

# TIDELINES

## Cadboro Bay United Church

Summer 2011

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### From a Minister's Desk

#### Holy Ground

I used to think that the story of Moses and burning bush was about having a direct spiritual experience of God in a holy place. Way back when in Sunday

School I remember wondering about what it must have felt like to witness the impossible. I struggled to imagine how it could be true. Were there any ashes left over? Was there any sign of life left on the plant? What did God's voice sound like? And most importantly, how come Moses got to see such a sight and I don't? Has God stopped the magic these days?

In Sunday School I was not encouraged to explore or to ask myself about "burning bush" experiences I had had in my own life. But the links were there. It was not till I was an adult that I realized the connections. As a child I needed a little help, but what kind of help?

What we have been about this year at CBUC? Answer: connecting the heart and the head. For each person this has been an invitation to play with, work at, discuss, argue and explore how we process our beliefs. We all have pieces in our spiritual lives and our understanding of religion that don't fit with the dominant view of reality . . . by that I mean a secular view of reality: one that reduces faith to superstition and outdated morality. I have to admit that I agree with the dominant view of reality more often than I do with orthodox views of religion. While I have no quarrel with some of that mindset many people are left without the "little more help needed" or with no avenue to express a deeper awe and commitment to the Creator. Continue to be relevant as a church we need to offer new ways to connect heart and head . . . and body.

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Minister's Message continued...

Our work is the same work that Jesus did. The task is to take off our shoes long enough to embody the Spirit. Moses was alone and must have been just enjoying the sun and perhaps reconnecting with the faint glow of hope. He never really gave up on the promise of a better future. I hope you use the summer or some part of it to do the same. I certainly plan to. This kind of faith does not need an intervening God to make a fiery bush in one's path to be inspired.

As we approach summer a song comes to mind that reminds me of what belief can do and does best. Remember that one hit wonder by Terry Jacks about the swan song of Jacques Brel: "Seasons in the Sun"? He sings to the memory of his little one who'd "get my feet back on the ground."

When we have our feet on the ground in this luminescent creation we can take the time to pause and recognize all the bushes are ablaze with God's light. Ask the children to point out God to you . . . they'll show you. Enjoy your holy ground, wherever you step this summer.



## Sunday School for the Summer

Catherine Landells will be returning to lead the Sunday school sessions for the summer. She plans to put her year away at Queen's to good use by incorporating the physiology of the human body into the lessons. By teaching and helping the children understand each individual role of the parts of the body, Catherine will show that each body part adds to a greater whole, as do many parts of a church, a school or a family.

### Help Needed!

I need help this summer driving my son to and from his tutor.  
 I would need someone to drive him on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or only  
 Wednesdays (I might have someone for Tuesdays)  
 Pickup would be at 8.45 from our house on Estevan Ave and the tutor is  
 in Gordon head for one hour.  
 Drop off would then be either at our house or at Oak Bay Rec Centre.  
 I am willing to pay someone for their time of course. They would need their own car.

Thank you, Talita Strumpfer 250-514-0966

## Youth Group for the Summer

Cadboro Bay Youth group will be kicking off the final few youth events with some smashing summer fun in the hot summer heat! Junior Youth will be hiking the beaches of Cadboro Bay area on Friday June 10th while munching on their own individually homemade trail mix, and participating in an epic water fight and kick off party on our final evening of Friday June 24th (after family night). Senior teens will also be having a grand water fight and ultimate frisbee game against some local Victoria players on Sunday June 12th, and our coffee house and wrap up party on the Sunday June 26th. Only two events each left so let's please get BIG numbers out there to make it as fun as possible!



To recap, the junior and senior youth had quite the adventure! Between creating a full haunted house, splashing in the waves, ice skating, hot chocolate and hugs, bike trips, laser tag, scavenger hunts, pancake dinner cooking, ugly sweater parties, wacky hair days, survivor games, sleepovers and wide games, trivia nights, ultimate frisbee, gender splendor, confirmation weekend getaway, music sharing and of course, the INFAMOUS sardines and CHECK IN we had a very eventful and entertaining year!

