



# INSIGHT

SEPTEMBER, 2011

**ROSEDALE UNITED CHURCH**

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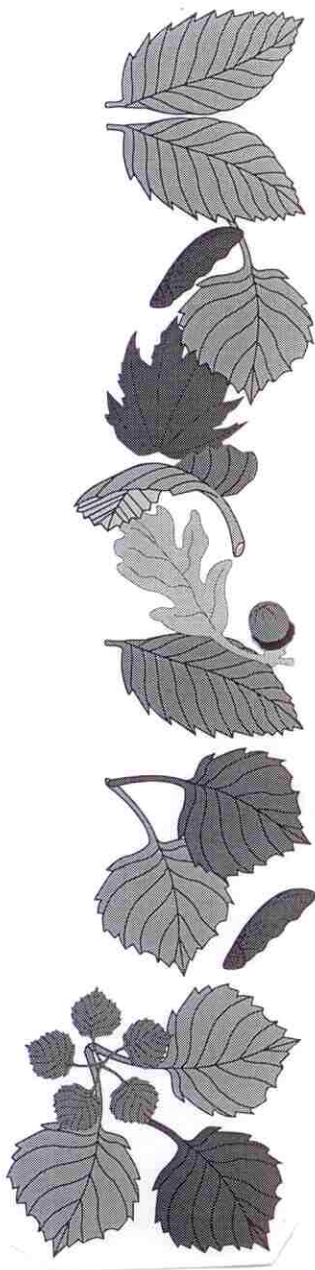


## AT A GLANCE

- Sept. 11 - Children's Church begins (BBQ)
- 13 - 7:00 pm - Prayer Circle
- 14 - 7:00 pm - Evening Yoga classes begin
- 15 - 9:30 am - Morning Yoga classes begin
- 18 - Covenant Celebration (Bowles/Philipson)
- 19 - 7:15 pm - Pastoral Care
- 19 - 7:30 pm - Book Club
- 20 - 1:15 pm - MacGregor Unit
- 24/25 - Youth Retreat

- Oct. 2 - Stewardship Sunday/Soup Lunch
- 2 - Worldwide Communion
- 6 - Election Day Polling Station
- 9 - Thanksgiving Sunday
- 10 - Thanksgiving Monday - building closed
- 11 - 7:00 pm - Prayer Circle
- 16 - UCW Thank Offering
- 17 - 6:00 pm - Lay Visitors Programme Workshop
- 18 - 1:15 pm - MacGregor Unit
- 18 - 7:00 pm - Board Meeting
- 22 - Habitat Build Day
- 23 - Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin
- 27 - 6:30 pm - Dementia Workshop
- 30 - Out of the Cold Covenanting Service
- 30 - Hallowe'en Party with Red Door

- Nov. 3 - Habitat Build Day
- 3 - 7:00 pm - Film Series begins
- 6 - Soup Lunch & set clocks back
- 8 - 7:00 pm - Prayer Circle
- 10 - 7:00 pm - Film Series
- 15 - 1:15 pm - MacGregor Unit
- 15 - 7:00 pm - Board Meeting
- 19 - 10:00-2:00 pm - Holly Berry Fair



### Editor's Note

Happy new (RUC) year!  
It feels very good to be  
back with 'family' and  
familiarity. Enjoy.  
R:J

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## REV. DOUG NORRIS

### What's so ordinary about this time ?

Many of us step out of the usual routines for much of the summer - either staying where we are but dialing it down a bit, or getting clear out of town to somewhere quiet on a lake. Jesus apparently did the same, going on retreat as he needed to, for reflection and to be built back up. Then the time comes, much too soon, to step back into the pace and let the world have its ways with us again. Sigh...

In the language of church tradition there is a season we refer to as '*Ordinary Time*' - in fact it is the season we are in, basically the weeks between Epiphany and Lent, and then between Pentecost and Advent. It sounds a bit like 'Leftover Time', a season with little purpose. So perhaps the challenge, in coming back from summer into the rhythms and cadences of the more ordinary, is to invest this new season as an incarnation. To come back into the more prescribed days of fall with an intent to be in these days, and among the people with whom we share these days as a form of light and hope. The option - to see the end of summer as lament, and to come begrudgingly back into 'ordinary' is always an option. But not very delightful.

