



JUBILATION

Fall 2009



Notes from Norm

What I did this Summer

This summer, I went to camp. Well, not camp exactly... a lot of people wore shorts and sandals, there were crafts and music – but it wasn't camp. I was privileged to attend the 40th General Council of the United Church of Canada. We elected a new Moderator; we considered 137 different proposals, made decisions and set the path forward for the United Church of Canada for the next three years and beyond. It was an astounding experience.

Allow me to share some memories of that experience.

We ate 14,000 cookies.

That was not a typo – 14,000 cookies (probably more) were consumed by the 600 people attending this week long event. That's a lot of cookies. I know that loaves and fishes would have been more impressive, but I have to say that it was almost miraculous the way these cookies kept appearing, never running out... and all home made! A great number of church folk in the Kelowna area went to great effort to be sure that our blood sugars never failed and that our sweetness would never be in question.

As I flew into Kelowna (on a direct flight, much to the chagrin of those who had two and three stopovers), I could barely wait to arrive at the University of British Columbia, Kelowna campus. I had seen pictures of these beautiful residences: set in groups of two or four single rooms – each room with a balcony a view of the Okanagan Valley, shared lounge and cooking area, washrooms shared between two rooms – and wonderful appointments. How would I tear myself away from this tiny Valhalla to toil in the mud of earthly deliberation?

I needn't have worried.

When I arrived, I discovered that we had more people than residences ... 120 more of us than residence dormitories. So the University kindly re-opened an older de-commissioned residence for the lucky 120. I was one of the lucky 120. My residence was a shoe box, without balcony, without view, without air conditioning – but replete with metal cot, plastic mattress, and a washroom

shared by at least 20. Oh, and there was a pop machine on the second floor! I would also note the residence seemed to be perched atop a mountain (I exaggerate, but I did count 143 steps from foothill to my floor). Most nights I slept with my head in the open window, except for the night that it rained and we had 3 residence-clearing fire alarms (11:30 pm, 2 am, 4 am)

And yet, I had the time of my life!

The theme of our gathering was taken from a passage in Jeremiah where the prophet is invited by God to go down to the Potter's House and receive a message ... and so he goes. And so we went... we watched Potters at work as they beat the clay until it lost all memory of its former shape (hmmmm ... something there surely), we watched as pots fell off the wheel because the balance wasn't right, the hand too firm, the clay not ready ... we saw pots that were too thin, too thick, just right in one way, but not right in another context ... we listened, we watched and we learned. Like Jeremiah, we all found a message at the Potter's House, although I am quite sure that the messages were as varied as the folks receiving them.

And we worshipped! Every morning, every evening ... we sang going out of meetings, we sang coming in. Those who had great voices, really sang ... those with not so great voice, really sang too ... and it was glorious. The worship services were inviting, inclusive, inventive and inspiring. We prayed together. We prayed for each other. We prayed for our Church. We prayed for the world.

We would begin our worship with the words:

God is Good! All the time; All the time, God is Good!

And we began to experience those words as celebration, and we also experienced those words as plea, as prayer, as mantra, as music and as the very rhythm of our hearts and lives. A month later, in times of joy I hear myself shouting "God is Good, All the time; All the time, God is Good! - In times of quiet pain or stress, I whisper to myself the assurance "God is good, All the time; All the time, God is good"

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You can always follow Rev. Seli on his Emerging Spirit Blog. His blogs usually appear a couple of times a month and he muses on the future of the United Church, organized religion or whatever happens to pop into his head.

www.emergingspirit.ca/blog/normseli



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I was personally stunned to find out how many people read my blog ... all sorts of people that I had never met came up to me and said things like "It's great to finally put a face to the name ... I love your blog!" Wow... who knew? I really had no idea that anyone was reading it.

I was particularly impressed with the Covenant that we repeated every day. Each day as we gather to work, we would Covenant with each other to take the time to listen for God; that we would not debate, but simply share our thoughts; that we would not speak a second time until everyone at our tables of eight had spoken once (you can imagine the effort that required from me). Do you know what? It worked. We discussed, discerned and considered 137 proposals, and several of the votes did not go the way that I voted ... but I have no trouble supporting them, because I know that my voice was heard and I know that I was part of the decision even if it wasn't the decision that I would have made myself. I think that most of the other 378 Commissioners felt the same way.

When we finally came to a statement about the conflict between Israel and Palestine, I was thrilled that within 30 minutes both sides were declaring a significant, if partial, victory. That was miraculous!

