



ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK :

SUNDAY SEPT 25 - KAREN PREACHING : 'OF TURTLES AND DIRTY FEET'

MISS LAST SUNDAY? - [SERMON](#)

- [PRAYERS](#)

Times of the Sign ?

It did not surprise me that following last week's commentary in this space, about the ['Vote For A Poverty Free Ontario'](#) campaign, and the invitation to send me your thoughts, I received a number of responses - coming from different angles, and arriving at different places, but all reflective and attentive to the real question, which was about what it means as a church community to ask difficult political and economic questions.

Here was the gist of it :

- Of course everybody, of every stripe, wants a poverty-free Ontario.
- There is a balancing act, between coming to church, weary of the endless divisions and needing a place of peace, but also being aware that the character of the gospel leads us back into these very real issues.
- We come here, each of us, with our presuppositions and with the fixed ideas that help us navigate in business and in life, but, we also come to have raised up in us some 'better self',

- We come here in large part as a way of fostering a cohesive community, rising about partisanship, and need to be careful not to lose this.

Thank you for these notes, and the care for our work here.

Keep the faith,

[Doug](#)

PS : "sign" photo above courtesy of Jason Meyers

Habitat For Humanity -
Local Building Days :
Saturday Oct 22,
Thursday Nov 3

Add your name to the 100+ RUC folks who have spent a day giving a hand up, not a 'handout'!

[Contact to sign up or get more info](#)

SOME UPCOMING SUNDAYS :

OCTOBER 2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (DOUG PREACHING) - FOLLOWED BY SOUP LUNCH, AND THEN AFTERNOON CONCERT!

OCT 9 - THANKSGIVING - KRISTIN

OCT 16 - DOUG PREACHING

(7 PM - TAIZE SERVICE)

OCT 23 - DOUG PREACHING

Local Heroes !

Because most of their work is unseen, I'll point it out. A big thank you to the leadership team here, led by [Clerk of Session Clare Barry](#), and [Deputy Clerk Mike Vuchnich](#), who are putting in many hours right now to get our season up and rolling, and keeping the many ideas, people, and events on track.

THANK YOU !

Sunday October 2, 2011,

'AppleFest' !!

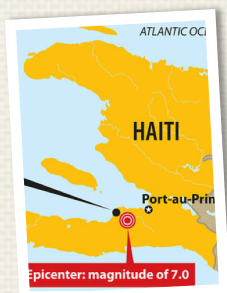
following the first of our fall Soup Lunches : Song and dessert



As a special addition to our usual soup lunch we are asking for contributions of any kind of apple dessert. We will enjoy the taste of your labours with any left overs being sold off at the end of the lunch. Proceeds will go to the Out of the Cold program.

After soup you are all invited back up to the Sanctuary for a casual offering of music by our wonderful choir members and a few of our singing congregation.

Please join us, in ushering in the fall season with song and good food !



ROSEDALE HABITAT TEAM
OFF TO BUILD IN HAITI IN
NOVEMBER !

Update : Funding Target reached!!

In early November, a group of six people from Rosedale United will travel to spend a week in Leogane in Haiti, as part of a much larger [Habitat For Humanity](#) project to build a large block of homes (100), working together with Haitians, and others from around the the world. Leogane, a city of 130,000, was among the hardest hit in the quake, losing 90% of buildings, and 25,000 estimated dead, one out of five people.

We are delighted to say that between personal contributions, donations from friends and from members of the congregation we have reached our fundraising requirement for this trip, which was a total of 30,000. While there are some direct costs (travel, meals) most of this money will be left in the project in Leogane, either as materials involved in our week of building, or left in care of the locally employed teams who will carry on the work. We are deeply grateful for these gifts, and will match them with our best efforts in the work in Leogane.

The team is Julie Wildgoose, Jennifer Wootton Regan, Susi McCord, Katharine Lake-Berz, Peggy Mahon, and Doug Norris

Yoga and Meditation has begun on
Wednesday nights 6:30 – 8:30
Note the time change and
Thursday mornings 9:30 – 11:30.
You do not need to have done yoga before to join us.

All levels of experience are accommodated. Please contact Karen Bowles at 924-0725 Ext 29 for more information or better yet just come join us in the Sanctuary in comfortable clothes!

URGENT NEED TO FIND AN OUT-OF-THE-
COLD PROGRAM COORDINATOR

This is a **paid, part time, seasonal position** coordinating the activities of our Out-Of-The Cold program that provides lunch to those in need **each Tuesday from November to March.**

Sandy Watson-Greaves, who has done a great job as Coordinator for more than 6 years, recently resigned upon being accepted to a University of Toronto program. We are very thankful for her contributions and wish her all the best in this new endeavor.

