

# LAKE SHORE LINES

Free – and worth every cent!

## A Local Local Hero



Peggy with Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan

On October 20th, Peggy was recognized by Burnaby City Council as a “Local Hero” for 25 years of volunteering to make Burnaby a better place to live. Her impacts have been many, including:

- Chairing the Burnaby District Parent Advisory Committee
- Founder member and Charter President of the Edmonds Lions Club
- Marshall of the Edmonds Christmas Parade
- Funding and organizing the donation of 4,000 books per year to needy children at Edmonds School
- Founding the BASES Community Thrift Store, which supports local schools with large immigrant and refugee populations
- Many activities at Deer Lake United Church
- Active supporter of UNICEF
- Active supporter of “60 million Girls”
- Founder of “Core Learning Resources”, a business focused on providing Aboriginal reading books to First Nations communities

Congratulations, Peggy, and thank you for being such a fine example of the Spirit of Giving – all year ‘round, year after year!

## 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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## Coming for Lent 2015: Book Study!

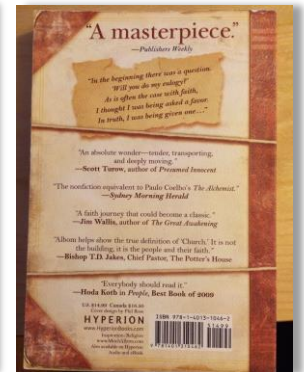
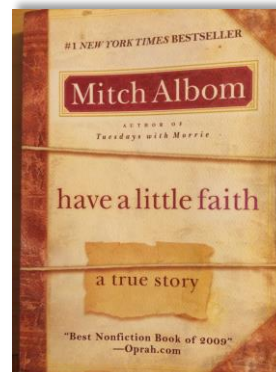
This Lent, leading up to Easter, Rev. Tracy will be leading a book study Wednesday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30am February 18<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will explore Mitch Albom's book: *have a little faith (a true story)*.

Sign-up sheets will be in the hall ASAP, or you can email Pam at: [office@dluc.ca](mailto:office@dluc.ca), or call Rev.Tracy at 778-580-5285

This story looks at the faith journey between a Jewish Rabbi and a congregant, and a parallel story of a Christian inner city church, and its pastor.

Books need to be ordered early in the new year, so Rev. Tracy needs an idea of how many books to order. This story is a fairly easy read and opens the door to great conversation. No Biblical expertise required at all; just an open mind and heart as we journey through the story.



## Minister's Advent Message

It is both a joy and a privilege to offer ministry during November and December at Deer Lake United Church. I deeply appreciate the many gifts present in the members of this congregation which support and enrich our shared ministry.

As we approach Advent we are reminded of the timelessness of our faith story. Once again we make that journey to Bethlehem. Busy hands and creative minds have transformed our sanctuary with angels and stars, symbols reminding us of the birth story of our Saviour. Christ is present yet is to be born again in our lives.



Can't you sense the excitement in the air as we prepare for this season of wonder and joy? Special offerings by our church choir are being practiced, children and Sunday School teachers are busily preparing their Christmas pageant, a new Advent Wreath is being decorated and each Sunday in Advent our outreach members are planning to share an area of our church's outreach. We give thanks to God for the Spirit at work among us. Please come and join us as we sing out our faith in the music of the season and hear our faith story retold.

One of my distant Scottish relatives, Tom Notman, who was born in 1884, and who was a pastor in the Church of Scotland, wrote these words "In this month again, we shall celebrate the coming of the Saviour. We shall re-visit Bethlehem and there, at the straw manger-bed, shall look on Love Triumphant. It was true then, just as it is true also now. The only permanence in the world is Love."

May you be enfolded by God's love now and always!

Faithfully,

*Rev. Audrey Lans.*



## News from Outreach

### Harvest for the Homeless:

Recognizing that the homeless face even greater challenges staying warm and dry during the Fall and Winter months, we decided last year to transform the Naked Tree into a Cornucopia and move the event forward from December to October. This way the generous donations of winter wear such as gloves, socks, underwear and touques can be made available to the homeless in November instead of January, providing comfort earlier in the cool weather season. The Outreach Committee thanks all for their donations as shown in the photo below.



### Hope for Families:

In keeping with our annual tradition, DLUC will prepare Christmas hampers again this December for three needy families through the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. We are looking for hosts to assist with contacting the families to identify their needs and to deliver their hamper on Sunday, Dec. 14. Please contact any member of the Outreach committee if you are interested in providing this valuable service.

### Coffee time donations:

Your donations to our after church coffee time go to support our various Outreach programs here at Deer Lake. These include the monthly lunches we prepare for Burnaby's homeless, Youth Hub (formerly Edmonds Youth Centre), Dixon House and Hope for Families. We greatly appreciate your ongoing contributions to these Outreach initiatives.

