaws and colourful toucans perching on branches; and grey foxes and wild turkeys wandering the forest floor. We all enjoyed climbing up the many steps to the tops of the ruins, high above the jungles canopy. Demmery was intrigued by the sound of the howler monkeys and Hugh managed to find a mature tarantula to get up close and way too personal with! Yikes!

The trip was wonderful in so many ways. The archaeology we came to understand better and the magnificence of the Mayan culture, truly remarkable. The children now feel positively connected to and proud of their roots. I think the best thing we all took away from this trip is the welcome we received everywhere we went. The Guatemalan, people were gracious, polite, and happy. This society has not only had to overcome political revolts and civil war, it also faces the constant threat of hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The people seem destined to rebuild, generation after generation, and so they do, with determination, hard work, and grace, thanking God for all they've been given. I am so honoured to have had this country become part of my heritage thanks to my wonderful two boys.

## A Christmas Miracle

by Pam A

As some of you know, my Mom has been suffering from declining health and her needs are such that my sister and I were finding it increasingly difficult to provide the quality of care that she needed. My sister had been providing the bulk of care for our Mom as she lived in the basement suite of her home, but recent developments affecting her own health no longer enabled her to be Mom's primary caregiver. During a lengthy hospital stay in October, my sister and I had to begin the difficult yet necessary search for an appropriate residential care facility for our Mom.

It was discouraging and heartbreaking to say the least. After viewing numerous facilities, we decided that only one facility was acceptable to us; having the location, quality of care and amenities we wanted for our Mom. At that time, we were informed by our caseworker at Vancouver Coastal Health that this particular facility had a 3 year waiting list and the chances of our getting a bed there any time soon were "one in a million". Needless to say, we were saddened by this news but never gave up hope. In the meantime, my Mom's health was steadily getting worse and her care needs were increasing. We were then forced to agree to have her listed on a "first bed available" list, knowing that she could end up at any facility in the Vancouver Coastal Health region.

At this point, I contacted several of my "prayer warrior" friends and we did the only thing we could do....we prayed...HARD and we prayed for "specifics". We asked God to open up a quality residence for Mom to meet her needs with warm, gentle and loving staff, a location that would be easily accessible for my sister and I, (preferably with a bus stop out front so my sister wouldn't have to walk far). We asked Him for a clean, well-run facility with all of the amenities that Mom would need and enjoy...a placement that we could be at peace with. I asked Him specifically for a space to open up at Adanac Park Lodge, the care home that my sister and I both liked from the moment we walked in the front door!

On December 23<sup>rd</sup> (less than 8 weeks on the "waiting list") I received a call from my Mom's caseworker who excitedly said "You're NOT going to believe this!!" She went on to tell me that a bed had opened up at Adanac Park Lodge. It would be a shared room for the time being but she would probably have a private room within a few months. She then said that she had "never seen anything like this happen before!" "I have no explanation for how she moved up the list so quickly nor how spaces became available at this particular facility," she said. I just laughed and told her she obviously "didn't know the God that I know and He is sooooo good!!" She said she couldn't argue with that for sure!

We met with the social worker on Christmas Eve and my Mom moved into her PRIVATE room at Adanac Park Lodge on December 30<sup>th</sup> (another little "miracle" God saw fit to throw in, I'm sure!) I am happy to report that my Mom has never been happier! She has made friends, the staff love her (she is a retired nurse so she likes to help them "get things done!"); her physical and mental health have improved immensely and she seems more content than I have seen her in several years! She has taken part in art, cooking and music classes and just yesterday, I was informed that she played piano and took requests from the residents during a music program! I will never underestimate the power of prayer... Our God is an AWESOME GOD and with Him, ALL things are possible!



Hugh & Demery get in touch with their roots at Tikal



Myrtle and family lit the Advent candle on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

## Notes from the Outreach Committee

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

- The Burnaby **YOUthHub** centre, formerly known as Edmonds Youth Centre, continues to receive support from DLUC, in the form of proceeds from the weekly coffee time donations and Lunch on the Run fundraisers. Tyler Dobbin from the YOUthHub gave the congregation an update on their new location and their ongoing needs and services in January.



- For the third year in a row, DLUC will be sponsoring underprivileged children through the Edmonds Community School in Burnaby to attend summer camp. This year we contributed funds for a total of 6 children, four children to attend day camp and two to attend overnight camp.
- With renovations now complete, we can once again receive and distribute clothing and toiletry donations for **Dixon House**. The donation bin marked Dixon House is located in the hallway, next to the bin for clothing donations for Burnaby's homeless.
- Once each month, Deer Lake provides 70 bag lunches to homeless people in Burnaby. Helpers are always needed to prepare these lunches. Upcoming lunch-making sessions will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesday **April 27** and on Wednesday **May 25**.

