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Children's Programmes

Nursery

Rachel MacDonald and other volunteers provide the Sunday morning nursery supervision. Rachel is a student who has provided nursery care for our children for the past few years.

The goal is to allow the children (0 - 3) to learn through experiences: sharing, exploring, and experimenting. The leaders guide the children as they discover the toys, small books, and play centers. Through stories and pictures, they learn of God's love.

For infants, a change table, rocking chairs, and portable cribs are available to help both the parents/guardians and their babies feel at home.

Nursery care is provided during the Worship Service on all Sundays throughout the year and for special events as needed. A registration form is required. As well, we ask children to wear nametags and tags are put on their diaper bags.

Supervision Provided by: Rachel MacDonald
(and volunteers)

Date & Time: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Registration Closing Date: Open

Children's Programmes

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise is Faith United's Children's Programme for ages 3/JK to Grade 6. It runs each Sunday from the beginning of September until the end of June. Children spend a few minutes in the church service and then after a Children's Time with our minister, they go out to Joyful Noise, where they are invited to learn about a story from the Bible. Children will study one Bible story for four or five weeks, rotating through a variety of centers: games, computers, music, audio-visual, cooking, arts and crafts, puppetry, storytelling and drama.

Our teachers volunteer their time, energies, talents, and ideas to Joyful Noise. The children are involved in many different activities throughout the year: bringing in food donations, planting in the church garden, preparing snacks for the church's coffee time, and bringing in and making items for donation to local charities. Your child is welcome to join us on any Sunday; we'd be happy to have them come and participate in the fun!

Registration forms required for all children.

Coordinator: Suzanne Prescott

Date & Time: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Registration Closing Date: Open

Children's Programmes

Tots on Tuesdays

This programme, for parents and preschoolers, is offered midweek. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for story and song, simple crafts, snacks, music and fun.

It is a casual time for children to meet, learn and play together to spark and nurture their faith journey. Participating together, while celebrating God's presence, parents/care-givers enjoy companionship as well as time for coffee and friendship.

Please invite your friends and neighbours to join in the fun.

Facilitator: Enid DeCoe
Jackie Tanton

Maximum: none **Minimum:** 4

Date & Time:
Begins Tuesday, September 8 running through to June 2010.
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Registration Closing Date: open



Youth Programme

Youth on Fire

This is the third year of Youth on Fire, building on the success of our previous years' joint programmes with our sister churches. programme includes fun and fellowship, spiritual development, creative activities and outreach projects. Last year the youth finished off the season by presenting a multimedia production titled "The Case of the Missing Jesus". This year, the programme will be held at Faith every Sunday evening. We look forward to more exciting activities for 2009-2010.

Youth Leader: Brian Stevens

Maximum: None **Minimum:** None

Date & Time: Sunday evenings 6:15 to 8: 15 p.m beginning September 13th.

Registration Closing Date: Open

Adult Programmes

Lectionary Study

This weekly gathering will look at the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings (or whatever scripture focus there is that week). It will give participants who choose to attend a chance to ask questions and learn more background about the texts and to get thinking about what they might hear in the sermon the following Sunday. The stories and insights that are shared will assist the minister with his sermon and worship preparation and provide a valuable learning experience for all concerned.

Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle

Maximum: None

Minimum: None

Date & Time: Mondays, beginning September 14, 2009
10:00 to 11:30 am

Registration Closing Date: Open

Note: a lectionary study is also being offered in an on-line version this year through our web site, www.faithunited.ca. Just follow the link on the home page to the discussion board.

Adult Programmes

Misbehavin' Monarchs

In this book-based Bible study, Barbara Essex examines the lives and leadership of some renowned biblical monarchs and lesser known kings-their style of leadership, the women in their lives, which prophets were prominent during their reigns, and what the Bible says (and does not say) about war.

Facilitator: Pat Long

Maximum: None **Minimum:** 4

Date & Time: Thursdays at 7 pm
September 17,
October 1, 8, 15, and 22
November 5

Registration Closing Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

Book Cost: \$10

Adult Programmes

Science and Religion

This 6 part series on Science & Religion, begins with a DVD overview of the historical relationship of science and the church. The following 4 DVDs, based on the book *Thank God for Evolution*, will provide the background for our discussions.

Today there exists a polarization with Fundamentalist Christians rejecting Science and a "growing secular alumnae " rejecting religion. Author, Michael Dowd lays the groundwork for a reconciliation that offers hope for New Life for religion that works in harmony with Science. He says, "Facts are God's Native tongue."

This discussion series will open up new ways of talking about science and religion that allows the participant to embrace both.

Facilitators: John Sylvestervich,
George Tanton

Maximum: None **Minimum:** None

Date and Time: 7:00 pm on Mondays
October 26, November 2, 9, 23 and 30,
December 7

Registration Closing Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

Adult Programmes

Bible 101

How would you like to dust off, demystify, and unlock your Bible? The Holy Bible is a wonderful spiritual testimony to the experience of generations of people and their encounters with and life in God. But who wrote it? When was it written? What kind of writing is in it? Who was it written for? Why was it written down? Who put it together?

