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## Ministers' Message

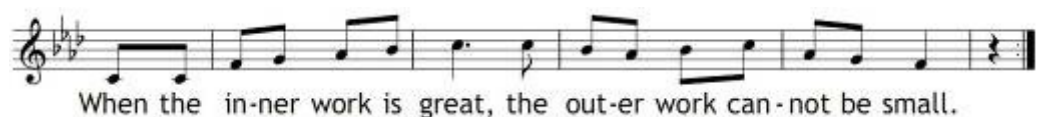
by Vicki Obedkoff and Hans van Nie

Easter celebrates the Christian conviction that the person of Jesus Christ is alive in the community of Jesus' followers. Christians believe Jesus of Nazareth lived on Earth in an intimate kinship with God, the author of all goodness and love. Jesus was not appreciated as such by those who controlled the world of his time and when Jesus was still quite young he was sentenced to death as a common criminal and executed by crucifixion. Three days after his death, several of his friends had encounters with a mysterious presence they recognized as being the person of Jesus. Soon afterwards they realized that in spite of Jesus' physical death, the presence of God-in-Christ was not wiped out and the person of Jesus re-appeared and remained with the followers of Jesus. Christians call this eternal presence of Jesus, the "Risen Christ," who was said to be "raised from the dead" on the first Easter morning.

It is not easy to explain or understand the details of the Easter story or the presence of the Risen Christ. One way to appreciate Easter is to experience the story through the liturgies of the services during Lent and Holy Week. At Trinity-St. Paul's, our Lenten services are reflecting on the biblical stories of persons who had encounters in one way or another with Jesus. These encounters honoured the "essential selves" of these people - their identity as creatures created in the image of God. In the Wednesday evening Lenten study sessions we are also connecting with our essential selves, doing the "inner work", which gives us a taste of the abundant life Jesus talked so much about. Ultimately, our goal is to embrace an Easter lifestyle - to live a life empowered by the gifts of the Spirit which animate our spirits when we allow the energy of the Risen Christ to have its way with us.

May this Lent and Easter season bring new energy to all of us and may we be open to the generosity of the Risen Christ as we celebrate and cultivate the gifts of the Spirit in our individual lives and in our life together.

Vicki Obedkoff and Hans van Nie



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### Lenten Series:

**Wed, Mar 30 - 07:00 p.m.**

*When the Inner Work is Great, the  
Outer Work cannot be small  
With Sonya Wu-Winter*

**Wed, April 6 - 07:00 p.m.**

*An Experiential night centered on  
the Restorative Circle process  
With Lois Kunkel*

**Wed, April 13 - 07:00 p.m.**

*Moving to the Centre:  
Walking the Labyrinth  
With Alison Morrow*

### Holy Week Services:

**Sunday, April 17 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Palm Sunday Service*

**Thursday, April 21 - 6:30 p.m.**

*Maundy Thursday at Bloor Street  
United Church*

**Friday, April 22 – 10:30 a.m**

*Good Friday Service*

**Sunday, April 24 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Easter Sunday*

## **The Season of Lent**

The season of Lent calls us to explore the essence of our faith. We enter a journey into the depths of our spirituality to confront questions about the meaning of life and death; and to immerse ourselves in the mystery of God's presence and purposes in relation to our personal lives and all of creation. This journey *into* the depths also provokes us to live renewed lives *out of* the depths of the spiritual foundation that we rediscover in the Lenten experience, anticipating the celebration of new life that comes with Easter.

Lent is a time for meditation and prayer, a time for renewing our commitment to live with integrity in our relationships and in our public witness. Lent is a time to affirm and to celebrate the wonder of life.

