

JUBILATION

Fall/Winter 2008



Notes from Norm

I found myself in a little town north west of Toronto – early in the summer – I had a couple of hours until my cousin’s wedding rehearsal. I was alone. I had no books to read. I didn’t want to be on the phone. I decided to visit a little Italian restaurant.

I wasn’t expecting any kind of special revelation, I didn’t imagine that I could learn something about church.... But over some pasta, I had and did both.

Seated by myself in the middle of the restaurant, I had quite a view of a variety of folk. To my right, over by the bar, sat seven professional business men, gathering after work; they drank a lot of beer, ordered most of the menu and carried on in loud, if jovial, manner that made it clear that this was “their place”. As much as I enjoyed their laughter, I was also excluded from it.... I didn’t know the jokes; I didn’t get the references and frankly, they were just too loud. I suspect that you’ve met these fellows, too.

I began to wonder if we don’t just meet these guys in restaurants; maybe we find them in church, too? Jovial folk,

well-met, but very clearly in charge, in the know, in the in-crowd... Often, it seems that for new comers, there is no room at the “in”. (bad pun, but I trust you take my point). As long as this is “their church” it’s never really going to feel like “my church”.

Over by the door sat a family: Mother, Father, young almost teen son, and two daughters, probably 18 and 19 years old. The 18 year old was dressed to the nines (do we still say that?). A beautiful spaghetti strap summer dress that she was doing her best to wear well... gorgeous red shoes with heels higher than she had ever worn before (judging by the way that she was walking). Her make up was just so... She had clearly put a lot of effort into looking sophisticated for the evening. As she sat bolt upright in her chair, I could see her struggle and her joy. She was trying so hard to look as good as the restaurant, working so hard at being proper and lady-like (do we still say that??). She was succeeding. If you watched her intently, as I was doing, you would notice that she was barely breathing and that all of her moves were very intentional, there was no spontaneity allowed... who knows what might get

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Emerging thoughts . . . from Lee-Ann

More Franchises Than Tim Hortons
By Lee-Ann Ahlstrom, team facilitator

“Should the United Church throw in the towel?” . . . the opening theme of the More Franchises Than Tim Hortons Conference held June 19 - 22, 2008. Our Jubilee team was represented by Rev. Norm Seli, Lee-Ann Ahlstrom, Julie Ashdown, Jason Amell, Valerie Winters, Ed Rutherford, and Joan and Des McCalmont. From the stories we listened to about the struggles of other congregations we were able to see quite clearly that we are thriving in comparison. All of us shared the sentiment that Jubilee is far from “throwing in the towel”. In fact all of us were able to name programs, activities, and initiatives already in place at Jubilee that many of the workshop leaders at the conference were suggesting. We brought with us a positive outlook, an optimistic perspective and returned with the affirmation that our towel is in pretty good shape.

Each member of the team par-

ticipated in six workshops over the conference weekend. Themes or topics were numerous and varied. Presenters from congregations around the country shared ideas implemented in their communities, programs responding to the needs of their members but also innovative strategies for attracting new membership. For example, in the workshop, New Vistas for Older Adults, Terry Dance-Bennink, from First Met. Victoria, B.C. presented their Lunch and Learn series for older adults. Michael Shewburg from Islington U.C. Toronto shared The Go Project, a summer retreat for youth that guides them to discern where and how to serve in their community. Karen Hilfman Millson shared Orillia United Church’s small group ministry practices that engage and enable the passions of the people in their community. Other presentations invited new ways to think about language and theology, such as Gretta Vosper’s Beyond God: The New Inclusive Language Debate and the discussion on Oikoumene or Empire led by Joy Kennedy and Jim Hodgson which invited

a new way to claim the gospel vision for today’s church. Worship, eco-friendly practices, children’s ministry, leadership development, stewardship and the Mission and Service Fund are more examples of the range of topics presented and discussed.

The More Franchises Team is currently in the process of unpacking the tremendous amount of information and resources gathered from the conference experience. We are excited about sharing what we have discovered and yet we haven’t yet decided how we’ll go about doing that. Some of us can’t resist putting stuff out there whenever we get the chance and at our last meeting there were already a few suggestions put on the table for new initiatives. It is clear that a lot of what we are already doing at Jubilee is life giving and hope filled. The More Franchises Team promises to bring more of the same. Stay tuned!

spilled! By the end of dinner she deserved applause: She put on a great show...she did it. But, I'm willing to bet that she's not going to go back to that restaurant on her own, any time soon. She might go with the family, again – but the next time she goes out for dinner, she's going to pick a place where she can be herself.

