

hello!

April 25, 2010

Welcome to Beach United Church. We're glad you're with us today joining our active congregation. Heartbeat keeps our congregation up to date on news & events. Worship services form the heart of our Christian identity, but we have opportunities throughout the week for spiritual growth & community connection.

Congregation Announcements: Today

Worship with our Guest Speaker, David Macdonald: congregation member, MPP, and recent recipient of a "Heart & Vision" award, David will be speaking about his experience at the Copenhagen Climate Conference.

Did you know?... when David first started in ministry in Alberton, PEI in 1962, he shocked everyone by teaming up with the local priest to tackle social issues.

Celebrating Kids: please join us for cake and conversation about our BUCKY program. Learn about our exciting events and plans and share your hopes and ideas. Meet in the parlour after the service **today!**

Congregation Announcements: Next Week

Saturday, May 1st

Sustainable Seasonal Cooking at 9am-noon

Want to get a taste of eating real food, in season? Learn more about how to follow the natural rhythms of an Ontario growing season as a sustainable food initiative. We will prepare an early spring lunch with sustainability in mind as well as create food for the Interfaith Lunch Program. A small fee will cover costs of food. To enroll, contact Mary Anne maryanne.alton@sympatico.ca or 416-469-5877.

Jazz Vespers Series continues at 4:30pm

Featuring Jen Sagar Quartet with Jake Wilkinson, Lee Wallace & Jon Meyer.

Sunday, May 2nd

Worship - Guest Speaker, Wayne Roberts

Wayne Roberts is project coordinator of Toronto Food Policy Council, a citizen body of 30 food activists and experts that is widely recognized for its innovative approach to food security (visit: http://www.toronto.ca/health/tfpc_index.htm). Ideas and projects of the TFPC are featured in Roberts' book *The No Nonsense Guide to World Food* (2008). Roberts has written a weekly column for Toronto's NOW Magazine, generally on themes that link social justice, public health and green economics. He has been invited to speak around the world on strategies that combine food security, community empowerment, environmental improvement, social equity and job creation.

Congregational Meeting, following worship

Final report on Sale Agreement: The news we've long been awaiting...we now have a firm agreement for the purchase of our west property! Following a longer than anticipated conditional period, during which our purchaser has been meeting with the City about design plans and also conducting soil tests to determine the structural potential of the building, the due-diligence conditions have been waived. Hear more information at our congregational meeting following our worship service.

Taizé Community Vespers at 4pm

Share a quiet, contemplative service of prayer, meditation, and singing, outdoors in the church courtyard, weather permitting.

Worship & Music

Food & Community: conversations on food, environmental sustainability, and healthy communities

Throughout the Easter Season we are building on our Lenten theme of Jesus' Table Ministry by looking at ways we can be "bread" to the world and express Jesus' table ministry in our own lives. Through guest speakers and member input, we are exploring environmental and food issues locally and globally. Check out what's coming up:

May 9

A Spirituality of Food

Abigail Johnson

Food is something we take for granted as a basic human right and yet millions do not have enough to eat, even in our own city. Let's reflect together on connections between God, faith, and food.

May 16 Guest Speaker: Greig Clark

Greig Clark: social entrepreneur and leader, 40 Oaks Project, a community hub in revitalized Regent Park will be speaking about his vision and commitment to affordable housing.

May 23 Pentecost: Birthday of our Church

In the midst of substantial reflections on food and environmental issues, we mustn't lose sight of celebration and enjoying food as a community. Let's celebrate the birthday of our church.

May 30 Saying Goodbye: Celebrating Ann Morwood

Ann Morwood's time with us in a retired supply position offering pastoral care comes to an end on May 30. Ann will be preaching and we will celebrate her time with us with cake and coffee following the service.

Back By Popular Demand! Taizé Community Vespers will be held two more times before summer break. Next Sunday, May 2nd and May 30th at 4pm. These contemplative services often utilize darkness and half-light but with lengthening days we will explore meditation and quiet in new ways, outdoors, weather permitting. We will return to candles and subdued lighting in the fall.

Service

Observer subscriptions expire in June. BUC is on a Group Plan and each person pays for their own subscription at a price of \$20. To renew or begin a new subscriptions please make cheques payable to "**Beach United Church**" and give to Margaret Burley or place on the Offering Plate before May 15th. Contact Margaret 416-699-1368.

Community Care

Garbage Clean-Up Success! Thanks to all those who joined BUCKY and the Green Team for last Sunday's community clean-up. One group of 10 bicycled to the Scarborough Bluffs and another group of 10 worked together in Kew Gardens Park. Together we collected over 14 bags of garbage and recycling. Among the items collected, there were used diapers (yuckiest item!), a shopping cart (biggest item!), spray cans (by the dozens!), cigarette butts (by the hundreds!), and many more items. Just a reminder: as you enjoy our local parks and beaches, remember to follow the 3Rs and to put litter in its place!

Learning & Growth

We have free nursery care in the Sunday School Nursery every Sunday with Claire starting at 10:30am. We are still hoping for a donated baby monitor to use for the nursery to communicate with the sanctuary. Please drop off any donations at the office.

Do the Math

What would *you* need to make ends meet if your situation changed and you had to rely on social assistance? If you were a single person on social assistance, what would you need? Would you have to move? How much would you need for rent and groceries? Is a telephone or internet connection a necessary expense? What about a cup of coffee or having a friend over for dinner? As preparation for our upcoming guest speakers in worship, check out "The Stop" website: <http://dothemath.thestop.org/index.php> and take a 6 minute survey to find out what you would need to live on.

Community Announcements

You are invited to **A Very Merry Un-Anniversary Mad Hatter's Tea Party** to support the **Peace Theatre**, an organization that is committed to transforming the lives of at-risk children & youth in Toronto. May 12th 7pm-midnight at Revival (783 College St.). Enjoy the musical stylings of the Joe Sealy & Paul Novotny duo and Monsoon as well as other surprise guests. Sip on a signature cocktail (Mad Hatter Spiked Iced Tea anyone?) and munch on some mini culinary delights. Tickets \$50 online at www.childrenspeacetheatre.org or call 416-752-1550. Tickets \$60 at the door.

Joan Square's Bus Trips Join Joan and friends for this season of theatre and lunch starting on Wednesday, May 5th when they go to Stratford to see "Kiss Me Kate" and have lunch at the Waterlot. Tickets \$147. Call Joan 416-694-9987.

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