

LAKESHORE LINES

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Free and worth every cent!

Deer Lake Bids George Farewell



George ... A gentleman in every sense of the word.

by Jim Y

Our good friend George S passed away on Thursday, May 12th. It was sad that he died of course, but the joy of having been part of his life's journey simply cannot be measured.

George and his wife Claire began attending Deer Lake United around 2006 after George retired as minister of West Burnaby United in 1996. A few months of a welcoming "Hellos" developed into a more lengthy chat in the Fellowship Hall and it wasn't long before we were inviting each other over for dinner.

George had an amazing memory, of past events and of books and articles he read. I happened to mention that my mom is now residing at St. Augustine House and George described the life and theology of St. Augustine. Not that I doubted George's knowledge, but I had to check it for myself. I was amazed how accurate George was.

He enjoyed conversation and was both interested and interesting. He was empathetic and understanding of those folks less fortunate.

George was rich with personal experiences and acquaintances, rubbing shoulders with the likes of Christopher Plummer and Dickie Moore. (You have to be at least 65 years old to know who Dickie Moore was.)

Seems George and Moore were classmates and Moore took some pleasure in pushing George around. Eventually, George had had enough and took up boxing. Next time Moore tried to have his way with George, Moore received his comeuppance. Of course this was before Dickie Moore became a hockey player for the Montreal Canadiens.

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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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Notes from the Outreach Committee



We want to thank you for helping us have an experience that none of us will forget. Without your generosity we wouldn't have had a chance to shoot an arrow with a bow, experience being 30 feet up in the trees, and doing obstacles that no ordinary person would get to do. What about fire building? We all know that no ordinary parent would let their child build fires in their back yard, yet with your help we were able to build 2 types of fires, the teepee and the log cabin. It's not every night that many of us get a chance to gather around a camp fire and sing silly songs and be ourselves. Thank you for giving us the best 3 days of our childhood.

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Thank-you card sent to DLUC from the kids who attended Camp Jubilee

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

For the third year in a row, DLUC sponsored underprivileged children through the Edmonds Community School in Burnaby to attend Camp Jubilee. This year we contributed funds for a total of 6 children, four children to attend day camp and two to attend overnight camp.

A hearty THANK-YOU to Don W and his SAX *AMONG FRIENDS* band for performing at the May 15 fundraiser for Dixon House. Over \$1000 was raised for this Burnaby shelter for abused women, which had its origins in the basement of DLUC.

DLUC also receives and distributes clothing and toile-

try 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 Wednesdays July 27 and August 24.

Special thanks to Rebecca and the DLUC choir for the April 9 fundraiser which raised almost \$700 for Outreach, which will enable us to continue the monthly lunch program.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous giving of time, talent and treasure.

Discerning a Call at Deer Lake United Church

by Elizabeth C

It has been my privilege to have been part of Dona L's Discernment Committee over the past year.

Dona has been a member of DLUC since 2009. She has been involved in the Church community as our Presbytery Rep, and as pulpit supply during the summer months.

Dona started studies at VST a couple of years ago, during this time she answered a strong call to Ministry which she had heard throughout her years in nursing and teaching careers.

A Discernment committee was struck and met in July 2010, and we met several times since then. The Committee comprised myself, Elizabeth, Gloria F, George S, Ross D (Westminster Presbytery Rep), and our Chair Reverend Julie L of St Andrew's, Pt Moody.

During our meetings we discussed Faith & Spirituality, Ministry & Call, Leadership styles, Lifestyles and much more. Dona brings a collaborative leadership style to Ministry and has worked in interdisciplinary settings in her health and education careers. She is a lifelong learner and has a passion for social justice.

Dona's discernment was a very thorough process with honest input from Dona and all the committee members. At the conclusion of the discerning process the committee recommended Dona as a candidate for Ordained Ministry.

At the March Board meeting this recommendation was presented and approved. It is now being presented to Presbytery.

