

# Jubilation!

*Autumn 2013*

**Jubilation!** is the newsletter of Jubilee United Church  
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## Notes from Norm



And they are!  
So, why bother?

Most United Church leaders, at the least that ones that I know, can't be bothered with church signs. Old technology... too cute... nobody reads 'em... who cares?? These are the things that I hear regularly.

And I beg to differ.  
Actually, I demand to differ.

In the 8+ years that I have been with you at Jubilee, I have had more comments about our signs; more fuss and more attention is paid to our signs than I ever imagined. Our signs are often texted, tweeted, and put on Facebook by our National Church, other United Church ministers, individuals and sometimes churches in the United States. The United Church of Canada regularly puts our signs on the national Facebook page... truly a collaboration between old and new technologies.

But the value in our church sign is not in Facebook "likes" or internet hits: the value is in what is being communicated to our community. Our sign is changed several times a week and that alone sends a message that we are an active and busy church. If you're looking for a place to nap and not be bothered... don't come here. But if you are looking for a chance to experience live music, informed lectures, social groups, help the community, understand the Bible, explore faith, or engage with a varied and interesting world, we just might be worth a visit.



Our signs let people know a little bit about who we are:

**We are people of faith, but also people of questions...** we are people of variety and understanding. A few years ago, a man called me up to ask for help. His life was coming apart in every way imaginable and he wanted to know if there really was a God and how I could be sure... When I invited him over to talk, he said, "I always read your signs, I knew that someone there would understand..."

Our signs communicate to people that we are open and ready to listen; that we are not judgmental and don't take ourselves too seriously. In August, as I was changing the sign on a Sunday afternoon, a man on a bicycle stopped to ask if God would punish him for not believing. "If you don't believe, then why would you fear punishment?" I asked him. "Well, it's just that I don't always believe... or don't believe the right way." And so our discussion went on for a little while as I shared my thoughts about God and life and he shared his.... That discussion was initiated by our signs.



People have told me that they have been challenged, informed, and comforted by our signs... others appreciate the chance to smile – but it's not about being clever or funny; it's about revealing a little bit about who we are that actually brings people into our doors. A recent arrival at Jubilee tells me that it was this sign that convinced her that she wanted to become part of our community.

A recent sign inspired a young woman to write me a note thanking us for respecting her faith and community as a true neighbour. She said that she felt "Blessed" by our sign.



And that's why we put up the signs that we put up... to be good neighbours, to invite conversation, to inspire a smile, to challenge, and affirm..

But we have more than just one sign. We actually have hundreds of signs that pop up all over our community and far beyond. We have YOU.

### So, what kind of sign are you?

I know that many of us would rather not stand out, we don't particularly want to be "read" by others and we don't really want to say too much, because we don't want to offend. But is the world made any better when we keep it all to ourselves? What if each of us decided each day that we would be a sign to somebody else... just one person, each day? What if you decided that today you would say, do or show something that might comfort another person? Bring a smile? Challenge an opinion? Reveal something about who are you really are??

Imagine what conversations you might have? Imagine who might open up, just because she read your signs and knew that you'd understand.... Imagine, the opportunity to share the gentle love of God sits so quietly and wonderfully within you...

And now that you've imagined it...  
**I challenge you to live it!**  
 I'll keep making signs, if you will...  
 And I'll bet, that together,  
 we just might change the world.

*Norm*



# Meet the Gang

You've seen them in the sanctuary and around the halls of Jubilee, but how much do you really know about the members of the Jubilee Youth Group? Well, that's about to change. Meet three members of our group Chelsea, Jack and Benjamin and learn a little bit more about what they've been up to lately.



This past summer Jack Mozas worked as a Produce Clerk at the *Foodland* in Port Carling where the family cottage is located. If you ask him, he will tell you he enjoyed the new experience and it was a really great first job. Except that wasn't his first job. Four years ago Jack and his brother Reid started a ski tuning business with two of their friends, tuning skies for ski racers. Jack has raced out of the *Heights of Horseshoe Ski Club* for the past seven years and the ski tuning business allows him to upgrade or purchase new equipment. The part that Jack likes the most though is the social side, "I've made some of my best friends from skiing".

