

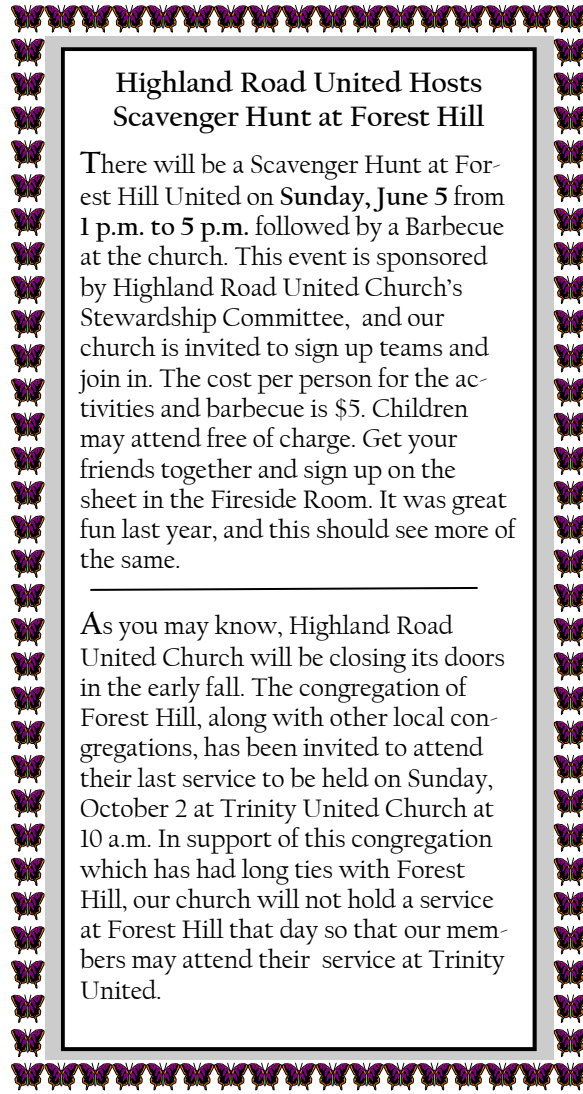
*Enter the temple beautiful,
The house not made with hands.
Rain-washed and green,
Wind-swept and clean,
Beneath the blue it stands.*



If you wish to contact **Rev. Marian** or **Rev. Murray** by email, their Forest Hill email addresses are as follows:

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mariangmcl@bellnet.ca

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**Highland Road United Hosts
Scavenger Hunt at Forest Hill**

There will be a Scavenger Hunt at Forest Hill United on **Sunday, June 5** from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. followed by a Barbecue at the church. This event is sponsored by Highland Road United Church's Stewardship Committee, and our church is invited to sign up teams and join in. The cost per person for the activities and barbecue is \$5. Children may attend free of charge. Get your friends together and sign up on the sheet in the Fireside Room. It was great fun last year, and this should see more of the same.

As you may know, Highland Road United Church will be closing its doors in the early fall. The congregation of Forest Hill, along with other local congregations, has been invited to attend their last service to be held on Sunday, October 2 at Trinity United Church at 10 a.m. In support of this congregation which has had long ties with Forest Hill, our church will not hold a service at Forest Hill that day so that our members may attend their service at Trinity United.

PLEASE NOTE:
Deadline for the September Messenger will be Sunday, August 21 in order to have it in the boxes for pick up on Sunday, August 28. Please leave items in the envelope outside the church office or email Martha Leibbrandt: mcleibbrandt@rogers.com, or phone 519-568-7375.


THE MESSENGER
Celebrating God Being in Community Reaching Out to Others

JUNE 2011

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Director of Music: Peter de Sousa
Office Administrator: Wendy Irvin

HAVE YOU HUGGED A FRIEND TODAY?