Knowing these foundational things gives us a lens for reading this book (library, actually) and allowing us to more deeply understand what our scriptures mean. I would encourage every single person - whether you're a new believer or a seasoned veteran - to participate in this essential one-day workshop.

Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle

Maximum: None **Minimum:** 4

Date & Time: 10 am to 2 pm :
December 5, 2009
Bring a bag lunch—beverages provided

Registration Closing Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

Note: this one day workshop will be repeated in the 2010 winter Learning Calendar.

Adult Programmes

Worship Style Sampler

Join us for a one-day exploration of four different worship experiences. We will learn about the style, then experience it, and finally respond to it. Bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided.

In New York City in 1961, the late Rev. John Gensel began an evening service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church known as Jazz vespers. He said "Jazz is probably the best music for worship, because it speaks to the existential situation of a human being".

Taizé style worship is a pattern of communal prayer based around a time of singing in which short songs are repeated in a chant like fashion a great many times. Chanting is interspersed with readings and periods of silence that allow the participant to spend time in God's peaceful presence.

Café style worship is casual; come as you are and make yourself at home, grab a coffee and don't be afraid to get a refill. It encourages gentle, intentional fellowship and often includes a multi-sensory experience.

Finally, we will experience a Contemplative Prayer gathering. Sometimes called Centering Prayer or Listening Prayer, it goes beyond words into a silence that some call "God's language".

Facilitators: Team led by Rev. Larry Doyle

Maximum: None **Minimum:** 10

Date and Time: 10:00 am to 2:30 pm
Saturday, November 21, 2009

Registration Closing Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

Adult Programmes

Thirsty Thursdays

Thirsty Thursdays offer a variety of spiritual experiences to nurture the soul. We already have Taizé style worship on the last Thursday of each month. This programme would fill in the other three Thursdays with additional spiritual opportunities. These may include some of the styles introduced in our Worship Sampler (see previous page) or may grow out of other congregational experiences.

In September and October, Faith will offer Taizé style worship as we have in the past. Starting in October, we will be offering Faith at the Movies on the third Thursday of the month with *Religulous*. Movies for November and December will be announced closer to the date.

Beginning the last Thursday of November, we will begin with weekly worship opportunities on Thursday evenings (excluding the Christmas holidays!).

Watch for more details during the fall.

Monthly Programmes

Faith Reads

Come join us as we explore a new book each month. On the second of each month, we will receive approximately ten copies of that month's book on loan from the public library. On the last Tuesday of each month, we will get together to discuss the book. Some of the aspects we will cover are:

- ◆ The bibliography of the author
- ◆ Historical/political context and setting
- ◆ Writing style, theme and symbolism
- ◆ Characters/scene development
- ◆ Inspiring, upsetting or ethical issues

Even if readers are unable to finish the book during the month, we will encourage everyone to come out and join in the discussion. This club is meant to be an enjoyable, stress-free event!

Facilitator: Gail Sylvestervich
Gladys Davidson-Lake

Maximum: none **Minimum:** 4

Date & Time: Held on the last Tuesday evening of the month from 7 to 9 p.m.
September 29: The Red Tent
October 27: The Kite Runner
November 24: The Shack
December: no meeting

Check out the Winter Learning Calendar for next year's books!

Registration Closing Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

Monthly Programmes

New Song Sundays

Once a month after worship stick around and sing some great Praise and Worship music. Bring your guitar or bass along and jam - or come and drum - or just sing your heart out and enjoy this wonderful music.

There is a huge repertoire of inspired music just waiting to be discovered. Come and worship! Come and sing a New Song!

Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle

Maximum: None

Minimum: None

Date & Time: Held on the third Sunday of the month (excluding December) following coffee hour—
September 20, October 18, and November 15,
2009

Registration Closing Date: Open

Creative Programmes

Knitting with Donna

Have you ever thought about how much you like to knit or how much you'd like to learn how to knit? Well, this is your opportunity. We are continuing with last year's Knitting Group that will meet monthly starting in October. We can knit for the bazaar or mitten tree, contribute to needy causes such as the hospital or Pregnancy Clinic, or any other project that interests you. It would also be an opportunity to knit for yourself and your family. We can learn new stitches and help each other with our knitting challenges. Everyone is invited, including men!

Please bring your own supplies. There is no cost for this programme.

Facilitator: Donna Bignell 905 728-7749

Maximum: None **Minimum:** 4

Date & Time: First Tuesday of each month beginning
October 7, 2008
7:00—8:30 pm

Registration Closing Date: open

Creative Programmes

War Time Radio Show

War Time Radio is a theatrical production written by Brian Stevens about a live to air radio show going out to the men and women overseas. The time is 1944 and the setting is right here in central Ontario. Auditions for the War Time Radio Show will take place Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm at Faith United Church. You do not need to be a member of Faith to audition - roles are open to anyone who would like to participate. The production will take place November 5-7.

There are roles for all ages, including both singers and non-singers. Please prepare one song, monologue, or poem - memorization is not necessary. At the audition we will hear everyone's song or reading. Then we will read scenes from the script as an ensemble and learn a few songs from the show. Please plan to stay from 7:00 - 8:30.

