



Bayview United Church Newsletter

December 11, 2016



Dear Friends of Bayview United Church,

The magical season of Advent and Christmas is upon us. I delight in seeing the dazzling Christmas lights that illumine the homes in my neighbourhood. The lights remind me of Jesus who is the Light of the world. He was born at a time when the world was in darkness. The Romans were oppressing the Jewish people. God sent Jesus to be a light and a beacon of hope. It is that same light and hope that we need more than ever in our world today.

People feel disillusioned by political leaders. As was the experience of the Hebrews in Jesus' day, people today want to be treated with fairness, justice, respect, and honesty. I believe that Christmas represents the light that we are all searching for in our lives. For us as Christians, Jesus is the light that shows the way. Other people have their own sources of inspiration. Ultimately we are all seeking the light of hope, peace, joy and love.

This Advent Season, I am looking forward to all of our special services as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ among us on December 25th. All of our Advent and Christmas services are listed in the Newsletter. I hope you and your family will be able to join in our Advent and Christmas adventure.

May the spirit of Christ warm your hearts and shine brightly in your lives today and always. Wishing you a blessed 2017!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Rev. Cindy

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Chair of Council

In September we celebrated the 2nd Anniversary of Bayview United with the band Spirit.calm providing joyful music followed by a delicious lunch prepared by Ian James Catering and desserts served from an onsite ice cream truck. It was a wonderful day for all in attendance!



Spirit.calm

The Worship Team continues to support and improve the technology in the sanctuary. The TV monitor at the front of the church allows members and guests seated in the chancel to view what the congregation sees on the large screen. A dedicated computer was also purchased for the sanctuary that simplifies the AV setup on Sunday mornings. We are still experiencing glitches where some slides scramble or delete words and we are working to fix that issue with further software upgrades. We are grateful to Brian Kai for his expertise in all of these technical challenges.



Rev. Cindy

On behalf of Council, we wish you and yours a blessed Christmas season!
Carol



Community and Global Partnership Report

Ongoing:

* Lion's Club: We collect used eye glasses to support the Lions Club Sight Program, which supports teams of doctors who operate volunteer eye clinics in many countries.

* Leprosy Mission Canada: Please save used stamps leaving about a 1/4 inch border.

* Lansing Food Bank: The food bank would appreciate non-perishable food items, and other necessities. Some of the much needed items are baby food, rice, canned black beans, canned fish, tea, coffee, cooking oil, dishwashing and laundry soap, toilet paper and diapers.

* Eva's Place: Please place toiletries in the Eva's Place box in the narthex.

Our Sunday School children, Timothy and Richard Takasaki, Kelly Sumiya and their parents participated in the Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research and raised \$889.00.

On October 23, we served Stone Soup to celebrate World Food Day. Everyone contributed a cup of vegetables to add to the stock and the result was a delicious pot of hot soup. Proceeds (\$409.50) were forwarded to the Lansing Food Bank.

Starting in mid-November until December 18th, we will be accepting cash donations or cheques made out to Bayview United Church marked Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive. Your contribution will help the disadvantaged in our own community.

On Sunday, November 20th, Mission Sunday, our guest speaker was Joanne Murray-Ormandy, Assistant Director of Philanthropy at North York Hospital. Joanne spoke on Phillips House, a leading-edge outpatient mental health care facility for women, children and youth. Phillips House has been selected as our White Gift project.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Team members: Mickey Kaneko, Grace Omoto, Ken Koyama, Sanae Fukushima, Kaz Shikaze, Dianne Domelle, Amy Nagahara and Irene Kagawa.

Special Anniversaries:

August 20, 2016	50th Anniversary	Beth and Harry Matsugu
September 05, 2016	1st Anniversary	Dee Dee Yatabe and Brian Kai
September 15, 2016	10th Anniversary	Ruth and Robert Graham
September 22, 2016	65th Anniversary	Shirley and Byron Tanaka

Women's Fellowship Circle

Submitted by Eiko Watanabe

The first general meeting of the WFC was held on Sunday, November 13, 2016 with over thirty persons attending. The meeting was co-ordinated by Noby Matsugu and Joan Bennett. The meeting began with a warm welcome by Noby.

