



# Bayview United Church Newsletter

November 24th, 2019.



## Advent Greetings!

I always enjoy watching the Christmas classic movie, "It's a Wonderful Life". It has an interesting storyline where you get to see what the world would be like if the main character, George Bailey, played by the great Jimmy Stewart, had not been born. It was amazing how many lives George touched and the significant difference he made to so many people. I wonder, what the world would be like if Jesus had not been born and we did not have Christianity.

Jesus' main teaching was to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbour as you love yourself." I believe this teaching is crucial to how we live today. Christian values and beliefs were the basis on which Canada was founded. If we did not have these values and beliefs we would be a much more "self" centered country today.

Christmas is a reminder each year for us to return to the basics of who we are as God's people; a people who love and care for each other. Even Ellen DeGeneres ends each show by saying, "Be kind to one another." As we celebrate Christmas, may we all remember to share our love, to be kind and to give thanks for the people and blessings in our lives. If we do this we can truly say with joy and celebration, "It's a wonderful life!"

As we come to the end of this year and are about to enter a new decade, let us pause and give thanks for another year of ministry together. One of the highlights for me was the "Festival on Bayview". Our special thanks to Carol MacLean for coordinating this extravaganza. The selling of food, treasures and silent auction items were a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped, contributed and bought things. People are still commenting on the fantastic concert coordinated by Karen Quinton. Thank you so much Karen! We are grateful to all the talented people who performed from our church and to friends from outside the congregation. It was a monumental success. Thank you one and all!!

This Advent Season, I am looking forward to our special worship services as we prepare to celebrate, the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. All of our Advent and Christmas services and activities are listed in the Newsletter. I hope you and your family will be able to join in the fun and celebration.

May the spirit of Christ warm your hearts and shine brightly in your lives today and always. Wishing you a blessed 2020!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**  
**Rev. Cindy**

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# Chair of Council

Submitted by Carol MacLean

The 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bayview United was celebrated on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to Rev. Cindy for preparing an uplifting service of celebration in pictures, words and music. Linda Fujita organized, with her usual skill and professionalism, the lunch following the service. Catered bento boxes, sandwiches, and cake were enjoyed by all. Linda also arranged for a photo booth to be set up in Fellowship Hall during the lunch and everyone attending was able to take home photo mementoes of the day. Our thanks to Steve at Passport Photo for their generous donation of the booth, the graphic design commemorating the day, and the photo supplies, and to Linda and Winston for setting up and operating the equipment. It was a great day!

The Festival on Bayview held on October 19<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. We are grateful to the team leaders, volunteers, donors, and the congregation, friends and family of the Bayview United Church community for their generous support. A special thanks from all of us to Karen Quinton for all her work in planning, recruiting, organizing and participating in the concert.

At the October meeting, Council accepted Irene Kagawa's resignation as Team Leader, Community and Global Outreach. We thank Irene for her dedicated leadership and wisdom for this important team and are grateful for her willingness to continue as a member of the team.

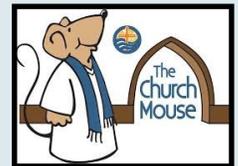
The Stewardship Team brought two recommendations to Council for discussion in October. Both were approved and are explained in this newsletters' update from the Stewardship Team. Council is grateful to Paul Takasaki, Kaz, and the members of the Team for the thorough review they presented to council.

I thank everyone on Council and the Teams and Committees for their active participation and leadership throughout 2019. We'll begin the new year with the preparation of the Annual Report to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 1, 2020.

## Willie York

By Don Worth

Did you know that we used to have a church mouse in our building? His name was Willie York, and he used to communicate with us during Children's Time with help from our dearly departed Beth Mercer.



Willie was a keen observer and very interested in the comings and goings of the church. He would offer suggestions as to how we could become better Christians, etc.

Google tells us that the adage, "as poor as a church mouse" was derived from an earlier adage, "as hungry as a church mouse". In those days, priests were called upon to scrupulously prevent any crumbs from the communion bread falling on the floor. This meant that any resident church mice would go to bed hungry.

I presume that Willie left OYM shortly after Beth passed away. Maybe he ended up at a nearby church. He probably would have done better to stay here, considering all the crumbs that remain in Fellowship Hall after our Sunday lunches.

## Ongoing

**Eva's Place:** All toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. are accepted to help the youth at Eva's Place.

**Lansing Food Bank:** accepts non-perishable food items. They especially need items for babies, non-beef soup and canned black beans.