### PINTEREST SALE RESULTS

The Pinterest-inspired sale on October 17<sup>th</sup> raised \$2,400 toward Deer Lake local operations. Thank you to Penny for proposing and organizing the sale and to all the folks who contributed time and talents to make it possible.





As many of you know, I am a committed supporter of Amnesty International, and was drawn into this through my Bowen Island United Church community 25 years ago. In the past 3 years, I have invited members of the congregation to write with me on Dec. 10th, and have had one or two from the congregation participate each year. This year I will be travelling and out of the country, but wanted to invite folks to consider this important act of solidarity for those fighting for human rights around the world.

Sadly, I cannot join folks this year, but I have done my best to alert folks to the opportunity. They may get more information at <http://www.writeathon.ca/>

Mary L

## Shaw Go WiFi

Deer Lake United Church gets its telephone and internet service from Shaw Communications. In October, Shaw offered to install three Shaw Go WiFi access points in the church free of charge. These access points would provide free secure internet access almost anywhere in the church to anyone with a Shaw account. The proposal was taken to the Board and approval was given to proceed with the installation, which subsequently occurred in mid-November.

Deer Lake thus becomes part of a Canada-wide network of free secure internet access points. By offering Shaw Go WiFi at Deer Lake we provide a convenient service to our members, visitors, tenants and potential renters.

If you are a Shaw customer, look for the Shaw Go WiFi decal at building entrances, or look for the square white device with the blue light on or near the ceiling. Once you've configured your mobile device you have free secure internet access without using up your data plan minutes.

## New Offering Envelopes

Regular donations to our church are greatly appreciated, whether through your envelope or PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). 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 on PAR, a small number of envelopes for occasional special donations).

We encourage you to use any envelopes remaining in your 2014 box during 2015 and change the date as needed. So please, write a note, call, or email Kathy R 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 be environmentally aware by using only what we need.



## Did You Know?

By Jean J (Presbytery Rep)

The Westminster Presbytery approved the buying of a film license from Audio Cine Films. This has been purchased on a one-year trial basis. Visit the ACF website to search for the movies that are covered by the license:

<http://www.acf-film.com/en/index.php>

It will legally allow the use of a wide range of film titles within each congregation. They may be shown in entirety or in part as is needed for the purpose. This could be during worship, in a youth group or childrens' programme; for information, clarification or pure enjoyment

Has your group or circle of friends thought about using film? Or how about hosting a film night for the congregation? The only restrictions will be finding a person to look after the technical side and someone to record our use. Remember, if we don't use it we may lose it!

## THE CALENDAR REVS Real Women – Real Ministers



### 2015 Calendar

A conversation on facebook revealed that many women in ministry experience comments, questions and criticisms about how they look and what is appropriate for us to do in our spare time. This calendar, featuring women ministers in the United Church of Canada, is meant to counter stereotypes and, perhaps, provoke some discussion.

Rev. Tracy and family are featured in February 2015.

**Proceeds will go to the Malala Fund supporting girls' education.**

**\$15 from Rev Tracy, or order on-line for \$20 (which includes the shipping) at**

<http://www.calendarrevs.com/>

# New Website on Its Way

By Garry F

The bad news: Our Deer Lake website is in critical condition and can't be resuscitated. The good news: A new and much improved website has been conceived and developed, and is ready to be delivered.

"Who cares? Why do we need a website?" You might be asking yourself. Well, there are several reasons. Firstly, our website is how most prospective new members are finding us. It's important for us to have an attractive website that accurately portrays who we are and encourages people to visit Deer Lake and see for themselves.

Secondly, our website is the place you can go to find out what's happening at Deer Lake – no matter where you are. On our new website you'll find a calendar of upcoming services, meetings and events; information on major upcoming events such as fundraisers; a link to our facebook page; current and past issues of the newsletter; current policies and related documents; the most recent annual report; samples of our choir singing; and pictures of congregation life and recent events.

The new website can't be made public just yet (for the reason explained in *Consent to Publish* below), but you can have a sneak peek. Just go to [www.dluc.ca/WP/](http://www.dluc.ca/WP/) and have a look around.



### Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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### May the Peace of Christ be With You

Dear Lake United Church welcomes you into a Christian community for all ages that explores and expresses spirituality through:

- Worship & Music | Fun & Fellowship
- Caring & Outreach | Involvement & Growth

Click here to see the full Visioning document summarized in the above statement.

