

# Jubilation!

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## Notes from Norm

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So, the other day on FaceBook, I rather flippantly posted a description of Jesus that made me smile. It said: **Jesus** was a radical nonviolent revolutionary who hung out with lepers, hookers and crooks; wasn't American and never spoke English; was anti-wealth, anti-death penalty, anti-public prayer (Matt 6:5); but was never anti-gay, never mentioned abortion or birth control, never called the poor lazy, never justified torture, never fought for tax cuts for the wealthiest Nazarenes, never asked a leper for a copay; and was a long-haired brown-skinned homeless community-organizing anti-slut shaming Middle Eastern Jew.

After I shared it, I wondered if I should have... although I like much of the content, there is some dubious scholarship and a couple of great leaps involved in the text (could "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and render unto God that which is God's" not be interpreted as a campaign for lower taxes?)

However, I don't often take down something that I've posted on FaceBook. So it remained up. Within the hour a number of my friends "Liked" it and made jokes about Fox News and North American politics. And then...

**THAT IS NOT THE JESUS OF THE BIBLE** — Jesus only sat with hookers and crooks because he loved them and wanted them to come to know the Truth. It's not as though he was being buddy buddy with them and being supportive of their activities. **2 Corinthians 6:14 (KJV)** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? — Jesus was against homosexuality. **Romans 1:26-27 (KJV)** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: **27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. — Jesus did call at least some (not necessarily poor) lazy. **2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 (KJV)** For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. **11** For we hear that there are some among you who walk disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. — Jesus was not long haired. **1 Corinthians 11:14-15 (KJV)** Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, **15** but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory?

So, here was a response from a friend of a friend (I've changed his name to Theophilus). Much of what he had to say was offensive to me. It was contrary to what I believe about God, about the Bible, and particularly, Jesus. As I saw it, I had two options:

1. Insult and shame the man for having an opinion other than mine and daring to share it on my Facebook page.
2. Take down the whole post so that my "Friends" wouldn't be offended and I would not be promoting things about which I did not believe and could not endorse.

I thought about it for a little bit. I began to wonder why I didn't want to engage with this person... I began to question my own beliefs... did I really need to believe that Jesus had long hair? Was I so unsure of my faith that I wasn't willing to talk with someone with whom I disagreed? I came up with a third option. Answer him...

As Jesus was possibly an Essene, he would likely have had short hair... but as a follower of John the Baptist, possibly long hair. As a "conventional" Rabbi, his hair would likely be short. The emphasis on "historical" characteristics is somewhat misleading - the 20th century long hair Jesus fits a "type"; the 21st century long hair Jesus speaks to his being "counter-culture" - regardless of his hair length, I think that it can be granted that Jesus (historical or otherwise) is radical and challenges culture.

The Corinthians reading as "proof" that Jesus was against the "unrighteous" is peculiar to me. The letter is at best written by Paul, who never met or heard the historical Jesus, and runs somewhat contrary to Jesus with the woman at the well, the same Jesus who enjoyed meeting with Zaccheus... and in fact, Jesus' own practice of breaking all manner of purity and Sabbath code. There is no disdain in Jesus when he is in the company of those with whom he disagrees or fail to understand him.

A similar argument can be made when offering Paul's letter to the church in Rome as proof of Jesus' intent. Again all of the citations from the letters fail to offer proof of Jesus' intent as he did not write the letters. The communities that were inspired by and devoted to Jesus wrote these letters as they tried to find ways to live faithfully as Christians... as Jewish Christians... as Gentile Christians... and these communities evolved, changing emphasis, practice, and understanding with experience and time.

What we may be able to agree on is that Jesus pushed the contemporary Jewish understanding of the Holy Scripture by frequently saying, "You have heard this (referring to Scripture and/or Tradition) BUT I tell you this...", inviting growth and new understanding... pushing the boundaries of hospitality and love to new limits... including Samaritans and other community undesirables. It is very hard for me to imagine such a pure manifestation of Holy Love to have it in for homosexuals, outsiders, or any of creation... and it beggars the imagination to think that he would want me to separate myself from them. It's that whole "Love your neighbour" thing that brings me around again and again. Having said all of that, I do appreciate the thoughtful refutation of the glib passage that I posted, even if I don't agree with any of it (except the hair - very possible).

And so I congratulated myself on a clever, informed, respectful response and went about making lunch assured that I would not hear from my "friend" again. My computer beeped.

