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## Celebrating our Easter Sunday Ministries

### **May 1**     *Let's Celebrate Ministry Leadership*

Part of our ministry at Beach United is to support those who feel called to offer special gifts of leadership in congregational life. Two congregation members are engaged in learning and discerning as they respond to their sense of call, Jim McKibbin and Karen Rodman. Last January we heard Jim preach as part of his Licensed Lay Worship Leader course. This Sunday, we will hear Karen Rodman preach. Karen is engaging in a ministry discernment process with members of BUC and a Presbytery representative, and has begun the Master of Divinity degree program at Emmanuel College.

### **May 1**     *Let's Celebrate all our Ministries*

Watch the first 'Director's Cut' of our BUC video! See what and who Don Gray's camera has been seeing over the past few months—a memorable archive of a 'bricks & mortar' home which will soon be reborn.

### **May 8**     *Let's Celebrate Reaching Out*

On this Mothers' Day, let's celebrate families by blessing the knitting ministry in our congregation. Multi-colour vests will festoon our worship space ready to be blessed on their way around the world to children in need of warmth and nurture.

### **May 15**     *Let's Celebrate Diversity*

No longer can we assume a Christian imperialism in our neighbourhood, city, country, and world. God is calling us to a stronger relationship with people of many different faiths. As part of that relationship, we are participating in an East End Interfaith Worship Service "**A Place at the Table**" at Kew Gardens, **11:30am**. We will join local Beach and East End congregations and worship centers for an outdoor community worship. Guest speaker, Lori Stahlbrand, from Local Foods Plus, will offer us 'food' for thought as we give thanks for the blessing of food and call each other to compassionate giving to those who hunger. We will gather at Beach UC at 10:30 to pray and prepare to process to the Park meeting up with our friends and neighbours in our diverse community.

### **May 22**     *Let's Celebrate Worship as Pastoral Care*

Our congregation will be worshipping in two different locations. One group of worship leaders will be at Main Street Terrance: Long Term Care by Revera, formerly Versacare, offering worship to residents while another group will lead worship at Beach UC.

# Celebrating our Easter Saturday Ministries

**May 7**

## ***Cooking with Soul, 9-12***

Cook with Swiss Chef Thomas Muller. Learn new recipes and ideas about food. Create meals for our Interfaith Lunch Program. Sign up with church office.

## ***Jazz Vespers, 4:30pm***

"The Message in the Music" with Peggy Mahon on vocals, Dave Field on string bass, and Danny McErlain on piano. Free will offering to our Interfaith Lunch Program.

## ***Worship Bits & Pieces***

### **Lent/Holy Week/Easter Services Feedback**

Our worship team would love to hear from you about your experience of services offered during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. These services include the early morning Family Ministry sessions and the Compassion Conversation Circles following worship. Take a few minutes to respond by following this link to our 6 survey questions: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSXRDYT>

THANKS!

**Sewing Help!** Can someone with a sewing machine create a hem on a beautiful piece of fabric? Something that once was a curtain can become a drapery for use in worship. Contact Abigail: [abigail@beachuc.com](mailto:abigail@beachuc.com)

**Abigail Johnson** is away this Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> because she is guest preacher at the Richmond Hill United Church Anniversary Service.

**Reminder to everyone at Beach UC - we are all Greeters on Sunday AM.** If you notice someone near you whom you don't know, please introduce yourself and welcome them. Perhaps they could accompany you to coffee time? As summer approaches and fewer may be in church, help out with Greeting at the Welcome table or on the steps...

People comment on what a friendly church we have - let's keep it going!!

## ***Council & HOMe***

*Council Contacts: Jane Dickson, Ron Fitton, Lee Muirhead*

*HOMe Contact: Karen Watson*

### **Wider Ministries Conversation: Part Two**

At our next conversation on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm**, we will sort and sift ideas into concrete projects. Join Jim Winn, Jane Dickson, Corey Helm, Wendy Johnston, and Abigail Johnson and be part of our conversation.

### **Silent Auction at Beach United Church**

On Saturday, May 14 at 10am to Noon. Lots to see: pianos, pews, communion tables, interesting and unique items. Preview will be on Saturday, May 7 at 10am. Inquiries: 416-920-0641. Cash Only.

## ***Music at BUC***

*~faith expressions through music~  
Staff Contact: Douglas Brownlee*

### **Celebration Taizé Community Vespers on Tuesday, May 3 at 8pm**

*"Saying Thanks to the Donaldson's"*

Andrew and Wendy Donaldson are leaving soon for Switzerland. Andrew (composer, conductor and global music expert) has accepted a music position with the World Council of Churches in Geneva. We are hosting a special Taizé Community Vespers and a reception to say thanks for both Andrew's and Wendy's mentoring and unwavering dedication to our fledgling Taizé services. Andrew has played classical guitar and lute for every service except two since we started this new worship initiative here at Beach United last year. Everyone is welcome to this contemplative worship experience of music, candlelight and meditation. Reception follows.