Congratulations, Dona, and many blessings as you are called to live out the Ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and further afield.

Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?

by Pat Y

Again thank you to all who have helped to make our garden grow. It is looking very pretty, but of course needs to fill out and grow more.

You can help by signing up for an hour or two of dead heading and generally tidying up in these next few months.

A garden bench has been purchased with a generous donation in memory of Bill H. We look forward to installing it in the very near future.

Also more stepping stones will be added and more wooden edging courtesy of Bob Chapman.

Thank you also to all who put forward their ideas for naming the garden. There were many great suggestions and it was really difficult to come to a consensus on just one name.

We have dug out roots, pulled up weeds, shovelled soil, layered newspaper, raked bark mulch and planted perennials, but all of that was easy compared to choosing a name! So we chose three ideas instead, and then merged them.

One plaque will say "Come Rest Awhile" the other will



The young Welcome Garden is taking shape.

say "in our Welcome Garden of Hope". Thanks to Shirley S, Marie T and Dorothy W for their submissions, they each received a bright geranium.

News from the Library

by Sue M

Soon summer will be upon us and often times this means we are afforded a little more time for reading. The following new books are available in the church library, along with the almost 800 others that can meet your spiritual needs.

The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others by Scot McKnight (Dewey No. 241.4 McK) – "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31. The author speaks about how the above "Jesus Creed" should shape everything about Christian Spirituality.

Your Spiritual Personality by Marita Littauer (Dewey No. 248.4 Lit) - This book teaches us how to use our personality type to develop a closer relationship with God. The book includes a "Personality Testing Instrument" in the Appendix.

The author has had thirteen books published and is also a professional speaker, like her mother Florence Littauer, who some of you may be familiar with.

I'd Say Yes, God If I Knew What You Wanted by Nancy Reeves, PhD (Dewey No. 291.4 Ree) – The author uses seventy-five real life stories of people's experiences with spiritual discernment to help us develop our own discernment.

These people are from several faith traditions and include both lay folk and those that are well known such as C.S. Lewis, Thomas Merton, Mother Teresa and Ghandi. The book is in two sections: Concepts and Methods. Nancy Reeves, from Victoria, B.C., is clinical psychologist, spiritual director, poet, and author who conducts lectures and workshops internationally.

Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God by Dennis Linn (Dewey No. 231 Lin) - This book is based on retreat presentations that the authors have given over the years.

The book is illustrated in full colour. It is split into two sections: "Healing Our Image of God" and "Questions & Answers". The Q & A includes the most commonly asked questions at the retreats that they give.

God is Bigger! By Phil Vischer (Dewey No. j152.4 Vis) – This book teaches children and parents that God is bigger than any of our fears. It is intended for ages 9 to 12 years of age and a compact disk is also included.

The above books can be found either on display in the library or shelved in the appropriate section (if not out on loan). Thank you to the anonymous donors, it is appreciated.

The catalog can be viewed on the library computer, or from the convenience of your home at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC>, or through the link on our church website under the heading of "Involvement and Growth".

Men's Retreat at Tony & Peggy's Cabin



A well-prepared fire, magnificent sunset and 19 close friends ... how good can a retreat get?

by Gary H

On the weekend of May 26 to 29, 19 men gathered at Tony and Peggy's cabin near Sechelt on the Sunshine Coast. We arrived there when our busy lives would allow us to get away – at times ranging from early Thursday to late Friday. Some even refused to let go of the outside world until the outcome of the Boston/Tampa Bay hockey series was determined – sitting in their cars at the top of the hill.

We kept ourselves busy with the usual stuff – the token onsite project, preparing meals, setting crab traps and sharing a lot of laughs. As usual we were successful on all fronts: we admired the pile of 1500 rocks gathered, the railings & stairs built under Bob's direction, and paths leveled; ate great meals that included Marlene's lasagna, Doug's clam chowder, Edwin's spring rolls and the ocean's crab; and we laughed a lot while working, eating or just relaxing around the bonfire – with the occasional beer or glass of wine.

