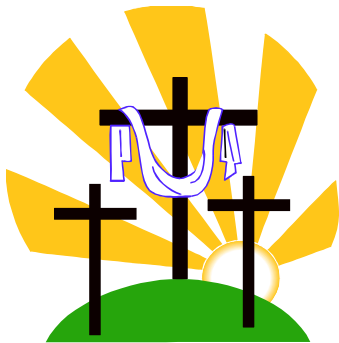


# Tidings

Bringing you news and information about Aurora United Church

April-May 2010



*He is risen  
indeed*

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## Stained Glass Window a Symbol of Life and Renewal

2010 is a year of new beginnings at Aurora United. Not only have Rev. Lorraine and Rev. Andy begun their ministry with us, our congregation has been blessed with some wonderful gifts in recent weeks. And now our winter landscape is beginning to change, with green shoots coming up and the promise of spring. At this Easter time, we have much to be thankful for.

In November 2007, the people of Aurora United Church and St. Paul's United Church also were thankful and hope-filled, as we celebrated the successful amalgamation of our two congregations and the start of a new life as one body in Christ.

A gift from the St. Paul's Oak Ridges congregation is now lighting up an inner hallway at AUC. It's a beautiful piece of stained glass, carefully mounted and lit for all of us to enjoy. This lovely window had been installed in the Oak Ridges church building and dedicated in 2004, as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the founding of the church. For the congregation at the time, and for members of the former St. Paul's faith community, it was a significant event.

Funds for the window were donated by member Clarke Archibald, in memory of his wife and of his mother-in-law, who had donated the land on which the church was built, in 1954.

The artist was Debbie Reilly, who incorporated several themes in its design.

The water in the image represents not only Lake Wilcox near the site of the Oak Ridges church, but the waters of life.

As well, the tree is a symbol of life, and the dove descending from the sun represents the Holy Spirit.

Our thanks go to all who made this thoughtful gift a reality.

AUC also recently has received two musical gifts. Read about their dedication on page 3.



# Easter's Promise

Dear AUC Friends,

With the changing of the seasons now we will be looking for signs around us that will assure us that spring has sprung! Even while snow still lurked in our back yards we were seeing evidence that spring was indeed on its way. Little shoots promising us tulips and daffodils have found their way up through cold and stiff soil, seeking the new angle of the sun to bring them out fully.

There have been other signs in our midst. For several weeks we have marked the passing days of Lent. We have lit candles, made personal devotions or have given up particular pleasures. Some of us have chosen to add something to our days, focusing on how what we add to our spiritual expression can deepen our observance of the Lenten journey. However we choose to mark these days, we know where they are taking us.

While the wider community anticipates the long weekend that will come with Easter, we are remembering the symbolic days yet to pass. Palm Sunday brings Jesus into the city of Jerusalem and there is much excitement and palm waving. With the echo of 'blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord' still present, to us the focus will shift again, away from the joy of Jerusalem's parade to the events of Holy Week. We will gather again Good Friday evening to walk the most difficult part of the Lenten journey as we recall Jesus' crucifixion.

But we are an Easter people! We know how the story ends and on Easter morning we will greet the day knowing that he 'is risen indeed!'

As you prepare for Easter this year, anticipating the company of your family and friends, please consider widening your circle to include those in our faith community who will otherwise be alone at this happy time.

May God be with you and yours this Easter!