On a final note, I am sad to announce that I will not be returning to the position of Youth Leader at Cadboro Bay next year. As my degree is finishing up, I plan to jet off on some travel adventures within the next year or so and hopefully venture into an exploratory and spiritual journey. It has been such a joy getting to know the youth and congregation throughout the seasons, as I have learned, explored, laughed, and imagined such wondrous adventures with many of you. Thank you so much for the fantastic experience and sincere kindness everyone has shown me. Also, a huge thank you to Luke and Neil who have supported me throughout the year, and of course, to Ross and Mark who have encouraged and inspired many amazing ideas and events for the youth to engage and enjoy. Lastly, a grand thanks to all those crazy, lovely junior and senior teens who made this year worthwhile. Each and everyone one of you bring wisdom and passion that make me proud to say I am your leader, so keep it up! For all that has been, we say thanks... and for all that will be, we say YES! Have a wonderful summer!

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## What is the Strawberry Tea all about?

Every year the pastoral care committee and outreach team join together to organize a strawberry tea for the elders in our community. This tea has evolved from being a fashion show and strawberry tea fundraiser held in Doris Faryon's garden for the women in our community, to what it is today: an afternoon of fellowship, sweet treats, and light entertainment for all our elders who have given so much to this congregation over the years.

And who might these elders be? How old do you have to be to attend this delightful "no-charge" event? We don't define "elder" here at CBUC. If you want to call yourself an elder at 55, you can do that. And if you still don't feel like an elder at 75 but you want to come, you can do that too! All are welcome; there's always room at this inn, or should I say- little grass shack?

Because of our theme this year, the entertainment part of our program was offered by students from Island Ukuleles and by Marcello Sequiera, or Ukester Moe, as he likes to be called.

This year's pineapple strawberry tea was another great success, thank you to all the volunteers that helped this year and to everyone for coming and enjoying the afternoon with us! We can't wait to see you all again next year!



## 400 Socks before Easter Update!



Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness says thank you to Cadboro Bay Outreach. Coalition Connect is a one-day event, organized by the Great Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and Burnside Gorge Community Association. The event provided free services to families who live in poverty, many of whom are homeless. Coalition partners saw approximately 250 families that day.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, approximately 700 people filled the Victoria Native Friendship Centre to take part in the festivities and receive personal services. Each family received a reusable-shopping bag stuffed with personal care items that were donated by private citizens and groups like yours.

Thank you so much for your generosity in making this day a success.

## Garden of New Life

Digging, spreading compost (oooh smelly!), clearing weeds and planting: all this and more taught the children one meaning of resurrection in May.

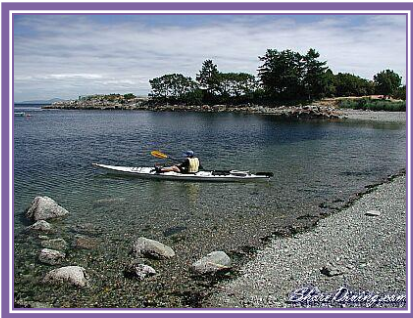
A stretch of 65ft of garden now extends along the south driveway where you can see peas, zucchini, beans, lettuce, radishes, potatoes, and many flowers rising up!

Weeding and watering help is being coordinated by Heather Hrach through a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Hall.

All the children deserve a big thank-you for their energy and undying (rising) devotion along with help from their mentors and teachers Anita Horgan, Simon James, Jill Davoreen and Ross White.



## Family Nite – June 24



Our last Family Night till the fall happens on Friday June 24 at Telegraph Bay Beach. We will provide hot dogs and burgers, lemonade and dessert. Please bring your own plates and cups, chairs and blankets. This is a relaxed time of sitting by the ocean, visiting, and playing. We begin at 5:30ish and plan to eat by 6pm. We have two BBQ's at the church but we need transportation of them from the church to the beach and back. If you can help with this in anyway, please let me know. We also need two people who would be willing to be our BBQ chefs. Come join us for a delightful evening for all ages. Please RSVP to Mark at the church to let him know how many hot dogs or burgers you'd like to order. Thanks.

## Men's Clothing Needed

Our Place Clothing Depot needs a fresh supply of men's clothing. Gentlemen, clean out your closets and drop off your gently used items into the bin under the coat rack.

Thank you to Anita for sharing in this important ministry.