### **Lenten Series Detail**

*Trinity St. Paul's United Church and Centre for Faith Justice and Arts are pleased to offer a series of evenings designed to support you on your Lenten journey. This year, TSP's Lenten activities theme is:*  
**"Connecting with our Essence"**

***The Inner Work is Great, the Outer Work cannot be small  
with Sonya Wu-Winter***

Drawing on the work of 20<sup>th</sup> century American theologian Howard Thurman, this session will explore the connection between our inner and outer work. We will have time to reflect on several images of the inner life and, as Thurman says, the "hunger of the human spirit" for communion with God, self and the world. There will be space for quiet reflection and the option to share insights with the gathered group. RSVP to [swu728@yahoo.ca](mailto:swu728@yahoo.ca)

**Moving to the Centre: Walking the Labyrinth  
with Alison Morrow**

The labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation, which can be seen as a symbolic pilgrimage. Walking a labyrinth can express our yearning to walk toward God - moving toward the still centre to hear what the Beloved is saying to us. Labyrinths can be used for prayer and meditation, to calm ourselves, to find healing or a sense of peace and clarity, to celebrate, to relieve stress, and to express emotions such as grief, fear, joy or gratitude. Join us to learn the history of the labyrinth, from prehistory to the present time, and to discover some of the spiritual symbolism of the labyrinth. There will be time to remember and reflect, and for those who wish to share our own personal experiences of walking the labyrinth. RSVP to [Alison.Morrow@utoronto.ca](mailto:Alison.Morrow@utoronto.ca).



## Healing Rivers: “Where Hydrodology meets Theology and Bible meets Bioregion”

By: Vicki Obedkoff - REFLECTIONS ON HER STUDY LEAVE

When we thirst, our bodies want re-hydration. Can we think of re-hydration in terms of redemption? In the bible, fresh flowing water is the ultimate metaphor for redemption. Does the Trinity, God’s creating, redeeming, responsive love, at work in our world today, resemble a water molecule? This unique molecule allows water to exist in three forms, settles in low place (unlike globalized capital which flows upward to high places) and seeks out rounded forms. It cannot be destroyed but can be degraded.

You may be thinking, “Sounds like California-speak.” In early February I attended *Watershed Seminary*, hosted by the Bartimaeus Co-operative Ministries in Oak View, CA. Our leaders, Mennonite bible scholars and restorative justice workers, Ched Myers and Elaine Enns are building a “watershed discipleship alliance”.

My call to Christian discipleship was widened and deepened through my learning ways to love and to save our watersheds by working with others. Seventeen of us were young adults with permaculture and organic farming skills and a significant portion were city folks from Catholic worker communities or congregations. We met in a modest community centre in the heart of the small, working class town of Oak View just 1.5 hours north of Los Angeles. We watched children playing after school and residents tending the common gardens from the wide windows of our room, just a few short blocks from Ched and Elaine’s place where we enjoyed local food (sweet potato and bean tacos, sea bass, and tulas -a tomato-tasting cactus vegetable.) Oak View is nestled within the back-country coastal foothills covered with chaparral (a mix of native habitat including over 20 kinds of oak). Last year only twelve inches of rain fell on this still beautiful yet increasingly thirsty town.

“Solastalgia” is a term used for the pain one experiences when they recognize a place they is under assault. It is like having homesickness while still living in one’s home place (George McKibbin, “Looking for a Cure for Solastalgia”, Ontario Planning Journal, March-April 2010). Ched is a fifth

generation southern Californian who has seen too many of his beloved places bulldozed, paved over, and disfigured into condos. He focuses his fierce grief and rage into the constructive work of learning about, tending and healing his home bioregion. He and Elaine left the inner city of Los Angeles for Oak View five years ago. They believe the most important theological and practical journey of our time is to restore our sense of place in and on the land. How do the practices of our church re-place themselves in our watershed? Test your watershed awareness by taking “The Big Here” quiz. ([www.kk.org/cooltools/archives/000957.php](http://www.kk.org/cooltools/archives/000957.php))

