

LAKESHORE LINES

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Free and worth every cent!

From JNAC to Joint Search Committee

by Garry F

In the December issue of Lakeshore Lines I reported the formation of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee, and laid out the process that it would follow to determine what the Deer Lake congregation would like to see in a new minister. A lot has happened in just three months.

The committee created an online survey and distributed it to everyone on the Deer Lake email list, and made printed copies available at the church. An amazing 70 responses were received, including 59 that provided written comments. Thank you! The responses came from a broad spectrum of the congregation, ranging from 17 or younger to 60 or older, regular attendees to occasional, long-term members to relative newcomers, male and female. The committee also gathered input from Rev. Tracy, Rev. Scott and the staff that work closely with the minister. These results were combined with statistics and demographics from Burnaby City Hall and Enviro-nics to create the Joint Needs Assessment Report.

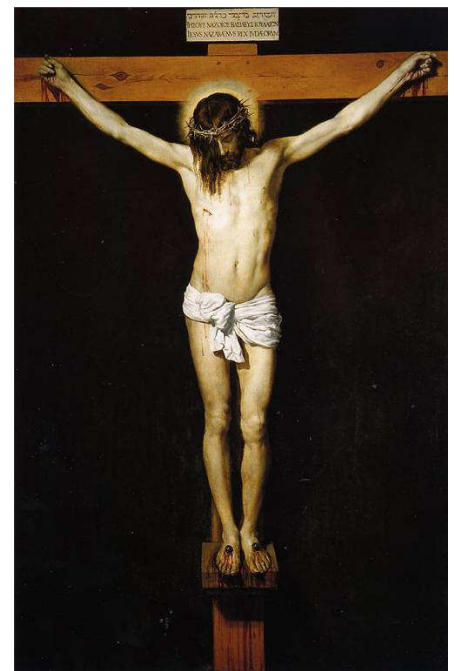
The report with the committee's recommendation that Westminster Presbytery declare a vacancy for a full-time

ordered minister at Deer Lake United Church was presented to the DLUC Board on January 15th. The recommendation was accepted, and so the report and recommendation were presented to the congregation after Sunday Worship on January 27th. The congregation also approved the report and recommendation, as did Presbytery on February 12th.

Thanks go to Bob Chapman, Elizabeth Cottam, Barb Dawson, Garry F (Chair), Cathy M and Trish S of Deer Lake United Church; Rev. Leeanne Shiels, the ministry Presbytery rep from Golden Ears United Church; and Roger N, the lay Presbytery rep from 6th Ave Shiloh United Church for their contributions to a very quick and successful Joint Needs Assessment.

Having received approval to proceed, the Board asked for volunteers to form a Joint Search Committee and half a dozen people immediately stepped forward. The proposed committee consisting of Janice C, Elizabeth C, Barb D, Trish S, Don S and Tony W was presented to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting on February 24th, and was approved. Rev. Leeanne Shiels and Roger N will again represent Westminster Presbytery. The JSC is responsible for adver-

tising the vacancy for a minister, receiving applications, interviewing candidates, making an offer of employment and negotiating the terms of the call.



Diego Rodriguez de Silva Velazquez
"The Crucifixion"

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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Minister's Musings

As I sit typing this, I'm aware of the fact that: the pope has resigned; anti-bullying day has passed; Lent is in full swing; spring is in the air; Holy Week is on our heels, and I wonder where we see the sacred.

I am trying to stay on top of technology and use it to its fullest in my ministry. I used some of my Continuing Education Allowance (with board approval) to purchase an iPad with the desire to use less paper and stay more connected to aspects of my ministry. Is it working?

Well, I'm definitely connected. For some people who come to visit me in the office during the day, you might hear my music "wailing away" or you might be at a meeting with me offering you my iPad to take minutes.

You might even remember me preaching on a Sunday from the iPad (as I frantically pray that I don't receive a text in the middle of it). But I ask myself, where is the sacred in all this? Is technology really helping? Am I still finding space to breathe and pause? To breathe in grace and breathe out gratitude? Yes, I may be efficient with my tasks, but do I breathe in grace and breathe out gratitude? It's a struggle.