## CBUC Family Retreat – Thank you



Our CBUC annual family retreat at Camp Pringle was a great success once again this year! We were blessed with the best weather weekend in recent memory and, as always, a great group of people to share it with. Approximately 50 people, young and old, took on our “Amazing Race” challenges with great gusto and joy. The weekend offered a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get to know one another better and to draw close to the Spirit in the beautiful setting of Camp Pringle. Thanks go to everyone for being there, for your participation and your help where help was needed. If you were not able to join us this year, we hope we will see you there next year.

Diana Wakelin, CD Committee Chair

## “Conversation”

God and I in space alone . . .  
 and nobody else in view . . .  
 "And where are all the people,  
 Oh Lord" I said,  
 "the earth below  
 and the sky overhead  
 and the dead that I once knew?"  
 "That was a dream," God smiled  
 and said: "The dream that seemed to  
 be true; there were no people  
 living or dead; there was no earth,  
 and no sky overhead,  
 there was only myself in you."  
 "Why do I feel no fear?" I asked,  
 "meeting you here in this way?  
 For I have sinned, I know full well  
 and is there heaven and is there hell,  
 and is this Judgement Day?"  
 "Nay, those were but dreams"  
 the Great God said, "dreams that have ceased to be.  
 There are no such things as fear and sin;  
 there is no you . . . you never have been.  
 There is nothing at all but me.""

Ella Wheeler Wilcox quotes (American poet and writer 1850-1919)



## Parents & Tots



PARENTS & TOTS has had a great year. We've made many new friends and shared many milestones. We will be meeting in the gym at CBUC on Wednesday mornings (9:30 to 11) until June 22 and will then take a summer break for the months of July and Aug. We will start playing together again on Sept. 14. Come and join us!

*At Parents & Tots we share toys as well as parents.*



*At Parents & Tots we explore and share fashion accessories*

*At Parents & Tots we get driving lessons*



### Get Connected: Join CBUC's on-line Outreach Community!

If you're a person who would appreciate more information and analysis about the most critical issues of our time-

If you're looking for local events that will help you connect with others who are trying to walk the path of justice and peace-

If you want to participate in on-line actions designed to produce change and transformation- then [click here](#) or email Meghan at [meghan@cadbayuc.org](mailto:meghan@cadbayuc.org) and let her know you're interested in joining this new on-line community at CBUC.

Once you've subscribed, you will receive approximately 2 or 3 articles/actions/event notices a week about all kinds of outreaching issues.

Another way we walk the talk at CBUC!

## Haiku: Signs of New Life

### Haiku poems written by our Sunday School children

Green trees green grass  
Green green everywhere.  
-Ethan

Birds birds everywhere  
Birds soaring  
Birds here birds there.  
-Ethan

The time when I went to the merry go round  
I was excited because I liked the merry go round  
-Elayna

Skiing skiing down the track  
Telling the cold winter  
Boom I crashed into a gate  
-Anonymous

The guy across the street  
The guy across the street said "Hi" I said "Hi"  
I think I like him  
-Thomas

Rabbits eating  
Rabbits hopping  
Rabbits going into their den  
-Cayle M

Skunk cabbage  
I like the flowers their smell is wonderful  
Skunk cabbage!  
-Anonymous

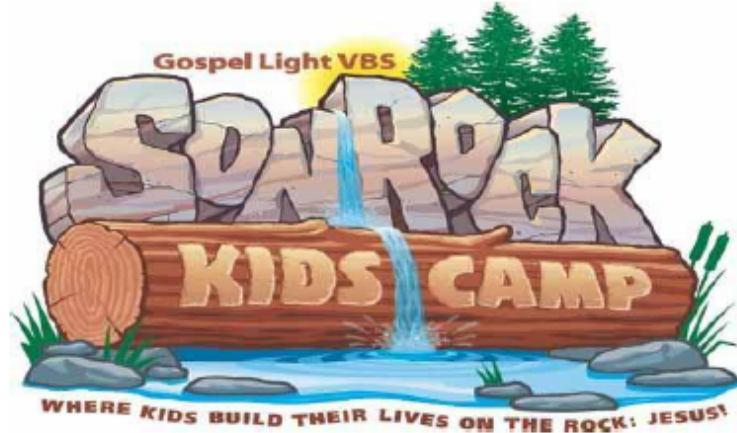
Friday Lynn my sister died  
Thirteen in the month of May  
It was her lucky number  
-Anonymous

