

hello!

May 2, 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. We have opportunities throughout the week for spiritual growth & community connection.

Congregation Announcements

TODAY

Worship - Guest Speaker Wayne Roberts

Wayne Roberts will lead us in reflecting on empowerment, spirituality, and food as we connect to explore our Easter theme of being bread in the world. 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.

Congregational Meeting, following our worship service

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 this congregational meeting.

Beach West Gardening at 2 pm Interested in creating a home for Beach West's plants? Join Henny Delange and Jerry Reitsma who will assist you in choosing and digging up plants. Please bring pots.

Taizé Community Vespers at 4pm

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

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.

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.

Cooking with Soul May 29 at 9am-noon Brush elbows with the new chef at Amuse Restaurant - a restaurant that is creating new partnerships with local farmers. Prepare a meal with local ingredients and taste the difference. Create your own partnership by helping to prepare enough food to share with the Interfaith Lunch Program. For more info email maryanne.alton@sympatico.ca or call 416-469-5877.

Last **Jazz Vespers Series** until fall: **Saturday, June 5 at 4:30pm.** Featuring David Occhipinti & Mike Murley.

Service

85th Anniversary: Making Connections On June 6, our United Church is celebrating 85 years of ministry in Canada. Leading up to that celebration, all congregations are being partnered with another congregation somewhere in the

country. We have been partnered with Scott's Bay Pastoral Charge. Gwen Huntley is our contact person: "We are a union church, with all kinds of ministers, and all kinds of people." As a small community, Scott's Bay are meeting the spiritual needs of United Church, Anglican, Baptist, Salvation Army, and more. With creativity they are offering shared worship. If you are travelling in Nova Scotia this summer, drop by and say hello to our church partner. Visit: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott's Bay, Nova Scotia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott's_Bay,_Nova_Scotia) & <http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>.

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

Yellow Fish Road Program Sunday, May 16 After worship, you are invited to join in a special creation care activity. We will be participating in Trout Unlimited's *Yellow Fish Road* program, which educates residents about the impacts of pollution entering urban storm drains. After some light snacks, we will head out in teams to paint yellow fish near the storm drains on streets around BUC East and to hang info flyers on our neighbour's doors. All ages welcome! We need individuals who can help with painting and people who can help with distributing flyers. Please sign up early by contacting Corey Helm cp.helm@bell.net or 416-694-6512. Organized by the Green Team and BUCKY.

Congregational Development

Calling all photographers! United Church Calendar is seeking photos, slides, or digital images of stained glass or details of stained glass for the 2012 calendar. For more information, contact the office at 416-691-8082.

Beach UC Women's Fall Pot Luck on Monday, Oct 4 at 6pm. The speaker will be congregation member Deborah Sinclair, whom the YWCA is honoring on May 12 with the Women of Distinction Award. As a social worker, community organizer and counsellor, she will help us to understand domestic violence and homelessness. All women are invited.

Learning & Growth

Mother's Day On May 9th, much of Canada celebrates Mother's Day while the United Church celebrates Christian Family Sunday. Sometimes our lives and our faith go in different directions. However, you can integrate your life and faith through giving a Mother's Day gift with meaning. Go to <http://plancanada.ca/gifts> to find ideas such as a Home Birthing Kit to help the safe arrival of new babies in developing countries or a gift of Literacy Training for women.

Online Church Bookstore Check out www.UCRDstore.ca to shop for United Church produced books, DVDs, and CDs. Great books for adults, youth, and children are available. Check out the first inclusive language bible, or *Three Cups of Tea* adapted for younger readers, or *Praying in Colour* a prayer book for kids, or *Knitting for Peace* for the avid knitter in your life, or *Sea Sick* a commentary on our world's oceans, or *The Gift of Years* an exploration of aging.

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

Green Café Film Night Tuesday, May 11 from 7pm-8:30pm at Upper Beach Cafe, 1917 Gerrard St. East (one block west of Woodbine Ave). FREE screening of "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil". Join in a discussion on creating a more local, low-energy society and addressing the challenges of peak oil and climate change. RSVP to reserve a seat by contacting Mary Margaret spargy@rogers.com 416-693-9276.

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, on May 12 from 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. For tickets contact Jo-Anne LaForty 416-686-9644 or visit: www.childrenspacetheatre.org.

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