**Lion's Club Sight Program:** still accepts used eyeglasses and sunglasses.

**The Leprosy Mission Canada:** accepts used postage stamps cut from the envelopes, leaving about a 1/4 inch paper border.

# Community and Global Partnership

Submitted by Irene Kagawa



Our congratulations goes to our Sunday School children and their parents who walked and biked in the annual Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. Our members supported them by raising \$365 in cash donations and \$635 in cheques, bringing the total to \$1,000. According to our Terry Fox representative, Mickey Kaneko, this was the most ever.

Members of our congregation donated \$555 to help the people affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. An additional \$1,000 was added from the ASF fund.

On Oct. 27th, we celebrated World Food Day by serving Stone Soup. People in our congregation donated one cup of vegetables to add to the pot and the result was a delicious pot of soup. The proceeds from the sale of soup (\$280) was donated to the Lansing Food Bank. On the same day, our congregation commemorated "Orange Shirt Day", a day to remember the former students of residential schools.



In November, we will start collecting winter clothing for children and adults for the Children's Breakfast Club Winter Coat Drive. They are accepting clean, warm, good quality, new or partially used jackets and sweaters.

As you can see, we are a caring church and we strive to help those in need. Thank you for supporting our team.

Team members, Mickey Kaneko, Joan Bennett, Dianne Domelle, Ken Koyama, Kaz Shikaze, Grace Omoto, Sanae Fukushima and Amy Nagahara



## Dead Batteries

Dead batteries are being collected in the Narthex by Timothy and Richard for return to the Hazardous Waste Disposal site. There is a Dead Battery bin on the table. All types of batteries are accepted.



# Women's Fellowship Circle

Submitted by Eiko Watanabe

The weekly coffee service is the major activity of the WFC, in support of Mission & Service Fund. We thank the ladies and men who provide this service at a cost of \$3.00 per person, children free. Occasionally we have the services of Ian James Catering. Also, thanks to those ladies who served cold drinks and cookies, and sometimes home baked goods during the summer months of July & August. Thanks to Louise Nagano for co-ordinating this huge task so willingly and cheerfully.

Sunday, November 24, 2019 12:45 p.m. The first general meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Our global traveler, Carol MacLean will speak on her adventures in Africa last April. Everyone is welcome to attend. Kay Oiyee & Grace Omoto, co-ordinators.

Heads up!  
Saturday, April 18, 2020 Daybreak at Momiji Centre.

Submitted by Eiko Watanabe, Recording Secretary



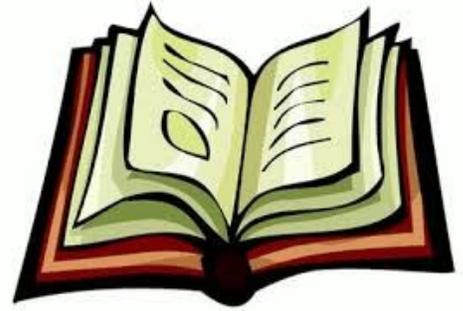
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## B. U. C. BOOK CLUB

The present Bayview United Church Book Club began in the 1970's as the Oriole-York Mills United Church Book Club under the leadership of Beth Mercer, followed by Ruth Johnson. Initially, there were about 12 members and friends.

Subsequently, many served as chairs, including Bob Robinson and John Cruise. Monthly meetings were held in the evenings in the members' homes and included book reviews and the telling of stories and limericks!



On amalgamation with Centennial Japanese United Church congregation in September 2014, its name was changed to Bayview United Church Book Club. We meet in the Narthex from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon the third Tuesday of each month. Unlike most book clubs, all members bring their own books, and thus multiple subjects are explored at each meeting.

Listed below are several of the worthwhile books reviewed at our recent fall meeting, and recommended by the club members present:



Title: **An Astronaut's Guide to Life**

Author: Chris Hadfield – Astronaut

In this book, the author stresses the importance of having a life goal (astronaut), but also of having an alternative (pilot). Because he had many advantages, he gives back to his community by lecturing, and by mentoring children.

Title: **Argo**

Author: Antonio Mendez, Chief of Authentications and Disguise Branch (CIA) and Matt Baglio – Journalist.

The true first-person account of how the CIA and Hollywood collaborated to rescue six American hostages who escaped from the Iranian-occupied American Embassy in Tehran—a real page-turner!

Title: **Brother**

Author: David Chariandy – award –winning author of Soucouyant; teaches at Simon Fraser University.