*The Outreach committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support.*

### Missing DVDs

Several DVDs of past Deer Lake events are missing from the library. If you have borrowed any of these and forgotten to return them, please do so now so others can enjoy them.

Thank you.

## My Walk with the Homeless

*By Mary L*

It began for me with Scott's announcement of the need for volunteers to become involved in an every three year count to monitor the number of folks who find themselves on our streets - yes, even here in Burnaby. Earlier in my life, I had a couple of jobs which put me in contact with street folks, so when Scott mentioned the count, a part of me said, "I can do that". However, as the days passed, a slow, steady, "Is this really a good idea?" started to grow in me. I had to take time off work for the training...and come back earlier than hoped from a retreat...and it was still pretty cold out...and what if it was raining...and would they want to answer questions from the likes of me?

On March 16<sup>th</sup> we were to take four hour shifts in pairs, in places homeless people are known to be. The volunteer assigned to be with me at Gilmour Skytrain station did not show, so I was re-assigned to other teams around the Edmonds area. In each of two situations, I was paired with folks who had either been homeless (as recently as the last five months) or worked closely with homeless as part of their work or volunteer life. As we strolled around, looking for folks and noting signs of habitation (sleeping bags, clothes etc) on a sunny (thankfully) day, conversation flowed freely, and amazing stories emerged. One fellow who had been homeless until five months ago, helped by Progressive Housing, was more than ready to share his story, and his deep gratitude to those folks who were there for him. Life was getting better, but still not easy. He was sharing space with a number of others in a multi room house. His major problem was that social assistance did not allow him to have a transit pass, to help him to get to jobs or to the job ready centre in Vancouver, where you could show up and connect with those needing workers. His words still echo, "there are only so many miles one can walk to look for work in a day when you are only eating a decent meal every other day or so".

We did meet a man who was homeless and his story needs to remain confidential. Struggling as he was, he openly shared and answered our questions graciously and without hurry. His response bore a sense of "I am so glad someone is taking the time to ask and care".

There was a sacred feel to the interchanges over the four hours. Each story was different, but I was left with a deep sense of the strength of the human spirit, and the very ugly legacy that is the result of "and the rich get richer and the poor get poorer". The respect I gained for Progressive Housing that day was immense...angels in the truest sense of the word. They remind us, by their caring and example, how thin the veil is between those who have and those who don't. There is a price for caring and walking closer to the conditions under which no one should have to live, and I am sure those working with homeless folks bear the impact of that immensely, at times. I had four hours of walking, but many have years of stories and of working towards change and bettering the lives of others.

We are all interconnected, and I have never before understood that so keenly. The question remains and continues to pull at me: "How shall I live differently because of these folks and stories?" It was a faint question earlier, but it has taken hold in a more compelling way now. This walk is not over for me. In fact, it has only just begun.

## Library News

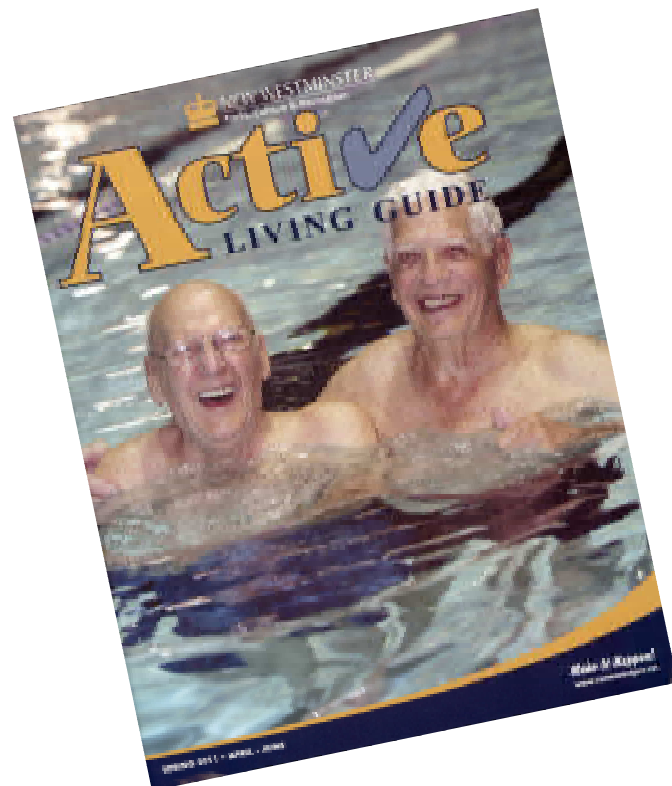
By Sue M

We already have several new additions to our library this year. Some are new and some are used, but all have something for us to learn about our Christian faith. Thank-you Kathy R, the Wrigley's, the Christian Education Committee, and Ellesmere United Church for the donations.

