

Terrace Times NEWSLETTER

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July & August 2009

Sitting next to the Athabasca River in Jasper, I watch and listen to the flow of the water in front of me and think about the passage of time and the changes life brings. Looking at the entire vista the water seems still, a part of the wider landscape, and it is difficult to discern its movement. But with a shift of focus, the water moves rapidly, dramatically, and defines the scene. So it is with change in our lives, which can be subtle and hardly recognizable or powerfully significant.

Recently we honoured the changes of life during a Sunday worship service, during which folks were invited to share in the context of worship those events that marked change during this past year. It is astonishing to realize the depth and breadth of change one small community such as ours experiences over the course of one year! During worship we heard about new jobs, retirement and career decisions, graduations and receiving awards, moving or changing homes, new marriages and the celebration of many years in relationship, the arrival of children and grandchildren, other changes in family configuration, death and loss, and the details of life-changing major travels – including a trip to Norway to discover ancestral roots. One person even named her newfound connection with RTC to be life-changing!

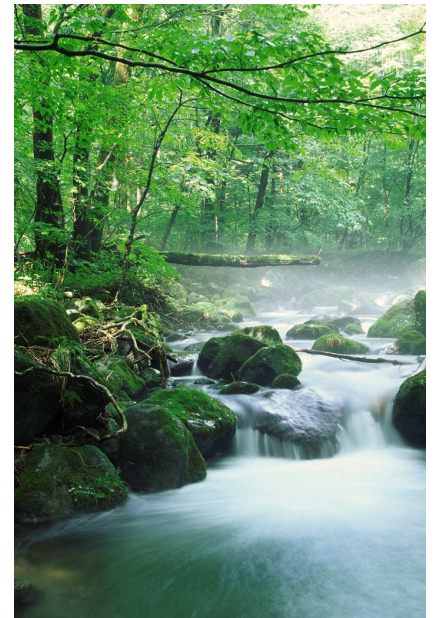
Hearing about our lived experiences of change was both deeply profound and inspiring. Listening, one couldn't help but realize the degree and depth of change in our lives, the courage and faith conveyed in the sharing of these experiences, and the presence of God's Grace and spirit through these times. Like a great river, God moves with us and carries us through the events and changes of life.

While reflecting upon the movement of the Athabasca waters in front of me, I thought ahead, to the times yet to be experienced and shared within worship and this community. I thought about the travels and experiences yet to be and offered a prayer of hope and peace to all for this coming year, and for continued strength and grace for all of us as we move through the inevitable changes yet to be.

As we come to the summer months, you are once again invited to collect a sample of water from special places of travel, of rest, of replenishment: a lake, river, ocean, or backyard rain barrel. We will name those places and bodies of water during our September 13 "Gathering of the Waters" service.

Pastor Carol

PS If you were not able to be a part of the June 28 service, and would like to have the changes in your life honoured, there will be another chance to do so during the gathering of the waters service on September 13.



Thank you

Thank you to the following people who agreed to speak about their life's changes over the past year during the 28 June worship service:

Carmen Gibbs and Karl Allen; Diana Remmer; Bryan Peacock; Karen Banks (who spoke for her daughter Lauren); Meghan Ward; Margaret Dunn...and thank you to all who shared via the email or openly as part of the worship experience.

Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group!

Did you know that RTC has a newly formed youth group? Well it's true – tentatively called RTY! Kristine Kane has been hired for the summer to organize fun events for Jr. and Sr. high school aged youth! Please tell your friends and family members! The schedule for the summer is as follows:

Tuesday, July 7	Capture the Flag In field beside Church at 7:30 pm	Wednesday, August 12	Zoo O'ramma
Wednesday, July 22	Water Wars	Wednesday, August 19	Quarter Carnival planning
Monday, July 27	WEM scavenger hunt	Thursday, August 27	Iron chef Cookie bake off
Sunday, August 2	Car wash	Saturday, September 5	Amazing Race Edmonton

All activities are subject to change. For more info check out RTY Edmonton on Face book or email Kristine at kakane@shaw.ca

2009 RTC Campout Cancelled

The Bad News: the annual RTC church campout planned for August 21 - 23 is cancelled. Unfortunately, several of our "regulars" are unavailable that weekend. As you would expect, a certain number of campers are needed for this event to be viable.