A highlight of Jack's summer was the trip he and his family took out west in August. They rented an RV and drove through Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper on their way to Vancouver. "There were unbelievable parks with bright blue lakes and giant snow peaked mountains." Once in Vancouver, the RV was swapped for a car and it was on to Vancouver Island for surfing in Tofino and white water rafting in Revelstoke.

This fall Jack will be going into grade eleven and hopes to play on the soccer, basketball and rugby teams again. After high school Jack would like to study business and his goal is to attend Queens University for Commerce.

From web design to music composition to book writing, 17 year old Benjamin Gabbay likes to do it all. This past summer, Benjamin added web design to his already hectic schedule and was hired to work on two web sites. One is a re-work of an existing site and the other is a design and build from scratch.

Benjamin has also been working on part two of the *Wingheart* trilogy, *Wingheart: Spirits Gate*, and hopes to publish it by the fall of 2014. Luminous Rock, the first in the trilogy is selling well and a highlight for Benjamin was having a booth at *Comicon* this past March. Benjamin will be sharing his passion for writing with other teens this October when he hosts a workshop at the Young Voices Conference presented by the Toronto Public Library. Benjamin has attended for the past three years but this will be the first time that he will be running a workshop.

The other love of Benjamin's life is music and he will be continuing his studies this fall at the Royal Conservatory of Music, focussing on music history. Part two of the grade ten piano exam is also slated for this fall. Part one was this June and he passed with flying colours. Squished in between all of this is music composition. Benjamin has just completed another piece and hopes to have it up on Facebook shortly. Benjamin finds composing music easier than writing his book but if you were to ask him to choose between the two he couldn't. Each feeds him in a different way but both put him in his happiest place: creativity.



Sixteen year old Chelsea Murphy-Davison spent 12 days this summer at *Trails Youth Initiative Camp* in Newmarket taking part in the Leader in Training summer program. As part of that program, Chelsea spent eight days on a sea kayaking trip on Georgian Bay. Although kayaking on Georgian Bay might seem a bit daunting, Chelsea found it easy and fun. "Even on the windy days when it was a bit scary, riding the huge waves made you forget about any nerves." On each day of the trip, there was a different Leader of the Day. The LOD was responsible for getting the whole group to their destination and making decisions for the group with supervision from counsellors. However, on the final day, it was up to the LIT's to get to their take out point without any help from counsellors. Chelsea was one of the navigators for that day. For Chelsea the hardest thing to do was the 24 hour solo. Each camper was placed on their own for 24 hours with food, water, a tarp, sleep mat and sleeping bag. This pushed Chelsea's comfort zone because she doesn't like to sleep in the woods alone. Boredom proved to be a bit of a challenge, but Chelsea says that she told herself, "now when

you're at home with nothing to do, don't say you're bored. You have a phone, tv, books, and more." The point of the exercise was for the campers to really take time to enjoy being out in the woods and to appreciate what they have. Not everyone would have the opportunity to do what the group had been doing. Chelsea said it made her appreciate who she has in her life as well as what she has. After it was all over, the campers went directly to a cabin called *Limberlost* where they were able to sleep in real beds and relax. The Leader in Training program is something Chelsea would definitely recommend for other teenagers. "With all the technology we have as teenagers, we don't really take the time to appreciate what it used to be like. It's also a chance to get away from your everyday worries and just be out in the woods with friends"

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JUBILEE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22

AT 9:00 AM  
PAY WHAT YOU CAN

HAVE A SHORT STACK  
FOR A TALL CAUSE



## SINGERS

interested in joining the  
Jubilee Festival Singers  
for

*Carols by Candlelight*  
should get

in touch with  
Art Wenk at  
905-842-8488.