I do my best to stay on top of Facebook and email, and I use it as a means to stay connected not only with family and friends, but also with colleagues and mentors. I also follow some blogs that inspire my ministry.

In one of his recent blogs, The Moderator, Right Reverend Gary Paterson reminds us of the phrase "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me", as he

shares thoughts on the anti-bullying campaign. To read more and sign up for his blog: <http://www.garypaterson.ca> our Moderator is striving to use technology to keep us connected and inspired.

So I'm connected. God calls me. Do I answer? Do I respond? I hope so. I try. But I don't do it alone. For me, my spiritual practices don't involve the ever popular journaling or meditation.

I used to think I wasn't a good enough Christian if those weren't tools of my trade. I am a relational being, and for me, I am nurtured and sustained by staying in relationship with others. In this day and age it might be a text, an email, a letter, a Facebook comment, a phone call, or, even better, a face-to-face conversation. These stir my heart and fuel my faith. I am a seeker of ways to keep my faith current and connected, and often times it's through a YouTube video or a quote someone has emailed to me. So I must say this newsletter idea of DLUC is a fabulous way for me, and hopefully for you, to feed your faith and spark your relationship with each other, and with your Creator.

It won't be long until DLUC has a Facebook page. We're working on updating our webpage. The staff have email and some of us text. We are here for you. If technology is not your thing, that's okay. Remember, journaling and meditating aren't my thing, and I'm still a beloved child of God.

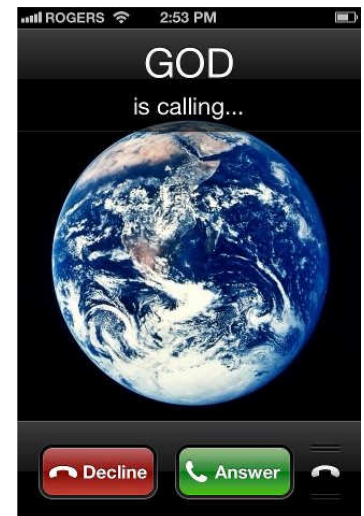
So if technology isn't your thing, come by the office to say hi! and chat with me, with Pam, with whoever is here, and may that add a bounce to your step, a smile in your heart, and a building block in your faith development as we all work together nurturing this community. Remember, God is calling... are we ready to answer?

Blessed be!!

Rev. Tracy Fairfield

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Nothing like a Beer with Good Friends



While the women of Deer Lake claim to enjoy their Saturday morning breakfasts, the guys of Deer Lake are sure they had a better time at the Central City Brew Pub & Restaurant. Attending were Andrew H, Garry F, Tony W, Paul O'C, Gary H, Don S, Mike F, Bob C, Mitchael H and Jim Y.

FAITH is like WiFi ...

It's invisible

but it has the power to connect you
to what you need.

Promotion of Events and Fundraisers at Deer Lake

by Garry F

At the February Board meeting a new policy was approved that provides guidelines for the appropriate promotion at Deer Lake of events and fundraisers, whether they are held at Deer Lake or elsewhere. It exists to ensure that accurate information is provided to congregants as to the nature of these events and fundraisers, and to ensure that misunderstandings do not arise regarding the destination of any funds raised.

A summary of the policy follows, but if you plan to announce or advertise in church any events or fundraisers, please read the full policy. You can find Policy GEN008 Promotion of Events and Fundraisers on the Deer Lake web site at <http://www.dluc.ca/main/?Policies> or in the "Policies and Supporting Documents" binder in the church library.

There are three categories of events covered by the policy:

- **DLUC-Sponsored Events and Fundraisers:** These are events and fundraisers that are organized by DLUC and that have been approved by the Board.

- **Approved External Events and Fundraisers:** These are events and fundraisers that are originated by an organization other than DLUC, but that have been approved by the Board as appropriate for promotion within DLUC.

- **Non-Approved External Events and Fundraisers:** These are events and fundraisers that are originated by an organization other than DLUC and which have NOT been approved by the Board for promotion.

The table below outlines the permitted methods of promoting these types of event.