Tent caterpillars  
Tiny graceful camouflaged  
Blossoms' destroyers  
-Anita Horgan

Tigers roaring  
Tigers live at the zoo  
Tigers eat meat  
-Cayle M

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## St. George's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

9:00 am – Noon



**For Children aged Kindergarten through Grade 7**

Join us for Crafts, Games, Activities *and a Fun Filled week*

Cost is \$40 per child with a family maximum of \$100

Financial assistance is available

Please make cheques payable to "St. George's"

**CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND MUSIC CD**

### HOW TO REGISTER:

Online: at [www.stgeorges-cadborobay.ca](http://www.stgeorges-cadborobay.ca)

Or download registration form from our website and send:

By mail: 3909 St. George's Lane, Victoria B.C. V8N 4E3

By fax: (250) 477-2381 or you can register

By phone: (250) 472-2090

Looking forward to seeing *YOU* there!

## Make a Joyful Noise!

The 2011 version of the *Make a Joyful Noise* concerts were smash hits! The choirs from both Oak Bay and Cadboro Bay United provided good harmonies, melodious tunes and a powerful joint presentation. The Sunshine Clown Ensemble ably assisted the choirs in their transitions on and off stage, and provided some light-hearted entertainment for the audience. But the true show stealers were the singers from *Sing Your Joy!* Their obvious enjoyment of their songs, combined with a great sound and self-assured presentation, certainly had the audience buzzing after the concert. This pilot project for Victoria Presbytery, bringing together a group of young adults to sing together and create community in 14 weeks, has been a resounding success. Watch for more about *Sing Your Joy* over the summer months!



## Summer Music at Cadboro Bay United



June 26<sup>th</sup> will mark the end of the spring season for the Cadboro Bay choir. It's been a busy musical year for the choir, and they will be on 'vacation' until the first week of September. This is your opportunity to stretch your musical wings and help out during Sunday services. As always, we welcome the gift of music from the congregation, and from your friends and family who may be visiting during the summer months. Send Christine an email [cchepyha@gmail.com](mailto:cchepyha@gmail.com) or call Meghan in the office 250.477.2715 to arrange your moment to share music with your church family.

During the summer Sunday services, please welcome back Chris Thompson to the piano bench as Christine takes a well-deserved break to dream up more musical ideas for the coming season.

## Summer Voice Recitals

Sunday services in May featured beautiful music from three lovely singers – Katherine Charlesworth, Joanne Davidson and Jessica Phillips – each with a completely different style and song to complement the theme of each service. You can hear more during July as both Katherine and Joanne present solo vocal recitals during the summer months. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletins for more details:

July 24th, 2pm – Joanne Davidson in recital – St. Mary's Anglican Church, Oak Bay

July 31st, 7pm – Katherine Charlesworth in recital – Cadboro Bay United Church

**Please join us for a Greet and Go  
to help celebrate Doris Faryon's  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Location: Abkhazi Garden  
1964 Fairfield Rd, Victoria BC

Date: Saturday July 9, 2011

Time: Drop by between 6:00pm and 8:00pm  
Light refreshments will be served

RSVP **not** required

Contact Cheryl Ann Faryon with any questions.