Rehearsals  
Thursday evenings  
8:30pm-9:30pm.



### YOU CAN LEARN TO READ MUSIC.

**It's easier than you think!**

Pick a date (October 20, October 27,  
November 3, or November 10) and  
join Art for thirty minutes in the  
sanctuary following Sunday worship.

### MUSIC AT MIDDAY Thursdays at Noon

October 24  
French Romantic Music  
Franck's B Minor Chorale and  
selections from Widor's Symphony  
No. 5  
including the familiar Toccata

December 5  
A French Baroque Christmas  
Noëls by Balbastre, Raison, Corrette,  
Dandrieu and Daquin

### SUNDAY EVENING ORGAN RECITALS

2013

Organist: Dr. Arthur Wenk

7:30 p.m.

September 29  
Works by Bach, Handel and Franck,  
closing with Liszt's virtuoso Prelude  
and Fugue on B-A-C-H

December 22  
A Christmas concert featuring familiar  
carols and including  
three movements from Tchaikovsky's  
Nutcracker Suite



The Jubilee Living and Learning  
**LECTURE SERIES**  
FALL 2013



**“HISTORY AND THE ARTS”**

Five Wednesday afternoons 1:00-2:30pm

**Oct. 30 / Nov. 6 / 13 / 20 / 27**

Cost of Series \$25

Individual Lectures \$8

**Registration**

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*(Cheques payable to Jubilee United Church)*

**\*OCTOBER 30: *The Agony and the Ecstasy of Theatre Criticism***

Theatre criticism – whether it praises or pans – is an entertainment in itself. We'll look at some of the wittiest critics since the early days of theatre, and also some of the most powerful, who, like Canadian critic Nathan Cohen, changed the theatrical landscape. Then you'll discover some tips about how to view theatre which will enrich your theatre-going experience and enliven your post-theatre discussions.

Presenter: Vrenia Ivonoffski

**NOVEMBER 6: *“The Wizard of Oz” – Myth America***

While Frank Baum's original “Oz” book of 1900 is a rambling fairy tale, the “Oz” film, starring Judy Garland, is the story of a 13-year-old girl growing up in Middle America. It is also a parable that criticises Freud and organized religion, with a few plugs for sexual feminism, vegetarianism, and aluminum.

Presenter: John Rutherford

**NOVEMBER 13: *The Art of Song Writing***

How are songs written? Is there a step-by-step process, or do they just fall out of the ether? What inspires songwriters to marry music and words together in a unique and often moving way? Join Drew Winters as he reveals his secrets, and maybe even help him write something new ...

Presenter: Drew Winters

**NOVEMBER 20: *The Stained Glass Window Story***

An illustrated history of this nine-hundred year old art form, from its beginnings in the Christian church to the present, where it may be found almost anywhere – in the church, the library, the museum, the private home, the airport, the casino, and the brothel.

Presenter: Ed Rutherford

**\*NOVEMBER 27: *Rulers and Artists in the Age of Alexander***

the Great and Beyond: Most recent Archaeological Discoveries from the 4th and 3rd centuries B. C. E.

A compelling story based on the field discoveries of an artist who is the first to be preserved in the history of European monument paintings; illustrated with photo images.

Presenter: Konstantin Boshnakov

*\*Assistance by the Chang School for Continuing Education, Ryerson University, in arranging these lectures is appreciated.*

## Outreach

Jubilee is very well represented in Brookbanks for African Grannies. On a beautiful Sunday in June, we participated in a walk on Centre Island to raise money for the "Stephen Lewis Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign". Our Jubilee community was very generous, and the total amount of money we contributed was over \$5000.00. In this photo Celia Wall, Phyllis Ainsworth and Cathy Patrick are waiting for the ferry to the island, accompanied by Carol and Betty from Parkwoods.

We are now preparing for our next fundraiser in September.