On our first day in Oak View we headed down to the Ventura River on Rivers and Stones (Joshua 3-4) for a bible study. In small groups we worked on mapping our home watersheds. The film ([www.watershedrevolution.com](http://www.watershedrevolution.com)) produced by the Surf Rider Foundation gave us a new respect for local organized surfers working to save their watersheds. Think about where you live: somewhere there is a creek, river or stream, perhaps buried under concrete. Your watershed represents the journey from the water’s source across the landscapes it flows through to where it drains. It may include rivers, ponds, farms and cities, groundwater and lakes. See the watershed as a cradle, a holy container that collects the precious water of streams and rivers that sometimes makes its way into the ocean. Each watershed is a unique mix of habitats in which all living things are inextricably linked by their water course. Think of it as a *basin of relations*. As the *titanic* of cheap energy sinks, we can see our watersheds as our lifeboats.

On one of our daily field trips we went to the *Community Roots Garden project* at North Oxnard United Methodist Church. In past, the congregation turned its sizeable grounds over to the project while continuing to pay the monthly \$300 water bill. Their blessing flourishes in the form of luscious organic strawberries and happy people eating together at long communal outdoor tables. It was a joy hearing the story of a small, aging church turning its expansive lawns over to Mixtec indigenous farm-workers displaced from Oaxaca, Mexico, and to young people committed to

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community gardening. The Mixtec, laboring for agribusiness without land of their own, feel welcome at this site to grow their own food and host cultural celebrations. The *Day of the Dead* festival attracts many neighbors who find it healing to be involved in the gardens. As we left the site, a neighbor waved from his pick-up truck. He comes daily with his developmentally challenged son to work and delight in the garden. There is no fence, no fee, no permission required. The neighborhood surrounding the church is quietly claiming the garden as shared life.

One surprising and refreshing bible study was on Isaiah 35: 6-7, about the classic trophies of the prophetic vision of redemption as rehydration. Prophets of the late bronze-age Canaan, 3,000 years ago, understood this as they watched the Empire's de-forestation devastate their watershed and turn it into desert. For these prophets, the end of Empire equals the end of de-hydration. In Rev. 21:6, the biblical vision of redemption is not an escape up into the sky from "this vale of tears", but is Heaven coming down to Earth when right relations are restored and all is rehydrated. Rev. 22: 1-2 speaks of the brightest crystal, river of life, flowing through the centre (Main Street, accessible to all), watering trees of fruit and healing herbs. Empire leaves martyrs' bodies unburied in the streets. Now the blood was washed off by the "river of water of life" flowing down the centre of the city.

John, the author of Revelations and a political prisoner on the island of Patmos, re-contextualizes Ezekiel's prophetic vision of the river flowing from all four directions, like in Eden. The oracle of Ezekiel 47:1-12 and 48 may be seen as a fully bioregional vision of redemption. He writes of a river bringing life and freshness wherever it goes... for all living things.... For John, the whole Creation is now the Temple of God.

Ched challenged us to re-hydrate our understanding of baptism. Why not go down to the river and be immersed? When we draw near flowing water, it's like being "born again". We leave totally energized by the negative ions spun by vortexes of swirling water. John and Jesus's baptism is a radical ritual of re-identifying with the prophetic call to turn things around in the right direction.

Why was I drawn to the course? Learning about,

loving and saving our watershed sounded like one way to live into our TSP climate justice policy. Some of us have history with organizing around water issues: remember how CUPE, KAIROS, and the Council of Canadians involved us in successfully fending off the privatization of Toronto's water delivery? I passionately love river swimming in the Central Columbia watershed, the bioregion where I was raised. I thought the deep green clean Slocan River was a timeless gift to generations of children to come. Now a B.C. government plan for "run of the river" de-centralized power production and storage will wreak havoc with water levels and the eco system. The plan facilitates the privatization of creeks and properties are being snapped up by investors like Warren Buffet, who foresee exporting fresh water to places south - like Oxnard, for example, as the aquifer under that flat agribusiness plain dries up. We were promised exports of Canadian fresh water were excluded from the NAFTA deal. But, "run of the river" could be an end-run. Once fresh water is exported from one part of Canada, all bioregions are open for plunder under ghastly globalized trading rules

How can we deepen our watershed consciousness at TSP? Elaine challenges us to extend the concept of restorative justice to healing rivers and bioregions. If it's true that the "least of these among us" (Matthew 18:10) have a privileged place with God, are we not urgently called to care for the disappearing species of Creation and the elements of Creation itself?