Again I was set to wondering... how often is the church experience like the dinner experience for that young woman? You dress up, you do all the things that you are "expected" to do, you put spontaneity on hold and you pick up your cutlery from the outside in. At the end you congratulate yourself on putting on such a great show, or for surviving such a great show. When it's all over, you make plans to go somewhere where you can be yourself... without heels and able to laugh out loud.

On the other side of the door, sat three women, old friends, if I'm any judge. They ate lots of appetizers and shared wine. They laughed at the world, they laughed at themselves. They joked with the waiter. Not unlike my friends by the bar, except that they weren't too loud and they didn't act like they owned the place. They spoke French, but were quick to translate for the waiter or even for each other when one or the other had trouble finding the right word. Even as the different language set them apart from the English speaking room, they still

seemed open and friendly. As the meal went on, they noticed me sitting by myself and invited me to join them. I declined... they were not offended, but charming and friendly. By the end of the meal, I did join them for a little something... I laughed with them, told a story or two and heard a couple of stories as well.

I think that I saw my idea of the best kind of church in those women. Yes, they spoke a language that was theirs, much as we do in Jubilee (Order of Good Cheer, Ulterior Worship, CAT fund, UCW, etc), but they translated it; made it accessible and understandable; as I learned a couple of their favourite expressions I felt like I belonged. They spotted me alone and invited me in... they asked for my stories even as they told me theirs. They acted like they were glad to be together for the evening and that adding another to their table – if only for a little something – made the evening that much better. Had I not been late for a wedding rehearsal, I might have stayed longer... I know that I wanted to.

At our best, we at Jubilee are very much like those women and I hope that our dining party continues to grow as we invite people into our "home" and make it their "home" as well; as we sit at table with new friends, hear their stories, tell our stories and together become a people of God.

Norm

LECTURE SERIES 2008-2009

The Lecture Committee is pleased to announce that both our Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 lecture series are now in place.

The fall 2008 lecture series is to be held Wednesdays between 1:00pm and 2:30pm October 29 to November 26. Entitled "History and the Arts" this series features many prominent speakers such as Stan Farrow, Bill Harman, Lorne Brown, Eric Sangwine and Ed & John Rutherford. This series covers many different topics with respect to the title including a history of the songs of Gilbert and Sullivan, Canadian history as seen through the eyes of early explorers, magic time featuring old tales and songs, books and curses, and the meaning of the opera. The cost of this series is \$25.00 or \$8.00 per lecture.

The spring 2009 lecture series is to be held on Wednesdays between 1:00pm and 2:30pm March 4 to April 8. Entitled "A musician's view of the cultural matrix" this series features our very own Dr. Arthur Wenk. In this series he will lead us through ancient Greece, arts of the middle ages, Shakespeare, Da Vinci, Age of Enlightenment, Beethoven's Symphony featuring the age of revolution and understanding modernity in Einstein, Heisenberg, Picasso and Stravinsky. The cost of this series is \$30.00 or \$8.00 per lecture.

Please join us for these fantastic lecture series. Please contact the office for more information and tickets.

Jason C. Amell
Chairman, Lecture Committee

JUBILEE FITNESS

Low impact aerobics and strength training with certified fitness instructor

Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

For more information, please call 416-443-9366

CLAXTON FRUITCAKES

Once again you have the opportunity to purchase and enjoy those world famous Claxton cakes. They are still at the same low price -

1-1lb bar @ \$ 6.00

2-1lb bars @ \$11.00

Box of 3-1lb bars @ \$15.00

Contact Bob Nicholls @ 416-445-2642 to place an order.

FRIDAY NIGHTERS

NOV. 21st - 7:30 p.m.

"New Every Morning"
Featuring
Tim Elliot,
Former Anglican Minister,
Speaker, Workshop Leader,
& Jazz Pianist

Cost \$10
Stay for Refreshments !

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Who is the Membership Committee?

Current members include Jason Amell, Ruth Boyd (secretary), Harvey Bride, Bill Elger, Jeanne Elgie-Watson (chair), John Frame, Linda Griffiths, Doris Hearst, Don Hunter, Yvonne Kerr, Andrea Mozas, Charlie Scott, and Paul Slovenski.

Key projects on the go?

