



The Link

Thanksgiving 2007

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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EVENTS AT FAITH
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FAITH WORSHIP



October 7th	Celebrate God's Gifts World Wide Communion Thanksgiving Sunday
October 14th	God Given Growth Doug Snell's Last Sunday Larry Doyle will assist in service
October 21st	Pentecost 21 Sermon: "A new start" Rev. Larry Doyle
October 28th	Pentecost 22 Sermon: "...And I'm Christ Follower"
November 4th	Pentecost 23 - Communion Sermon: "See Change"
November 11th	Pentecost 24 - Remembrance Sunday Sermon: "Shaken and Stirred"
November 18th	Pentecost 25 - Healing Service Sermon: "You Don't Say"
November 25th	Reign of Christ Sermon: "Reign Man"
December 2nd	Advent 1 - Communion Sermon: "Peace Seekers"
December 9th	Advent 2 - White Gift Sunday Sermon: "Hope Seekers"
December 16th	Advent 3 - Healing Service Sermon: "Joy Seekers"
December 23rd	Advent 4 Sermon: "Love Seekers"
December 24th	Christmas Eve Sermon: "Faith Seekers" Service times to be announced
December 30th	Christmas 2

Happy Thanksgiving and welcome to our new music facilitator, Brian Stevens. Sadly in a little over a week we shall be saying goodbye to our interim minister. We all join in wishing Doug and Ruth the very best in a well deserved, and long overdue, retirement but look forward to welcoming our new Minister very soon. We have already been working with Larry Doyle and worship plans are already in place for the rest of the year. We look forward to working with both Larry and Brian in the months ahead and anticipate great things happening at Faith as we continue to evolve as a church community.

As a reminder the Worship Committee members for 2007- 2008 are:

Co-Chair Janice Cutting	Dawn Mather
Co-Chair Kevin Girling	Marilyn Mankiewicz
Carolyn Boyd	David Unwin
Carol Buss	Rev. Doug Snell
Enid DeCoe	Rev. Larry Doyle (14/10/2007)
Debbie Duncan	Brian Stevens

FAITH COMMUNICATIONS

The minister's computer has been upgraded ready for Larry Doyle. The minister's old computer has been reassigned to the library where an internet connection and catalogue will be installed.

The committee has met to plan the next community communication initiative. 20,000 homes or more will receive our next Community News in mid-November covering our Christmas events and services.

Our sound and projection systems are destined for some much needed maintenance work, upgrades and replacement hardware and this will take place over the winter.

The Music Facilitator has requested an updated computer to assist in the music programme. The former projection computer will be refurbished and will be suitable for his needs. However some music software will be needed.

The mandate of Faith Worship is to oversee worship services at Faith including all special services, to ensure the use of proper Liturgical colours, approve baptisms, funerals, and wedding requests - essentially anything that relates to worship at Faith.

We would welcome your feedback. Please feel free to talk to any member of the committee should you have any concerns. We love to hear good news too!

**Kevin and Janice.
Co-chairs
Faith Worship**

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

One last message as The Link goes to press!! It is a strange experience. I have a file for each Sunday that contains readings and "stuff" to help make a sermon and service. The files stop at October 14th. I now have one last lonely file! It is a bittersweet experience. On the one hand, I enjoy what I do and my brain is ready to go on to other assignments. However the body says no . . . and so does the family!

When I retired in 1996 I had a "deal" with God. I would continue Interim Ministry as long as God wanted me to do it and as long as I was able. It would appear that the time

has come. I'm sad about that.

I have hobbies and interests that have not been getting enough attention because I have been at work and preoccupied. Now I have time to actually learn how to do some of the computer tasks that elude me now. I will have more time for photography and for gardening and spending more time at the cottage or doing some cabinet making. All these activities I enjoy. Finally, I will have time!!!!

I believe I leave you in good hands as you welcome a new

music facilitator and a new minister. I trust you will thrive as a congregation and as individuals. I will pray for your success.

It is important that your new staff get well established, accepted and confident. To facilitate this I will not attend worship at Faith United for the foreseeable future. I've enjoyed my time with you. You do a great job of being the church. I'll miss being here with you. So . . . with many mixed feelings . . . I say goodbye . . . and a very loud and sincere Thank You.

Rev. Doug Snell

FAITH TRANSITION BY VICTORIA GIRLING



THANKS DOUG

I believe that I am able to speak on behalf of this committee and the rest of the congregation in saying how valuable Doug's role has been in our church life. We have had a great mentor to lead us down new paths and to seek to embrace the worship needs of us all. We will miss his direction and support but he has guided us to this new point where we have been able to choose a new minister to take us forward. We will, however, greatly miss the one we have had the privilege to enjoy for the last two years. His energy has been addictive and enviable! We wish Doug and Ruth a happy and fulfilling retirement and hope that they will come back to enjoy some of our forthcoming activities.