Some of you have beloved country places where you are already engaged with your watershed. Jim Ball, minister at Harcourt United in Guelph where Sonya Wu-Winter and her family now attend, was on the course. He is inspired to create land trusts where possible in the Guelph area, particularly as the city's green plan is under threat. What are the opportunities for TSP, Harcourt United and other congregations to support land trusts? There is a coming "perfect storm" of cheap energy ending and imports of food from large-scale operations in southern California ending as the aquifers are drawn down. We need to wake up to bioregional food and fresh water sufficiency. What steps can we take to "come into our watershed?"

## Is it a heart attack? If you are a woman, will you know?

By Linda Dawn Pettigrew

Most of us know that chest pain or pressure is a key symptom of a heart attack. The pain in the chest may feel crushing and/or radiate to one or both arms. Shortness of breath and heavy sweating are other common symptoms. Women having a heart attack are somewhat more likely to have other symptoms too - nausea, pain in the jaw, neck, shoulder, back or ear, and a feeling of intense anxiety. Surprisingly, a recent study found that one-third of people having a heart attack, including women, don't have chest pain.

More than one study has shown that women are less likely to identify their own heart attack symptoms and thus may postpone seeking help. Recently a study conducted at the University of Washington and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle showed that women are in danger of mislabeling their symptoms - perhaps passing them off as indigestion, food poisoning or the onset of flu. Few women recognize that nausea and shortness of breath might signal a heart attack. Amazingly, only about one-quarter of the women with common symptoms said that they'd call 911 or go to the hospital. The typical response was to do

nothing or try to call a doctor - both of which can seriously or even fatally delay treatment. Reaching your doctor may take time, and then he/she will no doubt tell you to call 911.

Most women have not been educated about the less common symptoms of a heart attack. And even if they have chest pain and other classic symptoms, they may believe that heart attacks are a man's disease. They see breast cancer as their biggest enemy - and this misconception may contribute to misinterpreting heart attack symptoms. Heart disease is still the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S. and Canada, and women's risk of heart attack rises sharply after menopause.

For men and women - or anybody assisting a person with symptoms - the first goal is to get expert medical help as fast as possible. Don't panic. Call 911 and report that you are having a heart attack. Don't drive yourself to the hospital.

A heart attack is one situation where survival depends on getting the right help - fast.

## Youth on Bloor

By: Sheryl Johnson - Coordinator

The Youth on Bloor has been very active thus far in 2011! We have been meeting primarily at Bloor St. United and this has engaged some more youth from that congregation. Our programming has involved Bible study, a Lenten film study involving reflection on clips from documentaries about consumerism and violence, and a discussion on religion and current events with Emma Prestwich, a journalism student and TSP member. Special events have included assisting with the very successful Shrove Tuesday dinner at Bloor St. United, painting a Christian Education room at Bloor St., participating in the service at Bathurst United, assisting with preparing supper for the community contra dance at TSP, and going to Snakes and Lattes, a local board game café! As you can see, it's been a busy few months with lots of going on.

Looking to the coming months, we will continue with regular Sunday morning meetings until June 19<sup>th</sup> and in the summer be going on a canoe trip, led by Bob Savaria! We will also begin to fundraise and plan for our trip to a Dene community in the Northwest Territories in the summer of 2012.

All youth aged 12 and older are most welcome to join in our programming! For more information, please contact Sheryl at [Sheryl.Johnson@utoronto.ca](mailto:Sheryl.Johnson@utoronto.ca)

## Property Committee Updates

By: Bob Fugere, Chair Property Committee

To take up the Board's challenge to focus our work on producing some alternative strategies to make our whole operation sustainable, the Property Committee has calculated a rough financial target for a sustainable operation and begun researching three potential avenues. We continue with both the major maintenance responsibility as well as pursuing ongoing marketing approaches, but have had to put the staffing review task on hold.