## ATTENTION: PARENTS OF JUBILEE (big announcer voice).

Have we got a deal for you!

Yes you too can hand your child over to Lee-Ann and her posse, every Sunday morning for Godly play.

Ages 4 - 9 "The Jesus Storybook Bible Series" with Lee-Ann, Amanda and Friends.

Ages 10 - 12 "Faith in Action" with Susan and Friends.

Ages 12 + "Faith in Action" with Jo and Friends.

### BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Yes, you lucky parents of youth grades 6 and up, imagine a few blissful Friday nights without your pre-teen or teenager lurking around the house.

Youth Games Night is back, 7pm to 9pm on the following Fridays, starting with...

**September 20** – Urban Frisbee Golf at Jubilee - It's not really golf and it's not really frisbee, but it is really fun!

**October 18** – Fun Stuff in the Gym.

**November 8** – Fun Stuff in the Gym.

**November 29** – wait for it . . . , yes still more Fun Stuff in the Gym.

And finally, to all members of Jubilee, if you are able to be a helper or "Friend" to one of the teachers on a Sunday morning, on a regular or occasional basis, please speak to Lee-Ann or Jo.

## UCW Fall Gathering



**NEW DATE**

**Tuesday, October 22nd**

**Dinner: 6 pm**

**Presentation: 7:30**

**Guest Speaker – Barbara Dickson**

**"GECO: the Girls behind the Guns"**  
*The story of the women who worked at the Scarborough munitions factory.*  
**Tickets \$7 in advance only**  
**through the office or UCW units**

*We are in need of helpers to serve and clean up. If you are available for a half hour and would like to volunteer, sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer beginning September 22nd.*

★ Jubilee Youth Group Fundraiser ★



**Saturday, September 28, 2013**

**7 pm - 10 pm**

**admission: \$10/person or \$20 per family**

**A fun night of square dancing and reels**  
**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

# Fellowship Committee



**Welcome Back Luncheon**  
September 29



**Halloween Party**  
October 26



**Christmas Dinner**  
November 30

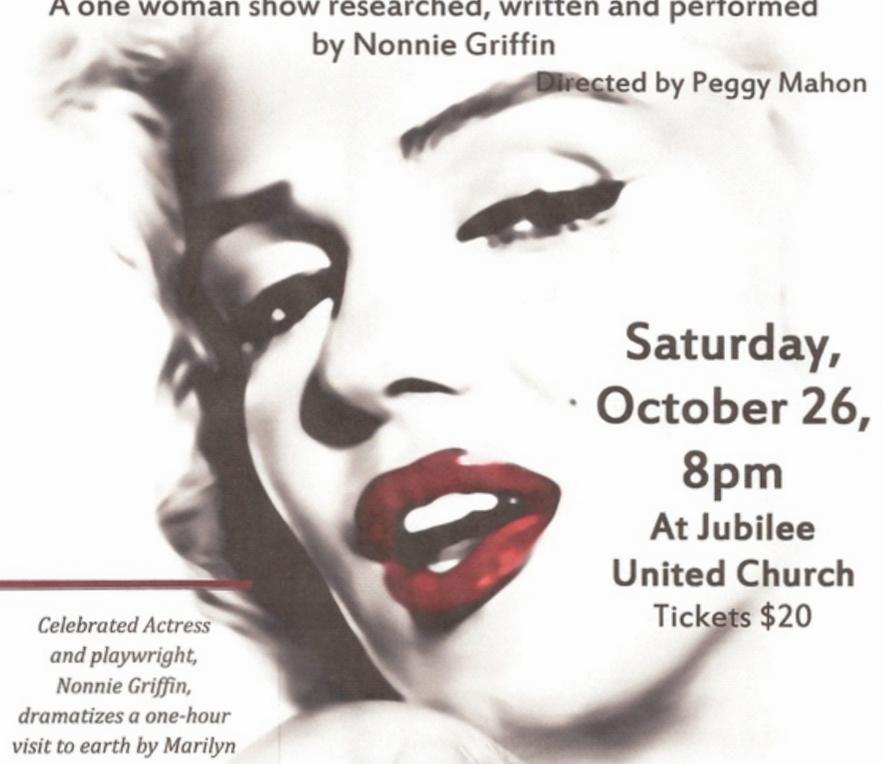
For additional information on any these events, please refer to your church bulletin or the church website: [www.jubileeunited.ca](http://www.jubileeunited.ca)

What if? What might she have to say??