*Lorraine & Andy*



# AUC People News

Some friends and family members have been in hospital or convalescing at home since the last newsletter: **Jean Blackman, Walter Blackman, Nettie Damstra, Helen Kennedy, Michael Mailley, Margaret Pierson, Alberta Vanderwal, Klas Vanderwal and Joy Wiseman.**

We send warm greetings to our friends in nursing homes, retirement centres and permanent care facilities: **Mildred Annear, Irene Aspen, Rae Barker, Diane Chafe, Joan Devins, Monty Dwyer, June Dymock, Juanita Ella, Bud and June Gilbert, Betty Hamilton, George Hill, Lloyd and Marion Hinton, Dorothy Hubbs, Ada Johnson, Roberta Lee, Barbara McCrindle, Jean McMurchy, Marg and Jack Pierson, Doris Pringle, Art and Vivian Sedgewick, Rex Sedore, Jean Shiner, George Smith, Mary Stauffer and Shirley Thompson.**

## In Memoriam

We send our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the following families:

**George and Carol Easey and family**, in the loss of Carol's brother, Don Clark.

**Rick and Glenna Berwick and family** in the loss of Rick's mother, Betty Newlands.

**Vic and Linda Hodgins** in the loss of Vic's mother.

**Martha Bailkowski and family** in the loss of Martha's father, Clarence "Cal" Harper.

**George Collins and family** in the loss of George's mother, Annie Collins.

## Need Information on Aurora United?

We hope you have enjoyed our services. If you would like to join the church or are inquiring about baptism, please speak with Rev. Andy Comar or Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar, or call the church office at 905-727-1935 ext. 23 and ask for Sharon Baillie.

## Welcome!

In the month of February we welcomed five families and their children through baptism: Jackson David Love Brewster, Donna Claire Amber Heffer, Jack James LaManna-Dickout, Thomas Henry Quinn and Lea Eve Abouchar Rodrigues.

# Dedication of AUC's Yamaha Grand Piano and Roland Electronic Drum Kit

In our March 7<sup>th</sup> Worship Service, we had the great joy of dedicating two musical instruments—our wonderful Yamaha grand piano and a highly versatile Roland electronic drum kit. Could there be a better illustration of our

AUC music ministry, one in which we continue to celebrate our past traditions while embracing new opportunities?

The piano was dedicated in fond memory of the late Aubrey Foy, our Music Director from 1997 to 2003. We were delighted that Aubrey's wife Daphne could join us for the dedication. While not formally dedicated to our youth, the drum kit definitely will be enjoyed by the young at heart in our Congregation!

Both these gifts to Aurora United will greatly enhance our worship experience and enrich our music ministry for many years to come.

With grateful hearts, we dedicated them to the Glory of God.



David Price (standing) and Frank Pulumbarit with the electronic drum kit.



Daphne Foy, with the Yamaha Grand Piano

## Our Lenten Path

During the season of Lent, we were invited to “Step on the Lenten Path”. It was a time to explore the wilderness places in our lives and in our world, and to move towards the growing, greening places which speak of Easter, of new life!

As part of this theme, members of the congregation contributed personal photos and images for use in our worship services. The images projected in the sanctuary offered a glimpse into those wilderness places, as well as our hope for growth and renewal. The path also took tangible shape as our images were mounted for display, again reminding us of the steps we take on the Lenten journey that culminates in Holy Week.

The images contributed by members of the congregation had an added benefit. They represent the start of an AUC “image library”, one which we will develop over time and use in so many aspects of our ministry. Our thanks go to Holly Williamson and to Bob Kyriakides for their efforts in making these presentations a reality.

## AUC People News (cont'd)

### Celebrations

Congratulations to **Pat Innes** on the birth of her first grandchild, Lillian Dorothy Young, born in February. Mom and Dad (Alana and Mike) are doing well. Also congratulations goes out to a very proud great-grandmother, **Dorothy Hubbs!**

Congratulations to **Irene and John Clement**, who were selected to receive the Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition Program, Natural Heritage Category Award. They were awarded their certificates at the Town Council meeting on February 23rd!

### In the News

Hope you didn't miss the excellent article in the Auroran recently, written by Marcia Kaye on our two new ministers, Rev. Andy and Rev. Lorraine. Uplifting and filled with hope for the future, it featured our 'new beginnings' here at Aurora United. Many thanks to Marcia for her caring, and her expertise.

