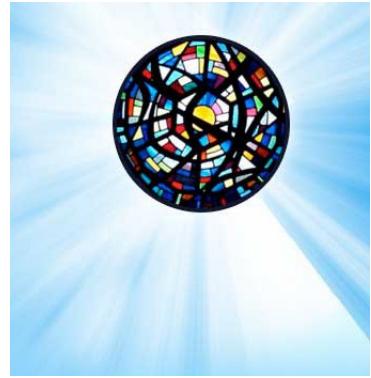




# Bayview United Church Newsletter

March 27, 2016



Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Happy Easter everyone! It is hard to imagine that we are already celebrating Easter. The winter seemed to fly by. Two weeks ago it was amazing to see the daffodils bursting through the frozen earth of our garden. They slowed down a bit when it got colder again, but the leaves are now up about 6 inches. It feels like an early spring.

I am always awed seeing the bare limbs of the trees beginning to sprout buds. The leaves will soon be out. Trees that looked dead through the winter are beginning to show signs of new life. The earth is awaking all around us.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! The gift of Christ's resurrection can touch our lives in many ways. The most significant impact of the resurrection is that it offers each one of us new life. Sometimes in our lives we go through difficult times. It may be the break-up of a relationship, the loss of a job, the development of a serious illness or even the death of a loved one. No matter what we face in our lives, our Christian faith assures us that Christ is with us to support and encourage us to carry on. Easter reminds us of the power of new life and new beginnings that God gave to Jesus and to us that first Easter. We thank God that we are a resurrected people.

I know we have many Blue Jay fans in our church, yet I would like to share a story about a former player of the Montreal Expos.

In 2001, Tim Raines wasn't prepared for the deafening cheers from the usually quiet crowd when he stepped up to the plate in his first game back in Montreal. For Raines, it was like being in the World Series and batting with two outs in the bottom of the ninth and the winning run on base. "It was that type of ovation," said Raines, who spent his first 12 seasons with the Expos before returning this year at age 41.

Raines has been in the World Series, winning it twice with the New York Yankees. But his comeback from lupus might be an even more impressive feat for one of the best leadoff hitters in baseball history. Raines' career appeared to have ended on July 19, 1999, when Oakland Athletics placed him on the disabled list with a kidney inflammation. He was subsequently diagnosed with lupus.

"Lupus took me away from the game, and I wasn't ready to give it up," Raines said. "That drove me back." Nobody, other than Raines, understood the odds against him better than his wife. "He didn't have any muscle and he was up to about 225 pounds from the lupus," Virginia Raines said. With all the medication he was taking, his body was so weak that he couldn't do much.'

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## Chair of Council

On January 31st, the worship service was led by the Council Ministry Teams followed by a Job Fair during lunch. Teams explained the tasks that their teams carry out using presentations, skits and songs during the service. Volunteers signed up to help on Stewardship (counters), Hospitality and Care (team members), and Worship (readers and greeters). On behalf of Council, I extend thanks to the Ministry Team members for their enthusiastic support for the service and the job fair, to the congregation for their support, and to Rev. Cindy for planning, inspiring, and organizing a service with so many individuals involved.

The 2015 Annual Report was prepared and distributed before the Annual Congregational meeting held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Additional copies of the report are available by contacting the church office.

As we gather with families this Easter, we pray for peace in the world and remember, as we learned on the first Easter, that miracles do happen.

God bless,

Carol MacLean, Chair of Council

## Minister's Message

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Gradually, Raines was able to reduce his medication to the point where he now just takes three pills a day, along with vitamin supplements. So there was a thunderous reception in Montreal last week. It might have been the most gratifying moment for the man known as The Rock.

"I had tears in my eyes," said his wife, Virginia. "I knew I was going to get goose bumps. I had those, but then I started crying. It was unbelievable. It was fantastic." The cheers continued throughout Raines' first at-bat. Tim Raines was just one human being playing baseball, coming back as if from the dead.

