

SBUC/WBUC News

November 2016

A New Congregation with a New Name

The amalgamation of South and West Burnaby congregations becomes official as of January 1st, 2017.

Naming Our New Church

On **Sunday, December 4th**, following worship, please plan to stay for a light lunch and the important job of choosing the NEW NAME for the congregation. The New Community Team has presented the following 4 names for consideration. What will we be called? The ----- United Church.

Living Faith: This comes out of our mission statement and reflects our priority of putting faith into action, something for which the United Church is known. Living Faith United Church is a place where we live out the example that Jesus taught.

Outlook: We are more than what happens in the building; we look beyond the walls to demonstrate an attitude of service to our community. We express our positive expectation and hope for the future. We are seen as an integral part of the community, opening the doors to the hungry, providing clothing and necessities to those in need and offering space to community groups to gather.

SouthWest: This refers to our area of mission, encompassing the South Slope and the Metrotown neighbourhoods, incorporating the names of the two congregations.

Jubilee: Jubilee is a time and a place to come together to celebrate God's love. A place of restoration for self and for community, coming together to celebrate God's love. It is geographically and historically significant for both congregations (Jubilee Methodist/United was one of the founding congregations of West Burnaby United and the first minister at Dundonald/South Burnaby was also a minister at Jubilee.)

Remember that your voice is important in the decision making.

A Choice for Minister; A New Church Structure

Earlier this year, the Boards of both congregations authorized the Expanded Transition Team (ETT) to conduct a Ministry Profile Search (MPS) as well as to provide a slate of nominees for election at a congregational meeting early in January 2017.

The MPS process is a requirement of BC Conference of the United Church, replacing the older JNAC assessment procedure. It includes a ministry plan, a review of staffing needs for the new congregation, and recommendations regarding the minister position(s). As of the date of this newsletter, the Boards have received the MPS report and are discussing it. Once the Boards have acted on the report and its recommendations, the congregation will be given the opportunity to read and consider the recommendations before a **Congregational Meeting to held Sunday, Jan. 15th, 2017**. The new congregation will vote on the proposal for the minister position(s).

At the same Congregational meeting, the ETT will be presenting a slate of names for election to the Transitional Council, the Ministry & Personnel Committee and the Trustees. The Transitional Council will be responsible for implementation of the Vision and Ministry Priorities, as agreed upon during the amalgamation process. The Core Ministry Groups of the new community are: Worship, Belonging, Service, and Learning. After the Jan. 15th meeting, the Interim Minister (Rev. Jay), in consultation with the ETT and the Transition Council, will be working on the terms of reference for each of these core ministry groups. Once done, the individual groups will be called to meet.

These are the beginning pieces and there is a lot more to do. Led by the Spirit, the future of the congregation is in everyone's hands.

Living Together as a New Community

It is an exciting time as we work together toward our amalgamated congregation. Here are a few tips that may help us navigate our way.



Name Tags: These are available in the Memorial Room each Sunday.

Please remember to wear a name tag each week, not just for the worship service, but also at Fellowship Time in the hall. It helps us all to get to know each other. Even the ministers appreciate the wearing of name tags, so that they can put names to faces. Tags can be left in a basket on the stage in the hall at coffee time, or in the Memorial Room if you aren't able to go over to the hall.

There have been tags made up for as many members of both congregations as possible. Even if you have not been to church for a while, have a look to see if there is one with your name. If there is no tag for you, please let us know! Make up a temporary tag and sign the list requesting a printed one.



Offering Envelopes: Envelopes without a church name have been ordered for 2017. We should have them by December. Members of

the Rumble congregation are in our Power Church computer program, so their envelope number will remain the same. Those donors from the Sussex site who use boxes of envelopes will be issued a box with a new number and they will be entered in the Power Church program.

Some members of the congregations prefer not to use a box of envelopes. If the offering is put into an envelope with the donor's name (and address for first donation), the donor will be assigned a number in the computer and a tax receipt will be issued at the beginning of the following year. No tax receipts are issued for cash donations (i.e. with no name or envelope number).