Janice Cermak introduced Jack and Joan, noting the huge change in photography from the simple box camera that many of us remember to the digital versions of today. The Bennetts took full advantage of the changes, learning with each new technological improvement, and over the years honed their skills to a high degree. The result is a style of their own, transforming individual pictures into photo essays that distill the essence of a place and time. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then Jack and Joan's presentation is more than a million beautiful words.



Jack and Joan Bennett

Jack thanked Brian Kai for his help and expertise. Then Jack introduced the photo essays with background music. Firstly, a little bit of Venice, showing the famous gondolas and canals, architecture and artwork, palaces, etc. followed by maps of Iles-de-la-Madeleine, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence with a land area of 205 sq.km. Though close to P.E.I. and Nova Scotia, the islands form part of the province of Quebec. The photos captured breathtaking scenery of white sand and red cliffs, clams, lobsters, lobster traps, wild flowers, i.e. Lupins, local art galleries and studios. Then on to Castlerigg Stone Circle in Northern England, showing 50 large stone circles and landscapes with sheep, etc. Every year thousands of people come to draw and take pictures of the stones, built in 3000 BC, which is one of the oldest stone circles. Many of us have not travelled to these interesting places. Lastly, Tonquin Beach on the west coast of Vancouver Island, near Tofino, with sandy beaches (where some of our CJUC people lived or are familiar with the area).



Marie Cruz and Naomi Takasaki

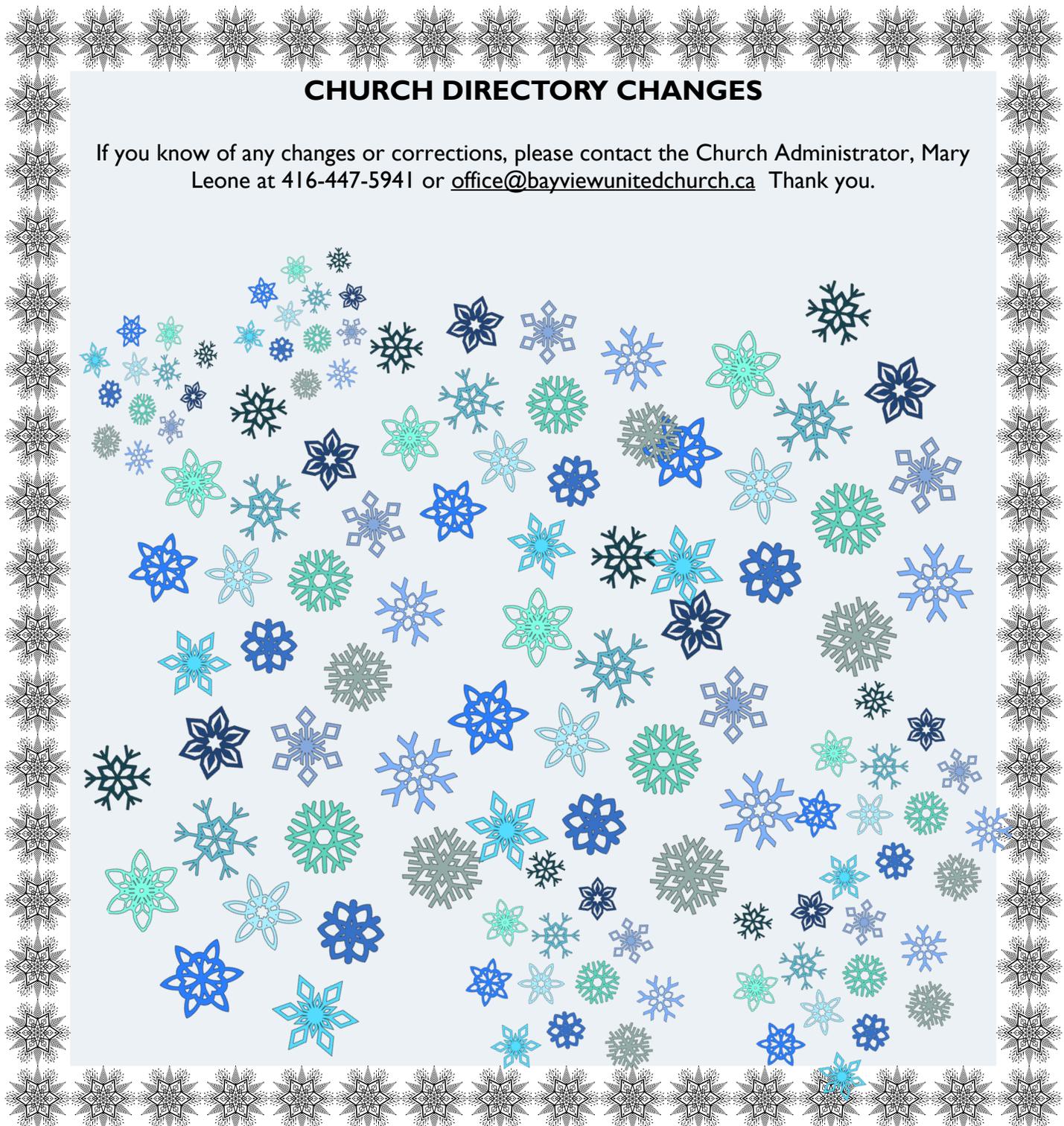
Kay Oiye thanked both Jack and Joan for their expertise in capturing our interest with awe and wonderment. She said that today we learned a lot through their skillful photographs of natural beauty which left us with a sense of calmness and peacefulness. Kay then presented them with a token of our appreciation.

