

# LAKESHORE LINES

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## DEER LAKE TURNS 75!

By Mary C and Tony W

In fact our roots go back even further – in the early 1920s, there was a church in the area called Burnaby Lake Community Church, which in 1925 became Burnaby Lake United Church. Then after a few years the name became Deer Lake United Church. As attendance declined in the 1960s, 3 churches (Deer Lake, Douglas and St Matthews) came together to form Central United. Finally, in 1990, the name changed back to Deer Lake.

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## Vision Statement

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

- worship and music
- fun and fellowship
- caring and outreach
- involvement and growth

Mary, Shirley, Joanne, Colleen, Marj, Kathy and Claire turned “Downton Abbey” to serve a delicious high tea, as part of the weekend of 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations in September.

Delicious cakes, scones, jams and pastries were served on fine china, and the church hall became an elegant Edwardian parlour.

## Remits, remits, remits...

*By Rev. Tracy F*

I have been facing questions about the eight remits now before The United Church of Canada. That is not surprising, since these proposals could fundamentally change the structure of the church. There is ample information and study guides to address the remits we will face as a pastoral charge. You can access everything at: <http://www.gc42.ca/remits>

### What is a remit?

A remit is the middle step of a three-step process required to change the Basis of Union (the “constitution” of the United Church of Canada that was drawn up when the church was founded in 1925), and hence the church. The first step is that General Council (a national gathering, which meets every three years made up of lay and clergy reps from all across Canada) must approve a remit for a proposed change. The remit question is then put to presbyteries and possibly pastoral charges, which must approve it with an absolute majority. If that approval is given, the third step is for the next General Council to also agree to the proposed change.

### What are we looking to achieve?

These remits are designed to achieve more than financial savings. The hope is that more of our time, talent, and treasure will be devoted to mission and ministry and less toward bureaucracy, forms, and procedure. Commissioners at the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council in the summer of 2015 agreed that assessments should be shared “equitably across the whole church,” plus we must “encourage sharing of all resources across the church.” We must only spend what we receive (as opposed to balancing budgets by depleting needed reserves). They also endorsed financial modelling that projects a need for up to an \$11-million reduction from 2015.

### Why is the church doing all this?

The Comprehensive Renewal approved by the 41st General Council recommended major changes to revitalize ministry, simplify governance, and enable the church to live within its resources. The approval of any or all of the five remits being considered by both pastoral charges will allow us to better respond to declining membership numbers and financial resources since we will be a nimbler, more efficient organization.

In all congregations, all board members are eligible to vote on the remits, and the board includes all committee members as well. The vote generally would be conducted by a show of hands unless the board decides (through adopting a motion) that they wish to vote by secret ballot. At least one-third of the membership must be in attendance at the board meeting in order for it to be valid. The vote is decided by a simple majority of the board members at the meeting: 50% + 1.

Bruce Van L. and Rev. Tracy will help lead discussions over the coming months for everyone to learn more. Board members vote on their own conscience – not necessarily the way their friends in the congregation might vote.



**Sonia and Damian drove up the Dempster Highway and found grizzlies and an Igloo Church!**



Staff appreciation Sunday celebrates Terri, Rebecca, Donna, Tracy, Mary, Claire and many others!

### Note from the Pastoral Care Committee

By Kathy R

The Pastoral Care Committee is a Committee of the Board which meets once a month to work at keeping in touch with and supporting members of the congregation through the joys, trials and tribulations of life.

Cards are sent to those ill, recently bereaved, in hospital or just needing a kind hello. We regularly visit those members of our congregation who can no longer get out to church keeping a connection with their church alive. At special times of the year, i.e. Christmas and Easter, our minister, Tracy, along with another committee member offers them communion in their home. These people include Myrtle C., Dot H., Evelyn H., Marg M., Pat M. and Josephine L.

Tracy, our minister, visits the seriously ill and supports families as needed. Another part of our ministry, includes the Prayer Shawl Ministry, where we offer hand knit shawls and blankets to those infirm and/or in need of comfort.

These are made with love by members of the congregation and are most appreciated by the recipients. They say, "It feels like I have one of you with me when I have my shawl over me!"

One of the things we count on is that members of the congregation let us know if anyone you know of is in need of a visit or a call of any nature and at any time. It is the way we keep in touch and care for one another as Jesus taught us to do. Also, wool and directions are available if you would like to become part of the knitting team! We can always use more hands to create these beautiful, simple gifts!