We resurrected the Ride-to-Church program in order to link those members of Jubilee needing a ride to Church with those able to provide the ride. If you know anyone who could use a ride let

Anne-Mari or Wendy in the Church Office, Norm or Lee Ann know or send Jeanne an email at william066@sympatico.ca. In addition to providing logistical support to events such as the Order of Good Cheer and Special Concerts, Membership Committee delivered community-based events such as Spring Fling (April) and the upcoming Family Halloween Party (Oct 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm) and congregational events like the Church Picnic (June) and the Happy-to-Have-You-Here lunch held Oct 5 2008. Ongoing work includes bringing you New Member Biographies and the

deeper stories involved in Getting to Know You found in Jubilation. We are very fortunate to have talented members and friends with a flair for writing.

What do we need and how can you help?

Membership Committee is looking for new members with input and ideas about the kinds of events that will attract young families into our bustling Church. Families are our future and we endeavour to help make sure that our future looks rosy by delivering the kinds of events that draw them through our doors.

FAMILY NEWS

Sympathy

Murray Symes - July 2
Nicole Blake - July 22
Art Everest - August 3

Anniversaries

Marion & Don Hunter
July 18 - 50th
Joyce & Howard Walker
Nov. 12th - 60th

Baptisms

June 22, 2008
Trevor MacKenzie

Weddings

May 10, 2008

Brad Downie &
Simone DeSouza

June 28, 2008

Dayne Roberts &
Lorri-Anne Lauzon

July 19, 2008

Michael Russell &
Diane Gilley

August 8, 2008

Vaughn Johnson &
Kim Sue Chang

NEW MEMBER



Joanne Van Veen

I have been living in Toronto for the past five years and began attending Jubilee with my sister, Julie, when we were living in North York. I instantly felt 'at home' at Jubilee because of the many friendly people who provided a sense of community. Also,

Norm and Lee-Ann's sermons are always thought provoking! My boyfriend, Will, and I enjoy the quiet time of Ulterior Worship on Monday evenings. I have grown up in the United Church and my father is a United Church minister at Calvary United Church in London, Ontario. I recently graduated from teacher's college and am still actively looking for employment (if you have any connections!) I have a background in social work and would love to utilize it within the field of education. Although I'm not sure what God has in store for me, attending Jubilee always encourages my faith that good things are in the works!



JUBILEE ARTCRAFT 2008

FRI NOV 7 12 PM - 7 PM
SAT NOV 8 10 AM - 4 PM

FEATURING HANDCRAFTED
GIFTS AND CREATIONS
BY LOCAL ARTISANS

HOMEMADE BAKING
JAMS AND JELLIES
SILENT AUCTION
SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH
3 COURSE CHICKEN FROMAGE DINNER
(ADVANCED DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE \$8.00)

ADMISSION \$2.00

*Looking for Donations of
Baking, Jams, Jellies
(bring Thursday or Friday morning)*

*Donations for Silent Auction
(goods or services)*



Yoga and Meditation Classes!
With Certified Instructor
Cathy Mines.

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At Jubilee United Church.

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All Inclusive Winter Yoga Retreat 2009

Feb 28th & Mar 1st. \$250.00

At the Beautiful Norman Château

Eaton Hall in King City!

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Up Close and Personal with Monique Giroux, Ted and Amélie Wheatley

When I asked Monique what drew her to Jubilee United Church, she said “I loved the energy in the building and thought the space was very cool”. Ted’s first impression was of the humour on the outdoor sign at Jubilee. He often laughed at the humorous messages as he drove past the church, heading home from work. Monique and Ted have lived in our community since 2003.

Christmas and a coincidence were what finally brought Monique and Ted to a service at Jubilee. As Ted and Monique were preparing for the arrival of their baby, they felt it was time to find a church they would enjoy. Around this time, Monique and friends went on a yoga/ meditation retreat in Peterborough. There, Monique met a lovely yoga instructor named Cathy Mines. As it turned out Cathy was the yoga instructor at Jubilee United, right in Monique and Ted’s neighbourhood. Monique joined Cathy’s yoga class at Jubilee which introduced her to our building and its “energy”.

When Christmas time came and a trip to visit family in

Sudbury was too strenuous with a baby, it seemed right that they try out Jubilee! With blue mugs in their hands after the service, they were warmly welcomed to our church. “I remember that Ruth and Robert Boyd were the first people to approach us” recalls Monique. “They were so friendly and made us feel so welcome.” That was 3 years ago and they have been regulars ever since!