We apologize to our faithful core group and to any of you who looked forward to joining us for the first time. Also to those of you who don't camp but were planning to come on Saturday during the day. If you have questions or comments, contact Wynne Edwards or Ingrid Lundell.

And Watch this space for the 2010 dates!

The Good News: that same weekend - on Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 - Eileen and Ian Edwards will be installed as co-pastors at Good News Moravian Church in Sherwood Park.



Composting Workshop

Learn all the "do's and don'ts" of turning your kitchen waste into rich compost for your garden. A composting workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday evening; July 29 at 7 pm at John Janzen Nature Centre. The cost is \$10.00 and includes a booklet for later reference. If you have any questions and/or would like to attend, please call Trudy Papsdorf at 780.463.0692 before July 23rd.



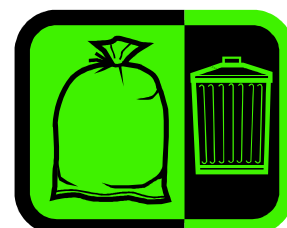
Clean Up Opportunities . . .

with Capital City clean-up campaign

Help to keep our church and park area green and clean by picking up litter. Clean up kit is in the cupboard in the storage room off the Fellowship Hall kitchen. It will only take a few minutes with the help of a few friends.

There are 2 large garbage barrels located in the park.

Trudy Papsdorf – RTC Environment Committee



People in the Spotlight

In a concerted effort to make people more familiar with each other, 10 fun facts about a member of the RTC family will be featured each month.

10 Fun Facts about Jan Kirzinger- RTC Board, Worship & Music Chair

- 10 Working in my garden brings me great peace. It's not the prettiest garden, but I know every inch of it, and I love it.
- 9 I love rice crispy squares. I have no willpower over them. One time I was visiting a girlfriend in Toronto, and her mother said she would make me any dessert I wanted. All the kids were lobbying me for their favourites. I told Mrs. J that I wanted rice crispy squares. Everyone was shocked, and Mrs. J had to go and find the recipe.
- 8 I hate spiders. I trained my kids at a very young age to scoop them up and put them in the toilet.
- 7 I have the reputation among my friends of being "thrifty". They might call it something else. A bunch of us were at a cabin many years ago, and we didn't have many napkins, so every day I cut them in half. Now, every birthday, one of them gives me a pack of napkins cut in half.
- 6 I grew up in Toronto until I was 14, when my family moved to St. Albert. We lived there for 3 years and moved to Winnipeg, where I met Derik. After another 3 years we moved to Spruce Grove, and Derik followed soon after – it was truly love.
- 5 Yoga has changed my life. I didn't start it for years because I didn't think it was enough of a workout for me. However, when I finally started, I found that both the mental and physical benefits were wonderful.
- 4 I love to fly my kite. I could stand or sit in a field all day and watch my kite dance.
- 3 When my kids were little I let them paint all the bathroom walls before we ripped out the bathroom. I'm so fond of the picture we have of them standing in the dry tub with pots of paint and brushes in their hands.
- 2 I love Julie Andrews's songs, and can sing them all. When I was little I had to have my hair cut like Julie's in Sound of Music.
- 1 Crossword puzzle addict. Every day Derik pulls the puzzle out of the paper for me. My favourite day is Saturday. If I really need a "fix", I'll do a puzzle on line, but it's not the same.



Membership Committee

Marguerite Webb, Membership Chair

Moms and Tots group on Monday mornings from

9:30 to 11:30 -- This is an opportunity for parents and young children to socialize, using the church space. If you no longer have young children of your own, please let your neighbours and/or grown children know about these FREE events!!!



Thanks to Karen Gibbs and Leah Betker, the

stepping stone workshop held on June 10 was a huge success, with some 20 members and guests working on their creations in the parking lot (drawing interest from a few passers-by).

Many thanks also to Sue Peacock, who hosted the first session of **rug hooking** group at the church on the last Thursday of May to an enthusiastic group. The next sessions are all Thursdays, June 26, July 30, and August 27, from 10:00 to noon at the church. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge.

PARTY IN THE PARK

-- Please note the date and time for our 2nd Annual Free "Party in the Park": Sat., Sept. 12, 2009, from 6 - 9 p.m. Back by popular demand will be "Up the Creek" with our own Eric Papsdorf, together with the "Jumpy Thing" for the kids; Taqueria dos Amigos will again be offering their tasty food for sale. We're in conversation with another band, to be announced soon, and with vendors for hotdogs. We expect the Savard family's mini-donut machine will be a big hit. Our Environment Committee will be helping to ensure that we create as little waste as possible, and Joyce Fuerst will again generously work her magic with decorations.

