



What's Happening

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Outdoor Service and Picnic

Welcome to our annual Outdoor Service and Picnic. We're pleased you could join us for our yearly opportunity to take our worship out onto the lawns.

Following the service, you're invited to stay for a barbeque lunch. The Congregational Life Committee has arranged for hamburgers and hot-dogs, and all the condiments and dishes we're using.

Many of the rest of the congregation have brought salads and / or desserts to round out the meal, so if you've arrived without a contribution please feel welcome to enjoy our hospitality. We want everyone to celebrate the season with us.



Welcome one and all! There's lots of food to share, so please stay and join us for our annual picnic following this morning's service

Many thanks to Michael Fraser, John McCulloch, John Hendricks & Christopher Ono for helping to set up the chairs and canopies this morning.

Thanks also to Ian from the Congregational

Life Centre, who graciously set up our sound system and electric piano.

We'd be grateful for some help putting things away at the end of the picnic!

Worship with Us

June 20, 2010
PENTECOST 4
Special Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Malcolm Finlay

June 27, 2010
PENTECOST 5
Sermon title:
"Heavy Duty Commitment"
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Luke 9:51-62

July 4, 2010
PENTECOST 6
SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN
WORSHIP STARTS AT
10:30 AM
sermon title:
"Freedom"
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Psalm 30
2 Kings 5:1-14

Rev. Steve Away Next Sunday

Next Sunday morning Rev. Steve and 6 other members of our congregation will be attending a conference called "More Franchises than Tim Hortons."

They'll be learning about ways that United Church congregations

across the country have re-vitalized and found exciting ways to be church.

Rev. Malcolm Finlay of our congregation will be leading worship on June 20, and Dennis Punter will be at the organ.



Summer Services Begin July 4, 2010

- Service Time moves to 10:30 a.m.
- Join us in our air conditioned Parlour
- lemonade & refreshments to follow
- Church School & Nursery resume after Labour Day

Fringe Festival Connection

Join us on Friday June 25th to preview a Fringe Festival play that's been rehearsing in our building. The Congregational Life Committee is planning fresh strawberries for refreshments

It's developed into an interesting partnership. Visitors to the church on the past several Wednesday evenings have wondered about raised voices and strange sounds coming from behind closed doors.

intense Board meetings!

The church has played host to a small group of actors who have been rehearsing an original play for the Fringe Festival this summer.

Earlier in the Spring they came to us seeking rehearsal space.

But Fringe Festival productions are always done on a shoe-string. There was no way these fellows could pay to rent the space they needed.

In the interest of building stronger community relations we struck a deal with them — we'd give them some space

to practice in, and they'd perform for us when the show was ready.

Proceeds of the show on June 25 will go to the church, and we'll all have some fun together on a Friday night in June.

Since we're anticipating that fresh local strawberries will be in season by the end of the month, The Congregational Life Committee has agreed to serve angel cake (what else, at a church, after all?), with fresh berries and whipped cream.

The show will be held in the Friendship Hall.

Please bring your friends, and join us for a fun evening, an opportunity to support some local artists, and a chance to participate in a new-to-us fundraising opportunity.



The video we watched last Sunday in worship about the history of The United Church of Canada is called "Dare to Be" It's available on YouTube at the United Church of Canada's channel:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/unitedchurchofcanada>

Board Focuses on our Mission

This month's Board meeting devoted a significant amount of time to continuing conversations about the mission and future of our congregation.

The Board agreed that "financial" issues are really "mission" issues — people give to what they care about. And people bring friends to places they like! Growth is a by-product of a strong and clear mission.

To that end, six members of our congregation, together with the minister, will be attending a conference in June on re-vitalizing churches, and we're looking forward to hearing about the ideas and suggestions they bring back..

Response to the experiment to close the transept has been positive; many have commented on how it improves the whole worship experience when we all sit together in the body of the church.

Response to our admail postcards has also been strong — people like the sense of fun in them.

A small committee has been formed to actively seek out some new mid-week tenants, (which could alleviate some financial pressure at least temporarily) but the real excitement is from all the ideas that have been emerging to make our ministry more relevant and responsive to the social values of those in our neighbourhood.

SAMPLE RECIPE:

85th Anniversary Bannock

4 cups of all purpose flour
1 Tablespoon sugar
2 Tablespoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups of water
Optional 1/4 cup vegetable oil

1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. Combine dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl
3. Add water and oil, stirring with a fork to combine until a dough forms.
4. Turn the dough out onto a surface lightly coated with flour. Knead for about 3 minutes.
5. Pat the dough into an oval shape about 3/4 inch thick. Transfer to a well-greased cookie sheet and prick the surface with a fork
6. Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until golden brown.

