

## Church Notes – December, 2008

*To be glad instruments of God's love in this imperfect world is the service to which men are called, and it forms a preparatory stage to this bliss that awaits them in the perfected world, the kingdom of God.*

–Albert Schweitzer

**Advent Christmas Concert with *The Hardings!*** We are so blessed to have these gifted singers and musicians coming to Texada! So please join us **Monday, Dec. 8 at 7:30pm at the United Church in Van Anda.** Bruce and Cheryl's music is international in scope, interdenominational, and inspirational. Admission is a donation of \$10 – or whatever you can afford. So join us! If you can, an item for the Food Bank would be appreciated. Festive **refreshments** will be served, compliments of the Texada United Church.

**Christmas Fund Raising for First United Church in Vancouver.** This church in the downtown eastside of Vancouver answers the call to serve a very difficult and needy community. We have been asked this year to request cash donations, as this church is challenged by the need to provide a wide variety of services. We will be happy to accept and forward your donations to First United Church, and will receipt them directly, if cheques are written to Texada United Church, and put in an envelope marked “for First United Church – Vancouver”, before Dec. 15. Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

**“Grounded by the Rock; Surrounded by the Light” – Dec. 21** at the regular Sunday Service. Christmas is not always a happy time. Those of us who have suffered losses (of many kinds) may not feel much like celebrating. Join us for a time of remembering and reflecting – a time to reconnect to that which is holy. All are welcome.

**Prayer Group:** all welcome. For information or to ask for prayers please call Doretta Smith at 486 -7192

**Milestones: Died:** Oct. 23/08 Carol Janzen Celebration of Life was held at the Legion Nov. 1.

Oct. 30/08 Evelyn Phillips- Celebration of Life was held at The Bistro,  
Nov. 8.

Nov. 11/08 Jamie McKay – Memorial Service was held at the Legion,  
Nov. 22.

Our condolences go out to all the families and friends in this time of loss.

*Please call Karen May @ 486 7284 with notices you would like to see in “Milestones”, before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Help us to celebrate the good times, and support one another in the bad.*

**Texada Island Church** is a welcoming, inclusive, **community** church serving several different Christian denominations. If you are new to the island, or just haven't been to church in a while, please visit us in Van Anda. We would very much like to be **your** church!

### TEXADA UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Services Sunday at 10:30am. All welcome!

Dec. 7 – Advent 2 – Holy Communion – Karen May

Dec. 8 – **Advent Concert – “The Hardings” – 7:30pm**

Dec. 14 – Advent 3 – Karen May

Dec. 21 – **Blue Sunday** – “**Grounded by the Rock; Surrounded by the Light**”– Karen May

Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – 7pm. Music: Kerstin Guillemaud & Friends.

Dec. 28 – Stan Smith

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