Title: **The Hidden Pierre Elliot Trudeau (The Faith Behind the Politics)**

This is a compilation of presentations by 18 people who knew him well—politicians, media personnel, friends (sometimes one of the same) made at St. Jerome's University, part of the University of Waterloo campus several years after his death. "Illuminating, fascinating and touching; one does not have to be a Liberal to admire one of our most interesting Prime Ministers."

Title: **Unfreedom of the Press**

Author: Mark R. Levin – author of five New York Times' best sellers and a host at FOX News.

In this book, the author tells us how the American free press has degenerated into a standardless profession leading to the creation of the term "fake news".

We will be happy to have you and your friends visit us (no book, no review necessary), to see 😊 how we spend a pleasant afternoon of literary and social discussions. The door is open and the welcome mat is out. Questions? - please contact Barbara Marshall.

Submitted by members of the BUC Book Club.

# Sunday Morning Flowers

Flowers brighten our world. They speak to us in nature's way.

Thank you to all who placed flowers and contributed to the Flower Fund, to remember a loved one or to mark a special occasion.

Our congregation appreciates the peaceful Ikebana arrangements created by Betty Lou Arai, Grace Omoto, Peggy Taira and Kay Oiye.

## Flowers were placed by:

Peggy Taira and family  
Kaz and Ruby Shikaze  
Henry and Christine Ichiyen  
Joan and Jack Bennett  
Sue, Michael, Patricia and Jayson Kitagawa  
Grace Omoto  
Elmer and Randy Harafuji  
Linda and Ted Kennedy  
Nonie, Alex and Jason Keen  
Don Worth's garden  
Ken and Shizuka Koyama  
Carol and Lorne MacLean  
Takasaki family  
Lydia Yatabe and family  
Lois Fusé and family  
Dorothy Amos

## Flowers were given to:

Hedy Arai  
Toyo Fusé  
Karen Quinton  
Hisaye Niiya  
Mary Leone  
Steve Willy and Carol Hancock  
Maggie and Penny Ichiyen  
Judy Maikawa  
Kay Fujita  
Momiji Health Care Centre  
Precious Watanabe  
Lois Fusé  
Terry Mudry  
Castleview Wychwood Residence  
Yee Hong Residence  
And to the:  
Issei Service  
Bayview United Church's garden



Amaranthus from Ken Koyama,  
Sept 15, 2019.