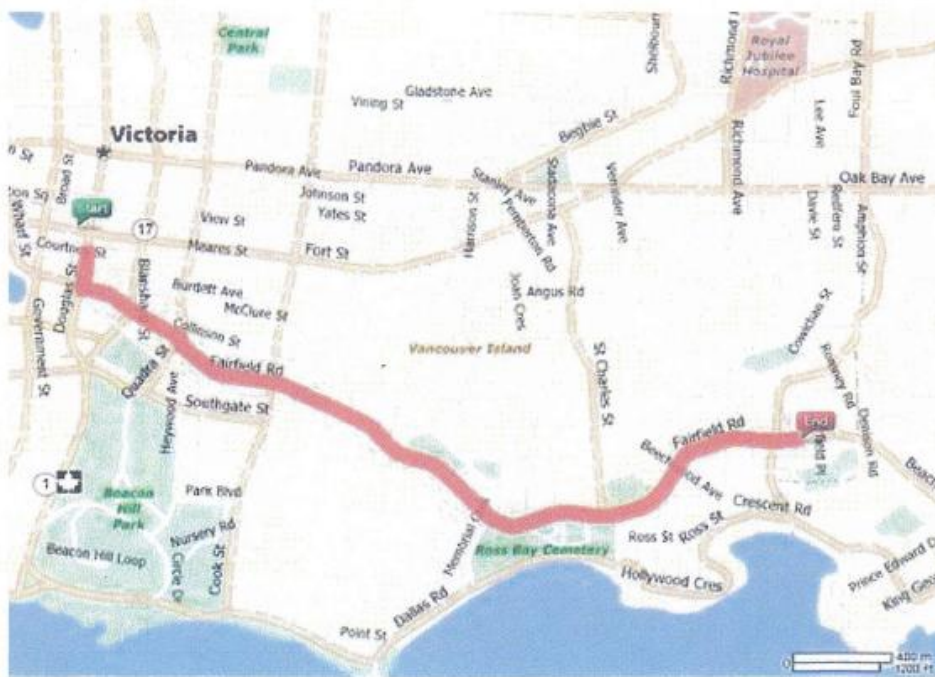
Email: [cherylfaryon@live.ca](mailto:cherylfaryon@live.ca) Phone: 250-294-2911



**Driving to the Garden from  
Downtown Victoria to 1964  
Fairfield Road**

From Douglas Street – Turn left at Burdett Avenue and keep left. At the next light this road becomes Fairfield Road. Abkhazi Garden is located at 1964 Fairfield Road. Follow Fairfield Road for about 4 kilometers (10 minutes) by car to reach the garden – you will pass Cook Street, Moss Street, the Ross Bay Cemetery, St. Charles Street and finally Foul Bay Road. The Garden is one block past Foul Bay Road. Parking on the street is available, preferably on the north side of Fairfield Road, adjacent to the garden. Please do not park in the spaces marked 'Residential Parking Only'.

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## On Death – Written by Father Craig Boly

Reprinted from *Metropolitan United Church Newsletter*

Once upon a time, life began for twin boys in their mother's womb. The spark of life glowed until it caught fire with the formation of their embryonic brains. With their simple brains came feeling, and with feeling a sense of surroundings, of each other, of self.

When they perceived the life of each other, they knew that life was good and they laughed and rejoiced, the one saying "Lucky are we to have been conceived, and to have this world," and the other chiming, "Blessed be the Mother who gave us this life and each other."

Each budded and grew arms and fingers, lean legs and stubby toes. They stretched their lungs, churned and turned in their new-found world. They explored their world, and in it found the life cord which gave them life from the precious Mother's blood. So they said "How great is the love of the Mother, that she shared all that she has with us." And they were pleased and satisfied with their lot.

Weeks passed into months, and with the advent of each new month they noticed a change in each other, and each began to see changes in himself. "We are changing," said the one. "What can it mean?" "It means," said the other, "that we are drawing near to birth."

An unsettling chill crept over the two, and they both feared, for they knew that birth meant leaving all their word behind. Said the one, "Were it up to me, I would live here forever." "But mightn't there be a life after birth?" asked one. "How can there be life after birth?" cried the one. "Do we not shed our life cord and also the blood tissues? And have you ever talked to one who has been born? Has anyone re-entered the womb after birth? No!" He fell into despair, and in his despair he moaned, "If the purpose of conception and all our growth is that it must be ended in birth, the truly our life is absurd."

Resigned to despair, the one stabbed the darkness with his unseeing eyes, and as he clutched his precious life cord to his chest, said, "If all this is so and life is absurd, then there really can be no Mother."

"But there is a Mother," protested the other. "Who else gave us our nourishment and our world?" "We get our own nourishment and our world has always been here. And if there is a Mother where is she? Have you ever seen her? Does she ever talk to you? No! We invented the Mother because it satisfied a need in us. It made us feel secure and happy."