We were also successful at taking some time to pause from our busy lives. We watched porpoises, seals, otters and eagles visit us amidst the beautiful west coast scenery. And on Saturday morning, Andrew lead us through a program that got us to consider Sustainability – of Self, of Church & of Environment, as it

relates to our faith. We noted that considerable, conscious effort is needed to achieve the balance that sustainability requires, and while we can always do better, it is important to celebrate and be encouraged by our successes. It was noted that these retreats, that started over 30 years ago at the Currie's cabin, have sustained themselves and many of the men of this church.

As usual, on Sunday morning we celebrated our faith in a service. What was unusual was that we had to improvise due to the loss of the spiritual leadership that we experienced this year.

We have in the past relied heavily on leadership from Bill H, George S and Scott T. While they were all there in spirit – and the legacies of George & Bill remembered through tributes delivered in the service – we instead had a lay Agape service capably lead by Ernie Colledge and supported by others.

We returned to the city Sunday afternoon, with some reluctance to end the spirit of faith, renewal, fellowship and the awe for nature that we experienced on the weekend. We encourage those men of the congregation who have been hesitant until now, to join us next year at about the same time when we will continue with the legacy of this wonderful event. Cheers!

Women's Retreat at Rivendell (Bowen Island)



Women of Deer Lake take a few minutes to enjoy the sun

by Pat Y

Twenty-three women of Deer Lake recently enjoyed a wonderful weekend retreat at Rivendell Retreat Centre on Bowen Island. The setting is spectacular, as the nearly new Retreat Centre is high upon a hill just beyond the Snug Cove ferry dock, with a million dollar view of Howe Sound and the snow-capped mountains in the distance.

Merrilee Thompson facilitated an introduction to Soul Collage ... a process of creating cards from found images for the primary purpose of self-exploration. Only Carol P had any idea what we would be doing for the weekend. However, we all came with an open heart and mind to explore something a little different, a little challenging and a lot of fun.

We were not disappointed, as we foraged through magazines and books for that special picture which just "worked" in a perfect collaged picture. For many of

us it was a chance to exercise the right side of our brain for a change.

We later discovered how to "read" those cards created pictures, often revealing intimate thoughts, feelings and desires. Our cards became very personal and we quickly took ownership of our creation.

Our meals were professionally prepared for us by a couple we had hired, who lovingly cleaned up for us too. What a special break this was for us women who usually spend the weekend planning and preparing meals for our families.

Surely the Spirit was working overtime when we completed our experience with a worship service on Sunday morning. We felt refreshed, renewed and very blessed to be part of a vibrant loving community.

Many of us came away with several



Joanne and Elizabeth ... sisters?

collage treasures, new friendships and deepened relationships. And, of course, a promise to gift ourselves with another Women's Retreat one day.

Women's Monthly Breakfast Not to be Missed



While enjoying a most delicious breakfast, it's unlikely these ladies talked about cars or computers.



What a great idea! Getting together for breakfast once a month has been well attended and received.

We have been meeting in different homes every month since January, usually the third Saturday, with many contributing to the pot luck breakfast for around 20 ladies. Janice C made the original suggestion and hosted the first two months, followed by Pat Y, Pat M, Audrey L and Mary C.

It is a great way to get to know each other a little better and have some fun with the ladies of our church. We have dined on some very special breakfast recipes and enjoyed scones, muffins, cheeses, fruit and breads. There is something for everyone, including new friends and a short focus time. If you are a lady and would like to join us, we car-pool and would be happy to have you join us. Just ask anyone of the ladies where the next breakfast is. There is usually a sign-up sheet in the hall. You will be made to feel very welcome.

PASTORAL CARE – WE CARE ABOUT YOU!

Our Pastoral Care team meets every month except for July and August to confidentially discuss who in our church family needs some extra nurturing or care.

