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Upcoming events

Sunday Jan 14 at 10.30 am. *Open Casting Call - John the Baptist* Explore the character traits of biblical characters to see if their attributes might be helpful to us living in 2018.

Celebrate the Baptism of Aaliyah Noelle Rondina children@buc activity table in worship space.

Nursery Care available with Hannah

Saturday Jan 13, 10.00 am. *Knitting for Shivering Children* Group Welcomes new members, including beginners, to knit vests, blankets, hats and stuffed animals for impoverished children. We donate our work to the charity Canadian Food for Children.

Saturday Jan 20, 2:30 pm. *SoundWave Café* featuring The Danielle Knibbe Trio performing in a relaxed coffee house atmosphere, with complimentary coffee and tea, snacks available for purchase.

Tuesday Jan 23, 7 pm. *Jam Nite* Bring your instrument, voice, a song to share. No musical skill level needed, just enthusiasm to make music together!

Knitting Circle

Our next meeting is on **Saturday**, **January 13 at 10 am** at Beach United Church. Special guest is Jeanene Luckhart, a dedicated volunteer with Canadian Food for Children. She will tell us about the continuing work of the charity we support and her travels to overseas missions. Bring your questions, stories and treats to share. As opposed to our usual practice, we're going to start shortly after 10 am so we have time to listen to Jeanene's stories and share our own.

Take care and stay out of the cold when you can. I can guarantee the warmth of our meeting, both in temperature and good times. Every stitch counts

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Skating event

Sunday February18th, 1pm at the Kew Gardens Skating Rink, Beach United Church is hosting another skating extravaganza! This is an event when the community can come together for some fun on and off the ice.

There will be games, a bonfire, hot chocolate and a chance for us all to get to know our neighbours. Invite friends, family and let us continue to make this event a time of warmth in the cold of winter.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Hastings Withers hastings@withers.ca

Interim Board Update

The Board met on Thursday Jan 4 at 7.30 am. The early morning timeslot is working well and the meeting time is kept to 60 minutes. If more time is needed a conference call is set-up at a later date.

Meeting highlights -

- 2 baptisms were approved
- Out of the Cold pilot project start up on Jan 8 was celebrated
- Budget discussions continued
- Staff salaries were discussed, with input from Ministry and Personnel Committee.

East End Refugee Committee

The East End Refugee Committee [EERC], is a hands-on refugee sponsorship and support coalition of several east end churches, has worked since 1985 to sponsor refugees to Canada so they can escape persecution and deplorable living conditions overseas.

It was started by Kingston Road United Church & St. John's Norway Anglican Church and joined by representatives of Beach United, Calvary Baptist, Eastminster United, Fallingbrook Presbyterian, Neighbourhood Universalist Unitarian, St. Aidan's and St. Saviours Anglican Churches. EERC is dedicated to making a difference in the world for those less fortunate than ourselves.

There is an opportunity for a new person to be a part of EERC as a representative of Beach United Church. If you are interested in learning more about what this position entails please call Rosalie Bradley at 416-698-6045 or contact Karen Dale at karen@beachuc.com