



Halloween Party!

Two fortune tellers, Zoe Mattinson and Regena Warner, read palms and made crystal ball predictions.

On Halloween, would you rather visit a Haunted House or an Alien Autopsy Lab? In just a few short hours Emily and Julia Burke, Zoë McNair, and Emma Dorval were inspired by Paul Burke to transform the youth room into an Alien Autopsy Lab. This creepy room included a scientist/storyteller (Emily) and alien body parts (think boiled eggs and sticky spaghetti) including a hand “found in the desert” that moved when you touched it (great “touch” Caitlyn Rolke!). And what Alien Autopsy Lab would be complete without a bowl of Halloween Treats? Only this candy bowl spoke when you reached for a candy and scared more than a few “brave” adults. Way to go Julia; your Mom’s reaction was the best!

Earlier on Halloween Day, TUC youth Morgan Swift and Zoe Mattinson donned their costumes and joined other volunteers to serve at the Street Lunch. Now that’s putting your faith in action!

Although turnout was small, those who attended had a great time and had lots to eat. More than a few of us waddled home afterwards. There were some fascinating costumes but it was tough to decide whether Arnie Kirkeby’s or Chris Von Schoening’s was the most creative. Special thanks to Kristy Burke for all her creativity and hard work at the party.

Leanne Benoit, Intergenerational Minister

Men’s Group Upcoming Christmas Dinners

- Sunday, Dec. 6 Congregational Christmas Turkey Dinner**
Get your tickets in the Narthex before Dec. 4th
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 Alexis Park School Christmas Lunch**

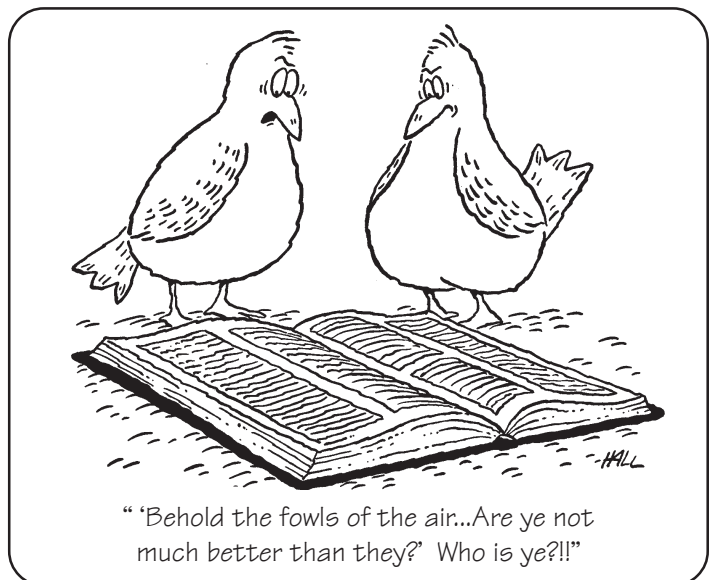
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Deadline for December submissions Sunday, December 6th



The Street Lunch BBQ sponsored by the Men’s Group on Oct. 25th was appreciated by about 125 attendees.



*Above, Sharon Ferguson-Hood and Zoë McNair are enacting the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well on Sunday, Oct. 18th .
Photo by Sandee Carson*





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Minister's Column

Fun, laughter, friendship, food; outreach, service, giving, food; games, movies, sleepovers (now that's a misnomer!), and...you guessed it...more food.

I love my job! Where else can one have that much fun and in the process get to meet some really amazing youth? In the young people I've met here at TUC I have witnessed unbounded creativity; deep caring and support of one another; desire to serve others and give back to the community; and willingness to risk trusting others with our personal stories.

We have lots of fun in youth group, but youth ministry is much more than activities. Youth ministry is about relationships. It's about creating safe communities where we all can be ourselves--no masks, no pretenses. It's about acceptance and non-judgement. It's about mutuality and respect. Youth ministry is a ministry of accompaniment; walking with one another through the fun and games and eating but also being there for one another in tough times. Effective youth ministry provides an atmosphere where, in time, teens can build bonds of support with their peers and where we can hold one another accountable for our words and actions. It is my belief that in relationships and communities such as these, God is revealed *Leanne Benoit*



Pictured above during a recent planning session are (L to R) Kate Sladen, Coby Hamstra and UCW President, Marilyn Erdmann.

The UCW (United Church Women) is all about fellowship! Some of the friendships are decades long and are molded from numerous fundraising activities--which mostly benefit the church. Coby Hamstra joined because she "saw ways I could be of help", and Kate Sladen added that "with all of us working together, we can generate between ten and fifteen thousand per year, which is much more than we could individually afford to give." The UCW contributions go directly towards the relief of operating expenses.

Newcomers can choose between three active units which meet monthly and are mostly distinguished by their meeting times. "The UCW is a great way for women to quickly build new friendships" said Marilyn Erdmann, President. She also maintains you don't have to cook to be part of the fun, but the fellowship really blossoms in the kitchen.

Currently, the UCW caters for funeral receptions, a weekly dinner for certain NOYFS families, a **Blue Christmas dinner on Dec. 19th**, and many other community outreach projects. If you are looking for a fresh opportunity to do community service, do call Marilyn at 250-542-9056; she can help you find the right UCW unit and...your New Best Friend. *Alice Warnes*

Youth Zone -gr.ades 7-9 are welcome!

- Nov. 20 Movie
- Nov. 27 Bowling at Lincoln Lanes
- Dec. 4 Scrapbook Christmas cards
- Dec. 11 Board games & baking

Youth Group - grades 10-12 are welcome!

- Nov. 27 Bowling at Lincoln Lanes 6:30
- Nov. 29 Meet at Bean to Cup 6:30
- Dec. 11 Board games & baking 6:30
- Dec. 13 Pizza & a movie 7:00

Remember the UCW Annual Cookie Sale - Nov. 28th

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• Sunday Morning, December 6th the congregation is being offered a unique play

• **"Born in Bethlehem"**

• written by Don McNair (originally by Luke)

• this widely expanded Christmas Story will amaze you not only with our in-house talent, but with some seldom mentioned danger from Herod's soldiers.

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Do you use Email?

In the future, we would like to send a pdf file of The Tidings to as many as possible by email. Not only will we save paper, but email recipients will get their copy before the Sunday morning distribution. Just send an email to awarnes@shaw.ca and Alice will put you on the list.