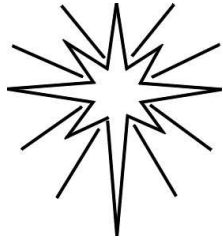


# LAKESHORE LINES

October, 2012

Free and worth every cent!

## Deer Lake Welcomes Rev. Tracy Fairfield



North Star

Help me find the place where  
people are allowed to dream...

Dream Big

A place where dreams are planted  
like seeds, watered with  
imagination, determination,  
creativity, hard work, integrity, and  
even dreamy sleep...

A place where those seeds grow  
into powerful plants

Soaring high, up, up through the  
murk and gloom, the fog  
and the frost,  
and clutter clouds... to the stars.

North Star,  
Guide me there.

### 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

And so, the stars, the heavens, the Spirit, our Creator, have guided us all, and brought me into your community.

My name is Rev. Tracy Fairfield, and I will journey with you, as I offer ministry leadership until the end of June, 2013. I look forward to building relationships while here with you.

Some people might have some questions about me and are curious. Rightly so!! I am originally from Ottawa, Ontario. I have a Bachelor of Applied Science degree from the University of Guelph, majoring in Child Studies.

I then earned a Bachelor of Education from Nipissing University (North Bay, ON) and am licensed in Ontario as an elementary school teacher. Shortly after that, I began my discernment process and theological training for Diaconal Ministry.

Before I go too far though, I'd like to clarify what Diaconal Ministry is. I liken it to the comparison between heart surgeons and brain surgeons: both surgeons, but different areas of specialty.

In our United Church of Canada, we have two streams of ordered ministers – Ordained (well known stream) and Diaconal (lesser known stream).

Ordained ministers are called to Word, Sacrament (Communion and Baptism), and Pastoral Care. Diaconal Ministers are called to Education (Bible study, small groups, etc.), Service (Outreach) and Pastoral Care.

Diaconal Ministers offer a ministry of compassion and justice-seeking grounded in the example of Jesus who "did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45).

Both Ordained and Diaconal Ministers are trained to preach, educate, offer pastoral care, and engage in leadership. However, we have been trained differently. During my training, I did various volunteer field placements, and also was able to work part-time within the bounds of our church to gain more skills, and also finance my theological training.

Diaconal training takes place with The Centre for Christian Studies, housed in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Students from across Canada gather there a few times a year for 3 weeks at a time, and study intensively. We are also required to take several university courses over the time of our 4-5 years of study.

When we complete our studies, we are granted a Diploma in Diaconal Ministry. When I completed my training, I was commissioned and then started a new journey in Kindersley, Saskatchewan in full-time team ministry.

I am fully trained and well-prepared as for the diverse opportunities that unfold for people in ministry. I have a license from BC Conference to perform the sacraments, and I'm also granted the privilege of being referred to as a "Reverend", a designation granted to people in either stream of ordered ministry.

I have had ministry experience in several places in Ottawa, Saskatchewan and the lower mainland of British Columbia, that include Christian Education work, Youth Ministry, a multi-point pastoral charge, as well as commitments in the various courts of the church (Presbytery, Conference and the General Council Office).

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## Tracy Fairfield Introduces Herself to Deer Lake

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Some may call me a “church geek” as I enjoy meetings and pondering the decisions that lie before us.

But there is more to me than credentials and a resume. I live with my partner Penny Bartel and her two boys, Hunter and Tyler, who are six years old. Penny and I got married last November in Ottawa, where both our families are from.

It's hectic raising twin boys, but the rewards are many. I'm sure many of you can resonate with that, as we have several families and extended families here at

Deer Lake! Penny and I have recently started curling, so that's one way we choose to achieve a more active lifestyle.

I enjoy watching reality TV, listening to music, and gabbing on the phone with friends spread out across the country.

There are a great many of events that lie before us here at Deer Lake and I'm delighted and humbled to be a part of them with you.

You have welcomed me with open

arms: first with a Sunday of worshipping with my family, second at Cultus Lake for a congregational camping weekend. I have met a number of people, and all I can say is thank goodness for name tags!!

Please be patient with me as I try to remember names and faces. I admit that's a weakness of mine, but it does not mean I care any less. All of you are important to me, since you are what make Deer Lake such an integral, compassionate, outgoing community.

I have only been working a short while, and I know this to be true! Please note that I will strive to have consistent office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9am-12pm, unless other appointments or meetings crop up. Feel free to call the office to see if I'll be in, or send me an email.

So may we dream big this year, and carry out all our endeavours with courage, creativity, endurance and enthusiasm. May we share a strong faith in God, who has given us the gift and abilities to carry out our ministry grounded in the teachings of Jesus and his ancestors.