In all cases the promotion, whether oral or written, must state the purpose of the event or fundraiser (e.g. social event, fundraiser for such-and-such an organization, etc.) and, if a fundraiser, what portion of the proceeds will go where.

If you are planning an event or fundraiser and wish to promote it at the church, the first step is to obtain approval from the Board.

Event	Promotion	Ticket Sales/Money Collection
DLUC Sponsored	Pulpit Overhead projector Bulletin Newsletter Fellowship hall notices	Congregant and/or Church office
Approved External	Bulletin Newsletter Fellowship hall notices	Congregant
Non-Approved External	Newsletter Fellowship hall notices	Congregant

2013 DLUC Committee Members

Board Executive: Garry F, (Chair), Gary H (Vice Chair), Rev. Tracy Fairfield (Minister), Cathy M (Treasurer/Finance), Janice C (Past Chair), Becky A (Secretary), plus the Chair of each of the following Committees:

Christian Education: Gloria F, Sharon H, Kathy R, Phyllis S, Claire S, Elizabeth W

Communications: Garry F (Chair), Jim Y

Finance: Cathy M (Chair), Kathy R (Envelope Secretary), Tony W

Ministry & Personnel: (Board appointed): Don S (Chair), Greg N (Past Chair), Ruth S, Brian McN, Peggy W

Outreach: Barb D (Chair), Linda W, Paul A, Marj R, Phyllis S, Claire S, Pat M.

Pastoral Care: Shirley McG (Chair), Marg M, Kellee M, Trish S (Sunshine Committee), Mary C

Stewards: Steve McL (Chair), Laurie S, Joanne A, Janice C, Arnie B, Rick M

Trustees (Board appointed): Laurie S (Chair), Janice C, Bob C, Steve McL

Worship: Mary C, Colleen K, Charlotte L, Shirley McG, Beth R, J.P. S, Marie P, Janice

Library, Photographs, Records: Ruth S

Naramata Representatives: Jean MacL, Don W

Presbytery Representatives: Jean J, Marie P

Joint Search Committee: Barb D, Trish S, Tony W, Elizabeth C, Don S, Janice C, Rev. Leeanne Shiels (Appointed Presbytery Rep. Ministry and Personnel), Roger N (Appointed Presbytery Rep. Lay Person)

Teaching Children to Give

Parents want their children to be generous.

Among the first words we teach them are "momma", "dadda", "yes" and "no." Somehow they learn "mine." Then we teach them "share." It pleases us when we see them give. And it pains us when they are selfish with their stuff.

As they grow, they will encounter the same challenges we do as adults – generous living does not come naturally to us.

Provide direction

We don't teach our children that we must tithe 10% to the church and sometimes we think 10% is too much, or even not enough at times.

Think about stressing the biblical command to "share financially where we are being fed spiritually." Because Deer Lake United Church may be your family's most regular and familiar point of contact for worship and learning about God, a healthy share of your giving might go in that direction.

Connect their giving to God's blessings – that's God's smile

One of the reasons I want my children to give generously is because I want them to experience God's blessings. Help your children connect their giving to the work of God's hand in their lives.

They will likely recognize it themselves first. Remind them that God notices their gifts and is pleased when His children bring gifts to Him. The Christian journey is a faith walk.



We don't see God with our eyes or hear Him with our ears. Instead we believe in something and someone we cannot see. That is why it's called faith.

So, this is a reminder that the Sunday School has an offering time each week that we are encouraging children to participate in together.

Please talk as a family before you come to church and help your children, or grandchildren, be prepared for this act of generosity and support within the church.

When children give acceptable gifts and experience the blessings of God, that's God's smile. And when God smiles, His children will smile... and as parents raising children to know and please God, you will smile too.

Wedding and Funeral Fees – An Update

For many years, members and adherents of DLUC have enjoyed a rate for weddings and funerals lower than that charged to non-members. The rationale was that those who support DLUC with their time, talent or treasure should be able to come to their church home for these meaningful and emotional services without having to face a large expense.

