

# LAKESHORE LINES

Free – and worth every cent!

## It's a Girl!



The loving family gathers around baby Dakota

You'd have to be living on Mars not to have heard the news, but you may not have heard the details: Dakota Jane Violet Fairfield was born at 3:41 pm on Monday, September 8, 2014. She weighed a healthy 9 lbs 9 oz and measured 55 cm. Dakota attended Sunday worship for the first time on September 21<sup>st</sup> and proved to be a major distraction – for the ladies especially.

Joanne generously hosted a baby shower to end all baby showers at her home on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. More than forty women and girls showered Dakota with gifts, played *Who Am I?* and *Baby Gift Bingo*, and took turns holding the little cherub. She didn't seem to mind the excitement, and took all of the attention well in stride.

Brothers Hunter and Tyler received a few gifts, too, although they weren't present. In fact, males of all ages were notably absent.

More shower  
pictures  
on page 6

## 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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# Citizen of the Year Ceremony

The final ceremony for the Kushiro Cup 2013 Citizen of the Year Award took place on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The recipient, Georgie Cole, looked as gorgeous as always!

If you are visiting Burnaby City Hall in the future... LOOK DOWN and see Georgie's name etched on a Paving Stone in the Courtyard. Look further and you'll see another paving stone etched with the name of the 1990 Citizen of the Year Award: Don Wrigley!

Congratulations to both Georgie and Don for their accomplishments, and a big thank you to them for their many contributions. We are very fortunate to have them in our community.



# A Medley of Ministers

While Tracy is away on maternity leave, we are fortunate to be able to enjoy the varied styles of a medley of ministers during Sunday worship. Thanks go to the Ministry & Personnel committee, the Worship Committee, Cathy Milne, Donna Phillips and Pam Athey for their dedication and hard work in making this happen.

Maternity Leave coverage is being provided as follows:

Aug 24 – Sep 28	Brian Burke
Sep 29 – Oct 12	Gary Begin
Oct 19	Marie
Oct 26	
Oct 27 – Dec 28	Audrey
Jan 4 and 11	Marie



Rev. Brian Burke telling the young folk a story and blessing communion.





Gary Begin with the children and at the pulpit.

## New Offering Envelopes – What do You Need?

By Kathy R

Regular donations to our church are greatly appreciated, whether through your envelope or PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance).

Another year quickly approaches and we are making plans for a new envelope system.

To save money and help the environment we will be making our own envelopes and issuing them as needed. Many of us do not use all the envelopes in the box in any given year.

We encourage people to order what they need - weekly, monthly or, for those people on PAR, a small number of envelopes for occasional special donations.

We encourage you to use any envelopes remaining in your 2014 box in 2015 and change the date as needed.

So please - write a note, call or email me and let me know what you need for January 2015. You will indicate either:

- 1) a new full set of 52 weekly offering envelopes
- 2) a set of 12 monthly envelopes for January to December
- 3) \_\_\_\_ (number) of envelopes for occasional use/special donations

Thank you for helping our church to save money and help the environment by using only what we need.

## Presbytery Fraud Investigation Continues

By Cathy M

In late 2013, it came to light that an apparent fraud had been committed at Westminster Presbytery, with approximately \$65,000 unaccounted for. It was believed that some of the missing funds were allocation payments sent to Presbytery by individual congregations. This fraud is currently being investigated by the RCMP, so no more detail can be shared at this time.

When this fraud became public knowledge in May 2014, the Board of DLUC decided to withhold all further allocation payments to Westminster Presbytery until we were assured that adequate financial controls had been put in place. The Board felt this was appropriate, as we must be good stewards of our congregation's gifts to the church. Our allocation to Presbytery is approximately \$5,600 each year.

In September, the Presbytery Executive held a meeting for all the church treasurers in the Presbytery. At this meeting, the new Presbytery treasurer, Rick Wilson, outlined a set of financial controls which are being implemented to ensure the safety of funds. The proposed controls were thorough, and will serve to protect Presbytery's assets. Therefore, the DLUC Board has now decided to remit our current and past due allocation payments, subject to the proposed financial controls being formally approved at a Presbytery meeting.

DLUC has very good written policy regarding financial management which protects both the congregation's money and the volunteers appointed to handle that money. An incident of theft in the church is sad, but can serve to illustrate how important a system of checks and balances is, and how important it is for those involved in church finances to fulfill their responsibility to adhere to these controls.

Our books at DLUC are completely open for any congregation member to inspect at any time, and any question regarding financial management and practice at DLUC will always be cheerfully received and answered in depth. Documentation for expenditures is always available, and reconciled bank statements are available for review at every Board meeting.

If you have any question about the controls in place at DLUC, or if you wonder about any aspect of how our congregation's donations are safeguarded or spent, please don't hesitate to approach any member of the finance committee (Cathy M, Tony W, Mary C, Kathy R).

**Pinterest**  
Inspired  
**Craft Sale!**

See Page 8 for details.