Those people using PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) will continue as usual. If you would like to set up this direct

withdrawal program for your contributions, please speak to Kathy in the Church office. The amount you designate would be deducted from your bank account monthly. Any special donations that you wish to make can be done in an envelope marked with your name and they will be credited to you.



Coffee Time Teams: We are all grateful to the teams of folks who take a turn to prepare coffee, tea and goodies for the Fellowship Time after church. Marlene Rogerson will be making up a new schedule for the first months of 2017. We hope that more people from both amalgamating congregations will be willing to volunteer. The more people involved, the fewer times you need to be "on duty" – right now it is once every 7 weeks. Working together is a great way to get to know each other. Contact Marlene or leave your name with Kathy in the office, if you are interested in being part of a team – there will be others who "know the ropes" to guide you.



Photo Gallery: In the west narthex will be a photo gallery of members and friends of the new congregation. Barb Tunnicliffe is looking after this project. Elfren Ordanza, with his camera, is taking the pictures of those who have not yet been photographed. Please see Barb or Elfren after church – it only takes a minute to smile and join the gallery! You will be asked to complete a permission form that allows us to post your picture and use it for church purposes only. The aim is to have the updated gallery in place early in 2017. We want to include everyone!! It helps all of us to recognize each other.



Greeters, Ushers, Taking up the Offering: On Sunday mornings, we have been following the traditional procedures used by both individual congregations, to some success (and some confusion). At the Sussex site, it was the practice for those

people who were asked to greet at the door to also pass the offering plates. At the Rumble site, the greeters did not help with the offering; instead there has been a separate schedule of people who take up the offering. This has continued since we started joint services in the summer and it will continue for at least a few months into 2017, until ministry groups can meet and decide how things should proceed in the future.

Thus, the current procedure has 3 greeters: 1 from Sussex and 2 from Rumble. When it comes time to pass the offering plates, there will be 3 people from the Rumble congregation (schedule is posted in the copier room) and 1 person from the Sussex congregation (this person is also the greeter).

Ethel Freer recruits the Sussex folks. Bev Shippam recruits Rumble folks for greeting; Gwen Morse makes up the offering schedule in advance for Rumble folks. Thanks to everyone who helps out!



Church Database: Do we have your address and contact information?? We especially want to have your **email address**, if you have one, so that the office can send you the weekly announcements and quarterly newsletters, as well as important notices of church events and concerns. We promise not to overload your inbox! It will not be shared with any other organization.



Family Files: A couple of people are working with the Interim Minister (Rev. Jay) on a project to develop a way of supporting congregation members who live alone, by gathering family contact information. This could be used in case of medical emergency or if there is concern that something may be amiss. All information gathered will be kept confidential.

Tell Us About.....

...*Baskets for donated items in the West Narthex*



Have you ever wondered about those baskets in the Narthex? A number of "used" items are collected for good purposes. Here's what you can save and bring to donate:

Campbell Soup labels –*given to Telus Pioneers*

Used postage stamps (cut the paper around the stamp) – *to Telus Pioneers*

Canadian Tire money –*used for church purchases*
Used eyeglasses and frames-*forwarded to 3rd World eyesight projects*

Empty pill bottles –*taken to First United Church for shampoo and soap*

Note: We do **NOT** collect business return envelopes any more!

One of the baskets contains "Lost and Found" items left here at the church. Check it, if you are missing anything.

There is also a large wicker hamper for items collected for First United Church

...*Children and Families*

The Sunday School meets in the Dundonald Room (in the church building, directly below the Sanctuary). This class currently includes preschool and younger elementary school children. They have been working with Linnea Good's book "God Detectives". Through this book the kids are encouraged to look around their community and home and find where they see God. The children each have a 'detective' book where they write their clues and do some artwork. For Advent, they will be starting some new activities, including a wall collage for the entire church to colour.

All the children are included in Discovery Time with the minister, after which the children go downstairs to their class. On Communion Sundays the children start in the classroom and then come upstairs to the sanctuary for Communion. Younger preschool children and parents can find toys and simple activities at

the front of the sanctuary during the worship service.

