

DUNBAR RYERSON UNITED CHURCH



# Winter

WINTER 2018 COMMUNITY + PROGRAM GUIDE

# WELCOME

Welcome to the season of Winter at Dunbar Ryerson United Church. Even though New Year's Day often charges us up with thoughts of fresh starts and ambitious resolutions, that surge is brief. Winter is truly a time in the northern hemisphere for going to ground, for drawing down, nestling in. Like the seeds and roots underground, in the short days and dark nights we are being recharged and renewed. Winter is a time for the stirrings of new possibilities and for the silence that allows those possibilities to be heard in our hearts and our minds. In this season of restoration our events and worship will nurture conversations and connections that matter, with each other and with God. Even as we are being restored by the good earthy minerals of God's love, we will also seek to offer that same restoration in our communities and God's creation. Come and soak in the mystery of the season, and be part of the restoration of our souls and God's creation.

*Rev. Debra Bowman, Coordinating Minister*

## OUR COMMITMENT

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### **Dunbar Ryerson United Church:**

Living lives of meaning through faith, service and God's love. In God's ever re-creating world, we are formed anew, open to possibilities.

### **We trust God is leading us.**

A new Christian community, welcoming seekers, questioners and believers;  
A Diverse, Affirming and Reconciling congregation.

### **We find expressions of Jesus' love in**

The wisdom of our children;  
The elders who hold a rich heritage;  
The grace of those in between;  
Action, compassion and caring;  
Attentiveness to Creation;  
Hearts open to the Divine.

### **We draw closer to the Holy through:**

Worship that transforms;  
Spiritual practices that deepen faith;  
Hands and hearts offered in justice, responding to the world;  
Scripture and study that lead us to radical wonder;  
Music that opens us to awe;  
The Arts as an expression of the Sacred.

**Many ways to enter; many ways to engage;  
many ways to respond to the Spirit's call.**

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

EVERY SUNDAY | 10:00AM

(AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF YEW ST AND  
45TH AVE)

As we move through the shorter and darker days of our wintertime, the church moves through times of reflection: Epiphany, Lent, and Holy Week. This will be a time for us to breath, to rest, and to hold ourselves in the restorative power of God's love.

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## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 5:20PM - 7:00PM

One of Jesus' favourite places to get to know people was over a meal. It's one of our favourites too! We worship at The Table every Wednesday. Dinner begins at 5:20PM in the Memorial Centre and is followed by worship in the sanctuary. The written parts of most of these Wednesday worship services will be translated into Mandarin.

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Communion is celebrated at each of the Wednesday worship gatherings.

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# CONCERTS & CHOIRS

All events are at 2195 W 45th unless otherwise indicated.

## SUNDAYS AT 3

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**FEBRUARY 18 | 3:00PM**

**APRIL 15 | 3:00PM**

Dunbar Ryerson is proud to host Vancouver's largest pipe organ.

We continue our Sundays at 3 program this winter and spring with two more concerts. The February concert will feature organist Edward Norman, and Roger Cole on oboe. In April, Edward Norman will return on organ, this time joined by Steve Denroche, playing French horn.

**Admission at the door: \$15 (General), \$10 (Students)**

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## REHEARSAL TIMES

## UNITED VOICES

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**MONDAYS | 7:00PM - 9:00PM**

*(AT THE 24TH AVE/COLLINGWOOD LOCATION)*

Voices Choir takes people who are often unfamiliar with the great choral repertoire of the Christian Church, and have little or no experience in the United Church, and pairs them with experienced singers and an impressive chamber orchestra. We welcome singers of all voice parts to join us. This choir sings two to three concerts each year.

**CONTACT GREG CAISLEY TO JOIN THIS 70+ VOICE GROUP**

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## **PNEUMA**

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**WEDNESDAYS | 4:00PM - 5:30PM**

Young people aged five to eighteen form this dynamic choir and music training program. Choir rehearsals are followed by dinner. The group then leads the music in the weekly Wednesday worship service. Participants in Pneuma also receive weekly private voice coaching with professional staff.

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## **CHAMBER CHOIR**

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**THURSDAYS | 7:30PM - 9:00PM**

This Dunbar Ryerson choir is for those who like to sing a wide range of challenging sacred choral music. Music reading skills are needed. The choir sings at Sunday worship every week.

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## **DUNBAR RYERSON SINGERS**

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**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7:00PM - 8:30PM**

Love to sing joyful – but maybe a bit easier – music? This is the group for you. The group sings at service one Sunday per month, led by Sam Schaap. Reading music is not required. The choir rehearses from October to May.