Thanks Norm for your thoughts. I would just like to share a verse which may shed some light on things. I believe that whatever Paul or any of the New Testament authors spoke of was in fact what Jesus would also agree with, because it was written under inspiration of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Wait, was he getting the last word, on my FaceBook page? I think not...

Absolutely Theophilus, and I would say that "inspiration" is key here. As the body of Scripture that we refer to as "Holy" is often contradictory and reflects the culture that reported it, we must always be prepared to examine and re-examine: Is it still appropriate to leave out the names and actions of women, as it was for first century Jews?

For me, the beauty of Scripture is that it is self-criticizing and invites us into conversation and contemplation: Is it wrong to steal if you are going to feed a starving child? Is it wrong to come into contact with blood if it means saving a life or offering kindness and hospitality? Are the words of Jesus beyond reproach? (Thinking of the woman who rebukes Jesus and is blessed by him for her rebuke - Mark 7:24ff).

The only way for Scripture and my faith to be dynamic is to question and be in deep conversation with the text and the broader community. If I criticize the Apostle Paul, it is with great love, respect and appreciation... in trying to make sense of his faith, I imagine that every day he got up, looked at the cross and wondered - what does this mean? And every day he had an answer - not always the same answer - but an answer. I think that we do well to follow the same practice, and I take all scripture as important inspiration as I ask my questions.

Of course, he replied...

With all due respect, I don't believe that the Bible is contradictory. Also, worth mentioning is two very important words; "of God" must be attached after the word "inspiration" and they must be read together. The essence of what's being communicated in 2 Timothy is that the Bible is completely God breathed. I do appreciate your politeness though, and we do have free will before God, which of course means that all people will not think the same. I would not look to the Jews as an example of what was appropriate at the time. Their behaviour was unacceptable in many areas regardless of the times, according to Jesus. The Bible is meant to be taken literally unless there is very good reason to believe, in the text, that it was to be taken otherwise. I don't think the lady in Mark 7 was rebuking Jesus, - in fact her answer pleased Jesus. I cannot imagine rebuking our Lord, the perfect one, the very one who created us, and if we did rebuke Him, would He be pleased with us?

As I read his words, I realized that I was enjoying this exchange. I don't think that I was "winning" him over to my way of thinking and he certainly wasn't changing my mind - but I was thinking about and re-affirming my Faith and understanding as I was explaining to him how I came to my opinions. I was learning more about him and discovering, if not a like-minded man, certainly NOT an enemy. As it is my FaceBook page, I did get the last word...

Contradiction is perhaps a harsh word. I will say instead, that the text of our Holy Scriptures contain inconsistencies that cannot be reconciled in a single narrative. Genesis 1 and Genesis 2 provide two different stories of Creation, changing emphasis, and order of Creation - you can't have man created before AND after the beasts; Chronicles purports to tell the same story as Samuel and Kings - but they are very, very different. John's Gospel is remarkably different than Matthew, Mark, and Luke; Matthew and Luke provide two very different Nativity stories that simply cannot fit together while respecting time and space. The Book of Acts, Chapter 9 tells the story of Saul/Paul's conversion, but is later rewritten and changed in Chapter 22ff.

More significantly, to me, we also hear about a God of War and a God of Peace and are invited to choose; we read about adherence to the Law as righteous, but Jesus does not adhere. In Leviticus, we are told that it is necessary to make sacrifice, but in Psalms and in Micah, God tells us that God has no need of sacrifice... Leviticus 19 tells us that we men should not cut our hair, but we've already agreed that Jesus probably did (that's how all of this started).

Contradiction implies an impasse, and I don't see these differences as impassible... but I suspect that my key to overcoming this impasse and yours might not be the same, and that this may be where we part (hopefully as friends).

I don't believe that the book on my shelf (or on my phone) that is called "The Bible" is the Holy Word of God. For me, that would give some Harry Potter kind of magic power to a bunch of words that can be wielded by anyone with a good memory. Instead, I believe that the Word of God is revealed when we read these words, share these stories, and in conversation and community explore the tension between the different narratives or theologies: Does the story of Jesus begin at his Baptism by John, at his Birth, or before the beginning of Time? And what difference does that make as I love the world in 2015?

Who is my neighbour and what is my responsibility to her or him? Do I need to protect my own (as recommended so many times) or do I dare a radical hospitality that disregards common sense and community practice (as in the parable of the Good Samaritan)?

