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Sundays at Beach

Seasons of Creation

During the four weeks of September, in worship we celebrate a *Season of Creation*: land, wilderness, and river. The way we think about our holy and awesome creation affects how we live within it. Let us reflect on our connection with creation through our worship and our living.

Sept 18 *Seasons of Creation: wilderness*

10:30 am Wilderness is a place that lies beyond human control. Here, humans experience a challenge to their capacity for survival and turn to a power beyond themselves. In Jesus' relationship with God and in Paul's teaching, wilderness – a place of desolation, barrenness, isolation – becomes a place where hope is alive and comfort is a gift of God.

“Act Out” group meets for the first time to prepare a dramatic interpretation of the “River of Life” Revelation 22: 1-5 to be shared the following Sunday, Sept 25.

News from HOME: We are pleased to announce that a model of the renovated church building will be available for viewing on Sunday Sept 18th

Sept 25 *Seasons of Creation: river*

10:30 On this River Sunday we explore ways God renews creation through the healing gift of God's Spirit as expressed in waters and rivers.

11:30 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & LUNCH

Congregational Meeting: To assure that momentum continues, as a congregation, we need to make decisions. Currently, we have a financial gap of approximately one tenth of our potential \$5 million budget to complete our renovation. Most of the rebuild costs are covered from funds raised by selling Beach West. However, we need to guarantee \$500 thousand to meet our obligation.

We do have assets to cover our financial gap including:

1. Memorial and Manse Funds as well as some smaller funds totaling approximately \$755,000
2. "Wider Ministry" Funds from the sale of Beach West totaling \$473,000
3. Funds which could be achieved by selling our south lot (the area where the auditorium now stands).

Let's look at our options and engage in discussion to provide Council with a clear direction to proceed. I invite you to set aside time to participate in our congregational meeting on Sunday, September 25, directly following a shortened worship service until about 2:30pm.

Lunch: We would appreciate your help with a light lunch at our Congregational Meeting on September 25th. Please either phone me at (416) 699-7532 or add your name to the Signup List which is posted just inside the Auditorium door. Thank you, *Amy Truscott*

Upcoming Worship

Jazz Vespers: Saturday, October 1st, 4:30-5:15 At our new location: St Aidan's Anglican Church, 70 Silverbirch Ave

Howard Rees' Toronto Jazz Chorus with the musical theme, *We Are One*

Taizé Community Vespers first worship date is Sunday, October 23rd, 4pm .

Baptism Sunday: October 2nd. Families interested in baptism for their young ones, please contact Abigail at: abigail@beachuc.com

Music at BUC

~faith expressions through music~

New Interim Director of Music: Chrys Bentley offered music leadership during August and we are pleased to announce that he has accepted a position of "Interim Music Director."

BUC Choir: Calling all choir members and those wishing to join the choir. Join the group on Thursday nights at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Practices resume on Thursday Sept 8th.

Col Canto: For young people, Col Canto is the place for joining in song. Contact Pat Agnew to let her know you are interested at: 416 694-9848

Handbells: Our Handbell group will resume in October.

Service

Council Contacts: Rosalie Bradley & Corey Helm

People Starving in the Horn of Africa: the crisis in Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia and Djibouti is worsening. All gifts given before Sept 16th will be matched through CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency.) The United Church deducts no administrative costs so please donate at www.unted-church.ca

Learning & Growth

Council Contact: Wendy Johnston

Sunday opportunities for young people—offered each month

1st Sunday: all ages Communion worship, where children and adults will share together in leadership e.g. serving communion, taking offering, reading scripture.

2nd Sunday: young people will leave worship to explore both ancient and modern stories.

3rd & 4th Sundays“: Act Out” is for children & people of all ages who want to explore stories in the bible through drama. On the 3rd Sunday the group will meet during the service and prepare to share a scripture reading with the whole congregation the following week. The first preparation session on Sept 18 will be led by Don Gray.

An Invitation to study the Old Testament

This fall Beach United Church will be offering 12 evenings looking at the history, literature and religion of ancient Israel and early Judaism as it is presented in the collection of texts called the Old Testament. Discussion will be led by Dick Allan who will be showing two 30 minute DVD lectures each evening given by Professor Amy-Jill Levine from Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Sessions will take place Tuesday evening in the parlour from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The first evening is September 20 and the last is December 6. Please note: in the January we will be looking at the New Testament. For further information you can contact Dick Allan at 416 698-8614.

Congregational Development

Council Contact: Mary Anne Lemm

Speaker Series: *There's Lead in Your Lipstick* by Gill Deacon

Wednesday, Sept 14th at 7:30—Please note our new location for the fall: Juice and Java at Queen & Wineva

Each morning we spritz, soak, and slather ourselves in 127 different chemicals, many of which are toxic. Each time we draw a bubble bath for a child, lather foaming cream for a shave, or deodorize our underarms, we expose our bodies to innumerable chemicals with limited research on their long-term health effects. The cosmetics industry is not required to prove an ingredient is safe for human health before it is used in a consumer product. Shocking, but true.

As a breast cancer survivor, Gill Deacon takes the issue of toxins in bodycare products to heart. Her book is a friendly, informative and meticulously researched guide to more considered options for personal care, showing how to navigate misleading labels and greenwash, and ultimately arrive at safer choices, for a healthier family and a healthier world.

BUC Women's Retreat

Women of Beach United are invited to a retreat from Friday evening November 4th to Saturday November 5th, late afternoon, at Ganaraska Woods Retreat Centre. Planning for this exciting time of community-building is underway and the next session is on Wednesday Sept 28, 7.30pm at Karen Watson's, 4 Balsam Ave. Please contact Karen Dale karen@beachuc.com if you are interested in being part of the planning or want to attend the retreat.