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## **THE BAND**

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**SCHEDULED SATURDAYS | 4:30PM - 6:00PM**

Are you an instrumentalist who would like to have fun leading congregational singing and accompanying the Singers Choir? Some basic music reading skills are needed to learn the music. The Band plays two or three Sundays a month.

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## CONGREGATIONAL ART PROJECT

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As we continue to weave together the hopes and dreams of our new congregation, we welcome every member, young and old, new and settled, to join together in a project that will entwine the creative with the spiritual to generate a visual representation of our developing community. While your Arts Committee works out the details of the project, please look for more information in our weekly announcements.

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## THE PLAYERS

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Anyone of any age or background is invited to join The Players theatre troupe to create short drama pieces for the upcoming Easter season. If you'd like to participate, please contact Susan.

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## ART EXCURSIONS

Join with others to attend a performance or view an exhibition. Participants are responsible for the cost of tickets, unless a group arrangement has been made. Access by transit or car-pooling from Dunbar Ryerson. Invite a friend to come along!

## MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY: THE FABRIC OF OUR LAND

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JANUARY | TBA

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the unique design of Salish blankets up close and to learn the rich history and significance of weaving in this region. The exhibition takes you on a journey through the past two hundred years of Salish weaving from the early 1800s through to today's vibrant renaissance. ([moa.ubc.ca](http://moa.ubc.ca))

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## THEATRE EXCURSION

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FEBRUARY 24 | 2:00PM

*An Almost Holy Picture* at Pacific Theatre. Samuel Gentle has heard God's voice three times in his life, but he has yet to find understanding or peace. Still, he cannot seem to leave behind this quiet, yet persistent, quest for solace and meaning. ([pacifictheatre.org](http://pacifictheatre.org))

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# HANDS REACHING INTO THE WORLD

## **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: THE BLANKET EXERCISE**

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**FEBRUARY 10 | 1:00PM - 6:00PM**

*(AT THE 24TH AVE/COLLINGWOOD LOCATION)*

This is an afternoon exercise to help us learn about the history of the Indigenous peoples of this land. Through the Blanket Exercise we'll explore their relationships with the Settlers and the Settlers' descendants. Our learning and discussion will be followed by a feast!

**RSVP MAGGIE HOSGOOD**

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## **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: RECONCILIATION BEGINS WITH ME (DIALOGUE)**

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**FEBRUARY 18 | 11:45AM - 12:30PM**

Listening to the *Elders' Vision Statement* and learning about the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People.

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## **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: FIRST NATIONS GUIDE FOR NEWCOMERS (DIALOGUE)**

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**MARCH 4 | 11:45AM - 12:30PM**

We are *newcomers*. Learn about the First Nations in the community in which we live - and 23 things never to say when speaking with people of the First Nations.

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## **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS & THEIR AFTERMATH (DIALOGUE)**

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**MARCH 18 | 11:45AM - 12:30PM**

Conversation about our Residential School history, and its continuing effects.

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# MANY WAYS TO ENTER

## **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**

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**FEBRUARY 24 | 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

A two, five, or ten kilometer evening walk through the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver to support First United in their work to support people without homes in that part of the city. In the weeks leading up to February 24 we will campaign to raise pledges for the walk. Following the walk dinner is served at First United. Families are welcome to take part.

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## **FOCUS ON FIRST: FEET FIRST CAMPAIGN**

**JANUARY 21 TO FEBRUARY 18**

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A focused drive for socks, shoes and boots for First United's shelter work. As well, donations of money allow us to purchase in bulk. Donations of new socks (mostly for men, where the need is greatest) and gently used shoes, boots and running shoes are very welcome. Drop off is in the reception space in the Memorial Center.

**CONTACT SUSAN BURNS**

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## **BADMINTON**

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**FRIDAYS | 7:30PM - 9:30PM**

*(OCTOBER - APRIL)*

This group has been playing in the Gym at W 45th Ave for 51 years and is open to players



at all stages, from beginners to champions. A monthly fee of \$5 covers costs of refreshments and birds. Bring your own racquet.

CONTACT DONNA-LEE GRAHAM

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## STITCH & CHATTER

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**DROP IN: THURSDAYS | 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

*(AT THE 24TH AVE/COLLINGWOOD LOCATION)*

This fabric arts and knitting group meets weekly to make quilts, fabric toys and other items for babies, kitchen items and more. Their products are for sale to the congregation and general public, and are also donated for use in our outreach ministry work in the community. New members are welcome - no skills necessary! (And you are always welcome to simply drop by to chat or share a cup of tea.)