As Christians when we place our trust in God, we can experience several resurrection moments throughout our lives. Thanks be to God, hallelujah!

May you feel the power and joy of this Easter season.

With great blessings to you all,

Rev. Cindy

# Community and Global Partnership Team Report

## Ongoing:

\* Eva's Place - all toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. are welcome at any time.

Please put them in the "Eva's Place" bin in the narthex. Extra platters of food from parties or gatherings are always welcomed by the youth.

\* Lansing Food Bank - non-perishable food items are welcome at any time. Please put your donation in the "Food Bank" bin in the narthex. Ken Koyama has kindly offered to deliver the food to the Lansing Food Bank.

\* The Leprosy Mission Canada - We are collecting used stamps. Please cut them from the envelopes, leaving about a 1/4 inch paper border and place the stamps in the STAMP BOX in the office. Joan Bennett has offered to continue the work done by the late Marion Felker.

\* The Lion's Club sight program is collecting used glasses. A drop off box is located in the Narthex.

On Mission Sunday, January 24th, Kim Uyede Kai spoke to our congregation of her reflections on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and their 94 recommendations. We supported this cause by selling homemade soup and raised \$407.60 through soup sales and donations. An additional \$1,000 was added to this amount from the Audrey Sasaki Fukuzawa Fund (ASF) to support the Healing Fund of the United Church.

DVRR welcomed our Syrian refugees, Amal and Ramadan and their three teenaged sons on January 29th. They were taken to a hotel near the airport where they stayed for two nights. DVRR members moved them to their first temporary home in East York for five nights and then to a DVRR member's home for three weeks. Their final move was on Feb. 27th to an apartment in Flemingdon Park. Needless to say, the DVRR members have been very busy getting the family settled. Our Lenten donations will be going to DVRR to support our Syrian refugee family. We have already received a couple of private donations and the Men's Club will be organizing their annual golf tournament to be held on June 11th. Come out to golf and/or donate a prize to help support DVRR.

We held our annual M&S Stew lunch, plus a Japanese food and bake sale, on March 6th. Our thanks go to all those involved who helped to make this a success. We raised a total of \$1010.50 with this fundraiser.

Our team is always open to new ideas. If you have a speciality and you wish to make or would like to help with soup or stew, please speak to me.

If you are interested in helping refugees, we would love to have you as our DVRR representative.

Irene Kagawa

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

## Women's Fellowship Circle

At the January 31<sup>st</sup> service, conducted by the various Ministry Teams, our group was ably led by Naomi Takasaki, who explained that we are an organization that provides occasional speakers, Daybreak, Coffee Service weekly with proceeds going to the Mission Service, Windup and support for community and church events. Even when work is involved, there is great fellowship and support. Friendships can be made and reinforced. When the program or event appeals to you, come and support your group. Participation is always welcomed and appreciated. A humorous skit followed with our "thespians" Ruby Shikaze, Louise Hirowatari and Kay Oiye, about bread and ham. After the service tables were set up for all of the Ministry teams to encourage participation. Thanks to Naomi's husband, Hideo for the beautiful poster as shown in the photo.



Eiko, Naomi and Louise at the WFC Ministry table.

On Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 55 ladies attended our annual Daybreak at Momiji. Janice Cermak led us with some singing, then introduced our speaker, Oksana Sawiak, owner of the integrative Wellness and Detox Centre in Norval. She is a proponent of integrative medicine which combines various health treatments in an effort to treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Kay Oiye thanked Oksana on her interesting and thought-provoking presentation. Everyone enjoyed the morning refreshments and delicious lunch of cold cuts, bread, salads and desserts. Thanks to the ladies who prepared the food.

Our thanks to Ruby Shikaze for co-ordinating this event, and to her committee, Rev. Cindy, Janice Cermak, Grace Omoto and Molly Morita for organizing this event and all those who helped to make our Daybreak a success.