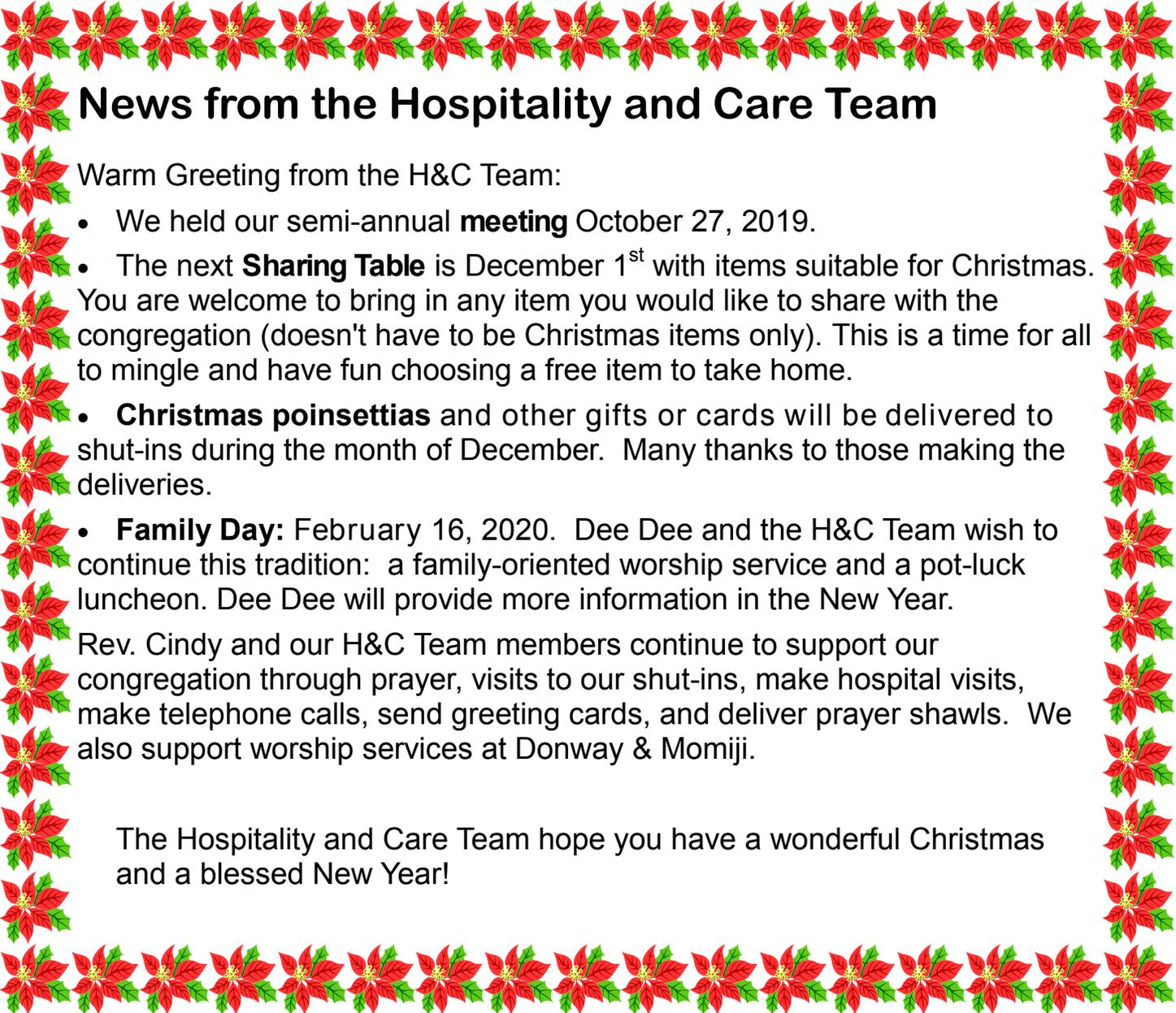


Ikebana created by Grace Omoto for  
Canada Day Service .



Thanksgiving Cornucopia, created by  
the Takasaki Family.

Thank you all for your kindness. If you care to donate flowers, please contact Christine Ichiyen by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service.  
Christine Ichiyen



## News from the Hospitality and Care Team

Warm Greeting from the H&C Team:

- We held our semi-annual **meeting** October 27, 2019.
- The next **Sharing Table** is December 1<sup>st</sup> with items suitable for Christmas. You are welcome to bring in any item you would like to share with the congregation (doesn't have to be Christmas items only). This is a time for all to mingle and have fun choosing a free item to take home.
- **Christmas poinsettias** and other gifts or cards will be delivered to shut-ins during the month of December. Many thanks to those making the deliveries.
- **Family Day:** February 16, 2020. Dee Dee and the H&C Team wish to continue this tradition: a family-oriented worship service and a pot-luck luncheon. Dee Dee will provide more information in the New Year.

Rev. Cindy and our H&C Team members continue to support our congregation through prayer, visits to our shut-ins, make hospital visits, make telephone calls, send greeting cards, and deliver prayer shawls. We also support worship services at Donway & Momiji.

The Hospitality and Care Team hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

### SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

65<sup>th</sup>: Takiko and Yosh Murai (October 2, 2019)

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

101<sup>st</sup>: Kimiye Kuramoto (October 16, 2019)

97<sup>th</sup>: Robyn Clare (August 31, 2019)

96<sup>th</sup>: Kay Fujita (July 22, 2019)

90<sup>th</sup>: Barbara Marshall (July 9, 2019)



# **ANNUAL TURKEY LUNCH**

at

## **Bayview United Church**

### **Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**12:15 p.m.**

**\$20.00 per person, children under 12 free**

**For tickets or information, please contact Linda Fujita  
(before December 2, 2019)**

**Catering by Ian James Catering**

**Music by Randy Finney and Mai-Ling Loo**



# Events at BUC

Submitted by Linda Fujita

Our fall season started off with our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service and lunch celebration. Its hard to believe that we are already celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> year as BUC!!

Our service included a slide show of the past 5 years presented by Carol MacLean and Rev. Cindy. Afterwards, everyone was treated to a Japanese bento lunch prepared by Tak Yoshida. We also were able to have photo booth photos done as a souvenir of the day – courtesy of our friends at Canadian Passport Photos.



Rev. Cindy and Carol

In October, we held our first Festival on Bayview to replace the annual bazaar. This event was enjoyed by many people. We are so lucky to have so many talented performers in our congregation and community. The sale of concert tickets, Silent Auction bids and sale of baking, pickles, Japanese food and crafts resulted in more successful fund raising than our bazaars!!