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LINDA MAGNUSON

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## BEGINNERS ESL

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**WEDNESDAYS | 4:00PM - 5:15PM**

As part of our Wednesday evening worship at The Table, we'll have small group conversations, followed by a meal shared with the gathered community.

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## TYING QUILTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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**JANUARY 25 | 9:30AM - 2:30PM**

**FEBRUARY 3 | 9:30AM - 2:00PM**

Come and try your hand at tying quilts. (No experience necessary!) Quilt tops and bottoms are ready to go, thanks to the Stitch & Chatter group, but they need to be put together. Come for an hour, or come for the day. Lunch will be provided! These quilts will be shared with the wider community. In the past some have gone to First United Mission, Springhouse, and Covenant House.

SIGN UP WITH PATRICIA ALEXIS OR

LYNDA MAGNUSON

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Lynda: 604.325.2254

## HEALING PATHWAY WORKSHOP PHASE 2: WHERE TWO OR MORE GATHER

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**JANUARY 19, 20, 21**

An experiential and awakening workshop to help Healing Pathway practitioners deepen their supportive practice. For more information about this event, please see [drmt.ca](http://drmt.ca).

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# OUR MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANIMENT

## CARING

### HOME VISITS

If you would like one of our ministry staff to visit you in your home or meet you for a cup of coffee, they are more than pleased to do so. Please call the office at 604.266.5377 to arrange a time that is convenient for you.

### HEALING MINISTRIES

These sessions are about restoring balance and wholeness to the body, mind, and spirit – not only for individuals, but also relationships, communities and the whole of creation.

Volunteer practitioners who have completed one or more courses of Healing Pathways through the United Church share their ministry of healing. Healing sessions are open to the community by appointment on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon and the 4th Tuesday evening of the month.

### BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH SUSAN BURNS OR JAN MIKO

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## LISTENING FOR GOD

### CONTEMPLATIVE MEDITATION & CENTERING PRAYER

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**MONDAYS | 7:30PM-9:00PM**

**WEDNESDAYS | 10:00AM-11:30AM**

After 20 minutes of meditation, we have tea and discuss a book, reading, or video that we are reflecting on together.

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### SPIRITUAL DEEPENING

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**JANUARY 24, FEBRUARY 21, MARCH 21 |  
7:30PM - 9:00PM**

Theological reflection can take many forms. In this series we will engage the Holy with our minds, our bodies, and our imaginations through body prayers, prayer walking, poetry, and hearing with new ears some familiar Bible passages as we engage in practices of listening for how the Spirit might speak to us.

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### SPIRITUAL DIRECTON

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Spiritual Direction is an ancient practice; other names for it are Holy Listening and Spiritual Companionship. It is *not* counselling or therapy; however, it *can* be described as a conversation with a Spiritual Director about all areas of daily life that helps you awaken to the mystery we call God. If you are curious please contact us for more information.

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### PRAYER PARTNERS

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**MARCH 15 TO APRIL 1**

This is an opportunity to connect on a deeper level with one other person in the Dunbar Ryerson community, a chance to hold one another in the light of God, and a way of strengthening your prayer practice. Partners will be assigned to each other from the list of people who sign up. Each partner is invited to connect in person or by phone, hold prayer concerns in confidence, and pray daily for your partner in your own words or using the examples that will be provided.

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# LEARN & GROW

## **IMMERSION**

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**FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 2 TO MARCH 23 |  
6:00PM - 9:00PM**

An eight-week exploration of why we might want to invest in God's world, and ways to go about it. With dinner included, this evening is filled with good food, great conversation, and interesting possibilities.

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## **LENTEN CHALLENGE**

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**PRACTICE: FEBRUARY 14 TO APRIL 1  
GROUP: SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 17 TO  
MARCH 31 | 9:30AM - 10:30AM**

A lenten walk through the Gospel of Mark, with daily reflection and conversation with God. An optional weekly gathering is offered for participants to take time for conversation and small group exploration.

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## THURSDAY LUNCH: STORIES FROM THE WORLD OF CANADIAN PUBLISHING

11:45AM - 2:00PM

We will gather on the following Thursdays for a light lunch with a guest presentation, and opportunities to chat with those you know and those you may be meeting for the first time. Meal cost is \$8. This is a plated meal. Please RSVP at 604.266.5377 by the Monday preceding each event.

### February 8 | Sandy Findlay

Sandy is a senior member of British Columbia's publishing community. She has spent 26 years marketing books and authors. The many writers she has shepherded - and cajoled - on their Canadian book tours include Timothy Findlay, Scott Truro, Michael Moore, and Annie Leibowitz.