Due to Canada Revenue Agency regulations and advice from our National Church office, the DLUC Board has now made a change to this two-tier fee schedule. These regulations and advice are not new - DLUC has always been knowingly non-compliant in this area. In November, this was specifically brought to our attention, and after much discussion, the Board decided we should comply.

As a registered charity, DLUC is not permitted to serve its members any differently than members of the general public. And so, effective Jan 1, 2013, wedding and funeral fees will be the same for members and non-members. The fee for weddings is \$675, which covers staffing, and provides a small profit to the church. The fee for funerals is \$410, and covers only the honoraria paid to the minister, organist and coordinator. DLUC will make no profit from funerals, but simply seeks to cover direct expenses incurred.

This was not the preferred course of action, but was the correct one. If you would like to discuss this topic in more detail, please contact Cathy Milne or any Board member.

Sean Kyer ... an Amazing Young Man

Sean Kyer, actor, worked last summer in Kelowna for three weeks on a Christmas movie called "Anything But Christmas".

He played 3rd lead as the son of the two main characters. Most thrilling to his parents, Mike and Wendy, was that he worked alongside Christopher Lloyd.

If you Google Sean Kyer you can see other things he's been doing.

He is currently working on season two of the series called "Continuum" and recently played a small part on Emily Owens MD (starring Meryl Streep's daughter). He's seen doing a recycle commercial, tennis commercial with Miloshe, Toyo tires (to name a few).



This United Church of Canada of Ours

by Rev. Tracy Fairfield

Today is our AGM and we recognize and celebrate our involvement as an individual pastoral charge within our larger, national institution of The United Church of Canada. Yes, we celebrate. But there are moments, admittedly, when we lament, cry, exclaim frustration and even puzzled looks. But mostly, for me, I celebrate. I also want to confess that I'm a church geek – loving polity, business, structure and process. We're not all like that, for the body has many parts, and we need all the parts to truly be a body; so I've come to celebrate the fact that there are not many like me. But I'm still here, celebrating. Where are your passions?

It's important to remember that our church is not just Deer Lake United Church, we are part of a bigger, much bigger picture. We started in 1925 in a special place – a hockey arena – and created by an act of politics. No other church in Canada can celebrate THAT fact! Our identity is entrenched in politics and so it should be. You cannot separate church and state, for that is what our foundation is based on. And don't get me wrong, there may be times when the pulpit cannot be used for political gain, but to separate the two is not the intention of the rule. The saying "to separate church and state" was based on old history where the country followed the religion of its leader; so there came a time when church and state were separated so that people could have their own religion and be free to disagree with their leader. But to separate the two from crossing paths was not the intent. Jesus was an agent of social and political change, who advocated for justice and right relationship. He challenged the politics of his day and based his ministry on that. If we believe in Jesus – and I definitely do – then we believe in his passion for social justice – which I definitely do – and the necessity to keep church and state connected – which I do. My politics are informed and challenged and encouraged by my faith, and vice versa. They cannot stand alone, but rather in a bidirectional relationship. And they change me. Do they change you?

And today we celebrate. We celebrate who we are in this United Church of Canada. But what IS this United Church of Canada? How does it work? I would like to start by explaining how the courts of the church work. I used to think of the United Church as a hierarchical model with the "ladder" reaching up to General Council. An alternative model was suggested by a colleague of mine, which is definitely in line with our processes and which more aptly reflects the structure and relationships within our church. It can be referred to as a "conciliar" model.

If you move away from a ladder description and instead look at the structure as circles expanding outward, you get a much more engaging model. The centre circle can be individual members and adherents of the UCC. The next circle is congregations and/or preaching places. The next circle, radiating beyond that is Pastoral Charges (because there can be more than one congregation or preaching place in a pastoral charge). The next circle is Presbytery, then Conference, then General Council.



General Council is not only our national level of the church, but it is also our national gathering held every three years.

Dialogue between these circles relies heavily on the voices of the individuals and pastoral charges; it can be like a ripple effect. Dialogue also goes back and forth between the circles, as opposed to a "top-down" leadership style suggested by a "ladder" of hierarchy.