The Staff Team will gather back this week after our respective times away, and begin to put shoulder to wheel again for our busy fall season. With Karen Bowles returning for a contract again, we will once again be at full strength.

There will be more details in the new few weeks about all of the programs and events, but watch for the following :

Bible Study (might be a weekday morning, or it might be an evening series - speak to Doug if one or the other is better for you...)

'Observations' - some off-site evenings of discussion and refreshments

Field Trip to Stratford to see Jesus Christ Superstar

Film Nights (beginning late October)

Choir (and friends) in concert - with apple pie. Sunday October 2

CRC Thanksgiving Dinner - volunteers always needed (see Jennifer Wootton Regan)

Out of the Cold lunches - starting up again in November

Social Justice Group being developed

Habitat for Humanity - both our usual building days here in the city, and a group of six heading to Haiti for a week in November

Great programs for kids and their parents

Pastoral Care Workshops

*'Dance, then, wherever you may be!'*

See you soon, Doug



# HOLLY BERRY FAIR

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Volunteers Needed!

The success of Holly Berry Fair depends entirely on the efforts of our volunteers. If you've volunteered before, you know how much fun it is to be involved! We are also on the lookout for new volunteers to help out on the day of the Fair and during the week(s) leading up to the Fair. Some needs include:

- \* Helping with ham preparation
- \* Finding silent auction items
- \* Baking and cooking jams & jellies
- \* Knitting
- \* Assisting in one of the booths



### Special Requests:

We need one volunteer to step up and lead the used book selling team. Interested? Call Caroline or Bob.

Last year (and in fact, most years!) we ran out of baked goods to sell. Please consider baking one or more pies, squares, batches of cookies. Freeze them and bring them out to the Fair.

### Our target:

Last year, we raised almost \$20,000 which was contributed to the UCW and to further the work of the Church. We would like to do even better this year BUT need your help to do so.

We hope **MANY** of you will help out and spread the word to your friends and neighbours. And most certainly come out and enjoy the Fair on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Caroline & Bob Duncanson: 416-465-6315 or [cduncanson@sympatico.ca](mailto:cduncanson@sympatico.ca)

### **BAPTISMS AT ROSEDALE**

Arturo Felice, son of Monika & Felice Vacca.  
 Hayden Ian, son of Karin & Ian Hill.  
 Charles Thomas, son of Sarah & Richard Mander.

### **FUNERALS AT ROSEDALE**

Jane Hughes, died June, 2011.  
 Robert Cain, age 68, died June 6, 2011.  
 Giogia Elizabeth Ranson, age 72, died June 17, 2011.  
 Maggie Scott, age 93, died July 29, 2011.  
 George David Leslie Watt, age 81, died August 4, 2011.  
 Ralph E. Moore, age 90, died August 8, 2011.  
 Peter MacKimmie Anderson, age 22, died August 12, 2011.  
 Maureen Jane Morawetz, age 89, died August 28, 2011.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

Rosedale United Church is one of 58 congregations that make up the Toronto Southeast Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. This past May, the Social Justice Steering Committee was pleased to welcome Beth Baskin to lead the Presbytery's Social Justice Project. Funded through a grant from Fairlawn United Church, the two-year project aims to build capacity of congregations, to help them identify and address social issues they feel are of greatest concern. The project looks to enable participants to speak with a louder voice, guided by a theological rationale to effect social change and advocate on behalf of the disadvantaged.

Beth is known to many at our church and in the broader community from her involvement in numerous faith-based initiatives. Over the summer, she has been busy contacting social agencies and member churches and laying the groundwork to actively engage with congregations. We welcome Beth to her new role and look forward to participating and getting input from our church members on this important discussion.

## CLERK'S REPORT

May you feel refreshed and ready to engage in the fall activities.

During the fall, RUC will have many celebrations. We look forward to welcoming Karen Bowles back to RUC on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> as Candidate Supply Minister for Pastoral Care, with worship and preaching duties.

September 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a covenanting service for Kristin Philipson and Karen Bowles.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will honour Doug's 10 years at Rosedale and 25 years as an ordained minister.

The Board and Program Committees have been focused on reviewing how programs should be adapted to meet the present and future needs of the congregation.