Two Family Matters events were held in October: a movie night and then a Halloween party, with great turnouts to both. We hope to have our next Family Matters event in January, but have not picked a date or what we are doing yet. We are thinking of another movie night and have asked one family to choose the movie for that night. Other ideas are in the works – stay tuned for notices in the Sunday bulletin.

For more information on activities for children and families, contact Debra Legge.

...the Community Lunch



Serving the needy of the community, Tuesdays, year round, 11 am to 1 pm

West Burnaby United Church began this outreach service about 20 years ago. It moved successfully from the Sussex site to the Rumble property over the summer and has been serving lunch as usual on Tuesdays to anyone who has a need for fellowship, food, or interaction with the church and minister (if needed). You may have noticed the 2nd fridge and the freezer that were moved from the Sussex site to the Rumble kitchen & lounge. Storage cupboards in the hall are being used for various supplies. With the move, there were some 'regulars' who have not been coming down the hill, mainly because the new location requires a bus trip, unaffordable for some folks who don't qualify for an annual subsidized bus pass. At the Sussex site, the lunch served 65-80 weekly; here the average is slightly less than 40. The hot meal is either a pasta dish or soup (with a vegetarian option), salad and juice, along with lots of bread. Sometimes there are desserts, too. If there are extra donated food supplies not needed for that week's meal, they are put out for people to take with them. Sometimes there is donated clothing put out for the taking.

There are special lunches offered at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Safeway generously donates bread (and sometimes desserts like donuts). The purchasing of the hot meal ingredients has been integrated with the grocery shopping done by L'Arche. A faithful crew of 8 – 10 volunteers is on hand each Tuesday from 9 to 9:30 am, onward. A few are church people, like Blanche Cleve, Jean Swanson, Gladys Gnyp, Mary Lou Head, & Kay Turner, and there are non-church folks like a group of retired teachers and the members of a traditional Chinese medicine society (some of whom also volunteer at the Food Bank on Mondays). Special mention should be made of chief cook, Loris Baldin, who has worked in the food industry for many years.

The doors open each Tuesday at 11 am, for coffee & muffins. Lunch is served from 12 to 12:30. The staff is usually finished by 1 pm. There is always a need for financial donations to support the lunches. Contributions may be made through your Sunday offering – mark it specifically for the Community Lunch. Additional volunteers may be needed at the Christmas Lunch on Dec. 20th.



Christmas gift bags are being prepared for 100+ clients and the list of items suggested for these bags has been noted in the Sunday bulletins. Collection of toiletry items is happening but the biggest need is for socks, toques, caps, scarves, mitts, gloves, and facecloths. There will be a 'giving tree' in the Narthex for donations of these clothing items, or they can be left at the church office. Most of the clients are men, with a smaller number of women and a few children.

For more information on the Community Lunch, speak to Blanche Cleve who has been with the program for the past 15 years and who coordinates the food, volunteers and special occasions such as Christmas and Thanksgiving meals.

First United Sandwich Making

(Usually) 2nd Monday of the month (women);
4th Thursday of the month (men), 9-10 am

Members of the UCW and AOTS Mens Club began making sandwiches for distribution at First United Church in 2002 and continue to do so once a month (AOTS no longer exists, but the men still faithfully make sandwiches). A small but loyal group of men and women participate in this outreach project.

The women's day of the month is the Monday before the 2nd Tuesday; the men's day is the Thursday before the 4th Friday. In most months, this usually translates into sandwich-making sessions on the 2nd Monday and 4th Thursday. Preparation is done in the June Burritt Lounge in the church hall.

Using large 'sandwich' loaves of bread, the men make up 20 loaves of sandwiches and the women 12 loaves each month. These are taken down to First United the same day and distributed the next day to those living in the Downtown Eastside area. For many years, the shopping for supplies and delivery to downtown was handled by Joan and Ernie Baird until ill health forced them to retire. Ken Martin then took over these 2 jobs but was unable to continue in the fall of 2016. Currently, the shopping and the delivery to First is being done on an interim basis by Dave Ellis and Don Morse. With the arrival of the Community Lunches here at the Rumble site, some of the bread is now being supplied from the bread donated to the Lunches.

