

# Heartbeat Newsletter ~ April 22-29, 2018

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## Love is who we are



April 15th - May 13th  
10:30 am Sunday Series



\*April 22 - Dr. Shabir Ally  
from the Islamic Information  
& Dawah Centre International  
in Toronto will be our guest

beach united church *catch the wave church is changing* Music for the Soul  
**Jazz & Reflection**



4:30 pm  
Saturday  
May 5

**Brian Barlow Trio**

Robi Botos - piano  
Scott Alexander - bass  
Brian Barlow - drums

Theme:  
Freedom

## Upcoming events

**Thursdays at 10 am** *Crafters Group* New folk are welcome.  
**at 7 pm** *BUC Choir* come & sing with a great group

**Sunday April 22, 10.30 am** Guest speaker - Dr. Shabir Ally  
**children@buc** activity time with Dayna Browne, Children & Youth  
Program Coordinator. **Nursery Care** available

**Tuesday April 24, 7.30 pm** *Jam Nite* Bring your instrument, your  
voice and a song to share.

**Saturday May 5, 9.30 am** Spring garden kick-off

**Saturday May 5, 4.30 pm** *Jazz & Reflection* with Brian Barlow Trio

**Sunday May 13, 10:30 am** *Blessing of the Knitting*

**Saturday May 19, 2.30-4.30 pm** *Soundwave Café* with Gillian  
Nicola, from Hamilton, Ontario. Incredible music in a relaxed coffee-shop  
atmosphere.

## Leadership in action

**Interim Board** - was in the church bright and early to meet on  
Thursday April 5, 7.30 am. Here are some discussion points -

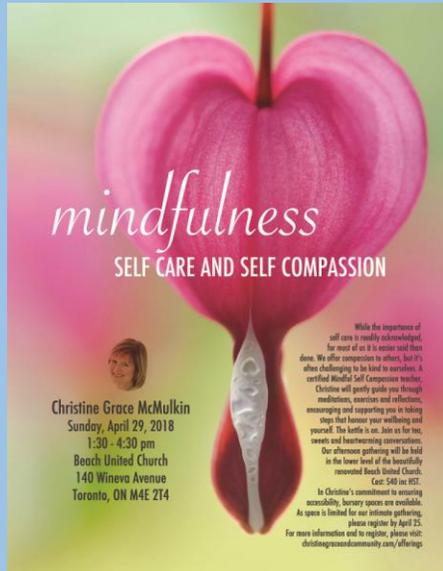
- Re-calculation of Mission and Service contribution
- March financials
- Create metrics to track the results of projects coming out of the strategic plan.
- A defined nomination process
- Outline priorities for the upcoming 2nd term of the Board

Brian Gauthier [chair], David Kiel [treasurer], Lee Muirhead, Barry  
Watson, Karen Dale [staff]

**Animators** - met on Tuesday April 3 over a delicious meal at The Thai  
House. We began our time together by reminding ourselves about the  
role of an animator.

What is an animator? A volunteer role, which oversees the ministry  
connected to one of the 4 goals of the strategic plan; bringing energy and  
coordination to projects but not necessarily hands on participation. An  
animator also acts as a filter to the many ideas that might come their way.

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Sunday April 29, 1.30-4.30 pm BUC  
Cost \$40, bursaries available.  
Register :  
christinegraceandcommunity.com



**Staff Team & Animators** - met together on Tuesday April 10 at 8 am in the lounge. Here are some highlights of the conversation -  
\* Enthusiastic endorsement of "One Day, One Choir" event Sat July 28, taking place during Beaches Street Jazz Festival.  
\* Fall project around spiritual nurture - Death and Dying - meal with speakers and conversation.  
\* The Good Friday walk organised by Dayna Browne was well attended and organised. Dayna and Steven Webb are working on a week day drop-in for teenagers, using music as the focus.

**Animators** - Karen Watson [Spiritual Nurture], Paul Dowling [Seeking Justice], Hastings Withers [Engage and Connect]  
**Ministry Staff team** - Mariko Kawano [communications], Dayna Browne [children & youth], Karen Dale [ministry lead].  
Steven Webb [music director] and Nicole Tanti [community engagement] were unable to be present.

## Thank you

Beach United Church is grateful to be a beneficiary of the will of Gordon Wilmer Swayze, a former congregation member. This special gift will support the ongoing ministry and financial sustainability of BUC. Thank you Gord!

## Let's Talk!

### ABOUT CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES

A meeting after church on **Sunday June 3rd** will be held to encourage discussion about establishing coordinating teams. There might also be other ideas for fundraising (lots of possibilities big and small- like a used tool or sports equipment sale, spaghetti dinner, "Kitchen Party") that could be done instead of or as well as Marketplace.