We had expected our committee to dissolve as soon as we said goodbye to Doug, but predictably we have not quite managed to fulfill all the functions we promised to achieve. We are still working hard on the Congregational Handbook and hope to have that finalized soon.

We are preparing a final report on the activities of the Interim Ministry for presentation to the congregation. We hope that we will also be able to help the Rev. Larry Doyle settle into life at Faith during the initial months. We expect to disband by December and I want to thank my committee members for their continued dedication and commitment to the tasks we have assumed during the past 2 years.

FAITH JOYFUL NOISE



“Joyful Noise” is Faith United’s children’s program. We use the Rotation Model of teaching. The children study a Bible story for 5-6 weeks and rotate through activities relating to the story. Any child, aged 3/JK to Grade 6/7 is welcome to join us on any Sunday.

Beginning a new season at church finds us going back to the beginning of the Bible: ‘Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden’. We have watched a movie, retold the story in various ways, made some interesting decorations by pounding some flowers with a hammer!—sorry all you gardeners, yes we did use a hammer but we did make some lovely colourings on our paper. The Tree of Knowledge and Good and Evil was a fruit tree, perhaps an apple or a pomegranate and so that led to talking about apples and making apple pancakes. Yum! We have also talked about good and bad and times when we may put the blame on someone else, “___made me do it!” “She told me to!” and how we need to remember that we are responsible for what we do, so we need to *think* about our decisions—which can sometimes be a hard thing to do!

We are excited about the purchase of 10 new tambourines for our Sunday School. We’ll let our Congregation see and hear them ‘in action’ soon.

We would like to send our best wishes to Reverend Snell as he heads off into retirement. Thank you for your support of our Joyful Noise program! We wish you all the best. Thank you for your teachings and words of faith and wisdom during Sunday’s Children’s Time.

We would like to welcome Brian Stevens, our new Music Facilitator. The children are looking forward to working and learning with him, when he is able to sneak out of the Sunday service for a moment for two. We are also excited to welcome Reverend Doyle and his family to Faith in the coming weeks.

Our next unit of study will be ‘Moses in the Basket’ and planning for this and our Christmas unit are underway.

On behalf of our Joyful Noise teachers, Suzanne Prescott

FAITH PICTURE GALLERY



Sunday, October 14th, 2pm

Metropolitan Silver Band

Founded in 1931 the band has been associated with Metropolitan United Church since 1934. The membership is made up of men and women from all faiths. They currently have 30 members.

Their repertoire includes classics, marches, the music of the great musicals, religious music, popular selections and contemporary works written and arranged for brass band.

Tickets \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door.



Advance Ticket Sales
Faith Box Office 905-448-1320



Friday, December 7th, 7pm

'Stories under the Christmas Star'

Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful entertainment.

Stories told by some of your favourite professional tellers: Dianne Chandler, Marg Kropf, Lucy Brennan, Enid DeCoe and more. Music by flautists Linda Shewchuck and Friends.

Dessert and coffee to start the evening at 7 followed by stories for all listeners, young and old alike.



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FAITH UCW BY LINDA WALSH



UCW Presbyterian has adopted an Extra Measures Initiatives Project that covenants to raise money over and above regular M & S givings this year. It is for the expansion of a water project started in 1988 by the women of the Moravian Church in Tanzania. Its aim is to make more water available during times of increasing drought and electrical shortages, and eventually to a larger area with more wells. We are asked

to help for the short term to enable the purchase of a larger pump, a larger storage tank and a generator to ensure supply. A bi-product has been a fund to allow loans to women to promote income producing work. We need to raise \$5,000 for this project before December 1, 2007. If you would like to support this program please contact Linda Walsh. This is just one of the many outreach programs we support every

year.

Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, Oct. 27. We hope that you have been busy making jams, pickles, home baking and other items for the sale. The sale is from 9:30 until 2:00 p.m. Lunch of assorted sandwiches, sweets and beverage served between 11:00 - 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.



THE FAITH LIBRARY BY BETTY TURCOTT



At the present time, the library appears to be in total disarray. However, it is going to be alright.

Leslie and I are doing a complete inventory and catalogue review. The system has been in a less than perfect state since the move to our building. We are hoping to track all our books and get a useable book list for our readers. Your patience is appreciated while we do this very time consuming and labour intensive chore. Any books that have been out for a long time we would be grateful if they would find their way back with a little help from the borrower. Thank you.

Librarians, Leslie and Betty.