Precious Watanabe



Jack Bennett,  
Barbara Jackson,  
Sales Tables



Chris & Lori Clubine-Ito,  
Refreshment Table



John Liddle



## TRIP TO BC

Submitted by Betty Tomihiro

In June, 2019, ten members of the Tomihiro family made a trip to BC. The family had received an invitation from the Cumberland Museum on Vancouver Island to attend the official opening of the Royston Lumber Mill's exhibits.

Prior to the evacuation of Japanese-Canadians from the BC coast, my husband, Sach, his father who was bi-lingual, had been employed in the office of Royston Lumber Mill, and the family had lived right on the mill site.

Before leaving for Vancouver Island, the Tomihiro family made an interesting side-trip to visit the Tashme Museum. Tashme, located 22 km southeast of Hope, BC, is where the Tomihiro family was interned from 1942 - 1946. Tashme was the largest of the wartime internment camps which housed the Canadians of Japanese descent. In January, 1943, there were over 2,600 residents.

Before going to visit the Tashme Museum, our nephew had contacted the curator, Ryan Ellan, so we were given a very in depth tour of what remains of the former Tashme camp. I had seen pictures of what Tashme looked like as an internment camp. Today the little shacks which housed the thousands of people are all gone and only the one barn and a few sheds remain. However, Ryan Ellan is developing a lasting memorial to the dark history of our Japanese Canadian past.

The following day, my sister Mary, daughter Susan and I departed for Vancouver Island. We landed in Victoria and paid our respects to my brother who died in 1919 and rests in Ross Bay Cemetery.

From Victoria, we proceeded to Cumberland to rendezvous with the Tomihiro clan. Together, we paid our respects to Sach's younger brother resting in the Cumberland Japanese Cemetery. During the war years, this Japanese cemetery was vandalized and the headstones were knocked down, so the City of Cumberland had rounded up all the fallen headstones and erected them on a very large, concrete platform about 2 ft. high. All the headstones placed on this platform are for only those who had died before the 1942 evacuation.

The following day, before going to the Cumberland Museum, we pre-arranged to tour the former Royston Lumber Mill site. Here again, nothing of the mill remains, except for the large community hall and a few small sheds.

Finally, we attended Cumberland Museum's official opening of the Royston Lumber Mill's exhibits. We met some old ex-Royston friends and made new friends. The exhibits were excellent. We learned some things that we had not known before. We recognized some of the Tomihiro family members in the exhibits. All in all, this was a wonderful family outing, bringing our close family ties even closer. Something like this probably will never happen again.

# In Recognition

Submitted by Sharon Yamashita-Liddle

...attached is a pic of Kennedy getting the Nisei Veterans award, and the essay she submitted as part of the application.



## **Why Odori has changed my life and what the Nisei Veterans Award would mean to me**

As a young Japanese Canadian growing up in Canada I have always craved a connection to my Japanese heritage. It set me apart from my peers, and even though I was not a new immigrant and did not speak Japanese, I still felt a little different. My parents decided to do what any western parent would do with their little girl, sign her up for ballet. Fortunately, that did not last long because when they found out about Sakura Kai and enrolled me, I had the time of my life. For the first time since church I was making friends with other young girls who had a similar heritage to myself. I no longer felt different, and I was taking dance classes like my friends! Just a different type of dance. Around this time, I also started Karate classes, another connection to my Japanese culture (even though I was probably the only Japanese kid). I have been given chances to showcase my Odori on multiple occasions, the first being at my school's heritage night. The second was at a black belt grading for my Karate club, Northern Karate, with around 800 people watching and some special guests from Japan. Every time I perform outside of Sakura Kai, I am excited to share a bit of my tradition with others. Odori has taught me many things over the ten years that I have danced. First and foremost, it has taught me to embrace my culture; secondly it has taught me discipline, dedication and perseverance; and lastly, when in doubt, "bend your knees!". As I have progressed in dance I have watched some of my good friends leave, some come back, others did not, but I always knew that I would continue to dance.