The Treasurer's Report to the AGM underlined our continuing need to draw down about \$100,000 per year from our trust funds to mainly cover ongoing capital building costs. In order to replace this drawdown as well as to build a firmer basis for handling future capital expenditures, we need to bring in \$200,000 each year over and above our expenditures in order to be financially sustainable. [Susan Craig's Report suggested that we also have a critical problem with volunteer leadership].

Members of the Committee are now researching three avenues for addressing this challenge:

1) Greater Use/Income from Available Spaces:

We are actively seeking out one or two "anchor tenants" (like Tafelmusik and Toronto Consort) who would require regular use of our most income-producing space, the Sanctuary. We have prepared an attractive brochure to assist us in this search. We welcome any suggestions of likely candidates from congregational members.

Brian Stewart is updating our two-year old study of actual room costs compared with present room rental income. This study, considered against comparable rates in our neighbourhood, could lead to adjustment of rental rates.

2) Outreach to Other Congregations:

We are seeking out other religious and United Church groups who could be interested in becoming a major tenant at TSP. Here too we welcome your suggestions.

3) Public Funding for Community Services:

We are investigating what social services TSP could provide for which we might receive municipal or provincial funding (such as service to seniors).

In order to propose some areas of expense reduction for the 2012 budget, we are working closely with the Stewardship Committee that was charged with reviewing our annual budget. As well, we are working with the CFJA efforts to broaden the community's use, in general, of our facilities.

You can assist with this overall challenge by taking a few moments to think about any ideas you may have or connections that could assist us in our search.

Many thanks,  
Bob Fugere



## *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why;*

*Book Review by John Klassen*

The author, Phyllis Tickle, looks at Christianity in a broad sweep of history and locates us today in “a moment of great opportunity and challenge”. Looking at the emergence of the church through history is helpful because it takes us out of crisis or survival mode. In this swirling time it is important to realize major transitions are a part of the church’s story. She uses the image that it is as if “every five hundred years or so the church cleans out its attic and has a giant rummage sale”.

Of course, whenever two or three are gathered in this process of cleaning-out there will be congregations or ecclesial units and/or individuals who will aggressively dedicate themselves and their resources to reversing all the changes that enabled, and were continuing to enable, this emergence to take place; for the paradigm shift to occur. She illustrates the attempts to label, and put into boxes, prevailing theological trends such as: social gospel Christians, evangelical Christians, liturgical Christians, as though these could be clearly separated when indeed what has emerged is semi-permeable lines of division that mean to suggest places on a spectrum rather than absolute boundaries.

Around the question, “Where now is our authority,” she tells an interesting story while weaving tensions amongst the various theologies. In times of upheaval this is the question. She believes our response(s) to this question, regarding authority, will be similar to times past: One group will be quite clear that sola scriptura is the foundational base from which all authority flows. Another group will honour the scriptures but not be limited by the old book, believing the Spirit is not

so contained. And yet another group will find they are suspicious of any direct revelation that has not been filtered through the interpretation of those called and ordained to such discerning.

As the emerging church struggles with the question of authority, it has to find a way to bring these various theologies and view points into a “gathering centre”. At each of these “hinge times” in the life of the church, the faith community has been sucked along by the culture. “At any given time, the political structure of one has always been reflected in the other”.

The author suggests that in the church and society today we still ask the question, “where do we look for authority; what is the ground of our faith? Some respond by saying, “in scripture and in community”. Holding the two together is not easy because it means continuously living in the tension. And in the emerging church this will be a conversation, not a monologue.

