



## *Welcome to Visitors and Newcomers!*

If you are new to Northlea, please be sure to make yourself known to the minister and sign the visitors' book beside the centre doors of the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is on the main floor beside the Minister's Office. Nursery caregivers welcome infants and toddlers so

that parents can participate in the service.

Sunday School (or "Cool Church" as the children call it) for elementary school aged children is held in the church basement and for teenagers, in the youth room on the second floor. Parents, following the service, please meet your children and youth in the Fellowship Room.

Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from the sound operator at the back of the Sanctuary. Audio tapes or CDs of this morning's worship service are available through the office.

### *Sunday Morning Ministries*

*Thank you for helping with today's service...*

Greeters and Ushers – Betsy, Arnie and James Temple

Lay Reader – Jackie Morris

Refreshments – Barb Ferguson and Cheryl MacDonald

Sound System – Bev Vanstone

*Following this morning's service, please come to the Fellowship Room for conversation and refreshment.*

If you would like to have name tags, to be put on our mailing list, or would like more information about Northlea United Church, please contact Barb in the church office.

### **Northlea United Church**

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Minister: Rev. Jim McKnight

Music Director: Marc McNamara

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*Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship  
Northlea United Church*

February 5, 2012 10:30 am

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Sunday Worship Celebration  
First Sunday of Black History Month  
ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

*And when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children - black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants - will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last."*

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

*There are times during the service when the congregation is asked to stand. At these times, please stand as you are comfortable and able.*

**Prelude** - Christina Spangler - Violin

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Introit: Steal Away African-American Spiritual**

arr. Christopher Ruck

Lynne Blaser - Soprano

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

**VU 575**

**Lighting the Christ Candle and Invocation**

**The Peace:**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

**Sung Response**

**VU 955**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Loving God, we come here out of quiet and of turmoil, from hope and from despair, from moments won and moments lost and moments overlooked. And we come to know again your presence with us; the steady promise of your unflinching faithfulness; the strong assurance that, even when we fall, we fall into your hands. And we come to know again the freedom that is ours to find in you - the freedom that gives life. Gracious Saviour, walk with us the ways of building memories, and take us to horizons near and far which radiate the promises of life. This we pray in Jesus' name...**

**The Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

**VU 921**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Hymn: Send Me, Lord**

**VU 572**

**Theme Conversation**

*After the Theme Conversation, the children and leaders are invited to go to Cool Church. Children ages 4 to 11 go to the classrooms in the Lower Hall, pre-teens and teens (ages 12 to 15) go to the Youth Room upstairs, and infants and toddlers (newborns to 3 years) go to the Nursery on the main floor. Children who are visiting are invited and welcomed to join in!*

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Gracious Holy Spirit, we pray you guide our hearing, so that your thoughts might be ours, and our living give expression to your hope.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah: Isaiah 40:21-31 NIV 512**

One: The prophet offers words of encouragement and love;

**All: they are the promise of the Living God, who cares for us deeply.**

**Congregational Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

(after *The Message*, by Eugene H. Peterson)

**Refrain**

**VU 649**

One: If we proclaim the Message, it's not to get something out of it for ourselves. We're compelled to do it, and doomed if we don't!

**All: If this was our own idea of just another way to make a living, we'd expect some pay. But since it's not our idea, but something solemnly entrusted to us, why would we expect to get paid?**

One: So are we getting anything out of it? Yes, as a matter of fact: the pleasure of proclaiming the Message at no cost. No one even has to pay our expenses!

**All: Even though we are free of the demands and expectations of everyone, we have voluntarily become servants to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized – whomever.**

**R**

One: We didn't take on their way of life. We kept our bearings in Christ - but we entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view.

**All: We've become just about every sort of servant there is in our attempts to lead those we meet into a God-saved life.**

One: We did all this because of the Message. We didn't just want to talk about it; we wanted to be in on it!

**R**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39**

**NIV 706**

One: The community, in Jesus, finds God's healing;

**All: it is a truth and an experience they simply can't deny.**

**Anthem: Down to the River to Pray**

arr. Sheldon Curry

**Sermon: Healing that is Ours to Know and Share**

**Hymn: Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design**

**VU 623**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**The Offering is received**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Response:**

**VU 537**

**Offertory Prayer:**

Loving God, you speak, and light is made; you pray, and life's created;  
you love, and One, your only Son, is born. Accept our gifts, we pray,  
and all the ways we give them, that we might live in answer to your  
hope, and share the legacy of saints who've gone before. This we pray  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Morning Prayers**

**Closing Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**VU 651**

**Commissioning**

**Choral Benediction and Amen**

**VU 963**


**Postlude**



**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE INVITES YOU  
TO SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY APRIL 28th, 2012, 7 pm  
BLACK AND WHITE EVENT**

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tues Feb 7	<p><b>Shall We Talk? Love: as promise, as ethic, as feeling.</b> 7:30 in the Fellowship Room. Reading material is available for pick up in the Narthex or may be emailed to you by request to Barb.</p>
Wed Feb 8	<p><b>Taizé Service</b> at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p>
Thurs Feb 9	<p>The staff at Northlea will be taking the <b>AED/CPR training course with the Red Cross</b> on Thursday, Feb 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in taking this course along with them, please contact Steve Jarvis. The cost is \$55 per person. Thanks!</p>
Thurs Feb 9	<p><b>Cool Church Players</b> meet at 3:45 for practice. <b>Adult Choir</b> meets at 7:30 for practice.</p>
<p>Fri Feb 10</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EUCHRE TOURNAMENT FUN-D-RAISER PROCEEDS GO TO NORTHLEA UNITED OPERATING FUND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doors open at 7 pm and Lone Hand Euchre starts at 7:30. <b>SNACKS AND DOOR PRIZES INCLUDED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tickets are \$15 and are available from the church office or after the Sunday service.</p>
Sun Feb 12	<p><b>Children &amp; Youth Committee</b> meets at 9 a.m. in the Lower Hall</p>
Sun Feb 12	<p><b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> meets at 12 p.m.</p>
<p>Sun Feb 12</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Children and Youth Committee</b> invites everyone to an <b>All-Ages Skating Get Together</b> At the Toronto Brick Works 2 to 4 p.m. Pull out those skates and have some fun!!</p>

Mon Feb 13	<b>Ministry and Personnel</b> meets at 7 p.m.
Mon Feb 13	<b>Committee</b> submissions for the Annual Report due to the office.
Wed Feb 15	<b>Church Board</b> meets at 7:30 in the Fellowship Room
Thurs Feb 16	<b>Cool Church Players</b> meet at 3:45 for practice. <b>Adult Choir</b> meets at 7:30 for practice.
Sun Feb 19	<b>Worship &amp; Music</b> meets at 12 pm in the Nursery
Mon Feb 20	<b>Family Day</b>
Tues Feb 21 	<p><b>Pancake Supper Night</b> Supper from 6 to 7 pm followed by a service for all ages in the Sanctuary at 7:15. Come one, come all – let’s eat and serve and celebrate together. After all, we’re family! Tickets are \$5.00/person and will be available after the Sunday service next week and through the office.</p>
Wed Feb 22	<b>Taize Service</b> at 7:30 p.m.
Thurs Feb 23	<b>Cool Church Players</b> meet at 3:45 for practice. <b>Adult Choir</b> meets at 7:30 for practice.
Sun Feb 26	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> following the Service.
Fri March 2	<b>World Day of Prayer at Leaside United Church</b> <b>2 -3 p.m</b>

More events and announcements from the community, neighbouring churches, and Toronto Southeast Presbytery and Conference can be found posted outside the church office.