

Tsawwassen United Church

5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2009, 10:00 AM

Lent is a forty day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation. At the points marked "*****", those who are able are invited to stand.*

THE PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE: He Leadeth Me

~ David Paxton

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*see back of bulletin*)

*OPENING HYMN: You Servants of God

VU 342

OPENING PRAYER

JUNIOR CHOIR: Lord, You Are Near Me

~ Mark Patterson

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE: Psalm 51

VU 776

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*Senior Choir*):

Come Unto Me

~ Larry Nickel

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

SCRIPTURE:

Jeremiah 6:16

pew Bible O.T. page 137

SERMON: "Standing at the Crossroads"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- *Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: God Weeps MV 78

EXTINGUISH LAST LENT CANDLE

TIME OF SILENCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*) VU 959

GOSPEL READING: (*Reader: Keith Crocker*)

John 12:20–33

pew Bible N.T. page 101

*CLOSING HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

POSTLUDE: Rejoice Be Glad

~ Todd Kendall

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29, 2009

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT T.U.C.

TODAY **Worship Service (no Sunday School)** – at **10:00 a.m.** The Junior Choir will be singing.

Annual General Meeting – in the sanctuary following the worship service.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for Richmond Chinese United Christian Fellowship.

Delta Hospital E.C.U. Service – at **2:30 p.m.**

Lenten Study Group – meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge.

MON. **Lunch Bunch** – meet in the Lounge at **11:00 a.m.** The guest speaker will be Tom Ferguson, a volunteer with the Delta Police Department. He will be talking on emergency planning. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be served.

WED. **Junior Choir**..... **3:30 p.m.**

THURS. **Choir**..... **7:45 p.m.**

SAT. **Men's Club** – meet at 8:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at The Tsawwassen Golf Club. See next page for details.

NEXT SUN. Palm Sunday Worship Service with Communion – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture readings: Liturgy of the Palms — Mark 11:1–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (VU pg. 837 parts 1, 3, and 4). Liturgy of the Passion — Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16 (VU pg. 758 parts 2 and 3); Philipians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47.

Lenten Study Group – meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will be having their next breakfast meeting on **Saturday, April 4th.**

Place: The Tsawwassen Golf Club

Time: 8:30 a.m. — coffee served at 8:00 a.m.

The speaker will be Mr. Keith Reynolds, a retired B.C. businessman who lives in Whistler. He has dedicated his retirement time to building playgrounds in war-ravaged areas. His creation, Playground Builders, a nonprofit organization, has built playgrounds in the West Bank Gaza, Iraq and in Afghanistan.

He finances the construction cost with the help of volunteers, donors, and other nonprofit organizations. He also helps the financing by selling extra virgin olive oil — from the local farmers — and he will have some for sale on Saturday at \$15 for 750 ml.

As usual, all men of the congregation are welcome, but please notify Bill Williams (604-943-7262) or Albert Knudsen (604-943-6748) by Tuesday, March 31st.

A picture of Mr. Reynolds at one of his recently built playgrounds is on the church notice board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER

It's renewal time for *The United Church Observer*. The magazine reports on issues affecting denominational and congregational life, as well as covering a wide range of general-interest issues of concern to people of faith today. If you'd like to renew your 12 month subscription please write a \$15 cheque payable to "The Observer", put it in an envelope addressed to the church office, and place it in the collection plate on Sunday. You can also mail it to the church office, bring it into the office during the week, or drop it in the mailbox outside of the church front door. **The deadline is April 12th.** New subscriptions are welcome. The March issue of "The Observer" is available in the narthex for anyone who wishes to borrow it.



• IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

There will be no Sunday School today due to Spring Break. (Also during this time, Brenda will be away at school.) Sunday School will begin again on April 5th, Palm Sunday.

- **THANK YOU!**

A bouquet of thanks to Joanne Harris for her hospitality to the Tsawwassen Ladner ministerial group who met at TUC last week.



- **GOLF FORE THE HOMELESS**

A fund-raising golf tournament in support of the work of First United Church in Vancouver's downtown-eastside.