“Be sure to use the abilities God has given to you. Put these abilities to work: Throw yourself into every task so everyone will notice your improvement. Stay true to what is right and God will use you to bless others” (1 Timothy 4: 14 – 16).

Blessings to you all!

*Rev. Tracy Fairfield*

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## Church Garden Continues to Welcome

Our church garden looked wonderful again this summer, and certainly showed a welcoming presence in the neighbourhood. Thanks to all who came by to weed water and deadhead. All the hard work is done, it is time to enjoy, and give thanks for God's beauty in nature.

To keep this legacy looking beautiful, we will need a small, loyal Garden Group to arrange caretaking. It will only take an hour a week for 2 people in the growing season. If you enjoy the garden and have an hour to give, contact Pat Young at 604-437-7875, and be a part of our welcoming gift to the community.



### Liturgical Arts Person Required

The Worship Committee is searching for a Liturgical Arts person. If you are interested, please phone Mary C., Marie P., Shirley McG. or Beth R.

## A (Music) Week at Naramata

by Jim Y.

It's been, I think, six or seven years since Pat and I participated in Music Week at Naramata. Anyway, because we didn't have anything "big" planned for this summer, Music Week would have to do.

Apart from finding someone to look after the pooch, not much planning was required. We opted for the complete package ... "grand choir" participation, accommodation and all meals. All we needed to take were changes of clothing, toiletries and some terrible wine I bottled but had not let age.

The week began with checking in and receiving our music package. (Not being able to read music (very well), I couldn't tell off hand if I'd enjoy the music. We settled into our room, relaxed a bit then went to the Hillside Winery for a lovely dinner with Garry and Gloria F. John the waiter was a fun guy who (I think) enjoyed being teased (in a nice way).

In due course, the grand choir assembled in Columbia Hall and was introduced to our director for the week ... John Trotter ... very clever and very funny ... a good combination for a bunch of amateur singers. We were given nine pieces of music which, for the most part, were challenging but enjoyable. One however was not so popular ... I was going to say it was crap, but this is a class newsletter.

We learned much about timing and diction and posture. John did a convincing impersonation of those really tall air-filled creatures one sees outside of used car lots ... the ones where they're always bending over or standing up waving their arms.

Deer Lake's own conductor (Rebecca) ventured over to the local pub to organize a karaoke evening. She was told that it only happens on Saturday. Rebecca said: "If you hold it on Wednesday, I guarantee 30 heavy drinkers will attend."

So ... on Wednesday, after being told by various and sundry other old adults that they'd go, I ventured off ... walking, because I knew I'd imbibe in a beer or two. Pat wanted to attend the Naramata dance and said she'd come up after.

I was first to arrive, followed a few minutes later by Mike Forwood. We chatted for a bit then six or eight young people arrived. They opted to sit in a corner. Seemed to me I had a choice. I could sit on my own, or join them in the corner ... Hobson's choice!

The corner it was. Turned out not to be such a good idea because within 15 minutes, about another 20 young folks invaded the place. I was hopelessly surrounded by youth young enough to be my grandchildren.

I thought to myself: "There must be a diplomatic way to extricate myself from this situation." I felt very conspicuous ... almost like an unwanted chaperone. Grabbing the bull by the horns as it were, I bid a few of them goodnight and headed for the door. I chatted with "Laurie" (the bar girl) for a minute or two, said goodnight and left.



Deer Lake Church well represented at Music Week



A couple of summer scenes of Lake Okanagan (Naramata)

Wouldn't you know ... Pat was just walking across the carpark. I said it was mostly young people with music playing in the 700 dB range (it created ripples in a standing glass of beer!). "I've come this far," Pat said, "and I'm going to have a shandy."

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## There is a Blessedly Ripe Time for Everything Under the Sun

*The following is an excerpt from the reflection given Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marie P., an active congregation member, to welcome our new minister, Tracy Fairfield to Deer Lake.*

I invite you to experience the third chapter of Ecclesiastes in a new way. It is such an inclusive piece, where there is time for EVERYTHING under the sun. I had a bit of fun making my own list of opposites to be included.

You too can add something to this scripture from your own experience and to experience God's vast plan in a new way. At any time, I'll be delighted if you want to tell me what you would add to personalize this passage.

There is a blessedly ripe time for everything under the sun:

a time to sleep, and a time to wake;

a time to rest, and a time to work;

a time to eat, and a time to refrain from eating;

a time to say goodbye to your old cat, and a time to get new kittens;

a time to say goodbye to Scott, and a time to welcome Tracy;

a time to reflect on the past with gratitude,

and a time to move into the future with new ministry;

There's a time to wait in transition, and a time to stop waiting;

a time to ask for what you want, and a time to not ask;

a time for singing, dancing, and celebrating,

and a time to be still, listen, and centre oneself in God.