**Difficult Conversations: Taking Risks, Acting with Integrity** by Rev. Katie Day (Dewey No.: 302.3 Day) – This book discusses the various elements of difficult conversations and then provides models to create true dialog within communities of faith.

**Why Would Jesus Say That? Daily Reflections for Lent** by The United Church Publishing House (Dewey No.: 242.34 Uni) – This is the book that the Lenten Study Group is currently using. It is a daily devotional that includes a Scripture reading (one of Jesus' teachings), a prayer, a couple of related hymns, and "Prayer in Action" suggestion. The seventeen contributing authors are from a wide range of ministry settings and provide a perspective on the daily reading. A Study Guide is presented at the end of the book.

**The Jesus Family Tomb** by Simcha Jacobovici and Charles Pellegrino (Dewey No.: 232.96 Jac) – This book tells of the story of the discovery of the Talpiot Tomb (a rock-cut tomb discovered in 1980 in East Jerusalem) that makes the argument that the tomb is that of Jesus and his "family". It is based on a documentary by Canadian film director James Cameron that was released on the Discovery Channel in March 2007. This book, and the documentary have been the subject of much controversy.



**Thomas Merton & the Monastic Vision** by Lawrence S. Cunningham (Dewey No.: 271.1 Cun) – This book details the spiritual development of Thomas Merton, the well known Trappist monk, taking up where Merton's own "Seven Storey Mountain" ends. The author is professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame.

**The Book of Saints, The Stories of 100 Saints We Revere Today** by Rodney Castleden (Dewey No.: 282.09 Cas) – The 100 people featured in this book have lived lives of great charity and virtue. They have committed themselves to the cause and progress of Christianity. Accompanying the description of each person is colourful art work. Some of the Saints included are Augustine, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, Bernadette of Lourdes, and Mary.

We also have several copies of the **History of Dear Lake United Church on DVD**. It is very informative and you can watch interviews with Rev. Scott and several members of our congregation.

In addition to the Lenten book noted above, the library contains a number of other helpful books for the season of Lent, for example:

**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross: Experiencing the Passion and Power of Easter** by Nancy Guthrie (232.96 Gut) - Editor Nancy Guthrie assembled twenty-five short works and sermons on the wonders and victory of the sacrifice of Christ. A few examples of the short chapters are: Saint Augustine - Peace Be unto You, Martin Luther – True Contemplation of the Cross, and Tim Keller - Knowing the Power

**Wilderness Voices: Observer Writers Reflect on Lent** by Donna (Editor) Sinclair – This is a collection of meditations for each day of the Lenten season. All of the contributing writers are connected with "The Observer".

To see the other books available for the Easter season just type "Lent" or "Easter" into the search box at [www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC).

The loan period for books out of our library is four weeks. Just fill out the "Sign Out" card that can be found at the back of the book, and deposit it into the container provided.

Tom C makes the cover of . . . well, not *TIME* magazine, but New Westminster's *Active Living Guide*. Nobody is better qualified as a poster boy for senior fitness than our Tommy!

## COMMITTEE LIST – February 2011

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## Annual General Meeting

The Deer Lake United Church 2010 Annual General Meeting was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Presided over by Board Chair Janice C, the meeting once again followed the very successful format used for the last several years that incorporates the AGM into the Sunday service. This was Shirley Smith's last meeting as Board Secretary. Fifty people attended.

This year, most people received their annual report electronically by email. Only enough annual reports were printed to serve as references at the AGM.

Questions were invited on all of the reports. As usual, the overwhelming majority of questions pertained to the Finance Report and Proposed Budget. All were ably answered by Treasurer Cathy M, who was thanked for her tireless work on our behalf.

Every Deer Lake AGM includes an activity to obtain input from the congregation. This year, attendees were asked to consider "What should our area(s) of focus for 2011 be?" A long list of ideas was gathered and has been presented to the Board for consideration.

The list at left shows the members of the Board Executive and committees as approved at the AGM.

## Thanks to our Outgoing Board Members

The following people have retired from the Board of Deer Lake and we offer our sincere thanks for their service and very best wishes in their new endeavours, whatever they may be.