## Meet Edna and Arnie

By Kellee M

Anna, in *The King and I* was right: "Getting to Know You" is precisely my cup of tea and I enjoyed every delicious moment when I was learning about Edna and Arnie Brown.

Edna and Arnie first met while at a dance in Vancouver. Dancing lead to more dancing and then skiing, and finally, on May 31, 1958 they married. They bought a small rooming house in Sapperton and then along came their daughter in 1960 and their son followed in 1962. They bought an apartment block on Arcola Street which they sold in 1969 and they moved to their current home on Fulton Street.

Travel was a large part of Edna and Arnie's lives. They joined a trailer club for 25 years and wintered in Pashe Junction, Arizona. They also spent time in Yuma, Arizona with Mary and Tom C. In 1999, they drove to Mazatlan in their R.V.

They also travelled further abroad: in 1986 they visited Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji for six weeks. In 1990 they took in Oberammergau (the Passion Play), and later visited the Holy Land. They have taken cruises to Panama, and Alaska. Lots of souvenirs!

Edna and Arnie also developed their own interests: Arnie was a Scout Leader and he is an avid outdoorsman. He hunted moose while on horseback and he spent many happy hours salmon fishing with the Drews and the Youngs.

Edna was a member of the Rebekah's (the women's side of the Oddfellows) and she spent one year travelling all over B.C. with Arnie's sister in this capacity.

Edna and Arnie began their church life at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue United Church. The lure of the square dance caller brought them to Deer Lake in 1972. There were enough square dancers at that time to make up 50 squares! During this time, there was an amalgamation of three churches and Deer Lake was renamed Central Burnaby United Church. Later, it was renamed back to Deer Lake United Church.

Arnie and Edna have given many hours of service to Deer Lake. Edna was envelope secretary for eight years and she chaired the United Church Women's Group until it folded. She recalled some of the activities that the Women's Group oversaw: catering for funerals, strawberry teas, rummage sales, and a Christmas craft sale that filled the church, including the basement. She commented that the Fall Fowl Suppers in the past also used to fill the upper hall and the basement, with No Dishwasher!!!

Arnie has served as Chair of the Board, and is now one of our handy stewards. Arnie recalled many of the projects around the church: digging out the waterline because of construction, building the ramp, putting bars on the railing, painting, laying gyproc, to name a few. He also recalled a time when the roof leaked because snow had plugged an exterior drain, and the minister found himself getting wetter and wetter during the sermon!



Arnie was part of the "Friday Friars" - the Youth Group at the time, along with Mary and Bill H. Edna remembered the fashion shows that were held in the hall, using the stage (now the Nursery). Frank C also produced a play called "A Streetcar Named Perspire" which was a hit on the stage as well.

All in all, Edna and Arnie have enjoyed their time at Deer Lake. They have made many friends and have seen many ministers come and go. The best part of their church life is what Arnie called the "Common Thread of Congregants". His church family can agree to disagree on certain things and yet still love one another.

I hope you enjoyed "getting to know" Edna and Arnie as much as I did!



## If I Were Her,

By Delora Harper,  
Royal City Gogos (May 2014)

If I were her what would I do,  
If it were my child dying there?  
If I'd been raped, and left for dead,  
Would I have any love to share?

If I were her, would I survive  
The pain of AIDS, the fear of death?  
With little food, and no safe home,  
Could I be brave till my last breath?

If I were her where would I find  
The strength to care for little ones?  
How would I cope with grief so great  
When losing a daughter or a son?

If I were her where would I look  
For help, compassion, or even hope?  
Where would I find the drugs I need  
To keep me strong and help me cope ?

But I am I, and you are you,  
And blessed we truly be.  
And in our hands is placed the task  
Of answering her plea.

For health, for food, for dignity,  
A chance to own her land.  
The chance to break the shackles  
That have tied her to a man.

So as we work in Canada  
Day by day by day,  
We know that change is coming  
For our sisters far away.

The grandmothers of Africa  
Are working side by side  
With song and dance and power  
They are sure to turn the tide.



## News from Outreach

Deer Lake continues our monthly preparation of seventy bag lunches which are provided to Burnaby's homeless through Progressive Housing. At 1 pm on the Wednesday preceding the fourth Thursday of each month volunteers gather in the church hall to prepare lunches consisting of a sandwich, juice beverage, granola bar, pudding and fruit. Those who support this Outreach service but are unable to assist with the lunch preparation are welcome to contribute by marking "Outreach" on their offering envelopes for a portion of their offering.

### GoGos (Grandmothers to Grandmothers):

Another **Bags and Swags** sale is planned for the DLUC hall following service on **Sunday, Nov. 30**.

This is great opportunity to purchase unique hand crafted gifts and support the Stephen Lewis Foundation charity for African Grandmothers.