## Boxing Day Mission

On Boxing Day 2015, my father, sister, Brian and I made up 31 bags consisting of apples, cookies, chocolates and 2 pairs of warm socks then delivered them to homeless people living on the streets of downtown Toronto. A friend of mine also donated 6 heavy winter jackets which were well appreciated. Upon spotting a recipient, Brian would pull over then my father and I would jump out and go meet the person(s). Most of the people were either settled on sidewalk vents or sheltered within nooks of buildings. My father had short but interesting conversations with every single person. Upon learning that my father was a WWII veteran, they respectfully thanked him for his service to our country which I thought was pretty impressive. All of the homeless street people were thankful and greatly appreciated the handouts. It was a very humbling experience and worth braving the cold and windy weather. I would like to personally thank all the people of BUC who graciously donated socks towards our Street people mission. Their kindness and generosity was greatly appreciated. My family and I are hoping to repeat our boxing day mission again this year!

Dee Dee Yatabe



Min Yatabe with gift recipient

Upcoming community events and meetings are:

Saturday, April 2—12:00-3:30 p.m.—the annual Momiji Bazaar, held at the Momiji Seniors Centre.....The WFC thanks all those participating in the workbees on Friday and in the preparation for the Bazaar on Saturday morning.

Saturday, May 7—12:00-4:00 p.m. - JCCC Bazaar – please sign up with Naomi for the workbee on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and chowmein packaging on Saturday, May 7. More details in the bulletin.

Sunday, April 10—1:30 p.m. WFC General Meeting. Details will follow in the bulletin. Kay Oiye & Grace Omoto, co-ordinators.

Sunday, May 22—1:00 p.m. WFC Meeting. Co-ordinators, Louise Nagano, Madeline Sakamoto & Kathi Saito. Curtis Okazaki, son-in-law of Louise Nagano, will share his experiences of the Shriners in Erie County in the U.S. and their son Aidan.

Friday, June 3—Annual Windup with Naomi Takasaki co-ordinating. Your participation is much appreciated. More details will follow in the weekly bulletin.

A big thank you to all the ladies and men who help make sandwiches every week for our coffee hour after church, in support of the Mission and Service Fund.

Eiko Watanabe, Recording Secretary

## St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

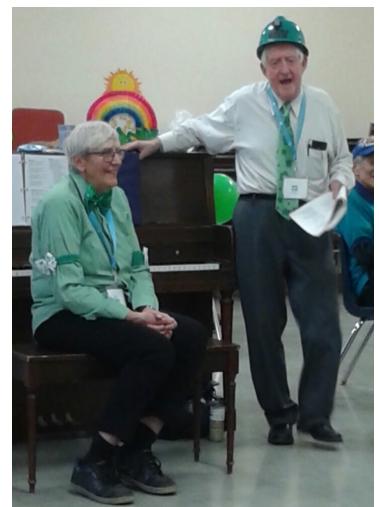
Bayview United Church celebrated St. Patrick's Day with an Irish dinner and sing-a-long. The talented Janice Cermak on the piano assisted by Brian Kai (microphone) led the green-clad revelers through a 'Sing for your Supper' session. After supper, Bill O'Hara took over on the piano with help from 95 year old guest soloist, Janet Watt. As a closing act, our Choir Director, Karen Quinton, and her mother who is visiting from Newfoundland danced a jig for us.

The Men's Committee, who sponsored the event, would like to thank Linda Fujita for helping to keep things on track. Our thanks also to Rev. Cindy for providing games for the children.

The evening is living proof that you can have a good time without Guinness Beer and Irish Whiskey.

Don Worth

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Janice and Don



Robyn, Bob and Kay, green-clad revelers!

# The Church gratefully acknowledges the special donations received from November 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016.

