

NEWTONBROOK UNITED CHURCH - May 20, 2012
STEWARDSHIP: TIMES AND TALENTS OF THE CHURCH

Saturday May 26 at 7:30 p.m. **DVRR Benefit Concert**: Toronto's foremost Caribbean folk-singing group, **The Heritage Singers**, will present a concert at Northminster United Church, 255 Finch Avenue West, on in support of the Don Valley Refugees Resettlers (DVRR). The concert will feature some songs from the group's Hallelujah Peppercot program, Jamaican folk and other popular songs, as well as vocal and instrumental solos by guest performers. Tickets are \$15.00 (5.00 for children) and are available from Janice Coles at coffee time on Sunday or by phoning 416-224-0913. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Friday June 1 at 2 p.m. You are invited to the annual **Strawberry Tea** sponsored by Newtonbrook Lay Pastoral Visitors. We will gather in the Sanctuary to listen to the Drewry Secondary School Choir and then move to the Fellowship Room for tea. This event is open to anyone in the Congregation. This year we will also be extending the invitation to our friends at Northminster. Please call Susan Emery at 416-226-5371 or e-mail susanmaryemery@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Please note that the Choir will be starting at 2 pm sharp. We suggest that guests try and arrive for 1:45.

Thursday June 14, 7-10 pm **Fundraiser for LBPP / Farewell to Allan & Shari** at Grand Luxe - Bayview south of Finch, fully accessible. There will be a variety of hors d'ouvres and sweets and a cash bar after an initial one glass of punch. \$75.00/person - each ticket purchased receives a \$25 charitable receipt (donation to Nuc-Tuct Non-Profit Homes). Allan and Shari have asked that all thank yous and tributes to them be further donations to Nuc-Tuct Non-Profit Homes Corporation. Allan will be roasted and there will be a small silent auction

Sunday June 10 - Our next **joint worship service** will be at 53 Cummer Avenue, celebrating the anniversary of the formation of the United Church. Rev. Dr. Bruce McLeod will be our guest preacher. Immediately following the service, there will be a brief "town hall" meeting where you will be able to have questions answered with respect to amalgamation. We ask that you submit your questions in advance by Sunday, June 3rd using the forms available beside the Question Box in the Narthex. A pot luck luncheon will round out our time together. We ask that you bring "finger food" such as sandwiches, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, cookies, squares or a fruit platter. Come and join us as we enjoy worship and fellowship together.

CONGRATULATIONS to Genevieve McMath. Genevieve has been nominated for the Toronto Star Nightingale Award, which is presented annually to an Ontario nurse. Nominations are made by their peers or patients.

THE FURNITURE in the fellowship room is being replaced. If you know of anyone who can use some of the old stacking tables, please see Rodger Thompson (416-226-3014). The sofas will be used by a woman and her children who are leaving the Shelter. They are looking as well for a kitchen set and beds (please talk to Carol if you can help with those items).

CANTABILE CHORALE - Strawberries and Song, End of Season Cabaret Spectacular- Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th; strawberries and ice cream at 7:30 and show at 8:00; Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre Street. Adult tickets \$20 from Jeannette, Carl, Al or Bob or call 905-731-8318.

AN ECO-ECONOMICS FAIR will be held at Richmond Hill United Church on Saturday, June 16th. Get the payback; get the green in your wallet while you green the earth! The workshops will run from 1:30-4:30pm in the afternoon, and feature financing sustainability at the TDSB, solar Microfit, debenture financing at Richmond Hill United Church, the limits of adding renewable energy sources to the Ontario grid, energy storage solutions, and top green cars.

DROP INN TEA TOWELS Volunteers are needed for our Tea Towel Roster. If you can help (3 or 4 times a year), please call Barb MacBeth @ 416-223-0533.

LIGHTS AND DOORS - when you are last to leave the building, please remember to check that lights are off and doors are tightly closed and locked. Special attention should be paid to the ramp door. The outdoor security lights should be left on.

DROP-INN - Please bring clothing for the summer months (jeans, shorts, t-shirts, running shoes, etc.), also underwear - men's - med and large and ladies medium. We do not have space for winter clothing at this time, but will welcome it in October.

CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP Saturday June 9 - at 10:00 am in the Newtonbrook Community Garden (or in the garage if it rains). Free workshop: How to grow food when you don't have a yard. Topics: soil, containers, plants and their health. Supplies provided. For details call Janet Love 416-223-7115

NEWTONBROOK NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDENERS – Many of you have taken seeds to grow for the garden. If you are having success and the plants are getting more mature, remember to thin them out by cutting the weaker ones off with scissors. Now they should be hardened off by gradually exposing them to the outdoors and sun. Put them out on warm days for a half hour, then 1 hour etc. so that they will survive the transplanting on May 26.

FUNDRAISER - Sat. June 2, 6 to 8 pm at Downsview United 2822 Keele St. (just north of Wilson) a fundraising event for United Church of Christ in the Philippines Ilocos Sur/Abra Conference. This conference elected a group of progressive leaders who are ready to go. However, they lack communication equipment. Our goal is to raise \$1500 to buy an LPA Projector and a Printer. The program will include: Filipino food buffet, a picture presentation by Bob and Dorothy McElhinney of their experience in the Cordillera region Philippines, music and dancing. Cost is by donation. If you cannot come, you can make a donation by cheque to: Downsview United Church for: UCCP Fundraiser. 2822 Keele St. Toronto M3M 2G4

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES (chocolate and vanilla sandwich) for sale in the church office. \$5.

GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP: Sparrow Lake Camperships. Did you benefit from a camping experience? Do you know someone who would? Give the gift of camp to support a family who cannot afford the full cost of a camp fee. Consider donating a dollar for each of our 100 years. You can give on-line at our secure connection through CanadaHelps on our website www.sparrowlakecamp.com or by cheque to Sparrow Lake Camp PO Box 23028 Barrie, Ontario L4N 7W8.

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

Conversational English: If you would like to talk on Sundays, please see Alice (416-226-3014).

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. Current session 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, 416-224-0913 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 at 416-636-1662.

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