I try to remain open to the Holy Spirit in my day to day life and in my reading of Scripture (1Cor. 2:9ff) which means that I need the inconsistencies in Scripture because they invite wonder and discussion; for me, the place where I most readily encounter the Spirit.

I'm not saying that I don't respect the Bible. I'm saying that I respect it too much to take it literally and I respect the work of the Spirit and the power of God too much to believe that either has finished creating or informing. For me, reading Scripture dynamically, which is to struggle and pull at it, make demands of it, and fall humbly before it... is the way that the Word of God changes me and the world. Well, that and Jesus, the Word made Flesh - but that's probably NOT an area of argument for you and me.

And so our conversation ended... but I am hoping that "Theophilus" and I will talk again and that he will continue to challenge me, if only so that I can take the time to reconsider my faith and dare to apply it to my life and my reasoning. And maybe I will have some impact on him, if only to let him know that even as we may disagree, we are not enemies, simply people trying to be faithful.

Looking forward to conversations with you in the coming months,

*Norm*

## Introducing Jubilee's new intern, Anne Dionisio



Greetings in the love and grace of Christ,

My name is Anne and I am honoured to join Jubilee as your student intern over the next eight months. As I write this letter in late August, I am one paper away from finishing my MDiv and I am preparing for my final service at West Lorne United Church where I have served as the student supply minister for the last five years. This is a time of goodbyes and hellos and of ends and beginnings for me. Thank you for your commitment to the internship program. I am excited about this opportunity to learn and grow with you.

A few words about me: I was born and raised in Guelph but I consider South River, a small town on Highway 11, to be my hometown. My family moved there when my father was ordained as a United Church minister. As a young adult, I travelled, studied for a few years at Tyndale, and then spent five blessed years working in personal care. During that time, I started the discernment process for ordained ministry and ten years later—here I am! The years of discernment, followed by the completion of my undergraduate degree in French, and time at Emmanuel have been quite a journey. I am looking forward to walking the next part of it with you.

If you come by my office, I would love to get to know you over a cup of tea. These days my mind is full of thoughts about forms of prayer, children's spirituality, and the ways that we articulate our Christian faith. That, and debating sacramental theology with my Anglican husband, Max, who is currently in seminary. I would describe my approach to ministry as relational. This is evident in the way that my preaching seems to continually return to God's love and Jesus' command to love one another. I am compelled by the transformative potential of living in healing relationships and growing from each other's wisdom and witness.

Please stop by and say “hello” at the office or anywhere our paths may cross!

Blessings,

Anne Dionisio (rhymes with Delissio, as in the pizza.)

**Calm Down!  
Definitely NOT Church  
will be back...**

**Sundays,  
October 18 and  
November 29 @730pm**

New Shows.. Old Favourites...  
Coffee, Cookies, Harmonies,  
Songs from the past 7 decades,  
Surprises from Scripture and  
Tradition...  
Same ol' irreverence  
Same ol' **Howling Heretics!**

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Presents

*"THE DANCE  
OF THE  
BLESSED SPIRITS"*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

at 7:30 p.m.

Daniel Rubinoff and Chris Dawes  
explore the compelling sonic pairing of  
saxophone and organ.

**Scarborough Music  
Theatre**  
*presents:*  
*Anne of Green  
Gables*

**Book by DONALD HARRON**  
**Music by NORMAN CAMPBELL**  
**Adapted from the novel by L.M. Montgomery**  
**Director:** Dot Routledge  
**Music Director:** Anita Moore  
**Choreographer:** Sabrina Hooper  
**Stage Manager:** Wendy Miller

Preview Performance: November 5 at 8:00 pm.  
Regular Performances: November 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20 at  
8:00 pm  
and November 8, 15 and 21 at 2:00 pm.

**Preview Tickets: \$20 / Regular tickets: \$27**  
**For detailed ticket information, please see the**  
[Box Office page](http://theatrescarborough.com/TS_boxoffice.html)

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Scarborough Village Theatre is on Markham Road at  
Kingston Road.

## Jubilee ArtCraft

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 12 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### 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)**

**Lunch Café from Noon Friday**

The ArtCraft Show and Sale will soon be here! The team has been working VERY hard this past year, to increase the number of artisans as well as the exposure to the community. Now WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! We are looking for folks to deliver fliers, work in the kitchen and tea rooms, make jams and jellies and baked goods (and man the tables), monitor the parking lot, act as door cashiers, and so on. You'll find the sign-up sheets in the foyer. Please consider volunteering for a couple of slots if you can – maybe work in different areas!!! Contact Pat in the church office for further information.