## Vacation Bible Camp July 12-16, 2010

### A VEGGIE TALES CELEBRATION!

"If you like to talk to tomatoes,  
if a squash can make you smile,  
If you like to waltz with potatoes  
up and down the produce aisle..."

have we got a camp for you...

All your favourite veggies are coming to AUC this summer! Join us at A Veggie Tales Celebration! VBS. Veggie Tales will run the week of July 12-16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for children 5-12 years of age. Get ready for a week of super fun—games, crafts, songs, movies and stories!

In order to have a fun-filled, spiritually uplifting week, we need you!!!!!! Yes - that means you!!!!!!

We hope that you will promote this exciting week of learning and fun with your children, grandchildren, other family members, neighbours and friends. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, April 6th at 7 p.m. in the Founders Room for anyone who wishes to be part of this exciting week.

Please keep your eye on the bulletin for more information and speak to Rev. Andy if you are interested in participating!

Come join the celebration!  
Hope to see you at  
Veggie Tales VBS!

## Lots Happening in Membership

I am so pleased with the plans for making our congregation a welcoming place!

Will Ross has kindly taken on to organize a Pot-Luck dinner and Variety Entertainment Evening for March 27 in the Social Hall. At press time, volunteers were signing up to make this a very special spring event—helping to celebrate Earth Hour.

And then we have plans for organizing three nights of

### "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner!"

We are looking for hosts to cook dinner, choosing the menu, determining the number of guests they wish to host, and whether they welcome adults only or families or even youth only. The choice is theirs, and we will organize who their guests will be.

Guests sign up for a date, pay \$25.00 per adult or \$10.00 for youth/child per dinner with their reservation (payment made to Aurora United Church), picking one of three dates (or all three!), which are:

### Friday, April 9, 16 or 30

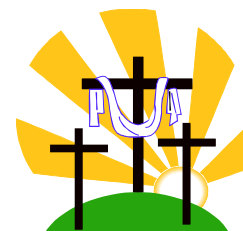
The idea is to encourage longtime and new members to sign up, raise funds for our church and have pleasant evenings getting to know other members over dinner.

Or, you can be a host on one of the dates and then book dinners on the other dates. I am looking forward to do both myself, and can hardly wait for April! You will find sign-up sheets in the Narthex or inside the bulletins for the next few Sundays.

If you have any questions regarding how it all will work, please phone me at (905) 726-1648 or send an E-mail to [briga2008@gmail.com](mailto:briga2008@gmail.com), and I will be happy to get back to you. If you are interested in helping me pair the hosts with their guests, please let me know.

Imagine what wonderful dinners are waiting for each of us, with our multicultural congregation!

Brigitta Gamm  
Membership Chair



# What's Happening at AUC

## Worship Services

April 4	9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Services
April 11	10:30 a.m. Worship Service <b>3 p.m. Covenanting Service for Rev. Andy and Rev. Lorraine</b>
April 18	9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Baptism
April 25	9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Teen Confirmation and Worship Service 7 p.m. Youthful Spirits Worship Service
May 2	9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services 11:30 a.m. Dedication of the Evelyn Wilkinson Parish Nursing Centre
May 9	9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Baptism
May 16	9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Masonic (Divine) Worship
May 23	10:30 am Worship Service <b>One Service only</b>
May 30	10:30 a.m. Worship Service <b>One Service only</b>

**At the Covenanting service for  
Rev. Lorraine and Rev. Andy  
on Sunday April 11, at 3 p.m.,  
the guest preacher will be  
the Very Rev. Dr. Bruce McLeod.  
Everyone is welcome, including  
children and youth.  
Refreshments will follow.**