I also learned some things. One of the proposals brought forth to the General Council was that the Basis of Union (our founding document from 1925) should be re-opened so that representatives of the First Peoples can sign it. Well, first, I didn't understand the term First Peoples, I thought that First Nations was correct. But, I discovered that the Innu and the Metis are not Nations and so not included in the term First Nations. Aha! I was against the proposal as I have a fundamental problem with re-writing history. The Basis of Union was signed by the founding Churches: Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational. When the Evangelical Union Brotherhood joined the United Church in 1968, they weren't invited to sign, because historically, they weren't there. So, it made no sense to me to have the First Peoples sign a document from 1925 – even as we embrace and respect the contribution that their Spirituality has played in forming the Spirit of the United Church of Canada. But then I discovered that there were a great many leaders and church members from the First Peoples in the formation of the United Church of Canada in 1925, but our culture was such that Indians were not invited to sign nor was their presence honoured. But they were there ... they were contributors ... they were wise elders to a new church and so we made history a little more accurate by recommending the opening up of

our Basis of Union and invited representatives of the First Peoples to sign.

I learned that if you haven't sung in a choir in the last 15 years, you might find it difficult to sing the bass part (It's way down on the bottom of the page!!)

I was also astounded to discover the great number of partnerships that the United Church of Canada has entered into around the world. Churches and aid programmes in South America, Asia, Africa and North America. We offer financial aid, staffing, physical and spiritual support to people and organizations all over the world. But they are partnerships, so we don't plant our flag on another's community; we don't put our name on their door – we share with others, even as we invite others to share with us and in that mutuality everyone benefits. We all learn and we all grow. It's not a great way to advertise your brand and prove to the world what a great job you're doing ... partnerships don't promote growth or recognition. But partnerships do inspire respect and they follow Jesus' example of sharing the Kingdom of God. Every now and then, just when I get frustrated that the United Church of Canada has missed an opportunity to show off and spread the word, it helps to be reminded that we are God's church, following the example of Jesus Christ, committed to not only spreading but living the Word of God ... and that is rarely a "showy" exercise of faith.

On the last day of hard work, in the penultimate service before the service to install the new Moderator, we were invited to tell our church story in six words. You may recall that a couple of years ago, I asked folks from Jubilee to describe their faith in six words. Well we were being asked to describe the United Church of Canada in the same way.

Here are some of the responses:

Open House – Needs Repair – Help Wanted
 Not The Church You Think We Are
 We Work Together, God Is Present
 Gospel Told – People Bold – Buildings Sold
 Old White Guys – The New Minority
 Carefully We Step Over The Edge
 United Church – Way More Than Potluck
 Coming Together – Embracing Love – Unfinished Still
 God Loves You – Act Like It

I think that each of those six word stories reflects a church of which I am proud to be a part. In those words, I hear challenge, excitement, mission, change and love. This summer, I fell in love again with the United Church of Canada and I hope that in the next few months, I'll be able to help you to do the same.

Norm

The Jubilee Order of Good Cheer
Presents

FIVE CONCERT PROGRAMS

in celebration of Jubilee's 10th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 2009 – 7:30 pm
“TEN HANDS AND A GRAND PIANO”

Five young scholarship winners (ages 12 – 15) will perform great music from the piano repertoire.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009 – 7:30 pm
“JUBILEE MUSIC FESTIVAL”

More than sixty performers will be taking part in this celebration of instrumental and vocal music – an evening of variety with soloists, choirs, and musicians all from Jubilee United Church.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26, 2010 – 7:30 pm
“THE RED PEPPERS DIXIELAND BAND”

This band has been wowing jazz fans since 2001 with swinging Dixieland music, and they have been the featured performers at many of the leading jazz festivals in Canada.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010 – 7:30 pm
“THE QUEENSMEN MALE CHORUS”

This group of twenty-five male choristers has traveled widely and has earned an international reputation. A perfect way to spend a cold winter evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010 – 7:30 pm
“ONE HUNDRED CHORISTERS”

Once again, the Toronto Choristers will be performing on this final program of this 10th anniversary concert series, and as always, this will be a most enjoyable and rewarding evening.

A reception and free refreshments follow each program.

Admission at the door – Adults \$10 & Youth \$5. A Series Ticket can also be purchased. These cost \$40 for all five programs and are offered as both a convenience and a saving for our concert goers. These are available from the church office or following Sunday morning services.

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

WHY JOIN THE SENIOR CHOIR THIS YEAR?