There's a time for summer vacation, and a time for returning to school;

a time for staying home with kids, and a time for reaching out;

a time to take family with you, and a time to leave them behind;

a time to retire, and a time to carry on;

a time to have your say, and a time to listen to someone else;

a time to investigate, and a time to report;

a time to sit, and a time to walk away;

a time to clean house, and a time to make a joyful mess;

a time to give, and a time to take;

a time to rage, and a time to love.

What time is it for you?

What do you need to feel a part of God's plan, with a sense of that bigger picture and a context for leading a meaningful life?

Wisdom is discerning what time it is, and being in the right place at the right time; learning as we make mistakes and adjusting as necessary.

We can do this; we can do this together.

## Music Week Remains Popular at Deer Lake

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Laurie (the bar girl) suggested I must be lucky to pick up a chick so soon after leaving. I said something about charm, but I don't think she heard me. Anyway, Pat and I sat for about an hour and thoroughly enjoyed watching 30 or so young people singing their contemporary music.

One of the feature events of Music Week at Naramata is "Open Mike" ... a talent show of sorts. Performers have to sign up in advance and the program is put together.

The talent that some folks have seems to know no bounds. All of the performers were special in their own way, but for me, one stood out.

Tamara, a blind, young woman of about 20 played a Hungarian piece on her violin. She was accompanied on the piano by her father.

I think the deal was that the accompaniment was supposed to distract the violinist by playing different rhythms. Tamara was simply amazing. She was delighted each time she rebuffed the distraction.

She was so beautiful, and her playing was perfect. She brought tears to my eyes and I know I wasn't alone.

Of course the choral concert at the end of the week was the culmination of hours of excellent directing, not just of the grand choir, but the primary, junior, youth, young adults and green choirs. The week was, as always, most enjoyable.

**What if that  
IS what  
it's all about?**

# Small but Enthusiast Group Enjoyed Cultus Lake

by Janice C.

A happy group of campers enjoyed the weekend of September 7 - 9th at Cultus Lake United Church camp. We were a small group and people arrived both Friday and Saturday as well as some who just came for the day on Saturday. Everyone felt welcomed and a part of the larger church family.

We used 7 cabins and had one camper and one tent. We shared food and meals and spent many hours visiting and playing together. We welcomed Rev. Tracy and her family and enjoyed getting to know them.

We had children, teens and adults playing together. There was a craft table outside where the children could choose to spend some time being very creative. The children were not lead and enjoyed the opportunity to create whatever they wanted without adult involvement. Some fabulous creations were formed!

The lake was warm and wonderful and was enjoyed all day Saturday. There were many swimmers and of course those hardy

canoe and kayak paddlers. Others spent time visiting, reading and walking. In the evening, following an amazing pot luck feast, we joined together for a spirited campfire and, of course, marshmallows and smores.

Sunday, after breakfast and a quick clean up, we all enjoyed an outdoor Church service, very ably lead by our Rev. Tracy.

It was truly a blessed weekend and we all encourage more people to come next year. It is a wonderful time to renew old friendships, to share summer memories and to get to know others much better.



Creating memories on the float at Cultus Lake



A picture is worth 1000 words.



Rev. Tracy Fairfield conducts service at Cultus Lake



Kids of all ages gather to enjoy the nature of Cultus Lake

## Living with Grace in a Time of Unrest

by Gary Paterson

Dear Friends,

I know that there are some people in our congregations who are upset about the 41st General Council's decisions about Israel and Palestine, and I suspect that discussion and conversation have been difficult. The media coverage has created a real stir, and deep hurt and anger have been expressed by many in the Jewish community.

I want to make sure you know there is a two-page summary of the actions taken at General Council on The United Church of Canada website (<http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/general/120911c>), accompanied by a Frequently Asked Questions document. Do let the members of your congregation know how they can access this information.

It's important to have a readily available and succinct document that can help people understand what our church actually said about the situation in Israel and Palestine, as opposed to what they might have heard via the media. Too often, the church's effort to find balance and nuance in a complex and difficult situation gets lost in a headline or 60-second news report.

It's always a challenge when our church makes what many interpret to be "political statements," but our denomination has a long history of trying to discern how our faith leads to involvement in the public policy issues of the times. Note how the General Council made statements about the environment, mining in the Philippines, and poverty in Canada.