Sharon A  
 Elsie H  
 Barb K  
 Donna L  
 Lois M  
 Kellee M  
 Carol P  
 Shirley S



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES @ DEER LAKE UNITED CHURCH

- Sunday April 17 A Sunday of Palms and Passion @ 10:30 a.m.  
The most paradoxical Sunday in the Christian year as we gather considering the royal Palm welcome offered to Jesus alongside the imminent Passion of his suffering.
- Thursday April 21 Maundy Thursday @ 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.
- Friday April 22 Good Friday We are pleased to host our neighbours from St. Albans Anglican Church this year  
10:00 a.m. "Walk of the Cross" by the waters of Deer Lake United Church  
10:30 Food and fellowship in the church hall  
11:00 a.m. Good Friday Service reflecting on the crucifixion of Jesus.
- Sunday April 24 Easter Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer suggests every Sunday to be a 'little Easter'. As such, this Sunday becomes the foundation for our Sunday worship theology. This well-attended service includes Holy Communion. Come early!

### Blessings to the YOUth Hub



Deer Lake would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the recent opening of the YOUth Hub. This new initiative unites the various provincial and municipally funded services for youth under one roof at 4740 Imperial (at Central). The YOUth Hub is the new name of what was formerly known as the Edmonds Drop-in Centre. Many will know that we support their work financially through our funds raised from 'lunch on the run' and Sunday coffee time. A few Deer Lake folks attended the open house and were very impressed with this new facility



### BURNABY INTERFAITH FORUM

On Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, over 130 people gathered at the Shadbolt Centre for the inaugural Burnaby Interfaith Forum. This initiative comes as a result of the creative efforts of the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table <http://www.bipt.ca/>. The BIPT have been focusing on enhancing the sense of community within the intercultural city of Burnaby. In addressing the diversity of Burnaby's population, Mayor Corrigan noted that just under half of his City Council were born outside of Canada.

While the BIPT have approached the issue of intercultural hospitality in a variety of ways, one approach focused on the importance of interfaith dialogue. A survey that polled over 300 city residents was completed and the Interfaith Forum presented the results and gathered people of different faiths for discussion on interfaith issues and their hopes for future direction.

Following a light lunch, the Forum gathered our minister, Rev. Scott, with David Ali - President of the Masjid Al Salaam and Education Centre. In the presentation David and Scott shared the story of the unfolding relationship between our two places of faith. What seems so simple and an obvious extension of being 'a good neighbour' surprised many of the participants and gave them hope for what might be possible within their own context. Examples such as Muslim-Christian dialogue evenings, a church Presbytery meeting being hosted at the Mosque, sharing the work of outreach to the homeless and refugees, Deer Lake welcoming overflow parking for Friday services at the Mosque illustrated the growing harmony between our faith communities. One participant who identified herself as "an atheist" was so surprised that she said "I had no idea churches were so welcoming. Maybe I'll have to rethink things". It will be interesting to see the next phase of work in this area. BIPT is hoping to work on public awareness of different religions through public dialogue, workshops, articles and a new web presence. May Burnaby continue to be a great place to live for all.

## The Garden

The garden wintered well this year, so the plants we put in last year are well on their way to blooming again this spring. We will be adding more plants as the season progresses in accordance with the master plan designed by the late Bryce Bandstra. We will be completing the wooden edging, adding a bench or two and the stewards will be renewing and re-positioning the signage. We are planning to complete this project by the end of June.

If you can give just one hour a month, we will be able to keep the front of our church as welcoming on the outside as it is on the inside.

Please sign up in the hall, and commit to just one hour for weeding and light raking. Bring along your own equipment and bucket for the weeds.

Also we would like to name the garden this year, so are asking now for your input. Just write your name, phone number and your suggestion on a piece of paper and place in the Garden Donation Box any Sunday. On May 15th, the Garden Group will select the best name, and will be presenting a prize for the winning entry.

Meanwhile we ask for your continuing support by giving an hour or two a month to "play in the garden".

*With thanks from...The Garden Group*

gardening



## Songs and Sweets



presented by

**The Deer Lake Choir**

**Saturday,**  
**April 9 at 7 p.m.**

Dessert and coffee will be served during the intermission.

**Tickets: \$15, Seniors & Pre-Teens \$10,  
Family of 2 adults and children \$40**

**Proceeds will support Outreach and church operations**

## TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

The Stewards are hosting two "work parties"

painting
Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011
sweeping

and

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

Many hands make light work! Please consider the generous donation of your time, talents and a little elbow grease to tackle some of the many tasks needed to keep our Church home a welcoming one. If you can spare only one hour or four, we are grateful for all willing participants.

For more info please speak to one of the Stewards.

tidying
washing

## Submissions

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