



Heartbeat: *weekly newsletter*

Season of Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2015

All ages look for signs of God together

Epiphany is a time to look for signs of God. During Epiphany we look for God within us and among us in new and perhaps surprising ways. This week we will see God in various people, as well as in our magnificent solar panels.



2014 Income Tax Receipts
are ready and may be picked up at Church
beginning this Sunday, January 18th

Staff Update

Karen Dale will be away for a 2nd month of sabbatical from January 5 – February 2

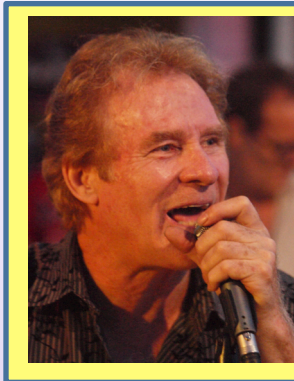
TUESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

Jesus and the Gospels
with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson

7:15pm—9:15 pm continues on January 20

Needed:
a good home

We have a FREE hamster starter kit: cage, bedding, activity things, food and a free hamster from the pet store, at \$100.00 value. Please call the church office if you might like this addition to your home.



Back by Popular Demand
THE GEORGE OLLIVER DUO
with:
PETER MUELLER

Friday, February 6, 8-11pm
Beach United Church
140 Wineva Ave at Queen East, 416-691-8082

Tickets: \$25
church office, at the door, on web site:
www.beachunitedchurch.com

Jazz & Reflection: 2015 Season

Feb 7: Jeff McLeod playing church organ/piano with Alex Dean on saxophone

March 7: Malvern Dance Band and Jazz Choir with theme: *Up Jumped Spring*

April 11: Cadence (4 guys a cappella) with theme: *Straighten Up and Fly*

May 2: Downtown Jazz Band with theme *The Best is Yet to Come*

Congregation Member in the News

Christian Resource Center is awarding five very special people with The Companion of CRC. Inaugurated in 2014, The Companion of CRC acknowledges those people whose extraordinary gifts of time, money or expertise have made a significant difference to the work of CRC at 40 Oaks. BUC member, **Paul Dowling** is one of the recipients. With a background in social housing, Paul understands the need for affordable housing for Toronto's hardest to house. He brought politicians, bureaucrats, social activists, and CRC Board members together to envision 40 Oaks in the heart of Regent Park's Phase One revitalization.

Four others receiving this award: Valde Alleyne, Grieg Clark, John Deacon, Carmel Mili

Want to hear more about plans for our South Lot? Want input into future directions?

Information Meeting for the Congregation
Sunday, Feb 1, immediately following worship

Council looks forward to hearing from congregation members as we continue to discern our ministry in the Beach community.

Cooking with Soul
Saturday Jan 31st 9-noon

We Cook We Eat
We make meals
for our
Interfaith Lunch Program

Enjoy the food of Turkey without having to leave Toronto. Pam Morgan will share her love of Turkish food and culture. Taste her favourite recipes and make lunch for the Interfaith Lunch Program. Participants support the cost of the food ingredients.



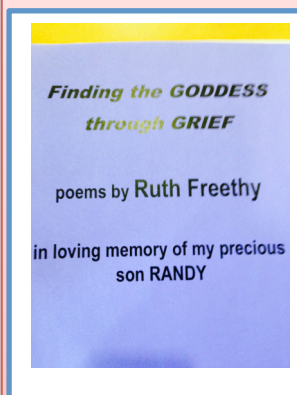
THANK YOU from *The Elizabeth Fry Society* to all who baked goodies for the Christmas parties for clients in and out of prison.

"We used most for the event at the Vanier prison in Milton. Many women have told us how much they enjoy the delicious home-made goodies."

Loaves & Fishes: *Sharing our Talent*

People are investing and multiplying their talents. Our **Talent Table** is available this Sunday to share your talents. Want to display your items on the table or let people know about what you are offering? Contact Carolyn & Rayford Glasgow: carolynward@hotmail.com or rayfordg24@gmail.com

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After the tragic loss of her son, Ruth Freethy turned to poetry to express her sorrow and begin to heal. Ruth is courageously sharing her poetry as a gift to others who may find solace in her writing.