Monique was born and raised in Sudbury until work opportunities brought her to Toronto in 2000. Her family in Sudbury attended the Catholic Church and her first language was french. In Toronto, Monique worked for the Canadian Cancer Society where she met Ted. She now works at CIBC as Head of Sponsorship and Brand Governance. She volunteers on the Board Sponsorship Marketing Council of Canada. Monique also works on the Run for the Cure, The Weekend to End Breast Cancer and approximately 20 other fundraising events yearly. Last year Monique participated as a “walker” in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer and completed the 60 km fundraiser. Monique remarks, “It was a powerful event as a participant”.

Ted was born on the Blackfoot Nation outside of Calgary in an Anglican household. His father worked for the Department of Indian Affairs so they moved often before Ted came along. Ted’s family settled in Sault Ste. Marie where Ted enjoyed childhood and adolescence in the safe, small town environment. Ted headed south to Toronto for University and never left. As an “over achiever in education”, Ted completed a degree in Engineering, an MBA and is a Certified General Accountant. He has

acquired even more credentials than that, but in his modest way, left those details out! Currently, Ted works for CIBC Telephone Banking as a Senior Director where he runs Project Groups, Reporting and Process Design.

Ted has worked in banking and insurance for his entire career but sought out volunteer work to fulfill the need to be helpful elsewhere. He volunteered on the board of the Canadian Cancer Society for 12 years and climbed to their most senior position. Now he is the Chair of Finance for the North York General Hospital Foundation.

Monique and Ted have a daughter Amélie whose birthday is in December. She loves the nursery, and especially Barb Ewins. She states that she “wants to go to church” in the mornings as she gets ready for school! Amélie attends the Giles School and in two short years is already bilingual. She can write the alphabet and her name in cursive! That’s quite an accomplishment for a four year old! She loves school, Sunday school, gymnastics, dancing and can draw pictures for hours. Ted and Monique reserve their spare time for family. When the work day is done, it’s all about their happy trio or volunteer work.

Both Ted and Monique enjoy the sense of community they feel at Jubilee. Ted likes attending church regularly because it keeps him out of trouble. He no longer golfs or spends too much money shopping on Sundays! In truth, Ted enjoys the sermons as they are modern and “don’t put you to sleep”. He enjoys chatting with our congregation at coffee time.

He appreciates that our church has a nursery. In fact, Ted made a good recommendation that we attract young families by advertising that we have a nursery for infants. The nursery was an added bonus he wasn’t expecting at church.

Monique loves Norm’s sermons which she finds engaging and interesting. She enjoys the very “kind” people at Jubilee and the level of commitment people make at church events. Sundays at Jubilee allow Monique the opportunity to “recharge and focus on the priorities in her life”. It is her time to “focus on trying to be a better person”, though I think she’s got that all figured out!

You may meet up with Ted as he ushers you down the aisle on a Sunday, or as he is picking up Amélie at the nursery. You may find Monique at a Revenue Generating Committee meeting or in the depths of organizing the clothing section of our Jubilee Garage Sale! Either way, I hope you get a chance to chat with this couple. They are fun, kind, genuine people that we are fortunate to have as members at Jubilee!

Andrea Mozas

Some *new* things planned for the latter part of 2008 and 2009.

Five Uninterrupted Minutes

On November 19 and 26; December 3 and 10, at 7:30 pm you are invited to speak for 5 minutes without fear of interruption or contradiction. Each night will have a “Theme” question – On November 19th it will be “Who is God?”. You are invited to tell the gathering what you think. It’s not a debate, but a sharing of ideas and insights. After speaking, you may be asked questions for clarification, but you will not be challenged. As each of us share our thoughts and ideas, inspiration will grow and we will fight the culture of division and polarization. And wouldn’t it be great to talk without being interrupted?

Sabbath Club

Beginning in 2009, wouldn’t it be great to discover the power of a true Sabbath. One day without work, devoted to self and spiritual growth? One day a month will be selected and participants will have a list of things that they may try to take out of the daily routine i.e. No cooking, No working, No electricity, No negativity (is that ironic?), No travel, No telephone.... And other ideas. Participants will chose the way they want to observe the Sabbath, but we all do it on the same Friday or Saturday. Then, on Sunday, we will gather for lunch after church and share our experiences, struggles and insights. We will start with one day a month and see what happens. Frequency and degree of participation will be entirely up to you, but wouldn’t it be great to slow the world down, if only for one day a month?