Worship with Rev. Tracy Fairfield each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

5135 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby (Phone 604-299-4211)

Phone 604-299-4211 Email office@dluc.ca or minister@dluc.ca

[Like us on Facebook](#)

### Weddings

Dear Lake United is committed to working with you to create a unique Christian wedding ceremony that is reflective of your love and joy. Contact information is on our [Contact Us page](#)...more

### Baptisms

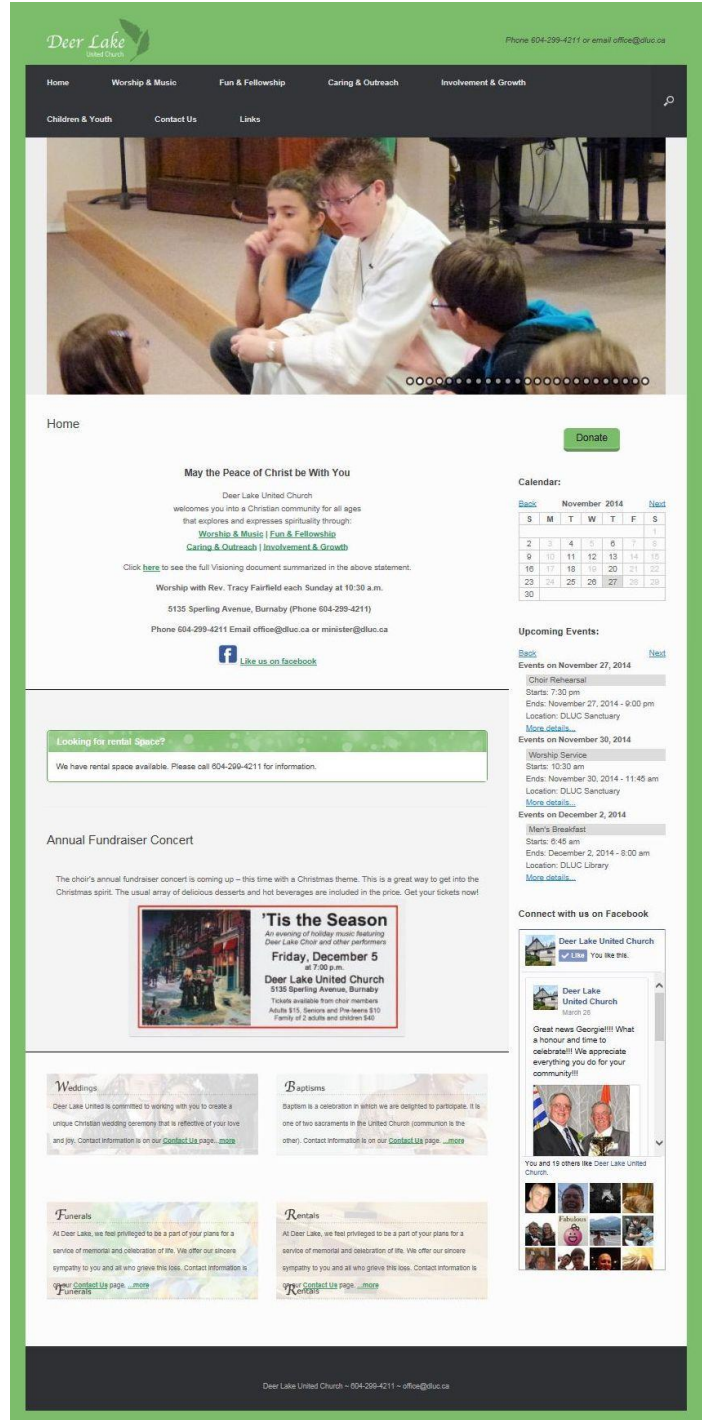
Baptism is a celebration in which we are delighted to participate. It is one of two sacraments in the United Church (communion is the other). Contact information is on our [Contact Us page](#)...more

### Funerals

At Deer Lake, we feel privileged to be a part of your plans for a service of memorial and celebration of life. We offer our sincere sympathy to you and all who grieve this loss. Contact information is on our [Contact Us page](#)...more

### Rentals

Dear Lake United Church is blessed with a wonderful building with a variety of multi-purpose rooms that we make available to groups offering community events and conferences. Contact information is on our [Contact Us page](#)...more



The old

The new

# Consent to Publish

By Garry F

As mentioned in *New Website on Its Way*, the new Deer Lake website is ready to be made public, but before we can release it we need your help. Pictures are a big part of the new website and many of the documents available on it. They illustrate life at Deer Lake better than any words could. Before we can release the website we need your permission to publish pictures in which you appear. To this end, you will shortly receive (if you haven't already) an email or printed request for your consent. Details as to how your picture may be used will be provided. Please watch for the request and respond quickly (hopefully with your consent).

## Policies? What Policies?

By Garry F

Can I promote my favourite cause during Sunday announcements? Can I borrow a folding table from the church for my family reunion? Who should I talk to about an issue I have? How much would it cost to rent the Fellowship Hall for my event?

