

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

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 or 905-539-1222.

HOSPITALITY & WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Minute for Mission *Called to be the Church*

Our gifts for Mission & Service support work with advocacy organizations like Project Ploughshares in its efforts to abolish the use of nuclear weapons. Hiroshima could happen again. The doctrines, actions, and postures by those who embrace the purported benefits of nuclear weapons perpetuate, rather than renounce, nuclear weapons retention. Today, more than 15,000 nuclear warheads continue to threaten civilization. Even a limited nuclear exchange would bring about devastating humanitarian consequences. The primary rationale for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons rests in the possibility that a catastrophe could occur, by accident or design, and would likely involve greater numbers of vastly more powerful bombs than those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Until all nuclear weapons are eliminated, an entirely preventable risk lingers. Canada boycotted the most recent effort to advance nuclear disarmament—a legal prohibition of nuclear weapons—just as the U.S. had asked. Yet apprehension about Canada's stand is shared by Canadian civil society experts, academics, former diplomats, and a host of prominent citizens. The use of nuclear weapons is unacceptable, and the goal of their complete elimination is not negotiable. This is why Project Ploughshares has engaged civil society partners and government officials in Canada and beyond to emphasize the urgent need for nuclear abolition and the gravity of the nuclear weapons threat.

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.

Ian Wilgus has received and accepted an offer for a full time job at March of Dimes Canada (Head Office in Thorncliff Park) as a Government Relations Assistant. He will begin on August 23rd. Congratulations!

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. Happy summer and happy reading!

BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

RHUC Gardens

Do you have a part bag of grass seed left over from a job? I would like to do some seeding on the church lawns. Contact Donna Smith, 905-884-6307. Thanks!

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 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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