## Dates to Remember

### April

Apr. 1,8,15,22, 29	Hand Bells 1 & 2
Apr. 1,8,15,22, 29	AM Coffee, New Dimensions, Sr. Choir
Apr. 3,10,17	Rise and Shine Breakfast
<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>Church and Office Closed for Easter Monday</b>
Apr. 7	Council
Apr. 7,14,21,28	Bereavement Support
Apr. 8	3rd Aurora Scout Group Executive
Apr. 9,10 11	Teen Confirmation Famine Week-end
Apr. 12	Seekers, Gran Aurora, AV Tech
Apr. 13	Sunday School Teachers meeting
Apr. 15	Wellspring, Baptismal Prep, Grace, Property Visioning
Apr. 19	Teen confirmation (final session)
Apr. 21	Property Committee
Apr. 23	Outreach Committee
Apr. 24, 25	Rummage Sale Set-up
Apr. 25	Rummage Sale Parish Nursing/Health Cabinet
Apr. 26	Lunch and Learn UCW Executive

### May

May 2	Dedication of the Evelyn Wilkinson Parish Nursing Centre
May 3	Seekers
May 4	Baptismal Preparation
May 5	Council
May 5,12,19,26	Bereavement Support
May 6,13,20,27	Hand Bells 1 & 2
May 6,13,20,27	Am Coffee, New Dimensions, Senior Choir
May 6,13,20,27	Gran Aurora
May 10	Wellspring
May 11	<b>UCW Speaker's Forum</b>
May 13	3rd Aurora Scout Group Executive
May 17	Property Committee
May 29	Drum Circle with David Price

# New Church Council

Congratulations to members of the new Church Council at Aurora United, who are:

## Order of Ministry

Reverend Andy Comar  
Reverend Lorraine Newton-Comar

<b>Chair</b>	Barb Suddard
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Anita Eveleigh
<b>Secretary</b>	Rupert Ray

## Ministry Advocates (6)

Church Community	Mary Smith
Congregational Resources	Ivor Roberts
Proclamation	Rupert Ray
Teaching	Lori North
Serving	Shelley Langer
Ministry and Personnel	John Towsley

## Elders-at-Large (6)

Anita Eveleigh	Bob McNeely
Frank Pulumbarit	Will Ross
Barb Suddard	Brad Sinclair

## Representatives from:

AUC Board of Trustees	(1)
AUC Lay Representatives to Living Waters Presbytery	2 of: Stephen Dow, Steve Falk, Ivor Roberts or John Towsley
AUC United Church Women	1 of: Paula Hanna, Pat Innes

# Spring Rummage Sale is April 23rd-24th

Does this beautiful spring weather make you want to clean up and clear out? Good timing!! Keep your seasonal cast offs for the Spring Rummage Sale.

This year it is being held on **Friday, April 23rd from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.**, and on **Saturday April 24th from 9 a.m. to noon**. We will be setting up on Thursday from 3 p.m. onwards, as well as on Friday morning.

In preparation for the sale, we could use an extra hand or two! Come and meet a new face as you help sort. Students are welcome to sign up for 'co-op hours'.

Please remember that we try to have a 'good quality sale', so we ask you **NOT** to bring computer monitors, old text books, furniture or baby car seats. Any electrical appliances must be in good working order.

For more information, watch for a flyer in the Sunday morning Announcements, or you can call Helen at (905) 713-1597 or Doreen at (905) 853-0374.

# Calling all Disciples

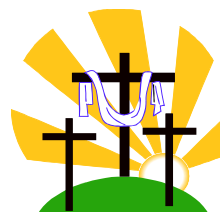
## *A message from your Nominating Committee*

Have you thought about how you might become more engaged in the life of our growing Congregation? We need your energies and ideas!

The Nominating Committee is hard at work identifying people who would be a good fit with the various ministries and committees of our Church, especially those in greatest need. You may be hearing from us!

Meanwhile, if you would like to volunteer yourself, suggest names to us, or simply have a conversation about the life of our Church, please be in touch with any of us.

Members of the Nominating Committee are:  
Colleen Abbott (Chair),Carolynn Dow, Paula Hanna, Nancy Kerswill, Linda McNally. Reverend Andy and Mary Smith.



