

OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The *Upper Room* booklets for **NOV/DEC** are now available at no charge. (They are on the wall near the piano.) Copies of the **OCTOBER 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 and Thursday at 4:00 pm.
- **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 Joanne if you can assist.
- *Fellburn Care Centre*. Today, **Sunday October 30**, there will be a service held by Ellesmere United Church at Fellburn Care Centre. We will meet by the old organ at **2:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.** The place is easily accessible with the 135 SFU bus. The care centre is located on the corner of Fell Ave. and Hastings St. Please arrive early for set up and greetings.
- **Council Meeting**. We will meet briefly after service today, 12 pm-1 pm.
- **Presbytery will meet next Tuesday November 1**. Location TBA.

*October 30 — A Fresh Start*

Moving into a community housing project can be frightening. Some residents come as new Canadians—recent immigrants and refugees. Some have trouble finding housing on their own, so community housing is an easier option. Many have special considerations: they may need to develop English-language, job, or life skills; they may need counseling; they may have health issues.

Limberlost, in northwest London, is one such development. In its 160 townhouses are many residents with the needs described above. The Limberlost Chaplaincy, staffed by chaplain Susan Boddaert and many volunteers, offers these residents hope.

Services at Limberlost include counselling and crisis support; an emergency pantry and clothing boutique; health services; housing services; help with government forms; ESL classes; events for youth; recreation and music lessons; tutoring; and parenting classes.

The centre holds coffee gatherings, English-language discussion groups, leadership-training classes for youth, and flu and dental clinics. Limberlost Chaplaincy's mission is to help all families (traditional and non-traditional) find a better life through access to educational, spiritual, and community support.

The Limberlost Chaplaincy is committed to giving people a fresh start and a future of faith and hope. Its work is supported by your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund. Give generously.

*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.*

*Donations for Emergency Food Bags.* First United would greatly appreciate donations for the community: canned fish, tuna, salmon, sardines, canned meats, 9-grain pasta (except lasagne), rice, pasta sauce, stovetop stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pork and beans, canned ravioli, dry noodle soups, cake mixes, cooking oil, canned milk, table condiments, mayonnaise, and just-add-water pancake mix. Please call Linda Ostrom (604) 290- 8417, [lostrom@firstunited.ca](mailto:lostrom@firstunited.ca).

*The Camp Hurlburt Association and Rebuild Committee of Trinity United Church.* This church is located in Vernon, BC. They are applying for the Aviva Community Fund Grant of \$149,000. This grant is intended to redevelop the camp's site, buildings, and programming so that the youth and young children attending this camp will continue to have the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with God. You can make a difference by voting between October 24 and November 9, <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf10943> You are allowed 15 votes, 1 a day. Please vote everyday!

*Thinking about Ministry?* Come and Explore your Call at Naramata Centre this November for a weekend of Discernment in November 18-20. The cost is \$75, and this includes travel, program, meals and accommodation. BC Conference is introducing the Candidacy Pathway, a new way of preparing for ministry. This retreat is the first step on the path to ministry, regardless of the type of ministry that you feel called to. You will have an opportunity to explore your call in community, to learn about different kinds of ministry, and to understand the denominational processes in beautiful Naramata. To register, contact Brenda Wolff: [bwolff@bc.united-church.ca](mailto:bwolff@bc.united-church.ca)

*Tent of Meeting.* The Spirit Life Worship Group is holding a worship time at Ramada Hotel and Suites on **Friday November 4, 7:30 pm**, 3484 Kingsway. If you'd like to worship the Lord, you are welcome to join them!

*Greater Van Gogos.* On **Saturday November 5**, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. **1181 Seymour St.** will host a craft fair. Attendance at the craft fair is free, and there will be a film to see for \$15.00 at 1:00 p.m., *Life Above All*, based on the book by Alan Stratton. You can phone *Tickets Tonight* **(604) 684-2787** or purchase your film tickets online, <http://www.ticketstonight.ca>. Greater Vancouver Gogos is a network of 23 grandmother groups in metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, sunshine Coast, and Bowen Island that direct fundraising efforts to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. We stand in support of the grandmothers who are served by projects in 15 sub-Saharan African countries and the children in their care. In just over five years, more than \$12 million has been raised for community-based projects that help grandmothers secure a brighter, healthier future for their grandchildren. Over 240 grandmother groups Canada and thousands of women are involved. All proceeds will go to the **Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.**

*Emily Armstrong Meeting.* The meeting will cover details about the Christmas Party. Shirley will host the meeting in her home on **Monday November 14, 7:30 p.m.**

*Purdy's Chocolate Orders.* It's that time of year to show how much you appreciate your friends and family! Purdy's chocolates are the perfect gift! Please speak to Verna to place an order. The orders will be taken from **Sunday October 23 to Friday November 18.**

*Duke Ellington Sacred Music Concert.* **Friday November 18, 8:00 p.m.** Featured artists include Dee Daniels, Marcus Mosely, Fred Stride Orchestra, Sacred Music Gospel Choir, Sojourners, and tap dancer Alex Dugdale. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the First United Church of downtown Vancouver. This church helps the people of the Downtown Eastside with provisions of food, shelter, and clothing in a safe environment. Tickets are by general admission \$35, Reserve \$50, and VIP \$100 through the St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, 1012 Nelson St. It is located on the corner of Burrard and Nelson and underground parking is available.  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

*Remit 6.* The revised date to respond to the remit is due **May 15, 2012.** This will allow you as much time as possible for consideration of the remit. Your votes will be counted regardless of whether you use the original forms or the revised forms as long as they are received by **May 15, 2012.** Thank you for your participation in this important work of the church!