## November 2015:

Estate of Helen LORD  
Richard YASUI  
Min & Lydia YATABE  
Darlene YASUI  
Doris W. WALKER  
Terence ENDO  
Frances & Bill FERGUSON  
Peter WAKAYAMA  
Lorie SANO  
Bill & Mary CORRIGAN  
Esther NISHIMURA  
Dana NISHIMURA  
Henry KANDA  
Harry & Beth MATSUGU  
Noriko FERGUSON  
Stacy & Ines NISHIMURA  
Jo LINZ  
Lorinne CHONG  
Henry & Christine ICHIYEN  
John & Karol MICHALUK  
Theressa & Paul TAKASAKI  
Sue KAI  
Ken & Noby MATSUGU  
Sue KITAGAWA  
Fred YAMAMOTO  
Juergen Peter BRATTKE  
Mossy & Mitch FUKUMOTO  
Saburo & Eiko YOSHIOKA  
Hisako KONDO  
Howie & Sherry YOSHIDA  
Masa YOSHIDA  
Grace OMOTO  
Shin & Peggy TAIRA  
Sach & Betty TOMIHIRO  
Ben & Amy KUNIHIRO  
Eiko WATANABE  
Jim & Madeline SAKAMOTO  
Monica WHEELER  
Kathy SAITO  
Christine ABE  
Jim & Madeline SAKAMOTO  
Karen & Wallace HINATSU  
Glen MATSUBA & Patricia GOTTO  
Brenda & Kevin MURAI  
Hideo MATSUBA  
Rev. & Mrs AIHARA  
Sheila HARA  
Yasu HANADA  
Judith MACDONALD  
Kay OIYE  
Howie, Irene & Brian KAGAWA  
Tina RAMOSE

**December 2015:**

Tad & Jenny OYAGI  
George TAKAHASHI  
Harumi FURUYA  
The MATSUI family  
Joyce NAKAMICHI  
Kazuko BURKE  
Robert ODA  
Karen HINATSU

With thanks to Rev. Cindy Cooper  
In memory of Rose Yasui  
In memory of Rose Yasui – sister of Lydia  
In memory of Rose Yasui  
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In memory of mother, Kazue Endo  
In memory of mother, Kazue Endo 1<sup>st</sup> year  
In memory of Ethel  
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DVRR  
In memory of my husband George Nishimura  
In memory of dad, George Nishimura  
In memory of George Nishimura  
In memory of George Nishimura  
In memory of George Nishimura  
In loving memory of George Nishimura  
In memory  
In memory of Yuki Tamaki  
In memory of Mrs Kazue Endo  
In memory of our loving mother, Yuki Tamaki  
In memory of Ethel Wakayama  
In memory of Ethel Wakayama and Glenn Yamashita  
In memory of Glenn Yamashita  
In memory of Sadao Kitagawa  
In memory of Ethel Wakayama  
In memory of Ethel Wakayama  
With our thanks  
In memory of daughter Lillian  
Birthday offering  
To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our aunt Hisako Kondo  
In celebration of Hisa Kondo's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
On the occasion of Hisa Kondo's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
In memory of Dr. Rollin Matsui  
In memory of Rollin Matsui  
In memory of Dr Rollin Matsui  
In memory of the late Rollin Matsui  
In memory of Ayako Nishiyama  
Baptism of Kai Wheeler  
Baptism of Kai Wheeler  
In memory of Frank Abe – on his birthday  
In loving memory of mother, Shizue Akase  
In loving memory of our mother, Takie Matsuba  
In loving memory of our mother, Takie Matsuba  
In loving memory of our mother, Takie Matsuba  
Takie Matsuba's second year memorial  
In memory of Mrs F. Kamitakahara  
In memory of Tad Ogura – 1<sup>st</sup> year  
In memory of Rev. Iwai, Mrs T.Matsuba, Mrs K.Endo, Nisei Church.  
From Yorkminster Baptist Church for honouring our church  
In memory of Ethel Wakayama  
In memory of Yuji, Sakayo & Stanley Sasaki & Katy Nishino  
To honour Glenn Yamashita  
Christmas  
In memory of Lily Yuriko Akerman- Dec 3/09  
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Funeral for Tom Matsui  
Christmas  
Christmas  
Christmas  
In memory of Kathy Ueyama