**The Stewardship Campaign:** Mandy & Bill Macrae have agreed to co-chair the Stewardship Campaign this year. The Campaign will start October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Position of Trust Volunteer Screening Program:** Jennifer Norman has worked with the Committee Chairs to implement the Position of Trust Volunteer Screening Program.

**Out of the Cold Program:** Sandy Watson Greaves, Co-ordinator of the Out of the Cold Program for the past six years, has resigned from this position. She has been accepted at the University of Toronto, Emmanuel College, in the Lay Certificate in Theology Program. RUC wants to thank Sandy for her dedication and commitment to the RUC OOTC Program. Sandy's presence at the program will be missed.

As the OOTC Program is a major outreach program of the church, both for volunteer time and funding, a Board task force chaired by Larry Ward, reviewed the program. Recommendations were presented to the Board.

There will be a special committee of the Board for Out of the Cold. Norm Sabapathy has agreed to chair the committee with Janette MacDonald and Barbara Keenan as members. The Committee will work with the Co-ordinator and Section Heads to provide a report to the Board in January. Thank you to the volunteers who were part of the OOTC review process: Larry Ward, Mary Morison, Mandy Macrae, Judy Roberts, Marg Walker, Erik Mathiesen.

Section Heads for 2011/12: Marg Walker, Joanne Gooding, Mandy Macrae, Nancy Purvis, Judy Roberts, Mary Morison, Fran Deacon. A Fundraising Chair is still being sought.

**Toronto Southeast Presbytery Pastoral Oversight Committee Review of Rosedale United Church:** The Toronto Southeast Presbytery aims to review each church every three years. RUC was long overdue. On June 20, the Pastoral Oversight Committee met with the RUC Board. Jim McKnight from Northlea United Church was the team leader for the review. The goal was for the visitation to be helpful, practical and supportive to the ministry. The input from the questionnaires circulated to the congregation was reviewed with the Committee along with comments from the 2010 Stewardship Campaign.

The Board will receive the final report from the Presbytery team at the October 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Verbal comments received from the team indicated that they found RUC was outward-looking and doing tremendous work for the community. There was "a real soul" evident in the church. The reviewers commented that they found the review of the church and visit inspirational for each of them. They noted that the sanctuary gave a feeling of a very spiritual place that one wanted to be in.

May we all feel spiritual inspiration when sitting in our sanctuary listening to the music and biblical teachings.

Clare Barry, Clerk of Session



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 Church Administrator - Karen Bryant [karen@rosedaleunited.org](mailto:karen@rosedaleunited.org)  
 Church Sextons - Joe Houle and Brent Donnelly

## BOOK CLUB

A new season of reading begins September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm with the latest book of one of our favourite authors, Geraldine Brooks, called *Caleb's Crossing*. Based on the true story of the first American Indians who graduated from Harvard in the 1600s, *Caleb's Crossing* is another beautifully written Brooks novel that convincingly takes the reader into another time and place through the eyes of engaging characters.

At our first meeting, we will set the dates and titles for the rest of the year. If you'd like to join us but can't make the first meeting but have a title or two you'd like to recommend or if you have date preferences, please contact:

Caroline Duncanson at [cduncanson@sympatico.ca](mailto:cduncanson@sympatico.ca)

I look forward to seeing some keen readers on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

September is here and with it comes the start of the UCW ANNUAL THANK OFFERING APPEAL.

Once again, the UCW Steering Committee reviewed the organizations to which we have donated in the past and feel they continue to be worthy agencies that help women of all ages and those with small children. Therefore, we will donate on your behalf to the FRED VICTOR CENTRE WOMEN'S HOSTEL, which provides emergency housing to homeless women, the MASSEY CENTRE, a home for disadvantaged young women and their babies and to SISTERING, a drop-in centre offering practical and emotional support to women.

These organizations continue to need and very much appreciate the support we have been able to give.

The familiar brown envelope will be available at the back of the sanctuary throughout September and October. Please bring or send your donation to the Church. Cheques may be made payable to Rosedale United Church Women. A tax receipt will be issued.



# Rosedale United & Habitat For Humanity

Rosedale United Team Preparing to go to [Leogane](#), Haiti, in November

18 months ago we saw images and heard stories of the devastation in what was already one of the hardest places in the world to live. Since then we have heard less and less, but we still understand that there is almost unimaginable difficulty, risk and violence, as the country rebuilds. Many of you have participated in different ways to make a difference there, including your responses to the stories told to us by Catherine Porter, and her work in funding a school there, which is ongoing. ([click to read one of Catherine's reports](#))

In 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 hardest hit in the quake, losing 90% of buildings, and 25,000 estimated dead, one out of five people.

