

JULY 24th, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Upper Room** booklets for **JULY/AUGUST** are now available at no charge. (They are on the wall near the piano.) Copies of the **JULY Observer** are in the same magazine holder as the **Upper Room** and are also free.

The Centering Prayer sessions are on Wednesday at 1:30pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Do you have a few hours a month to give to Ellesmere? We are looking for volunteers to be a presence in our church on **Tuesdays, 10 am to 2 pm**. We have a loyal team in place, but a few more volunteers would make the rotating schedule much lighter! Help us keep our doors open to the community! Please speak to Eleanor or Joanne if you can assist.

July 24 — The Karing Kitchen

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me.”—Matthew 25:40

The Karing Kitchen, which operates out of St. John’s United Church in Moncton, New Brunswick, has been feeding people since 1985. With the support of neighbouring churches of many denominations, the ecumenical kitchen is open five days a week to provide hearty meals to a wide cross-section of society. In 2010, the Karing Kitchen celebrated its 25th anniversary with a Celebrity Chef campaign, in which local and visiting celebrities, including Wildcats athletes, local business owners, and politicians, helped out at the kitchen as chefs and volunteers.

The compassion of Jesus, lived through the volunteers, donors, and staff will, in the next year, provide over 100,000 meals (about 500 meals a day for 300 patrons*) of soup and salad; a hot main course; dessert; and coffee, tea, and juice.

The gifts we give Sunday by Sunday through Mission and Service allow us to reach out to people who are less fortunate than we are.

Thank you for supporting the hospitality of Moncton’s Karing Kitchen.

Together, we carry out the work of our United Church. Make a difference! Join the partnership! Support the work of the Mission and Service Fund today.

Fell Burn Sunday Service. On **Sunday July 31**, we will be hosting the Sunday service at Fellburn Care Centre. Fellburn is located at 6050 E. Hastings St. You can take the bus or drive there. The 135 SFU bus from UniverCity will take you there in about 15 minutes, where you will get off at Fell Avenue.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this year’s “**Silver Wheaton Golf for the Homeless Community**”. This sold out event was a **huge success** raising over \$75,000.00. The money raised will go directly to support the programs and services of First United Church, helping those most in need within our community.

Prayer Group Meetings. There will be three meetings throughout the week for the prayer groups. Sunday’s prayer group with Erin will be 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tuesday’s prayer group with Lois will be 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Thursday’s prayer group with Barbara is 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. All meetings will take place in Ellesmere United Church.

Sunny Days Are Coming. First United needs sun hats and sun screen products for members of the community. Donations of sunhats and sun screen products etc. would be greatly appreciated by community members. Please call Amanda Pellerine at 604-681-8365 ext 126 or e-mail amanda.pellerine@firstunited.ca

Donations for Emergency Food Bags. First United would greatly appreciate donations for the community: canned fish, tuna, salmon, sardines, canned meats, 9-grain pasta, rice, and pasta. Please call Linda Ostrom (604) 290- 8417, lostrom@firstunited.ca.