Glen MATSUBA  
Hideo MATSUBA  
Paul MATSUBA  
Brenda MURAI  
Shizue FUJITA  
Robert NISHINO  
Naomi & Hideo TAKASAKI  
Esther NISHIMURA  
Dorothy L. AMOS  
Brian DOMELLE  
Harry & Beth MATSUGU  
Cindy ITO  
Susan OMOTO  
Stacy & Ines NISHIMURA  
Noriko FERGUSON  
Henry KANDA  
Jim & Madeline SAKAMOTO  
Min MOTOTSUNE  
Ritz & Koko KINOSHITA  
Terry MUDRY  
Andrew HAYASHI  
Ben & Amy KUNIHIRO  
Grace OMOTO  
Jean NAGATA  
Meiko ISE  
Patricia KISHIMOTO

**January 2016:**

Kathleen ASTLE  
David & Molly PELTON  
Karol MICHALUK

Christine TERASHITA  
Harumi FURUYA  
Mary MORITA  
Christine ABE

**February 2016:**

Hideo MATSUBA  
Lorinne CHONG  
Cindy ITO  
Michael & Karen EVELEIGH  
June ORIDA  
Sue KAI  
Grace OMOTO  
Hideo & Naomi TAKASAKI  
Jean NAGATA  
Jun NOGAMI  
Angela SHERBAN

In memory of Kathy Ueyama  
In memory  
Christmas  
In memory of Ethel Wakayama & Dr. Rollin Matsui  
Christmas  
In appreciation  
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In loving memory Sejiro & Sue Sakamoto  
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In memory of loved ones  
Christmas  
In memory of Machi Fujita, Masao Fujita, Masatsugu Hayashi  
“thanks” offering  
In appreciation  
remembering my husband  
Syrian Refugees  
In loving memory of Amy Koga

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DVRR

In loving memory of our dear mother Yuki Tamaki & in honour of her  
96<sup>th</sup> birthday Jan. 2, 2016

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In loving memory of Mr&Mrs Jisuke Morita  
In thanks for Lorne Maclean's red pepper jelly

Birthday offering  
In memory of Yuki Tamaki  
Celebrating Mom's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday (Miyo) & in memory of dad, Mark Ito  
In memory of Mark Ito  
In memory of Bill Kai  
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In thanks for Cindy's presence at her husband's funeral

**IN MEMORY OF MIN NAGATA:**

Janis Bando & Edward Lopez, Harry & Kate Nagata, Jim & Madeline Sakamoto, Mamoru & Louise Hirowatari, Ken & Noby Matsugu, Nonie Keen, Grace Omoto, Brian Kagawa, Peter Wakayama, Howie & Irene Kagawa, Kimie Kuramoto, Tosh & Louise Nagano, Dawn Nagata, Kelly Tanaka, Gary Wakayama, Tin Lanteigne, Kazuko Burke, Masaye Tanaka, Sachi Nagano, Estate of Tony Nagata, Mary Morita, Lloyd Ito, C. Gyotoku, J. Ebata, George & Barbara Iwata, Lynda & James Kamstra, Isamu Koyota, Betty & Larry Furukawa, Jerry & Susie Hikida, Gord & Ruth Mori, Irene Wakayama, Tammy Tanaka, Hisashi & Nancy Sumi, Mits & Gloria Sumiya, Jane & Hideo Sekiguchi, Sherry Nagata, Kaz & Ruby Shikaze, Dorothy Honda, Patricia Idenouye, Sam Ito, Sab & Eiko Yoshioka, Eiko Watanabe, Sach & Betty Tomihiro, Byron & Shirley Tanaka, Tom & Judy Maikawa, Sue Kitagawa, Ben & Amy Kunihiro, Brian Kai, Kay Fukuda, Minnie Hemmy, Shin & Peggy Taira, Kay Fujita, Mickey Kaneko, Mitsuyoshi Ito, Joyce Nagai, Wayne Morimoto, John & Amy Nagahara, Lorinne Chong, Hugh & Molly Redelmeier