My Grandfather was interned in the Second World War and I strive to show the same perseverance and courage that his generation had. My mother's generation was taught to keep their heads down and fit in, as the memories from WWII were still present from my Grandfather's generation. They had to endure separation and prejudice for most of their lives and did not want their children to feel the same way. As a result, my mother did not grow up with the same cultural opportunities as I did. When I call my Grandfather "Grandpa", I almost did not notice that the others in Odori call their grandparents Obachan and Ojiisan, but I was taught the western version to "fit in". My mom always says that I am lucky to live in a time where I can be proud of my Japanese culture because when she was younger she tried to hide it as much as possible. That is why I always smile and do my best when performing, I want to make my mom proud of me and our culture. My grandfather also comes to almost every performance as my biggest supporter, and enjoys the fact that I am able to continue our Japanese tradition. I only wish my grandmother could be here to see me dance.

This award would also mean so much to me because my great uncle, Tom Yamashita, was a part of the S20 unit for Canada in WWII, and my uncle, Colonel Kevin Yamashita (retired) spent his entire career dedicated to the Royal Canadian Air Force. I was also honoured with the opportunity to play the Last Post for the Nisei Veterans Remembrance Day ceremony in 2016. As a Yonsei, I want to continue the legacy of the Nisei Veterans as a proud young Japanese Canadian role model to younger generations, especially in Sakura Kai.

K. Liddle  
July 2019

# Stewardship

Submitted by Kaz Shikaze

## Privacy Legislation:

In an effort to meet the changing requirements of Canada's privacy laws regarding donor information disclosure, Council has been reviewing our responsibilities as a church and will be releasing a donor information policy shortly. Once approved by Council, the policy will be posted to the church website and included in the next newsletter.

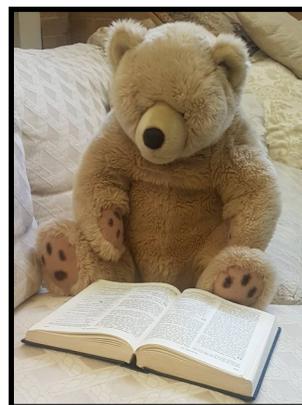
## New Offering Envelope Numbers for 2020

As more members of our congregation move to PAR, an automated system of Church giving, the Stewardship Ministry team is working hard to ensure that all of our processes are as efficient as possible. We currently have nearly 40 sets of unused envelopes and to reduce waste and cost we will be eliminating these unused envelopes for 2020. **As a result most envelope donors will have an envelope number in 2020 that is different from the one they had for 2019.** As new envelope numbers can often cause confusion, you will be receiving a business card sized Envelope Number Card with your 2020 Offering Envelopes this year to keep in your wallet. PAR donors will also receive a card with their number. If you are a regular donor, but do not wish to receive envelopes, please let us know and we can assign you a donor number.

## PAR

I would like you to consider PAR as a way for you to support Bayview United Church. PAR 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 specified amount for local church expenses and another specified amount for the Mission and Service Fund). Once a month, your PAR donation will be debited from your bank account and then the total, less a service fee of \$0.50, will be electronically transferred to BUC's bank account. PAR also reduces the workload for your Stewardship Ministry Team. If you would like to know more about PAR please speak to me. Presently 29 people are using PAR as a means of supporting BUC.

Stewardship Ministry team



A quiet moment





## Our Advent and Christmas Adventure:

**Sun. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Advent I with candle lighting, and the celebration of Holy Communion.**

**Sun. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Advent II with candle lighting and the placing of blue stars on the Christmas tree in memory of loved ones who have passed away.** A turkey luncheon will follow the service with special Christmas guitar music by Randy Finney and Mai-Ling Loo.

**1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.

**Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III with candle lighting, the celebration of White Gift and special Christmas Choir Music.** Our White Gifts will go to support the Lansing Food Bank. You can give canned and boxed foods along with hair shampoo, soaps, deodorants, tooth paste and brushes, toilet paper, house cleaners such laundry soap, dish soap, etc. Cooking oil is also in demand. Baby needs are very minimal.

**Sun. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Advent IV with candle lighting and Pre-Christmas Worship Service.**

**Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service** with a Christmas drama, carols, solos, scriptures and candle lighting. Come celebrate and relive the Christmas story once again!!

**Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Christmas Carol Service**  
Come and sing your favourite carols.

**Sun. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Epiphany Sunday**  
We celebrate the arrival of the Magi to visit Jesus.

## **May Christ's Light Shine Brightly in Your Lives!**

### DEATHS:

**May 28, 2019: Ted Cross**  
**June 10, 2019: Tom Kawabe**  
**June 25, 2019: Faye Harafuji**  
**July 11, 2019: Toyo Fusé**  
**July 12, 2019: Mamoru Hirowatari**  
**August 17, 2019: Hisako Kondo**

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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