I think this is a good thing for us to be doing—and important! Caring for what happens to sisters and brothers in

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### Steve McLean Welcomes Twin Grandsons



Steve McL's daughter Shannon gave birth to twin boys on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. They were born premature at 32 weeks and spent the first 3 weeks of their lives in hospital before going home one July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Canada and around the world, and challenging one another with a deep concern for justice and peace and the well-being of creation, is all part of what it means to be a Christian.

And yes, speaking up will frequently lead to controversy, as it did for Jesus. It can also lead to faithful disagreement. There is always room in the United Church for disagreement, but then it's even more important to keep studying the issues and talking about responses and actions. The national church never dictates to its members what they must do, particularly in complex situations—but there is always the challenge to, as the

One of the issues raised in the FAQs concerns our ongoing relationship with Jewish brothers and sisters, and you may find this material helpful in conversations with your neighbours.

It is so important to continue in this interfaith dialogue, and where there is hurt, we must listen and seek understanding and, carefully and humbly, share our understanding of what happened at General Council, of what our church is trying to say and do. Hopefully the documents on this website can be of some assistance in that journey.

Yours in Christ,

The Right Rev. Gary Paterson, Moderator

*(Moderator Garv Paterson offers United Church congregations*

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### "Sister Act" Very Entertaining



Merrill M., Donna P. and Marj S. are three amazingly talented women. It was difficult not to sing along, hum, or tap one's feet during their varied repertoire.

# Towels Desperately Needed by First United Folks

The dynamic Youth of our church are having THE BIGGEST EVER TOWEL DRIVE for First United. Our goal is to collect 400 towels to pass on to the folks at First United.

There is such a great need for towels as more than 200 people have showers at First United every day. Many of the towels are returned to be laundered for the next day, but many towels are often kept by people in need of one.

Have a look through those closets and shelves and bring any clean, usable towels you might no longer need. Any used,

bruised, fraying, colour-mismatched, or even new bath or beach towels will be gratefully accepted.

Please check with family, neighbours and friends and challenge them to clear out those seldom-used towels and bring them to the church by Sunday, November 18th. There will be a labeled box in the main foyer, so just drop them in!

Thanks so much! If you have questions, please call Peggy W.

## Welcome Back BBQ Well Attended



“Twas a balmy summer evening: And a goodly crowd was there” ... to quote Robert Service. The men’s group donned aprons and chef’s caps and produced a veritable feast ... including Doug R’s world famous baked beans.



Rebecca T. making like a hermit crab

## Another Photo from Music Week



A highlight of Naramata Music Week is the concert at week’s end. All of the choirs assemble, and each performs a number of pieces. Pictured above is Marie P. singing a unique version of Kumbaya.



Charlotte T., Don S., Michael F., Marlene and Ernie C. pretend they care about the outcome of a Canucks game.

# Christmas Gift Alternatives for 2012

## The United Church of Canada

<http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/gifts>



In October 2012, The United Church of Canada will release the giving catalogue *Gifts with Vision* as a national project. The church is providing the catalogue in response to member requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of the church's Mission and Service Fund partners across Canada and around the world.

*Gifts with Vision: A Giving Catalogue from the United Church* will be sent to all pastoral charges in October, distributed with the October issue of *The United Church Observer*, posted online, and available through the UCRD (while supplies last). With this catalogue, church members and the public will have meaningful opportunities for gift giving while getting a glimpse of the breadth of the church's mission and service involvement.

## Oxfam Canada

<http://www.oxfam.ca/>

This season - give gifts that give twice! Sometimes the best gift is the one that comes unwrapped. Give a chicken, goat or donkey this holiday season or even a family emergency kit and help Oxfam fight poverty in developing countries. Oxfam gifts are life-changing ... helping women, men and whole communities become more self-sufficient. Best of all, Oxfam makes sure it gets to the people that need it most. Check out our online catalogue! Go to [www.oxfamunwrapped.ca](http://www.oxfamunwrapped.ca)

## Canucks Place Children's Hospice

<http://www.preciousgifts.ca/home.html>

### **Give a Gift to Kids at Canuck Place today!**

Donate a gift that will help bring comfort, care and joy to kids at Canuck Place Children's Hospice.

When you make a Precious Gift in honour of someone special, you can send a personalized e-card that acknowledges your thoughtfulness.

## Leprosy Mission Canada

<http://www.leprosy.ca>

The Leprosy Mission Canada commits ... "To secure prayer, financial and personnel support for ministering in Jesus' name to the physical, societal and spiritual needs of victims of leprosy and similar afflictions."

TLMC is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities.

You can purchase "Gifts of Care" to support Nigeria, India, Bangladesh, and other programs as well as ordering more tangible gifts for your own family, while supporting a larger cause.