1. The Jubilee Festival Concert, November 13 (featuring medley's from "Oklahoma!" and "The Sound of Music")
2. Carols by Candlelight, December 20
3. Mozart Concert, March 28, featuring the Coronation Mass and Ave verum corpus

We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 and welcome new members.

For more information, telephone Music Director Arthur Wenk, 416-621-1234.





MEN'S BREAKFAST

The first date for the men's Saturday morning breakfast is October 31st in the auditorium. Our guest speaker will be Don Parker, City Councillor for

Ward 26. He will be discussing the mayoralty race and city hall issues.

If you are not already on somebody's phone list, to remind you, contact Bob Nicholls at 416-445-2642.



To all members of Jubilee!

The Fellowship Committee writes "Getting to Know You" articles for Jubilation on a regular basis. We are looking for more writers/interviewers. This involves a

telephone or face-to-face interview with a family/individual and a write-up to print in our newsletter. If you are interested in helping out by writing one of these pieces for us, please let us know by contacting Andrea Mozas at 416-483-8575 or andreamozas@gmail.com.

We would love to have more members writing more of the articles so that we share the experience of getting to know each other! Thank you.

USHERS NEEDED!



We are in need of help in ushering. It is not an onerous job but does require some commitment.

You will be asked to serve one or two Sundays during two months a year. You will not be required to count money.

For further information call Bob Nicholls at 416-445-2642.

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH DARES YOU

DEFINITELY NOT CHURCH WITH THE HOWLING HERETICS

King David

WITH ALL THE NAUGHTY BITS!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 @7:30PM

WITH POP SONGS FROM THE PAST 5 DECADES: THE BIBLE'S MOST HEROIC & FLAWED MONARCH... FIND OUT IF IT REALLY IS "GOOD TO BE KING"

Thanksgiving is approaching, and the Outreach committee would like to remind everyone of the need for contributions to our special fund which donates money to Foodshare, and other programs to support the hungry and homeless. We will have envelopes in the seats for Thanksgiving.



Jubilee has traditionally been generous at this time, and once again, we thank you in advance for your donations.

LIFE EVENTS

Anniversary: John & Marg Reynolds celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, Sept 17, 2009.

Baptism: Jackson Gray Middlehurst, son of Mark & Amanda Middlehurst, September 13, 2009

Congratulations!





Do You Remember the Folk music of the 50s and 60s?

Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie, the Weavers, the Travelers, Kingston Trio, Limelites and others?

Remember when Music could actually change the world?

Sunday, November 1st @ 7:30pm

We're going to celebrate and sing that music...

something of a **Jubilee Hootenanny.**

We have a banjo player...but we would love to have the band grow, so if you are interested in playing at this one-of-a-kind event, please talk with Rev. Seli.

And not to worry, we can teach you all the words to Good Night Irene, If I Had a Hammer, We Shall Overcome and so many more...

And if you're not interested in joining the band, but ready to sing along or just listen to these great songs, plan to attend... no tickets sold or admission charged, just come out and join us!

Living, Learning, Loving it - Together!

Find out which category you fit in by taking this short survey . . .



1. Do you enjoy reading books about spirituality, religion, personal development or other life enriching topics?
2. Do you love chatting with others about life matters, transitions, personal growth, spirituality, global concerns or other interesting topics?
3. Do you have a busy schedule and find it hard to fit in time to take courses in areas that interest you but would love an opportunity to spend some time with others who are interested in the same thing?
4. Are you an extrovert who needs to share ideas and hear other's views on things?
5. Are you an introvert who would love the opportunity to share your questions/concerns or thoughts on certain topics because you are passionate about them?
6. Do you feel isolated often and need a place to go and be with others who share similar values or are interested in similar things?
7. Are you really interested in engaging in some activity but would prefer not to do it alone, like a sport or hobby?
8. Are you going through a challenging time in your life and need the support of others who are able to be patient and listen to your struggles without trying to fix you or give you advice?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you are someone who would be well suited to lead or participate in a small group. Small groups are not committees – they are interest groups. Think of them as places where people gather for a time to share, to explore, to learn and to grow. From a gospel perspective, they are like communions of the Spirit, giving participants the opportunity for nourishment and expression. They create opportunity, build relationships and empower us to take our next steps on the journey of life with confidence and a renewed outlook.

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, and would like to be involved in a small group, please let us know and we will help you make it happen. Here at Jubilee we have a small group support team that can lead you and assist you with how to invite others, find meeting space, and provide you with a simple format to get you started. A small group can be a one time event, a 6 week venture or whatever it needs to be. It's really quite simple . . . a simple gift with tremendous reward.

