



# Welcome to Ladner United Church

A Heart for God... in the Heart of the Village

Sunday, January 15, 2012

**We are glad that you are here. All are welcome in this place. There is a card in the pew rack to let us know your contact information, or changes to your information, and to request other services.**

- for more information please go to our website at [www.ladnerunited.org](http://www.ladnerunited.org) or be in contact with our minister
- the website has a Questions and Answers document & it is available at the front door
- let the church office know if you require a name tag
- after each service – follow the crowd to the church hall for refreshments
- If you require offering envelopes (for tax receipts) or wish to sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Giving), please contact the office
- in our faith community we have people who are allergic to strong scents, perfume, melons and peanuts

**Thanks to everyone who helped with today's service:**

**Hosts: 9:00 am:** Allison Smyth

**11:00 am:** Renee & Cliff Beaumont

**Scripture Reader: 9:00 am:** Marilyn Atkey

**11:00 am:** Ken Atkey

**Ushers: 9:00 am:** Marilyn Atkey

**11:00 am:** Claire Maynard & Vivienne Grace

**COFFEE HOST: D,E,F & G**     *Next week: H,I,J,K*



Rev. Jim Short

**Upcoming Events at Ladner United:**

**Monday Jan 16:** Sandwiches at First United - 10:00 am in the Kitchen

**Thursday, Jan 19:** Choir practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 - Youth Choir     7:30 - Senior Choir

**Thursday, Jan 19:** Council Meeting at 7:00 pm - Celebration Centre

*Solas! Scotland 2012...6 months and counting..*

*Share the Epiphany light..*

*Enjoy a Hot Soup and Bun lunch.*

*After Church today **Sunday January 15th 12:15 pm***

*Cost: By Donation*

*See You There!*



**Annual Reports**



It's that time of year again! Please submit your group's Annual Reports via email to the office by the end of January. Feel free to add photos, cartoons, quotes etc. Any questions, please call Wendy on 604-946-6254 or email [office@ladnerunited.org](mailto:office@ladnerunited.org).     *Thank you!*

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**OBSERVER**

Our renewal list has been received - any additions or deletions? **Payment will be \$20.00 and will be due in February.** Any changes or questions, please contact Wendy in the office on 604-946-6254 or email [office@ladnerunited.org](mailto:office@ladnerunited.org)

**Breath, Body & Spirit – Winter/Lenten Session**

**Wednesdays, February 1<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 3:30 pm**

Please join us in the Celebration Centre, for a time of relaxation & rejuvenation.

**February 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>** – These 3 sessions will follow our familiar program format featuring gentle breathing sequences combined with Do-in (doh-wen) – an acupuncture message technique.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Starting Ash Wednesday and throughout the time of Lent we will continue to practice our breathing sequences and experience a series of guided meditations.

This is a drop-in program – no registration is required.  
All movements are done from a seated position and can be practiced by anyone.

The relaxation sequence takes about 45 minutes  
and is followed by a time of tea and conversation together.

For more info visit our Breath, Body & Spirit web page: [www.ladnerunited.org](http://www.ladnerunited.org)

## FIRST UNITED CHURCH HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS: WHAT IS HAPPENING

**YOU ASK:** Jon Jessiman from Ladner United Church writes this response:

### IT IS NOT CLOSING DOWN.

First will continue to operate as is until end of March (2012) when funding will run out from the province and the city that have primarily funded the overnight shelter.

In the meantime, it will operate pretty much as usual and will be following the directions of the City of Vancouver and the United Church of Canada (and its insurers) in terms maximum allowed in the building and fire codes, segregation of genders and safety for all who stay there.

The two ministry personnel at the Mission will leave at the end of March as well as they do not agree with the Church's policy and decisions. The Mission will continue to operate much as it has save for the housing of people so sandwiches, clothing and other services will continue; it is just that the presbytery and the oversight board will have to work out what can be funded once the grants from the province and the city are withdrawn from the UCC.

### Seniors Valentine High Tea

Thursday February 9, 2012 at 12 noon.

Cost \$3.00. Please register early by telephoning Agnes Bauer 604-940-0548. Limited to 60 people.



### Certified CPR Course (4 hours)

Offered by Erin Challenger on **Saturday February 25 2012** in the Celebration Centre. Please register by February 18, 2012 by telephoning Ladner United Church Office 604-946-6254. **A fee of \$50.00 is required upon registration.** Cheques are to be made out to Erin Challenger.