With the help of the congregation, we will deliver flyers, (being prepared by Sue Peacock) to all homes in Rio Terrace, Quesnel and Patricia Heights, starting in late August. So invite all your friends and family to put the date on their calendars!!! (This is a FREE event, with a free-will offering that goes to the musicians.) Hope to see you all there!!

Environmental Committee

Beyond the Blue Bag

To folks who'd like to do better at Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling, it can be a source of chagrin when we periodically need to get rid of "stuff" just because we never use it any more or it is cluttering up our living space. The City of Edmonton Reuse Centre might provide an alternative to the landfill. They accept various items free of charge and make them available to organizations and individuals for reuse. Many items they accept are not accepted elsewhere: clean items that work properly in the following categories: Arts and Crafts Supplies (about 50 kinds of items are listed), Home Decor (7), Media (8) Metal (7), Needle Craft Supplies (27), Office and School Supplies (30), Paper Products (18), Plastic (9), Various Other (40), and Wood (5). The Centre is at 10004-103 Avenue (in front of the CN Tower). Hours are unusual, so check them on the website., or phone 442-4380.



The Reuse Centre described above does not take furniture, clothing, electronics or appliances, but

another thing the City of Edmonton website has is a Reuse and Recycling Directory, where you will find a list of charities, businesses and services that can take unwanted household items and find someone who can use them. You type in the kind of item you'd like to get rid of, and a list appears of places that might take it. Here, for instance, you are likely to find a spot for old computer equipment after you upgrade.

Then there are the yellow pages, where the headings Consignment Sales, Flea Markets, or Auction Houses might be helpful. And The Edmonton Earthcycle Network has a website where individuals and groups can list stuff they'd like to give away. There's a group called Freecycle-Edmonton, which is a non-profit organization for individuals and groups who are "giving (and getting) stuff for free . . . thus keeping good stuff out of landfills." In addition to the "traditional" newspaper classifieds, Kijiji and UsedEdmonton.com offer free classified ads over the internet. Hope this is helpful
– from the Environment Committee.

ORGANIC GARDENING TIPS FROM RTC MEMBERS

From Atsuko Hill

Grow plants in multiple levels to maximize your use of space.

Make and use compost. If your compost isn't finished, bury it below where you grow vegetables.



From Pat Banks

Control slugs by putting beer in buried containers; you can use cans or margarine tubs.

Note: to avoid trapping ground beetles, which prey on slugs, bury the container so its edge is a half inch above the soil.

From Joyce Fuerst

Enhance ordinary soil with compost, e.g. Mushroom manure.

To get the most 'bang for your buck', plant perennials and annuals in groups of at least 5.

From Joanne Kenny

Don't use synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. Use compost to enhance your soil and for a mulch. Or use UltraGrowth, an organic fertilizer available from Joyce Fuerst.

From Bonnie Herring-Cooper

I've discovered that using compost as a mulch (not digging it in) for a few years has made a big improvement in our mostly clay soil.

To trap slugs, put empty grapefruit halves, cut side down, in areas where slugs eat your plants.

To control aphids, wash them off the undersides of new leaves with a strong spray of water.

From Sue Peacock

Lawn – Every spring top dress with compost about ½ an inch and overseed with one of the new eco-grasses which do not need as mowing; then put on a layer of corn gluten (and again in the fall) which not only adds a bit of nitrogen and organic matter, it inhibits the growth of crab grass and dandelion seeds

Pests – I live on a ravine so voles, rabbits and deer are a constant gardening battle. I use Critter Ridder powder at the first sign of the beasties. Or, even cheaper, hot pepper flakes –but you have to replace after a rainfall

Hostas and slugs – Something I learned from Gerald Filipiski and which works really well is to spread used coffee grounds every now and then around the base of hostas and other slug magnets. The caffeine kills 90% of slug eggs and mature (do slugs mature??) slugs do not like either the texture or the caffeine either.

I am an environmentally friendly gardener – pull my dandelions by hand, compost (and add the tea from it to my gardening regime), and collect rainwater. A little more work but satisfying.