Have more questions?

Give Lee-Ann a call at 416-447-6846, ext. 104 or email at leannac@jubileeunited.ca

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20



VBS 2009 - A Great Success!

It all started with Iona Williams and Sandy Hisaw sitting in the conference room thumbing through piles of curriculum resources . . . trying to find just the right theme for our 2009 VBS. Once they came upon Cactus Canyon that was it! Now, while Cactus Canyon came originally as a packaged resource, Iona and Sandy had to tweak and adjust it to fit with Jubilee and the kind of program we like to offer. So



Sandy built a puppet theatre, and together we adapted the program to include a puppet making, script writing center led by Kelly Higgins and Jann Westbrook. Iona created her own menu of delicious and nutritious snacks that campers and volunteers enjoyed. Lynn Moe and a cast of kitchen helpers kept us all well fed and watered. Andrea Mozas, Bill Elger and Colin Munroe managed to wrestle up some great games, leaving campers breathless from running and laughing. Then there was the construction of the life size horse . . . Princess. Sandy and Iona had some fun with paper maché!



They also spent hours planning, prepping and shopping for the craft activities which were amazing.

All of us were thrilled with the colourful decorations and interesting artifacts donated by members of the congregation. (We've still got bits and pieces in the youth room that need to find their homes.)

The youth assisting with puppet skits and decorations did an amazing job, and all our youth volunteers did a wonderful job of working with the campers. We were all enriched by their enthusiasm. Thank you to Melissa Ahlstrom, Caeleigh

Wannamaker, Simar Khokhar, Adam Westbrook, Joanna Lansche, Diana Nicholls, Elizabeth Anderson, Rachel Wilson, Rebecca Moe, Mikaila Hirschler, Jack Donahue, Katie Theriault, Samantha Hurl, Katie Hawton and Chris Kayahara. You guys were a great team!

VBS was indeed a success and in the end it was due to the efforts of many who worked together during camp week and beyond. The Hoedown on the last day of camp was quite a party, with puppet shows, songs by leaders and campers, and of course line dancing. What a terrific way to end the camp week! So a great big thank you to everyone for your generous time, creativity and support, including those already mentioned and . . . Barb Measures, Betty Ann Ward, Marilyn Symes, Linda McNaughton, Barb Secord, Judith Waugh, Wendy Atkinson, Jo Dullard, Donna Rutz (artist), Jason Amell, Sue Hawton and David Westbrook. And thanks to all the parents for letting us spend time with your children. ☺



VBS 2009 Yee Haw!

Got it all figured out?

No questions...no need for discussion or further thought?

Good for you...

BUT, if you have questions; if you would like a chance to learn about Christianity and talk about relevant issues like – **Fundamentalism, The meaning of Jesus, The purpose of Faith** – then come out and reBoot your Faith. Consider some of the things that you granted; clear out the cob-webs:

Learn a little, talk a little, discover a lot!

The format is simple: A 24 minute modern video presentation on a topic, a chance to talk with a couple of other folks about your experiences and ideas, the opportunity to talk in a larger group and gain insight and understanding. Really, just a chance to talk about the things that we usually don't talk about at work, at home or even to ourselves.

Discussion led by Rev. Seli; Video material produced by the United Methodist Church in the U.S; Insight and Wisdom provided by you and your neighbours. (Oh, and great coffee, too!)

The first Tuesday of the Month 7:30-9:00 p.m. beginning October 6th (Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec.1)

Just show up Or contact Rev. Seli for more information.





JUBILEE LIVING AND LEARNING PRESENTS:

HISTORY AND THE ARTS

October 28 – November 25, 2009

(Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm)

Oct. 28

J. S. BACH AND THE MYSTERY OF THE B MINOR MASS

Why did Bach, ever the practical craftsman, compose a work that could never be performed in his lifetime, yet has been described as “the greatest work of art of all times and all peoples?” Hear the story and the music of this masterpiece.

Presenter: Dr. Arthur Wenk

Nov. 4

CANADA’S INCREDIBLE CENTURY 1700-1800

An illustrated lecture of 100 years of our history, which included the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, the exploration and mapping of the West, an invasion by the Americans, and one of history’s biggest cartographic blunders.

Presenter: Ed Rutherford

Nov. 11

CONTEMPT FOR DANGER

The story of Canada’s Victoria Cross winners – of how 92 ordinary Canadians who, when thrust into extraordinary circumstances, placed the value of the lives of others before their own.

