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weekly news

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February 5, 2012

## ***This Week at Beach***

### **Saturday Feb 4**

**BEACH JAZZ & REFLECTIONS** aka *Jazz Vespers*: 4:30-5:15

DOUBLE TREAT!

JOE SEALY & PAUL NOVOTNY

**AND**

THE NATHANIEL DETT CHORALE

Reception to follow—Meet the artists—Tell your friends & neighbors

### **Sunday Feb 5**

**Morning Worship: 10:30am**

**Epiphany 6:** Contemplative symbol—a rock

**Read:** Mark 1:29-39

**Children at Beach:** engage with communion

**Following Worship:** chat about UCC faith statements

### **Wednesday Feb 8**

**Linking Beach: Seniors Lunch at Noon**

**Reserve Your Spot!**

Come out and enjoy a full lunch and enthusiastic company.

**Call Neighbourhood Link 416.691.7407 and ask for Intake to reserve your spot.**

Lunch is sponsored by Neighbourhood Link and Beach United.

### ***Interested in Baptism?***

**Our next baptismal Sunday is February 12**

### ***Cheery Greetings***

We have a great team of Greeters who welcome new & established people as they come to worship each week. Whether you are an official Greeter, or you want to be part of making Beach a warm and welcoming place, please wear your name tag. Putting names to faces is an art—help us hone our skill.

***Income Tax Receipts are Ready for Pick-up***

## **Hear ye, hear ye . . . good news**

Our Cassavant **organ in 140 Wineva** has found a new home. Last week the organist from a Dutch Reform church in the Grand Valley came to try out the organ and he made it sing. Representatives from his church came in on Wed. Feb.1st to remove and transport the organ to its new location. We are delighted. Such a good instrument will not be wasted and BUC is saved considerable cost and effort to remove it. Appreciation goes to Ron Fitton for his time, negotiating skills, and site preparation.

**Staff update:** Karen Dale will be taking holidays from February 6-12

## **Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday February 26, following worship**

Our annual meeting is a celebration of a great year, a vision-casting for our upcoming year, and a financial projection to support that vision. Join us.

## **Council**

*Lee Muirhead, Jane Dickson, Jim Winn*

### **MANY HANDS . . .**

Our church building on Wineva is almost empty, ready for the contractor to take over in late February. Broken wood shelving and other assorted pieces of junk still remain in piles around the building. I need help moving this stuff to the front of the building, ready for a disposal bin later next week.

**When:** Saturday, February 4, 9-11:00 am

**Where:** 140 Wineva

**What is required:** Work gloves & old clothes, solid shoes or boots, strong backs (weak minds optional)

Can you help? Please contact me at 416-699-2489 or [ronfitton@hotmail.com](mailto:ronfitton@hotmail.com) Many thanks, Ron Fitton

### **Use of Space**

St. Aidan's generously rents space to us for worship & congregational meetings during our renovation period. Our terms of our agreement with St. Aidan's limit our use to congregational activities only. Consequently, anyone who wishes to use Memorial Hall or other areas of St. Aidan's building, for other activities must contact St. Aidan's directly to rent space.

## **Service**

*Council Contact: Lorraine Methven*

**Interfaith Lunch Program:** A special thank you goes to our Beach UC youth who prepared pizzas for the Lunch Program. Our guests really enjoyed this special treat!

### **Knitting for Shivering Children**

Our first meeting was stupendous—not a term usually used for knitting circles. Twenty really enthusiastic knitters came out, bringing an incredible (again, a superlative) array of pneumonia vests knit by our growing network in Toronto, Grimsby, England, Switzerland and Quebec. So far, we have about 200 toward our goal of 600. Last year we aimed for 500 and delivered 527 to Canadian Food for Children, a Toronto-based charity that ships a container a day of food, medicine and clothing to children in impoverished countries. Our vests protect children from respiratory diseases in hot countries that get cold at night.

We will meet again on February 11, 10 am to noon in Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome: we have yarn and patterns and some needles (or bring your own 4mm size). Please note:

Next month we meet on March 17! Contact Pat Davies [416.465.3081](tel:416.465.3081) ([patriciadavies@rogers.com](mailto:patriciadavies@rogers.com)) with any questions. Let's surpass 600, or as one of our group says, "Don't rest, knit vests."

## ***Learning & Growth***

*Council Contact: Wendy Johnston*

**Bible Study:** Explore the New Testament on Tuesdays, 7-9pm at **9 Boardwalk Dr.** Go to the multi-purpose room. Underground parking is available but check with the concierge. For more information call Dick Allen 416 698-8614

**Act Out!** Our next preparation session will be on February 19<sup>th</sup> and our sharing will take place on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. Come and explore the story of the rainbow through drama, led by Don Gray.

**Creative Aging** Whatever age we are, we are aging. Whatever age we are, we've never been this age before! Let's gather for conversation about aging and how to do that process creatively and with panache. **Sat, Feb 18, 10-12 with coffee & goodies! Questions? Contact Abigail** [abigail@beachuc.com](mailto:abigail@beachuc.com)

## ***Community News***

### **Hungering for a New Politics: The Life's Work of Gerald Vandezande**

Co-founder of Citizens for Public Justice, member of the Order of Canada, and tireless Christian activist, will be remembered at a special event in honour of his life's work on Fri, Feb 17, at 7 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church of Toronto, 67 Taunton Road. Come to view video, hear speakers, and celebrate Gerald's many contributions to public justice and community.

On Sat, Feb 18, from 9 am until 12 pm at Wycliffe College, 5 Hoskin Avenue, come to hear speakers and participate in workshops on the issues Gerald cared about, including housing, family and child poverty, government interaction, becoming neighbours (advocacy for refugees, aboriginal concerns, inter-religious dialogue), and the environment.

Please join us!



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