

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2, 2010

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

TODAY **Worship Service (with Godly Play) – at 10:00 a.m.**



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for Tai Kong United Church and the Rev. Colin Kang.

WED. **Children's Movement & Music with Sandra Dawn (ages 5–9, born in /01–/05) – every week, at 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., in the TUC Quiet Centre.**

THURS. **Choir Practice – at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service (with Godly Play) – at 10:00 a.m.**
Scripture readings: Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67 (VU p. 786); Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5; John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **SCOTT WOODS 'BY REQUEST' CONCERT**
On **Tuesday, May 25th**, at **7:00 p.m.** See advertisement on back page for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JOINT NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**
The Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) continues to meet weekly as we move through the process of calling a new minister.
- **LOOKING BACK AT WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED — Summary of the Visioning Team Work**
The Visioning Team met monthly from October till June 2008. Members: Tara Britnell, Glen Stanger, Marleen Soutar, Melanie Williams, George and Mary Sambell, and Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin.

1. Beginning with the current state of the church and its finances, we looked at clarifying our mission and reviewing the governance structures.
2. The matter of providing for Sunday School and youth ministries was an urgent one and in time a three-month pilot project was initiated with the hiring of Brenda Miller.
3. Two congregational workshops were held around the question of discerning our mission. A final recommendation to the Council is that a four or five person Long Range Planning Committee be established at once to investigate and explore our options for a viable mission or ministry 10-15 years from now.

The work of the Long range Planning Committee might entail interviewing other congregations in the Lower Mainland who have made this transition (Gilmour Park, Canadian Memorial, Brighthouse United and many others), as well as meeting with community groups who might be suitable mission partners. One example might be to meet with the sponsors of the Southlands project right away to see if we might be part of a ministry in that emerging new community development.

This Long Range Planning Committee would report on their work to the governing body of Tsawwassen United Church at least quarterly.

Short Term activities/goals were also identified that have to do with youth and seniors. It is recommended that the Council choose 2 or 3 of these to begin in September.

High school students :

- monthly meal in partnership with high school
- movie night
- homework club
- mentoring
- offering an opportunity for students to fulfil their volunteer requirements for graduation
- tutoring
- back parking lot as an asset

Seniors:

- Adult drop-in
- Adult day care
- Parish nurse
- Bus service on Sundays
- Telephone volunteers to connect with shut-ins
- Elder college programs
- Shopping assistance
- Monthly meal
- Movie night
- Regular car boot site

With regard to the review of the governance which was mandated by the 2008 Annual Meeting, we recommend a new and simpler structure known as a Streamlined Board.

This can be found outlined on Page 16 in the United Church of Canada's publication Congregation Organization Handbook. (See accompanying document). We believe that it is a more appropriate structure for the size and activity level of TUC. We recommend that this proposed model of governance be taken to the annual meeting in 2009. The current Council would have a primary and vital role in preparing the congregation for the change over of structure.

We request that the Council approve the disbanding of the Visioning Team at their July meeting. All members were grateful for the opportunity to serve Tsawwassen United Church in this way. It was an encouraging and rewarding opportunity for us all.

- **DELTA COMMUNITY CHOIR SPRING CONCERT**

"JOY" a choral celebration with the Delta Community Choir and Tapestry is being held at Tsawwassen Alliance Church, 4951 12th Avenue, on **Sunday, May 2nd**, at **3:00 p.m.** Tickets at the door. Adults – \$12.00; Seniors and Students – \$10.00.

- **SOUTH FRASER GOGOS**

An Evening With Stephen Lewis

The South Fraser Gogos are joining with Greater Vancouver grandmothers to present this fund-raising evening on **Monday, May 3rd**, which will feature humanitarian Stephen Lewis. Reception starts at **6:30 p.m.** The funds raised will go towards the support of the grandmothers of Africa who are struggling to raise their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Tickets are \$75 and are available online at www.centennialtheatre.com or by calling 604-984-4484.

- **DELTA SINGS**

The Delta Sings Choir, directed by John Trepp, will be performing on **Saturday, May 8th**, at **8:00 p.m.**, at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre, 1175 - 56th Street. For information contact events@deltasings.com or 604-946-9124. All tickets: \$10.00.

- **UNIVERSAL GOSPEL CHOIR**

Deltassist is presenting the Universal Gospel Choir benefit concert on **Saturday, May 15th**, at **7:30 p.m.** at Cedar Park Church, 5300 44th Avenue, Ladner. Tickets available for purchase at Deltassist offices: North Delta, 9097 120th Street, 604-594-3455, and Ladner, 4891 Delta Street, 604-946-9526. Tickets: \$20 per person.

- **LOVE SOUTH DELTA**

On **Saturday, June 12, 2010**, you are invited to participate in the inter-denominational Love South Delta event that will take place 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join with churches from all over South Delta as we show God's love to the people of our communities through practical acts of kindness. Cost: \$10 – t-shirt and projects; \$5 – if you already own an LSD shirt. Meeting place: South Delta Baptist Church (in church foyer). Lunch will be provided for all participants. www.loveyourcity.com.



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TICKETS: ADULT \$20 • CHILD \$10

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