Naomi reiterated a "no nuts policy". The kitchen has a new large stainless steel refrigerator and it is to be used by our church only. The other, white refrigerator is shared by the tenants i.e. Kumon and A.A. Team leaders of the weekly coffee service are reminded to use the hose from the new faucet to fill the coffee and tea urns.

Please refrain from using toothpicks, plastic stir sticks and spoons as there are plenty of stainless steel spoons in the drawers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: the Daybreak at Momiji, on Saturday, February 11, 2017, co-ordinated by Ruby Shikaze/ Rev. Cindy Cooper/Janice Cermak. Details to follow.

The next general meeting is slated for Sunday, March 5th, 2017 with co-ordinators Louise Nagano, Madeline Sakamoto and Kathi Saito.



CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

If you know of any changes or corrections, please contact the Church Administrator, Mary Leone at 416-447-5941 or office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca Thank you.



Sunday Morning Flowers

Flowers brighten our world, with their delightful colours & specialness.

Thank you to Grace Omoto, Peggy Taira, Eiko Yoshioka, Madeleine Sakamoto & Kay Oiye for their peaceful Ikebana arrangements on the first Sunday of the month.

Thank you to all who placed flowers for a special event or in tribute, or who made a contribution to our fund. Bayview United is very grateful.

Flowers were placed by:

Ken & Shizuka Koyama

Cedarhurst Home

Mary Lou Arai

Eiko Watanabe

Takasaki Family

Families of Rollin Matsui & Dana Sherban

Ichiyen Family

Brian & Judith George

Ruby & Kaz Shikaze

Joan & Jack Bennett

Flowers were taken to:

Rev. Cindy Cooper

Bayview United Church garden

Peter Wakayama

Massie Seto

Lansing Food Bank

Mrs. Hisako Kondo

Jane Tsujimoto

Momiji Residence

Kay Fujita



This Ikebana arrangement was created by Betty Lou Arai, and placed by Ruby and Kaz Shikaze. A first year remembrance of Ethel Wakayama. October 2nd, 2016.

If you care to donate flowers please contact Christine Ichiyen by Wednesday prior to a Sunday Service.

Your thoughtfulness will be taken to a church member or friend to brighten their day.

Merry Christmas & a peaceful New Year.
Christine Ichiyen

News from the Hospitality and Care Team

It has been a busy fall for the H&C Team. In October we co-led with the worship team a Welcomers training event and invited the head ushers to attend. Our goal as Welcomers, but also as a Congregation, is to help welcome and integrate new people into the BUC community. If you enjoy meeting new people and would like to be a Welcomer, please speak to Rev. Cindy.

Our Reiki Team had two successful sessions. One on Oct. 2nd and the other on Nov. 27th. We gave a Reiki treatment to 6 people. Our next session is March 26th. Thank you Reiki Team!

H&C hosted a Sharing Table on Nov. 27th. Thank you to all who contributed to the table and thank you to Judy Maikawa and Madeline Sakamoto for looking after the table. Our next Sharing table is on March 26th.