We endeavour to follow up any pastoral care concerns with a card, if appropriate, or perhaps Scott will visit or make a phone call, if that is requested.

Our team cherishes all members of our church family.

Our team cannot function in a vacuum. We are a collaborative committee, and we often depend on other church members to alert us to someone's needs, so we may then help that person on his/her personal journey.

Should anyone hear of someone in need, please do not hesitate to call on any Pastoral Care team member (Scott T, Shirley M, Pat Y, Kellee M, Marg M, or Trish S) and we will then follow up with that person.

Have a restful and rejuvenating summer. All your Pastoral Care team prays that God will continue to hold each and every one of you in His hands.

The Pastoral Care Committee

A Burnaby 'United' Church?



Change is on the horizon in Burnaby. Over the past six months, the majority of the United Churches in Burnaby have been in conversation about the challenging nature of being the church in their respective neighbourhoods.

Some of the common challenges that have been named are declining membership, a general absence of new members, deteriorating facilities, growing deficits and a general understanding that something needs to change.

Presently, we have 7 United Churches serving the different neighbourhoods in our city of Burnaby. Currently Deer Lake has the highest attendance with attendance dropping to the single digits for one church.

All churches but ours have been running deficits and do not view their future beyond five or ten years. Rev. Doug Goodwin, our Executive Secretary for B.C. Conference, notes that almost all of the United Churches were built or amalgamated to accommodate the servicing of each high school catchment area that existed at the time.

This, in fact, was the national model employed in planting churches through the post WWII boom. Now that we are one-half century down the road, the demographic realities are very different. Our finances, attendance and building repair tells the story of change.

But some things continue to ring true. There continues to be a sense of call to ministry in Burnaby. There is also an interest in discerning what the United Churches of Burnaby will look like as we continue into the third millennium. There is a tre-

Remembering George S

George very much enjoyed a good time, and a good time on the water with a glass of scotch couldn't be beat. For his 80th birthday, George and Claire were treated to a family cruise during which George was presented with a very funny certificate prepared by his son Geoff. Obviously, George was much loved by his family.

George was unique and recognizable in so many ways. His voice, especially his singing voice, never lacked volume. He knew all of the words to every hymn, even the fringe ones (those composed since 1926) and one could tell he so enjoyed singing them. One could easily be forgiven for thinking that our wonderful organist Donna picked up the tempo from listening to George.

He had a wicked sense of humour and enjoyed the special birthday cards I sent him. He'd phone me the next day to say thanks and I could hear the laughter in his voice.

George was one of those rare individuals we meet now and then and wish that we'd been friends since childhood. However, I am thankful for the few years I could call him my friend.

mendous optimism in what we could do if some, or all, of the United Churches were to amalgamate.

It is amazing when we consider how much duplication is occurring within our city with all the churches operating below capacity with full time staff. As one person put it, "we have become property rich and building poor".

So, what will the future look like? To be clear on United Church procedure, any conversation on amalgamation or new building would be a VERY long process. In hierarchical denominations with a Bishop, change can be relatively quick; however, within a denomination where congregations have authority along with Presbytery, change must be cooperative and agreed upon by all parties.

Many exciting future developments have failed due to the NIMBY (not in my backyard / ie. don't close my church) principle. As I look at the population distribution of our province, Burnaby is the most densely populated with United Churches. So, there is tremendous possibility.

There is excitement, fear, and comfort as we look ahead into the future and consider what the United Church in Burnaby will look like. My deep prayer, as I look ahead into the next decade, is that we honestly discern what God is calling the future United Church to look like.

Newsletter Submissions

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

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SANCTUARY: Creating a Safe Place for all

–noun, plural -aries.

1. a sacred or holy place.
2. an especially holy place in a temple or church
3. a safe place.



"A house is built with boards and beams.

A home is built with love and dreams."