Presenter: Walter Cooke

Nov. 18

THE VIOLIN – ITS STORY AND ITS MUSIC

The history of this versatile instrument, how it is made, and a demonstration of its music – from Symphony to Broadway to Hoedown.

Presenter: Don Wasilenko

Nov. 25

FROM MASTODONS TO PARLIAMENT

Conserving the archaeological record of Toronto, from discoveries of mammoth remains to glimpses of 11,000 year-old moccasin-clad footsteps under Toronto Bay to the investigations of 500 year-old fortified Huron towns.

Presenter: Dr. Ronald Williamson

Cost of the series is \$25.00 or \$8.00 for individual lectures. Please join us for these fantastic lecture series. Please contact the office for registration and information.

Jason C. Amell, Chairman, Lecture Committee



CLAXTON FRUIT CAKES

Once again the church will be selling those delicious, world-famous Claxton Fruit Cakes.

There will still be 1 lb. bars and 3 lb. boxes available in light or dark. Net proceeds will again go to Outreach activities.

Pricing has not been set as yet. For information on prices and availability, contact Bob Nicholls at 416-445-2642.



**TUESDAY MORNING
INTERMEDIATE
BRIDGE**

Under the auspices of the fellowship committee, instruction and playing sessions will recommence on October 13th at 9am in the auditorium.

Advance registration with Lyle Miller (416-444-4607) is appreciated.

DISCOVERY ZONES



Fall Program: JK/SK – Grade 4

Date	Theme	Activity	Leadership
Sept 20	Seasons of the Church Year	Making circular calendars	Lee-Ann & Simar
Sept 27	Seasons of the Church Year	Giant birthday calendar	Lee-Ann & Simar
Oct 4	Intergenerational Service/Communion	No DZ	
Oct 11	Thanksgiving	Gratitude Journals	Kathy
Oct 18	Super DZ/The Great Family	Godly Play story & Family trees	Lee-Ann
Oct 25	The Great Family	Plasticene Play	Kathy
Nov 1	Intergenerational Service/Communion	No DZ	
Nov 8	God Promises (The Great Covenants)	t.b.d.	Daniel, Nancy, Jennifer
Nov 15	God Promises (The Great Covenants)	t.b.d.	Daniel, Nancy, Jennifer
Nov 22	Pageant Rehearsal	Pageant practice/preparation	Amanda
Nov 29	Intergenerational Service/Communion	No DZ/Advent 1	
Dec 6	Pageant Rehearsal	Pageant practice/preparation	Amanda
Dec 13	Christmas Pageant	No DZ	
Dec 20	Christmas	t.b.d.	Amanda
Dec 27	Epiphany	Star gazing (sort of)	Lee-Ann

Fall Program: Grade 5/6 +

Will take place either in the youth room or in the West side of the auditorium with Kelly Higgins leading. She will be building community for the first part of the season using 'Tribes' activities which are values based and focus on cooperation, team work and creative problem solving. This will set the stage for this group to begin shaping their own ministry at Jubilee.

Regular Sundays will begin with children gathering with their families in the service and moving out to program after the Family Time message. On intergenerational service Sunday's the children are invited to stay in the service for communion. Norm and I will come up with creative ideas to get them involved and participating and there will also be coloring sheets available. On Super DZ Sunday families are invited to attend the Something Like Church service at 9am and then join me in the auditorium after for a family focused DZ. This is a great opportunity for parents and/or grandparents to share in the experience of exploring Christian education with their children.

We are always looking for extra helpers in DZ. We'll pair you up with experienced leaders to provide back up and support as well as to help in the ongoing care and nurture of the children. Youth who are looking to gain experience and earn community service hours are encouraged to join the team. If you can help out, please let me know.

Thanks
Lee-Ann



Do You Twitter? Jubilee Does!

Did you know that the New Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Mardi Tindal, follows Jubilee United Church on Twitter? She was one of the first to do so...

Over 50 others do as well.

It's a way to keep up on Jubilee Happenings and Events... Norm even includes a Prayer or Thought most days to help you open your eyes and see the world anew.

Just search for JubileeUnited or Jubilee United or even easier, go to www.twitter.com/JubileeUnited

This will get you to our twitter page....

from there you can join Twitter if you want and then choose to follow our thread or simply look at the page and see what we've been saying....