## Briefly speaking . . .

### ***Bereavement Support Group***

An eight-week session starting Wednesday, March 31 and ending Wednesday May 19 will be held at Aurora United Church, for adults experiencing the loss of a loved one.

Participants in the course have found it helpful to work through the grieving process while surrounded by others who are in the same situation. We will focus on strategies and resources for coping with your loss.

There is no fee for this non-denominational program, which is open to all in the community. For information and registration, please call Carol Easey at 905 640 7578

### ***Dedication of Parish Nursing Centre***

The Evelyn Wilkinson Parish Nursing Centre will be dedicated following the 10:30 service on Sunday May 2. Evelyn Wilkinson was instrumental in bringing the idea of Parish Nursing to Aurora United.

### ***Lunch and Learn***

The next Lunch and Learn event will be Sunday, April 25th, following the 10:30 service.

#### **Helping the Helper**

This presentation will focus on resources that are available for caregivers in our community.

Our presentation will be led by a CHATS representative. It will include all aspects of support available with CHATS, and other service organizations, as well as building an awareness of their volunteer activities. A survey of needs for participants will help direct future Lunch and Learn events in the coming year.

### ***Seniors' Lunch on June 13***

The Pastoral Care Committee is pleased to announce there will be a Seniors' Luncheon following the June 13th 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Our nursing homes and retirement residences will receive special invitations for this event. All seniors are invited.

"Sunrise" of Aurora has graciously offered to provide the sandwiches and baking. We are grateful for this significant contribution.

## 911 Blankets collected for Children in Swaziland!

Heart for Africa's blanket drive has been a huge success, thanks to several groups within York Region.

Aurora United Church embraced this initiative and generously gave to

children that desperately need a warm blanket to cuddle up in during the cold dry season. Each week beautiful gently used, hand made and brand new blankets were placed in the box by the north-west entrance in the church. The grand total collected was **911!**



Thank you to all of you that donated blankets and supported the "shop from your pew campaign".

Special thanks to the Outreach committee, Fern Beattie and the Grade 4 Sunday school class, George and Carol Easey (for pick up and storage), David Pilkey (for placing the ad in the Auroran), Jamie and Lynne Thompson (for donating boxes), Clearmeadow Public School, St. Nicholas Separate School, Windfall Ecology Centre, Keswick Presbyterian Church and the York Region Police.

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## New plan to help those with limited mobility and who need a ride to AUC

With everyone's help, a new plan will soon be in place to make it easier for people with limited mobility to come to church.

When our church community identifies a person who would like to attend church but is unable to easily manage independently, we intend to organize a small network of people who will make sure that each of these people gets to church and home again.

If you know of someone who could benefit from a weekly invitation and ride to church, please call Sharon in the church office at (905)727-1935, extension 23, or email [sharon@auroraunitedchurch.ca](mailto:sharon@auroraunitedchurch.ca).

Together we can do this. Thank you!

# Update on Youth Groups

The Youth Group at AUC meets every Sunday evening. This is a dedicated group of youth in grades 6-8 who look forward to their weekly get-together. There is always time for food and conversation, and so the evening begins with munching down and catching up with each other. Since there are a few schools represented within the group, time for chatting with church friends happens at Youth Group.

We then gather in the Founders Room to light our Christ Candle, have a time for everyone to 'check-in' and then get into the main discussion for the next part of the evening. Games are always a part of the fun and everyone is usually up for a round of Capture the Flag (most popular), Giga Ball or Sardines, just to name a few.

The Youth Group, along with the newly formed Youth Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation and Youthful Spirits, will be responsible for planning and taking the lead in both services on Sunday May 2. The theme they have chosen comprises three themes that came from the group – “Spring” – “New Beginnings” and “Nourishing the Spirit.” It is going to be a wonderful, awesome service and we hope that many of you will be able to join us.

I am having a wonderful time being with this group of energetic, life-giving youth at AUC. I look forward to our Sunday nights together!