Please keep in touch with us –

Mary C, Tracy F, Shirley McG, Trisha S and Kathy R

## News from Outreach

*By Linda W and Paul A*

### **Christmas Families:**

In keeping with our annual tradition, DLUC will prepare Christmas hampers again this December for needy families through the **Burnaby Christmas Bureau**. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please mark an amount on your offering envelope for Hope for Families. We are looking for hosts to assist with contacting the families to identify their needs and to deliver their hamper on Sunday, Dec. 18. Please contact any member of the Outreach committee if you are interested in assisting us in providing this valuable service.

### **Harvest for the Homeless:**

Recognizing that the homeless face even greater challenges staying warm and dry during the Fall and Winter months, we placed the cornucopia in the Narthex again this year for the month of October. Your generous donations of winter wear such as gloves, socks, underwear and touques were made available to the homeless in November. The Outreach Committee thanks all for their donations as shown in the photo below.



### **Hope for Families:**

Thanks to generous contributions last year, we were able to send several children to summer camp this past summer as part of the support we provide to Edmonds School for Burnaby's disadvantaged youth.



**The Vietnamese Baptist choir celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary contd from p1*

During the memorable weekend, we were joined by Carol and Bill Shank, who returned to Deer Lake after many years to preach on Sunday.

Many memories were jogged, and a few tears shed as we beheld a magnificent slide show looking back in time, prepared by the incomparable Garry F.

Altogether it was a great weekend – thanks to all who made it happen!

### Musings from an Old Mother

*By Janice C*

I read the last newsletter, every word of it as I always do. I was impressed by every carefully written article but feel that I must respond to the “Musings from a Young Mother”.

Children in church. Now that is a loaded topic so I just want to tell you a little story about church and my children when they were young. Two of my three children entered Deer Lake as babies. My very first Sunday, with Shannon a very young baby in my arms, I was greeted and immediately told that there was a nursery in the back where I could take her. I was very surprised at this response as we were coming to Deer Lake because it was recommended to us as a family oriented, child friendly church. I asked if I had to take her there and was told that children could be noisy and the nursery may be the best place to take my baby. I turned to my husband and said that perhaps we should just leave. He agreed. As we turned to go, a very nice couple, Bruce and Joan Drew approached us and told us to please stay, that our baby was more than welcome. They had us sit with them and were so positive and encouraging and absolutely filled with faith that we not only stayed but we came back. Without them, we would never have experienced the joy of worshipping at Deer Lake.

Yes, children can sometimes be loud and disruptive. But, shouldn't we see this as joyful noise? Shouldn't we be welcoming of this joyful noise? Children will eventually become adults. Don't we want them to feel the welcoming love that my children experienced? Our Sunday School has diminished in numbers so greatly over the last few years and we need to be aware of the message that we are giving. If we truly believe that we “Minister to people of all ages” then we need to do that, noise, disruption and all. Children are a blessing and we need to acknowledge that “in thought, word, and deed”. We not only need the noise and disruption that children bring but we need to encourage and accept it. A child's first days of church are a welcome into our family. They will learn, their behaviour will improve, and they will grow. We want them to grow in faith within our church, within our family and we want them to state without hesitation that Deer Lake is their home and their family.

May we all share in the joy, and noise, that children bring to us at Deer Lake.



## Upcoming Events At and Around Deer Lake

- December 18<sup>th</sup>      Choir Cantata
- December 24<sup>th</sup>      Services at 4pm and 7pm (communion)
- December 25<sup>th</sup>      Services at Cliff Ave or South Burnaby @ 10.30
- February 19<sup>th</sup>      Annual Congregational Meeting
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>          Jazz for Uganda @ Brentwood Presbyterian Church

*Submitted by Rev Tracy F*

Santa lives at the North Pole ....**JESUS is everywhere.**

Santa rides in a sleigh ... **JESUS rides on the wind and walks on water.**

Santa comes but once a year ...**JESUS is an ever present help.**

Santa fills your stocking with goodies ... **JESUS supplies all your needs.**

Santa has a belly like a bowlful of jelly ...**JESUS has a heart full of love.**

All Santa can offer is Ho Ho Ho ... **JESUS offers health, help and hope.**

Santa's little helpers make toys ... **JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.**

While Santa puts gifts under your tree ... **JESUS became our gift and died on a tree – the cross.**

**We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, JESUS is still the reason for the season.**

Audrey and Glen's 60<sup>th</sup>!



## Submissions

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