## Rotary

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Every amount contributed to The Rotary Foundation is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and their operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide.

Here are a few of the ways that your contribution can make a difference:

\$100 helps provide for one elementary school in Zambia

\$500 helps provide a small watch-repair business for six disabled workers in the Philippines

\$5,000 helps provide enough vaccine to immunize 10,000 children against polio

## Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.habitat.ca/>



Donate to support programs in most need or designate your donation to a specific program. Donations can also be made in honour or in memory of someone special.



## More Christmas Gift Alternatives

### Ten Thousand Villages

<http://www.tenthousandvillages.ca/>

Families around the world struggle to make ends meet. To help, Ten Thousand Villages offers a creative opportunity - Living Gifts. From school supplies to seeds to sustainable technologies, your purchase allows families around the world to dream of a better future.

Make a Living Gift part of your holiday tradition and feel the joy that comes from giving unique gifts that are truly life changing.

### UNICEF

#### Gifts of Magic

<https://www.shopunicef.ca>

UNICEF Gifts of Magic are gifts that give twice: giving life-changing support to children and giving deeper meaning to gifts for any occasion.

They make wonderful presents for family and friends and are very easy to order. Water, school materials, toys, shelter and more - these translate into health, education, equality and protection for children. And that is UNICEF's mission - building a world fit for children.

Whether you're giving a gift for a birthday, wedding, anniversary or just to say you care, please give a Gift of Magic. Thank you for putting children first!



Following his last service at Deer Lake, the congregation bid Scott farewell during reception time in the fellowship hall. Scott is seen here cutting his "God go with you" cake.

## Marie T. Recognized For Volunteer Service



In April Marie T. was recognized for giving 25 years of volunteer service to Citizen Support Services. A reception was held at The Shadbolt Centre for the Arts followed by an Awards Presentation Ceremony in the James Cowan Theatre.

Marie received a certificate and bouquet from Mayor Derek Corrigan. He congratulated her on her longstanding commitment to housebound seniors by making daily telephone calls.

Marie makes as many as twenty calls a day to check in with those who have few other contacts and provides a valuable lifeline and cheery encouragement for day to day living. Out of forty recipients only two served for more than twenty years.

Besides volunteering with Burnaby, Marie also helps out with the New Westminster branch when needed - now that's dedication! Congratulations Marie from the congregation at Deer Lake United.

## Newsletter Submissions

Lakeshore Lines is published four times each year. Submissions may be submitted to one of the Communications Committee members (preferably by e-mail):

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Jim Young: [oldjimyoung@gmail.com](mailto:oldjimyoung@gmail.com)

## Next Issue: December 2012

Submissions deadline: Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012

# Beads & Bags

A fundraiser for the

**Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign,  
Stephen Lewis Foundation**

## Burnaby Gogos

invite you to drop in at

**Deer Lake United Church,  
5135 Sperling Ave.**

**Sunday, Oct. 28th  
Between noon and 3 p.m.**

Learn more about the courageous grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa who are caring for millions of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

(<http://stephenlewisfoundation.org>)



Our signature tote bags, jewelry imported from Kenya and more will be for sale. And, we're happy to accept donations of pennies towards our Change for Change coin drive.

Please note: we are unable to accept credit cards.

**Information: Claire  
or Marj**

**Free Parking is available behind the church.**

**Please enter the church hall from the back.**

For more information about the  
Grandmothers Campaign visit

[www.grandmotherscampaign.org](http://www.grandmotherscampaign.org)

## 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 lunch-making sessions will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays Oct. 24 and November 21 in the hall.
- A Lunch on the Run will be held following the service on Sunday, Oct. 14 to raise funds for the Youth Hub, formerly known as Edmonds Youth Centre. This organization provides valuable support, education and counseling for at-risk and disadvantaged youth in Burnaby.
- The "Gogos," is an organization that supports African grandmothers who care for their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. The Burnaby branch will host a fundraising sale of crafts and jewelry in the hall on Sunday, Oct. 28 from noon to 3pm. You may also want to visit the website at [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org)
- Hope for Families. DLUC will be working with the Burnaby Christmas Bureau again this December to prepare hampers for needy families and seniors. More details and sign-up sheets will be provided in November.

Many thanks to all at DLUC who provide their time, talents and treasures in support of this work.

### Nana Pat Y. with One-Day-Old Sebastian



Baby Sebastian H. was born on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. His mom and dad Sue Y. and Kevin H. and grandparents Jim and Pat Y. and Ann and Bruce H. are overjoyed. Barely three weeks old, he already has an I.Q. of 130.