### Healing Prayer



The Healing Prayer group offers healing sessions on one Tuesday afternoon and one Tuesday evening each month in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in receiving a session please call the office at 604-946-6254. For more information about the group and our healing sessions we have a pamphlet available or you can go one line to LUC's website: [www.ladnerunited.org](http://www.ladnerunited.org).

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*Welcome! In this morning's service may you find joy in celebration, strength and hope in the presence of God, and a challenge to make a difference in the world.*

\*As a courtesy to those who are sensitive to them, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne during our worship services.

\*Doug's sermons are available at our Pastoral Charge website, [www.ladnerunited.org](http://www.ladnerunited.org). Click on the St. Stephen's link in the lower left hand corner.

THANKS TO THIS MORNING'S READER: Diane Harper

FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY: Refreshments and Visiting

THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD will meet at Dewar and Diane's, 1616 Golf Club Road, this coming Wednesday morning at 10:30am

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: will be chosen from among Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62, I Corinthians 7:29-31, and Mark 1:14-20. Following worship all who wish will gather for lunch at the Skyhawk Restaurant at the Boundary Bay Airport.

READING SCRIPTURE IN WORSHIP:

If you would like to take a turn from time to time, please put your name on the sheet by the front door. If you've already been reading your name is already on the list.

CURRENT ADDRESS/ PHONE LIST: Available on table by front entrance.

### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

1. **Ecumenical Cycle:** Cyprus, Greece, Turkey
2. **Presbytery Cycle:** Oakridge - the Reverend Maggie Watts-Hammond
3. **South and East Delta:** Tsawwassen Alliance Church
4. **Ladner/ St. Stephen's Pastoral Charge:** The Parish Health & Healing Prayer Ministries at Ladner United Church

## BUILDING UPDATE

Dear Members of Ladner United Church:

You have been patient and understanding over this last year with our occasional bursts of information and long periods of silence around the progress of our Building Project's progression. It seems such a long time since the successful capital campaign some years ago.

Though at times discouraged, both by the realities of the outside world setting back our plans i.e. the global recession and conversations with various potential builders and partners that do not bear the fruit we had hoped for, we continue to work, to dream and to pray to find the path to redeveloping our facilities in accordance with both your decisions and what we understand God's call to us to be disciples and followers of Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in our beloved community of Ladner and South Delta.

We began 2011 after some months of talking with Pacific New Technologies (PNT) with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore a potential partnership. PNT had approached us a vision and plan, which they believed would benefit both ourselves in terms of leveraging the value of our south property in a way that would help us achieve our goal of a renovated facility.

They had some creative thoughts and ideas that were very appealing to us as well as some goals and hopes of their own. Like every dream, we had at times more questions than answers but felt at the time that there were enough positive directions that it was worth exploring. We also found at that stage that we shared many common values.

As many of you will know if you have ever renovated a home or been involved in building construction things often move slower than we hope. After many long conversations, meetings, planning sessions and time line creations with PNT and their construction affiliates, it became clear last fall that for a variety of reasons including the reality of financing, what we had hoped for in the time allotted for exploration within the MOU was not going to be possible.

Though all parties were disappointed in the outcome of our year together, we believe that we learned helpful information and that had we not taken the time and explored  
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this possibility, we might always have had a nagging doubt that we had not pursued a possible opportunity.

The Memorandum of Understanding has now run its course. Due to the terms of the M.O.U., Ladner United Church could not consider or enter any other arrangements/discussions or planning until December 31, 2011.

In the next few weeks, the Leadership Council will be regrouping and reconstituting the Building Committee to begin the next phase of the plan to renew our buildings.

We understand people's discouragement and disappointment that we are not farther along in the process. George Plant, Judy Appleby, Neil Caldwell, Jim and I as well as Annie Rambo before she moved to the US have put countless hours and meetings into this process. We share in those feelings of discouragement in a personal way, as we know you both trusted us and counted on us to move the project forward on your behalf. We wish we were sharing with you different information at this point.

On a positive note, we also believe that our caution and discernment on your behalf has not plunged us into any direction that would leave us at this point with a half finished project or any other situation that we often hear of in the development and building world.

As well, the work of our Church through this time has continued. We worship together, new people join our faith community, the youth group is busy planning their mission trip to Scotland with your support, the Extreme Weather Shelter is available to the community, the Pastoral Care Elders, the Parish Health Ministry, the Breath Body and Spirit group, the Healing Prayer Ministry and various other working groups and gatherings of people continue to serve and reach out to others.

As there are, things to be discouraged about (i.e. the buildings and their state of repair and outward appearance) there are also many things to celebrate.

As new directions begin to emerge, we will keep you posted...

Joan Rogers, Chair of the Leadership Council and Jim Short, Minister