Jubilee Xtreme

In 2009, let’s start something really new. A group devoted to experience. A meeting in January, over dinner, to decide on two projects. One of Spiritual Development – perhaps a silent retreat, or a visit to a Spiritual Centre, something of personal reflective value. A second project for improving the world – perhaps building houses with Habitat for Humanity, or setting up a neighbourhood garden, or visiting the lonely and marginalized – anything that takes us out of ourselves and into the real world. In the next 4 months, both projects are realized and a celebration dinner is held. Then we begin again... Looking In and Looking Out, these days that qualifies as “Xtreme” – to Jesus, it was just another day realizing the Kingdom of God.

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So, that’s some of what’s happening – I hope that you’ll be able to join us and be part of all that is Jubilee United Church.

Rev. Seli

SIX WEEK FILM SERIES BEGINS OCT. 22



Two award winning documentaries, three new films about old countries and one other, still in negotiation will be featured in a new series of films for viewing and discussion. Since we are approaching Christmas, the films will give insights into new life. Films begin at 7 pm. in the Garden Room.

October 22nd: PAPER CLIPS, along with a guest who will introduce us to the film and lead a brief discussion afterwards.

October 29th: THE PAINTED VEIL. A young British bride goes with her husband to work in the chaotic world of India in the 1920's.

November 5th: THE KITE RUNNER. Based on the international best seller, this deeply moving story about childhood best friends is based in Afghanistan. The film has been nominated for numerous awards for music, performance and best foreign film.

November 12th: THE VISITOR. A depressed university professor finds his life transformed by a chance encounter in New York City.

November 19 and 26: Three possibilities to be announced: JUNO; AND THEN SHE FOUND ME (a new Bette Midler film) and MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES.

EMERGING SPIRIT - NORM’S BLOG

In case you are interested, Rev. Seli writes a weekly blog for the United Church of Canada’s **Emerging Spirit**. You can read his blog, and others, on the web site:

www.emergingspirit.ca . Go to Norm’s blog directly at www.emergingspirit.ca/blog/normseli

Living the Hope – coming to Jubilee December 5&6

From 2007 through early 2008, Emerging Spirit held 32 “Living the Welcome” training events across the country attended by teams from nearly 1000 United Church pastoral charges. These trainings helped to equip congregations to connect with those people interested in a church with the characteristics of The United Church of Canada.



Now, Emerging Spirit is launching a new congregational training event called "Living the Hope." This event takes the learnings gathered through the first round of training events and focus on three areas which have emerged as critical to the work of nurturing welcoming congregations which are faithful, relevant, and vital:

Stream 1: Re-imagining Sunday Morning

Stream 2: Building Connections in Community

Stream 3: Exploring Leadership

Emerging Spirit is about change. The study streams offered at Living the Hope follow three levels of change that a congregation may encounter when seeking to increase the effectiveness of its welcoming ministries:

Developmental change focuses on congregational "welcoming etiquette," including skills, knowledge, and acts of welcoming newcomers.

Transitional change focuses on redesigning strategies and programs.

Transformational change is a change in organizational culture involving an overhaul of strategies, systems, behaviours, and mindsets.

Jubilee will be hosting and sending at least 6 of our members to participate. Our own, Rev. Norm, is one of the presenters and facilitators. So, tell your friends in neighbouring churches about the event and consider whether or not you would like to be one of the participants. It promises to be an event filled with Great Learning, Great Fellowship and Great Hope.



The Jubilee Order of Good Cheer looks forward to seeing you this season !

Tues. Oct. 21, 2008

“Otteto Prosciutto”

‘Otteto Prosciutto’ is a traditional woodwind octet, comprised of two each of oboes, clarinets, French horns and bassoons.

Members of the group perform with the city’s best community orchestras, bands and theatre-pit orchestras during the musical season, but in the off-season they enjoy the opportunity to explore the many major works for this smaller combination.

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The five programs presented during the 2007-2008 concert season raised a total of \$3489 towards the purchase of lighting and equipment for the

Jubilee sanctuary. The proceeds from the five concerts planned for the 2008-2009 season will also be used for this purpose, however it is hoped that much of the lighting will be installed by Christmas of this year.

The programs planned for the coming season are outlined below. Again, as in the past, we have strived for a variety of interesting, challenging and sometimes unusual programs. Please make a note of these dates.

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these presentations. Admission remains at \$10, and Season Tickets are being sold for \$40 for all five concert. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

Ed Rutherford,
Program Convenor, J.O.G.C

2008—2009

Tues. Oct. 21, 2008

“Otteto Prosciutto”

Classical instrumental octet.