*Please share your recipes with us for this 70th anniversary project.
Email: sm.nottegar@sympatico.ca*

JUNE 20 5:00 PM

National 85th Anniversary Service Broadcast

The Official Board evaluated the feedback on our pre-service refreshments and has decided that it should carry on.



On June 20th, 5pm (EST) the General Council will live stream the country-wide 85th Anniversary Service for the United Church of Canada (UCC).

Participate in the service Live-

Online: People from across the country will be able to live-Tweet (hash tag #ucc85) prayers and reflections on Mardi Tindal's sermon during the ser-

vice. Mardi will be engaging some of the tweeted messages in her sermon and prayers will be lifted up during communion.

A Country Wide Liturgy:

Not only streamed across the country, but sections of the liturgy will be led online from St. John's Nfld, Kingston Bermuda, Hartley Bay BC, Whitehorse YT., with music from the Every Kid Choir, live and video liturgical dance, prayer, visual art from the streets of Toronto 'Paint Your Faith Project'.

With Moderator Mardi Tindal preaching, global partner presence, music with Bruce Harding and participants from the More Franchises: A Second Cup event, it promises to be a historic gathering!

Our intention is to show how technology can enhance your worship as well as sharing it with other people in your community, even globally through streaming. Because of the size and complexity of using a large church, we have brought in extra equipment, but there are lots of affordable options congregations could use with just high-speed internet and webcams. Indeed many churches are already streaming their services every week. For more information on using technology e-mail morefranchises@united-church.ca.

To watch the service, use your Internet browser and go to:

www.ucc85.blogspot.com/

Summer Volunteers Needed



- August Worship Leaders
- After-worship refreshments
- Book or movie reviews for the Summer edition of What's Happening
- Weeding in the Gardens

JR Entertainment presents

In association with the Toronto Fringe Festival and Forest Hill United Church

A Comedy of Admiration, Desperation & Annihilation!

A small town boy, new to the big city, and a loyal Billy Joel fan, Colin thought he was getting a good deal: A premium ticket to the show of the century! Instead Colin finds himself surrounded by shifty swindlers, strange strangers, and shady scalpers.

Friday June 25th
7:00 p.m.

at
Forest Hill United Church
Refreshments to follow
Tickets \$15



Pray for the Truth & Reconciliation Commission

The Commission to hear stories about the Indian Residential Schools begins its work this week in Winnipeg

The first National Consultation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will take place at the Forks in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from June 16 to 19, 2010.

Church members across Canada are asked to set aside Sunday, June 13, 2010, to pray for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its work:

We're invited to pray for survivors of Indian Residential Schools, for former school staff members, for commissioners, speakers, and all Canadians, that we may speak, hear, and act upon the truth, and

that we as individuals and as a nation may meet the hope of a new

beginning

About the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Winnipeg Consultation

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada is part of a comprehensive response to the legacy of Indian Residential Schools as set out in the Residential Schools' Settlement Agreement reached in May 2006. The Commission is mandated to look at activities within residential schools, as well as the impacts of the schools' stated aim to assimilate Aboriginal children.

The National Consultation in Winnipeg will be an opportunity for survivors of residential schools, their families and communities, for church members, people of faith, and other concerned Canadians to gather for truth telling, learning and reflection, artistic expression, remembering and commemorating, healing, repenting, and reconciling.

Two Regional GTA Events to Mark the Opening and Closing

National staff and people from the participating Protestant Churches – Anglican, Presbyterian and United – have been working on this legacy, with increasing intensity, for the past two decades. As part of that work, this past November over 100 people, including many from the GTA and surrounding communities, gathered for a regional ecumenical Ambassadors of Reconciliation training event. Those who were there from the Toronto region then started to meet together a few months ago, and have planned two Toronto events to provide an opportunity for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to gather and mark the opening and closing of this first National TRC Event.

June 16th from 6 to 7 pm - Metropolitan United Church 56 Queen Street East

With ceremony, story-telling, a recognition of historic land rights, and an outline of the TRC process, as well as a call to participants to take part in the TRC process through education, advocacy and supportive prayer vigils and observances, this Toronto regional event will mark in solidarity the first day of the first National TRC Event.

June 19th at 11 am - Etienne Brule Park, West bank at Humber Blvd. near Old Mill Inn, Subway

Following the Aboriginal Day Run/Walk – a 4 km Humber River Run/Walk – another similar gathering for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to mark the closing of the first National TRC Event will take place.

For more information on either of these events, or to let an organizer know that you plan to attend, please contact: Brian McIntosh, United Church Ambassador, 416-817-2606

Upcoming Meetings

**Tuesday June 15th 7:00 pm
Board Meeting**

**Wednesday June 16th
6:45 dinner; 7:30 meeting
Strategic Planning**

**Sunday June 20th 12:30 pm
United Church Women**

**Sunday June 27th 12:30 pm
Congregational Life Cttee**