Rev. Andy

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## Teen Confirmation “Famine Weekend”

This year the Teen Confirmation Group will once again take part in a “Famine Weekend” at AUC. The “Famine Weekend” begins on Friday, April 9 and concludes on Sunday morning April 11 with a breakfast with family and friends.

The teens are looking forward to a weekend of being together – time for music, movies, discussion and hopefully some outdoor activities. Through the Famine, the teens will play an active role in fighting world hunger and helping save kids’ lives.

The Confirmation Group will be asking friends and family to sponsor them. All the money raised will go to support the World Development and Relief Fund of the United Church of Canada to help those around the world who suffer from hunger, poverty and a lack of hope.

During the weekend the teens will miss three main meals by fasting for the duration of the time. They will be allowed to drink only water and juice, and consume only popsicles during the weekend. There will be an alternate menu for those who will not be able to fast.

The United Church has a long tradition of overseas mission. During the 1970s, global justice and peace initiatives characterized overseas mission work. Appeals for humanitarian relief efforts in Nigeria, India, and East Pakistan became the precursor to what is now World Development and Relief. Participation in global mission continues to be an important focus for the United Church.

WDR money supports both long-term development work and short-term responses to humanitarian crises.

The United Church works in partnership with churches and agencies that have established strong community development programs. These community-based programs focus on agriculture, water access and quality, community health, education, childcare, youth work and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Many of these same partners have community-based networks for distributing emergency supplies in times of crisis: famine in Southern Africa, drought relief in Mozambique, tsunami relief in Asia or earthquake relief in Haiti.

The United Church is committed not only to responding to immediate needs in a crisis situation, but also to doing long-term work as communities rebuild and re-establish.

By going without food for the “Famine Weekend” and raising money to help needy children and communities around the world, young people experience true hunger and learn powerful lessons of compassion for those who live with hunger daily.

On behalf of the children and families being helped worldwide, thank you for supporting the Confirmation Class of AUC!

Rev. Andy Comar, Peter Abbott, and Jacqui Locke  
Teen Confirmation Group Leaders

## UCW Third Annual Speaker's Forum on May 11th, 7:30 p.m.

Please join us in celebrating the Third Annual Speaker's Forum sponsored by the United Church Women.

On Tuesday May 11th at 7:30 p.m., Marina Nemet, local author, will speak to us about her experience of being Christian in a largely Muslim country and her time in Evin Prison. Marina has written a book, *Prisoner of Tehran*. Her second book, *After Tehran* will be published this fall.

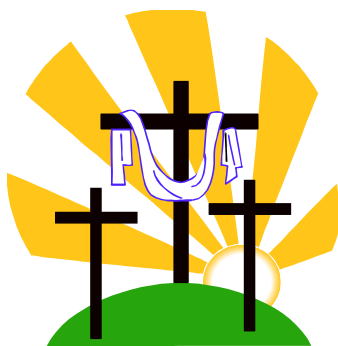
There will be a free-will offering.

The event will be very informative and will be followed by fellowship and refreshments. Please join us!

Marina Nemet was born in 1965 in Tehran, Iran. After the Islamic Revolution of 1979, she was arrested at the age of sixteen and spent more than two years in Evin, a political prison in Tehran, where she was tortured and came very close to execution. She came to Canada in 1991 and has called it home ever since.

Her memoir of her life in Iran, *Prisoner of Tehran*, was published in Canada by Penguin Canada in April 2007, has been published in 27 other countries, and has been an international bestseller. *MacLean's* Magazine has called it "...one of the finest (memoirs) ever written by a Canadian."

*Prisoner of Tehran* has been short listed for many literary awards, including the Young Minds Award in the UK and the Borders Original Voices Award in the US. On December 15, 2007, Marina received the inaugural Human Dignity Award from the European Parliament, and in October 2008, she received the prestigious Grinzane Prize in Italy. In 2008/2009, she was an Aurea Fellow at the University of Toronto's Massey College, where she wrote her second book, *After Tehran*, which will be published by Penguin Canada in September 2.