*No moving parts, no batteries.
No monthly payments and no fees.
Inflation proof, non-taxable,
In fact, it's quiet relaxable.
Can't be stolen, won't pollute,
One size fits all, do not dilute.
It uses little energy,
but yields results enormously.
Relieves your tension and your stress,
Invigorates your happiness.
Combats depression, makes you beam,
And elevates your self esteem!
Your circulation it corrects
Without unpleasant side effects.
It is, I think, the perfect drug,
May I prescribe, my friend... the HUG!*



There was an elderly woman in our congregation a number of years ago. She was pretty independent. She lived alone in her apartment, had some nieces and nephews not too far out of town, but for the most part she looked after herself...did her own shopping, got to her own hair and medical appointments, and never missed a Sunday at worship. In those days the traditional worship included a time for the 'Passing of the Peace', where the congregation actually got up out of their pews and moved around greeting one another... mostly with the greeting of peace in Christ accompanied by a handshake. (There wasn't much hugging going on in that congregation in those days.) Our friend, the elderly woman, told us once that the passing of the peace was the part of the service she most looked forward to each week because in many of those weeks those few moments during the handshake and exchange of peace were the only moments in the whole week that she had actual physical contact with any other human being. Can you imagine!

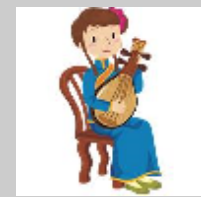
In church and out, never underestimate the value of the human touch. And who knows, maybe in your touch someone will experience the embrace of God when they need it most.

Blessings and hugs!
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2011 Multicultural Festival
Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26
12:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Once again this year, Forest Hill will participate in this Community Festival at Victoria Park in downtown Kitchener on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. We are looking for volunteers to meet and greet visitors in our display tent on the park grounds and tell them about Forest Hill United Church. Shifts aren't onerous—just 2 to 3 hours on either afternoon. Those who helped out last year enjoyed the opportunity to connect with the community in a new way and learned a great deal about other community groups as well.



It was a wonderful Outreach opportunity right in our own region! To volunteer please contact Elizabeth Cresswell by phone 519-748-5288 or email at lizzcress@sympatico.ca

SLAM DOUBLE REDOUBLE
VULNERABLE GORAN STANDARD
AMERICAN

Are these terms part of your vocabulary? If so, or not, perhaps you would be interested in joining the Forest Hill United Church Bridge Club. Let us know by calling Martha and John Milne, 519-745-1447 or leave your name and number with Wendy at the church at 519-744-3481.



ALL PLAYERS AND SUBS!

Please reserve **Friday, September 30** at 7:15 p.m. for our opening night at the church!

UCW Is Having a Party!
Tuesday, June 14
6:15 p.m.

We've invited Olivet, Highland Road and Calvary United UCW members to join us for this last event before the summer—a potluck. Bring your goodies. Dishes and cutlery will be provided. Special speaker for the evening is Rev. Bruce Woods, author of best-selling book, *Between Two Women*, a humorous tale of being raised by his mother and grandmother in Stratford. He has also written a more serious work, *Between Two Worlds*.

An open invitation
to EVERYONE at Forest Hill!

Come join us for Rev. Woods' talk, starting at 7:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Afterwards his books will be for sale for \$20, or \$30 for the two.

Mothers' Day Breakfast


The Men's Breakfast group, which so graciously hosted a breakfast for the ladies of the church on May 8, entertained 31 such, and the scrumptious food and beautiful flowers made everyone feel special!

Pastoral Care Committee

If you are a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lay Visitors or Prayer Group, we hope you will join us on Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. for our appreciation gathering. We want to celebrate your contributions and say thank you. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to murrays@golden.net or Glenna Murray at 519-744-1405.

JUNE 2011 AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sundays: 5, 12, 19, 26**
Morning Services: 9:15 and 11 a.m., except for June 12, see **Specials** and Summer Schedule on page 5.
- Mondays: 6, 13, 20, 27**
Maycourt: 1 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 7, 14, 21, 28**
Quilters: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 
Mmuffin Mmoments: 10-11 a.m.
- Thursdays: 9, 16, 23, 30**
Choir: 7:30 p.m.

