

## Church Notes – November 2008

*My own sudden yearning – it's almost an ache within me - .....makes me believe that there is room for a church more mystical than the one we have now. Such a church would be capable of calling home to it those young people who are carefully mapping and guarding ancient trees, or handing out information about global warming. Such a church would cherish those times when its members break the artificial boundaries (sometimes created by Christianity itself) between humans and nature. This is a church that could shelter environmentalists and poets, because, as a body, it would cherish the earth and mystery. It would feed the spiritual hunger of the age. (Donna Sinclair – from Jacob's Blessing, Wood Lake Books, 1999)*

**An Advent Evening of Song: Cheryl and Bruce Harding are coming to Texada!** This accomplished team of United Church musicians have offered us a rare opportunity to experience these world class musicians right here on our island. Their music is inspirational, international, and Christian in scope, and they will deliver an exciting musical addition to our Christmas celebrations right here at home! So mark your calendars: **Monday December 8 at 7:30pm at Texada United Church in Van Anda.** There will be festive refreshments, and the Hardings books and CD's will be available for purchase. Suggested donation of \$10 plus an item for the food bank would be appreciated. See you there!

**Bruce Sanguin, author, & UC minister,** will conduct a rich interactive session on the *Environment and Christian Spirituality* at Brechin United Church in Nanaimo on **Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29. Admission \$25. For info call 250-754-9212, or 486 -7284.**

**United Church Women (UCW)** for info please call Donna Lechner, **486-7810.**

**Prayer Group:** all welcome, Tuesdays, 10-11:30am . For info please call Doretta Smith, **486-7192.**

**Book Club:** *This United Church of Ours* by Ralph Milton, will run weekly 12:30 – 1:30pm at the church on Sundays, starting Nov. 2. Purchase of the book is necessary, and they are available from Stan Smith. All welcome.

**Texada Island United Church** is a welcoming, inclusive, **community church** serving several 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!**

November 2 – Holy Communion – Karen May, DLM

November 9 – Job's Daughters – Karen May, DLM

November 16 – Dale Rinehart

November 23 – Karen May, DLM

November 30 – Advent 1 – Rev. Gwen Davis

**Minister:** Karen E. May, BSR, DLM **486-7284, or 413-0994**

Board Chair: Ann Carlson, 486-7263

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**Church Website:** <http://texada-united-church.dlfpr.ca>