

Heartbeat Newsletter ~ August edition 2018

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- lots more to read about!



Beach United Church
140 Wineva Ave.



Saturday July 28, 2 pm *One Day, One Choir, One Song*

Come and learn a song for peace, "One Day" by Matisyahu. The crowd will be the choir, the performance will be videoed to share and promote peace in the world. For more information please contact Steven Webb music@beachuc.com

Upcoming events

Sunday July 29, 10.30 am *Sing with the World!*

Sunday August 5, 10.30 am *Sing Taizé*
Celebrate Communion. Worship leader : Karen Dale
children@buc activity time with Dayna Browne, Children & Youth Program Coordinator. **Nursery Care** available

Sunday's in August 12, 19, 26 at 10.30 am

Worship leader - Brett Boyko

Brett spent 8 months with BUC as part of his training for ministry. We are pleased to welcome him back in a leadership role; which includes Sunday morning worship and coverage for emergency pastoral care.

Sunday September 2, 9, 16 at 10.30 am

Worship leader - Jim McKibbin

Jim is a licensed lay worship leader [LLWL] within the United Church of Canada. A person recognised in such a way, has been determined to have gifts and a sense of call to the ministry of worship leadership and preaching, and who has developed these gifts through participation in a course of study and is licensed by a presbytery.

Worship teaser - "The Goddess is coming September 16."

Tuesday's & Saturday's *BUC Green Thumbs*

Come and join our gardening group. Help tend the garden and learn about the plants and connect with people who love the earth.

Tuesday, July 31, 7 pm

Tuesday, August 14, 7 pm

Tuesday, August 28, 7 pm

Saturday, August 4, 10 am

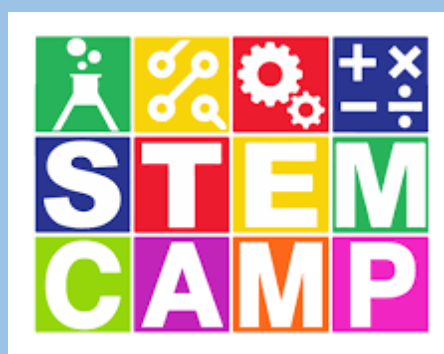
Saturday, August 18, 10 am

Saturday Sept 1, 10 am

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Emergency Pastoral Care

Coverage for Aug 6-31

Contact Brett Boyko [student minister]
brett.boyko@gmail.com
647-700-7401 (cell)

Coverage for Sept 1-16

Contact Marian Hilton 416-698-9516
marian.hilton@sympatico.com
Marian [Pastoral Care Lead at BUC] will direct your concern to the appropriate person on the team. The "emergency pastoral care" team includes a United Church minister and people experienced in hospital visitation & conducting funerals.

Staff holiday

Cate Duff [office administrator] will be on holiday from July 23 - Aug 6.

OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN

Karen Dale [ministry staff] will be away for a time of holidays and continuing education from Aug 6 - Sept 16.

Welcome new staff

It is with excitement that we welcome Vivek Vijayapalan, to the role of Communication Coordinator at BUC. He started work on July 23 in this 15 hour per week position.

Vivek is a communications and marketing professional with over 6 years of experience in a non-profit and media environment. The impact stories he has written focused on such areas as community, poverty & homelessness, Syrian refugees and the immigrant experience in Canada.

New ministry initiative

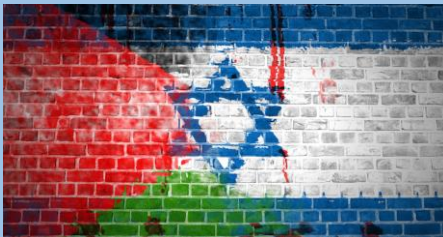
BEACH IN ACTION

After listening to Karen's sermon on Canada's 5th child, that one child in five who lives in poverty and misses out on opportunities that most of us take for granted for ourselves and for our own children and grandchildren, we tried to think of something local and tangible that could be done.