Tues. Jan. 27, 2009

“Music and Mystery” - ???

Wed. Feb. 25, 2009

“Woburn Senior jazz Band”
Youth, talent & great music.

Fri. Mar. 20, 2009

“The Ulster Accordion Band”
Music & songs for St. Patrick.

Tues. May 5, 2009

“The Toronto Choristers”
100 voices in concert !



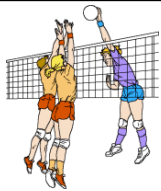
omg...lol

(that's, *oh my gosh . . . laugh out loud* for those of you who don't understand cyber speak)

Badminton, ping pong, darts, Wii tennis and baseball . . . what more could a youth ask for on a Friday night with friends . . . 21 friends to be exact? “**All about Mii**” was a fantastic first event for our new season! Thank you to Gwenn Rayner, Kathleen Taylor, Sandy Hisaw and Joanne Van Veen for their help in creating a great evening of fun.

Our youth program is growing and changing this year. On alternate Friday nights at Jubilee through to December from 7:00 – 9:30pm there will be activities for youth grade 6 – 12. Gwenn Rayner is inviting churches all around our area to join us in building a healthy, play-filled and supportive environment for young people in our neighbourhood.

There will also be opportunities for youth to join in on congregational events such as the upcoming **Halloween Party and haunted house on October 25th** and the annual **Christmas dinner November 29th**. We welcome support and assistance from adult volunteers who have a heart for young people. Help us encourage and inspire the youth in our community. Spread the word if you can! We want young people to know that Jubilee is the place to be! Here's what's coming up . . .



Common Ground

Meet with some old friends or make some new ones as we reunite with our Common Ground friends at North Beach Volleyball, 74 Railside Rd., Sunday **October 26th** at 1pm. \$5.00 cover charge for court time and pizza.

FRIGHT NIGHT: On Friday, **October 31st**, 7:00 – 9:30 pm, we'll take on “**Fright Night!**” with fearless determination. No need to be afraid of the boogey man when you've got friends to protect you. Come join us and have some freaky fun! Costumes not required but candy is dandy.

Also mark **November 14th, & 28th** 7:00 – 9:30pm in your calendar . . . theme T.B.D.

Contact Lee-Ann for more information and details about youth programs 416-447-6846 ext. 104



DISCOVERY ZONES

Beth Frise started off DZ this Fall exploring Paul's adventures in the New Testament with the theme of “Friendship and Community Building”.

Iona Williams, Sandy Hisaw and Daniel Gaito will lead the children in “Giving and Sharing” over the month of October. On October 26th they'll be inviting us to join them for some Stone Soup during coffee hour.

In November Andrea Mozas and Rhonda Gray will lead the children in exploring “Gifts and Talents”.

Envelopes are available for children whose families would like to receive a tax receipt for donations to Discovery Zones. Please ask the teaching team on Sunday morning.

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Mat. 6:21

My Offering

Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount: _____

LAST CHANCE—BEST CHANCE CHRISTMAS JEWELRY SHOW

Friday December 19th
2-9pm
Admission Free



(This is a rental, but come anyway !)

NOTES From PROPERTY -

Thank-you's: To Kathleen Fall, Kim David, Fran Crabe, Pathfinders & Venturers.

Faithful Workers : Liz & Mel Williamson, Lyle & Bev Miller,

Gardeners Extraordinaire - Marianne & Harvey Bride .

Volunteers Always Needed - Come to one of our work team gatherings - let Barb now if you have special skills & talents to offer to Jubilee.



Vacation Bible School

We Did It! This year's VBS program was created and designed by a team of volunteers from Jubilee and it



turned out to be a wonderful success. Under Valerie (Dr. Dress Up) Winter's leadership, a number of people joined in to develop *Holy Time Travel*. They then entrusted their creative work to the Director, Lee-Ann (Dr. Where) Ahlstrom who gathered more helpers to make it happen. Thanks to Jordan Winters who created Dr. When and to Rev. Norm for bringing the mad scientist to life. Appreciation goes to Drew Winters for helping put music and voice to Norm's camp song lyrics which are still stuck in our heads. Kudos to Grant Winters, Michelle Thompson, James Sharp, Travis Dongen, James Hawton, Sue (Time Machine) Hawton, Deb (Dr. Nano) Johnston, Sandy (Dr. Whatever) Hisaw and Andrea (Dr. Warp) Mozas for the amazing games, crafts, snacks and drama. And applause