**IN MEMORY OF MIN MOTOTSUNE:**

Jim & Madeline Sakamoto, Susie Iwata, Grace Omoto, Brian Kagawa, Mamoru & Louise Hirowatari, Peter Wakayama, Betty Lou Arai, Henry & Tina Ichiyen, Howie & Irene Kagawa, Tosh & Louise Nagano, Nonie Keen, Janet Tsuji, Koko & Ritz Kinoshita, Patricia Idenouye, Dorothy Honda, Yasuko Kusano, Gloria & Mits Sumiya, Sam & Sherry Mototsune, Mr & Mrs H. Kuwahara, T. & Sanae Fukushima, Kay & Linda Fujita, Sam Ito, Brian Kai, Sue Kai, Mickey Kaneko, Sue Kitagawa, Tom & Judy Maikawa, Sach & Betty Tomihiro, Byron & Shirley Tanaka, Lorinne Chong, Kaz & Ruby Shikaze.

# Final Notes...

## Church Directories

The first BUC photo directory is now complete. Thanks to all those who participated by having their photos done for inclusion in the directory. It will be a big help in matching names to faces. If you participated in the directory, you are entitled to receive a copy of the directory at no cost. If you want an extra copy or did not participate but would like a copy, they are available from Linda Fujita at a cost of \$10 per copy.

As well, the 2016 BUC phone directory is now available. Please see Linda Fujita to purchase your copy. The cost is \$3 per copy.

## Battery Blitz Update

Thank you Bayview United Church for helping me in my “Battery Blitz” challenge. I will still be collecting batteries and bringing them to a battery depot so they can get recycled and not thrown away. I still want you to bring your dead batteries to Church and place them in the battery Dead Batteries bin in the Narthex so they can get recycled.

Timothy Takasaki

PS – I estimated that I collected 900 batteries and they weighed over thirty two pounds!!

### Deaths

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| December 13, 2015 - | Minoru Nagata                   |
| December 16, 2015 - | Minoru Mototsune                |
| January 27, 2016 -  | Rev. Benjamin Toyo-Tsune Murata |
| February 7, 2016 -  | Beatrice (Betty) MacMillan      |
| February 15, 2016 - | William Tsutomu Kai             |
| March 12, 2016 -    | Katherine (Seto) Evans          |
| March 12, 2016 -    | Gail George                     |



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## Ian James Catering Expands!

Our congratulations to Ian and Veronica McElcheran on the arrival of Johnathan on February 3, 2016. Johnathan and his older brother, Christopher (19 months), keep Ian and Veronica very busy but Ian still makes time to create some wonderful meals for the events at BUC.

Ian has also started a new venture where he offers prepared meals for delivery in the local area to shut-ins and busy working mothers who don't have time to cook. Although our congregation members don't all live in the area, Ian has offered to prepare and deliver meals to the church on Sundays for pickup. Some examples of Ian's meals are pot pies, casseroles, shepherd's pie, soups, chili and lasagna (which he made for our Christmas concert event). As well, there will be vegetarian options. If you are interested in further information on this service, please contact Linda Fujita. In addition, Ian is available to cater non-church events and small dinner parties. He can be reached by email at [ian@ianjamescatering.com](mailto:ian@ianjamescatering.com) or 416-356-8106.



A special Thank You to all who submitted articles, photos and other content to the Newsletter. Without your contributions, I would have to rely on Timothy and Richard for all of the content. As amusing as that would be, your contributions make this a much better publication!