*“The duty, the challenge, the joy and excitement of the Church and for Christians who compose her, then, is in discovering what it means to believe that the kingdom of God is within one and in understanding that one is thereby a pulsating, vibrating bit in a much greater network”.*

*Thus when pinned down and forced to answer the question, “What is emergent or Emerging Church?” most will answer, “A conversation”.*

### **Be the Change: Towards a Green and Just Society**

Supported by the Green Awakening Network, this discussion series will focus on exploring issues of climate change, ecological responsibility, and social justice through the perspective of our Christian faith. We encourage participating congregations to invite members of other local faith communities / traditions as well as local residents to participate. Contact Christine Wong - [cjayewong@sympatico.ca](mailto:cjayewong@sympatico.ca) or Vicky - [vobedkoff@trinitystpauls.ca](mailto:vobedkoff@trinitystpauls.ca).

When: Thursday, April 28, May 5, May 19, May 26, June 2: 7pm  
Where: Trinity - St. Paul's United Church, 427 Bloor Street West, Toronto

Facilitated by TSP and Bathurst United Members

## Why Sing?

*"Through music our breath becomes sound, revealing both inner feelings and our deeper connection to all life, human and non-human... It is spirit totally embodied, a challenge to any notion of a body/mind split."*

*Deborah Barndt in The Women's Daybook, 2005*

Here are some reasons why I sing with and teach songs to students:

1. Singing is a fun way to practice the sounds of a language, its music - the stress, intonation and rhythm
2. Singing together builds community as it connects us to others
3. Singing grounds us in the present by connecting us to ourselves
4. Singing is a safe way to describe how you feel in song
5. Singing in group can create content and express association
6. Singing helps develop Voice
7. Singing is freeing and free of charge; you can do it almost anywhere.
8. Singing can be joyful even when its sad
9. Singing is comforting
10. Singing can be inspirational
11. Singing is healing;

There are 9 healing elements of music:

- Drone, a long uninterrupted sound on a single pitch can touch the human organism in a specific area and disperse blockages relieving tensions e.g. organs
- Repetition e.g. vocal chanting creates a healing modality
- Harmonics help to balance the physical body with the unseen human elements - emotional, mental, spiritual
- Rhythm's function in healing duplicates a healthy pulse
- Harmony is the emotional content of music; intervals can also bring diseased organs' molecular relationships into harmony
- Melody helps us transcend pain by engaging the mind
- Instrumental Colours i.e. timbres penetrate the physical body at specific locations balancing auric layers
- Form, or design of a song determines the direction of a listener or singer, acting as a sedative e.g. music in cyclical forms may be most useful in the guided imagery process or a one-on-one or group therapy process whereby music helps heal mental, emotional, physical and spiritual dis-ease.
- Intent. Purity of heart and mind heals. Singing is spiritual.

\* Studying music at an early age is said to permanently wire the brain for success in math and science.

*Adapted by Linda Dawn Pettigrew from Kay Gardner's article Music as Medicine in Ms Magazine Jul/Aug 1991.*



## 2010 Christmas Pageant

Comments by: Sheryl Johnson - Youth on Bloor Coordinator, Photos by Vivianti Santosa

This year's Christmas Pageant, the third of the series written by David Craig, was a fantastic success! It was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 during our morning service. The Pageant was a two parts act. Performed by Youth on Bloor, the first part dealt with issues around the development of the nativity story as seen through the lens of the early Christian church, particularly with regards to the influences and identities of various gospel writers. The second part, a TSP's traditional Pageant with Agnes the lamb, was performed by TSP's Children's Church. Many of the youth from *Youth on Bloor* actively participated in the play's planning/ writing process, and extensive rehearsals throughout the weeks.



## Announcements

### **An introduction to Diverse Spiritual Traditions**

Various forms of meditation; yoga philosophy, Native-based ceremony, Pagan celebration of the Spring Equinox, Aikido and various approaches to prayer/healing words. Come and connect with others who are on a similar path and enrich/expand your existing spiritual practice(s).