### March 8 | Alma Lee

Alma Lee was the founding Artistic Director of the Vancouver International Writers and Readers Festival, the founding Executive Director of the Writers Union of Canada and the Writers Trust of Canada. In 2004 she became a Member of the Order of Canada.

### April 12 | Michael Kluckner

Michael has written and illustrated books on the history and heritage of Canada including *Vanishing British Columbia* and *Vancouver the Way It Was*. This well-known

Canadian artist has won the Vancouver Book Prize and the Heritage Canada Medal of Achievement for his work.

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## THE SERIES

SUNDAYS, TBA | 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Through the course of the year, we'll be inviting some of our "theologians-in-place" to offer one-to-three gatherings on topics of faith and life.

We're working to finalize details about The Series for this season. Please keep your eye on the website, and in the worship announcements for updates about this season's program.

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## PARENTS' CONVERSATION GROUP

WEDNESDAYS | 4:00PM - 5:15PM

Join in conversation with other parents about the joys and sorrows of life with children, then join us for our shared meal and worship. Childcare provided, if requested in advance.

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## NURSERY ON SUNDAYS

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Infants and toddlers are cared for by a capable, creative, and loving team of caregivers in the Nursery room in the Memorial Centre. They can be dropped off at **9:15AM** for parents singing in the Sunday service. All other children will meet in the sanctuary at **10:00AM** before moving with children's leaders to their age groups.

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## GODLY PLAY SUNDAY PROGRAM

The Godly Play approach to faith exploration helps children learn about God through story, wonder and play.

**Children in preschool through Grade 1 gather in the lounge of the Memorial Centre and children in Grades two to five gather in the Chapel.**

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## GRADES 6 & 7 SUNDAY PROGRAM

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**SUNDAYS | 10:00AM - 11:30AM**

Children in Grade six and seven will gather with an adult leader to explore the stories of our faith. Each lesson is centered on scripture, and explores it in both its historical and our current contexts. Snack will also be an important part of the morning.

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## **SENIOR YOUTH SUNDAY PROGRAM (AGES 13+)**

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**SUNDAYS | 10:00AM - 11:30AM**

The Senior Youth meet in the Youth Room, in the basement of the Memorial Centre. Join with Molly to explore the "CAFFEINE" series, a fun, inspiring and engaging time. You'll also find tea, coffee and hot chocolate. There may also be doughnuts!

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## **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (AGES 9-12)**

**THURSDAYS | 4:30PM - 6:00PM**

Gather with others for a time that's filled with fun and exploration (and some great snacks, too!) Jr. Youth operates on a rotating schedule designed to meet the interests of all different types of youth. Activities reflect the mission and commitments of the church and move through the following themes: Play, Learn, Explore and Serve.

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## **MARDIS GRAS & PANCAKES**

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**FEBRUARY 13 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM**

Please see page 16 for information about this exciting event!

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## **IMAGINE CHILDREN'S RETREAT**

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**FEBRUARY 16 TO 18 | CAMP STILLWOOD**

A weekend camp experience for children ages 8-12. An opportunity for youth to develop strong leadership skills. A non-judgmental, open place where children have opportunities to wonder about and explore their faith through story, worship, music, and drama, and deepen their relationship with God. More information at [imaginechildrensretreat.ca](http://imaginechildrensretreat.ca)

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## **OVERNIGHT EASTER VIGIL FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH**

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**MARCH 31 | 7:00PM - OVERNIGHT**

Youth arrive after dinner on Saturday. After games and settling they move to the Sanctuary for the Easter story, continuing to hold vigil at Spiritual Practice stations. After a good night's sleep, they will wake and walk to Point Grey Secondary School for a sunrise service. Back to the church for breakfast and some quiet activities until worship. Pick up will be after the Easter Celebration!

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# WOMEN'S EVENTS

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

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**JANUARY 26 AND TBA | 10:15AM**

We meet in the Memorial Centre every other month, September through June.

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## **FIRESIDE WOMEN**

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**JANUARY 17 | 2:00PM**

**MARCH 21 | 2:00PM**

A time for socializing, light refreshments and a guest speaker.

**CONTACT ALISON RICHARDSON**

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## **WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT**

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**MARCH 9 TO 11**

*AT THE EDENVALE RETREAT CENTRE*

This year's facilitator will be the Rev. Debra Bowman. She will share insights from her calling into ministry and invite us to reflect on our own calls. More information will be available in January, with registration taking place between February 10 and 17.

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# MEN'S EVENTS

## **MEN'S WALKING GROUP**

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**WEDNESDAYS | 9:00AM**

Gather at the entrance to Pacific Spirit park at 16th and Sasamat Street to join with other men for walking and conversation. Afterwards, take some time for a cup of coffee to continue the chat. To get on the email reminder list, contact Pat Burns.