A Sparkling Evening

An Evening of Wine Tasting and Charity Auction

to benefit Community Programs
sponsored by

Jubilee United Church
Saturday October 24, 2009
8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

40 Underhill Drive (Lawrence east of the D V P)

\$25.00 per ticket

For more information, please see poster in foyer
or call the Church office at 416-447-6846



Tuesday afternoons
from 1-3 p.m.
beginning October 6th!
(Oct 6, 20; Nov 3, 17; Dec 1, 15)

On the first and third Tuesday of the Month, between 12 and 20 people get together for coffee and cookies and to discuss the Christian Faith. We have a variety of opinions, ideas and backgrounds.

We talk about the Bible, Jesus, God, other Faiths, Literalism, Progressive Christianity, Classic Faith... but don't let that scare you. We don't debate, we don't have tests, we don't give out awards, we just share company and ideas... and there is room for you to join us.



JUBILANT JAMMERS After-School Music Club

for Grades 1-5, Mondays from **4:30-6:00 p.m.** offering a chance to learn & explore musical talents in a supportive & fun environment. Created & directed by Alcina Chiu, and assisted by Lee-Ann Ahlstrom.

There is a fee for participation but sponsorships can be made available where finances are a challenge – contact Lee-Ann 416-447-6846 ext 104 for more information. “Jammers” began on September 21. Pickup a *REGISTRATION FORM* at the church, or download

here: [Jubilant Jammers Registration Form \(pdf\)](#)



Jubilee Artcraft

Friday Nov. 6th 12 noon–7 pm
 Saturday Nov. 7th 10 am–4 pm

Featuring 30 talented artisans showcasing unique jewellery & clothing; home décor including pottery, stained glass, linens & woodworking; art & photography; stationery, Christmas decorations, gifts and more.

Home Baking Jams & Jellies
 Cheese Lunch Room

Admission \$2




ArtCraft Silent Auction looking for your Donations!

Looking forward to **November 6 & 7**, and getting all your Christmas shopping done at the **ArtCraft Show and Sale**?! Keep that in mind when you are thinking of what would make a good donation to the **Silent Auction** table.

... Goods... Services ... Tickets ... 'like new' Items ... Jewellery ... Handcrafts... and more!

If you have items to donate, or if there are items you would like to bid on ... let us know!

Be creative! Why not see if your company would donate something?

Phone Wendy Miller at 647-202-0007 or email: wendy.miller@rogers.com



Jubilee United Church Women - Uniting Women of the Congregation

Our feature event this fall is our 6th Annual "Artcraft Show", taking place Friday November 6th and Saturday November 7th. We are expecting about 30 artisans showcasing many unique crafts. We will also be having a Silent Auction. Lunch will be available both Friday and Saturday and we will be serving a chili supper on Friday evening.

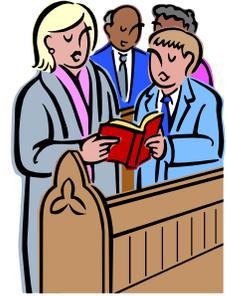
We welcome donations to the Silent Auction as well as Home Baking for the Bake Table and Jams and Pickles. As always we count on your support to make this a successful fundraiser. Volunteers will be needed to work shifts in the lunchroom as well as help out in other locations throughout the show. If you know someone who'd be interested in participating, we still have a few vendor spaces available.

Let's make this year's show the best yet!

Liz Fletcher and Mary Kalanda

Who picks the Blessed Hymns? (redux)

It's a question that I am often asked. In fact, I gave almost this exact answer a year ago in Jubilation but I think that it bears repeating. People ask about hymn selection because they are thrilled by the selection, barely able to keep their toes from tapping as they inquire as to whom they should direct their blessings and praise. People also ask for motivations less laudatory. So, let me tell you how it works.



We don't do it by poll – anymore than I preach according to a vote, but I am very aware of people's likes and dislikes. 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 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". And please, feel free to share with me your responses to any of the hymns on a given Sunday ... but, please remember to do what I do when all of the hymns seem to miss in a particular service: *Blame Lee-Ann.*

Rev. Seli

Upcoming Dates



- September 29th (Tues) 3-7:30pm Blood Donor Clinic
- October 2009 - Confirmation Classes Begin!
- October 24th (Sat) 8 p.m. A Sparkling Evening–Wine Tasting & Charity Auction
- Novemberth 28 (Sat) Jubilee Christmas Dinner

September 2009 – July 2010 / Jubilee's 10th Anniversary

Can you believe we have been Jubilee for 10 years?!!

We are planning a year of special events which will continue to unfold over the next months. One anticipated event, will be Anniversary Weekend – April 16-17-18, 2010. The Anniversary team is working on plans to present to Council in October – so keep those dates open – and watch the bulletin and the website (www.jubileeunited.ca) for ALL the anniversary happenings!