LIFE AT FAITH



Plan to attend the Monday **Euchre Socials** in the coming weeks. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the games start at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 which includes prizes and lunch. Here is the schedule for the remainder of 2007.

Oct. 15, 22, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 17.

A big "Thank you" to Jim Wright for volunteering to look after set up and clean up.

The Community Care "**Lunch for Seniors**" program has begun again at Faith United. The schedule for 2007-08 is as follows: Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12, April 9 and May 14.

This is a perfect opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends, enjoy a delicious meal and listen to some great entertainment.

Anyone wishing to attend the luncheons or if you would like more information about the program please phone Gloria Bate at 905-623-2261 ext. 228

Thinking of you:

Karl Runion, Bruce Meredith, Nina Watt

Congratulations to:

Ken and Meghan Scott on their recent marriage

Eddie Gearing on celebrating her 90th birthday

Ali Chappell on being accepted into the Toronto Film School

Sympathy to:

Elsie Simmons on the death of her sister

Dolph and Susan Loeb and family on the death of Dolph's father

Calvin and Joan Watts and family on the death of Calvin's Mother.

Thank you,

I would like to thank the U.C.W. for the lovely lunch they provided for my 90th birthday celebration on Sept 8th. Thanks also to my family

and friends for the many cards and gifts I received. It was a wonderful day that I will cherish forever.

Eddie Gearing

CHOIR PRACTICE

Now meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm.

If you like to sing and have fun, please join us as we welcome our new music facilitator,

Please note the new day and time!

WANTED

Photos, documents, printed memorabilia, newspaper articles, etc. for Faith United archives. If you have any photos or material of St. Andrews, Courtice or Faith, please give or loan to Karen Bihun.

CELEBRATION

POT LUCK SUPPER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH



Everything is in place to ensure that we have a fun filled evening when we will be saying goodbye to Doug and Ruth. This is an occasion that will never be repeated since Doug is officially retiring from Ministry! It is hoped that everyone will come out to enjoy the evening which will start with a pot luck supper promptly at 4.30. We therefore ask that everyone arrive closer to 4.15 with their goodies so that there is no delay. After supper there will be entertainment from Country Time with Alex Sankey, the choir, a story from Enid and a chance for us all to join in with some singing. We have invited friends and family of Doug to help make this a special event.

Donations towards a gift for Doug can still be made prior to October 10th.

We hope to see everyone there – young and old - since this is also the culmination of our own period of Interim Ministry.

Tots On Tuesdays

Snacks - Playtime - Crafts - Stories - Music

Sharing Opportunities & Informal Support for Moms
Moms can visit while watching their children play
Led by trained teachers - Suzanne Prescott
and Enid DeCoe

Who - Moms and children birth to school age.
Where - Faith United church 1778 Nash Road Courtice
When - Tuesday mornings 10a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
How - Call the Church office at 905-433-8953

CELEBRATION



Rev. Doug Snell's retirement from Ministry and Our successful Interim Ministry

Saturday October 13th, 2007

4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

**Music, entertainment, fun,
laughter and reminiscing**

Pot Luck Supper

(please aim to arrive by 4.15pm)



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday October 27th 9:30 to 2:00pm

Lunch served 11 - 1:30pm

**Aunties Attic, Christmas Collectibles, Courtice
Country Cupboard, Delicious Delectables,
Granny's Boutique,
Loonie Table. Fabulous Gifts**
FREE ADMISSION

CWID BY LARRY BIGNELL

As a community and especially at Thanksgiving we think of our many things to be thankful for. CWID will be sponsoring a special thankful food drive for those who are less fortunate. Please bring a food item to fill the baskets on Sunday Oct 14th or any time during the year. Food is taken to the Food Bank and they are always in need. Some popular items are baby food, pasta, canned meat, peanut butter or canned vegetables.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 8.30 a.m.—3.30 p.m.
Friday, 8.30a.m.—12.30p.m.

Worship Services Sunday Mornings, 10.30a.m.
We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of every month.

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in hospital or in need of a visit, please contact the office at 905-433-8953 or Jackie Tanton at 905-725-7692. This is an important part of our ministry and we need your help to keep us informed. Thank you.

Jackie Tanton, Chair of Pastoral Care

2007 - 2008 Church Events

October 13th - celebration for Doug Snell
October 14th - Metropolitan Silver Band
October 27th - Christmas Bazaar
November 24th - BlackLight Theatre
December 1st - Advent
December 7th - Stories under the Christmas Star
February 9th - Spa Day

The 2007 Irish Dinner and Strawberry Supper were sell outs and some members of our congregation were turned away. We recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets for all events are available from:

The Faith Box Office
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

905-448-1320



Credit Cards now accepted.