I remember watching the construction of our house. It was transformed from being a city lot with nothing but dirt, to a cement foundation, to a skeleton framework, and finally to our completed house with a mortgage in our name. It was quite exciting to watch the house evolve! I still remember when we first walked into the house.

There were perfectly painted walls, pristine floors, and that unique smell that comes with a newly built house. The house, however, did not become our 'home' until we started placing pictures on the wall, nicks in the paint, stains on the carpet and children's art on the fridge.

In short, the house was transformed into our home when we began leaving signs of life in our dwelling. As the poem goes *"a house is built with boards and beams A home is built with love and dreams"*. Once those signs of life and living were allowed to be part of the *house*, it was transformed into our *home*.

I think that a similar thing happens when people find a church 'home'. People sometimes refer to their church as their "sanctuary" when they feel like it is their spiritual home. Over the years, I have been honoured to accompany many people as they make a new church their home.

It is an interesting process to watch unfold. They first begin 'shopping for a church'. They enter a variety of foreign spaces that seem new and confusing. Eventually, they find the 'right' church and begin to invest emotionally by getting to know people and becoming part of the community. Over time, they come to feel that this new church has become "their church". It is their spiritual home, their church, their sanctuary.

In the last while, I have been thinking a lot about the careful steps that we take in order for people to find a sanctuary at Deer Lake. Foundationally, the creation of sanctuary begins by establishing a *safe place* for all to come. I would suggest that the creation of a safe place is threefold. A safe place for people to come is created when they feel *physically safe*. We are so blessed to have the freedom of religious expression in North America.

We can attend any place of worship without fear of physical harm. This is not the case in other parts of the world. Secondly, a safe place for people to come is created when they feel *spi-*

ritually safe. So many of us (myself included) were initially attracted to the United Church by the nature of our church's openness. Our denomination is one which seeks to embrace the diversity of Christian expression.

A pastor friend from another denomination finds our denomination curious in this area as his members are required to sign an agreement of "obedience to the pastor" where he is given the responsibility of outlining an acceptable faith stance. I find his denomination equally curious; however, we still enjoy fellowship over lunch.

A spiritually safe community is created when we are free to question, doubt and find God in this sacred process. Finally, a safe place is created when people feel *emotionally safe*. I would suggest that this component of safety is the most difficult to achieve because a church unites people possessing a broad range of cultural norms and values. As such, we need to establish an agreed upon standard in order for this component of emotional safety to be established.

So, the question must now be asked: what kind of values have we agreed upon? I will highlight a few. We deeply value the importance of being a *welcoming community*. We seek to welcome others as we ourselves have been welcomed by Christ.

This begins by welcoming newcomers, getting to know others that do not sit near you, maintaining a building and property that is welcoming to all and one that we are proud to call our own. There is a theological understanding that it is only in community that we find Christ.

As such, we consciously create an inclusive community where Christ is truly present in our midst. Secondly, we seek to create a *community of inclusivity* that honours the needs of others. An access ramp at the back shows that we welcome baby strollers, wheelchairs and people in walkers.

The back pew has extra space so that people with smaller children can spread quieter toys out on the floor. Some people sit closer to the back to allow a discrete visit to the washroom during one of Rev. Scott's longer sermons ☺. If you think about it, the church is very unique in uniting the generations within a span of over 90 years.

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Summer Services at Deer Lake United Church



Deer Lake United Church continues to offer worship each Sunday through the summer months. While Rev. Scott enjoys summer rest and study opportunities, we give thank to our guest worship leaders:

July 3rd

Michael Politano-Bowes. Many will remember this Vancouver School of Theology (VST) student who spoke about the ministry of the inner-city church First United located at Hastings and Gore. We look forward to welcoming this passionate and genuine speaker back to the church.

July 10th

Rev. Audrey Lans (with Holy Communion). Deer Lake is always delighted to welcome one of our retired ministers back into the pulpit. We eagerly await the wit and wisdom that Rev. Audrey brings to the pulpit.

