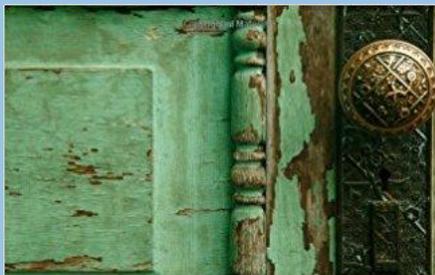
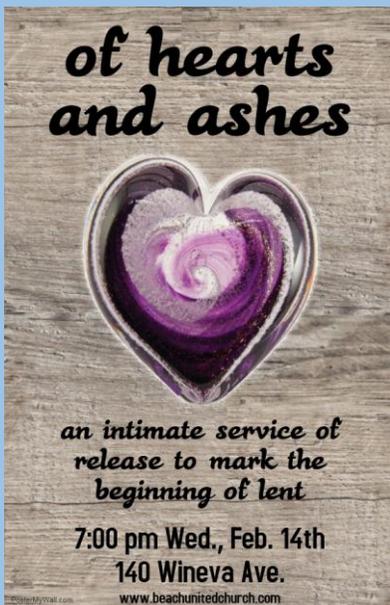


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A JOURNEY TO THE TRUE SELF

Upcoming events

Wednesday Feb 14, 7 pm - *of hearts & ashes*

An intimate service of release to mark the beginning of Lent.

Sunday Feb. 18, 10.30 am Lent 1 Theme: *Rainbow Resistance*

Celebrate Baptism - John Robert Burley

children@buc activity table in worship space.

Nursery Care available

Sunday Feb. 18, 1 – 2:30 pm *Family Skate* at Kew Gardens Rink.

There will be games, a bonfire, hot chocolate and a chance for all of us to get to know our neighbours. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Hastings Withers hastings@withers.ca

Monday Feb. 19 **OFFICE CLOSED**

Wednesday Feb 21, 7- 9 pm *Book Study* see below for details

Tuesday February 27, 7 pm *Jam Nite* Open to all instrumentalists and singers. Bring a song to share.

Friday March 2, 7 pm *World Day of Prayer* Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2029 Gerrard St E, Toronto, ON M4E 2B3
Phone: (416) 690-5169

Sunday March 11, 11.30 am *Annual Congregational Meeting*

Spiritual nurture: book study

***Open the Door: A Journey To The True Self*, by Joyce Rupp.**

Joyce Rupp explores the rich image of the door as an invitation to growth and awareness. It is designed as a six week process with a daily reflection. Readers will discover that opening the door of the heart reveals the vast treasure of who we are and how the sacred is present within us.

Dates: February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 28, April 4.

Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Facilitator: Marney Winn. **Register** marneychw@yahoo.ca 416-690-1720

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Five books have been ordered and can be purchased at the church office for \$25 or you can order on line www.amazon.ca If you want to borrow the book please contact karen@beachuc.com

Thank you

We would like to say a big "thank you" to **THE GREAT ESCAPE** bookstore on Kingston Road for providing books for guests who are part of the Inter-faith Lunch community. This regular supply of top quality books is much appreciated by the avid readers amongst the group.

Beach United Church hosts the lunch on Thursday from 11 am - 1 pm. It is a true team effort with volunteers from the church, the wider community and the business community.

Welcome new staff

This past week we signed employment letters with two of our three new staff. The third member should be signed up by week's end and introductions will be made next week.

Mariko Kawano *Communications Coordinator*

Mariko holds a diploma in Desktop Publishing from George Brown College and Bachelor of Design in Communications from Ontario College of Art and Design. In her work at two national and international advertising agencies, Mariko describes a part of her work as "Shifting from traditional forms of advertising into more community focused campaigns that address issues and build awareness about topics that matter to Canadians". One of her references reports, "Mariko juggled multiple projects and design teams across multiple offices in Toronto and New York".

Mariko also is an active organic farmer and beekeeper, currently heading the Urban Toronto Beekeepers Association. Mariko will begin her work at BUC in the week of February 19, 2018.

Nicole Tanti *Community Engagement Coordinator*

Nicole's degree is in Environmental Studies at York University. She is also qualified as a Yoga instructor, and in Community Palliative Hospice programming, Healthy Childhood Development, and Leadership. Nicole currently is the Eco Program Coordinator at the Franklin Children's Garden, the largest children's garden in Canada, and part of the Partnership Development Unit in the City of Toronto. One of Nicole's significant roles there is liaison with schools, members of the public, community agencies, and municipal staff, where the goal is to cultivate positive relationships with diverse stakeholder groups and individuals in the wider community. We couldn't have described the new role here at BUC any better. When not at work, or volunteering in her hospice care work, Nicole pitches in to help her husband grow his landscaping business. They are travelling to Ireland and Malta in March, so Nicole will start her work here on April 9, 2018.

Please offer a typical Beach United Welcome to our newest staff, and stand by for another introduction next week.- The Search Team-

Parking Lot Update

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In the last update, we outlined the many parts of our application to City of Toronto for approval to install our parking lot, along with the notice that we had reached an agreement with Toronto Parking Authority to manage the commercial operation of the facility. While we wait for feedback from the various city departments (one key Planning staff member is currently on a 6-week vacation, arggh!), some information about the actual parking lot surface you might find interesting.

We intend to use a product that is a very strong, rigid plastic frame, approximately 14" square by 21/2" high. The interior of this frame is partitioned into four smaller, 4 1/2" squares. Each frame can be interlocked with adjacent frames, forming a very large 'mat' covering the entire parking lot surface. This 'mat' of plastic frames will sit on top of a bed of crushed gravel over 2' deep. Concrete curbs around the perimeter will contain the gravel and surface materials. Into each of the smaller squares will be set paving blocks, similar in appearance to those in the church entry walkway.



These paving blocks, however, will be manufactured not of concrete but of rubber tires and plastic, recycled out of the landfill disposal sites of Ontario. One big advantage of this system is that it is totally permeable, capturing any storm water and depositing it into a reservoir of gravel with sandy soil below. This completely avoids the need for major water runoff engineering when impermeable paving, such as asphalt is used. These paving blocks can be had in a variety of colours, which will be used to delineate parking spaces, walkways, accessible parking spots, etc.

The provincial government is providing significant grant funding to support the use of these permeable and recycled paving products, and your parking team is currently starting the application process for these funds. In the near future you will have an opportunity to examine samples of these products, and consider the colour patterns you might wish to propose. We'll issue the next update in about a month.

- The Parking Team-