

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 9, 2010

The flowers on the communion table this morning have been placed by the Sambell family in loving memory of Mary Sambell's mother, Edna Woodworth.

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 all staff and ministers retiring from active ministries in our churches.

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

- **CHURCH OFFICE MANAGER**

Tsawwassen United Church is going to hire a part-time temporary office manager from May till the end of August. Hours will be 9-12 Monday to Friday. Excellent computer skills are required. The pay will be \$15 per hour. For a full job description please contact Melanie Williams or Rose-Hannah Gaskin. Ap-

plication deadline: Wednesday, May 12th. E-mail resumes to: rose-hannah@tsawwassenunited.org.

- **THE WORK WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER**

Last week, I recounted the 2008 process that led to the Visioning Team identifying the main things that needed our attention: Sunday School, governance structure, clarifying our mission and implementing long range planning. Today I will follow the work regarding the first three items here.

1. **Ministry with Children and Young Families**

We decided to hire the best and most experienced person we could find immediately to address the matter of our ministry with children and young families. We hired Brenda Miller for one year to undertake this project and she began this work by starting a new Sunday school programme. After a year of that work, we evaluated the project and decided that we could no longer justify the cost of employing a person for this ministry as there were so few children attending despite the excellent programme and our advertising of it. This is not our primary ministry at this time.

2. **Our Mission**

The Visioning Team conducted two congregational workshops to hear from the Congregation what the mission focus of our ministry at Tsawwassen United should be. Two themes emerged from that work: ministry to youth and ministry to seniors.

Lots of great ideas were put forth and recorded. When the Council and the Outreach Committee began to try to implement some of these ideas, they ran up against one of our greatest challenges: we do not have the people to initiate and maintain new programmes that require this amount of commitment and work.

This was an important and honest acknowledgement of our Congregation at this point in its life. There is nothing about this that we need to feel ashamed of. It is just a fact of life. Great ministry and service have happened at Tsawwassen United for over 40 years and now we are a congregation with the majority of our members being seniors. This is an important fact to be aware of as we move into the next chapter of our life together in Christ.

3. **Governance Structure**

The 2005 Governance structure was due to be evaluated in 2008, so the Visioning Team asked the Congregation if they could conduct the review. The conclusion of that review was that we did not have the volunteers to run the elaborate model of governance that we had been working with. Consequently, we recommended to the congregation that we try for one year a new model called the Streamlined Board.

This allowed us to disband struggling committees like Worship, Christian Education and Property. At the 2009 Annual meeting of the Congregation, we reported that this new model has been very successful and recommended that it be adopted. This was approved. Now we have an efficient and effective model of governance that fits who we are at Tsawwassen United Church.

• **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.



Fragrance-Free Policy



In consideration of others who may suffer from chemical sensitivities and may have allergic reactions to heavy scents, we would request that you refrain from wearing scents such as perfumes, colognes, hairspray or after-shave when at Tsawwassen United Church.

Church Gardens

Woodnorth Gardening and Lawncare maintains the church gardens. However the cost of this service could be reduced if a few volunteers could spare some time to weed the garden, which would decrease the amount of time Woodnorth needs to spend here. There would be no need to sign up or to notify the church office. If you find yourself with some free time on a nice day simply drop by the church and help beautify the gardens.



Stewardship Seconds

Drink deeply of God's grand vision for the earth,
for it will feed us on the walk of faith.



We recycle our bulletins. If you are not taking your bulletin home, please leave it in the basket on the narthex table.

TICKETS: ADULT \$20 • CHILD \$10

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