July 17th

Sue Breisch is a recent graduate of VST who commences her 8 month internship in the Rosedale-Aggasiz pastoral charge located in Chilliwack. People enjoyed her so much in May, that we had to have her back!

July 24th

Marie P is an active layperson at Deer Lake. She continues to take theological courses at VST and brings a fresh expression to worship. We are delighted that Marie can lead worship amidst her summer plans.

Sanctuary (Cont.)

We all have different needs through the different stages of life and every effort is made to accommodate people's enjoyment and experience of the service. Finally, we seek to foster a *community of respect* for others. In some ways, respect can be seen in the other items; however, I think it is best understood separately. A respectful community is one that is conscious of the needs of others who are part of the community. In a multi-generational community, we try to think about music that will touch each generation.

Children enjoy special attention with the minister during 'Time for the Young @ Heart' and have special classes that occur concurrently while the sermon is being led. Adult study groups occur along with other fellowship opportunities. Child friendly outings (Outings for the Young @ Heart) occur as well as 'Adult Nights Out'.

Through all of these efforts, the common thread is the need to understand and attempt to respect the needs of others. Indeed, creating an emotionally safe community is a challenge. It requires a commitment to being a welcoming community, being a community of inclusivity, and being a community rooted in respect.

There was a recent incident which threatened our ability to maintain our church as a safe place in which people find sanctuary. I wanted to take this opportunity to assure all members and friends of our church that the Deer Lake Board and I are committed to the continuous building of sanctuary at Deer Lake.

Actions such as intimidation and bullying are completely unacceptable as are any actions which detract from our ability to create a safe community. Having said that, forgiveness is among the highest of Christian virtues. Mistakes are made; apologies are offered; and grace is found. The important part of forgiveness, as I understand it, is in granting people the safe space or sanctuary in which they can change their actions and walk in the right path.

I thank you for being a church whose actions continue to transform their church into a sanctuary – a safe place, a sacred or holy place, an especially holy place in a temple or church. A safe community where Jesus walks among us that we call Deer Lake.

Shalom, Salaam, Peace,

Rev. Scott

Great Stories of Faith

(Rev. Scott's Summer Reflections)

Summertime allows a little more flexibility and opportunity to explore the scriptures in fresh new ways.

During the summer season, we will be taking an opportunity to explore a number of the great stories shared among the three great faiths of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Below is an outline of our exciting summer stories:

July 31

Genesis 32 "Jacob Wrestles with the Angel".

August 7

Genesis 37 "The Betrayal of Joseph"

August 14

Genesis 45 "Joseph's Reunion"

August 21

Exodus 1& "Moses' salvation"

August 28

Exodus 3 "Moses at the Burning Bush"

September 4

Exodus 12 "God's Passover"

Summer Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated on the following dates: July 10, August 7, and September 4

Choir Ends Season with BBQ Party



Our very talented organist, Donna P and her family Darryl, Riley and Evan, hosted a wonderful BBQ dinner. The potluck affair was well attended.

Turned out there were more delicious desserts than salads (not necessarily a bad thing!).

Pictured above, Don Strutt, can't believe his eyes at the gastronomic offering. Donna's husband Darryl cooks some delicious meat and chicken patties. MMMmmmm!



BURNABY INTERFAITH WORK CONTINUES

The work of the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table <http://www.bipt.ca/> continues. As many will recall Rev. Scott was one of the speakers at the spring event which sought to further establish and solidify the interfaith community in our city.

The BIPT have been focusing on enhancing the sense of community within the intercultural city of Burnaby and their recent report "*Looking In – Reaching Out*" (posted on their website) outlines this journey in helping to make Burnaby "welcoming and inclusive".

As we look ahead, there are lots of exciting things on the horizon for Burnaby. There is interest in enhancing public education through public gatherings and use of the media.

With the thanksgiving holiday being a celebration with potential to unite people of all faiths, there is some initial work afoot in uniting the faith communities for a Thanksgiving Interfaith festival and Food Drive in support of the Greater Vancouver Food bank.