This leaves the critical Out-Of-The-Cold leadership role open as the program prepares to enter its 16th year of operation. If you have planning, organization and interpersonal skills combined with a passion for making a difference in the lives of those in need, then contact Norm Sabapathy at 416-312-9116 or nsabapathy@sympatico.ca to explore your interest **no later than Saturday, September 24, 2011**

It's Your Serve

- CRC (Regent Park) Thanksgiving Dinner on Monday October 3 - volunteers ? Sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board.

- November 19, 26 Canned Food Drive - 40th year of this neighbourhood event! Details to follow.

- Teaching - with children, teens, adults

Kristin is looking for Children's Church teachers, specifically for the JK/SK class and the gr. 4-6 class. It's not as hard as you think it is! Volunteers are one of five teachers for their class, with schedules determined by the group. You end up teaching less than once a month, and sometimes not again for months at a time. Lessons take about 20min to plan and accessed online. If your kids are grown and your Sundays a little more predictable, consider volunteering and to give our busy new parents a break. Speak to Kristin if you are interested.

A Time to Learn, and Grow...

Some learning, growing times :

There will be some sessions through the fall and winter to engage in study and discussion.

- Bible Study (see sidebar)
- United Church doctrine study (details to follow)
- Film Series ('Finding God in the Dark') will resume in mid-October.
- workshops (see sidebar)
- Monthly Soup Lunches, a great time for all ages to enjoy a simple meal. (Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4, to start...)
- occasional 'offsite' gatherings to hear a debate, go to a museum, or just gather at a pub and compare deep ideas - stay tuned!

BIBLE STUDY



WE WILL OFFER A NUMBER OF WAYS TO LEARN THE SCRIPTURES, AND TO BRING YOUR IDEAS AND OBSERVATIONS.

THE MAIN ONE WILL BE SUNDAY MORNINGS IN WORSHIP - WE WILL READ AND EXPLORE THE WEEKLY READINGS, AND PREACHERS WILL OFFER OUR BEST UNDERSTANDINGS.

ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 11:15, AN OPEN GATHERING FOR ANYONE TO SIT WITH THE WEEKLY READINGS AND DISCUSS WHAT THEY MIGHT MEAN. BEGINNING OCTOBER 5 (NOTE CHANGE HERE!)

LEARNING ABOUT SERVING THROUGH CARING

PASTORAL CARE IS THE OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF INNER SPIRITUAL STRENGTH. QUIET DEPENDABLE ACTS OF LOVING KINDNESS AND RESTORATIVE COMPASSION AT THE RIGHT TIME AND IN THE RIGHT MANNER ARE MARKS OF A CARING CONGREGATION.

IN KEEPING WITH OUR VISION OF A TEAM OF TRAINED LAY PERSONS SERVING WITH THE STAFF TEAM AS PASTORAL CAREGIVERS, WE WILL BE CONTINUING OUR VISITOR TRAINING WITH THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING THE TOOLS NEEDED TO FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE AND COMPETENT IN MAKING SUCH VISITS.

THE FIRST WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 17 AT THE CHURCH FROM 6-9 (POTLUCK DINNER FOLLOWED BY ORIENTATION AND ACTIVE LISTENING ROLE-PLAYING) THEREAFTER WE WILL MEET UNTIL JANUARY AS SET OUT BELOW: (BOLDED ITEMS ARE OPEN TO ALL, NOT JUST FOR THE VISITOR TRAINING GROUP)

MONDAY OCT 17 : POTLUCK & ORIENTATION

THURS OCT 27, 7-9 COMMUNITY PRESENTATION ON DEMENTIA

WEDNESDAY NOV 23, 7-9, COMMUNITY PRESENTATION ON GRIEF

MONDAY DEC 5, 7-9, INTEGRATION OF PRESENTATIONS ON DEMENTIA AND GRIEF FOR VISITING, RECOGNIZING LONELINESS AND DEPRESSION

MONDAY JAN 16, 7-9, VISITING : PRAYER, AND PRAYING WITH OTHERS

MONDAY FEB 13, 7-9, CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER, SELF-CARE

A WINTER SUNDAY WORSHIP - COMMISSIONING & BLESSING FOR THIS TEAM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE CONTACT [KAREN BOWLES](#) AT THE CHURCH (X29)