

Third Avenews July 20, 2008

from the Pews . . . and beyond



**The Mission of Third Avenue United Church
is to reach out with love and provide a welcoming place,
especially for downtown people.**



We welcome everyone to worship this morning. If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances. If you would like information on any of the church activities, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office at 652-6812.

We invite you to visit our web site at

www.thirdavenueunitedchurch.org

And please, join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs following the service.

Church Duty Roster



Today: Ian Holmes is responsible for opening and closing the church.

July 27: John Parry will be responsible.

Hosting Coffee After Church:



Today: Last names beginning with S - Z

Next Week: names beginning with A - F.

Come early to set up if you are able (by 10:00 a.m.), or help serve coffee and clean up, or bring baking or goodies for snacks.

*Don't worry! Someone will be here if you have questions and instructions will be posted in the kitchen.

This Week at Third Avenue

Tues: 9:00 am Membership Committee meeting

10:30 staff meeting

Sat: 8:30 Women's Breakfast at Alberto's

Advance Notices

NEXT SUNDAY

Communion Sunday – recessional offering for the Benevolent Fund will be received. Baskets at the back table, or on the coffee table down stairs.



Celebration of July Birthdays

.... and

Last Worship Service at Third Avenue until Sept. 7th.

A Children's Table is available

at the front of the church with activities for the children. We invite parents to sit close at hand to supervise. Church School resumes in September.



Rose Bouquets and Thank You's

Vacation Bible School

Thank you so much to all those who helped with VBS - Donna (inexperienced director!) couldn't have done it without you! Teachers: Phil Bray, Maureen McPherson, Shirley Murray, Debbie Beye, Michelle Aalders and also for the amazing music, Brandi LaPointe and also for the crafts and "experiments" that amazed, Kathy Braun and for "feeding us" each day so well.

Thank you to our supportive church family who supplied donations and "stuff".

Thank you to Meewasin Valley United Church for "Twinning" with us.

Looking Ahead:

A new sign up sheet for Scripture Readers has been posted for July and September. Please sign up now, on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.



Thanks!

Palliative Care Walk of Memories

On Sunday, August 24th everyone is invited to participate in the 3rd Annual Palliative Care Walk of Memories to remember loved ones who have died and to support Palliative Care Services. As well, Walk of Memories offers an opportunity to connect with others who've experienced the loss of a loved one. There is no cost to participate. Shuttle service is available between sites.

Palliative Care Services Walk of Memories

Sunday, Aug 24th, from the Kiwanis Memorial Park Band Shell at Spadina and 20th to the W.A. Edwards Family Centre (333 - 4th Ave. N.)

Gathering time: 1:30
Walk begins: 2:00
Refreshments: 3:00

For more information please call 655-4346.

- Eleanor Edwards,
The W.A. Edwards
Family Centre

Heh Kids!

It's not too late to register for camp. **Camperships are available through the church office.**

Space is limited! Bring a friend and try out the newest camp: "Campers-in-Training" – sleepover camp for kindergarten to grade 2!

www.campchristopher.ca

Is there anyone who needs financial assistance to attend camp? Please call the church office.

Friends and Guests!



If you're not wearing a name tag, please take one from the basket at the back, and fill in your name. Then, before you go home, put it back in the basket for next week.

Pastoral Care

Please, help us to help you, by informing the office if you know of someone who is ill or in need of a visit.

For your information:

outside Donna's office you will find a binder outlining the Sexual Abuse Policy of the United Church of Canada.

Reminder:

Third Avenue will be closed for the month of August.

We are invited to join the folks at Knox United for those summer worship services.



Food for the Hungry

The Food Bank really needs our help! Please bring your donations of canned and dry good to assist in this worthy cause, and place them in the box in the Narthex.

Humour

Some Yogi Berra-isms

- ❖ Why buy good luggage? You only use it when you travel?
- ❖ Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded.
- ❖ Always go to other people's funerals. Otherwise they won't go to yours.
- ❖ It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, & I've had a couple of those.
- ❖ Pair up in threes.
- ❖ The future ain't what it used to be.

Bulletin Board

(The Wider Community)

Let's Bring Jordan Home

See the bulletin board for more information.

If you would like to donate to this cause, indicate on your envelope "For Jordan".

You will receive a tax receipt as part of your yearly church offering.

- ❖ Prairie Habitat (PHG) is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of gardening activities from now until the end of August. See poster.
- ❖ July 21-25: Mayfair United is offering a Summer Program for all school aged children. Experience "God's Big Back Yard". Please pre-register at the church or phone 382-6446.
- ❖ May 17-30, 2009: Rev. Dale and Mildred Morrison are hosting a *Russia River Cruise* from Moscow to St. Petersburg. For a brochure and more info. Phone 373-2892 or email to mordale@hotmail.com

As many of us look forward to the summer months at the lake, visiting long distance family and friends, or simply relaxing in the back yard, let us count our blessings and prayerfully consider the needs of the church. Our mission and purpose stay the same whether we are here or not. The daily expenses continue and salaries still need to be paid.

If you wish to leave post dated cheques for the time you are away, please call the office to make those arrangements, or leave them in the collection plate on Sunday.

*In The
Spirit Of
Giving...*

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.



Finance Committee

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