The project relies on donations of cash. Donations may be made through your Sunday offering (mark the donation specifically for 1st United Sandwiches). The UCW covers any shortfall in expenses during the year (and most often, the contributions do not match the cost of supplies). Any women or men who would like to assist with sandwiches are more than welcome to join. Just show up and offer your help. Check the weekly bulletin for dates.

... the Thrift Shop

Open for business, Thursdays 10 am – 2 pm,
September to June

The Thrift Shop was founded in March 1972 by June Burritt, Nellie Clarke and Mary Wight as an Outreach project of the United Church Women. The shop is run by volunteers with the invaluable assistance of our custodian, Jim Noble. The staff volunteers include church members and non-church members of the community. They are a dedicated group, some serving 35+ years. We have a very faithful clientele who help make this an enjoyable and friendly place to work.

The shop is open every Thursday, from 10 am to 2 pm, approximately 36 weeks of the year. We are closed mid December until the first Thursday after the New Year, and from the second week of June until the first Thursday after Labour Day.

We sell small household goods, clothes, shoes, china, glassware, dishes, bedding, books, puzzles, craft items, sports equipment, toys, records, CDs.....the list goes on! The prices are very reasonable.

Our income over the last few years has been \$25,000 to \$30,000 each year. Antique donations are taken out to Fort Langley by Margaret Turner and sold there. Other expensive donations are advertised on Craigslist by Dian Freeman; thereby more people become aware of the Thrift Shop, making our clientele pool larger.

We have given items to a neighbourhood family when their home burned down and to other neighbours in need. We give items to First United Church, refugee families, The Cinderella Project (graduation dresses and suits to Burnaby students who cannot afford to buy them), the Marguerite Dixon House for women escaping domestic violence, Burnaby Homeless, and underprivileged families in drop-in centres.

The money raised in the shop provides significant financial support for our Church, as well as being donated to such UCW Outreach projects as Edmonds Community School, L'Arche, Fair Haven and St. Michael's Auxiliaries, First United Church, First United sandwich-making, WISH Drop-In-Centre, and The Dugout (Downtown Eastside) to name a few. Donated items not suitable for the shop are given to the Developmental Disabilities Association or to other non-profit groups.

The Thrift Shop welcomes your donations. Drop them off at the church on Sundays or weekdays until 1 pm. Collection bins are located beside the women's washroom on the lower floor. In addition, there is an ongoing need for volunteers, particularly to help with the pricing of donated items.

Janet Babey took over as coordinator of the shop in 2015 from long-time head Ruth Watt, who is now the assistant co-ordinator. Speak to Janet if you wish to help. Any amount of time that you can volunteer on a Thursday is appreciated. Come down to the Thrift Shop on Thursday mornings to see what is happening!

Shoppers, the Thrift Shop is open to all and is a great place to find good quality used items – you never know what you might discover!

...The Food Bank



The Greater Vancouver Food Bank operates out of the church hall on Monday mornings, doors open at 10am. Although this is not officially a church-sponsored activity, the church provides space for their program at no charge, as part of our community outreach. The Food Bank is closed one Monday a month plus statutory holidays – see the list of these “closed” dates posted on the door of the hall. Donation bins for the Food Bank are located throughout the Greater Vancouver area.

...Big Things Happening at Fair Haven

After the worship service on Nov. 13, representatives from Fair Haven were on hand to tell us about the exciting new plans for the Burnaby Fair Haven site. The last 9 of the Fair Haven cottages at the corner of Rumble St. and McKay Ave, built in 1949, are to be replaced by 145 units of seniors' rental housing. The new facility will increase the supply of affordable housing for low income seniors in a 3-storey complex featuring a mix of studio and 1-bedroom units, 15 of them fully accessible and the others adaptable as needed. Rents will be based on income, with the aim of having over 90% of the units renting at below market rates. The existing tenants will be provided with safe and comfortable housing options throughout the redevelopment process. The other two buildings on the site, the apartments and the care facility, will remain operational and will not be affected. The Fair Haven United Church Homes Society has been meeting the needs of seniors and individuals with limited resources and income since the 1940's. The Burnaby Fair Haven facility has been closely affiliated with South Burnaby United Church for many years.



