

## **Newsletter – March 29, 2010**

Good Monday morning everyone

Oh my we had a wonderful time at church yesterday! There were crosses for everyone, (folded by a group of people last week – thank you to the cross-folders). The banners were beautiful – made by Joy with joy. If you haven't seen them, come and take a look before they are taken down later in the week. Lovely. The choir was truly a blessing, (as usual), Barry's instrumentals from Super Star set exactly the right tone, (again, as usual) the palm branches and the children and ...THANK YOU my friends, for doing what you do and being who you are. I love worshipping with you.

This, of course, is Holy Week. Here are the most urgent of the upcoming items and events

**Movie Night Monday** –This week we'll meet at the home of Jennifer Moorlag, 22 10<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, in Porter Creek, at 7:30. The movie will be Chocolat. (456-2716)

**Tuesday:** Bible Study at 7:15 am  
Practice for Good Friday at 7 pm

No one has indicated an allergy or sensitivity to lilies, and so we are inviting anyone who would like do to so, to place flowers in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If it is in memory of or in honour of someone, and you would like that printed in the bulletin, please let us know at the office BEFORE WEDNESDAY and the printing of the bulletin.

**Wednesday:** Noon hour worship in the sanctuary  
Choir practice 7:30

**BAND FOR EASTER SUNDAY** – anyone who plays an instrument and would like to play in the band for Easter Sunday contact Barry Kitchen. The band will play the processional hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today". Barry has the music for you.

**Maundy Thursday:** service and meal downstairs in Lewis Hall at 6 pm. The meal is provided.

**Good Friday:** service in the sanctuary at 11 am. This service will be ecumenical, shared with Trinity Lutheran Church

**Saturday:** Youth group meets at the church 3 pm

**Easter Sunday** – service at the regular time of 10:30 with Communion, and special music. The junior choir will sing, there will be a band, and of course our own Senior choir has prepared an Easter anthem.

## COMING UP

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 this out.

**Men's Breakfast** – Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 am at the Lutheran church. All men welcome. Breakfast provided.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** – by the Men's Breakfast group as a fundraiser for Braeburn Camp. April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at the CYO 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

**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>.**

**Movie Group** – Last time 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.

April 18<sup>th</sup> after church a **two toonie lunch** – proceeds toward the **Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre**. Spearheaded by Ashley Renwick. Please support this if you are able. 633-5832.

**Food Drive:** Drop Off Week April 19<sup>th</sup>. Pick up week April 26<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers for this important ecumenical initiative. Approximate time commitment one hour each of those weeks. Call Beth for more details at 633-2710

**Book club.** Anyone is most welcome to join us, or simply to read along with us whether or not you attend meetings. This month's book is **Good to a Fault** and we'll meet to discuss it on **the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30. Wed, April 28th.** At the church, in the upper room.

June 12 – The plan is to have a **“Spring Soul Cleaning” retreat day** at the church. A day of fun, collage making, conversation, inspiration and laughter. Lunch provided. **PLEASE SAVE OLD MAGAZINES FOR US** when you're doing your spring cleaning.

After Easter, we will keep on with the **early morning Bible Studies**. I'm open to changing the day from Tuesday if that's better, but for now we'll stay with Tuesdays at 7:15. We'll also keep going with the Wednesday noon hour services of silence and readings. The Monday 5:15 Bible Study, however, will be discontinued.

At some point I would like to offer **confirmation classes**. This might also include baptism preparation (for adults or young people), people who are thinking of transferring membership from another denomination or simply people who would like a chance to talk about faith. I have no idea if there is interest, and if there is, when would be a good time. Please talk to me about this. I would anticipate a six week series.

**GRADUATION: Who from our church family will be graduating from high school or college this year? We'd very much like to acknowledge them, but first we have to know who they are. Please let us know if you are aware of graduates. Thanks!**

### **LIST OF GREETERS APRIL-JUNE 2010**

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

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**HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND SERVICES (OURS AND OTHERS') AS WE KNOW THEM -Check the papers for other worship opportunities during this week.**

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 by 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.**

#### **4.9 COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE**

##### **DUTIES:**

1. establish and maintain a team of visitors to carry out the on-going program of congregational visitation. Care must be exercised in the selection of visitors and matching them with households :
2. recruit, identify expectations, and provide training and support for all pastoral care visitors :
3. recruit and train persons for special pastoral care visitation :
4. invite and encourage people to become active members of the congregation :
5. provide the Nominating Committee with relevant information concerning members' interests and skills :

6. recommend and receive members into the congregation by baptism, confirmation, transfer or re-affirmation of faith :
7. co-ordinate necessary transportation to church services :
8. co-ordinate worship and communion for the sick, shut-ins, and others unable to attend corporate worship :
9. appoint a Roll Clerk, who may or may not be a member of the Committee, who shall clearly record the date of admission, removal or any other action concerning each confirmed member :
10. co-ordinates with the church administrator the record of all people associated with the congregation and maintain the record of baptism, marriage and burials :
11. provide feedback to the staff, Council and other committees regarding the workings of the church and any other matters on which opinions are expressed, exercising due care for confidentiality :
12. inform the staff and Council how they may best support the visitation team :
13. be responsible for the "conversation and coffee time" after worship :
14. co-ordinate occasional hospitality for special congregational events, and :
15. be responsible for the training and provision of greeters.

HAVING READ THE MANDATE OF THIS COMMITTEE, WOULDN'T YOU  
AGREE THAT THIS IS A WONDERFUL GROUP TO HAVE WORKING WITH AND  
FOR US?

AND....

WOULD IT SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT...

**THIS COMMITTEE IS VACANT?**

**THERE ARE NO MEMBERS.**

THESE TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT BEING FULFILLED, EXCEPT  
BY COUNCIL BY DEFAULT AS MUCH AS THEY ARE ABLE. PLEASE PRAY  
ABOUT THIS.