

NEWTONBROOK UNITED CHURCH - February 5, 2012
STEWARDSHIP: TIMES AND TALENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sunday February 5

- **The Bible Is More** will meet after worship today in the kitchen end of the Fellowship Room. There we will read and discuss the Gospel lectionary passage for the day from all three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). All are welcome. Please bring your own favourite Bible translation.
- **Ushers Meeting** to start after worship in the library end of the Fellowship Room. This is a meeting to review, discuss and get group agreement on various items. Please bring your coffee or tea as finger food will be provided. See Phyllis Wilson if you want to have specific items discussed.

Tuesday February 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship room

Women Now - A Journey to Nepal - Is Nepal the Switzerland of Asia? All women are invited to enjoy the presentation that Janice Coles did for NUC/NUC Men on her family's trip last year.

Thursday February 9

- **Reading Group** will meet to make a list of the books we received or wish we had received at Christmas and encourage the others to read them.
- **Joint Worship Committee** meeting at 255 Finch Avenue West at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21 - Newtonbrook/Northminster Men's Group - Tickets \$20; 6:00 PM – Fellowship; 6:30 PM Dinner; 7:30 PM – Speaker: Rodger Thompson, (Newtonbrook), will speak about the history, rules/organization, & the many healthy & social benefits of the sport of Lawn Bowling. Rodger has enjoyed being a member of the Willowdale Lawn Bowling Club for more than 20 years during which time he has represented them in provincial and national tournaments. Rodger is currently in charge of coaching new members and emphasizes “Lawn Bowling is a sport for all age groups”.

Women of the congregation are welcome to join us at 7:30 to hear the speaker.

TRUSTEE ELECTION - One member of your Board of Trustees, Harry Ort, is completing his 5-year term on the Board of Trustees, on February 26, 2012, but has agreed to stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting to be held on February 26, 2012.

If any member of the congregation not presently on the Board of Trustees wishes to stand for election to the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting, please inform Jim Dillane, Chair of the Nominating Committee, as soon as possible, and before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER - It's time to renew or begin our subscriptions to the United Church Observer. Subscription cost is \$20 for eleven issues. Please see Mary Cowper-Smith (416-638-0810) or Farid Karampour before February 12. Thank you!

"I AM LISTENING" is a daily devotional book for the season of Lent. It has just been published by the United Church of Canada and it is available from UCRD by calling 416-253-5456 or online at: www.UCRDstore.ca Print copies are \$12.95, E-book copies are \$7.95.

REPORT ON COORDINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

I am pleased to advise that we have nominees for many of the key leadership positions for the 2012 Coordinating Committee. The following are positions for which nominees have not come forward:

Chair, Christian Education & Development

Chair, Community Ministries (Outreach)

Vice Chair, Coordinating Committee

Also, we need people to serve on the various committees particularly in the role of vice-chair, and to take on tasks that may be of interest to them. The following is a list of committees where participation is needed: Administration, Care of Members, Christian Education and Development, Communications, Communities Ministries (Outreach), Stewardship, Worship, Vision 2020, Ministry and Personnel.

2012 will be an exciting time for Newtonbrook as we join with our friends from Northminster to create a new congregation. All of us are the spiritual leaders of this congregation and our skills and talents are needed. Please contact me about the tasks or areas in which you have an interest.

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YOU ARE INVITED to a brown bag lunch speaker event: 12:15 p.m. Sunday, February 12, 2012: "The Landscape of Occupation: Contemporary Israel and Palestine: Two Narratives on the Same Landscape". Larry Harder, who spent 3 months as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine and Israel with the World Council of Churches, will be presenting a slideshow. Please bring your lunch. Sponsored by the Outreach Committees of Newtonbrook and Northminster. 255 Finch Ave. West. Parking at rear. All are welcome. For more information, please call 416-225-7941.

M&P QUESTIONNAIRE

- Your Ministry and Personnel Committee requests that, if you are having difficulty hearing any or all of the Sunday services, please wear the "FM system" headphones during the service.
- Since we received your responses to our Questionnaire last November, the majority of which were positive, we have carefully considered your comments, and we have reviewed them with Rev. Allan Baker. Thank you again for your participation.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ALLAN

Some things in life are easy;

some things in life are difficult - for me, this is one of the difficult things.

As I approach my 65th birthday, I realize that I need to act on my dreams for retirement. For some time now I have dreamed of beginning the next part of my personal journey - and this will begin on July 31, 2012. This decision has been difficult for me because I love being in ministry, and I love being in ministry WITH this congregation. On July 31, 2012 our paths will part, and God will be with all of us - as in the reading from Psalm 62 on January 22.

There will be more to say at a later time. God Bless us all.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. This is an opportunity to read the book titled, "Some Black Women: Profiles of black women in Canada". This book is written by Rella Braithwaite and Tessa Benn-Ireland. It is available through the Toronto Public Library.

FOOD CUPBOARD - We are very short of cans of fish, meat, fruit, vegetables and pasta sauce. For now, we are OK for pasta, cereal and powdered milk.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - Friday February 24, 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Goulding Community Centre. Book appointment at www.blood.ca or 1 888 2 DONATE

OUR WORDS OF FAITH: CHERISHED, HONOURED, AND LIVING? Question to be studied by interested people in our congregation. This group will be meeting on Tuesday afternoons in February, 2 – 3:30 at 53 Cummer Ave. To register your intention to participate, you may do so by signing the list on the glass opposite the office or on-line at: www.eventbrite.com/event/2726377669

OPERATION CLEAN SWIPE! Our Kitchens need clean up and Maura Payne is looking for volunteer on Saturday March 3 at 9:00 a.m. Cleaning supplies will be provided but feel free to bring anything you like to work with. Please phone Maura at 416-222-1448.

CAMP BIG CANOE INTERVIEWS for summer camp staff will be held this Sunday on the stage.

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS - on Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. **An Evening of Mozart and Vivaldi** with soloists, massed choir and orchestra. The program includes a duet from *Don Giovanni*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 19 in F Major, performed by Arthur Wenk, as well as one of Antonio Vivaldi's most popular works, the Gloria in D Major. For tickets (\$15), phone Jubilee United Church (416) 447-6846, 40 Underhill Drive, (2 blocks north of Lawrence Ave E., east of the DVP).

REGULAR PROGRAMS - call office for info 416-222-5417

Conversational English: If you would like to talk on Sundays, please see Alice

Seniors Club - every Monday at 1:00 p.m. for bridge, euchre.

ESL Classes are on Monday and Wednesdays: Basic - 9:30-11:30. Intermediate 1-3 p.m. - call 416-395-9794 and leave your name. Please call TDSB - 416-338-4300 for other info.

Art Group Tuesdays at 9:00-11:30. New members will be welcome. See Peter Journeaux. New session as started - will run to end of May.

Drop-Inn for the homeless and hungry- Every Wednesday, 8-2.

Early Years Play Group, Every Thursday, 9:30 -11:30 a.m. for children 0-6 years with their parents or caregivers. Open all year.

Quilting Group, Thursdays, 9 a.m. until noon in the Fellowship Room. New members are welcome.

Toronto Grandmothers Embrace meets usually on the second Thursday of the month. This group supports the work of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Call Janice Coles for more info.

Yoga - each Wednesday - 9:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; 5:30 p.m.

Amnesty International - 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For info call Dorothy McElhinney

Green Team - 2nd Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. See Janet Love.