Questions ? Concerns ? Ideas ? Want to Help? ... Talk to the 10th Anniversary Team coordinator Wendy Miller, or any of your Council members or Staff.



JUBILEE COOKBOOK COMING!

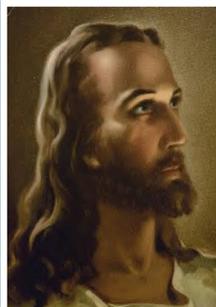
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JESUS' PROFILE

HEAVEN



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Status

JESUS IS STILL KNOCKING...
(HAI07771)

Friends

JESUS has 2,862,730 friends. [See All](#)



Information

Account Info		Contact Info	
Name:	Jesus Christ	E-mail:	pray@home.now
Nickname(s):	um... too many to list...	Phone:	My iPhone doesn't get reception up here :-(
Basic Info		Personal Info	
Hometown:	The B-dot	Favorite Book:	The Book of Life (Unabridged Version)
School:	Nazareth High	Favorite Movie:	The Nativity Story
Accomplishments:	Rose from the dead, saved the world	Favorite Quote:	"I'll be back" - Terminator
Birthday:	December 25th (9th)	Favorite Food:	Lifesavers
In a relationship with:	Approx. 33% of the world	Pet Peeves:	Those of little faith, The Drummer Boy, Paparazzi, Sin, Ned Flanders, Split ends, Performance enhancing drugs, Spam, Dial-up, Mosquitoes, and WMD's
Interests:	Fishing, Peace, Love, Orphans, Widows, Miracles, Carpentry, Parables, and You!		

Photos (4 Albums)



Mini-Feed

Displaying 4 stories [See All](#)

- Today @ 7:04am: This morning Jesus turned water into a Starbucks non-fat, decaf vanilla latte
- December 21 @ 5:23pm: Jesus got 322 more friends
- February 11 @ 9:20pm: Jesus was thanked 41 times at the Grammys.
- May 2 @ 1:01pm: Jesus voted for Pedro

Groups

Jesus is a member of the following groups:

- NAZARETH WOODWORKERS UNION (4 Members, JOINED 15 A.D.)
- THE TRINITY (2 Members, TI EXPLAIN IT IN PERSON SOMETIM)
- UNDERBATH FAN CLUB (241,316 Members, 07/07/07 A.D.)
- SEA OF GALILEE ROWING CLUB (29 Members, JOINED 19 A.D.)
- WATER WALKERS (3 Members, JOINED 31 A.D.)
- "I-WAS-BORN-IN-A-BARN" GROUP (28 Members, JOINED 1861 A.D.)

The Wall

Carrie Underwood wrote at 5:08 pm December 22
Could you please take the wheel...again...thank!
- carrie_ow



PROPERTY REPORT

Summer is a slower time for activities and as such a good time to get things done around the Church. The carpets were professionally cleaned, Friendship room painted, gardening work, electrical work and many other things.

As always, thanks goes to Barb Secord who not only organized these things but also helped do many of them herself. Many thanks go to our faithful helpers Mel and Liz Williamson and Harvey and Marianne Bride. We also appreciate help given by Brian Kalanda, Kevin Kalanda, Simar Khokhar, Sandy Hisaw and Kathleen Fall. Also thanks to the painting team of Joanna, Simar, Ryan, Jo, Lee-Ann and Barb.

We are always looking for help with various tasks around the Church. Please contact Iona Williams or Barb Secord to join us in keeping Jubilee United a beautiful place to be. Work days will be scheduled soon, be sure to keep a look out for them in the Church bulletin.

We would like to remind everyone to please use the proper receptacles for garbage, recycling and green bin waste. There are signs on them to help assist in putting things in the appropriate places. Thank you for your support in helping to keep the garbage to a minimum.