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Wednesday: 1**
Communications: 6:30 p.m.
Worship and Music: 7 p.m.
- Thursdays: 2 & 16**
Prayer Shawls: 10 a.m.
- Sunday: 5**
Men's Breakfast: 8 a.m.
- Tuesday: 7**
Congregational Life: 7 p.m.
Property Committee: 7 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8**
Finance: 7 p.m.
- Tuesday: 14**
UCW, 6:15 p.m.
Christian Development: 7 p.m.
- Wednesday: 15**
Board Meeting: 7 p.m.
- Tuesday: 21**
Pastoral Care, 7 p.m.



SPECIALS

- Thursday: 2**
Kids' Church Parents' Meeting, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (includes dinner and child care).
- Friday: 3**
Royal Wood Concert, 8 p.m. See notice on page 5.
- Sunday: 5**
*Environment Sabbath: Walk to Church. Tree Planting, Collection of Electronic Waste, 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
*Scavenger Hunt, hosted by Highland Road United Church, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Forest Hill. Barbecue to follow.
- Sunday: 12**
Pentecost Sunday: 10 a.m. single service, Welcome of New Members, Program and Governance Congregational Meeting to follow, followed by Potluck, Kids' Program.
- Tuesday: 21**
Pastoral Care Thank You to prayer shawl, lay visitor and prayer group participants, 7 p.m.
- Saturday: 25**
Multicultural Festival, 12 noon-7 p.m. Continues Sunday. See note on page 2.

Dates to Circle for the Fall

- *Rally Sunday, Sunday, September 11
- *Keeping Faith Alive in Contemporary Society, world's religions conference, Saturday, October 1, J.G. Hagey Hall, University of Waterloo
- *Sunday, October 2. Forest Hill worships with Highland Road United Church at their last service, held at 10 a.m. at Trinity United Church
- *One Heart/Two Continents, Saturday, November 12

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

May 18, 2011

1. The Program and Governance Congregational meeting is on June 12. There will be one service at 10:00 am followed by the Congregational Meeting. At that meeting, the Church Board will recommend an amendment to the By-Laws. The recommendation is that we have one Congregational meeting a year. That meeting would be in February. Following the meeting there will be a potluck and games.

2. The committee looking into storage and the use of space, made its final report. Recommendations have been made to the various committees for action.

3. The Royal Woods concert for refugee assistance is on June 3. Tickets are available from the church office.

4. We continue to be concerned about finance. With the unexpected expenses involving the fire security system, the roof repairs and the summer expenses our cash flow is inadequate to meet our current needs. Watch for our "Summer Survival Fund Raiser." We need your help to meet our fixed expenses.

5. If you have changed your PAR as a result of the stewardship campaign, the banks now require that we complete a change form. If you have not received this form in the mail, please contact the

office.

6. We have accepted an invitation from Highland Road United Church to attend their final service on October 2. We shall not have a morning service that Sunday, but rather, we shall attend this special service as a sign of our concern and support of their congregation.

7. The Nominations Committee is looking for Board members. If you are interested, contact Scott Davis, Chris Pieters, Linda Nelson, Lawrence Cresswell, or Ken Carter.

8. We plan to make a donation to the Slave Lake United Church Fund from our Outreach Budget.

9. In order to avoid increased costs and to guarantee the same dye lot, the Jubilee Committee has purchased from *designated*, donated funds, the material and foam for the pew cushions. The project will not move ahead until we have all the funds to pay for the pew cushions. Because of our current general fund situation, the committee urges you to focus your givings on our operating costs at this time.

The next Board meeting is on **June 15 at 7:00**. All are welcome.

Ken Carter
Chair of the Church Board

We want you to join us by using Fundscrip! So far, this year, we have rebates totaling **\$902.00!** Some recent additions to the plan are GolfTown, Toys R Us, Olive Garden, American Eagle and Payless Shoes. Our last Fundscrip order was worth over **\$4500!** **The next order date is June 13.** Please get involved. It is such an easy way to raise money for the church's general fund. For more information, please contact Bill Elliott, JoAnne Willison or Glenna Murray or check on line at www.fundscrip.com, invitation code SPL3QM.



June is bustin' out all over!

Pentecost Sunday, June 12

Blended Service at 10 a.m.!

