

## WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

### Church office summer hours

From August 13 – August 31 the church office will be open for four mornings /week from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The next RHUC Online will be on Thursday, Sept. 6.

### Worship Notes

If you have any questions or concerns regarding worship services please speak to a member of the Worship Committee, or to Rev. James Ravenscroft. The members of the Committee are as follows: Anne Dunn, Anne Leyton-Brown, Craig Lee, Dawn Moon, Dominick Shelton, Harry Ramsaran, Joan Verner, Linda Clark, Barry Peters, and Rev. James Ravenscroft. Sandra Loughton, Chair of Worship is currently away, but will be available in mid-August. Please note that Sandra's term as Chair of the Committee will end on September 1st and a new Chair has not yet been appointed. **Thank you, Sandra for your years of dedicated service.**

### Christian Development

We are looking ahead to our children's programming for next year. **We are now searching for one or two people to coordinate Sunday Morning Programs for Youth. Jennifer Townsend has taken on the role of Coordinator for Sunday Morning Programs for Children.** There is an honorarium for these positions. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Joan Verner at [joanverner@rogers.com](mailto:joanverner@rogers.com) or 905-539-1222.

## HOSPITALITY & WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### Minute for Mission *Called to be the Church*

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries across the country, including this one in North Bay, Ontario. The Community Homeownership Action Group Project, also known as HOAP, extends its heartfelt gratitude to the people of the United Church for continued support through a Mission & Service-funded mission support grant. We are currently working with our 13th family to become stable homeowners. One family member shared with us this story: "When I was a child we moved constantly, never in one house for more than two years. Our son will have a solid home. His room will be his room. He will have roots that I never did. For me, having rented all my life, I have never felt at home in a place. Now I do." Another family shared their story: "When we found our home, we put in lots of hard work for renovations. With the help of Project HOAP and some great volunteers, we completed the renovations and were able to move in by early spring. We were worried about the house not being safe, but HOAP had lots of knowledge about what would be needed and took the time to explain everything to us. The program helped us to purchase what we needed to complete the renovations.... It was fantastic to see the outcome." Alisha Matheny, coordinator of Project HOAP, says, "Families in our program are hard-working and motivated to accomplish the goal of homeownership; however, without our organization and the support we receive together from the United Church, the obstacles would be too great to overcome. It is a privilege to participate in a program that works alongside its participants to create meaningful change in their lives and our community." Mission & Service makes this possible.

## ENGAGING, CHALLENGING & GROWING OUR FAITH

### Special Occasions

While we include in our prayers, the names of people who are ill or mourning, we are not always aware of the special occasions which give rise to rejoicing. Please let us know to add any special occasions that are coming up.

### RHUC Book Club

The RHUC Book Club is taking a break over the summer and will reconvene on **Wednesday, September 19th at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel. (Please note that this is the third Wednesday of the month instead of the usual 4th or 5th Wednesday.)

We will be discussing John Steinbeck's novel *East of Eden* which was published in 1952 and is often described as the author's most ambitious novel. The book for discussion for the meeting on October 24th will be *The Lightkeeper's Daughters* by Jean Pendziwol. New members are always welcome to join us and see if a book club is for

them! For more details, please speak to Sandra Loughton in person or e-mail Sandra at [bookgirl8@hotmail.com](mailto:bookgirl8@hotmail.com). Happy summer and happy reading!

## CREATING AND NURTURING COMMUNITY

### Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers for our after worship coffee teams. We are currently updating our schedule and have some vacancies due to losing some volunteers because they're moving, retiring from their coffee team or have taken new opportunities to serve our congregation.

Our teams have generally have 5 or 6 members and prepare the tables in Centennial Hall before the service, then serve the tea, coffee and juice and finally wash the dishes and generally clean up. Each team is "on" 7 times a year.

If this would be something you would be interested in doing, either as a team member or as a spare; please contact me at 905 884 2169 or [janetcenta@gmail.com](mailto:janetcenta@gmail.com) or talk to me this Sunday in Centennial Hall as I will be serving the cold drinks that we serve during the summer. Thank you for your consideration. Janet Centa for the Fellowship Committee

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