Thus, while one raved and despaired, the other resigned himself to birth, and placed his trust in the hands of the Mother. Hours ached into days and days fell into weeks and it came time. Both knew their birth was at hand, and both feared what they did not know. As the one was the first to be conceived, so he was the first to be born, the other following after.

They cried as they were born into the light. And coughed out fluid and gasped in the dry air. And when they were sure they had been born, they opened their eyes for the first time, and found themselves cradled in the warm love of the Mother. They lay open-mouthed, awe-struck before the one they could only hope to know.

## Library News for June

Summer is fast approaching and the busy part of the year is winding down. A chance for renewal will soon be a reality. Renewal and grounding are the themes for the month of June and the summer. Connecting with our spiritual self, nature and others should be easier as the daily pressures ease.

Ross has suggested several books to guide us in our spiritual quest.

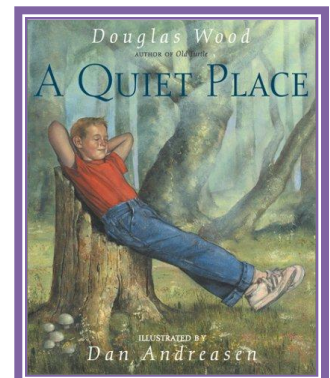
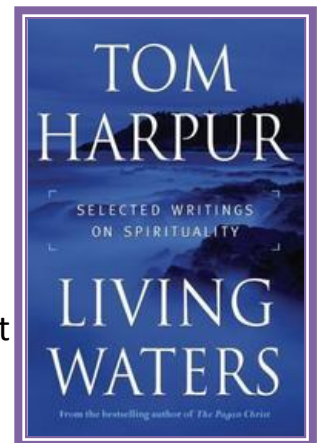
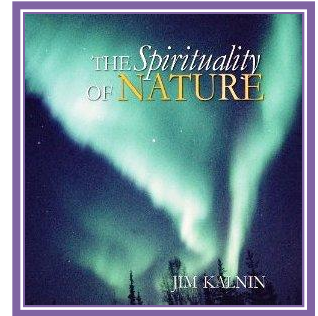
***The Spirituality of Nature*** by Jim Kalnin. “Kalnin’s stories allow us to experience what living in nature might be like, and gently encourages us to explore our own connectedness and natural spirituality for ourselves.”

***Living Waters*** by Tom Harpur. “In a time in which many are searching for spiritual meaning, this book points the way towards a new understanding of what it means to be fully human within our changing lives.”

A children’s book which illuminates the importance of finding that quiet place within is the book, ***A Quiet Place*** by Douglas Wood. “In his latest effort, Wood hearkens back to a simpler time to suggest an alternative to the modern child... Solid soul guidance for a media-saturated society.”

Other helpful books suggested by Ross which we do not have in the library are ***When Darwin Prayed*** by Bruce Sanguin and ***Earth Prayers*** by Roberts and Amidon.

Enjoy your renewal time. Take out books to relax with during the summer and remember to return the ones you are finished with so others can enjoy them.



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## Start Up Sunday – September 11, 2011

While we offer a summer-long children's program, our regular Christian Education programs for all ages will begin again on Start-Up Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Join us for food, fellowship, games, activities and our yearly anticipated jumping castle. Watch for the Rainbow Brochure with details about the exciting offerings for 2011/12.



## Teen Confirmation



On Pentecost Sunday, June 12 we had the privileged of confirming three of our teens: Graham Landells, Hannah Green, and Greg Tonkin. Five teens joined Mark and Alex for a retreat weekend to learn more about their faith, the perspectives of others and to struggle with some of the conflicting ideas and perspectives. Following the weekend we again met for an evening to finish up our exploration. Attendance at the class did not mean one had to be confirmed but rather that one had explored the meaning and implications. Of the five, two decided not to be confirmed at this time. It takes courage to both choose and not choose to be confirmed and I want to affirm each of the youth for the choices they have made for themselves. It has been a delight to journey with them, hear their questions and struggle with some of the deeper concepts of theology.

