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- Remembering Marion Mahyr - One of our Great Knitters
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## Month at a Glance

Saturday, May 4, 4.30 pm	<b>Jazz &amp; Reflection</b> Danae Olano, Jane Bunnett
Sunday, May 5, 10.30 am	<b>Seeds of Compassion</b> Sunday Worship
Friday, May 10	<b>Variety Show Spring Fling</b>
Sunday, May 12, 10.30 am	<b>Seeds of Compassion</b> <b>Blessing of Vests</b> Presenters: Knitting for Shivering Children
Friday, May 31, 7 pm	<b>Young adults - Yoga Night</b>
Friday, June 7, 12-4 pm	<b>Walk for Fred Victor</b>
Sunday, June 16 (outside)	<b>Seedling Sale &amp; Garden Tour</b>

## FOR MORE DETAILS READ ON!

### **Jazz & Reflection** Saturday, May 4, 4.30 pm

Danae Olano acclaimed jazz pianist. Plus special guest Jane Bunnett on saxophone. Danae Olano was born in Havana, Cuba May of 1992. She captured a Juno award in 2015 in the Best Jazz Album category with the band Maqueque, led by saxophonist Jane Bunnett.

Five-time Juno Award winner, Jane Bunnett has turned her bands and recordings into showcases for the finest musical talent from Canada, the US, and Cuba. She has been nominated for three Grammy Awards, received The Order of Canada, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and, most recently, The Premier's Award for Excellence.



## Remembering Marion Mahyr - One of our Great Knitters

We called her our knitting machine. From her room at Avondale Retirement Home Marion Mahyr knit and crocheted more than 250 pneumonia vests and blankets a year for our Knitting for Shivering Children group. She only stopped about two years ago as her health declined.

Marion died on April 4 at the age of 95. Little did we know about her storied past: she inspected bombs during WW11, welcomed many refugees into her home after the war, actively involved her whole family in local community redevelopment and helped save Union Station from demolition. Marion left instructions for in memoriam donations to go to Canadian Food for Children or Beach United Church, both of whom support our group. She couldn't attend meetings so many never met her. We were so fortunate to count her among our champions.

This year the knitted and crocheted creations will be blessed on Sunday May 12 as part of the 10.30 am service.

Every stitch counts, Pat Davies



## Children & Youth Programs

### Young Adults' Event

Friday, May 31, 7-9 pm

Exploring Spirituality through Yoga: Mind, Body & Soul. Session for young adults 21-35 yrs. Dinner will be provided @ Beach United Church, 140 Wineva, Toronto, ON M4E 2T4.

Location: Kew Gardens

Note: Bring your own mat/or towel for practice

### Sunday Morning Children's Programming: The Nature of Things

Every Sunday, 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Kids: 6 - 12 years of age

Each week we explore topics surrounding Environmental sustainability. We have engaging discussion & interactive activities such as "Recycle Relays" and other cool eco-friendly activities. Activities happen both indoors and outdoors.

Join us for fun with the earth this summer!



## Seeds of Compassion



10:30 am Sunday Worship



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# Spring Fling!

7 pm  
Friday  
May 10

Goodwill Offering

Swing into Spring with Beach United's Choir & Friends for an evening of music and fun for the whole family! Songs and laughs galore, refreshments and surprises!

140 Wineva Ave.

## Worship Matters

### Worship theme: Seeds of Compassion

Sundays at 10.30 am

"There is nothing wimpy or starry-eyed about this essential Christian virtue. Living compassionately is rarely convenient and often downright challenging" Joyce Rupp "Boundless Compassion".

**May 5** Guest speaker - Katy Scherer,  
Volunteer and Events Manager, Fred Victor Centre

**May 12** Blessing of Vests.  
Guest speakers - Knitting for Shivering Children Group

The theme of compassion will continue to be explored on May 19, 26 and June 2 when we will also celebrate Communion together.

## Garden Brigade

In last month's 'Flower of the month', in anticipation of their arrival, we wrote about crocuses. And Now . . . they're up . . . Yellow crocuses and purple ones shown in the photo. Also the Bleeding heart, snowdrops and Scilla's are all peeping through the dead leaves and bringing with them the promise of a profusion of colour that grows in the Beach United Church garden.

## More Events

**Spring Fling Variety Show: A Springtime Variety Show** Friday  
May 10, 7 pm.

Spring is in the air! Come celebrate with our Beach United 'Choir and Friends' for an evening of music and fun for the whole family! Songs and laughs galore, with refreshments and surprises!

An offering will be taken to support the work of our church in the world.

All are welcome!

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The show will feature music, comedy, skits, jokes and more from members of the congregation and choir. For more information, please contact Steven Webb at [music@beachuc.com](mailto:music@beachuc.com).



## Soundwave Café

Saturday, May 25, 2.30-4.30 pm

Featuring contemporary folk singer/songwriter Alanna Matty. Drop in for wonderful music and a cup of coffee in a relaxed atmosphere. Based out of Toronto Canada, Alanna Matty uses the music she writes to analyze and work through feelings and difficult moments in her life. Having written and been involved in music since a young age, her upcoming release “This Past Year” is a more mature take on the soft acoustic vibes that have always been her favourite thing to write. Alanna’s music was featured in the 2016 video game “Watch Dogs 2” and she has performed in numerous showcases across Ontario including Indie88’s Nu Music night, and Indie Week.

## Fred’s Walk

Friday, June 7

If you’re a spirit-filled walker, there is an opportunity for you to learn more about affordable housing and help others. Team BUC requires participants for the 7 km Fred’s Walk from 12:00-4:00 on Friday, June 7.



Fred’s Walk is a fundraising initiative for Fred Victor Centre. FVC is providing a guided walk of different housing sites. Contact Shari Baker, Team Captain for Team BUC, to become a member of Team BUC and set up your own fundraising page. For those not walking on June 7th, we would appreciate your financial support for the project. Shari will send you a “link” so that you can support Team BUC or, if you prefer, an individual participant. Canada Helps will provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. Shari also has pledge forms for those who prefer to donate cash/cheque. Together we can make this project a successful venture for BUC.

The need for affordable housing is crucial. You can help to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

-Shari Baker, Team Captain, Team BUC