We have also called and visited several of our members who have not been well. We sent some greeting cards to our church members. These include get well cards, sympathy cards, cards for special wedding anniversaries, and cards observing extra special birthdays such as 90, 95, and even 100!

The Prayer Supporters continue to offer prayers to over 50 recipients. Special thanks to Precious Watanabe who made 100 cards that will be lovingly sent out by Barbara Marshall over the year to those receiving our prayers. To make a request for confidential prayers, please contact Barbara Marshall or Noby Matsugu. Thank you Prayer Supporters for your ongoing prayers.

Our H&C Team along with some members of our church will be delivering poinsettias or another small gift to our many shut-ins. Many thanks to Elaine Turnbull, Dee Dee Yatabe, Noby Matsugu, Eiko Watanabe, and Dianne Domelle for organizing this meaningful ministry.

May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

With Joy, The H&C Team.

Craft Club Initiative

Submitted by Lois Fusé

Several members have come together to organize a craft/art group. This will probably involve several groups. Barbara Marshall has offered to teach knitting and crochet and to work with others interested in these crafts. Ken Koyama is willing to lead a painting/ drawing group. Lois Fusé, Sanae Fukushima, Joan Bennett and Carol McLean are considering other fibre-related areas, including a possible church banner. Our first project will be an Advent Family Party on Dec. 3 which will include craft activities. Please join us there. And speak to any of the members if you are interested in joining the group.



Lois Fusé

Fall Bazaar 2016

Submitted by Carol MacLean, Bazaar Coordinator

Another **amazing** result from an outstanding, dedicated group of volunteers and donors - thank you all! We are grateful to all who came out on Saturday to dine on udon and hamburgers, and to shop for food, craft, plants, and bid at the silent auction .

Here is a recap of the gross income from the Bazaar Team:

Section	Team Leaders	Sales
Japanese Food	Naoko Nakaza & Judy Maikawa	\$1,908
Udon Noodle & Tea	Takasaki Family & Grace Omoto	1,427
Hamburger BBQ	Linda Fujita <i>NEW THIS YEAR!!</i>	225
Nearly New Treasures	Nonie Keen & Noby Matsugu	1,009)
Crafts and Boutique	Ruby Shikaze & Lois Fuse) Combined
Baking	Louise Hirowatari & Eiko Watanabe	718
Karinto, Pickles & Jam	Irene Kagawa	1,558
Plant Sales and Picture Raffle	Ken Koyama	239
Silent auction	Kaz Shikaze	2,177
Toys	Timothy & Richard Takasaki	<u>35</u>
Total before Expenses		<u>\$9,296</u>

Supporting the sales teams were:

Roy Fukuzawa and Joan Bennett - food ticket sales
 Mickey Kaneko and Christine Takasaki - parking monitors
 Lorne MacLean and his team of volunteers – dining room servers
 Kathe Sanz - advertising poster and Ken Koyama - the lawn sign
 Kip Campbell - setting up on Friday and Saturday and for the cleanup on Sunday
 The kitchen crew, dishwashers, and food prep team



It is quite a task to list all that Naomi Takasaki does for the bazaar. She makes pickles and jams and craft items for the sale, orders the supplies for food packaging, organizes the food prep day at JCCC, and works in the kitchen with her family preparing the delicious udon. She is talented, organized and dedicated. Our sincere thanks Naomi for all that you do!

Ruth Sumi, Marie Cruz, Nobu Matsugu, Mary Lou Griffiths, Ruby Shikaze, Nonie Keen

BUC Remembrance Day Service, 2016

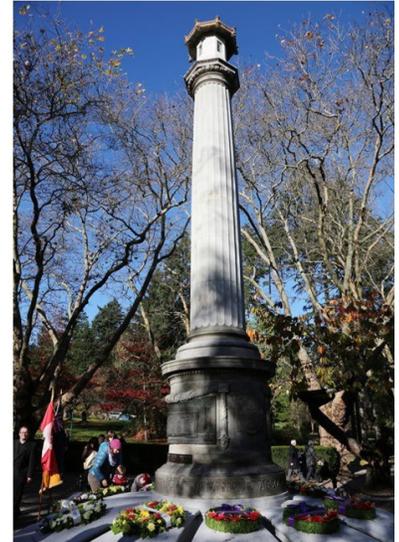
On Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the BUC Remembrance Day service, Susan Yatabe gave a presentation on her grandfather Saburo Shinobu. Susan is a professional engineer working in the nuclear energy field specializing in geology in Deep River, Ontario. Her husband, Stuart Craig, is a retired professional in the nuclear energy field also. Their son Stuart is a university student.