EUREKA! Beach United is renting space this summer to a STEM camp - a specialized camp based on science, technology, engineering and math, aimed at girls aged 6-13 years (boys are also welcome). Perhaps we could support a few kids at this camp?



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A few weeks later, while sharing our idea over lunch with a friend, he was very interested and asked whether his charitable foundation could perhaps partner with the church and provide some funding. We then met with Karen and Dayna and a plan was developed to send 6 children in need to a one week camp. Food vouchers also needed to be provided, so the kids would be covered for lunches and snack breaks.

We are sharing this message to thank the Mike Brigham Foundation, and Karen and Dayna, and to let you know that this has been done in the name of all of us, the BUC Community.

Maybe you too might think of some small thing that can make a lasting positive impact in the life of a child who has little. Who knows what projects can evolve from a simple Sunday message!

Danna and Ron Fitton

Beach Cares Update

The Darouich family arrived in Canada on July 3 after more than 25 hours in transit and a little over 2 hours clearing immigration. They were well and seemed happy to be here. Salim's childhood friend, Martin, was at the airport with us and helped identify them and welcome them. It certainly helped to have been through the process of welcome two years ago. I felt that things went more smoothly on our part.

When we got to the temporary housing (a beautiful place) Paul and Susan Dowling were waiting and moved the family in quickly and showed them around. After a time to rest the process of getting documents and setting up a bank account etc, has begun.

Michael van Dusen
[Deacon at St. Aidan's Anglican Church and member of Beach Cares]

Pilgrimage

COME AND SEE PALESTINE AND ISRAEL Oct 31 – Nov 10, 2018
Join Rev. Marianna Harris and George Bartlett on a pilgrimage to see for yourself what is happening in Palestine and Israel. Learn about the effects of the occupation on the lives of ordinary people. Discover how Jewish Israeli and Palestinian activists are seeking to create change. Visit key holy places as we reflect on Jesus' life and teachings. Cost \$2800 plus airfare.

Please contact George Bartlett for further information
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Peace, Salaam, Shalom



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Death Diner

Death Diner? Seriously?

Oh sure, let's start off the fall talking about death and dying. Why not? We'll all be there, sooner or later. Please mark these dates on your calendar for speakers, dinners, conversations and insights. We call the series Death Diner.

When: Four Wednesday evenings 6 to 9 pm: October 3 and 17, November 7 and 28

Where: Beach United Church

Much more information to come. This announcement is simply to get your head around a topic we usually don't discuss and start you thinking about how dying relates to living.

Here's a link to whet your appetite

<https://www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/dying-is-not-as-bad-as-you-think/p062m0xt>

Update from Animators

"Animators" are volunteer leaders who add energy and coordination to different areas of ministry, linking to the 4 goals of the strategic plan at Beach United Church

Ministry of Spiritual Nurture, Animator: Karen Watson
karen.watson@kmswatson.com

Goal 1: Build a church that meets the spiritual needs of the congregation, and beyond, in progressive and creative ways.

Ministry of Justice Seeking, Animator: Paul Dowling
dowlingconsulting@rogers.com

Goal 2: Engage with community in ways that promote justice seeking for the earth and its people.

Ministry of Financial sustainability, Animator: Karen Dale -[interim]
Goal 3 Manage our activities in ways that ensure financial sustainability

Ministry of Engagement and Connection, Animator: Hastings Withers
hastings@withers.ca

Goal 4: Create a vibrant church that will attract people of all ages and social situations

On July 17 the animators met with the programming staff - Steven Webb [music director], Dayna Browne [children & youth], Nicole Tanti [community engagement] and Karen Dale [minister]. The discussion centered around plans for the summer program *One Day, One Choir, One Song*; and the upcoming fall programs.

It was confirmed that Karen Watson will oversee the ministry programming staff while Karen Dale is away.