



## BEACH UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



### ***“In Person” Sunday Worship***

***(Limited seating with Covid Protocols in Place)***

Each Sunday leading to Easter we focus on a unique spiritual practice (hospitality, patience, forgiveness, grace) to help us prepare for the celebration of Easter. Livestream attendance for Sunday worship will continue to be an option, but for those of you who are able, there is now an option **to attend “in person”** with proof of vaccination, mask, and social distancing required: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-worship-at-beach-united-online-and-in-person-tickets-275719884597>

### ***Support for Ukraine***

We all are shocked and dismayed by the unfolding crisis in Ukraine and the impact that it is having on the people of Ukraine and innocent people of Russia. While many of you will have found ways and means of helping with the humanitarian crisis, if you are looking for an opportunity to offer support, you can send donations to the Canadian Red Cross. Here is a link to their website: <https://www.redcross.ca/> There is also a way to provide support through UNICEF: <https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/conflict-ukraine-pose-immediate-threat-children>



***Please hold the people of Ukraine and Russia in your prayers.***

### ***Knitting for Shivering Children***

**Saturday March 12 at 10:00 am**



Finally, we can meet in person at Beach United Church. What a treat! Bring yourselves, your knitting and crocheting, and your stories. Please bring a snack for only yourself and tea/coffee/whatever in a travel mug or bottle. We're restricted to 25 people, so please RSVP to [Pat](#) so she can save your spot. Every stitch (and smiling face) counts!

### ***Support the Children of Hogar***

Decluttering? Would you like to get rid of broken jewelry, old coins, odd silverware? Would you like to receive a tax receipt for the full value? Please consider contributing it to an initiative to raise money for an orphanage/school in Honduras. Just put it in an envelope with your name and address and contact Kim Echlin ([kim.echlin@gmail.com](mailto:kim.echlin@gmail.com) or 416-525-2903) for pick up. Click the following link or speak to Kim for more information:



<https://beachunitedchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Support-the-Children-of-Hogar-March-2022-Beach-United.pdf>

## ***Day of Action for a Just Transition***

**Saturday March 12 at 11:30 am**

**Here's a message we received from Shannon Neufeldt, a member of Toronto United Mennonite Church**

Wouldn't it be great if people came before profits, and no one - not Indigenous peoples, racialized folks, frontline workers or anyone else - ever got left behind in an economic transition? That's what a "just transition" away from fossil fuels means and the Liberal government has promised it but not acted.

Please join other east-Toronto folks on **Saturday, March 12** to celebrate the 'grand opening' of the JUST TRANSITION JOB CREATION CENTRE at the office of MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith under the auspices of the Just Transition Ministry. We will meet at 11:30am at East Lynn Park. At noon we will walk to the MP's office - everyone is welcome! If you want to join an informal "climate choir" for the event or have questions, contact [Shannon](#)

## ***Music for the Soul: Kathryn Merriam***

**Saturday, March 19, 4:30 pm**

**Livestream/In Person Options to Attend**



Kathryn's music is a journey into the subtleties of sound and emotion, inviting the listener into a space of self-reflection and exploration. It weaves between storytelling and soundscapes, exploring the intersections between folk song tradition and mystical music. Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful harp music and lose yourself in Kathryn's beautiful voice. (\$10 donation suggested)

**Tickets to attend "in person"**. Covid protocols will be followed: Proof of vaccination, mask, and social distancing required:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/music-for-the-soul-in-person-songs-of-the-harp-with-kathryn-merriam-tickets-276832973877>

**Livestream + 30 day video recording:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/x/music-for-the-soul-livestream-songs-of-the-harp-with-kathryn-merriam-tickets-276757327617>

## ***Jazz from New Orleans to Big Band Swing***

**Mondays 10 am–12 Noon: March 21, 28, April 4, 11**

Dr. Mike Daley leads this entertaining and informative four-part lecture series covering greats like Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Jelly Roll Morton, Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Billie Holiday and many more. Each lecture is richly illustrated with rare photos, video clips, and musical selections.

**MARCH 21:** Way Down Yonder in New Orleans: Roots and Branches of Jazz

**MARCH 28:** Big City Noise: Jazz in Chicago and New York in the 1920s

**APRIL 4:** Swing That Music: The Big Band Era

**APRIL 11:** K.C. Moan: Swing in Kansas City and the Territories

**Tickets:** [Jazz from New Orleans to Big Band Swing Tickets](#)



**JAZZ** From New Orleans to Big Band Swing

A Four Part Lecture Series with **Dr. Mike Daley**

Dr. Mike Daley tells the story of the first half-century of jazz, from its roots in West Africa and then blues and ragtime, through its flowering in turn-of-the-century New Orleans and its spread throughout the world via recordings. Each lecture is richly illustrated with rare photos, video clips and musical selections.

Monday March 21, 10 am - 12 Way Down Yonder In New Orleans	Monday April 4, 10 am - 12 Swing That Music: The Big Band Era
Monday March 28, 10 am - 12 Big City Noise: Jazz in the 1920s	Monday April 11, 10 am - 12 K.C. Moan: Swing in Kansas City

Tickets at Eventbrite.com \$100 for the series/ \$30 per lecture

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## ***A Tribute to Jean Collins, Activist***

I was saddened recently to hear that our friend Jean Collins had died. Like many of you, I remember Jean waiting at the top of the stairs with her hand made notes and cards for sale.

But, I also remember Jean from my first meeting with her 30 years ago, when I worked at the Ministry of Housing and she was a member at Bellefair United. The Ministry was seeking community partners to support our efforts to create more affordable housing across the province. Through initiatives like Shelter Sunday, we sought the support of various faith communities to build local community acceptance of new housing for people living in poverty.

Jean was a leader in Affordable Housing East, a coalition of churches in the east end of the City. I met with them to persuade the group to get involved in supporting the efforts of other organizations providing affordable housing for people living in poverty and experiencing homelessness.

Jean was supportive of that idea; but it wasn't enough for her. She thought that the group could be more helpful by providing housing directly. Over the next few years, I met repeatedly with Affordable Housing East, as they incorporated and sought government support to build and manage housing for low income families.

By the time the housing was built kitty corner to the Loblaws store at Leslie and Eastern, I had left the Ministry to become Executive Director of Homes First and negotiated a contract to manage the housing project for Affordable Housing East. I continued to work with Jean and AHE as they struggled with the bureaucracy at the Ministry.

Over the years that I worked with Jean Collins, I came to recognize her both as a committed advocate and as an activist prepared to act on those commitments. I am proud to have known her.

***Paul Dowling***