

OF INTEREST FROM THE WIDER CHURCH/COMMUNITY

Taize Worship - March 14th 4 p.m.

St. Agnes Church (530 East 12th, North Vancouver)
offered by St. Agnes Anglican and St. Andrew's United Churches.
Continuing on the 2nd Sunday of each month

“Run/Walk for the Homeless Fundraiser”. Once again, First United (Vancouver) is entering a team in the Sun Run on May 9th. Please consider joining the team and collecting pledges or sponsoring a homeless person to participate. We also need volunteers to help spread the word, to put posters in the community and to work with the staff to create more participation. We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact Isabelle, the Fund Development Coordinator on 604 681 8365 (ext 118).

HOMELESS COUNT 2010 TRAINING SESSIONS

See schedule on bulletin board for free training sessions for volunteers working with the homeless. Sponsored by the City of Vancouver.

“Ken Lavigne” Direct from Carnegie Hall.

“An Evening of Entertaining Stories and Spectacular Music!”

Saturday March 27, 2010 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25. For more information contact St. Andrews United Church, NV

DEEP COVE COFFEE HOUSE - MARCH 19, 2010 - HEADWATER

Headwater is returning to the Deep Cove Coffee House this month. They wowed us with their CD release appearance in February 2009 and we expect nothing less this time! Check out their website at <http://www.headwater.ca/>

- They describe their music as “tractor jazz”

- Band members are: *Jonas Shandel - guitar, banjo, vocals / Matt Bryant - mandolin, vocals / Jim Tweedle - steel guitar, Patrick Metzger - upright bass*

About logistics:

Time: Doors open: 7:30pm, Warm-up acts: 7:30pm, Feature act: 9pm

Location: St. Clare-in-the-Cove Church, 1384 Deep Cove Road



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Announcements March 7, 2010

“Having been brought up with a definition of faith as adherence to a set of beliefs, I have more and more begun to turn instead toward a definition of faith as openness to truth, whatever truth may turn out to be.”

-Barbara Taylor Brown

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us this morning. Our worship service is piped into both the Narthex (lobby) and the Chapel at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to use these areas if you have young children or wish to move about. **Infant and toddler care** is available during worship in the chapel at the back of the sanctuary. Our Childcare provider is Christina Briggs.

Please join us in making our building a welcoming place for those with allergies to scents by avoiding perfumed products.

If you are in need of a **hearing device**, please ask an usher. Hearing aid users can activate the T-switch on their aids to link into our sound system.

NEW TO MOUNT SEYMOUR? VISIT THE WELCOME TABLE in the lobby at the front doors and pick up a welcome package. Add your name to our contact list at the Welcome Table and feel free to ask for any assistance or information.

The Offering: Financial donations to the church cover the expenses to run the church and to fund our local and global ministries. Tax receipts are available. Please use one of the envelopes in the pew or, for regular giving, sign up for envelopes or PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) at the Action Table. You can also donate online at our website www.mtseymourunited.com.

Visit the **ACTION Table** to sign up for coming events and find out what else is happening at Mount Seymour. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE/TEA AND VISITING AFTER THE SERVICE.** We serve Fair Trade coffee. Donations are gratefully accepted.

We are pleased to welcome back Canadian tenor Richard Tyce! Richard's cds will be available after the service today. You can visit his website at www.richardtyce.com.

Lunch and Annual General Meeting – March 21 after worship

Please plan to attend this important meeting and enjoy a catered lunch together. We will be voting on the 2010 Budget and other church matters. Wade will share reflections from his experiences in Ghana and this is also an opportunity to meet Kimiko Karpoff who will be joining us during Rev. Nancy's Sabbatical.

Our 2009 Annual Report is available in the lobby and you can view it on our website.

Sabbatical Plans: The United Church of Canada requires that every 5 years Ministry Personnel, who request it, be granted a 3 month sabbatical in addition to their usual holiday and study leave. The purpose of the sabbatical is for reflection, recreation, and revitalization, unencumbered by the usual and customary responsibilities of ministry. Rev. Nancy will be on sabbatical from April 15 to July 15 followed by a period of vacation and study leave. She will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, August 15th. In her absence, we will be joined by Diaconal Ministry Student, Kimiko Karpoff, whose primary areas of responsibility will be worship and pastoral care. Watch for more information about Nancy's sabbatical in the upcoming Easter Newsletter.

Dry Storage Needed

We are collecting items for our next Collectible and Antique Sale in April 2011 and need a place to store donations until the sale. If you have some dry storage space to share, please contact Ann DeVent at adevent@telus.net or contact the office. Thanks!

Don't miss the last week of our Lenten Sermon Series!

SPRING CLEANING:

Scrubbing off Tarnished Words in Search of Bright New Meaning

People think church is all about sin, suffering, sacrifice and salvation. Who needs it? Who wants to go to church and hear about this stuff? Reverend Nancy Talbot discusses these topics in a way you may never have considered before:

- Feb 21: Sin: What's so deadly about it?
- Feb 28: Suffering: Why do bad things happen to good people?
- March 7: Sacrifice: Is it worth it?
- March 14: Salvation: Who needs it?

Listen to or read past sermons on our website!

What is a Prayer Chain?

A **prayer chain** is a network of individuals who will receive confidential prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward those requests to the next available person in the network, who and will then pray for each request

Carolyn Porter, a member of the **Caring Connections** core team, will be establishing prayer chain and would like people interested in volunteering with this ongoing ministry to contact her at cporter1@telus.net or 604-924-3935. Look for **Confidential Prayer Request cards**, available soon in the church pews or at the office

This Week's Regular Activities

Mon-Wed	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Thrift Shop Sorting
Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Questions Study Group
Wed.	11 a.m.	Lunchtime Questions Study Group
	4 pm	Children and Youth Choirs
Thursday	2-8 p.m.	Thrift Shop
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday	10 a.m.	The Fold (help with bulletins)
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
Saturday	8:00 am	Women's Breakfast
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Dates to Remember

- Mon. March 8 @ 7 pm Questions Study Group
- Wed. March 10 @ 11 am Questions Study Group
- Sun. March 21 11 am Annual General Meeting and Lunch

All groups welcome new members. Contact the office or our website for more information.