These are just a few of the questions I and others receive on a fairly regular basis. I sometimes know the answer, but I often have to refer to the definitive reference: the Deer Lake Policies.

Deer Lake United Church is one of the few churches to have published policies. They were originally created in 2006 in response to a number of misunderstandings and differences of opinion. Each policy was written by the individual(s) and/or committee(s) responsible for the topic covered. In addition to the policies, there are a number of supporting documents (brochures, forms and schedules) that are referenced in the policies.

The policies and supporting documents are reviewed and revised from time to time to ensure they are still relevant and correct. You can find them in a white binder in the library or, better, on the Deer Lake website under Involvement and Growth

(<http://www.dluc.ca/main/?PoliciesEtc>).

There are over 70 documents in all, a third of which are of general interest. These are listed below. The remainder pertain to specific committees or roles. If you serve on a committee or are considering doing so, it's a good idea to quickly read through the policies relevant to that committee. The *Policy Index and Glossary* is a good place to start. It lists documents by committee, subject and role, and includes a glossary of terms.

If you have a suggestion for a new policy or a revision to an existing policy, please talk to or email Bob C or Garry F, the Policies Review Committee.

Documents of general interest:

Policy ADM002 Safeguarding of Computer Files

Policy CED002 Nursery

Policy CED003 Sunday School Policy

Policy CED004 Youth Christian Education

Policy CED005 Adult Christian Education

Policy COM001 Newsletter Publication

Policy FIN002 Charitable Receipting

Policy FIN005 Budgetary Spending and Reimbursements

Policy FIN008 Wedding & Funeral Costs and Payments

Policy GEN002 Board Meetings

Policy GEN003 Use of Church Property

Policy GEN004 Use of Church Computers

Policy GEN005 Serving & Use of Alcohol on DLUC Premises

Policy GEN007 Use of DLUC Phone List

Policy GEN008 Promotion of Events and Fundraisers

Policy MPE002 Raising Concerns and Resolving Differences

Policy MUS002 Sound System

Policy OUT001 Outreach

Policy WOR002 Worship Services

Policy WOR003 Funeral & Memorial Services

Policy WOR004 Wedding Services

Brochure FIN001 Funds Open to Donation Through Envelopes

Brochure FIN002 Inventory of Available Grants and Funds

Form FIN004 Requisition for Payment

Form STW001 Borrow Request

Schedule FIN001 Fees and Payments Excluding Rentals

Schedule STW001 Fees for Facility Rentals (excluding wedding and funeral services)

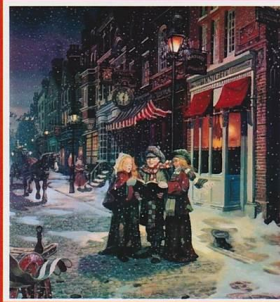




## Upcoming Events At and Around Deer Lake United Church

### 'Tis the Season – Choir Fundraiser

DLUC Sanctuary – Fri Dec 5 @ 7:00 pm



### 'Tis the Season

*An evening of holiday music featuring  
Deer Lake Choir and other performers*

**Friday, December 5**  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Deer Lake United Church**  
5135 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby

Tickets available from choir members  
Adults \$15, Seniors and Pre-teens \$10  
Family of 2 adults and children \$40

### Men's Advent Breakfast

DLUC Fellowship Hall – Sat Dec 6 @ 8:30 am

### Christmas with Bach

St Andrews United, North Van – Sun Dec 7 @ 3:00 pm

### Don Stewart – Jazz/Motown Inspired Christmas Celebration

Bethany-Newton Church, Surrey – Sun Dec 7 @ 7:30 pm

### Women's Christmas Breakfast

Dana's home – Sat Dec 13 @ 9:00 am

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Jazz Benefit Concert for Dixon House

Brentwood Presbyterian Church, Burnaby – Sun Dec 14 @ 7:00 pm

### Christmas Potluck & Games Night for Youth

Shiloh-Sixth Ave United – Fri Dec 19 @ 6:00 pm

### Longest Night Service

Cliff Avenue United – Sun Dec 21 @ 7:00 pm

### Christmas Eve All Ages Service

DLUC Sanctuary – Wed Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Carols and Communion Service

DLUC Sanctuary – Wed Dec 24 @ 7:00 pm



## What a Relief!

Since Brian Burke and Gary Begin stepped in as relief ministers during Rev. Tracy's maternity leave (covered in the previous issue of *Lakeshore Lines*), we have been fortunate to have the leadership of three more relief ministers. We are so fortunate to have so many excellent ordained and lay worship leaders to call upon. Our thanks go to them all, but especially to Audrey Lans, for her steadfast ministry throughout November and December.



Marie P



Mary N



Audrey Lans

## Submissions

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

newsletter@dluc.ca

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