### **Drumming with Soul: After-Church-Church**

Right after church on May 8th we will set up a drum circle at the front of the sanctuary and explore the rhythm of the spirit. What to bring: your own drum/percussion instrument (or we have a few to borrow) and cushions if you wish to sit on the floor. Dancers and those with the gift of creative movement are most welcome - any ribbon dancers in the house?

## ***Service***

*Council Contacts: Rosalie Bradley & Corey Helm*

### **Reaching Beyond our Doors**

Sometimes, 'reaching beyond our doors' means being proactive about what happens inside our building. Every Sunday morning someone new shows up for worship. We have a trusty team of "Greeters" at the Welcome Table but they only start the welcoming process. We are all part of the Beach team that makes everyone feel welcome whether they are a long-time member or someone we've never met. Let's continue our ministry of welcome through our warm greetings and interest in newcomers.

### **Daily Bread Food Donations**

There is still a great need for food donations. Please bring to the church anytime and drop off in the donation box located in the Narthex. Monetary donations can also be made at [www.dailybread.ca](http://www.dailybread.ca)

### **An XCHANGE board**

Throwing something out that may be useful to someone else? Have garage sale stuff, dishes, clothes, shoes, blankets etc.? Please email [kwassi@beachuc.com](mailto:kwassi@beachuc.com) as our lunch patrons may be able to reuse your stuff. Kwasi will put up notices on the bulletin board in the auditorium.

## ***Learning & Growth***

*Council Contact: Wendy Johnston*

### **Joseph Campbell Lecture Series on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parlour from 7-9pm**

"Love and the Goddess" the second to last episode in the six-part PBS series *The Power of Myth* featuring Bill Moyers interviewing Joseph Campbell, who explains how the World's Myths operate in helping humanity formulate a view of themselves and the world. Each program is independent of each other, so even if you have missed the previous episodes, don't hesitate to join us for this interesting evening. Info: Dick Allan at 416 698-8614.

## **BUC Park Clean-Up!**

Sunday, May 15 after the service in the park, two groups will do a "Park Clean-Up". One group on foot to do clean up nearby, and the other will be by bike going further away to find some SERIOUSLY MUCKY places!

## **Observer Subscriptions**

It is time to renew or begin a new subscription to The United Church Observer. Cost is \$20. Please make **cheque payable to Beach United Church and give to Margaret Burley or place on the Offering Plate. Renewal deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Margaret at 416-699-1368.

## ***Congregational Development***

*Council Contact: Mary Anne Lemm*

## **Knitting for Shivering Children**

Thank you to all who responded to the call to reach our goal of 450 vests to fill the sanctuary for a Mother's Day blessing. They are still coming in and thank you to everyone who is contributing yarn or finished vests. We will be decorating the sanctuary starting at 10am on Saturday, May 7 and finishing by noon. Please deliver any you are still working on by Friday, May 6 to the office or on Saturday, May 7 to the Sanctuary by 10am. Then come to worship on Sunday to see your creative, caring efforts displayed and blessed.

## **Speaker's Series: *The Day the Falls Stood Still* on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

Join us for a reading by Cathy Marie Buchanan from her New York Times bestseller. Visit:

[www.harpercollins.ca/books/Day-Falls-Stood-Still-Cathy-Marie-Buchanan/?isbn=9781554683277](http://www.harpercollins.ca/books/Day-Falls-Stood-Still-Cathy-Marie-Buchanan/?isbn=9781554683277)

Steeped in the intriguing history of Niagara Falls in 1915, the dawn of the hydroelectric power era in Niagara Falls. This is an epic love story as rich, spellbinding and majestic as the falls themselves.

## ***Community Events***

### **Canada Sings! Toronto-Riverdale Neighbourhood Singalongs**

Tuesday May 10 from 7-8pm at the Riverdale Collegiate Institute Auditorium (1094 Gerrard St. E.) "We Want to Sing With You Guest" Singer/Songwriter Jeffery Straker. All Ages Welcome. FREE (donations welcome) Info: 416-778-0796 [info@canadasings.ca](mailto:info@canadasings.ca) or [www.canadasings.ca](http://www.canadasings.ca)

### **Environment and Climate in Peril: How People of Faith Will Care and Advocate for Creation**

Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30pm at Seeley Hall (6 Hoskin Ave. Trinity College, University of Toronto) The Anglican Church of Canada, the United Church of Canada, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada are leading the way on climate change action. Join us for a roundtable discussion with Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Archbishop Colin Johnson, and Moderator Mardi Tindal on their churches' commitments and plans to protect creation. Space is limited – please register for free at: [www.environmentinperil.eventbrite.com](http://www.environmentinperil.eventbrite.com) Donations welcome at the door.

### **Movie at the Fox Theatre Sunday, May 15 at 3pm, 4pm & 5pm**

"Why did baby die?" Mothering children living with the loss, love and continuing presence of a baby sibling captures the profound impact children have on a mother's grief after the loss of her baby. In this research-based documentary mothers also tell how young children respond to the loss of their baby sibling. Despite the permanence of the physical loss, children continue to connect with their deceased sibling in various ways while creating new meanings of their experience of loss and love which they carry into adolescence. Director Christine Jonas-Simpson, York University Professor, Bereaved Mother. Tickets \$25~proceeds to the Bereaved Families of Ontario.



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