to Barb (Dr. Who) Measures, Bill (Dr. Time) Elger, Iona (Dr. Munch) Williams, Jeanne (Nurse Who) Kennedy, Marlonn (Dr. Lockstead, Laura (Dr. Whazzup) Culliton, Lauren Good, Katie McLeod, Kate Henning, Mikaila Hirschler, Krystianna Makowensky, Jack Donahue, Katie Theriault, Melissa Ahlstrom, T.J. Young, Jennifer Hopkins and Ryan Good for making our 30 VBS participants feel warmly and joyfully welcomed. Well done everyone!

Music Club For Kids

Mondays After School

Jubilant Jammers

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Grades 1 – 5
September 08 – June 09



Music Director: Alcina Chiu
Assistant: Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

\$25.00 Drop In Fee (\$20.00 for each Sibling)

Or pay for individual sessions at a savings.

(Note: subsidies are available for those who need them.)

Contact Lee-Ann for more information or to register.
416-447-6846 ext. 104

Mark Your Calendars !

Nov 2nd 7:30pm Bob Greenwood Memorial Concert

Nov 7,8 (Fri/Sat) ARTCRAFT 2008

Nov 9, Dec 7 (Sun) 7:30pm Definitely NOT Church

Nov 21 (Fri) 7:30pm Friday Nighters with Tim Elliott

Nov 28 (Fri) 3-7:30pm Blood Donor Clinic

Nov 29 (Sat) 8:30am Men's Breakfast

Nov 29 (Sat) 6pm Christmas Dinner

Nov 30 (Sun) 7:30pm Labyrinth Service

Dec 1,15 (Mon) 8:35pm Ulterior Worship

Dec 2 (Tues) 1:30pm UCW Carols & Friends

Dec 5,6 (Fri,Sat) Emerging Spirit Event at Jubilee

Dec 12, 13 (Fri, Sat) 7:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Dec 14 (Sun) 7pm Worldwide Candle Lighting Service

Dec 17 (Wed) 7:30pm OGC: Toronto Choristers Concert

Dec 19 (Fri) 2-9pm Norm's Antique Jewelry Show

Dec 20 (Sat) Youth Christmas Party

Dec 21 (Sun) 10:30am Christmas Pageant

Dec 24 (Wed) 7:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service

Dec 24 (Wed) 11pm Christmas Eve Communion Service

Dec 28 (Sun) 7:30pm Labyrinth Service

Dec 31 (Wed) 8-9:30pm New Year's Eve Yoga (416-803-9907)

Jan 20 (Tues) 7:30pm OGC - Around the World in 60 minutes

Jan 30 (Fri) 3-7:30pm Blood Donor Clinic

Feb 17-28 Kiwanis Festival at Jubilee

Feb 25 (Wed) 7:30pm OGC - Woburn Jazz Band



Walking the Labyrinth

Gathering in sacred circle in the journey toward peace and wholeness is a welcome respite in our hectic and high pressured lives. Walking alone and enjoying the solitude is a gift. Walking with others and feeling the nurturing, caring energy of the Creator through the presence of others is truly amazing. If you have never walked and are unsure of what to do, don't worry, we are all there to offer guidance and support as you need it. Our gatherings include readings, reflections, candle lighting, healing touch (if our therapeutic touch hands are present), prayer and/or meditation and other creative activities to awaken the soul. In September we were led in movement and dance through the leadership of Nia practitioner Lainie Magidsohn.

Hope you can join us . . . here's what's coming up . . .

October 26th, 7:30pm we will be "*Celebrating the Work of our Hands*" with an anointing and blessing. Materials will be available for those who enjoy the experience of creating, molding and shaping with clay.

November 30th, 7:30pm "*Preparing the Way*" will invite you to open yourself creatively to envisioning what is really important about the coming Christmas season. Through walking, reflection and collage you will have the opportunity to either affirm what you value most or create a vision of something new to embrace.

December 21st, 7:30pm a "*Winter Solstice Celebration*" will include some comfy old traditions including hot cider, shortbread and Christmas carols.