## Six members of Rosedale United , part of a 400 member work group

We received a message in June with the invitation to take part in this event, but it was clear we needed to have applications in within a day or two. While others are now on a waiting list, these six are registered : Julie Wildgoose, Jennifer Wootton Regan, Katherine Lake-Berz, Peggy Mahon, Susi McCord, and Doug Norris.

## 'Visitors' & Locals

Part of the effectiveness of the Habitat model is that it not only involves folks like us who come in to a project for a day or a week, but also draws in the families who will live in the homes, and hires local people to work and, in the long term, carry on the projects. This is an important distinction, as not all short term mission projects engage well with and have long term relationships with the local population. (Habitat has been at work in Haiti for 26 years, very active since the earthquake, and has hired hundreds of Haitians as part of the work there.)The Need

## We have made a commitment to raise 30,000 dollars. So we need your help!

While the actual cost of getting ourselves to and from Haiti, and accommodations at the site (bare minimum - tents, no running water, and no 'tourism' involved) will be minimal, we are each committed to raising 5,000 dollars, most of which will be directly left in the project, either as materials involved in our week of building, or left in care of the local teams who will carry on the work. Each of us will personally contribute at least enough to cover our direct costs, but are looking for supporters to help with the full amount. We have some deadlines looming (late summer) to make these contributions.

The church board, at its meeting last week, approved this project as a part of our congregational work, and authorized the team to approach members with a request for support, for which we are grateful.

**If you would consider being part of this, here is how the process will work : please [email Jennifer \(jwoottonregan@rogers.com\)](mailto:jwoottonregan@rogers.com) with a note about your pledge, and shortly we will contact you with a specific link to use to make the donation. Alternately, a cheque can be left at the church office - made out to Habitat For Humanity - attention Jennifer. As all contributions go directly to the project they are fully tax-deductible and Habitat will issue receipts.**

*With thanks, and hopeful that we will be able to act as neighbours, and so live out our faith.*

If you are looking for some reading, one of the finest books on work in Haiti (and other places, and the story of a remarkable human, Dr Paul Farmer) is '[Mountains Beyond Mountains](#)' - written by Pulitzer prize winner Tracey Kidder.

**OUR MAGNIFICENT ROSEDALE UNITED CHURCH CHOIR**  
**Director: Wayne Strongman**



**Back Row (l-r): Duncan Smith, Rod Campbell, James McLennan, Timothy Cadan, David Shephard, Robert Missen.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Janet Coates, Laurie Hurst, Grace Hallett, Mikheil Gogoshidze.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Wayne Strongman, Seanna Kennedy.**

**Front Row: Deborah Overes, Kristine Anderson, Peggy Mahon, Susan Suchard, Jennifer Robinson.**

**Not pictured: Lizzie Lavado, Catherine Morrow, Pat Fenton, Peter McGillivray, Julie Wildgoose, Mariana Bell, Jessica Lloyd, Glenn James.**



## Yoga and Guided Meditation In the Sanctuary

### Guided Meditations for the Mind, Body and Spirit

This resource for spiritual growth and physical strength and awareness is led by Minister Karen Bowles and Sheila Miller, a certified Kripalu yoga teacher with over 10 years experience. Each session begins with a time of Hatha Yoga followed by a guided meditation. It is not necessary to have done Yoga before. Classes will begin with fluid warm-ups and centered breathing followed by postures modified to the needs of individual participants. In Kripalu Yoga we build strength, awareness, and flexibility by holding the poses and deepening the breath. A time of deep relaxation will lead into the guided meditation. Beginners and experienced yoga students are welcome.

Wednesday: 12 classes for \$192  
 Thursday: 14 classes for \$224

Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00

Thursday 9:30-11:30

Drop in fee - \$ 20



Location: Rosedale United Church - 159 Roxborough Dr. – corner of Glen Road and Roxborough Dr.

Call Karen Bryant in the church office at 924-0725 Ext. 21 for more information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesdays, Sept 14 – Nov 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays, Sept 15– Dec 15 \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which session and return together with payment to the church office.