Welcome to New Members!

Pick up your Forest Hill Annual Report from the cabinet in the foyer!



Program and Governance Congregational Meeting!

Nomination and Election of 2011-2012 Board members and Executive!

Bring your dishes, lawn chairs, salads and desserts. Congregation Life will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks!

Potluck Picnic!

Tabling of the report of the recent All Members Stewardship Visitation Campaign!



Kids' Games and Program



June 5: Environment Sabbath

May 1 to June 11 was set aside for local churches to take up Region of Waterloo's 2011 Commuter Challenge by suggesting that people Walk to Worship. Forest Hill United is one of the eight churches participating and our Walk to Worship day is Sunday, June 5. If you walk to the church that day, or if not, car pool some friends, that's great, and some refreshments will be waiting for you when you arrive. There will also be two tree plantings, one before each service, of maples donated by Ken Carter, and the services will have an environment-friendly theme.



Kids' News from Judi

Hi, Everyone!

There will be a **parent meeting** on June 2 from 6-8 p.m. (includes dinner and child care) to discuss our child and youth programs. We are hoping that at least one parent from each family will attend. Please RSVP to jknetsch@yahoo.ca or to the church office.



The last **PA Day Program** of the year will be held June 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.. The cost is \$10 and all 6-12 -year-olds are welcome. This has proven to be a popular program which we intend to continue to provide next school year on Sept. 23, Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Apr. 20 and Jun 1. If you are interested in volunteering for a PA Day during the next school, please let me know. If you have a special skill that you would like to come and teach the children you would be very welcome.

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Registration for Shake It Up Café can be done on line (through a link on the church website), or at the office. We will also continue to accept registrations throughout June, in the Fireside Room between services.

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Come and join us for the **Congregational Picnic** on June 12. The kids will be baking special treats for the picnic during Kids' Church and the congregational meeting. There will be fun, games and treats for all.



Volunteers are still needed for summer Kids' Church and Nursery. We cannot offer these programs, or advertise that we do, if we do not have volunteers. We will need to make a decision soon, so please take a look at your calendars and see if you can spare a Sunday or two.

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful people who have given their time and talents this year to VBS, Kids' Church, Youth Group, PA Day Program, Christmas Craft Day and the Christmas Pageant. The kids, youth and I are extremely grateful for your support.

Judi Knetsch



PAR

If you are not currently contributing to the church through PAR (pre-authorized remittance program) and wish to do, you may sign up anytime. Forms are on the cabinet in the foyer. If you are on PAR and want to change your donation, the same form may be used. Please leave completed forms in box labeled "PAR CHANGES" on the cabinet. For questions, please call the church office.

Forest Hill's Service Schedule for the Summer

There will be only one blended, single service Sunday at 10 a.m. in June, and that is on **Sunday, June 12, Pentecost Sunday**. The single services at 10 a.m. of the summer months begin on **Sunday, July 3** and continue to and include **Sunday, September 11, Rally Sunday**.

Church Office Hours

Please note that the Church Office will be operating on a half-day basis throughout July and August. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon only.

Summer Fellowship Time

The Congregational Life Committee will not be providing hosts for Fellowship Time during the months of July and August. There will be lemonade in the freezer, and we welcome anyone who wishes to take charge on any given Sunday.

**Dave Lemke, Chair
Congregational Life**

Royal Wood Concert Set for June 3!

You are in for a treat on **Friday, June 3 at 8 p.m.** when Forest Hill United Church is the venue for a concert by Toronto acclaimed artist, **Royal Wood!**

Royal Wood, a musician, songwriter and recent nominee for a 2011 JUNO Award for Songwriter of the Year, delivers "heartrending, and honest tales of love, loss and life". Piano is his main instrument, but he also plays guitar. His appeal spans all age groups. You can hear his music on his website www.royalwood.ca and click on the music link.

K-W's own Loneliest Monks, now known as Ekhyaya, will open the show.

Tickets are \$22 and are available in the church office during the week and at the door the night of the performance.

All proceeds go to Forest Hill's Refugee Assistance Fund.