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Good News! Meet our Sausage & Pancake Team

Lynne Barger, Rosalie Bradley, Sally Evans, & Marian Hilton, are our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Team.

Get ready to enjoy a Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 17**

Want to help set up the room?
Want to help with cleaning up?
Contact our team and join the fun.

AND THE SUN DID SHINE . . .

Monday January 5 the sun stayed out most of the day and the Toronto Hydro engineer completed all necessary testing to sign off on our **Solar Energy Facility**.

WE ARE NOW LIVE AND GENERATING ONTO THE GRID!!!

Join us for a brief celebration of this milestone at church on Sunday, January 18 as part of our worship service, and stay for the inevitable cake, courtesy of Heather Whiteside.

A second, more detailed information session is in the planning stages, to provide any and all information needed to understand more fully our solar energy facility—why's, how's, costs, and so on. What information will you find valuable? Use the forms available this Sunday to submit your questions/concerns about our facility and renewable energy in general.

Speaker's Series: 7:30-9pm

Wednesday, Feb 11: Dr. Brian Goldman . .

talks about his new book *The Secret Language of Doctors*. Goldman hosts CBC's *White Coat, Black Art* and *House Doctor*. Don't miss this great opportunity. Bring a friend and learn how doctors talk about us.

Wednesday, March 11: Joy Crysdale . . .

is a journalist, teacher at Humber College and author. Her book *Courageous Women Rebels* includes stories of 10 women around the world who've made a difference.

MONDAY, May 11: Terry Fallis . . .

popular author, returns to discuss his latest book *No Relation*. Spread the word. It's guaranteed to be an entertaining evening.

Upcoming Worship

January 25 *Repentance*
Mark 1:1-19

February 1 *Candlemas Day*
Mark 1:21-2:12

February 8 *Blessing our Church Home*
Mark 1:29-39

February 15 *Transfiguration*
Mark 8:31-9:13

February 22 *Lent 1—The Stories of Jesus*

Knitting News

Clara McDaniel, one of Beach United's stalwart knitters, was inspired to write this poem. We're glad she shared it with us!

In Praise Of Knitting

When dark days are long and icy winds blow,
And the weatherman says we are getting more snow,
I sit by my window, all comfy and fit,
And knit.

When in a dark mood and things go wrong;
Nerves are frazzled, frustrations abound.
My endurance has ended, and I'm in a snit,
I knit.

When babies in places that are drafty,
we're told
Need warm woolen clothing to keep out the cold,
To help those in need, we do our own bit,
We knit.

Celebrating our Memories

Catherine Craig made a donation to Beach United in memory of loved ones she holds dearly in memory.



eSpirit Message

What does God look like? The only images we have are several old white-bearded men in the sky painted by Michelangelo.

A TV series called Joan of Arcadia gives us more modern images of God. In this American family drama we follow the story of teenager Joan Girardi who sees and speaks with God and performs tasks given to her. In the pilot episode, God appears to Joan and reminds her that she promised to do anything asked of her if her brother survives a car crash. God appears in various people including children, teenagers, elderly people, transients, or passersby. God asks Joan to perform tasks that often appear to be trivial or contrary. Yet each task has a positive outcome.

If God's spirit is alive and well and working in the world, how do we identify that spirit? In this season of epiphany, we are looking for "theophanies" or sightings of God. On Sunday, we will enjoy a creative approach to seeing God in various guises, including our own solar panels.

Where are you seeing God these days?
Shalom, Abigail

RANA PLAZA: *Victims of Fashion*

When news is fresh in the headlines, feelings run high and our commitment to change the world is strong. Yet updates on news events are hard to find. Such is the case with the terrible building collapse in Rana Plaza, Savar, Bangladesh where 1129 people died and 2515 people were injured. It is the deadliest garment-factory accident in history. Matthew Kellway, MP for Beaches-East York, visited the site of the accident last October captured in a 30-minute documentary. Come out for a viewing of this documentary on **Sunday, January 25 following worship**. Snacks, coffee, and tea will be available. Learn more about what is happening as the people of Savar address social justice issues in the wake of this event.