Saburo Shinobu in 1913

Here are some points made by Susan during her presentation.

- Saburo Shinobu was born in 1889 in Sabina Miyagi-ken in Japan.
- He arrived in BC in 1907, learning English fluently and acted as a translator.
- He was the secretary of the Skeena branch of the Canadian Japanese Association in Prince Rupert.



War memorial for Japanese Canadian veterans in Stanley Park, Vancouver

- He also worked for WW1 veterans' rehabilitation and was an advisor in the Japanese branch of the Canadian Legion.
- He gave the opening address at the Japanese Canadian Memorial unveiling in Stanley Park in Vancouver.
- Saburo was instrumental in obtaining the franchise for JC WW1 veterans.

For more details and the complete presentation, please contact Brian Kai.



John Liddle



Susan Yatabe

Stewardship

Submitted by Kaz Shikaze

Stewardship is using all that God gives us – time, abilities, financial and material resources, relationships – in a lifestyle of discipleship.

Here are a few comments about the income and expenses report for the first nine months of 2016 and the highlights are as follows:

- Our income from envelopes, PAR and general donations is slightly better than budget
- Our total expense are about on budget

For the full year our income should be slightly higher than budgeted and our expenses should be about on budget.

Thanks you for your ongoing financial stewardship.

If you are using offering envelopes as a way of supporting your church, please specify on your envelope the amount of your offering that you would to go to Local Offering and how much to Mission and Service.

I have been promoting PAR as a way for you to support the church for some time. The following is a brief description of PAR:

PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. The United Church administers the program following the giver's wishes (e.g., a certain amount for local church expenses and another amount for the Mission and Service Fund). Once a month, all PAR givings are debited from giver's bank account and then the total, less a service fee of \$0.50, is electronically transferred to Bayview United Church's bank account. You can change or revoke your PAR commitment at any time.

Currently we have 19 people using PAR and there is universal agreement that it is a convenient and easy way to support the church. If you would like to participate in PAR, please contact me. A bonus consideration is that PAR greatly reduces the workload for the offering counters.

If you are interested in joining the Stewardship Ministry Team, please let me know.

Syrian Family Sponsorship

The Ahmad Family has just received word from the Canadian authorities that they will travel to Canada on December 14th, 2016. We are hopeful that all travel arrangements will proceed on schedule this time. Their travel was postponed in October for unknown reasons.

The apartment in Hamilton is ready for them. With the assistance of their Canadian family, we will get winter clothing and footwear. Hopefully, the school assessments for the 4 children will be completed before the Christmas break. The children could start school in early January.

BUC Sunday school has made bilingual (Arabic/English) welcome signs which we will take to the airport to greet the family.

Our preparation is complete. What a wonderful start to the New Year.

Thanks to you all.
Ruth Graham



The families of the 5 Vietnamese boys who were sponsored in 1979. Kaz and Ruby Shikaze had dinner with them on Saturday, November 26.

Spiritual Formation Leader (Contract Position)
School Age Sunday School Leader (Contract Position)
Bayview United Church, 2609 Bayview Ave, Toronto, ON

We are looking for two people to teach in our Sunday School, starting January 2017 or as soon as possible thereafter. The two positions are as follows:

Youth Group Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Spiritual Formation in the Sunday School Youth Group (ages 13+) (4 hours per week)

- * prepare & teach youth group class as needed each week; combine with and teach younger class if there is no Sunday School teacher that week
- * attend (and participate as needed in) the first part of the worship service up to when the children leave for classes each week
- * be a resource to answer questions from the Sunday School teachers as needed,
- * prepare & lead the children's time in worship when Minister not available or as requested
- * Stay for lunch with the congregation about twice a month. This is a chance to meet the parents of the youth and Sunday school.