## Sharing the Community of God's love with all of God's children. Worship Services for people with Autism and their support network.

Beginning Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jubilee will be hosting, providing and creating together Worship Services for people in the Autistic Community. The service will last about an hour and you are invited to join us as we share worship in ways that are most engaging for people with Autism. We will begin by reaching out to the mid-spectrum adults and children, but with time may broaden our reach. Eventually, any community that is formed will determine our path forward. The service will include music, story, movement, integration, and prayer. There will be lots of room and time for people to access and process according to individual needs. Together, we will experience and explore God's love and presence.

If you would like to volunteer to help with set up and/or refreshments, please speak with Rev. Seli. If you would like to simply come out and join us to bolster our sense of community, you are welcome and invited.

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.**





*UCW Fall Gathering*  
Tuesday October 27th  
Dinner at 6 pm  
Tickets \$10 In Advance  
from the Office or the UCW  
Followed at 7:30 pm by  
**Observations Down Under, Travels in Sydney,  
Melbourne and the Victorian Coast**  
with **Daniel Gaito**



*All Welcome*





**Yes, this is happening!  
Mark Your Calendars!!**

**There will live Big Band music courtesy of the  
Skyliners**

**There will be costumes and games...  
There will be candy... There will be a cash bar...  
There will be lots of Tricks and Treats...  
but you're going to have wait for the rest!**



# Joining Jubilee

We will be Receiving New Members  
and welcoming Transferred Members  
on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</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 evening on  
**Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> @7pm**  
or **Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**  
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.



## Ultior Worship

*A refreshing break from the rush of life*



*Jubilee United Church*

**Just a little different now...  
Once a Month  
on the First Wednesday  
of the Month  
at 7:30pm  
in the Sanctuary**

**Still a breath of fresh air...  
It's still better when you're here...**

October 7,  
November 4,  
December 2

## War of the Worlds! Just in time for Hallowe'en



Originally  
Broadcast in 1938  
brought to you  
LIVE with  
Sound Effects  
and Music

**The Jubil-AIR  
Radio Theatre Company**



**Sunday,  
November 1  
730pm  
At Jubilee  
United Church**  
Admission is Free.  
Donations  
gladly accepted  
to support  
this program and the  
ministries of Jubilee

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## Theology on Tap

A chance to talk about things that matter in a safe, in a friendly way...  
We talk about God, the Church, Spiritual but NOT Religious, Ethics, Jesus...  
all sorts of things.

We will meet monthly on **Wednesdays 7:30pm at the Triple Crown Pub.**

On Facebook and in the Sunday Bulletin before the gathering, we will post a Theological Thought, Quote, or Question that will be addressed at the upcoming evening. Discussion will also be driven by current events and those who show up.

**Wednesdays, Sept 30, Oct 21,  
Nov 18, Dec 16**

Buy your own food and drink; bring your own opinions...  
but sit with Norm and he'll keep the conversation going.  
**Triple Crown Pub on Lawrence (East of Tim Horton's) – in the Dining Area.**

## FALL LECTURE SERIES

### A MULTIFARIOUS COLLECTION

Wednesday afternoons 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Cost of Series \$20

Individual Lectures \$8

*Registration (cash or cheques payable to Jubilee United Church)*



#### **November 4: Pictures: The Ice Age, the Romans, and the Blind**

This talk will cover lessons learned in John's recent travels to Europe. He gained insight into the history of art from a British Museum exhibit, visits to Pompeii, and Ostia Antica, and interviews with a blind artist in Germany. Presenter: Dr. John Kennedy

#### **November 11: World War II: the Times and the Music**

A look at World War II through a variety of lenses – Literature, Art, Jewish Persecution, Speech Making, and Music. There will be a participatory excursion into the music of both sides, accompanied by recordings made during the war years. This is one of many presentations that have been made this year in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Presenter: John Rutherford

#### **November 18: Galileo Galilei: Science, Faith, and the Arts**

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) is one of the best-known of all scientists, though perhaps for the wrong reasons. This presentation is based on a keynote lecture that John gave in 2013 at an interdisciplinary conference at St. Michael's College, and on his experience as astronomical advisor to Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra's "Galileo Project". It will introduce Galileo the astronomer, physicist, mathematician, author, and musician. Presenter: Dr. John Percy