**When:** Tuesday evenings (8 weeks)  
**Dates:** Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011,  
**Time:** 7:30 - 9:00 pm.  
**Contact:** Louise Gabrielle [louise@gabrielle1.ca](mailto:louise@gabrielle1.ca)  
 Tel: 416-964-1221

### **Green Awakening Network and Greening Social Spaces**

**What:** Joint annual networking and training event  
**Where:** St George's United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd (Eglinton)  
**When:** Sat & Sun, March 26th-27th.  
**Topics:** Energy Efficiency for Faith Buildings  
 Retrofits and Incentives for 2011  
 Community Gardening: A Fresh Idea for Faith Communities  
 Scripture, Creation, and Ecological Responsibility  
 Environmental Advocacy and Faith and much more!

Register on-line at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1240655835/mcivte>

To receive a registration form: Call (905) 771-5124 x.25 or Email: [greenawakening@tucc.ca](mailto:greenawakening@tucc.ca)

### **CELEBRATION of the ministry of Joan Wyatt on the occasion of her retirement**

All are welcome to join us for worship at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor where Joan will preach and Peter Wyatt, preside.

**When:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011,  
**Where:** Emmanuel College, Main Floor, Room 119  
**Time:** 3:00 pm.

Please RSVP Betsy Anderson at 416-813-4096 or email [betsy.anderson@utoronto.ca](mailto:betsy.anderson@utoronto.ca).

### **Holy Ground: Pastoral Care of the Dying and Bereaved**

To provide participants with an opportunity for reflection on their professional and personal concerns and experiences in dealing with death and grief. It offers opportunity to explore the personal, theoretical and theological aspects of caring for the dying and bereaved.

**With:** Anne Simmonds  
**Dates:** March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
**Where:** Emmanuel College  
**Fee:** Students are half price and two or more from a congregation receive a 15% discount.

For more information go to [www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/coned/Continuing\\_Education](http://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/coned/Continuing_Education)

[http://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/coned/Continuing\\_Education\\_Events/Holy\\_Ground\\_Pastoral\\_Care\\_of\\_the\\_Dying\\_and\\_Bereaved.htm](http://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/coned/Continuing_Education_Events/Holy_Ground_Pastoral_Care_of_the_Dying_and_Bereaved.htm) or Contact Betsy Anderson at 416-813-4096 or [betsy.anderson@utoronto.ca](mailto:betsy.anderson@utoronto.ca).

**Arvo Part's BERLINER MASS & COMMUNION****When:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m.**Performing:** Trinity-St. Paul's Choir, VIVA! Youth Choir & Talisker Players

The Berliner Mass was composed in 1990 by the Estonian composer Arvo Part, scored for choir and string orchestra. It is known for using a musical style originating with Part called "tintinnabuli" -- meaning bells. Some voices sing the intervals of a chord, sounding like bells, while other voices move step-wise, much like a sung chant.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM****Created By:** Pastoral Care Team**Purpose:** To connect you to family and/or friends in times of medical emergency**Created For:** Those of us who live alone and/or who have family far away or who are not involved in TSP**Available:** Copies can be obtained at the Welcome Table from the Church Office or Pastoral Care Team**Note:** Information is securely filed in our church office. Also, you may want to keep a card in your wallet which contains same information.

The SCMs at U of T and York are delighted to invite us to their year-end Gala:

**SCM WORK CAMPS: LEGEND AND LEGACY**

Betsy Anderson received the United Church's McGeachy Senior Scholarship in 2008 to research and write the History of Howland House, a SCM Co-op House in Toronto from 1953 - 1975. Howland House grew out of the SCM's Summer Student-in-Industry Work Camps and Betsy will share some of the of the work camp story as background to her Howland House research.