Members of congregations are elected or appointed as presbytery representatives to give their congregation voice at presbytery meetings. Ministry personnel are members of presbytery, also giving voice to the court. Presbytery representatives and ministry personnel are then included in a Conference AGM. Each presbytery and conference then elects a certain number of people to attend General Council every three years. The numbers and method of establishing these "commissioners" varies across Canada, but the key point is that General Council is made up of people from the grassroots level. There is also the opportunity for presbytery representatives and ministry personnel to sit on Presbytery committees, as well as Conference committees and General Council committees.

When an individual has a concern or passion in the church, they can draft "proposals" which can go to their congregation, to the pastoral charge, then to Presbytery, then to Conference and even to General Council in the hope of initiating change. These proposals vary from social justice (e.g. water issues), to education (e.g. learning outcomes) to polity issues (e.g. revising the Manual) to just about anything. In order for a proposal to make it to General Council, it needs to pass through the courts (at least the Conference), be presented by the General Council Office, or be presented on the floor of General Council by commissioners in attendance. This all goes to show that there is great power, and responsibility, in the grassroots levels of the courts of the church. This conciliar model encourages communication between all the courts as well as empowering leadership from all members of the UCC. So in essence, WE are this United Church of ours and so we need to take responsibility for our passivity or zealotry.

And so we celebrate. How are you involved? Are you offering your gifts to Deer Lake United? Are you staying up-to-date on the workings of the United Church of Canada as a whole? There are many ways: website, twitter, Facebook, newsletters, YouTube, emails, talk to your ministry leaders or presbytery representatives. There is no excuse for not knowing, we need to put effort into knowing things about our church, just as you put effort into knowing your own congregation, or your family. And so we celebrate.

I have been in ministry for almost 12 years now. I volunteered extensively in the church growing up, sat on various committees, started my paid accountable ministry in the area of Christian Education, then some programming ministry then I

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2013 Annual General Meeting

by Garry F

This year's Annual General Meeting was once again woven into the Sunday Service and held in the fellowship hall. Fifty-two attendees welcomed guest speaker Jane Harding, United Church Gift Planner, who gave a short talk titled "Sustainability through Legacy."

She explained how legacy gifts can sustain the work of the United Church and relieve the financial burden under which many churches find themselves. She introduced a number of ways that members of all ages can help sustain their church through legacy gifts, either in life or in their wills. After the presentation, those in attendance were given a few minutes to consider questions related to legacy giving.

Jane's talk kicks off a year in which the Board wishes to focus on sustainability. In what ways can we make Deer Lake United Church self-sustaining? This is an important question in light of the 2013 budget deficit of \$9200. Both those who attended the AGM and those who couldn't make it will have an opportunity to offer suggestions and ask questions of Jane in the near future.

The AGM was a very efficient and participatory affair, moving so quickly through the first few items of business that outgoing Board Chair Janice Cambruzzi was hard-pressed to keep up. Committee reports were received with few comments



Janice Cambruzzi, Beckie Armstrong and Tracy Fairfield conduct the annual general meeting

but, as is often the case, the Finance Report and Proposed Budget prompted a good deal of healthy discussion.

Janice presented the names of the 2013 Board Executive and committee members, and recognized the contributions of the many volunteers over the past year. She gave special thanks to Mary C as she steps down after 13 years of service as our Envelope Secretary. Kathy R is assuming the responsibilities of that position. Please see the complete 2013 Committee List elsewhere in this newsletter .

The meeting was adjourned in record time, the worship service resumed and finished shortly thereafter, and people availed themselves of the enormous selection of sandwiches and desserts provided by committee members. Cleanup started at about 12:30. Sunday worship, the Annual General Meeting and lunch, all completed in two hours; well done, Tracy and Janice!