## Marilyn ~ After

A one woman show researched, written and performed  
by Nonnie Griffin

Directed by Peggy Mahon



**Saturday,  
October 26,  
8pm  
At Jubilee  
United Church  
Tickets \$20**

*Celebrated Actress  
and playwright,  
Nonnie Griffin,  
dramatizes a one-hour  
visit to earth by Marilyn  
Monroe 50 years after her  
death, with the intention  
of setting the record  
straight about her life,  
loves and death.*



Tickets at the Door  
or at Church Office  
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## Jubilee ArtCraft

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 1 – 8pm  
*Friday Cash Wine Bar 5-8 pm*

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 4pm

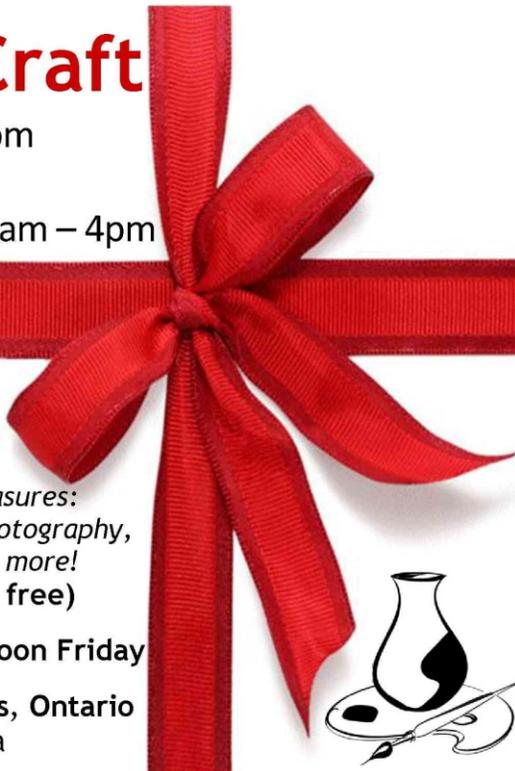
### An Annual Sensation, Celebration and Sale

*featuring unique hand crafted treasures:  
clothing, jewelry, pottery, art, photography,  
baked goods, jams and jellies, and more!*

**Admission: \$2 (children, free)**

Luncheon and Tea Café from Noon Friday

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## Ultior Worship

*A refreshing break from the rush of life*



*Jubilee United Church*

**The First and Third Monday  
of every month,  
join us for Ultior Worship  
@ 8:35pm  
It really is better  
when you are here**



# Joining Jubilee

We will be **Receiving New Members**,  
and welcoming **Transferred Members**  
**on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*(All Saints Sunday – but no pressure!)*

If you are interested in becoming a member or transferring your membership, please call the office and speak with Pat

**AND/ OR**

Come on out to a membership afternoon, (Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm)  
when all questions about

The United Church of Canada, Jubilee United Church and Membership will  
be answered!!

**Dates will be in the Church Bulletin and on the Website**



## We DID IT!



On Sunday, June 3rd, Jubilee became an OFFICIAL Affirming Ministry – the first in North York! The service was created and lead by several members and friends of the Jubilee Community including, Jason Amell, Greg Daly, Billy McKendry, Rev. Susan Mabey (leader and preacher), Marlice MacLeod, Barb Measures, Anna Noel, Barb Secord, Lorriane Wilson, Rev. Seli and the Jubilants. Our Certificate was presented by Ruth Bramham of Affirm United and the service was glorious. As much as the day felt like a celebration, it was really the beginning of an intentional ministry of embracing and celebrating diversity and recognizing God's love for and desire to act through all people. We are particularly aware of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) people, but we do not want to limit our welcome or inclusion to any single group: we will strive to be aware of the barriers to all people to full participation in the church and community, including: Age, Ability, Economic Status, and Cultural Norms.