Proposed three-storey build looking northwest from Rumble Street

Retention of the existing apartment building

Retention of the existing care facility



SO FAR, ONE LOSS AND COUNTLESS GAINS AS OUR SYRIAN FAMILY SETTLES IN!

There's one thing our Syrian family has lost in the big move to Canada- and that would be an appendix belonging to 9-year-old Ahmed. On Hallowe'en Ahmed was recovering from his operation for appendicitis while Omar, 11, and Heivi, 7, were trick-or-treating in their neighbourhood.

In eleven months, the Malla Haji family has settled into their New Westminster home, their schools, their neighbourhood and their new life. Mom Sana and Dad Mohammad are speeding along with their English classes. Mohammad, a former truck driver when the family lived as refugees in Lebanon, is studying for his driver's licence. Sana is now working, sewing clothes for nearby Wal-Mart - and loving it!

And all three kids are thrilled with their schools, making new friends, playing soccer or taking dance classes -- and visiting their five Syrian cousins who now live in Surrey after arriving in Canada in May. Global TV news highlighted the cousins' first day in school in Canada - have a look! <http://globalnews.ca/news/2924358/surrey-school-district-prepares-to-welcome-hundreds-of-syrian-refugee-students/>

For South Burnaby United Church, our official role acting as a trustee for donations for the Malla Haji family is coming to end December 31. However, the wonderful news is that the group of friends known as Project Umbrella - who privately sponsored the family in partnership with the government - will be able to continue providing support through to the end of May. We too will continue to do what we can to help.

That's especially important as one of the big questions for refugees in Canada is: what happens when government sponsorship

programs end after a year? Newcomers must learn a new language, find work, integrate into a new society. The Malla Hajis are an inspiration for all who have met them. They are on a major journey in their new country, and we hope to continue walking beside them along the way...

Submitted by Holly Nathan, who with her husband Karl Sturmanis, are representing SBUC and working with Project Umbrella and the Malla Haji family.



Heivi and her three cousins hold up a Kurdish flag



This picture of the three kids, Ahmed, Omar and Heivi , was taken at the sky train station in Surrey on our way to see the second family in May who had just settled into a rented house in Surrey

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar!

Thursday, Dec. 1st:

"ChristmaSong" – in the Fellowship Hall



Doors open **6:45 pm**; Music begins at 7:00 pm.

Admission by donation. Funds raised will support the Community

Lunch program and the choir.

Our own choir welcomes the Tempos, led by Marilyn Rushton, and their wonderful music. Come and join in a festive community night of music and fun. Desserts and coffee/tea will be served.

Donations of finger food desserts are greatly appreciated. Please drop them off in the church kitchen on Dec. 1st, or give them to members of the choir. If you can help with this event, please contact Phyllis Stainton.

Sunday, Dec. 4th:

Naming Our New Congregation, after worship until ~1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Decide on the new name for our congregation. Discussion will take place along with a light lunch. (See the information on the names on page one of this newsletter).

Wednesday, Dec. 7th:

Ladies Get Together

10:00 am in the June Burritt Lounge (Church Hall) the SBUC UCW invites ladies of WBUC as we get to know each other better. Tea/coffee and muffins will be served.

Sunday, Dec. 18th:

Congregation Christmas Dinner



in the Hall immediately after the morning worship.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the annual turkey dinner. Please volunteer to bring a food item –

Kathy in the office will have the sign-up sheets where you can indicate your preference (vegetable, dressing, dessert, etc.). The meal is being coordinated by Blanche Cleve.