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worked for Ottawa Presbytery and volunteered time at the Conference level. I've worked in six presbyteries across Canada and sat on various committees in each of those presbyteries. I have also offered my gifts on a national committee regarding human resource work. The vast number of volunteers that make up our national workload stuns me. Some people think that there are these people sitting at desks in Toronto making decisions about our fate. Man, do they have it wrong. These so-called "people in Toronto" sit at their desks, waiting for direction from US – from the volunteers who pour countless hours into committee work, conference calls, meetings and deliberations. These people in Toronto wait on the edge of their seat every three years to see what the new priorities of the church will be as discerned at our triennial General Council meetings. They do as WE wish, they follow OUR direction and OUR leadership. And so we celebrate. I offer thanks to all the volunteers in Canada, and abroad, who offer their time to make this a United Church that I am proud of. Without these volunteers, without the dedicated work that people do on countless committees and working groups, we would not be a national church and we would have no voice, no identity. We are not an individual, isolated congregation, we are part of a body of Christ, and we need all the parts to make the body whole and complete.

And so we celebrate. And so I ask you: if you had one celebratory word for 2012, what would it be?

2013 Women's Retreat

God Wants Me to Do WHAT??!!

The Deer Lake United Church Women's Retreat is coming soon! We are going Rivendell Retreat Centre on Bowen Island from supper Friday, May 3, 2013 to after lunch on Sunday, May 5. Our theme this year is "God Wants Me to do WHAT??!!" and we will spend time in community, sharing and learning as we explore this exciting topic!

Please come and join the women of the congregation for a time of fellowship, reflection and fun in a beautiful setting! Registration begins on Sunday, March 10th in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$60 per person plus rooms at the Centre which are paid for on a sliding scale per night. If you pay more than \$50 per night you will receive a tax receipt. The cost of transportation will be shared by the participants and we will work out carpooling! Don't miss this great opportunity to get away with your friends from Deer Lake! Financial assistance is available if required ... please speak with Tracy Fairfield.

Questions? Call or email Peggy W, Gloria F or Kathy R.

Gordon H Remembered

by Pat Y

When Gordon died on January 11, 2013, he was almost 90 years old, but had the heart, soul and energy of someone much younger. He was born November 20, 1923 in VGH, so was a true blue B.C. Canadian.

Although Gordon only recently began attending DLUC he quickly became a part of our very fabric. He was a Care Ringer to a group of people in our church who looked forward to his cheery call.

Gordon was an optimist and a realist, if that is possible. He seemed to see the bright side of life in all he said and did. I was really impressed at his ability to remember details and our conversations reflected that. He often referred to discussions we had had previously, showing me his mind was sharp and memory often better than mine.

Gordon had two children, Lyle and Lynda from his first marriage of 30 years. After Jean passed away, Gordon found another true love and best friend in Bobby, his second wife of 30 years, and of course also had many grandchildren from both families.

He was highly educated and was once employed in the pulp and paper industry. He later became a BCIT Pioneer, having participated as an instructor in the 1964 startup of the BCIT Diploma programs. He continued his career at the school until 1994, followed by 10 years as a Training Consultant and was even a strong supporter of BCIT in his retirement.

Gordon was a lover of Jazz music, baseball, lawn bowling and collecting pins. He even enjoyed cheering on the BC Lions. Working with wood was his passion. He also loved doing crossword puzzles, which was evident by the one devised by his family for the Funeral Order of Service handout. This piece of work showed Gordon's life and loves, if only one could figure out the crossword. Clever idea in his memory! Gordon's greatest love in life was his family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