On Wed. Oct. 22 the play "Rebel Women" will be shown at the Metro Theatre in Vancouver to raise funds for the GoGos. For more information, contact Claire S or check out the website: [http://www.grandmotherscampaign.org/ai1ec\\_event/hummingbird-grannies?instance\\_id=1475](http://www.grandmotherscampaign.org/ai1ec_event/hummingbird-grannies?instance_id=1475)

### Hope for Families:

In keeping with our annual tradition, DLUC prepared Christmas hampers for three needy families last December through the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. Special thanks to Bruce Van L for sharing his experience as one of our Host families:



#### Reflections on Looking for a Christmas Family

The time of searching for a family in need this past Christmas has many parallels with another search so long ago. As the story begins, searchers and gifts to be presented are major components of this event. We know by lights and an announcement that a season of something different is happening. We are also told of families and refugees on the move.

This past Christmas at Deer Lake United, our Outreach Committee started searching too. We searched for contact hosts and also for appropriate gifts to be presented. While Gold and Frankincense would be an unexpected gift to our Burnaby Christmas Bureau families, we thought of the more practical things to be given.

*Buyers in our congregation sprang from their homes, condos, and beds  
To buy cereal and turkey, make sure they are fed.  
With luster and songs and hearts all aglow  
Gave a wonder of Christmas to the folks we now know.*

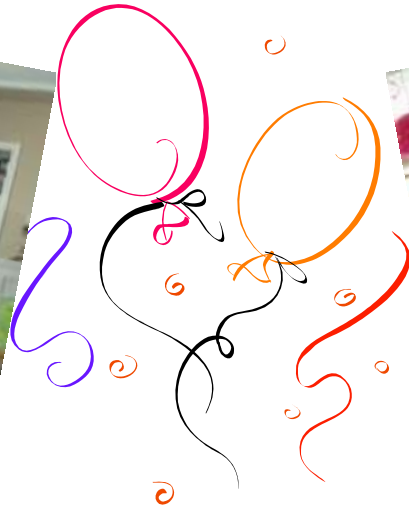
For me it was more like being a wandering wise man/wise guy looking here and there for this young family, (mom, dad, and a one year old). The directions given were much like - **go over this hill and follow the star, which will lead to the family**. So here I was driving in back alleys, going into nearby churches, asking strangers, knocking on doors until, being modern times, a cell phone directed me closer. The family was much like the original Christmas Family, for they too were strangers in this city, in need of almost everything, having challenges (unemployment and health concerns).

But faith and hope always win out and in this case, being the givers, maybe it is we who are the ones receiving the blessing.

*Bruce Van L*

Outreach Committee.







Pam and Janice enjoying a hot July day by the lake in Sorrento

## Social Committee

Are you interested in volunteering in our church family but can't make a long term commitment?

We need volunteers for social events throughout the year. Volunteers for social events can volunteer for one event or many. Some of the social events that require volunteers are

- Church Decorating Party in December
- Congregational Picnic in June

If you would like to join the Social Committee, or volunteer for just one event, please speak to Kristy or Dana



**Pueblito Canada  
Entertainment Books for sale  
\$30**

*Proceeds go to supporting young people in Central American countries.*

*Pueblito's Vancouver Committee has been supported by Deer Lake since its inception 25 years ago!*

*Use the lower mainland coupon book once or twice and it will pay for itself!*

*Please see Jean J*

## Welcome Back BBQ

Fifty Deer Lakers enjoyed another successful Welcome Back Bbq under sunny skies on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>. The annual event was once again hosted by the Men's Group.

Thank you to all those who contributed food and labour to make this such an enjoyable and successful event.



Many hands made quick work of the clean-up. Too quick for some who were enjoying themselves so much they were reluctant to leave.

### CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Our garden is in need of some tender, loving care. Our regular volunteers have spent many hours on the garden, but now we no longer have the full complement of gardeners we used to have.

It would be most helpful if one person could step in to coordinate volunteers and oversee the garden's specific needs.

If anyone is interested, either in overseeing or in volunteering time to help, please contact anyone on the Pastoral Care team: Shirley McGaire, Mary Cazalet, Trish Seeram, Kellee Mulhern.

Thank you.

To Deer Lake's Artists:

The Board specially wants to thank the Sunday School children for their beautiful bulletin covers which they drew this past summer. What a wonderful way for the children to participate in other areas of church life and to bring their joie de vivre for everyone to see and enjoy.

Thank you.



## Craft Sale!

Deer Lake United Church is hosting a **Pinterest** inspired Craft Sale on **Saturday October 18, 10 AM - 2 PM.**

*Volunteers have been making crafts since the spring and we are ready now to sell them to raise money to support our church life.*

*Crafts include home-made cards, baked goods, woodworking, hand-sewn and hand knit/crocheted items, and Christmas decor. Something for everyone!*

*Invite your friends and family to support our sale!*

**Questions?** Please call Penny at 778-887-7319

## Children in Church

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up. Like the pastor said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"Well isn't that nice, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service: "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those whose trash passed against us."

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The Flight to Egypt," was his reply.

Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



Women's Breakfast, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at Audrey's

## Submissions

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

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