Although Pat Buchanan and Danna Fitton won't be coordinating the next Christmas Marketplace, they have prepared detailed notes on what has been done in the past as a support for others, and will be happy to take on a specific area (decorating is just an example).

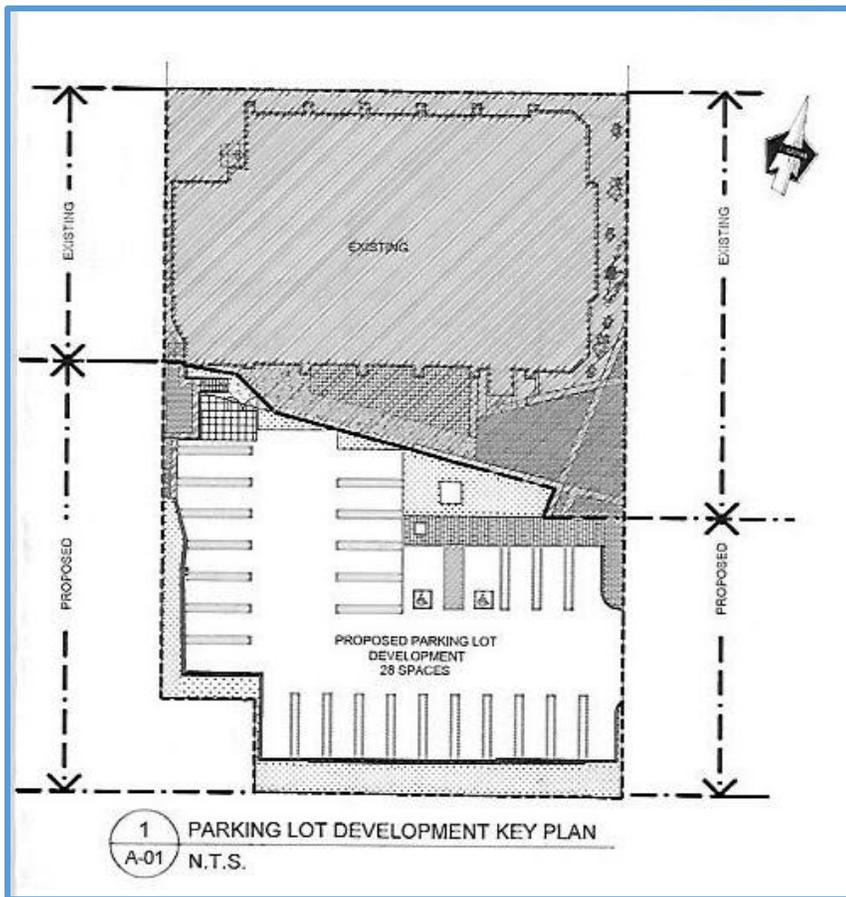
Please plan to attend, offer ideas and discuss ways of organizing another Marketplace. All are welcome.

## Knitting circle news

Thank you to the hardy 16 knitters and crocheters who braved the weather to attend the meeting on Saturday. A long table was piled high with the gorgeous items we finished this month. We now have a total of 427 sweaters/vests, 60 toys, 96 blankets and 211 hats.

Stuck inside while we wait for spring? How about a goal of 600 sweaters/vests, 150 blankets and 80 toys? I know we can do it. We will be decorating the church with all our gorgeous items on May 12 in preparation for their blessing on Mother's Day, May 13.

Every stitch counts, Pat Davies



## Parking Lot Update

I've been asked several times about how many cars will fit onto the parking lot, and how will it look. The site plan layout is now finalized and available for sharing, and is being submitted to the city for approval this week. A number of other documents will also be submitted at this time, including - Storm Water Management, Landscape and Tree Protection, Lighting, Grading

We should be hearing back from the city in 4-6 weeks about any issues they perceive. Stand by!

Ron Fitton, Parking Lot Team

## All candidates meeting at Beach United

One of the ways we, as people of faith, can seek justice is through the electoral process, seeking to elect people to represent us who share our values and our commitment to social justice. As you know, the Province of Ontario will be electing new Members of Provincial Parliament in early June.

A number of people from Beach United Church have been meeting with representatives of other faith communities in the Beaches East York riding to organize a forum to speak to the candidates for election to the provincial legislature about their values and commitments. Three of the candidates have accepted our invitation so far; we hope to have all major parties represented.

The meeting will take place here, at Beach United Church on Thursday May 24 at 7:00 p.m. We are asking the candidates to come prepared to share with us their vision for a better and more compassionate Ontario, addressing child poverty, affordable housing, the environment, health and reconciliation with indigenous people.

The ground rules for the evening will be clear. We don't want to hear what they think of the other person. We want to hear what each candidate believes and what they will do if we elect them. Please mark the date in your calendars: **Thursday May 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Tell your friends about it. And if you have some time to help with the event, speak to Paul Dowling, Shari Baker, Jim Winn or Allan Baker. Thank you.