



Brooklin United Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR January 31, 2016

We warmly welcome all guests at our service today. Please sign our Guest Book with your name and mailing address. We hope you can stay after the service for a social time with refreshments so that we might greet you personally. If you are new to our area we invite you to make Brooklin United your new church home. You will be very welcome. If we can be of service to anyone, you can use the "Brooklin United Church" envelopes in the pews to make your needs known, or you can speak to one of the ushers.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, please bring it to our attention by writing it in the little green book on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary. An usher will bring your prayer requests forward at prayer time. Any prayer requests you wish to keep confidential can be written on a slip of paper and put into the locked wooden box. During Thursday morning Prayer and Meditation group, these individual prayer requests will be offered confidentially by the group.

Pastoral Care Concerns: If you would like a visit from our minister while in hospital or encountering a personal concern, please call Rev. Anne Meredith at 905-655-4141 or after hours at 905-434-6705

Rev. Anne Meredith will be away Feb 4-10/16 on continuing education leave. In her absence pastoral emergencies can be handled by Rev. Deb Foster of St. Mark's United, Whitby at 905-244-4518

Happy Birthday! Birthday wishes and congratulations go to Catharine Jackson, who will be celebrating her 99th birthday on February 6. Happy Birthday Catharine!



Food Bank: After our great Christmas Hamper effort, the shelves of our food bank cupboard are looking very bare right now. Please help us re-stock them! Any donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Food can be left in the yellow bin located in the front entry (or in the front entry closet). Thank you!

Grocery Cards: Thank you to everyone for their continuing support of our grocery card fundraiser. It is an important source of income for the life and work of BUC. Not sure how it works? Ask the volunteer in the front entry today! Cards are available for all major grocery store chains.

Wanted: Rev. Meredith is always looking to collect baby dolls of all shapes and sizes. Please keep her in mind if you are spring cleaning or see some at a yard sale or thrift shop! Thank you.



Family Fun Friday: February 12, 2016, from 6:00-7:30pm.

Come with your Family to gather as family. Come as single, couple, parent/grandparent and child.

Come together to eat, hear a story that reflects Faithful values, do an activity, and make a craft. Come as you are!

A sign up sheet is on the CE Hall bulletin board.

UCW Meetings: On Tuesday, February 2 Lend-a-Hand Unit will meet at Mary Ellen Simerson's home (6800 Country Lane) at 7:30pm, Friendship Unit will meet at the home of Maxine Vallance (20 Princess St.) at 1:00 pm and Willing Workers will meet on Wednesday, February 3, at the Court at Brooklin at 2pm.

Upcoming Services



Sunday, February 7—*Transfiguration Sunday, Rev. Frazer Lacey*

Sunday, February 14—*1st of Lent, Communion, Covenant with Council & Committees*

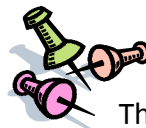
Sunday, February 21—*2nd of Lent, Guiding & Scouting Sunday*

Offering Envelopes: If you would like to receive weekly offering envelopes, please contact Bonny in the office. Those who give by PAR do not receive envelopes, but do have an envelope number that can be used if needed.

Prayer & Meditation Group: This small group meets to hold families, our congregation and the world in prayer, followed by spiritual practices. All prayers are held in confidence and all are welcome to join. Thursday mornings at 9:30 am at the church.

BUC Adult Choir: Choir practice begins this week. January 14, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. New voices are always welcome.

Junior Choir practice has been cancelled because of a shortage of singers. If you, children or parents, wish this to continue please contact Linda (lr_hunter@hotmail.com) or 905-985-8559. We do need



Community Bulletin Board

There are many activities going on in our community and at other local churches, Please remember to check our Community Bulletin Board (located in the hallway beside the kitchen) for a wide variety of activities.

Family Fun Messy Church: Ebenezer United Church (1669 Courtice Rd. S.) invites all children, their parents, grandparents and caregivers to an evening that begins at 6:00 pm, with a child-friendly pancake supper, fun activities, crafts, games and music on Friday, February 5, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Call 905-436-1258 for more information.

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Save the Date!

We will be holding a live and silent auction fundraiser here at Brooklin United!

Good Deeds, Great Goods, Great FUN!

What can you contribute?? Home cooking, An Antique from the attic or back closet that you are willing to donate, a skill that you have & are willing to donate. Also think about a business that you think would make a donation. We have an Auction donation letter that you can have to approach a business you think would make a donation....this could be a golf course, a restaurant, a gift certificate from your favorite store. We are looking for 100 donations for the live auction and another 100 donations for the silent auction. Our goal is to have everything collect by the end of March or early April.

If you have a gift for us please give it to David Jacob or one of the other Auction Committee members.....Jim Innes, Mary Ellen & John Simerson, Fran Slat, Rick & Brenda Barnes, Gloria & Robert Jackson and Linda Neale. If you have any questions please feel free to email me..... - david.jacob@markhamcruise.ca

at least 10 children for this to begin again.

Reminder: Please remember that we are a "scent-sitive" congregation. Please try to keep scents to a minimum.

Spring Concert: The Whitby Brass Band invites you to join them for a memorable musical evening on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 pm at Hebron Christian Reformed Church (4240 Anderson St., Whitby). Doors open at 6:30 with pre-concert music provided by Whitby Junior Brass Band at 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$15 (Students/Seniors \$10) at the door or online at www.WhitbyBrassBand.com

Five Oaks Programs: The United Church of Canada's Retreat Centre in Paris, ON offers a number of workshops and programs throughout the year. Please see the kitchen hall bulletin board for details of 2016 Winter & Spring programs.