Gordon H 1923 - 2013

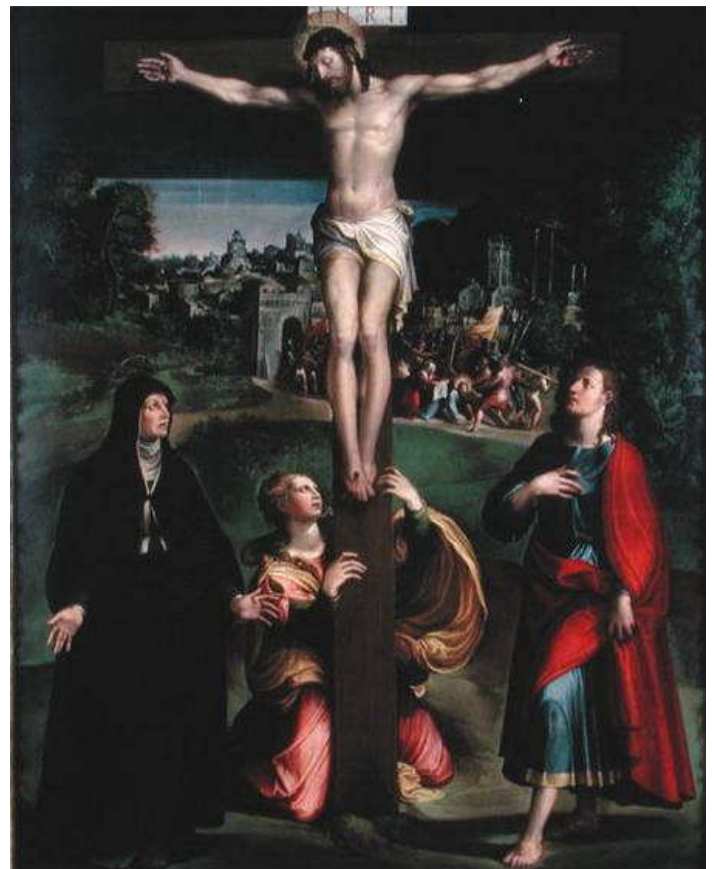
Why do we call it 'Good' Friday?

by Rev. Tracy Fairfield

Calling the day of the Crucifixion 'Good' Friday is a designation that is peculiar to the English language. In German, for example, it is called Karfreitag. The Kar part is an obsolete word, the ancestor of the English word care in the sense of cares and woes, and it meant mourning. So in German, it is Mourning Friday. And that is what the disciples did on that day—they mourned. They thought all was lost.

I've read that the word good used to have a secondary meaning of holy, but I can't trace that back in my etymological dictionary. There are a number of cases in set phrases where the words God and good got switched around because of their similarity. One case was the phrase God be with you, which today is just good-bye. So perhaps Good Friday was originally God's Friday. But I think we call it Good Friday because, in pious retrospect, all that tragedy brought about the greatest good there could be.

I can see virtue in either terminology. If we call it Mourning Friday, as in German, we are facing reality head on, taking up the cross if you will, fully conscious that the Christian walk is seldom a walk in the park. But if we call it Good Friday, as in English, we are confessing the Christian hope that no tragedy—not even death—can overwhelm God's providence, love, and grace. Either way seems fine to me!



Niccolò dell'Abate

Crucifixion with the Virgin, Mary Magdalene

Newsletter Submissions

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Audrey's Breakfast

by Audrey L

The Deer Lake Women's Potluck Breakfasts have become a popular event. Taking place almost every month in different homes, they provide an opportunity for fellowship while enjoying a brunch that is always delicious, thanks to the caring efforts of those who attend.

There is a time for catching up on one another's activities, joys and concerns. Sometimes a devotional is offered. The women who gather vary from month to month depending on their schedules. Newcomers are most welcome. It's an easy way to get connected to the church family.



The February Breakfast was hosted at the home of Audrey & Glenn L.

Enjoying their meal at the dining table were: Marie T, Dot H, Shirley McG, Myrtle C, Mary P, Edna B, Marg M and Georgie C.



Seated in the living room were: Claire S, Mary C, Audrey L, Bev B, Janice C, Shirley D and Faye R. Missing from the picture is Marj R and the butler.

Upcoming Services and Events

March 10 – Lunch on the Run after church

March 17 – Induct new members during worship

March 24 – Palm Sunday service

March 28 – Maundy Thursday at 6pm (Details to follow)

March 29 – Good Friday Service at South Burnaby UC, with all the Burnaby United Churches, 10am, Rev. Tracy preaching.

March 31 – Easter Sunday Service, Communion, Some of the Sunday school singing.

April 26 – Choir concert and silent auction

May 3 – 5 – Women's Retreat

May 5 – Communion

May 12 – Christian Family Sunday

May 19 – Pentecost

Pam is away March 28 – April 12

Tracy is away April 17 – April 28

(Pulpit Supply – 21st Alf Dumont, 28th Bruce Cowburn)



Rembrandt "The Ascension of Christ"