Annual Report (3.0 hours per year)

- * In June, prepare a report for church leadership: a written record of their work for the year, a list of topics covered, with some notes re how the topics were presented.

Meet with the Ministry and Personnel Committee (3.0-9.0 hours per year)

- * Meet once a year in June for a review and discussion of renewing the contract position and on an as-needed basis throughout the term

Sunday School Teacher

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Sunday School Teacher (ages 6-12) (4 hours per week)

- * prepare & teach Sunday school class as needed each week
- * attend (and participate as needed in) the first part of the worship service up to when the children leave for classes each week
- * prepare & lead curriculum training and/or other training e.g. story telling or drama
- * prepare & lead some biblical teaching around scriptures and our interpretations
- * stay for lunch with the congregation about twice a month. This is a chance to meet the parents of the youth and Sunday school.

Annual Report (3.0 hours per year)

- * In June, prepare a report for church leadership: a written record of their work for the year, a list of topics covered, with some notes re how the topics were presented.

Meet with the Ministry and Personnel Committee (2 hours per year)

- * Meet once a year in June for a review and discussion of renewing the contract position and on an as-needed basis throughout the term

Note that our service starts at 11 am, and the youth and Sunday School leave the service around 11:15. Both the Youth group and the Sunday school run typically until 12:15.

If you are interested either position, please contact Jun Nogami at info@bayviewunitedchurch.ca



Deaths

September 15, 2016	Moira Mancer
October 11, 2016	Yoshi Nakata
October 16, 2016	Sue Kadoguchi
November 7, 2016	William Inch
November 7, 2016	Joan Jensen
November 18, 2016	Ted McDowell
November 23, 2016	Dr. Donald A. Stewart



Reiki Treatments

Reiki is a Japanese technique used for relaxation, reducing stress and to promote healing.

“Rei” means God’s Wisdom or Higher Intelligence and “Ki” means energy that flows throughout plants, animals and humans. Therefore, Reiki is a spiritually guided life force energy.

Reiki treatments are administered by “laying on hands” that create flow throughout a person’s body. A treatment feels like a glowing radiance that flows through and around you. Reiki treats the whole person which includes the body, the mind and emotions which leaves one feeling relaxed, at peace and with a greater sense of wellbeing.

If one’s life force energy is low, then we are more likely to get sick or feel stress. If it is high, then we are capable of feeling happier and healthier.

Reiki is a very simple, natural and safe method of spiritual healing.

The BUC Reiki team is offering Reiki sessions on Sunday March 26 and Sunday May 28, 2017.

Please contact Reverend Cindy Cooper or Dee Dee Yatabe if you are interested.

Bayview United Church gratefully acknowledges the special donations received from August 28, 2016 to November 13, 2016.

August 2016:

Kaz & Ruby SHIKAZE In memory of Kay Oka

September:

Harry & Beth MATSUGU Our 50th Wedding Anniversary
Darryl MUI In memory of Jean Nagata
Andy HAYASHI In memory of Jacinda Fox
Henry & Tina ICHIYEN In memory of Jacinda Fox
Sharon YAMASHITA-LIDDLE In memory of Jean Nagata
Mossy & Mitch FUKUMOTO ---
Susan HIDAKA In appreciation
Joyce NAGAI In memory of Roy Nagai and Jean Nagata

October 2016:

Peter WAKAYAMA In memory of Ethel Wakayama
Ruby & Kaz SHIKAZE In memory of Ethel Wakayama
Mary MORITA for the bazaar
Mae FOX In memory of Jacinda Fox
Clinton FOX In memory of Jacinda Fox
Karen & Wally HINATSU In memory of Taki Matsuba
Susan OMOTO ---
Joan BENNETT for Bazaar
Diane DOMELLE Bazaar – food & Crafts
Madeline SAKAMOTO for Bazaar
Byron & Shirley TANAKA for Bazaar
Robert FORGET ---
T&M KATSUNO in appreciation
Shizue FUJITA Memorial offering
Tosh & Louise NAGANO for Bazaar
Brenda, Grant & Austin GEROW In memory of dear mother Yoshi Nakata
Masako SETO In memory of Katherine (Seto) Evans
Janet TSUJI In memory of Aiko Tsuji
Cindy ITO In memory of my uncle Minoru Kishi
Lloyd ITO In memory of Minoru Kishi
Marianne NAGATA Memorial service
Shizuye MATSUI In memory of Tom Matsui (Feb 2, 1927-Nov 22, 2015)
Tina RAMOS In memory of Glenn Yamashita
Douglas OKA In memory of Kay Oka
Lori CLUBINE-ITO In memory of uncle Kishi
Miyo ITO In memory