Burnaby is blessed with the gift of many cultures and faiths. It will be exciting to see this new initiative alive in our great city!

CHURCH LIBRARIAN POSITION VACANT

Deer Lake would like to express their sincere appreciation to Susan M for her wonderful service as our church librarian.

Sue has done an admirable job of organizing the library, raising awareness of this great educational resource and moving us to the 21st century by placing our entire library catalogue online! (see www.librarythink.com).

The use of the library has significantly increased and we have a number of excellent resources donated. We are very blessed! As Sue moves on from her ministry in this area, there is now a vacancy in this position.

The good news is that our library is in great shape. Now we just want to keep it that way!

If you would like to serve in this capacity, please speak with Rev. Scott or Kathy R (our Christian Education chair)

Children and Youth at B.C. Conference Meeting



The General Meeting of the British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada occurs every second year or in the year where there is a General Council Meeting.

During this gathering each minister and lay representative from the churches in the Conference are encouraged to attend this opportunity for worship, networking, education and conducting church business.

This year we met at the Penticton Events and Convention Centre. Deer Lake was represented by Rev. Scott, and two delegates to the “Children at Conference” program (Mikayla T and Erica M). Rev. Scott shared his time between church business and leading the children’s program.

I think he had MORE FUN with the children than at the meetings, don’t you?

Deer Lake Welcome Back BBQ



While the weather makes it feel like summer has barely started, don’t forget to mark your calendar for the ‘Welcome Back BBQ’ at the church. It will be on Friday September 17th commencing at 6 p.m. The Men’s Group will once again be working the grill as we reconnect and share our stories of summer adventure.

Pam Scott’s Ministry and Learning Celebrated



On June 5th, Pam Scott’s ministry and learning at DLUC was celebrated. She was a co-celebrant at communion with Rev. Scott.

The congregation’s generous donations allowed us to present her with a beautiful stole, a travelling communion set, and a cross that would be suitable to be worn while she is presiding or visiting in the hospital (and of course a homemade cake baked by Janice C – that we shared). Eileen M and Trish S served on Pam’s Lay Support Team and are in the picture.

Sunny Day for Church Picnic



The church picnic on June 12th was a great success with wonderful weather and fun games in the parking lot (after a hot dog lunch in the hall). This picture is from the water relay.

Songs & Sweets Simply Spectacular

by Jim Y

So ... you weren't able to take in the Songs & Sweets concert the choir produced. Too bad! You missed another winner. By now, of course, you're well aware that we possess an abundance of talent at Deer Lake. This evening of entertainment and goodies raised \$700 for the monthly Bag Lunch program for the homeless.

A few of the highlights of the evening were Katie M singing "Jar of Hearts", Joanne A and Ernie C singing "Hallelujah", Kathryn S singing "Across the Wide Missouri/The River is Wide", Ladies Choir singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", the Family Cool playing "The Preacher", Marilyn R and Jean M singing "Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti" and Georgie C and the Ladies Line Dance troupe danced to "Rock Around the Clock".

Garry F continued his rise to stardom with a nifty rendition of "An Orange Coloured Sky", with Gloria resisting his advances.

Edwin L sang an inspired "Because He Lives".

Gloria teamed up with Joanne to perform a hilarious rendition of Sonny and Cher's "I've Got You, Babe". This act alone was worth the price of admission.

Garry F will be burning some DVDs of the concert, so you'll have an opportunity to relive the fun of Songs and Sweets. The cost will be \$15 with proceeds going to the building fund. Please phone or e-mail Garry or talk to him in person if you wish to order a copy.

Special thanks to all the performers and those who came out to support this very worthy cause.



Garry attempts to woo Gloria with An Orange Coloured Sky



Joanne and Ernie perform Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah



Line dancers Rock Around the Clock



Edwin sang Because He Lives



"Sonny and Cher" sing I've Got You, Babe