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## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

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**ONE SATURDAY EVERY 3 WEEKS**

Meet up with men from Knox United for good food and great conversation. Get in contact to be added to the group's email reminder list!

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**Dunbar Ryerson United celebrates with people of all genders. Events that are gender-focused are open to all (trans\* or cis) who identify with that gender.**



# PREPARING FOR EASTER

## **MARDIS GRAS**

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**FEBRUARY 13 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM**

Starting in the East-West Room, this is an evening of mask-making, conversation, celebration, and pancakes for everyone, followed by all-ages spiritual practices to lead us into the warm, dark, quiet of Lent.

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## **PALM SUNDAY**

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**MARCH 25 | 10:00AM**

On Palm Sunday we find the gifts of being misfits! How many times have we wanted to be more part of the crowd? What good news to find that Christ calls us to not fit in – but to be alive in our particular nature as a child of God. Palms and passion – an hour-long move through the celebration of Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem to the harsh reality of what can await a cultural misfit, who resists the powers of oppression and injustice.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

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**MARCH 29 | 5:30PM - 7:00PM**

Gather in the East-West Room for a meal and worship service, to celebrate God's life-giving love, and to remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. This is a "pot luck" meal, so you are invited to bring what you are able. (If you'd be willing to let us know what you're bringing, sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks before the meal.)

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## **GOOD FRIDAY**

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**MARCH 30 | 10:00AM**

*AT SHAUGHNESSY HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH  
1550 W33 AVE, VANCOUVER*

Good Friday we will worship with our friends at Shaughnessy Heights United Church. They, too, are exploring "the gifts of the dark wood, " so we will enter into this reflective time as one in spirit.

## **OVERNIGHT EASTER VIGIL FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH**

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**MARCH 31 | 7:00PM - OVERNIGHT**

Please see page 14 for more information on this exciting event!

## **EASTER WORSHIP**

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**APRIL 1 | 10:00AM**

Easter Sunday will be a celebration of new gifts uncovered, of how the most challenging times of our lives can lead us into new life and light. Broken but restored with Christ, we will praise God for God's restorative love.

## **AFTER-CHURCH EASTER CELEBRATION**

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**APRIL 1 | 11:30AM**

Following the service, the Easter Celebrations will continue in the East-West Room with Hot Cross buns, coffee, tea and juice. There will be Easter activities for people of all ages, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt.



**VOLUNTEER  
& SERVE**

## **GREETERS**

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### **SUNDAYS | 9:15AM**

Greeters take turns once every three months to meet people as they come into the church. They pass out bulletins, take up the offering, and tidy the pews after service.

**CONTACT RUTH MCLELLAN**

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## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

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### **SUNDAYS | 9:15AM**

On assigned Sundays, hosts arrive at 9:15AM to prepare for the after-service coffee time. They help with serving and clean up afterwards. This is an important ministry of hospitality and a good way to connect with others.

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## **LIBRARY GROUP**

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### **SUNDAYS DURING COFFEE HOUR**

Library books are displayed most Sundays in the East-West Room, and may be borrowed for up to three weeks. On weekdays they can be signed out from the Library-Lounge providing the facility is not in use. Volunteers are welcome to help shelve books, set up displays for the coffee hour, and assist with other tasks.

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## **SANDWICH MAKING FOR FIRST UNITED DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE**

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### **LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

**9:00AM - 12:00PM**

As a community of God's people, we hope to share that love in ways both big and small. We meet in the kitchen to make sandwiches for this mission.

**CONTACT LORI KEENAN**

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## **FRONT DESK HOSTS**

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### **MONDAY TO FRIDAY | MORNINGS, AFTERNOONS OR EVENINGS**

Volunteers sit at the front desk to assist staff by answering the phone, greeting visitors, locking up in the evening, and various other tasks.

**CONTACT SALLY BALL**

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## **SHROVE TUESDAY COOKS**

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**FEBRUARY 13 | 4:00PM - 7:00PM**

All men interested in helping to put together the pancake and sausage supper are invited to take part!

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## OUR STAFF & MINISTRY TEAM:

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### MINISTRY TEAM:

#### **Coordinating Minister:**

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#### **Custodians:**

Tim Ryan

Zlata Sabanac

#### **Chair of Council**

Merrilee Thompson

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## DUNBAR RYERSON UNITED CHURCH

### **Weekend Service**

Sundays at 10:00AM

### **Weekday Service**

Meal at 5:20PM (Memorial Centre) & Worship at 6:10PM (Sanctuary)

#### **West 24th Location:**

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