

## Newsletter – March 22, 2010

Good Monday morning everyone

I realize I say this often - but our choir was GREAT yesterday at worship! We are so blessed. Thank you Barry, Derek and choir.

It was wonderful too, to have people home from their March break wanderings. I'm glad you had time away and I'm very glad to see you again.

Our church family is incredibly diverse; involved in so many things in the community and the world – it's wonderful! That's how it's meant to be – all of us doing what we can and what we love, joyfully and thankfully in the world. THAT'S how to be the Body of Christ. Most recently, some of us have been part of: the Olympics and the Arctic games and the Ski nationals. To all of you – congratulations and we're proud of you!

**Movie Night Monday** – Come to the church Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> for a 7 pm start, to watch Jesus Christ Super Star with us, and help us fold crosses for Sunday.

This coming Saturday morning – **communion server training**. 10:30-noon.

**IS ANYONE ALLERGIC OR SENSITIVE TO LILIES?** As the Worship Committee plans for Easter Sunday it would be helpful to know. Please let us know. If no one has a problem with them, we're going to invite folks to consider placing some in the sanctuary for Easter, perhaps as a memorial or in honour of someone.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** – will meet this coming Sunday after church. If you can't make this practice but want to take part Easter Sunday let Bev know.

Included with this newsletter is a separate document for your use if you wish. It is the text of the **Bible study we'll be doing through Lent**. Essentially it will be the Biblical text of each of the Gospel writers' versions of the passion narrative. Beginning with Mark, (who wrote first of the four gospels we have included in our Bible) we'll simply read through each version of the last week of Jesus' life. I have copied it from the New Revised Standard translation, and included, in CAPS, my own comments throughout. This week I am sending out **John's account of Holy Week**. Beginning with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and through to the end of the crucifixion. Scholars believe that Mark had written his gospel around the year 70, and that roughly 10 years later, with a copy of Mark in front of him, Luke and Matthew wrote his own gospel, copying and editing Mark's version. The three gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke are called the "synoptic" gospels because of this. Finally, 10 years later yet, John wrote, independently. There is a quiz to reinforce the factual details of the stories, that will be included on [the website](#) and you may want to check that out as well.

**Dessert Theatre:** After church on April 11<sup>th</sup> all participants please plan to stay for a couple of hours and we'll have our first complete read through. Bring a bag lunch. If you

haven't signed up for it but want in, that's ok, come along we can use everyone. OUR PLAN IS TO PREPARE IT FOR PRESENTATION SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup>.

**Book club.** Anyone is most welcome to join us, or simply to read along with us whether or not you attend meetings. The book is **Jade Peony by Wayson Choy** and we'll meet to discuss it on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30. The first meeting will be **Wed, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. At the church, in the upper room. We'll take turns suggesting books, so that we get a broad range of material.

Mondays – **Bible Study**, 5:15 pm at the church in the upper room

Tuesdays – **Bible Study** 7:15 am in the upper room

Wednesday March 3 – **Lenten worship**, 12:15-12:45 in the sanctuary

### COMING UP

(I will include special services in other churches as I'm made aware of them)

Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm. The social justice committee at Sacred Heart Cathedral has invited us to participate in a social justice Stations of the Cross. 7 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – **YOUTH GROUP**. Grades 6 and up. Meet at 6:30 at the church; we'll attend the Social Justice Stations of the Cross at the Roman Catholic church, and then have food, activities and conversation. Note: there will be no mailed invitations. THIS is your invitation. If you know of young people who would like to come, please invite them.

**Communion Servers' training** Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-NOON in the Sanctuary. There will be a signup sheet for this or contact Bev please.

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to mail in **the 2010 Observer Survey**. It tracks how lay people and ministers perceive issues relating to the practice of ministry. If you don't receive the Observer you may go to [www.ucobserver.org](http://www.ucobserver.org). Please consider taking a few minutes to fill out the survey.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** – by the Men's Breakfast group as a fundraiser for Braeburn Camp. April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at the CY O hall (at the Roman Catholic church) – We are asked to provide salads and desserts – there is a sign-up sheet in the usual place in the narthex

**Movie Group** – March 18<sup>th</sup> we watched One Week, (fabulous film!) and will meet again **Thursday evening, April 15<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Karen Walker and Wayne Tuck at 42 Bell Crescent. 7 pm. Karen will surprise us with a choice of film. You won't be disappointed.