Mamoru & Louise HIROWATARI In memory of loved ones
John & Karol MICHALUK & family In memory of Rollin Matsui (first anniv Nov 4)
Harry & Kate NAGATA In memory
Eiko WATANABE In memory of Kay Motosune (Hamilton) & Ruth KAI
Lorinne CHONG In memory of Rollin Matsui

November 2016:

Elmer & Faye HARAFUJI	---
Sheila Shizuye MATSUI	---
Tom & Judy MAIKAWA	In memory of Ruth Kai
Jim & Madeline SAKAMOTO	In memory of Ruth Kai
Saburo & Eiko YOSHIOKA	In loving memory of daughter Lillian
Rev & Mrs AIHARA	In memory of Shizuko Kadoguchi
Cindy COOPER	clergy honorarium late Joan Jensen
Ken & Noby MATSUGU	In memory of Ruth Kai
Byron & Shirley TANAKA	In memory of Ruth Kai



Dates to Remember

Our Advent and Christmas Adventure:

**Sun. Dec. 11th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III
Celebration of White Gift and a special
nativity presentation by our Sunday
School children.** The White Gifts will
go to support Phillips House which is part
of North York General Hospital. Our
financial donation will go to the Art
Therapy program for children and youth
with mental health issues.

A turkey lunch will follow the service.

**Sun. Dec. 18th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent IV
with special music from the choir.**

**Sat. Dec. 24th – 7:00 p.m. – Christmas
Eve Family Service** with a Christmas
drama, carols, scripture and candle lighting. Come and relive the
Christmas story once again!!

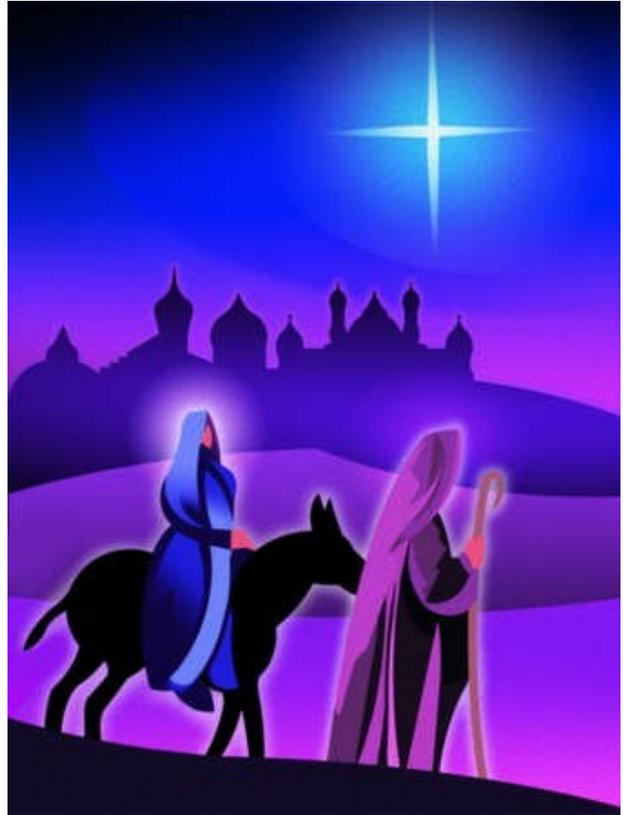
Sun. Dec. 25th – 11:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Carol Service

Come and sing your favourite carols.

Sun. Jan. 1st – 11:00 a.m. – There will be no service.

Sun. Jan. 8th – 11:00 a.m. – Epiphany Sunday

1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service



A special Thank You to all who submitted articles,
photos and other content to the Newsletter.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets downstairs every
Tuesday and Thursday at 8pm.

For more information, call our main help line:
416-487-5591.

If you have a problem with alcohol, we have the solution.



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