Saturday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve

7:30 pm Family Service

10:00 pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day

– regular worship service at 10:30 am



Monday, January 9th: Ladies Night Out:

- 7:00 pm in the Memorial Room

All the ladies of the former West and South Burnaby churches are invited to come & join in an evening of fun & fellowship. This is a chance to get to know one another better and dream up some fun for 2017 together. Refreshments will be provided by the Seekers; so just bring yourselves and a sense of adventure. If you need a ride, leave your name at the office.

Sunday, Jan. 15th:

Congregational meeting Following worship.

To vote on the recommendations from the Boards (Ministry decision; appointment of church Transitional Council).

Saturday, Jan. 28th:

Burns Dinner – 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm



The Fun-Raising Committee is organizing this annual evening of Scottish food (haggis!), song and fun. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available beginning Dec. 11th. Get yours early from Dave Ellis or the church office!

Did You Know?

(happenings in our joint church family since Spring)



Welcome to new lives:

Lucille Otto-Wray, born Dec 4th, 2015, baptized June 19th – daughter of Jenna and Ian Otto-Wray

Kaitlyn Jacquelyn Bodnar, born Dec. 4th 2015, baptized Aug. 21st – daughter of Mark & Victoria Bodnar

Brynna Mae Baird, born April 15th, 2016, baptized Oct. 23rd – daughter of Nicholas & Krista Baird



Special Wedding Anniversary Celebrations:

- Morgan & Susan Wilks – 50 years, Aug. 20th
- Peter & Florence Joyce – 50 years, Sept 17th
- Len & Lorna Gross – 53 years, July 27th
- Ernie & Joan Baird – 65 years, Aug. 25th
- Jim & Ruth Tinkess – 65 years, Sept. 1st
- Bill & Bev Shippam – 66 years, April 6th
- Bill & Kay Cumming – 70 years, Dec. 21st
- Wilson & Hazel Nicolle – 71 years, June 16th



90+ Birthday Congratulations to:

- Helen Livingstone – 94 years old March 12th
- Ernie Baird – 93 years old March 28th
- Jim Grant – 94 years old May 1st
- Don Stewart – 93 years old, June 5th
- Ralph Cochran – 97 years old June 10th
- Kay Johnston – 102 years old July 19th
- Bill Shippam – 90 years old August 21st
- Ruth Tinkess – 91 years old Sept. 22nd
- Ron Kline – 106 years old Sept 22nd
- Jim Tinkess – 91 years old Sept. 23rd
- Wilson Nicolle – 94 years old Oct. 4th
- Anne Rose – 101 years old Oct. 10th
- Howard Keller – 92 years old Oct. 11th
- Mary Keith – 95 years old Oct. 16th
- Kay Cumming – 90 years old Nov. 19th
- Gladys McBride – will be 96 years old Dec. 9th
- Bill Cumming – will be 92 years old Dec. 13th
- Peggy Wyatt – will be 90 years old Dec. 23rd
- Stan McBride – will be 94 years old Jan. 1st, 2017



Passings – since our Feb. 2016 newsletter, we lost people who were special to us:

- Rev. Ian Macdonald on March 6th
- Tom Sandilands on March 28th
- Cleo King on March 30th
- John Molyneux on April 13th
- Janette Dean on April 16th
- Rosalynne Anderson on April 18th (in Prince George, BC)
- Charles (Bus) James on May 13th
- Catherine Weston on May 25th
- Helen (Mrs. Jim) Brown on June 2nd
- William Amos on June 19th
- Patricia Alford in July
- Betty Molyneux on July 24th
- Ted Marble on Aug. 28th
- Gwen Paterson on Sept. 16th
- Lillian Peterson on Sept. 30th (her 95th birthday)
- Georgie Douglas on Oct. 1st
- Bruce Watson on Oct. 1st (in Duncan, BC)
- Greg Hobin on Oct. 18th
- Jean Mann on Nov. 2nd (Barb Tunnicliffe's mother)



Wedding congratulations to:

- Shannon Woron and John Veall, married on July 24th
- Kayla Cox and Mike Prasad, married on November 14th