"When you walk the labyrinth, you allow things to clear away. Often, people walk in and have a releasing process to go through first, releasing anger, resentment, tears, all of that. When that clears through, then all of the sudden images will begin to come when you're walking the labyrinth--memories, dream fragments. So the imagination then informs the person of what needs to be worked through and released, or gives information to the person about what their next step is in life. The beauty of the labyrinth is, you find your own natural pace. You see, that's the key for our culture nowadays. You walk in and your body determines the pace. As you find your pace, you join the natural flow in your own being and in your own soul. When you join the natural flow in yourself, you can join the cosmic dance with others." Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, author of *Walking the Sacred Path*.



Jubilee United will once again host **The Worldwide Candle Lighting Service** on December 14, 2008. The service will begin at 6:50 pm. The Worldwide Candle Lighting started in the United States in 1997 as a small Internet observance but has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance. Now believed to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe, the Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift from The Compassionate Friends to the bereavement community, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. Hundreds of formal candle lighting events are held and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten. The Holiday season

can be a very difficult time for many families and individuals who have lost a child. Many do not find this as a joyous season as it is normally a time spent with family. This could be their first or tenth year without their loved one but their pain is still as fresh as if their loss happened yesterday. The Worldwide Candle Lighting Service gives them the opportunity to remember and celebrate their child's life. The service welcomes anyone who wishes to attend to remember a lost child. We will not only be remembering children with names, but the many children around the world who have been forgotten and the many sons and daughters lost in the military.



Who picks the blessed Hymns?

It's a question that I am often asked. Sometimes by those who are thrilled with the selection, barely able to keep their toes from tapping as they inquire as to whom they should direct their blessings and praise. Other times, the motivation isn't quite as laudatory.

So, let me tell you how it works. Dr. Arthur Wenk, our music director, provides me with four suggested hymns as well as the Anthem and occasional solo. These selections are meant to support and bring clarity to the scriptures for that given Sunday. From time to time, I will take Art's recommendations. More often, I will modify Art's selections with one or two of my own selections. Sometimes I want to create conflict between reading and hymn for dramatic effect, often I want to include a hymn because it has a different style than the other selections and I want to broaden the appeal of our hymns, inspiring young and old, traditional and otherwise. Hymn use is tracked and Art and I try to avoid singing any given hymn too often – not because we don't like familiarity, but because we don't want to fall into a rut, or create some kind of music club with which insiders are at home, but newcomers are mystified.

On any given Sunday, it is my hope that you will sing at least one hymn that is an "old favourite" (to you) and at least one hymn that is a "new delight"; one hymn that speaks to our tradition and another that pushes us a little beyond tradition (musically or theologically).

So, even as you sing your favourite hymn, please understand that there is probably somebody in church mystified by that song's inclusion in the service, and when it comes your turn to "tolerate" an odd selection remember that you might be offering a gift to the very person who was feeling left out by your "old favourite".

Oh, and when all the hymns miss on a particular Sunday, do what I do... blame Lee-Ann.

Rev. Seli

ONGOING and UPCOMING (from Rev. Norm)

Definitely NOT Church

Drew Winters and I will continue to tell stories, sing songs and bring new (if slightly twisted) light on stories from the Bible. Look for the Christmas Story without the Star, Bible Idol (where you get to vote for your favourites) and some of our old friends as we visit the Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan and a particularly ornery guy named "Paul".

Something LIKE Church

Early on a Sunday morning, once a month, we share worship that is story based and will become more and more experiential... not just listening! The music will be continue to be lead by the Jubilants, a band that includes vocals, piano, bass and drums – but we are also having jam sessions the week before *Something LIKE Church* to invite other musicians to join us from time to time. Maybe you want to give it a try one month? Also, for those who can't get out of bed for 9am, look for an added later service in the New Year.

Living the Questions

Meeting on Tuesday afternoons, we are currently discussing Jesus, The Apostle Paul and the Roman Empire. All with an eye, ear and heart open to Progressive Christianity. Lively discussion and diverse opinions make these great afternoons for anyone to attend.

Bob Greenwood Memorial Concert:

Fauré Requiem

Conducted by Dr. Arthur Wenk
with the Jubilee Festival Orchestra,
Choir & Soloists
& Guest choristers from
the Toronto Classical Singers

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 7:30 p.m.
Advance Tickets \$25



CHRISTMAS IS COMING !!

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Sat. Nov. 29th 6pm
UCW Carols & Friends - Tues. Dec 12th 1:30pm
CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT - 2 nights!
Friday Dec. 12th & Saturday Dec 13th - 7:30pm
Toronto Choristers Concert - Dec 17th 7:30pm
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sun. Dec 21st 10:30am
CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE - 7:30pm
CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION - 11pm