#### **November 25: The Supreme Court of Canada – Making Headlines and Making Law**

The relationship between the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) and the Parliament of Canada fundamentally changed with the adoption of the "Charter of Rights and Freedoms" in the 1980's. Today, Federal and Provincial laws and regulations are interpreted in light of, and are subject to, the Charter rights and freedoms. We now see an activist and prominent unelected SCC making decisions that define the rights that Canadians enjoy and directly impacts the lives of all citizens; reigns in certain Government actions; and obliges the elected Parliament to rewrite laws which offend the Charter. The presentation will highlight prominent decisions of the SCC that have truly made law and have also made headlines. Presenters: Donna Walwyn and Bill Watson

*New*



**Choir Members  
Welcome!**

**New Gowns!  
New Resources!  
Great Music!!  
Opportunities to learn and grow!  
Great People!!**

**I'll bet you've thought about joining the  
choir...**

**So, why not go for it, this year!!**

**Talk to Daniel after the service...  
or come on out on  
Thursday for the 7:30 pm rehearsal – there's  
always room for one more.**

## *Life Events*

### **Funerals:**

Louise Johnston August 18  
Dr. Don Brundage August 22

### **Marriages:**

Jason Staglon and  
Serena Marchesano June 20

Hugh Daley and  
Daphne Au Young August 1

Tyler Carruthers and  
Amy McQuaid August 8

Brent Boss and  
Devan Thompson August 15

Trevor Murphy and  
Marianne Russel August 22

## **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. We have 8 years of previous material upon which to rely and some new material that Rev. Seli continues to find for us.

**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 watch for short term Study Groups to pop up from time to time... Information will be in future Newsletters, Sunday Bulletin, Jubilee Website, and Facebook page.



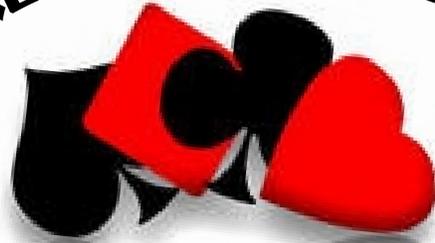
## **JUBILEE MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB The 2015-2016 Season Will Soon Be Here**

The Jubilee Men's Breakfast Club will present a speaker of interest on Saturday, October 31, November 28, January 23, February 27, and March 26.

Plan to join us for  
a simple and enjoyable breakfast.  
Coffee at 8:30 – Breakfast at 9:00 – Speaker  
from 9:30 – 10:30

Cost is nominal and you will still have lots of time left to tackle the "Honey Do" list. Specific details about each speaker will be posted in the Sunday bulletin 2 weeks in advance of the date, but don't wait until then: reserve the dates in your calendar now to attend the Breakfast Club meetings.

## **LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE?**



Join our Marathon bridge group members who play from October until June.  
We have a great time together.

Contact  
Bob Simpson at 416-203-0398  
or  
Ruth Nicholls at 416-445-2642  
for more information.

You will enjoy the company  
and the cards.

### **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. 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 because the funds are depleted. Support from the people of Jubilee has been exceptional and, through your contributions, children have gone to camp, young people have been able to enroll in professional training, electricity has stayed on, groceries have been bought, medical and financial distress has been eased. You may never know the people that you have helped; but then again, they just might be sitting beside you in church one day. Thank you for all that you have done in the past, and should you wish to contribute in the future, 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 to write things down from time to time).

Thank You *Norm*



# *Why I Give*

## for the Mission & Service of the United Church

### *Marion Best*

Past Moderator Marion Best at Naramata Community Church

I give for the Mission & Service of the United Church because I want to contribute to God's mission beyond my local congregation.

Jack and I have always divided our offering equally between our local congregation and Mission & Service. We know that our gifts support the ministries of our global partners as well as a wide range of outreach ministries across Canada, including Aboriginal ministries and congregations in isolated communities that depend on receiving mission support grants.

Through our gifts for Mission & Service, we are also contributing to ecumenical and interfaith initiatives that are important to us.

Being a part of the Mission & Service of the church both expands our world and brings it closer.

Join Marion Best in supporting the Mission & Service of the United Church.  
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**OUR GIFTS**