As in any show, War Time Radio also needs backstage support including set design/building, props, sound and lighting, stage managing, costumes, makeup, ticket sales, advertising, etc. The rehearsals will culminate in performances the weekend before Remembrance Day.

Facilitators: Brian Stevens 905 433-8953

Maximum: None **Minimum:** 8

Date and Time: 7:00 pm on Tuesdays, beginning September 15 until November 3, with production dates of November 5 to 7.

Registration Closing Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009
(non-cast members)

Creative Programmes

Do You Like to Sing 2009

You are invited to join Brian for "Do You Like to Sing?...the 2009 edition!

This year, we have two exciting programs to offer: an adult choir stream and a children's choir stream. Each program includes reading sessions of new Canadian Liturgical Music lead by the composer themselves, percussion workshops, sound circle, song writing, meditative walks, a "Pipe Organ Encounter" and a performance of a new Christmas Cantata, "That First Christmas Night". Lunch is included and everyone keeps all of the music they have sung throughout the day. All this for the low cost of \$30 per adult and \$20 per child/youth!

Facilitators: Brian Stevens and his team of clinicians

Maximum: none Minimum: 20

Date and Time: Saturday, November 14, 2009
10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$30 for adults and \$20 for children and youth
(including lunch and music)

Registration Closing Date: November 7, 2009

Other Opportunities for Learning

Meet the Faith Web Site

You have the computer, you know the web address, then what? This session will introduce you to the Faith United web site as well as some other sites that you may find interesting. We'll learn not just about surfing the site, but also much more including how to log on to Faith Talk and participate in the weekly lectionary discussions.

We will also venture away from our own site and check out some others that you may find useful, interesting, or just plain entertaining as well as having a look at some networking sites. Come with questions and we will do what we can to answer them.

Facilitator: Steven Krywokulsky
Debbie Duncan

Maximum: none **Minimum:** 4

Date & Time: October 4, 2009 following worship

Registration Closing Date: no registration required

Note: for those people interested in more instruction on how to make best use of their computer, contact Don Winston who has made himself available for personal tutorials.

Wellness Education Team

YOGA (for Beginners)

Join Joan Duignan for five sessions of introductory Yoga, no experience required. Learn the basic moves and techniques of this proven method of fitness and relaxation.

Date & Time: Mondays at 7 pm
September 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 19

Registration: Sept 14, \$20 per person
(Bring your yoga mat)

Faith Walking Club

Join us in finding interesting sights and sounds. We walk for about 30-50 minutes. There's always room for more folks. Come and enjoy walking through interesting, scenic, local routes.

Date & Time: Thursdays and Fridays @ 6:30 pm
(Not available in the winter months).

Stress Reduction Seminar

Join us after worship for 3 very practical and medically proven Stress Reduction Techniques as presented by Dan Hanewich, Can-Fit-Pro Nutrition & Wellness Specialist. Stress accounts for 90% of all illness. We need to reduce stress for optimum health and well being. Part of this seminar will be a workshop to practice the techniques. *(Handouts will be available).*

Date & Time: October 25, 2009
11:45-12:45



Wellness Education Team

Hearing Loss Seminar

Join us after worship from 11:45-12:45 with Silvia Raponi to find out how hearing loss affects one's overall quality of life. Discover the latest advances, solutions, cost-effective plans and hearing aids currently available.

Date & Time: November 22, 2009
11:45-12:45

No registration required.

Coming in January: 4 Pillars of Health and Fitness

Learn more about Nutrition, Fitness, Supplements, and **Recovery Time**. More details to follow in January, but mark these dates on your calendar now!

Date & Time: Jan 5, 12, 18 and 25
7:00-8:30 pm

Other Opportunities for Learning

This group of activities is for learning through fun and fellowship!

Adult Choir

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in the Sun Room

Children and Youth Choir

Sundays following worship in the Living Room

Men's Gathering

Thursday mornings at 9:30 am in the Living Room

Euchre

Twice a month on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary—call the Office for specific dates

United Church Women (UCW)

The third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Living Room

Quilters

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Sun Room

Men's Breakfast

The last Sunday of the month at 8:30 am in the Living Room

Private Music Lessons (Piano, Organ, Voice)

See Brian Stevens for more information

For more information on any of these activities, please call the Church Office.



Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to register for the following programme(s):

Payment enclosed \$ _____

For children's programmes:

Allergies/medical conditions:

Parent/Guardian signature:



How to register

In Person:

Sign-up Sunday will be on September 20, 2009. You can sign up that day after worship or any time during the following week at the Church Office.

By Telephone:

You can sign up by calling the Church Office during regular business hours. Please pay programme fees prior to the start date so that we can order enough materials for all participants. This can be done over the telephone by credit card or directly to the facilitator of the programme.

By Fax:

You can fax a registration form to the Church Office at 905-433-9642. Please pay any fees for programmes to the facilitator of the programme prior to the start date so that we can order enough materials for all participants.