**Date:** Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 6 pm**Where:** University of Toronto Multi-Faith Centre, 569 Spadina Crescent**Tickets:** \$20 Friends of SCM,**Contacts:** e-mail or telephone ahead for catering estimate:[uoft@scmcanada.org](mailto:uoft@scmcanada.org) or phone Audrey Tobias at 416-423-8523**Evening:** 6:00 pm - Mingling, registration, and delicious finger foods

6:30 pm - Presentation by Betsy Anderson, followed by Q &amp; A

7:30 pm - More hot hors d'oeuvres and desserts

7:45 pm - Sing-Along of songs old and new, accompanied by the piano stylings of the talented Bruce Douville

**EMPIRE UNPACKED: AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP****When:** Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**Where:** Studio at Trinity St. Paul's United Church**Join:** Facilitator Rusa Jeremic and others for a hands-on, informative exploration of systems of Empire and oppression at work in our world today.**NOTE:** All are welcome at no cost. Light lunch/refreshments will be served - donations accepted.

## New Play Explores Restorative Justice

On Sunday, March 20, Roseneath Theatre and Trinity-St. Paul's Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts turned the spotlight on restorative justice with a dramatic reading of a new one-act play by award-winning playwright David S Craig.

Based on two years of research, *Tough Case* was a gritty, fast moving dramatization of restorative justice in action. The reading featured a cast of professional actors directed by Richard Greenblatt (*Two Pianos/Four Hands*). A Q&A with the playwright and Harry Nigh, a Community Chaplain with Correctional Services Canada, followed.

The story line and acting were excellent in portraying the process of restorative justice, and how effective this process can be in healing both the victim and the person charged with the offence.



*Tough Case* was commissioned by the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Association. It will be produced and tour in Nova Scotia this spring and headline an international restorative justice conference in Halifax in June.

*Restorative justice is an approach to justice that focuses on addressing the harm to people and their relationships that result from a wrongful act. Through restorative justice processes, those affected by a crime - the perpetrator(s), the victim(s), their families and support communities, along with representatives of the wider community - are given the opportunity to come together. They discuss what happened in order to understand what harm was caused and to make a plan for making it better. As part of Lenten series, on April 6<sup>th</sup>, Lois Kulkel will lead a reflection on Restorative Justice circle process.*

### The Toronto Silent Film Festival and Robert Bruce Present: F.W. Murnau's 1926 Silent Film "Faust"

Here is a rare opportunity to see one of the masterpieces of the silent film era. If you have never experienced a fine silent film with first rate musical accompaniment, this is your chance. Accompanying the film, will be Live Piano Score by Composer Robert Bruce.

When: Thursday, April 7, 2011 @ 7:30 pm - doors open at 7:00 pm  
 Where: Trinity - St. Paul's United Church  
 427 Bloor Street West, Toronto  
 Tickets: \$15 each regular - \$12 seniors and students  
 Contact: <<http://www.robertbrucemusic.com/>>

The Murnau's classic 1926 silent film is the closing program for the 2011 Toronto Silent Film Festival. Robert Bruce has been presenting his Live Music/Silent Film programs since 2002 and "Faust" is perhaps his most striking in terms of the synergy between music and film having a deep and haunting effect

## About the TSP Times

The TSP Times is a tri-monthly newsletter for members and friends of Trinity-St. Paul's United Church and CFJA. Submissions from all members of the congregation are welcome. Please email your items to Sarah Landry, Editor at [BuyAndSellWithSarah@yahoo.com](mailto:BuyAndSellWithSarah@yahoo.com) by Friday, **June 24th, 2011** for the next issue. **Layout: Vivi Santosa**

## Are you on the List?

TSP has an on-line **list serve** that sends out information on activities, upcoming events, the weekly announcements, and other items of interest to people at TSP. You can get each email **message or a daily digest. It is an easy way to keep track of what is going on. To join the list serve, log into the website.** (You will need to register if you haven't already) On the right side of the page, there is a grey box with your name at the top of it. Click on the "My Account / Mailing Lists" link. Scroll down to TSP list on the left and click on the button for emails. Then you too can be up-to-date!

Alternatively, you can go to: <http://lists.trinitystpauls.ca/listinfo.cgi/tsplist-trinitystpauls.ca> and provide your name and e-mail.

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