Iona Williams

WHO ARE WE? - FYI—JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Chair	Dick Patrick
Vice-Chair	Julie Ashdown
Ministry & Personnel	Charlie Scott
Secretary	Wendy Miller
Treasurer	Robert Boyd
Past-Chair	Mike Flynn
COMMITTEES / GROUPS	
Choir Contact	Joanne Gordon
Christian Development	Joan Neylan
Facilities/Rentals	Mike Flynn
Finance	Robert Boyd, Fran Crabe
Kitchen	Fran Crabe
Labyrinth Ministry	Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
Membership	Valerie Winters
Men's Breakfast	Jeanne Elgie-Watson
Ministry & Personnel	Charlie Norris
Mission & Service	Charlie Scott
Nominations	Julie Ashdown
	Mike Flynn

Outreach	Jeanne Kennedy
	Sheila Brown
Pastoral Care	Ruth Nicholls
Presbytery Reps	Harvey Bride
	Robert Boyd
Property	Iona Williams
Traditional Worship	Amanda MacKenzie
Trustees	Bill Watson
U. C.W.	Liz Fletcher
	Mary Kalanda
Youth	Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
CO-ORDINATORS	
Archivist	
Coffee Team	Bettyann Ward
Community Ministry	Henry Poutiainen
Lecture Series	Jason Amell
	Ed Rutherford
Librarian	
Newsletter Editor	Linda McNaughton
Organ Team	Barbara Greenwood
Special Event Meals	John Frame

Youth at Jubilee



A great big thank you to the youth who have been around and involved over the Summer with Vacation Bible School and other things . . .

Simar Khokhar has been around all Summer helping with Discovery Zones and movie nights. He's also given Barb Secord a helping hand and joined us in painting the Friendship Room at the end of August. He is working towards the achievement of 200 community service hours so we'll be seeing more of him around the church. He'll be helping me lead Discovery Zones in September.

Diana Nicholls has been a reliable presence and support for Barb Ewins in our nursery over the summer and has volunteered to assist me with setting up and cleaning up for Discovery Zones this Fall.

Adam Westbrook read for one of our worship services this summer and did an excellent job. He is keen to be involved in many opportunities here at Jubilee including our September 20th luncheon and the Junior Youth group. He will also be joining our confirmation class this Fall.

Both Adam and Jack Mozas were co-conspirators in creating the idea for the first youth outreach project this Fall. They loved the idea of having a canned food drive competition and have challenged our Council and any other group to bring in as many canned food items as possible on October 4th to create the most interesting canned food sculptures. Prizes for quantity, creativity and teamwork will be rewarded.

Joanna Lansche and Ryan Good also helped out with painting the Friendship room at the end of the summer. I think we'll be seeing more of them this Fall. Both are members of Ted Zuber's Ventures group. Joanna is keen to sing with the Something Like Church musical group the "Jubilants" and Ryan is always eager to run the BBQ at Jubilee events when he is able.

Adam and Ryan came out to our annual Jubilee All Stars baseball game along with Chris Kayahara, Andrew Taylor, Elizabeth Ashfield, Jack Donahue and David Frise. I hope we'll hear more from Chris and his clarinet if he returns to the Jubilants this Fall. Andrew will be a member of our confirmation class starting in November.

The first Sunday for youth meetings was September 13th. Junior Youth meet Sundays from 1 – 2:30 pm and Senior Youth will meet Sundays from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. I will try these meeting times for a couple of months but if the timing is difficult, feedback is appreciated. In the meantime, as the youth leadership development program continues to form, I am encouraging the young people in our community to get involved and participate fully in the numerous opportunities here at Jubilee. I ask you to support their initiative and contribution, encouraging their efforts and affirming them as valued members of our community. For more information regarding meetings or other opportunities, please contact Lee-Ann at leeann.ac@jubileeunited.ca or 416-447-6846 ext. 104

The youth are not the future here – they are the present.

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH

COME AND SURPRISE YOUR EARS,
EYES AND HEART!

SOMETHING LIKE CHURCH

Be involved in your worship

SOMETHING a LITTLE DIFFERENT; SOMETHING FOR YOU

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ 9AM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 9AM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 7:30PM



**Thinking about Confirmation?
So are we.**

Confirmation is a programme for youth, generally 12-16 years of age (but not exclusively). We are just now putting together a series of monthly gatherings

from January – April 2010 that will allow young people to explore their faith, the faith of the church and help them to decide if they want to become adult members of Jubilee United Church and/or the United Church of Canada.

If you (or your child) might be interested, be sure to speak with the leaders, Lee-Ann or Norm, and come out to the organizational meeting on November 29th after the service.

Turkey Lovers Feast!

Thanksgiving Monday, October 12th

Looking for a great Thanksgiving dinner with some good company? Don't have family to feast with or just can't get enough turkey?

Join Lee-Ann and friends for turkey and stuffing . . . bring a favorite side dish if you like. If it's a hot dish, bring it hot so that we can get right down to dinner. We'll gather at 5:30 in the auditorium and aim to dine for 6ish.

Please let Lee-Ann know if you are coming so she can plan appropriately. Thanks.