## Summer Office Hours

During the summer months of July and August, our office hours will change. Staff will be in the office Monday – Friday, 9am-12pm. While staff will be working other hours, often the temperature in the offices is too high to be productive so we work either earlier in the day or sometimes later in the evening. Ross will be on holidays from June 18 – July 18, and Mark will be away July 18 – August 19. Meghan will be on holidays from July 4- 31 and Catherine Landells will be covering for her during that time.

### MAY 2011 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Our 2011 financial position at the end of May was a deficit of \$4,917. On average, this is a much better result than in previous years. CBUC's increased financial health is a direct result of our congregation's increased financial gifts. As agreed at the AGM, you increased your support to our church through increased PAR givings and we want you to know it shows. Enjoy the summer with the confidence your church, through its ministries, will be hard at work in our community and will have the financial resources necessary to carry it through the summer. A summary financial report and financial information is provided below.

With blessing,  
Rod Thoms and The Administration Team

### SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the five months ended May 31, 2011 Local Church revenues were \$136,694 and expenses were \$141,611 creating a net deficit of \$4,917. The cause of the deficit continues to be increased fuel oil and hydro costs combined with a cooler than average summer.

Compared to May 31, 2010, revenues were up \$21,365, on increased givings, a successful spring garage sale and increased rentals. For the same period expenses were \$3,758 more than 2010, largely related to increased fuel oil and hydro costs. This provided a **\$17,607 net increase in income over our 2010** net deficit of \$22,524.

Compared to Budget, after adjusting for seasonal variations, revenues were up \$6,259, largely on increased rentals and Spring Break Camp revenue, while expenses were \$2,554 more than budgeted to end the first five months creating a **net deficit \$8,813 better than budgeted.**

#### 2011 Comparison to 2010

	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	Change
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Local Church	136,694	115,329	21,365
Special Funds	20,704	19,528	1,176
	<u>157,398</u>	<u>134,857</u>	<u>22,541</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Local Church	141,611	137,853	3,758
Special Funds	20,704	19,528	1,176
	<u>162,315</u>	<u>157,381</u>	<u>4,934</u>
(Shorfall)	<u>(4,917)</u>	<u>(22,524)</u>	<u>17,607</u>

#### 2011 Comparison to Budget

	YTD 2011	YTD Budget	Change
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Local Church	136,694	130,435	6,259
Special Funds	20,704	9,880	10,824
	<u>157,398</u>	<u>140,315</u>	<u>17,083</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Local Church	141,611	144,165	(2,554)
Special Funds	20,704	9,880	10,824
	<u>162,315</u>	<u>154,045</u>	<u>8,270</u>
(Shorfall)	<u>(4,917)</u>	<u>(13,730)</u>	<u>8,813</u>

## Council Update for Summer



May is nearly at an end, and I don't think too many of us sad to see the end of it! June is a new month, and a reminder that the sun filled days and long warm evenings are nearly upon us. With that of course comes the end of school field trips and evenings spent dreaming about or planning summer getaways. For the staff at the church it is an opportunity to spend some well deserved time devoted to family, before the hectic fall planning begins. For your council, it is a time to step back and reflect upon the year

but while we pause and breathe deeply, the church continues to need our support. Our outreach partners continue to need our support and those boring things like heat (especially this year) and power bills, continue to need to be paid. As a congregation, you have continued to financially support this church and have helped to ensure that our deficit position is not as large as it was this time last year. Traditionally, summer remains our time of lowest financial donations, and I would ask that each of you give as you are able to ensure we remain healthy financially. And if you haven't considered PAR (pre authorized remittance), now is the time. Meghan would be happy to help you make it happen, and all it takes is a phone call to the office (250)477-2715.

So friends, enjoy the lazy days of summer and I'll see you in church or wherever else our paths may cross.

D'Arcy Wingrove

### About Mercy Ships

Mercy Ships, a global charity, has operated a fleet of hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Mercy Ships brings hope and healing to the forgotten poor, mobilizing people and resources worldwide. The Africa Mercy Ship is now located in Sierra Leone.

Many dedicated volunteer crew members come for several months and others for years. Volunteers pay their own room and board, as well as other expenses while serving with the Mercy Ship. Donations are made to crew members or to the work of the ship. Many diversified people are required: Teachers, Shopkeepers, Stewards, Engineers, Kitchen and many more to make up a small community. The ship community totals approximately 400.

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