We did it... now, it's time for us to DO IT!



## Going a little deeper...

### Study Groups at Jubilee



Bible Study, every Tuesday Morning 8am – 9am.

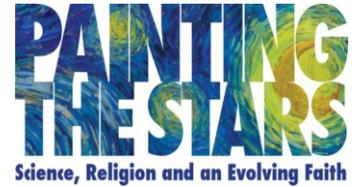
The coffee is hot and the people welcoming. An informal Bible Study that requires no prior knowledge of the Bible. We read together the Bible Passages for the upcoming Sunday Church service and we talk about them... how they sound, what they say to us, what they might mean to others. We don't try to find agreement, just a little time to think and share the Word of God. You are invited to come out any time and you can expect to be joined by 6 to 12 others.

## Living the Questions – Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-3pm.



The coffee is on, there is usually fruit and maybe some cookies to share, and together we watch a dynamic video highlighting some part of our faith, with modern thought and commentary. This Fall, we will be exploring the ways that Science and Faith come together with “Painting the Stars”. No previous experience is required... Honest! The discussion is lively and friendly and you can expect to be with 14 to 24 others in this group.

### And HOW ABOUT a little **PAINTING THE STARS** at night?



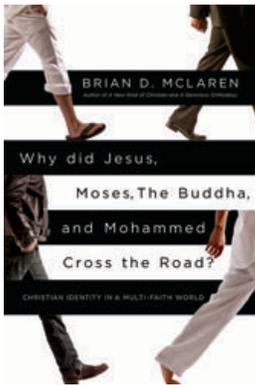
#### Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith

Celebrating the communion of science and faith, *Painting the Stars* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading evolutionary theologians and progressive thinkers, the seven-session program includes readings, videos and lots of opportunity to wonder about what it might mean to be a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Don't let the strange words confuse you... come out and spend some time talking about faith.

#### The First Tuesday of every Month at 7:30pm.

October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6

If you any questions, ask Rev. Seli, check the website: [www.livingthequestions.com](http://www.livingthequestions.com), or just show up!



OR maybe you'd like to spend a **Saturday morning at Jubilee**, with a cup of coffee, some interesting people, and the opportunity to talk about how it might be possible for Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Christians, and others to support, love, and live together in the world? **The Second Saturday of every month at 10 am**, the coffee will be hot and the conversation cool as we discuss Brian McLaren's book, “**Why did Jesus, Moses, The Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road?**”

The book is available at Amazon.ca or Rev. Seli can arrange to get you a copy.

**We'll begin Saturday, October 12 at 10 – 11:30 am** and we'll continue for at least 5 months, so the reading load won't be tough.

### The Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund is a modest and discreet fund that I use to help folks in greatest need. There are no reports made or records kept; it is entirely at my discretion. In the past year it has been used to help people go to school, to camp, stay in their homes, buy food and keep the power on. It is my policy to shy away from repeat requests, and to try and keep the amounts given modest, so that we can reach as many as possible and not turn people away when the funds are depleted. However, as the number of requests continue to increase, the Fund is stretched more and more. In short, the need is great and any help that you would like to offer will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly to me, but also to the Church office or on the Offering Plate in an envelope marked “Benevolent Fund.” On the plate or through the office assures that you will get a Tax Receipt ... to me directly is not as reliable (I do forget sometimes). You will not hear about these efforts during the year as privacy is essential – but please know that your contributions are valued and make a difference in people's lives. In the past few months we have bought groceries, helped with rent, supported children's camping, and made education and training possible for some folks... people you might never know, or people who might be sitting beside you on Sunday.