## LIST OF GREETERS APRIL-JUNE 2010

March 28 – Takhini Acres Troop  
April 4 (Easter Sunday) Fred and Mary Lou Smith  
April 11 – Gail Chester/Faye and Jack Cable  
April 18 – Farr Furlong family (there is a 2 toonie lunch after church this day)  
May 2 – Fred and Mary Lou Smith  
May 9 – (run for Mom – come in your running gear or wear pink that day – I PROMISE to let you out in time to run!)  
May 16 – Faye and Jack Cable  
May 23 (long weekend and PENTECOST) – Joy Wickett  
May 30 – Fred and Mary Lou Smith – AGM Sunday  
June 6 – Church picnic – Dawn Dimond and Gail Chester  
June 13 – Farr Furlong family  
June 20 – Vanessa Thorson/Beth Roberts  
June 27 Takhini Acres Troop

### IN THE COMMUNITY:

- 1) A fundraiser [March 27 at the Westmark from 6-12 with music by Yukon Women in Music...it's for leukemia and lymphoma \(all types of blood cancer\)](#)  
Appetizers, Cash Bar, Silent Auction, Quilt draw, decadent desserts and more. For more info – 456 6134
- 2) [Eco Chic Fashion Show and tea 3-5 pm CYO Hall, for Grandmothers to Grandmothers. Audrey- 668 3321](#)

### HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND SERVICES AS WE KNOW THEM

Monday March 29<sup>th</sup> – Bible study, 5:15

Tuesday March 30 – 7:15 am – Bible Study

Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm A PRACTICE FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Wednesday March 31 – 12:15 – 12:45 – a service of readings and silence in the sanctuary

Thursday April 1 – 6 pm here at the church, A Maundy Thursday service in the form of a Seder meal. The meal will be provided

Friday April 2 – 11 am – Good Friday service here in the sanctuary.

2 pm French Roman Catholic service at Long Lake.  
3 pm Sacred Heart Roman Catholic service at the cathedral here in  
Whitehorse

Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter breakfast (no sunrise service this year) at the Lutheran church,  
8:30

Worship with communion and special music – Here at WUC at the regular  
time, 10:30 am

### **IN THIS MONTH'S OBSERVER:**

The Observer is the national magazine of the United Church of Canada. There is always a Bible study, as well as reviews of books and DVDs. This month, some of the featured articles include: highlighting what's happening in Haiti from the UCC perspective, the reality of immigrant students who have no legal status in Canada, an article about overpopulation, one about how some United Church folk are moving toward Unitarian Universalism, and an invitation from the magazine to speak up about practices of ministry. It's a survey, due my March 31, and it would be a very interesting exercise. You can access this survey at [www.ucobserver.org](http://www.ucobserver.org)

**GET YOUR CREATIVE JUICES GOING** – We'll be hosting Presbytery in September. Among the things to think about (including billets, food and so on) – please think about how we'll welcome them and how to use the gold rush as a theme for our weekend with them. "Gold" has been suggested by someone and I really like that idea: God's love more precious than gold, the gold brought to Jesus at his birth, each of us as a priceless nugget, the Gospel as a pearl of great price.....what comes to mind? Banners? Songs? If you have thoughts please talk to me or to the worship committee. Thanks – it's so much fun to develop a theme together.

### **SOME INFORMATION ABOUT OUR STRUCTURAL LIFE HERE AT WUC** **I'm quoting from the WUC Constitution as it presently stands.**

**Please note that in the last newsletter we featured the Ministry and Personnel committee. It gave outdated membership information: Carol Leef has completed her term and Doris Mader now serves on the committee.**

#### **4.8 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Goal: To become aware of the skills and talents of the people in the congregation as potential participants in leadership.**

This is an ongoing committee that becomes aware of the skills and talents of the people in the congregation as potential participants in leadership.

#### **DUTIES :**

1. solicit candidates for election to office and volunteers to serve on all Committees. The committee

shall liaise with staff and Council Committee Representatives.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE. I'M TOLD THAT THIS HAS BEEN TRUE FOR MANY YEARS. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CONTINUING LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY? HOW DO WE SEEK OUT THE GIFTS AND SKILLS OF PEOPLE AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMITTEES ARE SERVED FAITHFULLY? WHO TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE TASKS IN THE ABSENCE OF A COMMITTEE TO DO THIS WORK?**