

Terrace Times NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH BOARD:

Chair – Craig Banks
Vice Chair – Diana Remmer
Past Chair – Roger Delbaere
Treasurer – Peter Banks

Environment – Rod Barnes
Maintenance – Robert Betz
Membership – Sally Dunn
Outreach – Vacant

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Secretary – Ingrid Lundell
Social – Merle Marples/Pat Smoliak/Lucile Story
Worship/Music – Jan Kirzinger

May 2010

Those of you who receive the Community Newsletter will see that I began our "page" with the following question: What do spaghetti, tai chi, lovely teacups, children, bicycles, worms, and open, happy people have in common? I began this way to pique readers' interest in learning more about who we are. So, the page went on to describe upcoming events and activities such as the Strawberry Tea, upcoming spaghetti supper, and what we offer for children (weekly children's church, the monthly kid-friendly "family event and Pedalheads Bike Day Camps). The worms, Tai Chi and "open, happy folk" were descriptors intended to describe this faith community in a way that is both truthful and welcoming to those who might be wary of traditional church or Christians who are rigid or judgmental. The thoughts behind that piece, and this one, come from a recent conversation where I was asked: what image does Rio Terrace Church wish to portray? How do we show ourselves to others and what does that convey about who we are?

Who are we? And how are we "seen" by others? Folks on the membership committee talked about this at length as we thought through the content and images used for the brochure printed in the fall. And, certainly as we look at ways to expand our visibility via our website and other media these questions are key.



How can we portray to others who we are and have been as Moravian Christians and as this congregation: people of humble, genuine faith; who care about "the least of these"; who sing and worship with spirit and friendship; and who are outwardly focused, with a heart for mission and service. This month let's start and keep the discussion going, within wider circles, exploring this question of image as a community. Think about it for yourself, ask your friends who have visited the church, talk about these things on the board, around the coffee urns on Sundays, and at hoops and loops. Or, share your thoughts through RTC's face book. On Sunday May 30th, bring your lunch to church and after worship we'll have a discussion based upon this question of identity and image.

In case you're wondering about the rest of my list for the community newsletter, indeed a Tai Chi class may be starting here at RTC. And the "worms", well, I'll just wiggle out of that one.....for now.

Shalom,
Pastor Carol

NOW TESTAMENT OPPORTUNITY!

We are looking for someone to give a short chat for Mother's Day, which is Sunday May 9. The following is a rough criteria: It doesn't

have to speak to your mother directly, but it certainly can. It can be about anyone who has played an important role in your life – a friend, relative, even a stranger. Who has

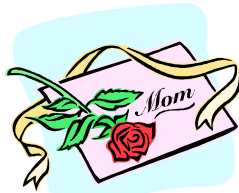
nurtured you at some point in your life? This is a wonderful opportunity to honour them.

Alternately, it could also be about you as a mother.

What do you cherish most about motherhood? It should be short and can be serious or humorous – whatever you want.

Further to this, we are looking for people on a semi-regular basis who would like to share a "Now Testament" with us.

If you would like to have your name put in our file, please let Jan Kirzinger or Pastor Carol know.



MEMBERSHIP CLASS FORMING

We are currently forming a class for folks interested in joining the church. We already have a core group of 6 so please speak to pastor Carol if you are interested. We will meet just a couple of times leading up to a welcome as part of a worship service sometime this summer or fall.

TOUR OF EDMONTON WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

Tuesday, May 18

Tour begins 12:30 and is a little over 2 hours. We'll try to car-pool from RTC, so if you have a van or can otherwise help let us know. Drive is just over 30 minutes so meet no later than 11:50 and we will distribute driving directions. Think about a brown-bag lunch as there is no cafeteria at the site. We'll see a video, blue bag recycling, composter, electronic waste disposal, recycling of paper and glass, biofuels, construction and demolition recycling, landfill and land reclamation, wetlands . . . If you have any curiosity about how a large city deals with left over "stuff" this should be most interesting. We need signups with a minimum of eight and a maximum of 17 participants. Phone Donna at 487-0211 or use the signup sheet at the back of the church. For further info phone or e-mail Rod Barnes. – Rod



SPAGHETTI DINNER - Thursday June 10th

at Rio Terrace Community Church -
Open to the community
Serving dinner from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Adults \$8.00
Children 3 - 12 years of age - \$5.00
Children under 3 - free.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Two of the newer groups here at the church have taken on new names! The Rug

Hooking Group has been renamed: **Hoops and Loops**

the idea is to convey that the circle is open to include more than just rug "hookers" but anyone who want to come with a handcraft!

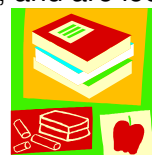


And, the RTC monthly book club now call ourselves the **Rio Terrace Literary and Sugarcake Society**, a whimsical twist on the title of one of our favourite books thus far. Please do not discern from the title that any of us resemble *any* of the characters in *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, just that we loved the whimsical twist on the title! This month's read is *Water for Elephants* and everyone is welcome...Wed. May 12 at 7:00 PM.



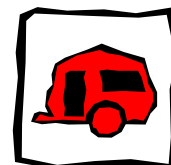
A SMALL CHURCH JOB OPPORTUNITY.....

If you love books, are fairly organized, and are looking for a small way to contribute to the church, please consider organizing our library/bookshelf. We have a wonderful assortment of books, and a system already in place for signing out and borrowing books, but no one to oversee the process. Please phone the church office or talk to Donna if you'd like to help.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! August 26-29

As you prepare your calendars for upcoming summer activities, please mark AUGUST 26-29 for the church camping weekend. After a one-year sabbatical, we are once again going to go camping at Miquelon Lake Provincial Park. More details will follow closer to the date.



EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

Thank you for donating to our Building for Life Campaign so seniors in Edmonton can live in affordable housing. We really enjoyed your service and it was a pleasure to meet so many wonderful people.

Susan, Greater Edmonton Foundation

The Easter Special Offering raised \$2,114.00 and was donated to the Foundation.



WEBSITE UPDATES: www.rioterracemoravianchurch.ca

Over the next weeks and months you will begin to see some changes and updating to our website. Please start to get into the habit of visiting the website on a regular basis....especially the calendar section of the site. If you click on an event listed on the calendar, you will get more information about that event -- and we are doing our best to keep that calendar right up to date within the week. If you have anything you would like to add to the calendar at any time during the month, please do not hesitate to send an email or phone the church office and the information will be added right away.



One short term goal is to have our friends get into the habit of visiting the site on a regular basis...so, any comments or suggestions you have are appreciated. Please direct your comments via email to any member of the church board.

ON-GOING MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

MONTHLY SANDWICH CLUB

MEETS ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 A.M.

To provide 100-150 sandwiches for the Jasper Place Health & Wellness Center.

6-8 volunteers needed – please see sign-up sheet on Outreach table.



FOOD BANK SUNDAYS

We collect for the Food Bank on the LAST Sunday of EACH month



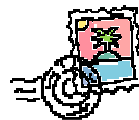
KNITTING MINISTRY

Join us in this rewarding ministry of providing prayer shawls to members and friends of the congregation a/o Comfort (Duduza) Dolls for African orphans

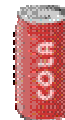


CHILDREN'S CHURCH OUTREACH

Please see the Outreach table for these yearlong projects and bring your



Used Stamps for Bibles



Aluminum tabs for Wheelchairs



Pennies For Piggies & Coins For Cows



Canadian Tire Money for "Dogs with Wings"

CONVO 2010 BOTTLE DRIVE

During the months of May & June, Meghan Ward will be collecting bottles to help fund her 'pilgrimage to the Holy Land' !

Please consider bringing your bagged contributions with you on Sunday mornings OR feel free to drop off your donations at their home.....

7804 – 158 Street (pick-up can also be arranged!)
contact Laurie Ward for more information at 487-1802



CANADIAN MORAVIAN MUSEUM

HISTORY SURVEY

In an attempt to gather historical information of the Moravian Church in Canada, the Museum is asking your cooperation in completing a brief survey, copies of which have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Once completed, surveys may be given to Laurie Ward.

You can also go on-line to complete this survey at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Moravian_Museum_History_Survey



VanEs Programs

Writing for the Inner Me—Dr. Ronna Jevne

Writing can be a tool kit for mental health.

Lunch provided.

May 8, 10 am-2pm (\$100)

Composting—Todd Savard

Learn about composting and build your own bin (regular or balcony).

Materials supplied, lunch provided.

May 8, 10 am-2pm (\$35)

Card Making—Susan Patterson

Make 4 finished cards with envelopes.

Bring your own scissors

and 2-sided tape. Tea and coffee provided.

May 16, 2-5 pm (\$15)

Photography for the Inner Me

—Dr. Ronna Jevne

Your "eye" is a window to your "I". Lunch

provided.

June 19, 10am-4pm (\$100)

To register for the above, contact Bonnie Hauch

780 796-3065 or vanes@moravian.ca

Summer Camp Dates

July 2-4 Senior High

July 4-9 Junior Camp (Gr. 3&4)

July 11-14 Pre-Junior (Gr. 1&2)

July 18-24 Intermediate (Gr. 5&6)

July 25-31 Jr. High

Open House—May 29—2 to 6 pm

Tours / Music / Games / Pool / Weiner Roast

Make a garden stone. (\$10 to cover costs.)

VanEs TO DO List

To help or for more information contact:

Alice Sears 780- 418-5714

or Rupert 780-266-2266

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						
2 Worship 10:30 am	3 Spiritual Surprises 1:30 -3:00	4	5	6 Hoops & Loops 10 am – 12 Choir 7 pm	7	8 Mother's Day Strawberry Tea 2 pm
9 Worship 10:30 am	10 Spiritual Surprises 1:30 -3:00	11 Board Meeting 7 pm	12 RT Literary & Sugarcake Society 7 pm	13 Choir 7 pm	14	15
16 Worship 10:30 am	17 Spiritual Surprises 1:30 -3:00	18 Waste Management Tour 11:45	19	20 Hoops & Loops 10 am – 12 Choir 7 pm	21	22
23 Worship 10:30 am	24 Victoria Day Office closed	25	26	27 Sandwich Club 10 am  Choir 7 pm	28	29 Van Es Open House 2-6 pm
30 Worship 10:30 am Food Bank BYOB lunch Family Event	31 Spiritual Surprises 1:30 -3:00					

May 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 May.

Alec Card
Ron Story
Joyce Fuerst
Rob Betz
Marilyn Annett

Kathryn Ribeiro
Drew Jeffries
Terri Michaels
Stephanie Engbert
Terry Dewhurst

Ralph Young
Shirley Hooper
Susan Peacock
Stanton Hooper
Kimberly Shire

Trudy Papsdorf
Linda Hardy
Sam Becker
Jan Tworek