Thank you, *Norm*



# The Jubilee Order of Good Cheer

Concert Season - 2013 - 2014

Five concerts will be presented during this fall, winter and spring, and these will include a variety of musical presentations.

The opening concert:

**Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:30pm**

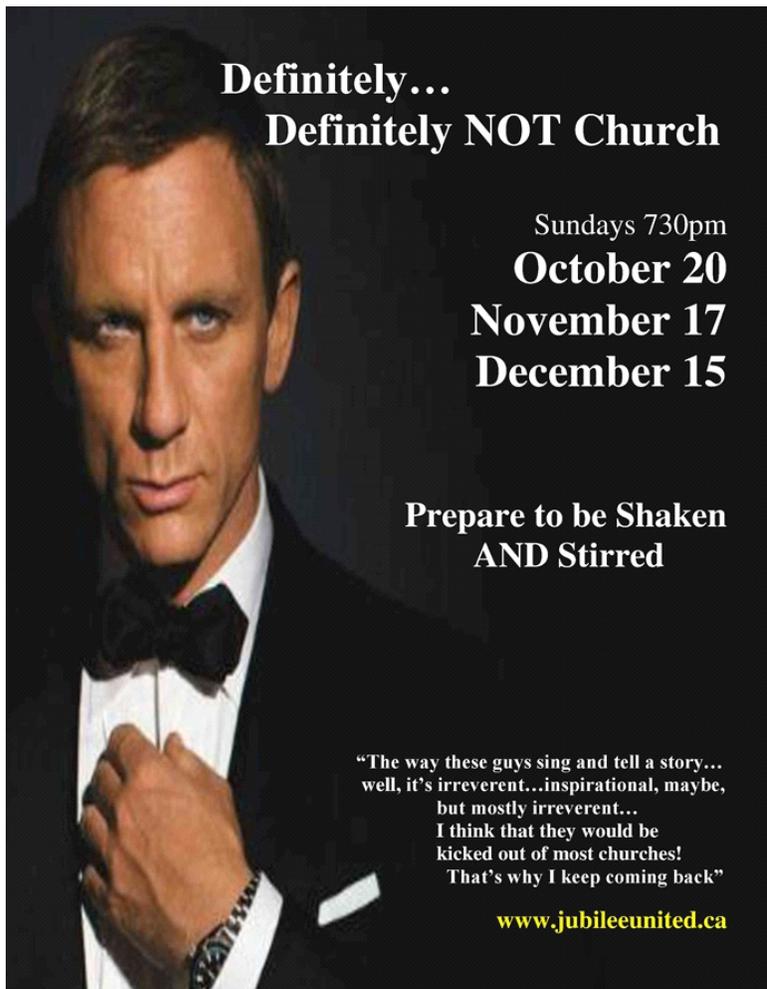
## TRIO BRAVO

We are fortunate to have acquired this well known trio for our opening concert. Through the music of piano, clarinet and viola, the musicians will present an exciting concert of compositions by Mozart, Gershwin, Beethoven, and others.

This is a special presentation, but admission will remain the same:

Adults: \$10.00      Youth: Free

As usual, Series Tickets for all five concerts of the season will be available for \$40.00.



**Definitely...  
Definitely NOT Church**

Sundays 730pm  
**October 20  
November 17  
December 15**

**Prepare to be Shaken  
AND Stirred**

"The way these guys sing and tell a story... well, it's irreverent...inspirational, maybe, but mostly irreverent... I think that they would be kicked out of most churches! That's why I keep coming back"

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## Life Events

### *Marriages:*

Loren Williams and Jennifer Clarke  
June 1

Jarred Yakely and Lisa Ferguson  
June 22

Robert Kalanda and Kristen Oliver  
August 3

Christopher Sorensen and Monique Mulder  
August 23

### *Deaths:*

Lois Westwood  
July 10



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