## Communications

As we at Aurora United Church try to move towards being a better advocate of the environment, we need to explore "greener" options for many of the things we do.

At Communications, we have been trying to reduce the number of newsletters being mailed and now have about one-third of the congregation receiving them via email. But we need more people on the list, so we can mail fewer copies and use our resources responsibly.

Please remember to notify the church office if your e-mail address is changing, so you will continue to receive newsletters and occasional announcements on topics of interest.

Also, we have the opportunity to at least reduce the number of Orders of Service and Announcements printed for Sunday mornings, with the Audio-Visual group producing visuals not only to enhance our worship services but to inform the congregation of 'happenings' at Aurora United.

Another area that can help us is the website. To make it relevant and useful, the information needs to be updated on a regular basis. We are asking that each committee that has a page on the web site nominate a communications contact to regularly view the information on the website and update where needed.

I will be the liaison working with Doris Bachmann, our webmaster. If you see anything that you would like to change or add, please send me along an email and I will see that it is changed or updated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 905-713-0165 or email [rose@kidder.ca](mailto:rose@kidder.ca).

Rosanne Rose  
Communications Committee

## 85th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada DVD

The 85th Anniversary DVD has arrived at the office. The DVD includes the Moderator's Anniversary Message (2:41), Welcome to the United Church: Celebrating the New Creed (6:25) and Dare to Be: Remembering Our History (8:56). This DVD is available to any individual and group who would like to view it. To borrow the DVD, please call Sharon in the office.

Rev. Andy Comar

# United Church Women Youthful Spirits News

## UCW Unit meetings for April



### Seekers

April 12, 1:30 p.m. Jill Hewlett, speaking on  
“Heart Art”

### Wellspring

April 13 Meeting off site to tour the  
McMichael Gallery

### Grace

April 13, 7 p.m. Irene Clement, speaking on  
“The Leprosy Mission”

## UCW Unit meetings for May

### Seekers

May 3, 1:30 p.m. Program TBA, in the  
Founders Room

### Wellspring

May 11, 12:30 p.m. Annual mini-auction in the  
Founders Room

### Grace

No meeting. Members are  
invited to attend the Speaker’s  
Forum and hear Marina Nemet  
speak on May 11.

As always, any women in the church are welcome to attend any of the meetings listed. If you are interested in knowing more, please call Pat Innes at 905 841 1889 or Paula Hanna at 905 727 2584.

## Youthful Spirits Spin-offs

The Youthful Spirits has had its first spin-off, the **Youth Spirits – 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**. This group of teenagers is meeting on Sunday nights to plan their own fun and social activities. They are largely alumni of Youthful Spirits, but all are invited to join. Contact Carmen Harany for details (carmen@auroraunitedchurch.ca)

## Mark the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Services on your calendar

The Youthful Spirits are looking forward to providing the music programming for the Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We hope you’ll mark it on your calendar to attend.

We also extend an invitation to all artistically inclined youths who may wish to join Youthful Spirits to drop by on Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m., when we plan and jam our musical youth services. We’d love to include other arts like dance, poetry, and visual media (computer graphics, photography, etc) in our services too.

## Cello to borrow or rent?

A member of Youthful Spirits is interested in starting cello lessons (thanks for the inspiration, Pat!). Is there anyone in the congregation who happens to know of the whereabouts of a cello that may be available for loan or rent. Please contact Steve Falk 905-726-2608

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## Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the next issue of *Tidings* are due in mid August (date TBA). Information should be submitted in writing to June Yates at [jhy@portcullis.ca](mailto:jhy@portcullis.ca)—or via the church mailbox.

A special note to all our readers. This is your newsletter. Hopefully it reflects who we are as a faith community and what is happening in our church. Your feedback is always welcome. If you have any comments or suggestions, would you please let us know.

Submissions for the weekly Announcements should be sent to Sharon in the church office by Thursday afternoon each week.

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