Mission & Outreach Committee News

The committee will be taking a bit of a hiatus this summer and, therefore, the monthly Food Bank collections will also have to be put on hold until September

However, you are invited to keep the used stamps, aluminum tabs, Canadian Tire money and loose change for the piggy banks coming throughout the summer months!



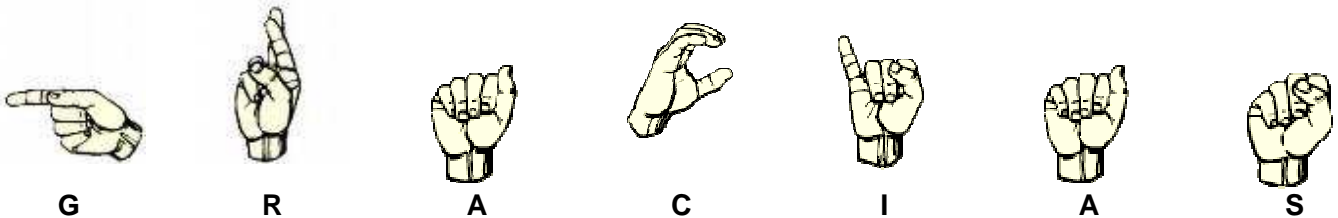
BOARD OF WORLD MISSION NEWS

Long term mission opportunity with the Bethlehem Moravian Mission Community!
(based on the principles of Count Zinzendorf's "Order of the Mustard Seed")

Open to individuals 21-26 years of age
Length of service: 11 months (August 6, 2009 – July 5, 2010)

Please see postings on the Outreach table & bulletin board for additional information!

MISSION: MANAGUA UPDATE



A huge "gracias" to everyone who helped with, a/o contributed to, our June fundraiser!

Volunteer cooks & bakers, set-up & clean-up crews and gift shop sellers, were invaluable in making the evening a tremendous success! Thanks to everyone's gracious generosity, we were able to raise an outstanding \$2,000 for the Christian School for the Deaf in Managua!

These gifts will be used to provide a roof for their new chapel project and I forward a heartfelt thanks and "God bless you" from the directors, staff and students of the school.

We promise to take lots of pictures to share with you upon our return from Nicaragua!

Laurie and Meghan Ward

July Birthdays

Please remember to give hugs and best wishes for a wonderful year to come to all of our friends and church family members who will be celebrating their birthdays in July.

Jodie Kachkar
Peggy Annett
Derik Kirzinger

Bonnie Herring-Cooper
Kara Papsdorf
Chris Greenough

Adam Smith
Ken Poyser

Jacqueline Snider
Graham Banks



August Birthdays

Please remember to give hugs and best wishes for a wonderful year to come to all of our friends and church family members who will be celebrating their birthdays in August.

Liam Kachkar
David Lundell
Bill Edwards
Meghan Ward


Katie Lunan
Leah Betker
Betty Shire
Geoff Greenough

Rod Florence
Don Eberly
Brian Marcotte
Lucile Story

Kim Lundell
Laurie Ward
Cora Betker
Daniel Kapetanov



Reminders

<p>J uly 19-25 Camp Van-Es</p>	<p>Jr. High camp Directors–Rick Beck & Jay Petrella Rio Terrace - 20 dozen Cookies for Camp July 19-25 See sign up sheet</p>	
<p>August 15</p>	<p>District Softball Game & Picnic Red Deer</p>	
<p>Friday, August 28 - MATT</p>	<p>Daniel O'Donnell - "live in Concert" - Rexall Place Cost - \$149 + \$7.45 GST</p>	

Mark these dates!

Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17

Photos will be taken for a new Church Pictorial Directory

- **One convenient appointment** – picture taking and portrait viewing will take place during one appointment, taking approximately 30-45 min.
- Each photographed family receives a **FREE directory and FREE 8" x 10" colour portrait**
- **NO obligation** to purchase but **your inclusion in the directory is important to us**
- **'Family' portraits may be taken even if folks are not members of or attends the church** - poses of the individuals who wish to appear in the book will also be taken
- If you can't make these dates, you may do a **'CROSSOVER'** which means you may have your photos taken at another church in the vicinity
- Will make great Christmas gifts or greeting cards

Appointments will be set up later in the summer or early September

For more information go to www.ipcphoto.ca