Date: **Monday, May 4, 2009**. Place: University Golf Club, 5185 University Blvd., Vancouver. Time: 1:00 p.m. shotgun start (Texas Scramble). Fee: \$200 (registration fee includes light lunch, pull cart, golf, barbecue dinner, silent auction, tax receipt for \$60). **If you're interested in participating please contact Rick Soutar at 604-943-7524.**

- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 10TH**

At **10:00 a.m.**, beginning at Ladner United Church — walking in a procession with the cross through downtown Ladner — finishing worship at All Saint's Anglican (Arthur and 47a Ave). All are welcome.

- **BRAHMS REQUIEM GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT**

The Amabilis Singers, Shaughnessy Heights United Church Choir, duo-pianists Ingrid Verseveldt and Catherine Bundt, soprano Jennifer Driscoll-Holmes, baritone George Roberts and conductor Ramona Luengen join forces for a very special Good Friday performance of Ein deutsches Requiem by Johannes Brahms.

Among the most outstanding and frequently performed works in the sacred choral repertoire, Ein deutsches Requiem occupied Brahms over a period of many years and was deeply influenced by the tragic fate of his friend and patron Robert Schumann who attempted suicide in 1854 and died insane two years later. This two-piano version is not merely an arrangement of the orchestral parts, but a transformation of the work that allows for an unsurpassed degree of intimacy, precision and contrapuntal clarity. At **3:00PM Good Friday, April 10, 2009**, Shaughnessy Heights United Church, 1550 West 33rd Avenue (first block west of Granville St., Vancouver. All tickets \$15, available in advance by calling 604-437-9200, or at the door.

- **EASTER IN VANCOUVER**

WHAT: An evening with Rev. Ric Matthews, minister at First United, to help us begin the journey of Holy Week by reflecting on crucifixion and resurrection as they are experienced by the people in our city. Yes, pain and injustice in the Downtown Eastside, but how are all of us involved in what happens to this one part of our body? Yes, words of hope, but what do they really mean? What would it look like for us to follow in the Way of the Resurrected One in Vancouver? Ric speaks from his perspective of living and working in the Downtown Eastside. WHEN – **Holy Monday, April 6th, 7 pm**. WHERE – St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, corner of Nelson and Burrard. In the Chapel (SE corner – Burrard and the lane). Parking free – accessed by the lane to the south; pick up a parking pass!

- **KATY HUTCHESON STORY**

Katy Hutcheson has a story of anger, forgiveness and reconciliation that is shocking and inspiring. Her story follows the Christian message in a way that few of us would like to be tested. The murder of her husband and her forgiveness of the killer are well beyond any normal expectation. Listen to her story from **2pm to 4pm** at First United Church on **April 15**. First United is at 320 East Hastings at Gore Street in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Some underground parking will be available. Price is \$25.00. (Katy will also share in the Celebration Service at 5.45pm). Please call (604)681-8365 for details and to reserve your place.

- **EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS FOR FIRST UNITED**

First United wishes to thank all you wonderful folks who bring in canned and other goods for our Emergency Food Program. Emergency food distributes 12-24 bags of food each Tuesday to the Community and 10-12 bags of food to those who volunteer daily on Thursdays. This program is direct outreach to the community and assists those who are eking out an existence on an extremely low or no income. Those who are homeless are supplied with street bags. These bags are filled with items which require no cooking, merely hot water. Flip top cans are highly desirable for those on the street. First is finding their cupboards bare and these programs are at risk. In case you are able to help support this program the following is a list of items they could use:

- Canned items: fish (tuna, salmon, sardines), meat (turkey, chicken, corned beef, ham, spam), soup (tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom, vegetable, pea soup, etc.), beans, pork and beans, mixed beans, vegetables, pasta or stew, fruit
- Canned items with flip tops: Chef Boyardee pastas, chunky soups and stews, meat and fish, etc.
- Kraft Dinner
- Cereal
- Pasta (900 grams)
- Rice
- Noodles and sauce; Rice a Roni, etc.
- Tomato\pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Tea\coffee\juice
- Cup o soup; any noodle meal in a cardboard container
- Cereals ... in their own containers
- Fruit To Go
- Cheese and cracker packs; peanut butter and cracker packs
- Granola bars
- Juice boxes
- Any other items that do not require cooking or a can opener.



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